

Responsible Wool Standard Farm Questions



Purpose

The purpose of the initial questions are to help prepare for the audit as well as collecting some information to help measure the impact of the RWS.

Confidentiality

Data and information submitted to Textile Exchange as part of the audit and certification process of the Responsible Wool Standard will be used for the purposes of measuring and evaluating the impact of the standard. Textile Exchange guarantees that the identity of farms or individuals will not be made available to anyone outside of Textile Exchange. All data will be aggregated to further protect the identities of the farms or individuals involved.

Would you be open to TE sharing your e-mail and phone contacts to brands and suppliers?	
Do you give permission for your farm to be listed on the Responsible Wool website as a certified farm?	

Contact information

Name of farm	
Name of farmer	
Phone	
Email	
Address / coordinates	

Wool

Size of the previous year's wool clip (bales)	
Average micron (last year)	
Average fiber length (last year)	

Sheep

Breed(s) of sheep	
Number of sheep (all categories of stock)	
Lambing percentage (based on ewes mated) (last year)	
Lamb weaning percentage (last year)	

Farm information

Total farm area (owned and rented)	
Total area used for sheep	
Other animals on the farm	
Crops grown on the farm	
Agricultural region that the farm is located in	

Local agricultural authority.	
Applicable land classifications on the farm <i>Land class 1-2 Arable land suited to intensive (LC1) and regular cultivation (LC2)</i> <i>Land class 3 Grazing land suited to cultivation for pasture improvement and/ or occasional cropping</i> <i>Land class 4 Land suited to grazing but not cultivation</i> <i>Land class 5 Land suited to lighter grazing only</i>	
Are there any conservation designations on the farm land?	
Details of any animal welfare programs and / or certifications you participate in	
Details of any land management programs and / or certifications you participate in	

Grazing management
Fill in the following if known

Grazing strategy(ies) that are used on the farm <i>Eg: rotational, continuous, holistic, cell grazing, etc.</i>	
What is the carrying capacity recommended by the local agricultural authority? <i>Carrying capacity: The average number of animals that can be placed on a pasture for a year without harming it. Expressed as Dry Sheep Equivalents (DSE) / hectare</i>	
What is the stocking rate of your farm? <i>Stocking rate refers to the number of stock per hectare on a given piece of land during a grazing season (for the sake of the RWS, this will be one year). It will be expressed as DSE/hectare.)</i>	
What is your maximum stocking rate?	

Animal husbandry

Timing of shearing (usual month)	
Lambing period	
Timing of marking (castration / tail docking / identification)	
Method of castration	
Method of taildocking	
Method of identification	
Which operations are external operators used for?	

Transport

How often and how far are sheep being transported?	
Who does the transport of your sheep? Give the contact details of the transport company(ies).	
Are sheep ever live exported, or sold to someone who is likely to live export?	

