

# A GUIDE FOR THE CARE & HANDLING OF YOUR WOOL CLIP

IMPROVED QUALITY = INCREASED RETURNS



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# BREEDING & MANAGEMENT

A QUALITY WOOL CLIP STARTS LONG BEFORE SHEARING!

- WOOL GROWTH IS A YEAR-LONG PROCESS.
- SHEEP NUTRITION, HEALTH, HOUSING, FEEDER DESIGN OR PASTURE MANAGEMENT CAN AFFECT WOOL QUALITY.
- BREEDING CAN GREATLY INFLUENCE WOOL QUALITY, ALL WOOL HAS VALUE. TAKING CARE WITH IT, WILL BRING BETTER RETURNS!

## CONTAMINANTS DEVALUE THE FLEECE!

THINGS TO AVOID / REDUCE / REMOVE:

- VEGETABLE MATTER = HAY, STRAW, CHAFF, BURRS
- FOREIGN MATTER = PLASTIC, BALER TWINE, CIGARETTE BUTTS, SHREDS FROM BAGS, TARPS & CARPETS ETC
- PAINT (USE APPROVED BRANDING FLUIDS ONLY)
- BLACK FIBRES & KEMP (HAIR)
- COTTS = MATTED WOOL
- GREASE & OIL
- MANURE



IN WOOL PROCESSING, CONTAMINANTS CAN:

- BE COSTLY TO REMOVE
- DAMAGE MACHINERY
- INTERFERE WITH DYING
- MAKE DEFECTIVE YARNS & FABRICS

\*\*\* BUYERS PAY MORE FOR CLEAN WOOL \*\*\*

# BEFORE SHEARING

FAST THE SHEEP OVERNIGHT (8-12 HOURS)

- NO FEED (OR WATER, DEPENDING ON THE TEMPERATURE)
- TO REDUCE DISCOMFORT & DEFECATION ON THE SHEARING FLOOR



KEEP SHEEP & WOOL DRY!

- WET / DAMP WOOL WILL MILDEW OR ROT IN THE SACKS

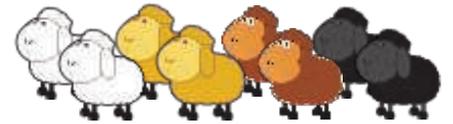


HAVE CLEAN HOLDING PENS

- AVOID BEDDING WITH A LOT OF STRAW OR SHAVINGS AS IT TENDS TO STICK TO THE WOOL

SEPARATE SHEEP BY FLEECE COLOUR

- SHEAR COLOURED SHEEP LAST



SEPARATE DOUBLE COATED OR HAIR BREEDS

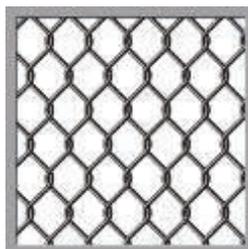
- HAIR IN WOOL IS AN UNDESIRABLE COMBINATION
- WOOL CONTAINING HAIR HAS VERY LOW MARKET VALUE

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Romanov*

# SHEARING



- PROVIDE A CLEAN, WELL LIT, DRY SURFACE (PREFERABLY WOOD) TO SHEAR ON
- USE A BROOM OR SCRAPER TO CLEAN THE SHEARING BOARD FREQUENTLY
- SET UP A SLATTED OR MESH TABLE NEARBY FOR SPREADING OUT EACH FLEECE



