



# 2024 Washington State Shearing School

## Information

The Washington State Sheep Shearing School is sponsored by Washington State University Extension and Washington State Sheep Producers, with assistance from the Columbia Basin Sheep Producers, Washington Wool Growers Auxiliary, and American Sheep Industry.

### Dates

The 2024 Sheep Shearing School is scheduled for April 22-26 (Beginner) and April 27 (Advanced). Experienced shearers interested in tuning up their skills can participate in the Advanced Tune-Up School as well as shearers that have completed the Beginner School.

### Location

The school will be held in Central Washington at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA. The sheep will be sheared in the Chick Hubbard Memorial Sheep Shearing Training trailer. Experts say this trailer is one of the best in the world. It has a chute system and design that is very efficient and easy to work in. This is yet another aspect that makes this shearing school a world-class educational experience.

### Participants

The shearing school is open to anyone 15 years of age or older. Students will learn the skills of shearing sheep, proper equipment preparation, and maintenance, packaging of wool for optimum market value, and several other topics regarding quality sheep and wool production.

### Enrollment

Beginner School enrollment is limited to the first 16 who register and pay the fee of \$350 for Washington State Sheep Producers (WSSP) members or \$400 for non-members. The Advanced Tune-Up is \$50. Funds must be received in U.S. dollars.

### Scholarships

Scholarships are offered to help defray a portion of the cost of the registration fee and will be granted to applicants who plan to shear commercially in the state of Washington. Scholarship applications are available on the WSU Extension Grant/Adams website. Scholarships are awarded by the Washington Wool Growers Auxiliary.

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