

QUALITY FALKLAND WOOL

Pre-Shearing Audit

Sheep yards and sheep holding areas must be:

In sound Condition and totally free from baling twine, string, old packs, sacks and rubbish.

Woolshed

- ✓ Gates, pens and grating are 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.
- ✓ An adequate number of slatted wool tables (of at least 3.5 sq. metres area) are provided. A level of no more than 100 fleeces per table per hour must be maintained.
- ✓ Approved lighting is installed in all wool handling and shearing areas (see appendix 1)
- ✓ Polypropylene, sisal and hemp in the form of rope, string, twine, bags or fabric for any purpose must not be present in the woolshed or yards.
- ✓ Ropes used for shearing machine pull cords, presses, gates etc. must be in good condition, not frayed and made of an approved material (i.e. not polypropylene, sisal or hemp)
- ✓ Sufficient wool bins are provided and clearly labelled (solid partition between fleece and oddments)
- ✓ Bench or rack provided for stencilling equipment and lipped shelves for shearers' stands.
- ✓ Bins for rubbish stain and skin pieces are supplied and regularly emptied.
- ✓ Adequate hooks are fitted for clothes and towels, away from the wool handling area.
- ✓ No hay, straw or grain is to be stored in the wool handling area.
- ✓ Where possible birds should be kept out of the wool handling area.
- ✓ All articles or products that are 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, clearly marked fixed ashtrays must be provided.

- ✓ GEU Shearing Agreement, The Guide to Clip Preparation and Quality Falkland Wool checklists must be displayed during shearing.
- ✓ No dogs or cats are allowed in the wool handling area.
- ✓ Clean footwear is to be worn in the wool handling area at all times.
- ✓ A First Aid Kit containing basic essentials must be provided.

Prior to Shearing

- ✓ All loose wool is packed away. Wool scraper only, may be used during shearing.
- ✓ Sheep are drafted and presented for shearing in a logical sequence.
- ✓ **Excessively daggy sheep must be crutched.** The aim should be 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.

Prior to and during Shearing

- ✓ Shearing contractor, classer and wool handlers understand the requirements laid down in this document and are able to implement best practice throughout the working day.
- ✓ The shearing and wool handling requirements are made clear to the person ultimately responsible and previous test results are supplied if requested.
- ✓ Sox must not be removed at main shearing.
- ✓ A level of no less than one woolhandler per 35 sheep shorn per hour must be maintained.
- ✓ **There are an adequate number of woolhandlers to contain what stain there is on the shearing board at all times.**
- ✓ **Woolhandlers must be sufficiently skilled to be able to ensure that all urine stain and faeces stain is removed, preferably prior to the fleece leaving the board, but ultimately prior to the fleece being classed.**
- ✓ School leavers or those new to this work have received adequate training and understand the requirements of high quality wool preparation. The person classing and ultimately responsible for the clip is experienced and has a sound knowledge of the requirements (in particular the **removal of**

stain). Note: wool preparation training courses and on-farm advice are made available by the DoA upon request.

- ✓ 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 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 well 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 are to be signed, stamped and dated by the person ultimately responsible for the preparation of the clip. Note: **the QFW logo is only to be used on stain free fleece wool.**

This is to certify that _____ has fulfilled all of the criteria set down in the checklist, and therefore is accredited as a potential supplier of **Quality Falkland Wool**. This permits the use of the **QFW** logo.

Department of Agriculture Inspector: Signed.....
Date.....

I hereby agree to implement all the requirements set down in checklist 2 and I agree to maintain standards set in checklist 1. I am also aware random checks will be carried out from time to time by any officer of the Department of Agriculture.

Owner/Manager.....
Date.....

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