

DEPARTMENT 25

4-H FLEECE

Location: Wool fleeces and fiber arts items will be judged and displayed in the Marie Boe 4-H Building. Llama Fiber will be judged by the llama judge and displayed in the llama barn.

Points Allowed:

Blue-40 Red-30 White-20

Rules for Fleece:

- Wool will be graded and judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Cleanliness of fleece
 - b. Staple length
 - c. Fiber diameter
 - d. Handle (soundness, weathering, softness, second cuts)
 - e. Weight and color when applicable.
- Fleeces must have been shorn this year and must not represent more than one year's growth.
- Fleeces are to be clean, unwashed, skirted and delivered in plastic bags. After judging, they will be set on top of the bag so the public may touch them.
- Judging may be in the wool barn, but the fleeces that are entered as 4-H Fleeces will be exhibited in the Marie Boe 4-H Building.
- Under each class, only one entry is permitted in each lot.
- The Judge or superintendent may disqualify any entry for just cause and may reassign entries to categories as deemed proper.

Rules for Fiber:

- Enter Two (2) 1-ounce baggies of clean fiber with as little guard hair and debris as possible. Fiber entries must be submitted with an entry tag. The fiber sample must be from an animal entered and exhibited at the fair. Fibers will be displayed so that they can be touched.

WOOL FLEECE

White Fine Wool Breeds:

CLASS A1: Merino Type

CLASS A2: Rambouillet Type

CLASS A3: Other appropriate breeds

White Down Wool Breeds:

CLASS B1: Suffolk Type

CLASS B2: Hampshire Type

CLASS B3: Cheviot Type

CLASS B4: Other appropriate breeds

White Medium Wool Breeds:

CLASS C1: Columbia Type

CLASS C2: Corriedale Type

CLASS C3: Other appropriate breeds

White Long Wool Breeds:

CLASS D1: Lincoln Type

CLASS D2: Border Leicester Type

CLASS D3: Romney Type

CLASS D4: Other appropriate breeds

CLASS E: Natural Colored Fine Wool Breeds

CLASS F: Natural Colored Down Wool Breeds

CLASS G: Natural Colored Medium Wool Breeds

CLASS H: Natural Colored Long Wool Breeds

SPECIALTY FIBERS

CLASS I: Angora Goat Hair (Mohair)

Use Lot. 1

CLASS J: Angora Rabbit (+ 9 month old animal and older)

Use Lot. 1

CLASS K: Llama Fiber

Lot 1. Under one year

Lot 2. Aged

CLASS L: Alpaca Fiber

Lot 1. Under one year

Lot 2. Aged

CLASS M: Hand felted item

Lot 0. Primary

Lot 1. Junior

Lot 2. Intermediate

Lot 3. Senior

The following lots apply to all Classes except for classes in the Specialty Fibers.

Lot 1. Wether

Lot 2. Ewe over one year old

Lot 3. Ram lamb under one year

Lot 4. Ewe lamb under one year

Lot 5. Ram over one year old

Ethel Middleton Memorial Fleece Award

The 4-H member exhibiting the "finest fleece" will receive a cash award sponsored by Ted Middleton in honor of his wife Ethel.