



WOOL TESTING IN 2020

With the expected closure of Yocom-McColl Testing Lab, 2020 will be a year of transition for wool testing in the U.S. Texas AgriLife is currently in the process of creating and operating a commercial wool testing lab for the U.S. However, this lab will not be ready for the 2020 spring season and, thus, testing for American wools may be done through the New Zealand Wool Testing Authority (NZWTA) Laboratory.

WOOL TESTING

Texas A&M Agrilife Laboratory

Providing objective measurement testing for wool, mohair, alpaca and cashmere.

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Please visit <https://sheepusa.org/contacts-woolpelt-researchtesting> for other contacts.

COMMERCIAL WOOL CORE TESTING- Steps to take for 2020

New Zealand Wool Testing Authority (NZWTA)

<https://nzwta.co.nz/>

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New Zealand

1. Register with New Zealand Wool Testing Authority by contacting testing@nzwta.co.nz
NZWTA will provide you with all relevant forms and documentation, including:
 - Test Request forms to complete and accompany each lot/sample
 - A credit application form
 - Guidelines for exporting samples to NZWTA
 - A copy of the Import Permit that allows NZWTA to bring foreign wool into NZ
 - A copy of the Import Declaration form
 - Documents relating to payment options
2. Package the samples – See “Guidelines for Exporting Samples to NZWTA” document
 - a. Ensure each sample is accompanied by a completed Test Request form

- b. Compress samples as much as possible and box.
- c. Attach the following documents to the box (all provided by NZWTA):
 - i. Address label
 - ii. Permit to Import Restricted Biological Products of Animal Origin
 - iii. Declaration for Samples Exported to NZ
3. Ship
 - a. Ship through FedEx, DHL or USPS- see more below
4. Payment
 - a. By wire transfer or credit card.
 - b. See “Payment Options to North American Customers” document for more.

Shipping to NZWTA

- Shipping through FedEx and DHL has been the fastest and most reliable.
- FedEx and USPS typically have the cheapest rates.
- FedEx offers a discount for accounts (free) that create shipping labels online. FedEx also offers a Savings at Work Discount program that offers up to a 55% discount (requires an American Express Corporate card)
<http://www.fedex.com/us/oadr/en/discounts/fa7b330664/shipping-discounts-programs.html>.

Length & Strength Testing- NZWTA

Length & Strength testing is available with NZWTA. Samples/tufts can be placed in “pocket packs”, then rolled and shipped. Packs contain more than 60 tufts and the entire bag weights approx. 5oz. These can be shipped with the core samples.

Contact NZWTA to get packs.



MyWTA

NZWTA is the only wool testing organization in the world that allows customers direct, secure access into its system. *MyWTA* is an electronic portal that allows customers to:

- see the status of lots in real-time;
- see results as they become available (without having to wait until all parameters are completed);
- Print and/or download Test Reports at any time;
- Search for any lots by brand, lot number, etc;
- Make documentation changes to Test Reports (eg changes to brand, lot or reference);
- Request check-tests on-line;
- Search and/or print invoices;
- Get a complete history of all lots from any farm

Contact NZWTA to register (the system works through a username and password login).