

**For:** State and County Offices

**CCC-Approved Wool Core Certification Testing Facility**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

To obtain a loan or LDP at the graded rate, wool must be core tested by a CCC-approved testing facility to objectively measure fiber diameter (micron) and yield through laboratory analysis.

To receive a graded wool MAL or LDP, the producer must provide a copy of the core test report or core test certificate from the CCC-approved testing facility containing the results of the laboratory analysis to the County Office before benefits will be disbursed.

**B Purpose**

This notice informs State and County Offices of the CCC-approved core testing facilities.

**C Contact**

Contact either of the following with questions about this notice:

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<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
July 1, 2024 12-21-23	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## 2 CCC-Approved Testing Facilities

### A Current Requests

Core test reports or core test certificates will be accepted from the following CCC-approved testing facilities:

- Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Laboratory  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center  
7887 U.S. Hwy 87 N  
San Angelo, TX 76901
- New Zealand Wool Testing Authority Ltd.  
Cnr Bridge Street and Lever Street  
P.O. Box 12065  
Ahuriri, Napier, New Zealand 4144  
06-835-1086.

Exhibit 1 is an example of a test report from the Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Laboratory.

### B Previously Submitted Requests

Although FSA will not retroactively approve graded wool loans or LDP's that were previously submitted with core test certificate reports from the Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Laboratory, producers may request reconsideration of the determination.

Example of Core Test Report from Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Laboratory



**BILL SIMS WOOL AND MOHAIR RESEARCH LABORATORY**

Date: 10/19/2023

Test No: 20231200

**TEST REPORT**

Client Ref: XYZ Co.

Brand: C-1234

FLC- Training

Greasy Wool lb

Gross Mass: 2,104

Total Bales: 7 Declared Tare: 21

Bale Numbers: 1-7

Net Mass: 2,083

**Yield Test Results**

Wool Base: 48.72 %

2 Samples Tested

Vegetable Matter Base: 0.2 %

(Including 0.0 HH and Twigs)

**Laserscan**

Mean Fiber Diameter: 22.7 μm

( 4 specimens)

Coefficient of Variation: 22.4 %

% Fibers > 30 μ: 6.9 %

Comfort factor: 93.1 %

**Calculated Commercial Yield**

% lb

IWTO Scoured Yield at 16% Regain 58.7 1,223

***IWTO Schlumberger Dry 1% TFM 55.9 1,164***

IWTO Scoured Yield at 17% Regain 59.2 1,233

Clean Wool Content 58.3 1,214

ASTM clean Wool Fiber Present 56.7 1,181

Japaneases Clean Scoured Yield at 16% 57.4 1,196

**\*THIS TEST REPORT APPLIES ONLY TO THE SAMPLES TESTED.**

The above test results are not certified due to the adoption of modified and/or non-standard procedures designed to provide THE CLIENT WITH GUIDANCE INFORMATION ONLY. Except where produced by law, no responsibility can be accepted by Texas A&M AgriLife Research for any claim which may arise from any person acting on information contained herein.



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