Beginning Sheep Shearing School
presented by
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of Animal Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Extension,
Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative

Thank you for showing interest in the Beginning Sheep Shearing School presented by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative.

Our school will concentrate on teaching the widely accepted “pattern” of shearing which was first standardized over 40 years ago by the famous Godfrey Bowen of New Zealand. This pattern closely resembles the style commonly used by most American shearers. An advanced shearer using this pattern can shear a big, full-wooled ewe in less than 2 minutes. The purpose of our school is to teach the very basic skills needed to shear a sheep.

We also will briefly discuss equipment options and maintenance, alternative shearing techniques, and wool handling. If there is anything that you would like to learn more specifically, please let us know when you return your registration form.

**Arlington School:**

**Date:** December 6, 2014 (8 AM - 4 PM) & December 7, 2014 (8 AM - 1 PM)

**Place:** Sheep Unit, Arlington Agricultural Research Station, W4857 Meek Rd., Arlington, WI 53911

**Instructors:** Joe Huber – Wisconsin Dells, WI; Todd Taylor – Arlington WI; Dr. David Thomas – Madison WI

**Limit:** 20 students

**Cost:** $80.00 per student

**Equipment furnished:** Sheep, gloves and shearing equipment.

Morning snacks, refreshments and lunch are included

*Students are responsible for their additional meals and lodging!*

Upon registration, a list of local hotels, a map and further information will be sent.

Thanks to Joe Huber for agreeing to head-up the instruction team.

The sheep will come from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arlington Sheep Unit flock. We will shear Hampshire and Polypay brood ewes. There may be an opportunity on day two to bring in a few fine-wool Rambouillet or Targhee ewes if participants have an interest in shearing these types of sheep.

Also, ASI has developed a shearing manual with a wide range of reference materials with an instructional DVD included. These manuals are included in the cost of the school.

Please return your registration form and fee to me as soon a possible so that I can make final arrangements for equipment, sheep and instructors. Registrations are due by November 26, 2014. The first 20 paid registrations received will be admitted to the school. We will forward you more information confirming your enrollment at a later time. Those that do not make it into this school will receive their checks back and will go to the top of the waiting list for next year’s school. If cancellations occur, we will contact those at the top of the list to fill open positions. We look forward to hearing from you.
Beginning Shearing School Registration

Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________

City: _____________________________ State: _____ Zip: ______

Age: ___________ Phone: ______________ Email: ______________

Number of sheep you plan to shear yearly: _______ County: ______________________

Make check ($80.00 for school and manual) payable to:

WISCONSIN SHEEP BREEDERS COOPERATIVE

Mail to: Todd Taylor, Shepherd
Arlington Sheep Unit
W4857 Meek Rd
Arlington, WI 53911
Ph: 608-846-5858
Cell: 608-332-4914
Email: toddtaylor@wisc.edu

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