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# When you sell your wool clip Through the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited,

## You...

SHARE the advantages of a producer-owned co-operative in operation since 1918.

YOUR wool is marketed on world markets in the most effective and cost-effective manner.

RETURNS all wool sales proceeds are returned to the growers less a minimum operating cost. The

company collects, grades and markets the wool for sheep producers all across Canada.

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centres. Wool sacks are readily available from the centres or from licensed operators.

SUPPLIES a complete line of stockman supplies, animal health products and ID equipment at very

competitive prices are offered. Prompt servicing of shearing equipment is provided.

MAIL SERVICE dependable Canada-wide mail and courier service for stockman supplies is a

feature of the operation. Catalogues available upon request.

RECEIVE the Woolgrowers magazine free of charge. Published by the CCWG, the publication

provides up-to-date information on the sheep industry.

SUPPORT the company provides much support and encouragement to sheep and wool shows

across Canada.

DEVELOPMENT the company is researching and developing products made from Canadian wool.

### Remember - the CCWG

Year in and year out, you as a grower are assured of full market value for your product. All the accrued service and discount benefits of a co-operative organization formed to serve your best interests. A supportive and informative centre that welcomes your membership and input.

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# Before Shearing -While the wool is on the sheep

Canadian fleece will be worth more when you...

- \* Use proper health and nutritional practices. Consult your Ag. Rep. or sheep specialist for help and advice.
- \* Use approved feeders that allow sufficient feeder space for your flock and which protect the fleece.
- \* Handle all forage and bedding carefully to prevent it from entering the fleece. Immediately remove and dispose of baler and poly twines.
- \* Use sufficient clean bedding. Increased care in feeding and bedding translates into a cleaner more saleable product.
- \* Brand with a scourable marking substance. Paint makes your fleece worthless as a marketable commodity.
- \* Practice proper weed control. Burrs and thistles will lower your wool grade and market value.
- \* Crutch sheep before shearing, removing tags, burrs and chaff. More care in fleece preparation translates into better wool grades for you, more efficiency, a more valuable product and higher financial returns.

### **Shearing**

#### If hiring a custom Shearer

Shearing will be more efficient when you...

- \* Book well in advance.
- \* Have sheep crutched before-hand.
- \* Pen sheep close 12 hours prior to shearing with no feed or water.
- \*Prepare a clean, well-lighted area with access to an electrical outlet.
- \* Provide plenty of head room.
- \* Have catching pen near the shearing area.
- \* Have extra help for filling the catching pen and preparing the fleece for market.

## If you are doing the shearing

Shearing will be more efficient when you...

- \* Get qualified instruction.
- \* Shear only dry sheep on a clean, dry surface.
- \* Shear belly wool first and pack separately.
- \* Shear coloured sheep last and pack this wool separately.
- \* Do not shear black face and leg fibres.
- \* Avoid second cuts on the wool wherever possible.

Breed for increased fleece weight, finer fiber and no coloured fibers. Breeding for a finer and heavier fleece gives Canadian wool a more competitive position on both domestic and world markets.