2024 Sheep Shearing School
University of Kentucky
April 16-17, 2024
Sheep Unit, C. Oran Little Animal Research Farm
1171 Midway Road Versailles, KY 40383
Sponsored by the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association

Fee: $200 per person
Register at https://www.kysheepandgoat.org/product-page/2024-shearing-school
To participate, registration fees must be received by April 12, 2024
Registration limited to 12 people

Purpose
The shearing school is designed for beginner or experienced shearers.

Professional sheep shearer, Taylor Schwartz, will teach the traditional method of shearing, along with maintenance and care of shearing equipment.

Phillip Morgan, Morgan Farms, will teach how to shear on a trimming stand, along with how they market their wool to fiber artists using this shearing method.

Schedule

Tuesday, April 16
8:30am- Registration
9:00am- Equipment discussion
10:30am- Begin traditional and stand shearing
12:00pm- Lunch (provided)
1:00pm- Continue shearing

Wednesday, April 17
8:30am- Equipment maintenance, wool care
9:30am- Begin traditional and stand shearing
12:00pm- Lunch (provided)
1:00pm- Continue shearing
3:00pm- Summary/wrap up

Instructors
Professional shearer, Taylor Schwartz, and Phillip Morgan will be the primary instructors. They will be assisted by Matt Hamilton, Manager UK Sheep Unit, and LeeAnn Jacks (Animal Care Coordinator UK Sheep Unit).

Tips for Participants

1. Wear old clothes and shoes that have not been worn on any other sheep premise in the last 7 days.
2. Stretch and exercise for a few weeks before coming to the school.
3. Bring your own shearers, if you have them.
4. Study the steps in shearing a sheep
5. Must not show any signs of illness or been exposed in the last 7 days.
6. Must not have been outside the U.S. in the last 7 days.