

# DEPARTMENT • 3

## WOOL

Chair - Sandy Hopple, Mechanicsburg, PA Co-Chair - Roger Bowman, Lenhartsville, PA

Judge - TBA

### RULES

See General Rules, Regulations & Health Requirements online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

-- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE --

#### ENTRIES CLOSE - December 15, 2023

The purpose of this show is to encourage the production of better wool; to promote proper handling, grading, and preparation for market; to create an awareness of the many qualities of wool and its uses.

In addition to the general rules governing entries, exhibits, and awards, the following rules apply specifically to the wool exhibit:

1. Entry Fee: \$2.00 per fleece. Must be made with online registration.
2. Arrival Time: All fleeces must be in place by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024. Entries will be judged at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024. Release time is 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024.
3. Upon completion of the online registration, pre-printed entry tags will be sent to the exhibitor. Attach the tags to the exhibit then mail or deliver exhibit(s) by 12 noon on Friday, January 5, 2024. All entries must have general entry tags attached to the fleeces with the class number and class description.
4. All wool exhibited must be shorn within 12 months of the show.
5. All fleeces entered in the purebred exhibit must have been removed from purebred sheep recorded in their respective registry associations.
6. All fleeces entered in the purebred and commercial class exhibits must have been grown on sheep owned by the exhibitor and shown under her/his name.
7. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in each class.
8. Auction and Non-Auction Divisions: **Individual fleeces may be entered in one division only.** Auction fleeces must be sold. Auction will take place following the Sheep to Shawl Auction on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, @ 6:30 pm. Auction proceeds benefit the Farm Show Scholarship Foundation on behalf of the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association.
9. All fleeces for exhibit must be neatly displayed in a plastic bag or tied with paper twine. Management reserves the right to reject fleeces tied with sisal (binder) twine or other heavy rough twine as well as fleeces containing an excessive amount of foreign material such as tags, burrs, chaff, seeds, straw, etc.
10. Management will receive fleeces sent prepaid by mail or express, marked - Attention "Wool Exhibit," 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110, and will see that such fleeces are properly displayed. Management will not be responsible for returning or forwarding fleeces by mail or express at the conclusion of the show. All exhibitors must claim fleeces at the close of the show. Any exhibit removed prior to the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of **all** premiums.

Division 0001						Division 0002						
Non-Auction Commercial Farm Flock Fleece						Auction Commercial Farm Flock Fleece						
Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Fleece Grade	Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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1	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	64's, 70's, 80's (Fine) Combing	11	\$20	\$18	\$1 6	\$15	\$1 4
2	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	60's, 62's, (1/2 Blood) Combing	12	\$20	\$18	\$1 6	\$15	\$1 4
3	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	56's, 58's, (3/8 Blood) Combing	13	\$20	\$18	\$1 6	\$15	\$1 4
4	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	50's, 54's, (1/4 Blood) Combing	14	\$20	\$18	\$1 6	\$15	\$1 4
5	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	46's, 48's, (low 1/4 Blood) Combing	15	\$20	\$18	\$1 6	\$15	\$1 4
6	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	Common 44's & Coarser	16	\$20	\$18	\$1 6	\$15	\$1 4
7	Rosette					Champion Commercial Farm Flock Fleece	17	Rosette				
8	Ribbon					Reserve Champion Commercial Farm Flock Fleece	18	Ribbon				
						Commercial Farm Flock Fleece						

**BREED FLEECES**

Only fleeces from purebred sheep of the following breeds shall be eligible to compete in this division.

