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Woolclasser Specification and NWD Software Development Approved

The AWEX Board has approved the development of 'e-clips', a software package which will enable the woolclassers specification and the National Wool Declaration to be produced electronically.

The project is aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of information from the woolclassers and woolgrower by targeting a reduction in the number of errors which occur through the duplication of bale numbers and repetitive data entry from the woolclasser, woolgrower through to the wool broker/selling agent.

AWEX has consulted widely with woolclassers as well as selling agents about the inherent costs to industry and subsequent frustrations of errors which occur in either inputting data or interpreting data from the farm gate. The woolclassers specification, wool book and today with the National Wool Declaration (NWD) are essential information sources for the wool industry.

The project will enable woolclassers and woolgrowers to create an electronic woolclassers specification and National Wool Declaration which can be transmitted to their selling agent. Selling agents will be able to receive these valuable data sources confident in the knowledge that the information received can be downloaded into their wool systems and avoid potential errors from interpreting and inputting data.

Over the coming months the project will be developed further in consultation with woolclassers and wool brokers to ensure that the software program meets their needs.

AWEX considers this a critical development for the wool industry and will be initially targeting the Masterclasser woolclassers, who are high volume woolclassers, and large woolgrowers to assist in the development of the project.

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