Wool Quality Improvement Program Roadmap

From Producer Enrollment to Incentive Payment

PHASE 1
Producer Enrollment

- Producer completes program application
- Regional Team reviews and approves application
- Producer signs producer agreement
- NCAT signs agreement and sends copy of fully executed agreement to producer

PHASE 2
Fund Interest

Regional teams meet with producers to discuss funding opportunities that align with operational goals.

PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION FUND*

- Regional Team works with producer to determine which practices will be implemented.
- Producer works with Regional Team to complete CPA-52 submission and implementation requirements.
- NRCS approves CPA-52 and Regional Team creates a Practice Implementation Scope of Work (SOW).
- Practice Implementation SOW and Implementation Requirements are sent to the producer for signature.
- NCAT signs the Practice Implementation SOW and sends the producer the fully executed contract.

WOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND

- Producer is connected with the Wool Specialist to discuss the shearing operation and required verification evidence.
- Producer works with Wool Specialist to create the Wool Improvement Scope of Work (SOW) using information collected.
- Wool Improvement SOW is sent to the producer for signature.
- NCAT signs the Wool Improvement SOW and sends the producer the fully executed contract.

MARKET INNOVATION FUND

Launching in 2027

Process under Development

PHASE 3
Practice Implementation, and Incentive Payment

- Producer implements conservation practice(s) and completes shearing best management practices, if applicable.
- Regional team evaluates practice implementation, shearing best management practices, and collects verification data from the producer.
- Project management team completes final verification.
- NCAT submits payment request to USDA.
- Producer receives payment from NCAT.

* Practices can be paid upon completion of verification.

*** REQUIRED FOR ALL PRODUCERS** | Regional Team = NCAT, Fibershed, or NY Fibershed

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