

Certified Columbia Ram

A ram must meet all of the following criteria while part of a CSBA approved ram test to achieve Certified Columbia Ram status.

1. Carcass (Ribeye/Loineye Area)

- Ram must meet or exceed 1.3 square inches per 100 pounds of body weight

2. Average Daily Gain

- Ram must meet or exceed 0.80 pounds per day

3. Wool:

- Fleece fiber diameter must be within the range of 22.05-27.84 microns
- 365 Day Estimated Staple Length must meet or exceed 4.3 inches for fleeces of fiber diameter 22.05-24.94
- 365 Day Estimated Staple Length must meet or exceed 4.8 inches for fleeces of fiber diameter 24.95-27.84 microns
- Face Wool Score must be 3 or less (Reference page 2)
- Belly Wool Score must be 1 (Reference page 3)

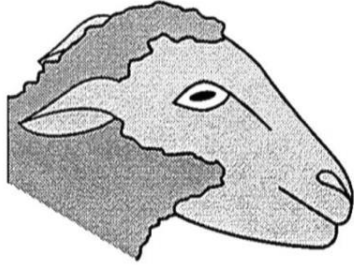
4. Genetics for Scrapies Resistance

- DNA at Codon 171 must be QR or RR

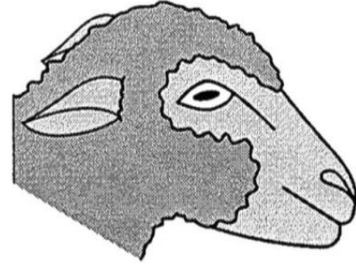
5. Registration

- Rams must be registered with Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of America no later than sixty days after their initial weigh-in date

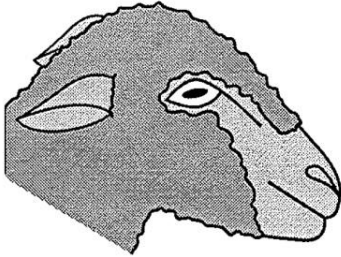
FACE WOOL SCORES



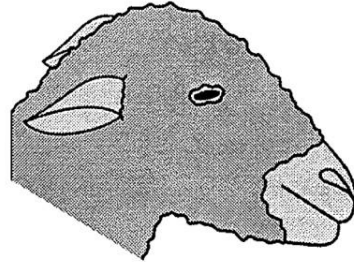
Score 1: Wool cover over the top of head; some on the side of muzzle, but not joined between eyes and ears.



Score 2: Wool cover over the top of head and on the side of muzzle; wool joined between the ears and eyes.

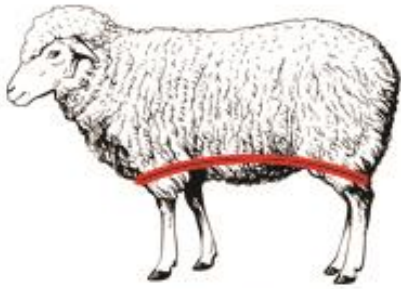


Score 3: Wool cover from the top of the head down the muzzle; clear channel remains between the eye and the mouth.

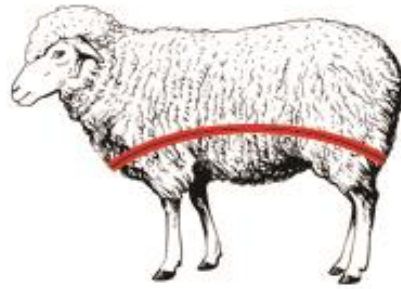


Score 4: Heavy wool growth over the entire face; wool from the top and side of the muzzle joining.

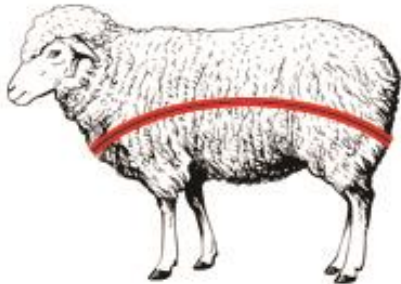
BELLY WOOL SCORES



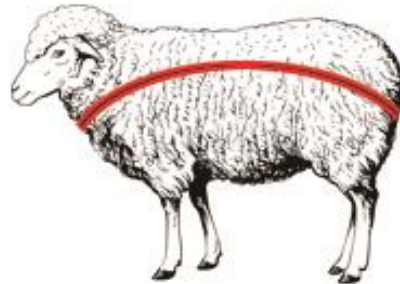
Score 1: Absence of belly type wool on the side.



Score 2: Belly type wool present on bottom 1/3 of the side.



Score 3: Belly type wool present on the bottom 1/2 of the side.



Score 4: Belly type wool extending above the bottom 1/2 of the side.