

INDIANA SHEEP ASSOCIATION



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ISA to organize shearing school

FRANKLIN, IN - The Indiana Sheep Association (ISA) will be hosting a shearing school Saturday March 2, at Poe's Sheep Farm.

The statewide workshop, also sponsored by the Indiana Sheep and Wool Market Development Program, will take place at 2213 W. State Road 144, Franklin, and run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Anyone is welcome to register, regardless of experience level, to learn the skills and methods required to successfully shear a sheep. All instructors present will be master shearers, including lead organizer and professional shearer Steve Kennedy.

A registration fee of \$50 will cover the cost of the workshop, lunch and required shearing equipment, though participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment if available.

Registration forms, found at <http://indianasheep.com/>, must be mailed to ISA Executive Director Bob Benson at 3506 Heathcliff Ct. Westfield, IN 46074. The completed registration form with the required fee enclosed must be received by February 22, 2019. The class is limited to 20 participants. As part of registration, attendees must sign a liability waiver.

“With the shortage of sheep shearers in the state, Indiana sheep producers have trouble finding shearers, and Indiana professional shearers are finding it hard to keep up with the demand,” said ISA President Larry Hopkins. “Learning the skill of sheep shearing is a great investment for anyone who would like to shear their own sheep, or shear for others.”

Background: The ISA is one of the oldest livestock organizations in Indiana. It was originally founded as the Indiana Wool Growers Association in 1876 to encourage local shepherds to come together to share ideas and expertise, to promote lamb and wool in the state, and to educate our communities about the value of sheep and the sheep industry.

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