## 2.10 PRE-SHEARING CHECKLIST

Farm Brand:	Start Date:
No. of Mobs:	Est. No. of S

of Sheep:

Est. Days:

Item	WC	O/M
PRE SHEARING FLOCK/MOB DETAIL		
Do the mobs conform to normal mob (husbandry) concepts?	Y / N	Y / N
Are all mobs to be shorn outside the Wool Harvesting Interval(s)?	Y / N	Y / N
Does the Wool Classer know the proposed shearing order?	Y / N	Y / N
Does the Wool Classer recommend a different shearing order?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the number of sheep in each mob been provided?	Y / N	Y / N
Has identification (e.g. ear tag) been applied to different mobs?	Y / N	Y / N
Do mobs need to be drafted based on Mulesing Status or shearing interval?	Y / N	Y / N
Can mixed mobs be drafted into more uniform groups prior to shearing?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the crutching history of all mobs available?	Y / N	Y / N
Are there any mobs that have run with Shedding Breed sheep or their crosses?	Y / N	Y / N
Are the sheep/wool dry enough for shearing and classing?	Y / N	Y / N
Have the sheep been "emptied out" prior to being run into the shed?	Y / N	Y / N
WORKPLACE INSPECTION AND PREPARATION		
Are the shed and yards clean and free of contaminants, e.g. baling twine, string, fertiliser/seed/feed bags, HDPE packs, clothing and tools etc.?	Y / N	Y / N
Are all chemicals stored correctly, away from the wool handling areas?	Y / N	Y / N
Are all wool preparation areas non-smoking?	Y / N	Y / N
Are suitable bins provided in the designated (outside) smoking area?	Y / N	Y / N
Are the amenity areas clean (e.g. washroom, toilets, eating area, quarters)?	Y / N	Y / N
Is there a First Aid Kit and Fire Extinguisher?	Y / N	Y / N
Is there adequate lighting for all work areas?	Y / N	Y / N
Has all plant been checked for safety and are in good working condition?	Y / N	Y / N
Are there enough AWEX approved nylon wool packs or ePacks?	Y / N	Y / N
Are there enough bale fasteners, stencil ink and/or permanent marking pens?	Y / N	Y / N
Is there adequate paper available for Bulk Class divisions?	Y / N	Y / N
Are the brooms, paddles and sweeps in good condition?	Y / N	Y / N
Are there enough holders for wool bins/butts?	Y / N	Y / N
Are there enough wool contamination bins (e.g. skin pieces, brands, black)?	Y / N	Y / N
Are there sufficient rubbish containers (that cannot be tipped over)?	Y / N	Y / N
Are all wool preparation areas non-smoking?	Y / N	Y / N
Have suitable bins been provided in the designated (outside) smoking area?	Y / N	Y / N
Are all chemicals stored correctly, away from the wool handling areas?	Y / N	Y / N

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PRE-SHEARING PLANNING AND DOCUMENTATION		
Will On-Farm Fibre Measurement instruments be used during shearing?	Y / N	Y / N
Have discussions been held to establish any specific classing requirements?	Y / N	Y / N
Are the previous season's Wool Classer's Specifications, NWDs or Test Results available to the Wool Classer?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the Wool Classer been informed of shearing order, mob numbers and expected cut-outs?	Y / N	Y / N
Will WoolClip be used for this shearing?	Y / N	Y / N
Does the owner/manager have a Farm Account and Wool ID for WoolClip?	Y / N	Y / N
Has a Job been created with all clip information for WoolClip?	Y / N	Y / N
For AWEX ePacks, is the unique ID (QR Code) recorded in the WoolClip App?	Y / N	Y / N
Is there adequate shed stationery: Wool Classer's Specifications and NWDs, Wool Books, Tally Books, pens and marking pens?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the owner/manager completed the property and mob details of the NWD prior to shearing and given it to Wool Classer?	Y / N	Y / M
THE WOOL CLASSER, THE STENCIL AND COP		
Is the Wool Classer currently registered (for 2025 – 2027)?	Y / N	Y / M
Does the Wool Classer have their stamp/stencil in the shed?	Y / N	Y / M
Is there a 2025 – 2027 Wool Classer's COP in the shed?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the owner/manager/contractor aware that the Wool Classer's stamp/stencil <b>must not</b> be applied to bales prepared outside of the COP and/or wool not prepared by the Wool Classer present at this shearing?	Y / N	Y / M
STAFFING		
Are all staff aware of the relevant Work Health & Safety regulations, including the 2017 Drugs and Alcohol in the Shearing Industry policy?	Y / N	Y / M
Are all staff aware of their workplace conduct and animal welfare obligations?	Y / N	Y / M
Do all staff know the location of the First Aid Kit and Fire Extinguisher?	Y / N	Y / M
Are there enough skilled wool handlers?	Y / N	Y / M
Has the Wool Classer held a team meeting?	Y / N	Y / M
Are staff aware of their roles and responsibilities in the shed?	Y / N	Y / M
Do all staff know the correct procedure for dealing with fly-struck sheep?	Y / N	Y / N
Do all staff know the correct procedure for dealing with sheep (and wool) of different mulesing status?	Y / N	Y / M
PIGMENTED / MEDULLATED / URINE STAINED FIBRE MANAGEMENT		
Has a black wool container been set up prior to shearing?	Y / N	Y / N
Do all staff know the correct procedure(s) for handling for black wool?	Y / N	Y / N
Do all staff know the correct procedure(s) for managing urine stain?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the wool presser familiar with the correct Bale Descriptions for pigmented, medullated and urine stained fibre?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the Wool Classer been informed of mobs that have run with Shedding Breeds?	Y / N	Y / N

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WOOL PREPARATION AND HANDLING		
Is every bin (including Bin Code, if used), butt and basket clearly labelled?	Y / N	Y / N
Are the wool handlers aware of the contents of each bin, butt and basket?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the Wool Classer demonstrated and explained the required wool preparation standard to the wool handlers?	Y / N	Y / N
Does the Wool Classer routinely review each line for uniformity?	Y / N	Y / N
PRESSING BALES		
Is each wool pack or ePack opened, shaken out and checked for faults and/or contamination before use?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the wool presser familiar with the type of press(es) being used?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the wool press or independent platform scales been checked for accuracy against a known weight?	Y / N	Y / N
Does the wool presser know if they are recording Gross or Nett weight?	Y / N	Y / N
Does the wool presser know the Minimum and Maximum bale weights?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the wool presser familiar with the contents, Bale Descriptions and Bin Code of each bin/line?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the wool presser been briefed on the correct procedure to close a bale to produce a flat bale head with a wrinkle free label?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the presser applying the Wool Classer ID on the bale label using the stamp prior to placing the pack in the press?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the wool presser using multiple layers of paper to separate for BC?	Y / N	Y / N
Is the wool presser using safe manual handling procedures, e.g. a trolley?	Y / N	Y / N
PREPARATION FOR TRANSPORT		
Do all bales have a Bale Description and Bale Number, and have they been entered in the Wool Book and Wool Classer's Specification?	Y / N	Y / N
Do the physical bales match/balance the Wool Book (including BC bales)?	Y / N	Y / N
Has the Wool Book or Consignment been updated with loading details?	Y / N	Y / N
Has a Wool Classer's Specification and Consignment(s) been sent to the wool marketing organisation?	Y / N	Y / N
ITEMS THAT REQUIRE ATTENTION		et
	Y / N	
	Y / N Y / N	
Y /		
WC: Wool Classer O/	<b>1:</b> Owner/	/Manager