

2009 TN SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL

May 15-16, 2009

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TN Sheep Producers Association and Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative
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The MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience

PURPOSE

The shearing school is designed for either beginner or experienced shearers who wish to improve their skills. Top sheep shearers will teach the most modern, up-to-date shearing methods. One of the most important aspect of the school is information about maintenance and care of sheep shearing equipment. You will also be provided with a wool production manual from ASI.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

This shearing school is not designed for young children; in fact, we ask that participants be at senior 4-H (high school) level. The Tennessee Sheep Producers Association does encourage participation by senior 4-H'ers and will pay the registration fee for the first six 4-H members who sign up.

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15

10:00 am	Registration
10:30 am	Equipment Discussion
1:00 pm	Start Shearing

Saturday, May 16

8:00 am	Will Continue Until All Sheep Are Sheared
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- Meals and lodging are the responsibility of the participants.
- You can attend for one day only, but it is preferable to attend both sessions.



INSTRUCTORS

The instructor for the school will be Bill O'Conner (also known as Bill Shearer). Bill is an International Sheep Shearing Champion who also coached with the Australian Wool Corporation. Mr. O'Conner will be assisted by Mark Powell, Wilson Farmer's Co-op and Dr. Warren Gill, Director, MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience.

DIRECTIONS

The location will be the Tennessee Livestock Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Take I-24 to exit 81B, go to 2nd light, turn right onto Rutherford Blvd, go to the 7th light, turn left onto Greenland Dr., TLC will be 1/2 mile on left.

Address: 1720 Greenland Drive.

Website: <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~tlc/>

Phone Number: 615-898-5575

Tips for Participants:

1. **REQUIREMENT:** Bring a small, (4' x 4' or larger) piece of old carpet or plywood for a shearing surface
2. Wear "old clothes"
3. Exercise for a few weeks before coming to the school
4. Bring your own shears, if possible (we will have some equipment available for sale)
5. Bring an oil can and some regular motor oil
6. Bring heavy-duty extension cords, if available

PRE-REGISTRATION

The cost for the Shearing School is **\$100 per person**. In order to make plans, pre-registration is required. Participation is limited to the first 20 paid applicants.

Complete the form below and return to:

Ben Powell
4233 B Poplar Hill Rd
Watertown, TN 37184

**Pre-Registration
2009 TN Sheep Shearing School**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE: _____

Are you 4-H member seeking scholarship? _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Make checks payable to:
TN Sheep Producers Association**

Website: <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu>

Note: Kentucky will host a shearing school on March 31, in case you can't make Tenn. School.

Contact: Dr. Don Ely at dely@utk.edu or call 859-257-2717

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