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Dear Grower:

The Centre County Sheep and Wool Growers have committed the 2014 wool clip to Groenewold Fur & Wool Company, Forreston, Illinois. The per pound bid prices for the various grades of wool are as follows:

Fine	– \$1.40
1/2	– \$0.90
3/8	– \$0.75
Black	– \$0.25

Please note that the above prices are a good-faith estimate. The wool company has assured us they will do the best they can on pool day. **Try to keep quality fleeces together to make certain they are not contaminated by lower-quality fleeces.**

Marketing System

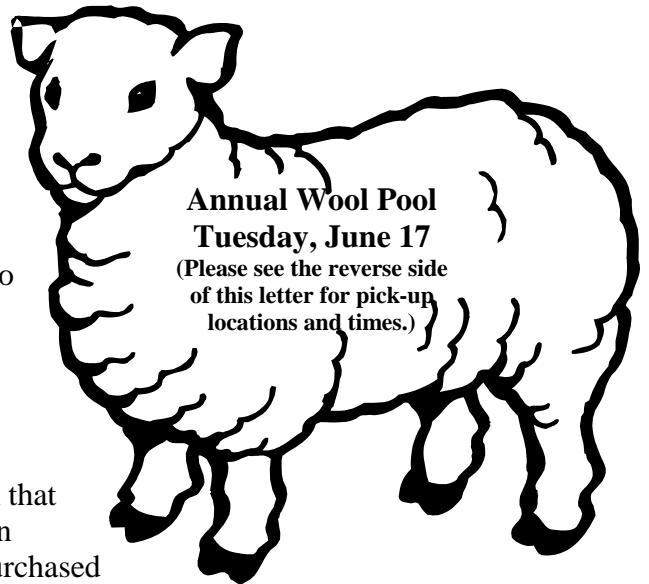
The 2014 Wool Pool will constitute a marketing system that may be new to some of you. All wool will be shipped in plastic or burlap wool bags only. These bags may be purchased from the Centre County Sheep and Wool Growers for \$4.50 per bag. Shippers with small clips may want to share a bag.

Those needing these wool bags for the placing of their wool before the pool date may pick them up on a first-come, first-serve basis from Dirk Wise, Spring Mills, Centre County, PA (814) 422-8452. Wool bags may also be purchased for future years' shipments at the pool on June 17. If purchasing bags for this year's shipment on pool day, producers are responsible for bagging their own wool.

Please be prepared to pay the following handling charges toward the cost of marketing your wool: 1–6 bags shipped, \$3.00 total; 7–14 bags, \$6.00 total; and over 14 bags, \$11.00 total.

WOOL SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE POOL BAGGED LOOSE.

We also ask that you feel free to help load your wool into the shipping truck. Wool will be shipped to the Groenewold Company and will be graded by the wool company, with payment



made directly to you by the company. One cent per pound will be deducted by the wool company and sent to the state association as mandated.

Also, please bring a mailing label with your name and address to speed check-in.

Pick-up Locations and Times (Please note that times are approximate.
Every effort will be made to keep on schedule.)

- **Centre County Grange Fair Grounds (just inside Gate 4, Homan Lane, on Route 45), Centre Hall, PA •• Tuesday, June 17, 9:30–11:00 A.M.**

(It's suggested that shippers from Centre and all other counties drop off at this location.)

- **Mifflin County Youth Park, Reedsville, PA •• Tuesday, June 17, 1:00–2:30 P.M.**

(It's suggested that shippers from Mifflin, Juniata, and other nearby counties drop off at this location.)

**WOOL MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ABOVE
LOCATIONS DURING THE DESIGNATED TIMES
ONLY. ALSO, DO NOT DROP WOOL OFF AND LEAVE
OR WOOL WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THE TRUCK.**

IMPORTANT!! PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Check your wool *now* to make sure that it is in a dry, well-ventilated area.
If it is cloudy or rainy on pool day, make sure your wool is well protected from moisture.
2. Please keep fleeces intact.
3. Wool must be untied!
4. Suggestions for bringing fleeces to the pool if you have not purchased the plastic or burlap wool bags prior to pool day—use boxes, burlap feed bags, cloth bags, or plastic garbage bags with many, many holes. (Be sure the fleeces are dry.)
5. Do not use plastic feed bags!
6. Dirty wool will be discounted!

The Centre County Sheep and Wool Growers feel this marketing system to be the most profitable for the producer shipping wool in 2014. If you have friends or neighbors who have not pooled wool before, please invite them to participate in the annual wool pool. We hope to see you on **June 17!**

Sincerely,

Dirk Wise
Centre County Sheep and Wool Growers

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