2020 Sheep Shearing School
University of Kentucky
April 14 and 15, 2020
Sheep Unit, C. Oran Little Animal Research Center, Versailles, KY
Sponsored by the Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association
in Cooperation with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

PURPOSE
The shearing school is designed for beginner or experienced shearsers. Professional sheep shearer Taylor Schwartz will teach the most current shearing methods. An important aspect of the school is learning about maintenance and care of shearing equipment. Participants will also learn how to set up the shearing area, prepare the sheep for shearing, and how to care for shorn fleeces.

SCHEDULE
Tuesday, April 14
8:30 a.m. - Registration
9:00 a.m. - Equipment discussion
10:30 a.m. - Begin professional shearing instruction
12:00 p.m. - Lunch (provided from registration fee)
1:00 p.m. - Shearing area prep, sheep prep, wool care
2:00 p.m. - Continue professional shearing

Wednesday, April 15
8:30 a.m. - Equipment maintenance
9:30 a.m. - Trimming stand shearing, continue professional shearing
12:00 p.m. - Lunch (provided from registration fee)
1:00 p.m. - Continue professional shearing
3:00 p.m. - Summary/wrap-up

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
This school is not designed for young children; participants must be at least senior 4-H (high school) or FFA members. The Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association and the University of Kentucky do encourage participation by senior 4-H and FFA’ers and will pay the registration fee for the first 6 senior 4-H or FFA registrants.

INSTRUCTORS
Taylor Schwartz, Flemingsburg, Ky., will be the lead instructor. He will be assisted by Endre Fink, Manager of the University of Kentucky Sheep Unit and Matt Hamilton, Assistant Manager of the UK Sheep Unit. The staff of the Kentucky Natural Fiber Center, Millersburg, Ky. (Sarabeth Parido, Kathy Meyer, and Shon Wylie) will provide preparation for shearing and wool care instruction.

Tips for participants
1. Wear “old clothes”
2. Exercise a few weeks before coming to the school
3. Bring your own shears, if possible (not required)
4. Study the steps in shearing a sheep
5. Must not have been outside the U.S. in the last 7 days

REGISTRATION
Conduct of the Shearing School will require a minimum of 6 students. Facilities will limit participants to maximum of 12 students. Selection of students will be based on the earliest postmarked registrations. A $150 participation fee is required.

To participate, the registration form and fees must be received by April 10, 2020.

To register, complete the form and send it, plus $150 fee, to: Dr. Donald G. Ely
Room 904 Garrigus Bldg.
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40546-0215
Registration
2020 University of Kentucky Beginner Sheep Shearing School

Name: ________________________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________
City: ________________________________
State: ________________________________
Zip: ________________________________
County: ________________________________
Telephone: ________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________

Are you a senior 4-H or FFA member seeking a scholarship?
(circle one) Yes No

Registration Fee Enclosed $__________

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Make checks payable to: Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Assn.
Directions to Sheep Unit

From Bluegrass Parkway—East:
1. Turn left at the intersection of BG Parkway and US 60
2. Stay on US 60 past Kroger/K-Mart, 84 Lumber and high school
3. Turn right on US 62-Midway Road (3.7 miles from end of BG Parkway)
4. Proceed 1 mile, farm entrance on left

From I-64 East:
1. Take Exit 58
2. Turn right on US 60
3. Proceed 8 miles
4. Turn left on US 62-Midway Road
5. Proceed 1 mile, farm entrance on left

From I-64 West:
1. Take Exit 65
2. Turn left and cross over I-64
3. Turn right on US 62-West
4. Proceed 6.2 miles-farm entrance on right

I-75 North or South:
1. Go to I-64 West and follow directions above.