

GENERAL CHECKLIST FOR SHEARING SHED

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QUESTIONS	Y/N	COMMENTS
FARMING SYSTEM		
What breed are you farming with?		
Are there any other non-woollen breeds on the farm? Indicate		
Are the breeds kept separate		
Is cross breeding applied – if so which breeds?		
SHEARING SHED AND KRAAL FACILITIES – PRE-SHEARING		
Are all skins, Bailing twine, jute and other bags, hay, fodder, plastic items, grinding discs, remedies, oil spillages on floor and other loose items removed from the shearing shed, kraals and holding pens? Are area well cleaned?		
Are the floors, rafters, ceilings, window sills and walls of the shearing shed properly cleaned before shearing starts – including disinfection of shed?		
Are all lights and windows that can be risk to the wool properly covered to prevent breakage get into the wool?		
Is their sufficient lighting to perform the tasks in the shearing shed?		
Are there sufficient identified wool bins with solid partitions of metal or wood?		
Are there sufficient rubbish bins in the shed?		
Will wool be adequately protected from becoming wet and or contaminated? (windows, lights, oil, chemicals etc)		
Are there foot scrapers at the entrance to the shed?		
Is the equipment adequately maintained (shears, press, scale, grinder), in a safe working condition and accurate?		
Is the layout of the shed adequate to perform the shearing function and are exits clearly marked for emergencies?		
Is there adequate rodent protection in the shed?		
Is the correct type of brooms available for sweeping in the shed?		
Is there an undercover area close to the shed where animals can be kept overnight if needed?		
SHEARING TEAMS ACCOMMODATION		
Is there adequate preparation for shearing team accommodation and food? Are the facilities within acceptable standards?		
1. Clean, well ventilated, well-lit and well-maintained area		
2. Toilets clean, working condition		
3. Clean water for drinking (water test to be done as proof that it is clean)		
4. Shower / washing facilities with running water		
5. Beds/ mattresses		

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6. Food preparing area that is in hygienic condition e.g. proper floor, roof, walls, place to store food and to prepare food that can be cleaned		
7. Outside food preparing area it needs to have roof, floor and sides/ walls and design in such a way that it can be cleaned and maintained. (Fire pit)		
8. Fire extinguishers		
9. Electrical plugs, electrical wiring safe?		
10. Windows clean, intact and can be opened?		
11. Doors can close properly and can be locked?		
STAFF PROTECTIVE CLOTHING		
Is the necessary Personal Protective Equipment provided to the Shearing team, chemical spray operators, dangerous equipment used in workshops to prevent injury or accidents?		
1. Workshop e.g. goggles, face shield, welding goggles, leather aprons, leather gloves etc. (as required by equipment used)		
2. Chemical e.g. Goggles, face shields, apron, overall, gumboots, respirator, dust mask (as required by the product used)		
STAFF TRAINING SHEARING SHED		
Is the training documents and declarations of the RWS signed by the Shearing Team/ contractor and available?		
Is farm labour provided to work in the shed adequately trained to perform this function?		
Are accredited Shearers and Classers provided to the farm?		
Are training records, evaluation of the shearers available and up to date? (training on hygiene, health and safety, handling of sheep, shearing requirements)		
FIRST AID		
Is there a dedicated First Aid kit available if required and is it adequately stocked?		
Are there trained first aider on site?		
SHEARING PROCESS		
Is there a record keeping documents available for injuries and treatments and are they completed properly?		
Are kemp-free white woollen sheep shorn first and separately from other breeds		
Are all brands removed before shearing?		
Is bailing twine completely removed from the shed – hand shearers/ electric shearers		
Do hand shearers using non-contaminating bags or sheepskin to put under their sharpening stones?		
Are white woollen sheep with black/ brown spots shorn separately and wool kept separately?		

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Is the treatment of cuts and wounds performed immediately and are first aid equipment available and comply for the use? (first aid kit for animals)		
Are the clothes and shoes of the shearing team clean and neat?		
Is the day broken up into shearing shifts including breaks for tea and food?		
Is eating, drinking and smoking performed outside of the shed at a designated area?		
CLASSING		
Is the wool classed according to the NWGA classing standards?		
PACKING		
Are wool packs turned inside out and shaken thoroughly outside the shearing shed before using?		
Are bale hooks and spikes sharp and well controlled so that it does not get lost / dropped in the wool?		
Are no more than nine (9) bale fasteners (hooks) used per bale?		
Is only paper used to divide Bin-bales?		
Is the prescribed marking ink and correct stencil height used to mark the bales?		
Is the correct information marked on the packs and the RWS stated on the bales? (only certified farms)		
Are the wool packs used, officially approved? (provide proof)		
Have any wool packs been cut?		
Are the people at the packing area aware of the effects of contamination in wool bales		
Is the wool packed to the correct weight?		
Is the wool press clean and free of grease?		
Is non-white woollen breeds wool packed separately and identified correctly?		
Are wool packs previously used for cross bred wool not used for merino wool?		
Is press work area neat and free of contaminants?		
Is the previous season's wool packed separately and identified as such?		
POST SHEARING		
Are all injuries attended to and are all wounds dressed?		
Are all animals fed and watered?		
Is adequate protection provided for animal's post shearing - if required?		
Is a spot check conducted of bale condition, fastening and identification (correct to bale record book/ clip advice)?		
Is all equipment disinfected after shearing?		
Are all bales stored out of the shearing shed adequately?		
Are all binned fibres stored out of the shearing shed adequately?		

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Is the transport waybill or other document retained by the Farmer/foreman as proof of quantity of loaded bales?		
Is the load adequately protected during transportation?		
Are all documents accompanying the clip?		