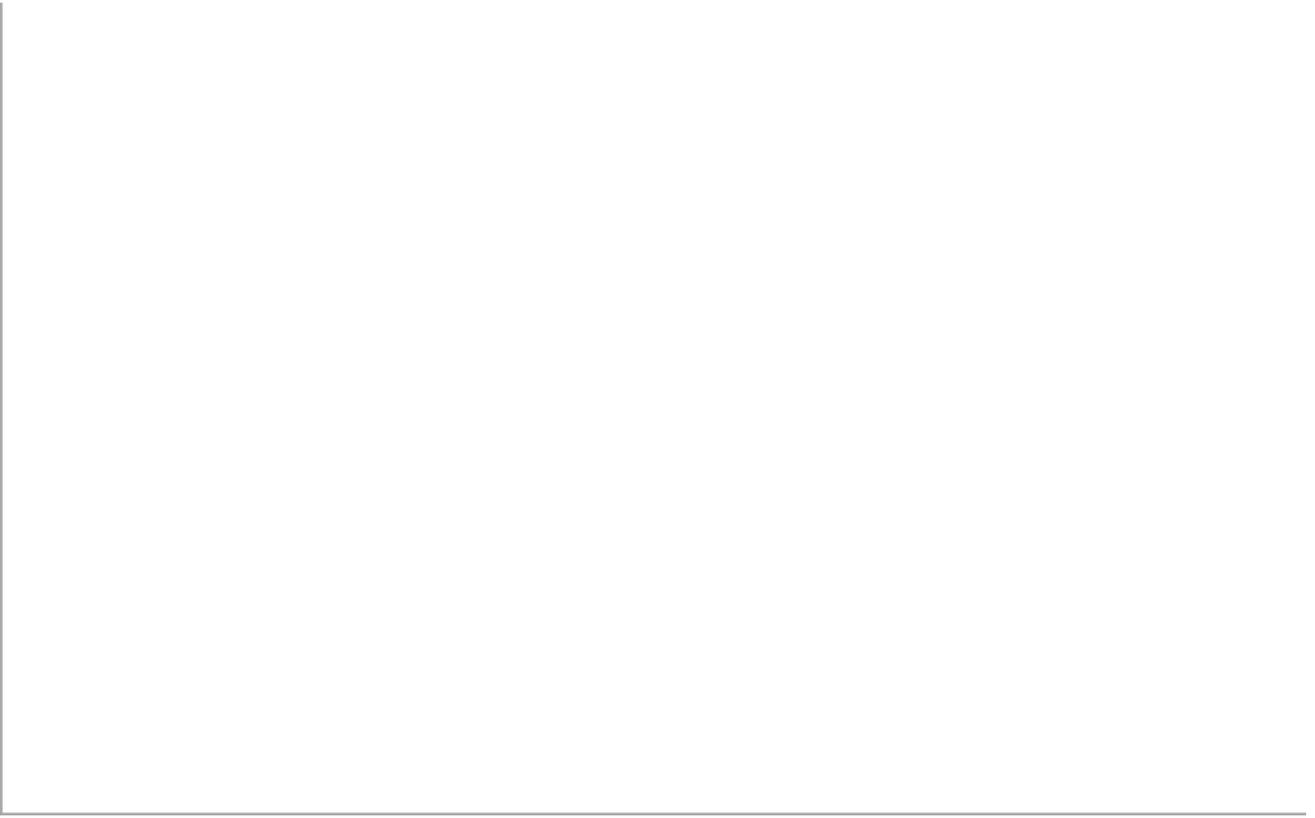
Slaughter and sales

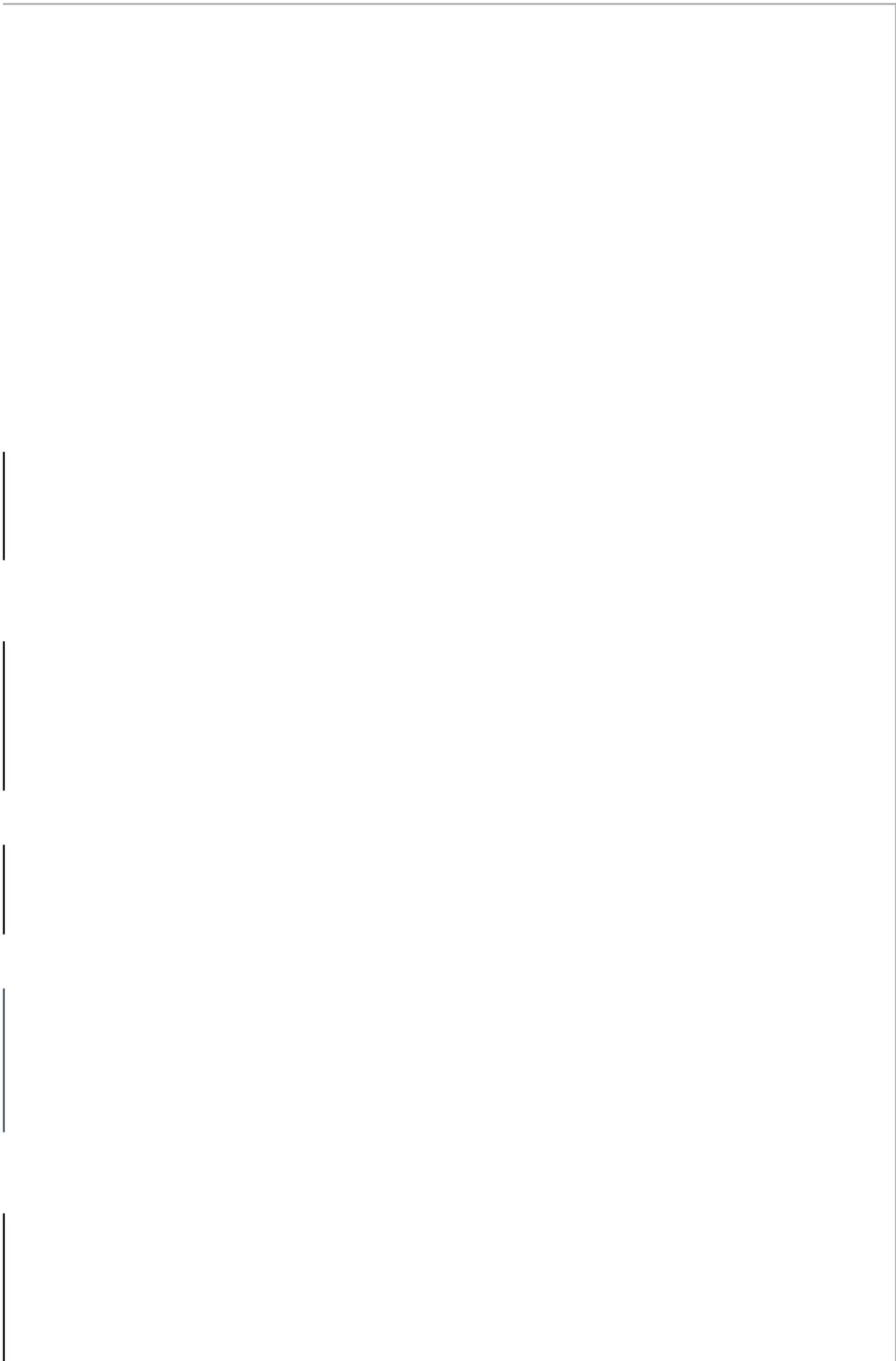
Are sheep being slaughtered on-farm for personal consumption? If so, how often and when?	
Where are sheep sold to?	
Where are your sheep sent for slaughter?	

Certification Body Information *to be filled in by Certification Body*

Certification body	
Name of auditor	
Email	
Date of audit	
Certification decision	

Please submit completed forms to integrity@textileexchange.org





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