

**OPEN WOOL AND NATURAL FIBERS
DEPARTMENT 11
Premium Table #3**

**All Wool Exhibits arrive on Thursday, July 25,
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the Fremont Center**

The Wool Show encourages improved wool production, stimulates interest and knowledge in the proper preparation of wool for market and informs the public on the versatile uses of wool as a high-quality textile fiber.

- Exhibitors will abide by all-natural fiber and applicable policies governing the 2024 Fremont County Fair.
- Exhibitors may enter two (2) fleeces in any one class, and entries may be made in as many classes as desired. An individual fleece may be entered in one class only. Youth exhibitors may enter the Open Show, but must have different fleeces in each division. See Department 18 for Youth Wool Show.
- After screening and judging, some fleeces may be removed, so that the higher placing fleeces can be properly displayed for public view during the fair.
ELIGIBILITY OF FLEECES: Each fleece must:
- (a) have been grown in Fremont County by a resident wool grower; (b) have been shorn in 2023 or 2024 (fleeces entered in the 2023 County Fair or State Fair, cannot be entered again) and (c) represent 12 months growth or less; yearling fleeces will be allowed 16 months growth
(d) Wether fleeces are to be entered in the Ram Fleece class only.

CRITERION: Fleeces shall be faulted for: (a) not being placed in a clear plastic bag; (b) paints or tar brands (soluble branding fluids allowed); (c) excessive dung locks or tags; (d) moisture discoloration; (e) being cotted; (f) a break or weak staple; (g) excess burrs or vegetable matter. Fleeces showing black fiber will be disqualified.

PREPARATION OF FLEECES: Spread out the fleece on a clean table or floor, skin side down, taking care not to pull or open fleece as it is handled. Before rolling, remove all heavy tags, stained wool, and obvious foreign matter. Roll the fleece in four steps: (1) Begin at one side and loosely fold 8 to 10 inches of the edge toward the center of the fleece. (2) Do the same on the other side, but fold toward the center two times-until the twice folded portion lies on top of the first fold. (3) Fold in the head wool. (4) Roll from the breach toward the shoulder and long side wool. Fleece is now ready to be placed in a clear plastic bag. There should be no loose ends hanging from the fleece. It should be loose enough to make judging easy, yet compact enough to not fall apart when handled.

- If a fleece is from a purebred sheep, write the breed and gender of the sheep on a 3X5 card and attach it to the entry tag.

General Guidelines:

Fine Wool

64's & Finer Rambouillet / Merino

Medium Wool

60's-64's Targhee / Columbia
56's-60's Suffolk / Hampshire / Texel / Finn

Long Wool (coarse)

56's-58's Corriedale / Leicester / Romney
54's-48's Coopworth
46's & less Cotswold / Lincoln Hair Churro/Karakal

**PUREBRED WOOL
Division 1101 -1102**

Division 1101: Adult

Division 1102: Youth

CLASS

Fine: 64's - 80's - Ram Fleece (17-22 microns)	001
Fine: 64's - 80's - Ewe Fleece (17-22 microns)	002
1/2 Blood: 60's - 62's - Ram Fleece (22.05-24.94 microns)	003
1/2 Blood: 60's - 62's -Ewe Fleece (22.05-24.94 microns)	004
3/8 Blood: 56's - 58's - Ram Fleece (24.95-27.84 microns)	005
3/8 Blood: 56's - 58's - Ewe Fleece (24.95-27.84 microns)	006
1/4 Blood: 50's - 54's - Ram Fleece (27.85-31.0 microns)	007
1/4 Blood: 50's - 54's - Ewe Fleece (27.85-31.0 microns)	008
Meat Breed - Blackface - Ram Fleece	009
Meat Breed - Blackface - Ewe Fleece	010
Meat Breed - Whiteface - Ram Fleece	011
Meat Breed - Whiteface - Ewe Fleece	012
Any Other Purebred - Ram Fleece	013
Any Other Purebred - Ewe Fleece	014

Champion Purebred Ram Fleece.....Rosette

Champion Purebred Ewe FleeceRosette

**COMMERCIAL WOOL
Division 1103 - 1104**

Division 1103: Adult

Division 1104: Youth

CLASS

Ram Fleece 64's or finer	001
Ewe Fleece 64's or finer	002
Ram Fleece 62's - 60's; 1/2 Blood	003
Ewe Fleece 62's - 60's; 1/2 Blood	004
Ram Fleece 58's - 56's; 3/8 Blood	005
Ewe Fleece 58's - 56's; 3/8 Blood	006
Ram Fleece 54's - 50's; 1/4 Blood	007
Ewe Fleece 54's - 50's; 1/4 Blood	008

Champion Commercial Ram Fleece..... Rosette

Champion Commercial Ewe Fleece Rosette

GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW.....Rosette

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW

NATURAL COLORED SPINNING WOOL
Division 1105 - 1106

Division 1105: Adult

Division 1106: Youth

This show is for high quality natural-colored fleeces intended for spinners use.

