

NATIONAL WESTERN WOOL SHOW

SUPERINTENDENTS: Travis Taylor

Co-Superintendent: Eric Wellman

Thursday, January 9, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

ENTRY AND RULES:

1. Entries:

- A. All NWSS livestock entries are online at <https://nwsrs.fairwire.com/>
- B. Entry Fees: Entry fees are \$5.00 per fleece for the Open Show, and \$4.00 per fleece for the junior show.
- C. Online entries will be made into general categories and broken into specific classes by the Superintendents upon in-person inspection of the wool.
- D. Participants will be limited to two (2) entries in each class and no fleece can compete in more than one (1) class except for champion or special prizes.
- E. Each fleece must be tagged and tag completely filled out with the following information and submitted with the entry: Breed, sex, number of months' growth, and catalog classification.
- F. Fleeces must be delivered to the show before 12:00 Noon, December 30, 2024.
- G. Fleeces entered in breed classes must have been shorn from purebred sheep.
- H. Eligibility of Contestants: Any growers of wool may enter fleeces, but they must be entered in the name of the grower (partnerships on the Junior Show are ineligible).
- I. Fleeces must have been shorn in 2023-2024.

2. Special Rules:

- A. Purpose: The purpose of this show is to encourage the production of high-quality wool; to promote proper handling, grading, and preparation for market; and to create an awareness of the many qualities of wool and its uses.
- B. Wool Participants who will not attend the show need not buy exhibitor passes.
- C. Fleeces must represent not more than twelve (12) months' growth, except in the case of yearling fleeces, when up to sixteen (16) months' growth will be allowed.
- D. In case of controversy about the number of months' growth of any fleece, the acknowledged rate of monthly growth of wool from different breeds and types of sheep shall be used as a guide.
- E. The Stock Show reserves the right to inspect any fleece entered to determine its eligibility. Fleeces judged over age and/or found to contain parts of other fleeces, belly wool or tags, will not be allowed to compete and the participant will forfeit entry fees for these ineligible fleeces.
- F. Any fleece entered for competition shall be discriminated against if it show any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids permitted)
- G. Discolored by excessive moisture or cotted.
- H. Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
- I. Containing any excess burrs or other vegetable matter, or poly twine fragments.
- J. Preparation of Fleeces: All fleeces shall be rolled flesh side out in a manner to allow their being handled without falling apart. It is recommended that exhibitors pack fleeces rather loosely in clear plastic bags so as not to impair their character or attractiveness.
- K. Fleeces will be received by the National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colorado, any time during

the year prior to the show and stored free of charge. All fleeces must be delivered to the show, and transportation charges prepaid.

- L. Consignors may request their fleeces be picked up at the close of the show. All fleeces not marked for pick-up on the entry form will be considered sold. Fleeces will be released for pick-up on Sunday, January 22, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All fleeces remaining after the release time will be considered unclaimed and will be sold or otherwise disposed of by Stock Show. National Western Stock Show will not ship or deliver any fleeces.
- M. In the case of any controversy relative to the classification of any fleece offered for exhibition, affidavits from the Participants may be required. However, in all such controversies and in any interpretation of these rules and regulations, the decision of a committee consisting of the Wool Show Superintendents, the Wool Show Judge, and the National Western Stock Show Manager shall be final.
- N. Stock Show reserves the right to combine classes, if the number of entries in any individual class does not warrant a separate class, and to place entries in appropriate classes and divisions as necessary.
- O. All fleeces designated for sale will be marketed as a single lot by bid on Friday, January 6, 2025. Telephone bids will be accepted if immediately followed with written confirmation. Every effort will be made to market the wool as a single lot, however, in the event no bids are received, Stock Show reserves the right to dispose of the wool in the best possible means to maximize the dollar return to the exhibitors.
- P. Only award-winning fleeces will be on display.
- Q. All fleeces will be displayed untied and in clear plastic bags to comply with industry standards.

OPEN WOOL SHOW

TERRITORY FLEECES

Fleeces from flocks of sheep run under strictly western range conditions shall be eligible to compete in the territory division. All wool fleeces will be entered into this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on-site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

70's & Finer Combing	A
64's Combing	A
62's (1/2 Blood) Combing.....	A
60's (1/2 Blood) Combing.....	A
56's - 58's (3/8 Blood) Combing	A
64's - 70's, 80's (Fine) Ram Fleece.....	A
60's - 62's (1/2 Blood) Ram Fleece.....	A
Champion and Reserve Champion Territory Fleece	R

THE CARL OSBORN AWARD

To promote and encourage the production of high-quality wool in Colorado, the Colorado Wool Growers Association offers the Carl Osborn Award for the best twelve (12) month ewe fleece in each of four (4) categories. The first category is for an ewe fleece entered in the territory fleeces division and owned by a grower with more than 500 head of sheep. The second category is for an ewe fleece entered in the farm flock fleeces division and owned by a grower with fewer than 500 head of sheep. The third category is for a ewe fleece entered in the natural colored hand spinning or white hand spinning fleeces divisions. The fourth category is for a ewe fleece entered in the breed fleeces division. The grower must be a member of the Colorado Wool Growers Association. Each award will be a plaque provided by the Colorado Wool Growers Association.