Division 0003						Fleece Grade	Division 0004					
Non-Auction Breed Fleece							Auction Breed Fleece					
Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
21	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Merino Ram Fleece	41	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
22	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Merino Ewe Fleece	42	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
23	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Rambouillet Ram Fleece	43	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
24	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Rambouillet Ewe Fleece	44	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
25	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Corriedale Ram Fleece	45	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
26	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Corriedale Ewe Fleece	46	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
27	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Dorset/Cheviot Ram Fleece	47	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
28	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Dorset/Cheviot Ewe Fleece	48	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
						Hampshire/Suffolk/ Shropshire/Southdown						
29	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Ram Fleece	49	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
						Hampshire/Suffolk/ Shropshire/Southdown						
30	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	Ewe Fleece	50	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
31	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	AOB Ram Fleece	51	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
32	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	AOB Ewe Fleece	52	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$13
33	Rosette					Champion Breed Fleece	53	Rosette				
34	Ribbon					Reserve Champion Breed Fleece	54	Ribbon				

## NATURAL COLORED WOOLS

The purpose of this show is to encourage the production of better fleeces of colored wool for home spinners and weavers.

In addition to the general rules, the following apply specifically to the natural colored wool classes.

### *Eligibility of Fleece*

1. General rules of Wool Show: 1, 2, 3, and 11 will apply.
2. Auction and Non-Auction Divisions: **Individual fleeces may be entered in one division only.**
3. Auction fleeces must be sold. Auction will take place following the Sheep to Shawl auction on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.
4. Auction proceeds benefit the Farm Show Scholarship Foundation on behalf of the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association.

### *Disqualifications*

Any fleece entered for competition in the Natural Colored Wool Show shall be discriminated against and subject to disqualification of showing any definite defect including the following:

1. Any fleece not skirted, removing excessive dirt, plant material, tags, etc.
2. Showing any paint or tar brand substances.
3. Discolored from excessive moisture, oxidation, or showing effects of cotting.

### *Judging of Fleece*

1. The judge will not discriminate against any color.
2. The judge has the authority to assign any fleece to the correct grade.
3. Among fleeces without obvious and serious defects, the judge will consider the following characteristics:
  - 20 points - The grade length and fiber diameter should be reasonably uniform over the entire fleece, with length at least good French combing, as expected for the grade.
  - 40 points - Approximately 35 percent of the fleece should be colored wool except in the white class. All color combinations are desirable.
    - Fleece should not contain excessive dirt, plant material, tags, etc. 20 points -
    - Estimated clean yield weight.
    - 20 points - Character of the wool including brightness, luster, and crimp patterns with loftiness.

Division 0005 - Non-Auction Fleece Grade Natural Colored Wools						Fleece Grade	Division 0006 - Auction Fleece Grade Natural Colored Wools					
Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
<b>61</b>	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	Solid Black, Brown/Grey Fleece 60's & finer	<b>71</b>	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$15	\$14
<b>62</b>	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	Solid Black, Brown/Grey Fleece 58's & coarser	<b>72</b>	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$15	\$14
<b>63</b>	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	Nonsolid Colored Fleece 60's & finer	<b>73</b>	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$15	\$14
<b>64</b>	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$4	Nonsolid Colored Fleece (58's & coarser)	<b>74</b>	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$15	\$14
<b>65</b>	Rosette					Champion Natural Colored Fleece - Rosette	<b>75</b>	Rosette				
<b>66</b>	Ribbon					Reserve Champion Natural Colored Fleece - Ribbon	<b>76</b>	Ribbon				

All fleeces being awarded a first prize in the Open Show may compete for the Champion and Reserve Champion awards. The second-prize fleece in the class from which the champion fleece was taken is eligible to compete for the Reserve Champion ribbons. The three Champion fleeces compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. The Reserve Champion to the Grand Champion fleece also compete for Reserve Grand Champion.

81. Grand Champion Non-Auction Fleece - Plaque

82. Reserve Grand Champion Non-Auction Fleece - Rosette

83. Grand Champion Auction Fleece - Plaque

84. Reserve Grand Champion Auction Fleece – Rosette

# SHEEP TO SHAWL

Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Auction 6:30 p.m.

