



BE PREPARED: Your Pre-Shearing Guide

Have you got **shearing** coming up?

• Provide a **positive and productive** working environment using this handy checklist.

STOCK UP

Don't hinder production – make sure you have all these shearing essentials on hand.

- ✓ Wool packs, bale fasteners, stencils and branding ink
- ✓ Shearing shed stationery: Tally Book, Wool Book, Classer's Specifications
- ✓ Oil for hand pieces
- ✓ Emery paper and glue
- ✓ Back lining chemicals and applicators
- ✓ In case of breakdowns, have spare: long guts, spindles, and cogs



AMENITIES CHECK

Maintain a good relationship with your contractor & contract staff by providing a clean & comfortable work environment.

- ✓ Provide rubbish bins at the shearing shed and quarters
- ✓ Have fridges turned on and ready for use
- ✓ Check and clean toilets and showers
- ✓ Check amount and quality of drinking water
- ✓ Have adequate beds and mattresses to accommodate staff
- ✓ Check air conditioners work
- ✓ Check stoves and ovens are in working order



WORKPLACE INSPECTION

Ensure the shearing shed & equipment is prepared to maximise safety & efficiency of the shearing process.

- ✓ Clean out shearing shed for any contamination and remove trip hazards
- ✓ Update and make sure there is adequate signage visible
- ✓ Make sure shearing equipment is all in working order
- ✓ Check gates and replace any broken latches or fix hinges prior to shearing
- ✓ Block off any hazardous areas and make contractor aware of safety precautions
- ✓ Ensure wool press is running correctly and scales are accurate
- ✓ Conduct a whole shed safety and design review through 'The Shearing Shed Safety Program' (wool.com/safe-sheds)



CHECK IN WITH YOUR CONTRACTOR

- ✓ Contact the contracting team to determine how many sheep the team will shear per day
- ✓ Ensure you have enough sheep in yards
- ✓ Get the sheep into the yards the afternoon before shearing, under cover if possible

