

## FIBER PRODUCTS - LEAD LINE

### Sheep and Wool Fashion Show

**SUPERINTENDENTS**

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**ARRIVAL**

Lead Line sheep should arrive by 8 a.m. on the Saturday of the show and will be released following the Lead Line classes. Contestants should check in with the Lead Line Superintendents with their garment on a hanger **AND** their commentary Friday between 6-8 p.m. or Saturday by **8:30 a.m.**

**SHOW**

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
12 p.m., Arena 2  
Saturday, September 20, 2025  
12 p.m., Arena 2

**SPECIAL RULES****Please Note: There Are Two Lead Line Competitions**

- 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.
- 2. Open** to all registered breeds of sheep; only ewes any age to be used
- 3. Pre-judging:** All garments, on hangers and labeled with contestant name and age division, are to be brought to the livestock office Friday between 6-8 p.m. or Saturday by 8:30 a.m. and checked in. Garments will be released by 11:30 a.m., if not before. The PA system will keep contestants posted.
- 4.** The purpose of this competition is to present a class of prize sheep in the most attractive manner possible, where spectators gain a true sense of the versatility and beauty of wool and share in our commitment to the dual purpose and wool breeds of sheep.
- 5.** Entrants must wear a garment of 100% wool or wool-blend of at least 80% wool and furnish their own garments. No Lead Line outfits allowed from previous years. In case of a tie, handmade construction will be given extra consideration; however, final placings will be at discretion of the judges. Contestants will lead a ewe over six months of age that must be under control and presented in the most attractive manner possible. The pair should enhance each other. **NO Rams.**
- 6.** An entry consists of a \$5 fee, accompanied by the class number, contestant's name, age, and mailing address. Entries received by August 15 will receive two passes by mail. The committee has the right to edit the commentaries. Commentaries can be emailed to Emmie at [emmie.miniter@gmail.com](mailto:emmie.miniter@gmail.com). Post entries are accepted.
- 7.** Entrants may exhibit both weeks but must use two completely different outfits and sheep.
- 8.** Entrants must supply a **typewritten and double spaced commentary** with name, address, city, state, zip, age, school if applicable, breed of sheep, sheep's name and age and whether animal was fitted and trained by contestant. State if contestant made the garment and describe the garment using the pattern envelope description. Commentary should be limited to 100 words, approximately 50 words on the contestant, awards and hobbies, and 50 words about the garment. The sheep should be owned or leased by the contestant. Normal health and registrations apply. All breeds must be fit to show standards - **NO DUNG OR DIRT TAGS.**

**PREMIUM SCHEDULE**

A: \$ 75	45	35	30	25	25				
B: \$125	90	75	55	40	30	25			
C: \$125	90	75	55	40	30	25	25	25	25

<b>CLASS</b> (Age as of the date of the show)	<b>PREMIUM</b>
9000 Novice (5-9 years)	A
9100 Junior (10-15 years)	C
9200 Senior (16-21 years)	C
9300 Adult (22 years and over) or Adult with Child	B

**SCORECARD**

<b>GARMENT - Prejudging</b> .....	<b>45 pts.</b>
Construction Quality-Handmade.....	15 pts.
Construction Quality-Purchased.....	10 pts.
Style and Fashion.....	10 pts.
Degree of Difficulty of Design.....	10 pts.
Handmade by Exhibitor.....	.5 pt. bonus
Handmade by Exhibitor with assistance.....	.3 pt. bonus
Handmade by Others.....	.2 pt. bonus
<b>SHEEP - Ring Judging - Visual Appraisal</b> .....	<b>30 pts.</b>
Properly Fitted for Breed/Type.....	10 pts.
General Appearance and Cleanliness.....	10 pts.
Control and Presentation.....	10 pts.
Fitted/Trained by Exhibitor.....	.5 pt. bonus
<b>CONTESTANT - Ring Judging</b> .....	<b>40 pts.</b>
Garment Fits Well.....	10 pts.
Garment is Age Appropriate.....	10 pts.
Poise and Appearance of Contestant.....	10 pts.
Proper Presentation and Attentiveness.....	10 pts.
<b>Grand Total</b> .....	<b>115 to 125 pts.</b>

**WEEK 1 AWARDS**

**CHAMPION AWARD - SPONSORED BY NEW ENGLAND SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION**  
**NEW ENGLAND SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION** offer fabric, sewing aids, yarn or other items associated with sewing or the sheep industry.