Chair - Francie Appleman, Turbotville, PA, Phone: 570-649-5858

1. All entries must be made online no later than December 1, 2023. Entry fee is \$30.00 and is non-refundable.
2. To be eligible to compete in the Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl competition each team must complete two demonstrations/competitions since prior year's Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl competition. (May be a Fleece to Shawl Demonstration).
3. The description of your competition shawl must accompany your entry form.
4. Each team is encouraged to have on display a completed shawl of the type in the competition.
5. The Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl Contest is open to Pennsylvania teams. Each team shall have one (1) shearer. After shearing is completed, team will consist of five (5) members: one (1) carder (may be shearer) or alternate, three (3) spinners, and one (1) weaver. A maximum of 10 teams will participate. Youth teams may officially participate and must abide by these rules.
6. Each team will supply a sheep of its choice. Sheep must have appropriate health papers (see sheep health rules). Sheep may be washed no less than two weeks prior to the contest but may be carded any time prior to the contest. No alterations may be made to the fleece for ninety days prior the contest. This includes but is not limited to shearing. Sheep may not be dyed. Use of tranquilizers on the sheep is prohibited.
7. A panel of four (4) experienced judges will judge the contest on the following basis: TEAM IDENTIFICATION - 10 points; SHEARING - 10 points; SPINNING - 30 points; WEAVING - 20 points; DESIGN - 30 points, for a total of 100 points. BONUS POINTS for time will be awarded as follows: first team finished - 10 points; second team finished - 8 points; third team finished - 6 points; fourth team finished - 4 points; fifth team finished - 2 points. JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
8. The sheep must be completely shorn before spinners take wool for spinning. Shearers (or alternate) and weavers may wind bobbins and card wool.
9. No drum carders or electric bobbin winders will be allowed. Hand carding is not required. No electric spinners will be allowed.
10. Shawl requirements are as follows: The finished shawl will be a minimum of 22 inches wide and a minimum of 78 inches long. In addition, all shawls must have a minimum of five inches of fringe on each end. In order for the shawl to be judged and be eligible for the shawl auction, the woven area must measure a minimum of 72 inches in length and 18 inches in width off the loom and be completely finished by knotting or hemstitching the ends by the end of the time allotted. In addition, no shawl will be eligible for auction if the woven area is less than five picks per inch.
11. Each team will supply their own warp and thread loom before the contest. The minimum space is eight working EPI, however, a minimum of six working EPI will be allowed to compensate special designs. Warp must be 100 percent wool or 100 percent goat fiber or a blend of the two, no exceptions. Usage of PA wool or goat fiber encouraged.
12. Weft yarn must be sheep fleece (no exceptions) and will not exceed three times the diameter of the warp. Weft yarn must be 100 percent sheep fleece.
13. Each team will supply all equipment including spinning wheels, cards, looms, etc. Shearer will supply her/his own equipment. An electrical outlet and chairs will be provided upon request. Each team will be provided a 12'X12' space during the competition.
14. Each team will identify themselves with distinctive signs/banners and distinctive dress.
15. Shawls will be auctioned following the contest. Proceeds will be returned to each team that made the particular shawl.
16. Teams must have shawls completed and off the loom to be eligible for ribbons, awards, and auction.
17. A "Team's Choice" award will be presented. Each contestant will have an opportunity to vote for his or her favorite shawl.
18. PREMIUMS WILL BE AWARDED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

<b>Place</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Award</b>	\$200	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$80	\$50

CHAMPION TEAM: Traveling Trophy & Plaque

RESERVE CHAMPION: Plaque

“TEAM’S CHOICE” AWARD: Plaque

**SHEEP TO SHAWL SPECIALS**

“Weaver’s Award,” \$50.00 premium based on innovation of design, color, and skill.

“Spinner’s Group Award,” \$50.00 premium to each member based on evenness, quality of workmanship, and cooperative spirit of the three spinners within a team.

“Shearer’s Award,” \$50.00 premium based on skill, absence of second cuts on sheep, handling of sheep, and professional appearance.

“Best Fleece Award,” \$75.00 premium based on cleanliness, condition of fleece, luster and crimp, and suitability of fleece.

