

SHEEP FLEECE SHOW

FEATURED – SHETLAND & ROMNEY

SUPERINTENDENT Rick Trojanoski
East Hampton, Connecticut

JUDGE

DEADLINE/ARRIVAL Wednesday, September 18, 2024
10am to 12noon
Thursday, September 19, 2024
8am to 6pm

SHOW Friday, September 21, 2024
9am

RELEASE Wednesday, September 25, 2023
by 12noon

SHOW PREMIUM SCHEDULE (per class)

1 ST \$50	2 ND \$39	3 RD \$31	4 TH \$28	5 TH \$25	6 TH \$23	7 TH \$22	8 TH \$20	9 TH \$20	10 TH \$20
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SPECIAL RULES

1. READ GENERAL RULES. All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules.

2. FEATURED FLEECE CLASS. SHETLAND fleeces entered in this category should be entered in class 4000. **ROMNEY** fleeces entered in this category should be entered in Class 4010. Other fleeces from these breeds may show in the Hand Spinning Division, but will **not** be part of the Featured Breed competition.

3. ENTRIES. Make entries, accompanied by an entry fee of **\$5 per fleece**, preferably **prior to August 15**. Fleeces may be **entered/delivered** in person from September 15, 8am – 12pm and September 16, 8am – 6pm. Fleeces submitted by mail or UPS must arrive by September 8. Send fleeces to: **AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA 01089.

4. SHIPPING. If you are planning to ship your items to the Exposition, please include a prepaid shipping label for return. Mailed items will be sent by the end of the week following the Exposition.

5. PASSES. Exhibitors will receive two entry and two parking passes.

6. JUDGING. Any fleece remaining after October 2, 2023, will be forfeited. All fleeces must remain on display until noon September 28, 2023.

7. DIVISIONS. The Fleece Show consists of two divisions: **Purebred** and **Hand Spinning**. A Purebred fleece may be entered in either division, but not both. Exhibitors may enter as many as **two fleeces per class per farm**. In the Purebred Division, Classes 4100 through 4400 are for fleeces from purebred white-fleeced sheep; Class 4450 & 4500 is open only to fleeces from purebred natural colored sheep that are registered in a purebred sheep association. All Other Breeds (AOB) should be in Class 4550 (e.g., Icelandics, Shetlands, etc.). Purebred fleeces will be judged against their own Breed Standards. The Hand Spinning Division may include fleeces from any purebred OR crossbred sheep.

8. All fleeces must be from the current year's shearing, and have been shorn within the previous 12 months, and contain less than 15 months' growth. **Do not tie fleeces with paper or any other twine.** Fleeces will be judged untied. Each fleece must be packed in a **clear plastic garbage bag**, and have **one business or index card enclosed with the NAME and ADDRESS of the exhibitor, and the class number. For the Purebred Division, the tag must also include the breed of sheep.**

9. See Llama Section under Class descriptions for information regarding Llama Fleece Show.

10. Exhibitors may **NOT** offer fleeces for sale.

11. Fleeces entered in either division should be skirted (**free of belly wool, topknot and leg wool, second cuts and tags**). They will be discriminated against if they show stains, are cotted, have hairy or kempy fibers (unless typical of the breed), are shorter than 2 inches in length and contain fibers that break easily. Fleeces that contain excessive contamination, including feed, bedding, burrs, dirt, paint, manure, will also be discriminated against. The judge is not required to award all ribbons if, in his/her opinion the entries are not of appropriate quality. Judge's decision is final.

12. Fleeces entered in the **Purebred Division** should meet the standards of paragraph 11, **AND** be typical of, and conform to the standard for that breed, which may include such qualities as style, lock formation and fiber diameter. **The breed must be included on the entry tag.**

13. Fleeces entered in **Hand Spinning Division** may come from any purebred or cross-bred sheep, and should also meet the standards of Paragraph 11. They will also be judged for their value for hand spinning, including such qualities as softness, luster, handle and length.

14. A Champion and Reserve Champion fleece will be selected from **each** division, and the Supreme Champion selected from the two division champions.

CLASS LISTING

PUREBRED DIVISION

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| 4000 | Featured for 2024: Shetlands |
| 4010 | Featured for 2024: White and Natural Colored Romney |
| 4100 | Finewool purebred, white (examples: Cormo, Merino, Rambouillet and Targhee) |
| 4200 | Down breeds (examples: purebred Dorset, Hampshire, Oxford, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk) |
| 4300 | Medium wool purebred, white (examples: Columbia, Corriedale, Finn, Montadale, Polypay, Tunis) |
| 4350 | Fine & Medium wool purebred, natural colored (examples: Columbia, Corriedale) |
| 4400 | Longwool purebred, white (examples: Border Leicester, Cotswold and Romney) |
| 4500 | Longwool purebred natural colored (examples: Border Leicester, Cotswold and Romney) |
| 4550 | AOB (All Other Breeds, e.g. Icelandics, etc.) |

HAND SPINNING DIVISION

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| 4600 | White, fine and medium (29 microns and finer) |
| 4700 | White, longwool (30 microns and coarser) |
| 4800 | Natural colored, fine & medium (29 microns and finer) |
| 4900 | Natural colored longwool (30 microns and coarser) |