

# Cestari Sheep & Wool Company

## “Let’s Grow Wool Sheep Together!”



**FACTS:** The population of sheep in the U.S.A. has gone from 54,000,000 in 1943 to 5,200,000+ today. However, the world sheep population has gone from 1 billion to 1.1 billion, with most of the increase coming from meat breeds.

Where once, east of the Mississippi saw several million wool sheep, today there are hardly any left. What you see most now are hair sheep.

We operate a wool sheep operation consisting of Columbia and Targhee and Rambouillet breeds. We also operate a commercial textile mill producing wool and cotton blend hand knitting and crocheting yarns with customers in every state, as well as Canada, Spain and Japan.

Right now, we purchase wool from the Western U.S. to add to our own wool production.

We will offer 4+ year old wool type breeding ewes for \$275, plus our breeding rams for \$500. These animals' hooves will be trimmed and they will be dewormed and vaccinated before leaving our premises. We will be willing to take back any rams you wish to sell which were purchased from us, for a credit of \$200 towards a replacement ram. Any animals returned must be healthy and in good, sound condition and subject to our needs.

**SHEARING:** After each animal is sheared, you are expected to skirt the wool, removing manure, tags and any stained wool. We will need to have the wool at a minimum of 2 inches in length. Wool that is less than 2 inches and more than 1.5 inches we will pay \$1 a pound, but please keep that separate from the other wool.

**DETAILS:** You will be paid by Cestari \$3.00 per lb. Historically, the highest price in the country! Buyer and seller commit to this sale and purchase of all the wool. Fleece weights for ewes should run 8 to 12 pounds per animal, and fleece weights for rams should run 18 to 29 lbs. each. Now, producing wool becomes an economical asset. Traditionally, it has been projected to have the wool pay for maintaining the sheep, thus the lamb becomes more profitable.

You pay the shearer. We will pay for shipping from the place of shearing to the scouring plant. The fleeces should gross \$30 to \$35 for ewes and \$60 to \$75 per mature rams.

In addition, we will offer to purchase the progeny lambs weighing over 100 lbs. These lambs must be in full original fleece. No sheared lambs are acceptable. You are free to sell your lambs on your own or keep them to add to your flock.

Our purchases, as listed above, are subject to our needs at the time, but we will try to accommodate you at the earliest possible time. Again, all subject to our needs, as well as subject to any drastic market changes.

This agreement is not subject to change without the written consent of both parties. Virginia law is the Jurisdiction for any disputes.

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Based upon the above, I hereby commit to purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ number of ewes. I hereby pay a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ representing \$140 per ewe. I hereby pay a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ representing \$250 per ram. Balance to be paid at time of receipt of the sheep.

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