

**WOOL DEPARTMENT**

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**ENTRY FORM DEADLINE August 26, 2024**

*Exhibitor Fee:* \$15.00  
*Entry Fee:* \$2.00 per fleece  
*Entry Arrival:* Fleeces can be dropped off between 9 am-9 pm on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Entry Removal:* Reclaim fleeces between 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on September 2 or from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm on September 3.  
*Judging:* Thursday August 29th, at 6:00 pm

The purpose of this exhibit is to encourage the production of better wool and its proper preparation for market and/or hand spinning, and to show the various commercial grades as well as the best quality fleeces of the different breeds. The judging is based on these merits.

**RULES**

1. The rules printed here in and the general rules and regulations are made a part of the condition under which all entries are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully to ensure they are entering their exhibit correctly and thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair.
2. This is an open competition show.
3. An entry shall consist of one fleece.
4. All fleeces must be (reasonably) skirted, tag and chaff free.
5. Exhibitors are limited to **three (3)** entries in a class.
6. Classes entered are solely the decision of the entrant.
7. No fleece shall be eligible to be exhibited in more than one class.
8. **Enter at <https://nysf.fairwire.com/>**
9. **Fleeces must be received in clear, plastic bags.**
10. The owner's name shall not appear on any fleece in competition.
11. Tags will be mailed to you and additional tags will be available at the Wool Center.
12. WE DO NOT ACCEPT FAXED ENTRIES. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ONLINE

<b>DIVISION A - Market Fleeces</b>
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<b>Class</b>						
1	Fine Wool, combing	\$10	7	5	3	2
2	Medium Wool, combing	\$10	7	5	3	2
3	Long Wool, combing	\$10	7	5	3	2
4	Course Wool, combing	\$10	7	5	3	2
	Champion.....					Rosette
	Reserve Champion.....					Rosette

<b>DIVISION B - Breed Class</b>
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<b>Class</b>						
5.	Rambouillet, Merino	\$10	7	5	3	2
6.	Corriedale, Columbia, Targhee & Montadale	\$10	7	5	3	2
7.	Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Suffolk, Shropshire, Oxford & Southdown	\$10	7	5	3	2
8.	Romney, Leicester, Lincoln & Cotswold	\$10	7	5	3	2
9.	Other breeds	\$10	7	5	3	2
	Champion.....					Rosette
	Reserve Champion.....					Rosette

**DIVISION C - Natural Colored Fleeces**

**Class SOLID BLACK**

10. Fine wool	\$10	7	5	3	2
11. Medium wool	\$10	7	5	3	2
12. Long wool	\$10	7	5	3	2
13. Coarse or carpet wool	\$10	7	5	3	2

**Class ALL OTHER COLORS (no white)**

14. Fine wool	\$10	7	5	3	2
15. Medium wool	\$10	7	5	3	2
16. Long wool	\$10	7	5	3	2

**Class JACOB FLEECES**

17. Fine, Medium & Long Wool	\$10	7	5	3	2
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Champion.....	Rosette
Reserve Champion.....	Rosette
Grand Champion.....	Rosette & \$15.00
Reserve Grand Champion.....	Rosette & \$10.00

**DIVISION D - FLEECE TO SHAWL CONTEST**

**Sunday, September 1, 2024, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm – Wool Center**

**USE SEPARATE ENTRY FORM**

Mail entries to: Entry Department, NYS Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. Include: Team name, captain's name, name of **each member** with each address, phone number and social security number.

Inquiries: Linda G. Miller, 8487 Dunham Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027, (315) 638-2509.

**Class**

18. Fleece to Shawl

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

**Team Captain is responsible for contacting Linda Miller with the number of chairs needed.**

The challenge of this New York State Fair event is to create a beautifully designed and carefully executed shawl in the shortest time possible, while surpassing in excellence those of the other teams. It is a competition, but the greatest reward comes from the camaraderie and pride all participants receive by partaking and sharing their talents with all who view the contest. The experience is not only educational, but also fun, and with that in mind, we encourage your participation.

Shearing is optional in this year's competition. Bonus points will be awarded if a team chooses to bring a sheep to shear.

