

DEPARTMENT • 3

WOOL

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RULES

See General Rules, Regulations & Health Requirements online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>
Enter online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov>

NEW: All entries must be preregistered ONLINE by November 20, 2020.

ENTRIES MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FARM SHOW COMPLEX BETWEEN 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. DECEMBER 4 & 5, 2020

The purpose of this show is to encourage the production of better wool; to promote proper handling, grading, and preparation for market; to create an awareness of the many qualities of wool and its uses.

In addition to the general rules governing entries, exhibits, and awards, the following rules apply specifically to the wool exhibit:

1. All entries must be preregistered online.
2. Arrival Time: Entries must be dropped off at the Farm Show Complex between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. December 4 & 5, 2020. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Any entries delivered without prior online entry and without an official entry tag will be disqualified.
4. All wool exhibited must be shorn within 12 months of the show.
5. All fleeces entered in the purebred exhibit must have been removed from purebred sheep recorded in their respective registry associations.
6. All fleeces entered in the purebred and commercial class exhibits must have been grown on sheep owned by the exhibitor and shown under her/his name.
7. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in each class.
8. **Individual fleeces may be entered in one class only.**
9. All fleeces for exhibit must be neatly displayed in a plastic bag or tied with paper twine. Management reserves the right to reject fleeces tied with sisal (binder) twine or other heavy rough twine as well as fleeces containing an excessive amount of foreign material such as tags, burrs, chaff, seeds, straw, etc.
10. Management will receive fleeces sent prepaid by mail or express, marked - Attention "Wool Exhibit," 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110, and will see that such fleeces are properly displayed.
11. Fleeces can be picked up at the conclusion of Farm Show at County Extension Offices.

Fleece Grade	Section 0001 Commercial Farm Flock Fleece Class
64's, 70's, 80's (Fine) Combing	1
60's, 62's, (1/2 Blood) Combing	2
56's, 58's, (3/8 Blood) Combing	3
50's, 54's, (1/4 Blood) Combing	4
46's, 48's, (low 1/4 Blood) Combing	5
Common 44's & Coarser	6
Champion Commercial Farm Flock Fleece	7
Reserve Champion Commercial Farm Flock Fleece	8

BREED FLEECES

Only fleeces from purebred sheep of the following breeds shall be eligible to compete in this division.

Fleece Grade	Section 0002 Breed Fleece Class
Merino Ram Fleece	9
Merino Ewe Fleece	10
Rambouillet Ram Fleece	11
Rambouillet Ewe Fleece	12
Corriedale Ram Fleece	13
Corriedale Ewe Fleece	14

Dorset/Cheviot Ram Fleece	15
Dorset/Cheviot Ewe Fleece	16
Hampshire/Suffolk/Shropshire/Southdown Ram Fleece	17
Hampshire/Suffolk/Shropshire/Southdown Ewe Fleece	18
AOB Ram Fleece	19
AOB Ewe Fleece	20
Champion Breed Fleece	21
Reserve Champion Breed Fleece	22

NATURAL COLORED WOOLS

The purpose of this show is to encourage the production of better fleeces of colored wool for home spinners and weavers.

In addition to the general rules, the following apply specifically to the natural colored wool classes.

Eligibility of Fleece

1. General rules of Wool Show will apply.
2. **Individual fleeces may be entered in one class only.**

Disqualifications

Any fleece entered for competition in the Natural Colored Wool Show shall be discriminated against and subject to disqualification of showing any definite defect including the following:

1. Any fleece not skirted, removing excessive dirt, plant material, tags, etc.
2. Showing any paint or tar brand substances.
3. Discolored from excessive moisture, oxidation, or showing effects of cotting.

Judging of Fleece

1. The judge will not discriminate against any color.
2. The judge has the authority to assign any fleece to the correct grade.
3. Among fleeces without obvious and serious defects, the judge will consider the following characteristics:
 - 20 points - The grade length and fiber diameter should be reasonably uniform over the entire fleece, with length at least good French combing, as expected for the grade.
 - 40 points - Approximately 35 percent of the fleece should be colored wool except in the white class. All color combinations are desirable. Fleece should not contain excessive dirt, plant material, tags, etc.
 - 20 points - Estimated clean yield weight.
 - 20 points - Character of the wool including brightness, luster, and crimp patterns with loftiness.

Fleece Grade	Section 003 Natural Colored Wools
	Class
Solid Black, Brown/Grey Fleece (60's & finer)	23
Solid Black, Brown/Grey Fleece (58's & coarser)	24
Nonsolid Colored Fleeces (60's & finer)	25
Nonsolid Colored Fleeces (58's & coarser)	26
Champion Natural Colored Fleece	27
Reserve Champion Natural Colored Fleece	28

All fleeces being awarded a first prize in the Open Show may compete for the Champion and Reserve Champion awards. The second-prize fleece in the class from which the Champion fleece was taken is eligible to compete for the Reserve Champion. The three Champion fleeces compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. The Reserve Champion to the Grand Champion fleece also compete for Reserve Grand Champion.

29. Grand Champion Fleece
30. Reserve Grand Champion Fleece