

2018 Tennessee Wool Pool Pick-up Sites

Thursday June 14, 2018

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (EST).

Jefferson Farmer's Co-op Bulk Fertilizer Building

106 Highway 92 South Dandridge, TN 37725

East TN Wool Pool Coordinator is Mark Shedden: (865) 300-0119

Co-op Phone Number: (865)262-8182

From Knoxville (West): Follow I-40 east to Exit 417, Highway 92, (Jefferson City/Dandridge) turn left toward Jefferson City (left). CO-OP is about 1.8 miles on right

From Tri-cities area (North): Follow I-40 west to Exit 417, Highway 92, (Jefferson City/Dandridge) turn right toward Jefferson City (left). CO-OP is about 1.8 miles on right

From North: Travel to Jefferson City; take highway 92 south about 4.7 miles to CO-OP.

The wool pool will be located behind and to the left of the main store/gas pumps in the fertilizer plant.

Tuesday June 19, 2018

9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (CST).

Maury County Farmer's Co-op

423 Westover Drive

Columbia, TN 38401

Co-op contact is Keith Farmer - (931) 388-0714

From the north: Take I-65 south to Columbia/Chapel Hill Exit 46. Take Hwy. 412 toward Columbia to Hwy. 31 intersection. Turn right on Hwy 7 after crossing the Duck River bridge, then turn left on James Campbell Blvd. Co-op is located at 423 Westover Dr. and is behind the hospital and across from the Columbia Police Department.

From the south: Take I-65 north to Culleoka/Lewisburg Exit 37. Take Hwy. 50 toward Columbia to Hwy 31. Cross Hwy 31 and go past Exxon, mall and hospital. Turn right on Westover Dr. Co-op is located

at 423 Westover Dr. and is behind the hospital and across from the Columbia Police Department.

From the west: Take Hwy. 50 or 412 to Columbia to James Campbell Blvd. Turn right and go to Westover Drive. Turn left on Westover. Co-op is located at 423 Westover Dr. behind the hospital.

Price/lb.:	Black Face:	\$0.50
	White Face:	\$0.50
	Burry:	\$0.43
	Short/Lamb (white)	\$0.40
	Black:	\$0.10

The Tennessee Wool Pool has received a good price in recent years which is due to the associations efforts to market a quality product. This effort includes careful grading, eliminating hair or kemp from the wool, avoiding mixing dark wool fibers in the white wool, and marketing clean wool. Please keep these points in mind as you prepare your wool clip for this year's wool pool.

Baling of the wool has also made the pool more attractive to buyers. Baling makes the wool easier to handle and ship.

Following are some management suggestions for handling your wool:

1. Do not bring wool that is contaminated with hair. Hair will not be accepted. Wool bags that contain hair and wool together will be rejected. It is important to maintain the integrity of the pool. If we sell wool bales that are contaminated with hair, the buyers will not bid on the wool in future years.
2. Do not bring wet wool to the pool. If your wool does get wet, it can easily and quickly be dried if it is taken out of the bag and left in the sun and wind to dry for a few hours.
3. It is preferred that wool be brought to the pool in burlap or plastic wool bags. Do not bring wool in plastic/poly feed bags or tied with plastic twine.
4. Keep white-faced wool separated from "black faced" wool. Do not "hide" black wool in lamb or burry wool bags. Black wool contamination will cause the entire bag to be classified as black wool (10¢/lb.)

To efficiently manage the pool and get the wool baled, consignors are asked to have the "volunteer" spirit and help bale the wool. Staying and working for 30 minutes to an hour will greatly help the labor load. If everyone pitches in a little, the work load is greatly lessened. Most volunteers find it enjoyable to visit with fellow sheep producers as they help load the balers and move the wool bags.

I'm looking forward to working with you in marketing the 2018 Tennessee Wool Pool. If

you have any questions please contact one of the wool pool managers above or myself.

Sincerely,

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