

Wool pellets from low value wool

Coarser wools and fleeces from meat breeds often have low economic value. Waste wool is worth even less. It includes bellies and other skirtings, mill waste, even fleeces from some hair sheep. Increasingly low value wool is being made into pellets that can be used as a fertilizer and soil amendment for both indoor and outdoor plants.

Making wool pellets involves shredding and compressing raw wool using a specialized pellet mill. The equipment runs ~\$15K or more, though smaller units are available for purchase. Most producers opt to send their wool for custom pelletizing. It usually costs between \$3 and \$5 per pound to have wool made into pellets. The wool pellets can usually be sold for ~\$15 per pound (or more). Seems like an easy way to add value to wool.

One of the great things about wool pellets is that they are something any size farm/ranch can do with their wool. Wool pellets and other new uses for wool can help to revitalize the wool industry and rural communities.



Benefits

- Slow-release natural fertilizer mostly nitrogen
- Superior water retention
- Enhance soil aeration
- Improve soil structure
- Pest and weed control
- Improved yields (in some circumstances)

100% Biodegradable

Uses

- House plants
- Greenhouse
- Vegetable garden
- Field crops
- Tree plantation
- Organic farming



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N	P	K	S	Ca	Mg	Micro
9%	Negligible	2%	3-4%	0.5-1%	trace	trace