

# Quality Falkland Wool Checklist/Self-Audit Form 2008/9

.....(Farm Name)

(Please tick off each condition as they are checked)

## Pre-Shearing

### Sheep yards and sheep holding areas must be:

Free of all wool contaminating materials and objects that may affect animal welfare

## Woolshed

Gates, pens and grating in good condition. All woolshed equipment is clean and in safe working order.

Sheep shearing and wool handling areas are clean and of sufficient size.

Approved lighting installed in all wool handling and shearing areas and in good working condition.

Polypropylene, sisal and hemp in the form of rope, string, twine, bags or fabric for any purpose not present in the woolshed or yards.

Ropes used for shearing machine pull cords, presses, gates etc. in good condition, not frayed. Made of an approved material. (i.e. not polypropylene, sisal or hemp)

Sufficient wool bins provided and clearly labelled (Solid partition between fleece and oddments).

Bench or rack provided for stencilling equipment. Lipped shelves for shearers stand.

Bins for rubbish, stain and skin pieces are supplied, clearly marked and regularly emptied.

Adequate hooks are fitted for clothes and towels, away from the wool handling area.

No hay, straw, grain or machinery is to be stored in the wool shed during the shearing season.

Where possible birds should be kept out of the woolshed.

All articles or products not essential for shearing and wool preparation must be removed. The area where bales are to be stored must be clean and dry.

Where smoking is permitted, ashtrays must be provided away from the woolhandling areas.

The Guide to Clip Preparation and Quality Falkland Wool checklists must be displayed during shearing.

A First Aid Kit containing basic essentials provided.

## During Shearing

All loose wool is packed away. Wool scrapers only, may be used during shearing.

Sheep are drafted and presented for shearing in a logical sequence. **Excessively daggy sheep crutched** to present all sheep **free from dag and urine stain**.

Sheep are dry and well emptied out before shedding. **If catching pens are used as night pens they must be cleaned prior to the commencement of shearing.**

Black or coloured sheep are not to be shorn until main shearing is complete.

Owner, shearing contractor, classer and woolhandlers understand the requirements laid down in this document and are able to implement best practice throughout the working day.

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The shearing and wool handling requirements are made clear to the person ultimately responsible. Previous wool test results are supplied if requested. Sox must not be removed at main shearing.

Clean footwear to be worn in the wool handling area at all times.

No dogs or cats are allowed in the wool handling area.

One woolhandler for every 35 sheep shorn per hour e.g. 105 sheep shorn = 3 woolhandlers.

**There are an adequate number of skilled woolhandlers to contain the stain on the shearing board at all times.**

**Table/Woolhandlers must be sufficiently skilled to ensure that all missed/remaining urine and faeces stain is removed prior to the fleece being classed and prepare each fleece to accepted wool classing standards.**

School leavers or those new to wool handling have received adequate training and understand the requirements of high quality wool preparation. Note: Wool preparation training courses and on-farm advice are available from the DoA.

Fleeces should be thrown on to the table immediately after leaving the board or placed on another holding table, **but not on the floor.**

When a **black spot** is found it must be removed on the board. If the fleece contains a **large number of black fibres**, stain and dag must still be removed. The fleece must be rolled on the board and stored away from all white fleeces and oddments.

An adequate number of approved packs or bins are supplied for oddments and are clearly labelled.

Only **new polyethylene or nylon packs** are to be used. Capless packs must be secured with a minimum of 3 clips on the inner flaps and 4 on the outer flaps. Packs must be shaken out prior to use.

Bales are **clearly labelled, branded** and correctly pressed as per F.I. Guide to Clip Preparation. Approved branding fluids and pens must be used.

Specifications signed, stamped and dated by the person ultimately responsible for the preparation of the clip. Note: **The QFW logo should be placed on all bales produced to the QFW standards.**

This is to certify that .....has self-audited and fulfilled all of the criteria set down in the above checklist. This permits the use of the **QFW** logo on wool produced from this farm.

I hereby agree to implement all the requirements set down in this self-audit checklist.

I am also aware random checks will be carried out from time to time by an officer of the Department of Agriculture.

Owner/Manager/Classer .....

Date .....

**Note:** The Department of Agriculture reserves the right to prohibit the use of the QFW logo at any time.