



2024 New Mexico State Fair

Wool Show

Superintendent: Richard Dunlap
Judge: TBA

Show: Friday, September 6, 2024

Entries: Fleece exhibits will be received
Thursday, September 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No Entry Fee

Purpose

To promote wool improvement and to create an awareness of the many qualities of wool and its uses.

Special Rules

1. This is the official annual wool show of the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc., but the competition is open to the world. Only members of the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc., however, are eligible to receive special awards as presented by their association.
2. All entries and awards in this department will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations.
3. This department will be open to receive fleece exhibits Thursday, September 5 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Jr. Livestock Pavilion Show Ring. If fleece exhibits are shipped, carrying charges must be prepaid and exhibits must arrive not later than Wednesday, September 4.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to two premiums in each class.
5. For eligibility, each fleece entered must:
 - a. Have been shorn in the current season.
 - b. Must be a ram or ewe (wether fleeces will not be accepted).
 - c. Represent not more than 12 month's growth, except lamb fleeces where 14 months' growth will be allowed.

6. Points of disqualification:
 - a. Improperly prepared for the show.
 - b. Contaminated with sisal or polypropylene fibers.
 - c. Inclusion of parts of another fleece.

7. Category:

Fleeces should be labeled and classified into the following categories:

 - a. Range - Fleeces from sheep run strictly under native western range conditions receiving minimum supplemental feed. For the New Mexico Wool Show, this division is subdivided into a Northern and Southern division, with Highway 48 (Pine Lodge Road) being the line of differentiation.
 - b. Purebred - Fleeces from purebred and/or registered sheep only are eligible to compete in this category.
 - c. Farm Flock - Fleeces from sheep raised on farms.
 - d. Indian Fleeces - Fleeces from sheep owned by Indian sheep producers
 - e. Junior – All Fleeces grown by junior producers who are high school or younger age.

Classes

Section - Range Division

1. 70's – 80's Ewe (Southern Division)
2. 64's Ewe (Southern Division)
3. ½ Blood Ewe (Southern Division)
4. 3/8 Blood Ewe
5. Fine Ewe (Northern Division)
6. ½ Blood Ewe (Northern Division)
7. 70's – 80's Ewe Lamb
8. 64's Ewe Lamb
9. ½ Blood and Coarser Ewe Lamb
10. 70's Ram
11. 64's Ram
12. ½ Blood and Coarser Ram
13. Ram Lamb
- 14. Champion.....Ribbon**
- 15. Reserve Champion.....Ribbon**

Section – Purebred Division

16. Rambouillet Ewe

17. Rambouillet Ram

18. Debouillet Ewe

19. Debouillet Ram

20. Other wool breeds Ewe

21. Other wool breeds Ram

22. Champion.....Ribbon

23. Reserve Champion.....Ribbon

Section - Farm Flock Division

24. ½ Blood or Finer Ewe

25. 3/8 Blood or Coarser Ewe

26. Champion.....Ribbon

27. Reserve Champion.....Ribbon

28. Grand Champion.....Rosette

29. Reserve Grand Champion.....Rosette

Section – Junior Division

30. Fine Ewe

31. ½ Blood Ewe

32. 3/8 Blood Ewe

33. Ewe Lamb

34. Ram

35. Champion.....Ribbon

36. Reserve Champion.....Ribbon

Section 20618 - Sweepstakes Exhibit

This class will consist of two mature ewe fleeces, two ewe lamb fleeces and one mature ram fleece. The exhibit of five fleeces will be judged on individual merit and uniformity of type and character of the combined exhibit. (Fleeces shown in previous classes are eligible to show in this class).

Champion.....Rosette & \$50

Reserve Champion.....Rosette & \$25

Sheep To Shawl

The Sheep to Shawl exhibit is located inside the Jr. Livestock Pavilion. Visitors follow each step in the processing of wool: shearing the sheep, washing and dyeing the wool, spinning and weaving to a finished garment. This is a joint effort of Las Aranas Spinner and Weavers Guild and the Sheep and Wool Producers of New Mexico, greatly aided by friends and supporters from all over New Mexico. A representative from each group is always on hand to answer any questions.

Demonstrations - 9:30 am to 5:30 pm daily Shearing - Daily 10:45 am to 2:45 pm

For Additional information call:

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