**EACH TEAM IS ENCOURAGED TO HAVE ON DISPLAY A COMPLETED SHAWL OF THE TYPE IN COMPETITION.**

# YOUTH FLEECE TO SHAWL

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Auction 7:00**  
**p.m.**

**Chair - Francie Appleman, Turbotville, PA, Phone: 570-649-5858**

1. Entries must be made online no later than December 1, 2023. Entry fee is \$30.00 and is non-refundable.
2. To be eligible to compete in the Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl competition each team must complete one demonstration/competition since the prior years' Pennsylvania Sheep to Shawl competition.
3. The description of your competition shawl must accompany your entry form.
4. Each team is encouraged to have on display a completed shawl of the type in the competition.
5. The teams may consist only of youth up to and including age 18 by December 31, 2023. One adult (person over age 18) may be on the floor with each team to act in an advisory position. All team members must be Pennsylvania residents.
6. The Pennsylvania Fleece to Shawl Contest is open to Pennsylvania teams. Each team shall consist of up to five (5) members: three (3) spinners, one (1) weaver, one (1) alternate or carder. A maximum of 10 teams will participate.
7. Each team will supply a fleece of its choice. The fleece must come from one shearing from one animal. The fleece may be skirted but not washed or dyed. Teams are encouraged to use a PA fleece.
8. A panel of four (4) experienced judges will judge the contest on the following basis: Team identification 10 - points; fleece presentation and suitability - 10 points; spinning - 30 points; weaving - 20 points; design - 30 points, for a total of 100 points. Bonus points for time will be awarded as follows: first team finished - 10 points; second - 8 points; third - 6 points; fourth - 4 points; fifth - 2 points. **JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**
9. No drum carders or electric bobbin winders will be allowed. Hand carding is not required. No electric spinners will be allowed.
10. Shawl requirements are as follows: The finished shawl will be a minimum of 22 inches wide and a minimum of 78 inches long. In addition, all shawls must have a minimum of five inches of fringe on each end. In order for the shawl to be judged and be eligible for the shawl auction, the woven area must measure a minimum of 72 inches in length and 18 inches in width off the loom and be completely finished by knotting or hemstitching the ends by the end of the time allotted. In addition, no shawl will be eligible for auction if the woven area is less than five picks per inch.
11. Each team will supply their own warp and thread the loom before the contest. The minimum space is eight working EPI, however, minimum of six working EPI will be allowed to compensate special designs. Warp must be 100 percent wool or 100 percent goat fiber or a blend of the two, no exceptions. Usage of PA wool or goat fiber encouraged.
12. Weft yarn must be sheep fleece (no exceptions) and will not exceed three times the diameter of the warp. Weft yarn must be 100 percent sheep fleece.
13. Each team will supply all equipment including spinning wheels, cards, looms, etc. Chairs are provided upon request. Each team will be provided a 12'X12' space during the competition.
14. Each team will identify themselves with distinctive signs/banners and distinctive dress.
15. Shawls will be auctioned following the open Sheep to Shawl Contest. Proceeds will be returned to each team that made the particular shawl.
16. Teams must have shawls completed and off the loom to be eligible for ribbons, awards, and auction.
17. A "Team's Choice" award will be presented. Each contestant will have an opportunity to vote for his or her favorite shawl.
18. Each team is encouraged to have on display a completed shawl of the type in the competition.
19. **PREMIUMS WILL BE AWARDED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:**

Place	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Award</b>	\$200	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$80	\$50

CHAMPION TEAM: Traveling Trophy & Plaque  
 RESERVE CHAMPION: Plaque  
 "TEAM'S CHOICE" AWARD: Plaque



### **FLEECE TO SHAWL SPECIALS**

“Weaver’s Award,” \$50.00 premium based on innovation of design, color, and skill.

“Spinner’s Group Award,” \$50.00 premium to each member, based on evenness, quality of workmanship, and cooperative spirit of the three spinners within a team.

“Best Fleece Award,” \$75.00 premium based on cleanliness, condition of fleece, luster and crimp, and suitability of fleece.

**EACH TEAM IS ENCOURAGED TO HAVE ON DISPLAY A COMPLETED SHAWL OF THE TYPE IN COMPETITION.**