DETAILED  
INSTRUCTIONS  
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# FLEECE PREPARATION

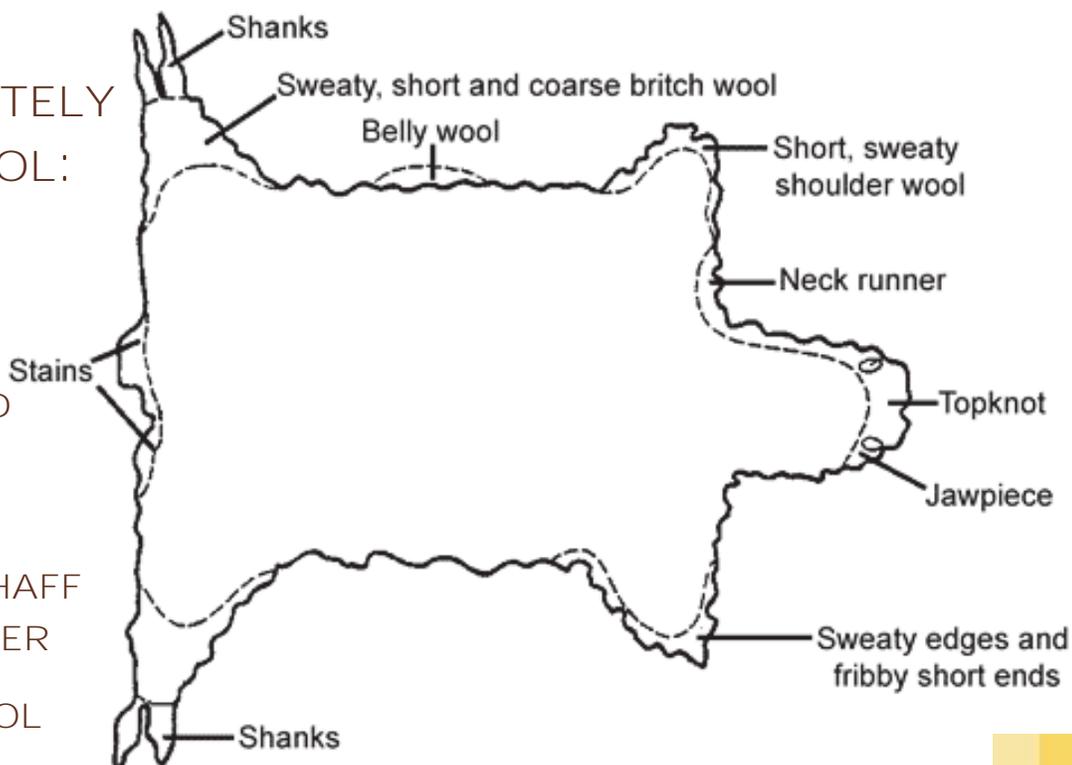


- SPREAD FLEECE ON TABLE WITH CUT SIDE DOWN
- GENTLY SHAKE FLEECE TO REMOVE SOME OF THE DEBRIS & SHORT BITS
- PICK OFF EXTRANEIOUS MATTER AND CONTAMINANTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

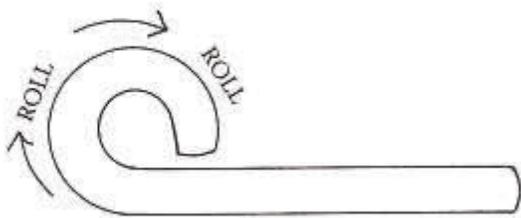
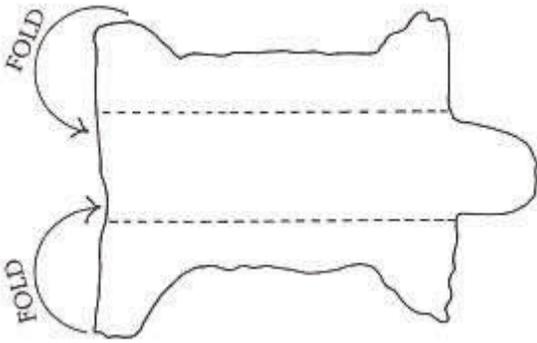
## SKIRT THE FLEECE

BY REMOVING & PACKING SEPARATELY FROM WHITE WOOL:

- MANURE TAGS
- BELLY WOOL
- MATTED & STAINED EDGES
- AREAS HEAVILY EMBEDDED WITH CHAFF & VEGETABLE MATTER
- ALL COLOURED WOOL



# PACKING



Roll fleece from rear of animal to front.

- FOLD SIDES OF SKIRTED FLEECE TO THE CENTRE
- ROLL FLEECE FROM TAIL TO NECK
- PLACE ROLLED BUNDLE IN SACK
- DO NOT TIE FLEECES!
- SKIRTED FLEECES ONLY!
- USE PROPER WOOL SACKS
- PACK WHITE WOOL SEPARATELY FROM ALL COLOURED WOOL OR HAIR BREEDS
- PACK SACKS FIRMLY WITH WOOL PRESS OR TRAMP DOWN WITH CLEAN FOOTWEAR
- KEEP OFFSORTS SUCH AS MANURE TAGS, BELLY & COLOURED WOOL IN SEPARATE BAG(S) WITH NEWSPAPER DIVIDERS



# STORING



WOOL SACKS ARE NOT WATER PROOF!

STORE SACKS OF WOOL INDOORS ON WOODEN PALLETS, PLANKS OR GATES SO THEY ARE OFF THE FLOOR

WOOL WILL DRAW MOISTURE FROM:

- CONCRETE
- EARTHEN FLOORS
- MANURE PACKS

LEADING TO DISCOLOURATION AND SPOILAGE





# CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

AN AWARD PRESENTED TO WOOL PRODUCERS  
ACROSS CANADA FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
PRODUCING A WELL PREPARED AND  
PACKAGED WOOL CLIP

## WOOL PREPARATION INCENTIVE / REBATE

A BONUS UP TO 8¢ PER POUND PAID ON PROPERLY PREPARED  
WOOL CLIPS THAT ARE CLEAN, DRY & WELL PACKED

## SHAREHOLDER - WOOL SHIPPER LOYALTY REWARD PROGRAM

SHAREHOLDERS WHO SHIP THEIR WOOL TO CCWG ARE ELIGIBLE  
TO RECEIVE A COUPON BASED ON THEIR WOOL VOLUME WHICH  
CAN BE REDEEMED FOR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS MATTERS  
PERTAINING TO WOOL PRODUCTION, HARVESTING OR HANDLING,  
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