Space is limited; therefore, we can accommodate **five** teams only. Teams will be registered on a first come, first served basis, so please register early.

Labor Day weekend traffic presents a problem for those having to enter the Fairgrounds for a specific event at a specific time. It is the team's responsibility to be on the Fairgrounds by 9:00 am with their animal(s) and papers available for vet, and all equipment.

Team location within the Wool Center will be randomly drawn.

## RULES

1. The Fleece to Shawl Contest is a team event consisting of one carder/shearer, three spinners and one weaver.
2. Each team will identify themselves with distinctive signs, banners and attire (costume).
3. Each team will supply all equipment including spinning wheels, cards/flickers, loom, etc. If shearing, the shearer will supply his/her own equipment including a lead cord; an electric outlet will be provided. If fans are required, each team needs to provide their own. Chairs will be provided if requested on the entry form prior to the contest.
4. The carder/shearer and weaver may not spin. The carder/shearer can only card and shear. They may not weave. Both can wind bobbins.
5. Hand carding or flicking is the choice of the team. This must be consistently the same throughout the competition. The Carders/Shearers and weavers may hand card, flick and/or wind bobbins. No electric bobbin winders or electric spinning wheels allowed. No drum carders allowed. Battery operated scale and calculator may be used.
6. Each team will supply for spinning for the weft its choice of: a grease fleece; a washed fleece still in lock formation; or a dyed fleece still in lock formation. No carded or picked fleece allowed. Fleece should be intact as much as possible.
7. **The three (3) spinners may spin, handcard, flick and wind bobbins. They may not weave or shear.**
8. If shearing a sheep for bonus points, the sheep (one or more) will be completely shorn before the competition begins. Shearing begins at 11:30.
9. All equipment, participants and identifying material must be in the show ring at 10:00 am when a short meeting will be held.
10. All participants, equipment and any substitute team members must be in the show ring by 11:30 am ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. All equipment repair during the contest must be done by team members only.
11. Judging for the contest will be on the following basis: Team Identification - points available, 7. Shearing - bonus points available; 10. Spinning - points available, 28. Weaving - points available, 21. Design of Shawl - points available, 29. Speed - points available, 15. Total points available - 100, and may be awarded at the judges' discretion. The winning score will be an average of all the judges and their decision is final. The judges' comments will be given to the team captain, along with a final score sheet for all teams.
12. The finished shawl, off the loom, shall be 18 inches wide or more, a minimum of 72 inches long, excluding the fringe, and with a minimum of 5 inches of fringe on each end.
13. Each team will supply their own warp and thread the loom prior to the contest. The warp may be up to 25% fiber other than wool and 75% WOOL, handspun by team members, or commercially spun. The set is at the discretion of the teams with a minimum of 8 EPI. All warp, weaving, spinning and loom preparation must be done by team member(s).
14. Weft thread will not exceed three times the diameter of the warp, at the thick part, in thick and thin yarn and must be handspun.
15. All shawls will be judged, but teams not handing in a shawl in allotted time will not be eligible for ribbons and/or awards.
16. Upon completion of the shawl, the team captain will indicate to the judge and she/he will in turn take the shawl from the work area. Teams must stay in the work area until completion of judging.
17. Judge's decision at time of judging is final; no changes will be made to score sheets after judging is complete.
18. WE DO NOT ACCEPT FAXED/MAILED ENTRIES. ONLINE ONLY. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT.

1ST PLACE	5 Blue Ribbons and 2 Blue Rosettes	\$165.
2ND PLACE	5 Red Ribbons and 2 Red Rosettes	140.
3RD PLACE	5 White Ribbons and 2 White Rosettes	125.
4TH PLACE	5 Pink Ribbons and 2 Pink Rosettes	90.
5TH PLACE	5 Yellow Ribbons and 2 Yellow Rosettes	60.

A Team Choice Award will be provided by the Golden Fleece Spinners Society 50.

Shawls may be available for individual purchase after competition from Team Captain.

### SPINNING CONTEST

**This is just a fun competition with all donated prizes – mostly spinning fiber donated by local farms**

**Monday, September 2, 2024 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Wool Center**

**Sign up for individual contests will be at the Wool Center, August 21 – September 2 from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm and September 2 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am**