

2025 Beginner Sheep Shearing School

Pulaski Livestock Market

5509 Banks Avenue

Dublin, VA 24084

Friday, 14 March 9:30 am to 5pm: machine set-up, blade selection, shearing belly and breech (back of hind legs and under the tail)

Saturday, 15 March 9:30am to 5pm: opportunity to practice full-pattern shearing with experienced shearers present to assist.

First day's instruction should conclude around 2pm. For those who attend the first day and wish to try full pattern shearing, they are welcome to continue shearing from 2pm to 5pm. If you have attended a shearing school in the past and are already familiar with machine set-up and blade selection, you are welcome to attend the second day only.

Class size is limited so participants must pre-register.

A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required to register.

Register and pay deposit online (vasheeproducers.com) by March 7

(payments will be returned if class is cancelled for some reason)

Participants are encouraged to bring their own machines and blades but there will be machines and blades for people to use.

Cost to attend: \$50 per person each day in addition to the deposit, includes lunch. Payable the day you attend. Make Checks payable to *Virginia Sheep Producers Association*. We cannot accept card payments on site, cash or check only if paying day of the school. Participants 15-years old or younger must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

High quality shearing poster available for participants to purchase for additional \$20.

Questions? contact Tom Stanley at 540-588-0241 voice/text or e-mail stanleyt@vt.edu

Notice to Participants:

Sheep shearing is physically demanding and requires bending and lifting the equivalent of 50 lbs. or more. Participants take part in this training at their own risk. It is recommended participants regularly engage in, at a minimum, gentle stretching and light to moderate exercise in the weeks before the shearing school. People with chronic spinal pain or injury are discouraged from participating in this school.

That stated – Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs are open to all. If you have a disability or circumstance that requires special accommodations in order to participate in this program, contact Tom Stanley at 540-463-4734 by February 26, 2024.

