

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.