

## Berks and Cumberland Wool Pools Set

The 1971 Berks County and Cumberland County wool pools have been set in June

Open to county sheep producers, the pools involve grading of wool by qualified Penn State University personnel and sale by weight at a specified price according to grade

The Berks pool will be at the Reading Fair grounds, Thursday, June 10 starting at 7:30 a.m.

The Cumberland pool will be at the Carlisle Fair grounds from Thursday, June 24 from 7 a.m. till 3 p.m. and Friday, June 25 from 7 a.m. till noon. There will be a private treaty type ram and ewe sale at Carlisle in connection with the wool pool June 24.

Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, said "Local wool producers are urged to use this type of marketing providing they have a quality product. Fleeces should be clean, dry and rolled with the flesh side

out, and tied with the paper twine"

The price, which is several cents lower this year than last year, was set by competitive bid

Buyer at the Berks County sale will be Burlington Industries, Clarksville, Va., at the following prices by grade:  $\frac{3}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  staple, 33.7 cents a pound,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  clothing, 23.5 cents, medium rejects, 23.5, low  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 32 cents; fine staple, 20 cents,  $\frac{1}{2}$  staple, 20 cents, fine and  $\frac{1}{2}$  clothing, 15, fine and  $\frac{1}{2}$  rejects, 15, and tags, 5

Buyer at the Cumberland County sale will be Top Co., 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass., at the following prices:  $\frac{3}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  clothing, 33 cents,  $\frac{3}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  clothing, 28 cents, medium rejects, 26, low  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 33, fine and  $\frac{1}{2}$  staple, 24, fine and  $\frac{1}{2}$  clothing, 18, fine and  $\frac{1}{2}$  rejects, 15, and tags, 4

The sales are primarily of interest to the larger sheep producers, since the smaller growers likely won't have

enough volume of wool to make the trip worthwhile, although several smaller operators could combine their wool for the sales, Smith said.

Smith said producers normally get about six pounds of wool per sheep.

Smith also noted, "In order to help with this price situation we suggest that you contact your local ASCS Office for Wool Incentive Payments, under present prices this assistance becomes more important. Please keep your wool sale receipts and your copy of the sale of any unshorn lambs, if you intend to apply for government wool assistance."

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