

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

FLEECE INFORMATION GUIDE

Department Y



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EXHIBIT LOCATION | IRWIN BUILDING

For mail-in instructions, please review the Competitive Exhibits General Information Document (click here to view).

Credentials are not required to enter the Fairgrounds. Entrants drive to their respective exhibit building, enter items, and leave to accommodate others.

Fairgrounds Entry:

- Friday, August 4
11 am - 7 pm
- Saturday, August 5
11 am - 7 pm

Fairgrounds Pick-up:

- Tuesday, September 5
1 pm - 6 pm (Irwin)
- Saturday, September 9
1 pm - 6 pm (Hoskins)

FIBER & FLEECE OVERVIEW:

- Exhibitors may enter three items per class, but cannot place more than once per class. All entries must have been completed within the last year, appear new, and be clean. Soiled, smelly, or wet items will be disqualified. No "kit" projects allowed. All skeins of yarn should be a minimum 1 oz. or 100 yards approximately and the yarn needs to be tied in 3 places. No ribbon will be awarded without documentation.
- Fiber & Fleece Entry Forms are required for all entries and must be completed to enter your items.

Fiber Entry Form
(click here to view)

Fleece Entry Form
(click here to view)

Forms will also be available on Entry Days.

- Judging is on design, color, workmanship, finished appearance, difficulty of execution, and originality.

- All divisions are open to all ages. If you are entering as a Junior, place the appropriate letter on the entry form under sub-category.

Sub-Categories:

- A:** Junior, ages 12 and under
- B:** Junior, 13 through 17

If sub-category is not specified, entry will be classified as OPEN.

Required information to complete forms:

- Personal entrant number (**do not write name on form**)
- Description of preparation, including techniques and tools used
- Dyeing process, if applicable, including type of dye
- Sample of original fiber, swatch or yarn, and list content, fiber
- Specify Alaskan fiber, if used

Enter a maximum of four fleeces per class. Fleeces must be no more than twelve months' growth, as commonly measured by the wool trade. All wether fleeces in wether classes only. Enter each fleece in a clear plastic bag; one per bag. Do not include skirtings. Tag fleece with exhibitor name, breed and sex of fleece, division, and class number.

Definitions

Fine: Fine combing 64's to 80's

Medium Fine: Half-blood combing 60's to 62's

Medium: Blood combing 56 to 58's & blood combing 50 to 54's

Long: Low blood combing 46's to 48's; Common 40's to 44's; Braid, 36's or coarser.

Natural colored: 30% or greater color content: solid white= 0%, solid black = 100%

Fleece Judging Information

Judging criteria:

- Quality or fineness typical of the breed
- Evenness of quality or fineness throughout the fleece
- Length and strength of staple
- Estimated clean weight
- Condition
- Character, including crimp and color

Fleeces will be penalized if they:

- Show paint or tar (except soluble branding fluids)
- Show excessive dung locks or tags
- Are discolored or clotted by excessive moisture
- Show a weak staple or break in fabric
- Contain excess burrs or other vegetable matter

Division 1: Wool, White Fleece

Division 2: Wool, White Fleece - Ram

Division 3: Wool, Colored Fleece

Division 4: Wool, Colored Fleece - Ram

Class (Applies to Divisions 1 - 4):

- 01 1 to 6 Months - Lamb fleece
- 02 7 to 15 Months - Hoggit fleece
- 03 Off-white or cream Lamb fleece
- 04 Purebred, Fine
- 05 Purebred, Medium Fine
- 06 Purebred, Medium
- 07 Purebred, Long Wool
- 08 Market (Crossbred), Fine
- 09 Market (Crossbred), Medium Fine
- 10 Market (Crossbred), Medium
- 11 Market (Crossbred), Long Wool
- 12 Natural Colored, Fine
- 13 Natural Colored, Medium Fine
- 14 Natural Colored, Medium
- 15 Natural Colored, Long Wool
- 16 Wether, White
- 17 Wether, Natural Colored

Division 5: Alpaca

Class:

- 01 White Huacaya
- 02 Colored Huacaya
- 03 White Suri
- 04 Colored Suri

Division 6: Llama

Class:

- 01 White
- 02 Colored

Division 7: Exotic Animal Fibers

Class:

- 01 Angora
- 02 Bison
- 03 Camelids
- 04 Cashmere
- 05 Cat
- 06 Dog
- 07 Mohair
- 08 Musk Ox
- 09 Pygora
- 10 Yak
- 11 Other

SPECIAL AWARDS - FIBER & FLEECE

Outstanding entries will be recognized by these generous donors:

