

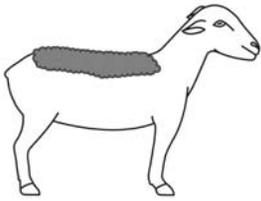
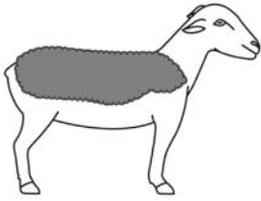
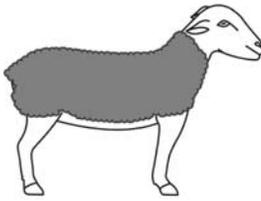
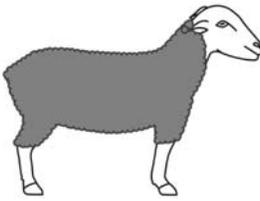
Current Wool Cover

Current Wool Cover refers to the skin area that is covered in wool at the time of assessment. Wool may have grown on other parts of the body but has been shed prior to scoring. An animal with a score 1 does not currently have wool longer than 1cm on any part of the body, it may have grown wool and complete shed, or it may be a hair sheep. An animal with a score 5 is completely covered in wool (excluding the head and feet).

When to score: As part of an R&D project the preferred option is to score animals once each season (i.e. Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn) with the first score being taken at the same time as the Weaning Weight (approximately 3 months). Do not score less than six months after shearing or bio-clip.

How to score: A single score of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

How to record: Record in visual traits with the trait code SH_CWC, along with the observation date and group code.

| Score 1 | Score 2 | Score 3 | Score 4 | Score 5 |
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| Animal is not currently carrying any wool. 0% wool cover 100% hair | Animal is carrying a saddle of wool across shoulders and part way along the back. 25% wool cover 75% hair | Animal is covered in wool to approximately half way down the flank. Approximately 50% wool cover | Animal is covered in wool over most of body except for legs, belly and breech area. 75% wool cover 25% hair | Animal is completely covered in wool on all of body (excluding feet and head). 100% wool cover 0% hair |