FARM FLOCK FLEECES

Ewe fleeces from flocks of sheep run under farm flock conditions shall be eligible to compete in this division. Handspinning fleeces are not eligible to compete in this division. All wool fleeces will be entered into this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on-site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

64's & Finer Combing	A
62's (1/2 Blood) Combing	A
60's (1/2 Blood) Combing	A
58's (3/8 Blood) Combing	A
56's (3/8 Blood) Combing	A
50's - 54's (1/4 Blood) Combing	A
46's - 48's (Low 1/4 Blood) Combing	A
64's - 70's, 80's (Fine) Ram Fleece.....	A
60's - 62's (1/2 Blood) Ram Fleece.....	A
56's - 58's (3/8 Blood) Ram Fleece	A

Champion and Reserve Champion Farm Flock FleeceR

BLACKFACE FLEECES

Ewe and Ram fleeces are eligible to compete in this division. All wool fleeces will be entered in this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on-site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

50's, 54's (1/4 Blood) Combing	A
46's, 48's (Low 1/4 Blood) Combing.....	A
Ram.....	A

Champion and Reserve Champion Blackface FleeceR

BREED FLEECES

Only fleeces from purebred sheep of the following breeds shall be eligible to compete in this division. All wool fleeces will be entered in this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

Rambouillet Ram Fleece.....	A
Rambouillet Ewe Fleece.....	A
Corriedale Ram Fleece.....	A
Corriedale Ewe Fleece	A
Columbia Ram Fleece.....	A
Columbia Ewe Fleece	A
Merino Ram Fleece	A
Merino Ewe Fleece.....	A
Other White Face Ram	A
Other White Face Ewe.....	A

Champion and Reserve Champion Breed Fleece.....R

FAMILY EXHIBIT OF FIVE (5) FLEECES

Commercial Exhibit of Five (5) Fleeces
This class shall consist of four (4) female fleeces and one (1) ram fleece. These fleeces must be

shorn from sheep bred and raised by one (1) family with the exception of the ram fleece, which must have been owned by one (1) member of the family. Fleeces in this class will be judged on individual merit and on uniformity of type, staple length and character of the combined exhibit. (Fleeces showing in this class must also have been individually shown in one (1) of the Open or Junior classes. No entry fee required for this class, but an entry must be made.)

Champion and Reserve Champion Family Exhibit.....R

Handspinning

Exhibit of Five (5) Fleeces. This class shall consist of four (4) female fleeces and one (1) ram fleece. These fleeces must be shorn from sheep bred and raised by one (1) family with the exception of the ram fleece, which must have been owned by one (1) member of the family. Fleeces in this class will be judged on individual merit and on uniformity of handle, character, and spinability of the combined exhibit. (Fleeces showing in this class must also have been individually shown in one (1) of the previous handspinning classes. No entry fee required for this class, but an entry must be made.)

Champion and Reserve Champion Family Exhibit – Handspinning.....R

NATURAL COLORED HANDSPINNING FLEECES

Fleeces from flocks of sheep run under farm flock conditions shall be eligible to compete in this division. Fleeces must have been blanketed per generally accepted practices for handspinning use. If not blanketed, fleeces may be discriminated against. All wool fleeces will be entered in this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on-site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

- 64’s & Finer CombingA
- 60’s-62’s (1/2 Blood) Combing.....A
- 56’s-58’s (3/8 Blood) Combing.....A
- 50’s-54’s (1/4 Blood) Combing.....A
- 46’s-48’s (Low 1/4 Blood) CombingA
- 36’s-44’s (Common and Braid)A
- Ram & Wether Fleeces (60’s and finer)A
- Ram & Wether Fleeces (50’s - 58’s)A
- Ram & Wether Fleeces (48’s and below)A

Champion and Reserve Champion Natural Colored Handspinning FleeceR

WHITE HANDSPINNING FLEECES

All wool fleeces will be entered in this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

White

- 64’s & Finer CombingA
- 60’s-62’s (1/2 Blood) Combing.....A
- 56’s-58’s (3/8 Blood) Combing.....A
- 50’s-54’s (1/4 Blood) Combing.....A
- 46’s-48’s (Low 1/4 Blood) CombingA
- 36’s-44’s (Common and Braid)A
- Ram & Wether Fleeces (60’s and finer)A
- Ram & Wether Fleeces (50’s - 58’s)A
- Ram & Wether Fleeces (48’s and below)A

Champion and Reserve Champion White Handspinning Fleece.....R

JUNIOR WOOL SHOW

All fleeces entered in the Junior Wool Show must have been owned by the Participant and comply with the rules of the Open Wool Show. All wool fleeces will be entered into this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on-site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

64's & Finer Combing	A
60's - 62's (1/2 Blood) Combing	A
56's - 58's (3/8 Blood) Combing	A
46's - 54's (1/4 Blood and Low 1/4 Blood) Combing	A
Rambouillet Fleece	A
Corriedale Fleece.....	A
Columbia Fleece	A

NATURAL COLORED HANDSPINNING

All wool fleeces will be entered into this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on-site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

50's & Finer Ewe Fleece.....	A
48's & Coarser Ewe Fleece.....	A
50's & Finer Ram & Wether Fleece	A
48's & Coarser Ram & Wether Fleece	A

WHITE HANDSPINNING

All wool fleeces will be entered into this category under one class. Fleeces will be graded on-site and placed by officials in one of the following classes:

50's & Finer	A
48's & Coarser	A
50's & Finer Ram & Wether Fleece	A
48's & Coarser Ram & Wether Fleece	A
Champion Junior Fleece.....	\$10 and Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Fleece.....	\$5 and Rosette

All fleeces awarded a Champion prize in the Open and Junior Show, Blackface, and Handspinning Shows may compete for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards. The second prize fleece in the division from which the Grand Champion Fleece is taken shall be eligible to compete for the Reserve Grand Champion award.

Grand Champion Fleece — \$20 and Plaque
Reserve Grand Champion Fleece — \$10 and Plaque

TOM McBRIDE AWARD

To promote and encourage the participation of youth in the production of high-quality wool fleeces this award is given to the best fleece entered in the Junior Wool Show. The exhibitor, or their parent, must be a member of the Colorado Wool Growers Association and enrolled in a 4-H or FFA program. A plaque shall be provided by the Colorado Wool Growers Association.