



Fine Fleece Shetland Sheep Association Inc. Performance Registration Rules

- All adult sheep must be mid-side micron tested and meet FFSSA fleece grading criteria to be included in the database and registered as FFSSA approved sheep (Premium Grade 1, Grade 1, Premium Grade 2, Grade 2 or 3 for ewes and Premium Grade 1, Grade 1 or Premium Grade 2, and Grade 2 for rams).
- Sheep will be required to have micron testing done for "Approved" fleece registration at the age of 22 months or older. This will be done in addition to any testing that was done prior to the sheep turning 22 months old. The 22 month fleece grade will be included on the pedigree and signified by one of the following abbreviations: PG1, G1, PG2, G2 or G3.
- All Rams must have their fleece grade as a PG1, G1, PG2 or G2 to be included in the Registry and fleece database.
- Sheep, less than 22 months old, from FFSSA registered rams (PG1, G1, PG2 or G2) and ewes (PG1, G1, PG2, G2 or G3) can qualify for "Provisional" registration by submitting the Fleece Performance Approval and Provisional Registration Form and the fees to the Registry.
- "Provisional" fleece registration will **only** be offered to progeny from two (2) FFSSA registered parents. "Provisional" fleece registrations will have a "P" as the first digit of their registration number. Eligible micron data from 22 months of age onward can be submitted for qualification for "Approved" registration. This would be PG1, G1, PG2 or G2 for rams and PG1, G1, PG2, G2 or G3 for ewes. Sheep from G4 or G5 ewes or ones sired by a G3, G4 or G5 ram must submit micron data at 22 months to be considered for inclusion as a FFSSA approved sheep.
- All registration papers are colored blue. Converting from "Provisional" to "Approved" is done by submitting 22-month (or older) micron data to the Registry. The Registry Chair determines approval of the sheep and if approved, sends an embossed sticker (with fleece grade) to the owner for placement on the sheep's registration certificate. The Registry is notified to upgrade the sheep to "Approved." **There is no fee for this upgrade.**
- All sheep will have their grade designated as: PG1, PG1, PG2, G2 or G3 and if there isn't any micron information available for ancestors on the pedigree, the letter "U" for unknown will be used.
- All applications must be signed by the breeder/owner.
- Registration fees: \$6 for ewes, \$10 for rams, \$4 for transfers.
- Mentoring and education are offered to all members through their regional representatives and the website. Members are encouraged to seek help making breeding decisions so that they gain a better understanding of the effects of breeding choices. (for example: using a G4/G5 ewe instead of a PG1, G1, PG2, G2 or G3 ewe)

Disclaimer: At the time of registration, the sheep listed on the Fleece Performance Approval Form and Provisional Registration Form grade at or above the stated grades per FFSSA's grading chart. Due to variances in aging, gender, and environment, there is no guarantee that these animals will maintain these grades in subsequent testing.

FFSSA Collective Mark Use

The FFSSA Collective mark "Traditional 1927®" and FFSSA logo can only be used on sheep and products owned by Senior and Junior members in good standing and that meet the grading criteria outlined in the FFSSA grading chart. Sheep and fleece products that grade out at G4 or G5 cannot utilize the FFSSA logo or collective mark. However, the use of the FFSSA logo and collective mark can be used by Senior or Junior members in good standing on general advertising, promotional materials, on their blogs or websites, on business cards, fliers, and other farm advertising. The FFSSA logo and collective mark are restricted from use on labels or ads for products and animals that don't meet the criteria for PG1, G1, PG2, G2 or 3 and by non-FFSSA members.

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