**NORTHEAST SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION** offers \$25 to the highest placing contestant leading a Suffolk in each class.

**THE NORTHEAST SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION** offers \$25 to each contestant leading a Southdown in each class.

**THE AMERICAN CHEVIOT SHEEP SOCIETY** offers \$25 to the highest placing contestant leading a Cheviot in each class.

**PIKESIDE FARM, THE POITRAS FAMILY, BRIMFIELD, MASS.,** offers a leather halter for the highest placing male contestant overall.

**STONY FARM, THE MACPHEE FAMILY, HOLDEN, MASS.,** offers an award of wool fabric.

**WEEK 2 AWARDS**

**CHAMPION AWARD - SPONSORED BY NEW ENGLAND SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION**  
**NEW ENGLAND SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION** offer fabric, sewing aids, yarn or other items associated with sewing or the sheep industry.

**THE AMERICAN BORDER LEICESTER ASSOCIATION** offers \$25 to the highest placing leading a Border Leicester in each class.

**ORION ACRES, LINDA & FRED SCHAUWECKER, PLYMPTON, MASS.,** offers \$25 to the highest placing contestant leading a Cotswold in each class.

**HUKOWICZ FARM, ANDREW & EMMIE HUKOWICZ, HADLEY, MASS.,** offers \$25 to the highest placing contestant leading a Natural Colored in each class.

The following Northeast Tunis Breeders offer \$25 to the highest placing contestant leading a Tunis in each class:

- SMALL FRY FARM CONTINUED, ANNE MARIE CHAPDELAINE & ANNA GRIERSON, BRIMFIELD, MA**
- SWARTZ & TALLEY TUNIS, JUSTINE & MIKE BIELEWICZ, HUNT, NY**
- BOULDER CREEK TUNIS, TROY STAPLES, PENOBSCOTT, ME**
- HARRIS FAMILY FARM, JUDY & DILLON HARRIS, LUDLOW, MA**

## FIBER PRODUCTS - SHEEP FLEECE SHOW

### Featured - Lincoln and Natural Colored Fine & Medium

<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>	Rick Trojanoski East Hampton, CT
<b>JUDGE</b>	Penny Swearengen Jonesville, Mi
<b>DEADLINE/ARRIVAL</b>	Wednesday, September 17, 2025 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, September 18, 2025 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
<b>SHOW</b>	Friday, September 19, 2025 9 a.m.
<b>RELEASE</b>	Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12 p.m.

#### SHOW PREMIUM SCHEDULE (per class)

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
\$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 c=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 be shown 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 17, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and September 18, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fleeces submitted by mail or UPS must arrive by September 8. Send fleeces to: Eastern States Exposition, Agriculture Department, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089. 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.
- 4. Passes:** Exhibitors will receive two entry and two parking passes.
- 5. Judging:** Any fleece remaining after September 28, 2025, will be forfeited. All fleeces must remain on display until noon September 24, 2025.
- 6. 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.
- 7.** 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.
- 8.** See Llama Section under Class descriptions for information regarding Llama Fleece Show.
- 9.** Exhibitors may NOT offer fleeces for sale.
- 10.** 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, and 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.

**11.** Fleeces entered in the Purebred Division should meet the standards of rule 10, 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.

**12.** Fleeces entered in Hand Spinning Division may come from any purebred or crossbred sheep and should also meet the standards of rule 10. They will also be judged for their value for hand spinning, including such qualities as softness, luster, handle and length.

**13.** 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 2025: Lincoln
4010	Featured for 2025: Natural Colored Fine & Medium
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)