

# 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 in Irwin Building:**

- Friday, August 7, 11 am – 7 pm
- Saturday, August 8, 11 am – 7 pm

**Fairgrounds Pick-up in Irwin Building:**

- Wednesday, September 9, 1 pm – 6 pm
- Saturday, September 12, 1 pm – 6 pm

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Fleece Entry Forms are required for all entries and must be completed to enter your items.

**Fleece Documentation Form  
(click here to view)**

*Forms will also be available on Entry Days.*

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

**A:** Junior, ages 12 and under

**B:** Junior, 13 through 17

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- 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.
  - Damp or wet fleeces will be disqualified.

## 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
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**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 Natural Colored, Fine
- 09 Natural Colored, Medium Fine
- 10 Natural Colored, Medium
- 11 Natural Colored, Long Wool
- 12 Wether, White
- 13 Wether, Natural Colored

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**Division 5: Alpaca**

**Class:**

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

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**Division 6: Llama**

**Class:**

- 01 White
  - 02 Colored
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## 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
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### SPECIAL AWARDS - FLEECE

Outstanding entries will be recognized by this generous donor:



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