

SHEEP FLEECE SHOW

FEATURED – LINCOLN & BORDER LEICESTER

SUPERINTENDENT	Rick Trojanoski East Hampton, Connecticut
JUDGE	Matt/Jozi Best
DEADLINE/ARRIVAL	Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8am to 12noon Thursday, September 21, 2023 8am to 6pm
SHOW	Friday, September 22, 2023 9am
RELEASE	Wednesday, September 27, 2023 by 12noon

SHOW PREMIUM SCHEDULE (per class)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$50	39	31	28	25	23	22	20	20	20

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. BORDER LEICESTER fleeces entered in this category should be entered in class 4000. **LINCOLN** 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 crossbred 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

4000	Featured for 2023: Border Leicester
4010	Featured for 2023: Lincoln
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

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)