1. Definition of color, "White is White, everything else is colored.
2. Fleeces must be skirted and should be very clean. Fleece will be shown in clear plastic bags; tying fleece is optional. Fleece on display for sale must be entered and show.

CLASSES

Fleece Classifications (Spinning Count)

	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Hair
Fleece Color	64's & Finer	58's & Finer	56's & Less	
White	001	002	003	004
Colored	005	006	007	008

Grand Champion Natural Colored Fleece of Show Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Natural Colored Fleece of Show.....Rosette

NATURAL FIBERS
Division 1107 – 1108

Division 1107: Adult

Division 1108 Youth

CLASS

Alpaca	001
Llama	002
Mohair (white)	003
Mohair (colored)	004
Cashmere	005
Angora Rabbit	006

REMEMBER: For the latest schedule of events and information please go to our website at www.fremontcountyfair.org and watch the fair Facebook page for current events.

See Department 18 Division 1860 for the ALL NEW 4-H YOUTH WOOL SHOW

RETURNING!
SHEEP LEAD CONTEST
Department 11 Division 1110

Sheep Lead is designed to use wool clothing and a unique presentation of sheep, to add a touch of glamour and style to the Fremont County Fair Sheep Show, while promoting the sheep and wool industries. This contest also gives the various breeders an opportunity to exhibit their sheep to a diverse audience

1. Contestants will abide by all applicable policies of the Fremont County Fair and should familiarize themselves before making entry.
2. Contestants participating in this contest should have sheep and/or wool interests and want to promote the industry.
3. Contestants must provide their own outfits, which must be at least 50% wool. Outfits may be either handmade or purchased.
4. Contestants must submit a script/narrative, by email to info@fremontcountyfair.org with the subject line "Sheep Lead Contest" or to the Sheep Superintendent, preferably shortly after the time of entry, but no later than Tuesday July 30 at 5 p.m. The script shall not be longer than ½ page. The following information will be listed in the right-hand top corner of the paper:

Name:

Town of Residence:

Division: (Example – Division 2, Pre-Junior)

Age: (not required of adult division)

Script should be about 1 minute long and include description of garment (i.e. design, style, colors, percent of wool, how constructed and by whom, or where purchased), breed of sheep being led, owners/fitter name. Script may include hobbies, personal goals or interest, 4-H and FFA projects, honors or awards, school activities, etc.

5. Ewes or wethers of any breed may be used for Sheep Lead and must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter. NO rams will be permitted in the contest. Contestants may lead their own ewe or wether or arrange to use a ewe or wether belonging to any sheep exhibitor at the Fremont County Fair and follow applicable policies.

JUDGING

For each division or age group, a panel of three judges will rank the contestants using the following criteria:

Contestants will enter one of six age classes- their age is determined as a January 1 of the current year.

Class 001: Tots: Age 6 and under (This class is not judged. Participation awards will be given.)

Class 002: Pre-Junior - Ages 7 through 9

(Sheep Lead Contest

Continued)

- Class 003: Junior – Ages 10 through 12**
- Class 004: Intermediate – Ages 13 through 15**
- Class 005: Senior – Ages 16 through 18**
- Class 006: Adult – Ages 19 and Older**

Judging Criteria: Participation Class TOTS only
 Judging of the Sheep condition and fitting, training and decoration of the sheep. Judging of the Contestant; selection and fit of clothes, fashion consciousness, style, modeling and poise. Judging the Overall Performance; Coordination of ewe and contestant, overall showmanship, and overall appearance.

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

1ST	2ND	3RD
\$5	\$4	\$3

Champion and Reserve Champion in each division will be determined by the compiled score of all three judges in each class (Sheep, Contestant, and Overall)

	CHAMPION	RES. CHAMPION
Pre- Junior – 7 – 9	\$15 Rosette	\$10 Rosette
Junior – 10 – 12	\$15 Rosette	\$10 Rosette
Intermediate 13 – 15	\$20 Rosette	\$15 Rosette
Senior 16-18	\$20 Rosette	\$15 Rosette
Adult 19 and older	\$20 Rosette	\$15 Rosette

Grand Champion: \$50 and Rosette
 (Selected from the Champions in each above 5 classes)



Payment Notice: All premiums/cash awards will be paid out by the Fremont County Fair Board on:

- Friday, August 3: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 4: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, August 5: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Monday, August 6: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- FREMONT CENTER

All premiums not picked up by August 31, will be forfeited and returned to Awards Budget.