

2014 Tennessee Wool Pool

Attributes that separate Tennessee wool from other state's wool pools:

- *Eliminating kemp (hair) from the wool clip. Hair or kemp is **not** accepted in the TN Wool Pool.*
- *Carefully grading the wool by Livestock Marketing Specialists with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture as it is received at the wool pool*
- *Keeping dark wool separate from white wool*
- *Baling of the wool into uniformly packed wool packs*
- *Storing and transporting wool in approved wool sacks and not putting wool in poly mesh feed sacks*

Important Note: It is important to participate in the Wool Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) program. Visit your local Farm Services Administration (FSA) office before the Wool Pool Delivery dates for information on signing up.

The wool pool is strictly a volunteer effort. When you bring your wool, stay until your wool is baled and then offer an hour of your time to help with the baling of other wool.

2014 Wool Pool Prices

White Face.....	\$0.92
Black Face/Medium Clear	\$0.92
Burry	\$0.78
Short/Lamb (White*)	\$0.73
Black	\$0.18

**The Short/Lamb Wool Grade is short staple wool that is white. Lambs wool shorn from black face lambs needs to be bagged separate as it has a dark color and will receive the black wool grade and price.*

Wool Pool Pick-up Sites:

The wool pool will be held in the same two locations as last year: Columbia and Maryville. Producers are encouraged to use the location most convenient to them. The dates, locations and directions for delivery to the Tennessee Wool Pool are:

Columbia Wool Pool

When: Tuesday, June 10
Where: Maury County Farmer's Co-op
Address: 423 Westover Dr., Columbia, TN
GPS: 35.609485,-87.067375
Time: 8:00 am - noon (lunch will be provided for the volunteers who help work the wool)

Directions:

From the north - Take I-65 south to Columbia/Chapel Hill Exit 46. Take Hwy. 412 toward Columbia to Hwy 31 intersection. Turn left onto Hwy 31, and turn right on Hwy 7 after crossing the Duck River bridge Turn left on James Campbell Blvd. and the Co-op

is located at 423 Westover Dr. 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 Dr. Turn left on Westover. Co-op is located at 423 Westover Dr. behind the hospital.

Maryville Wool Pool

When: Thursday, June 19
Where: Maryville Blount County Farmer's Co-op Feed Mill & Bulk Fertilizer Plant
Address: 1745 West Broadway, Maryville
GPS: 35.733925,-83.995451
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Directions:

From the west - Take Hwy. 321 from Lenoir City coming to Maryville, turn right on to Foothills Mall Dr. (3rd traffic light). Proceed to junction of Hwy 411 & 129, turn right (south), go approx. 4 blocks. Coop Car Wash will be on right, turn right on to Westside Dr. between Coop Car Wash and Texaco Market. Feed Mill and Fertilizer Plant will be at bottom of hill on right.

From the east & north - Take Hwy 129 south from Knoxville, go past airport and through several traffic lights, 129 south will merge with 411 south (Foothills Mall on right before merger). From 1st. traffic light on 411-129 south, go 4 blocks to Coop Car Wash Center on right. Turn right on Westside Dr. between Coop Car Wash and Texaco Market. Feed Mill and Fertilizer Plant will be at bottom of hill on right.

From the south - Take Hwy 411 north from Madisonville. Go to the 3rd. traffic light (Food Lion will be on left). Look for Texaco Market on left, turn left on Westside Dr. between Texaco and Coop Car Wash. Feed and Fertilizer Plant will be at bottom of hill on right.

Reminders

- Keep hair or kemp out of your wool clip. This is one of the biggest demands of the wool buyers. Hair mixed in with the wool creates havoc when the wool is processed. Hair found in the wool will destroy the prices for future TN wool pools. Please be diligent about keeping hair out of your wool clip.
- It is preferred that wool be brought in burlap or plastic wool bags. Clean, paper feed sacks are acceptable. Do not bring wool in plastic/poly feed sacks or tied with plastic twine.
- If you have a large volume of wool (> 100 lbs.), please invest in a large plastic or burlap wool bag.

- Keep wool as clean as possible. Badly soiled or wet wool should not be brought to the wool pool.
- Wool from white-faced sheep should be separated from black-faced wool. Do not "hide" black wool in lambs wool or burry. We had a buyer complain in year's past about black wool being mixed in with white wool. This could hurt prices in future year's pools.
- **Come early and plan to help. There are plenty of jobs for volunteers, and the help is needed to keep costs down.**