

DEPARTMENT #31 – OPEN WOOL

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Exhibitors limited to United States Residents

Cash Awards offered by the Sonoma County Fair – \$5,520.00

Entries Close:	Paper - Friday, June 16, 5:00 p.m. Online - Friday, June 30, 11:59 p.m.
Exhibits Received:	Friday, July 21, 10:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Drop Off Location:	Back door of Garrett building, Gate 4
Entry Fee:	\$8.00 per entry, per class
Entry Limit:	2 entries per exhibitor, per class
Judging:	Monday, July 24, 12:00 noon
Departure Time:	Monday, August 14, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

American System of Judging

Cash Awards offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$75	\$50	\$45	\$35	\$25

Rules

- A. Only complete fleeces in the grease are eligible for competition and manufacturers and dealers are excluded.
- B. All fleeces entered must have been sheared from sheep owned by exhibitor.
- C. The judge has the power to classify fleeces before making awards.
- D. Eligibility of fleeces: Fleeces shall not be more than 12 months growth. The definition of "12 months" shall be the definition commonly accepted by the wool trade. Thus, if a fleece is actually slightly more than 12 months growth, due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed "12 months" wool.
- E. Fleeces: No wether fleeces may be included. All fleeces being awarded a first prize in the show may compete for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in their respective Divisions.
- F. Due to limited exhibit space, non-awarded fleeces may be released as per management discretion. All top-awarded fleeces must remain on display the full duration of the fair.
- G. Fleeces entered in Breed and Market classes may be entered in Heaviest Fleece and/or Longest Staped Fleece by paying an additional entry fee, and vice-versa.
- H. No spectators allowed during judging.
- I. Qualifications: Any fleeces entered for competition in the Sonoma County Fair shall be discriminated against if:
 - Showing any paint or tar brands (*soluble branding fluids permitted.*)
 - Showing excessive dung locks or tags.
 - Discolored by excessive moisture or cotted.
 - Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
 - Containing any excess burrs, vegetable matter or insects.
- J. Judging of fleeces:
 - Quality or fineness must be typical of the breed represented.
 - Evenness of quality or fineness among the various parts of the fleece
 - Length and strength of staple.
 - Estimated clean weight.
 - Condition.
 - Character, including crimps and color.

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- K. Preparation of Fleeces: Fleeces are to be rolled flesh side out and displayed in clear plastic bags. Ties are not to be used. Bags will be available to purchase @ \$1.00 each at the time of receiving.
- L. Shipping Instructions: Fleeces may be brought, or may be sent, charges prepaid to Sonoma County Fair, Entry Office, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95404. A paper carton is excellent for shipping.
- M. Sonoma County Fair will not be responsible for shipping fleeces back to exhibitors. In the event fleeces must be shipped, it will be by U.P.S. – C.O.D.

NOTE: Divisions 3201 - 3204 open to white fleeces only

Division 3101 – Open Purebred Fleeces

Class

- 1. All Wool Breeds, Ram (*Name Breed on entry form*)
- 2. All Wool Breeds, Ewe (*Name Breed on entry form*)
- 3. All Meat Breeds, Ram (*Name Breed on entry form*)
- 4. All Meat Breeds, Ewe (*Name Breed on entry form*)
- 5. Champion Ram Purebred Fleece..... Rosette
- 6. Reserve Champion Ram Purebred Fleece..... Rosette
- 7. Champion Ewe Purebred Fleece Rosette
- 8. Reserve Champion Ewe Purebred Fleece Rosette

Division 3102 – Open Market Fleece

Class

from Grade or Commercial Sheep-Ewe & Ram Fleeces

- 1. Fine Combing – 64's to 80's
- 2. 1/2 Blood Combing – 60's to 62's
- 3. 3/8 Blood Combing – 56's
- 4. 1/4 Blood Combing – 48's to 50's
- 5. Low 1/4 Blood Combing – 46's or coarser
- 6. Champion Market Fleece..... Rosette
- 7. Reserve Champion Market Fleece..... Rosette

Division 3103 – Open Heaviest Fleece

- 1. Ram Fleece
- 2. Ewe Fleece
- 3. Champion Heaviest Fleece Rosette

Division 3104 – Open Longest Stapled Fleece

- 1. Ram Fleece
- 2. Ewe Fleece
- 3. Champion Longest Stapled Fleece..... Rosette

Division 3105 – Open Natural Colored Wool – Any Color

- 1. Fine Combing – 64's to 80's
- 2. 1/2 Blood Combing – 60's to 62's
- 3. 3/8 Blood Combing – 56's
- 4. 1/4 Blood Combing – 48's to 50's
- 5. Low 1/4 Blood Combing – 46's
- 6. Common – 44's
- 7. Braid – 40's to 30's or coarser
- 8. Champion Natural Colored Fleece..... Rosette
- 9. Reserve Champion Natural Color Fleece..... Rosette

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Division 3106 – Open Natural Colored Wool

Longest Stapled and Heaviest Fleece

1. Longest Stapled Fleece
2. Heaviest Fleece
3. Champion Longest Natural Colored Fleece Rosette
4. Champion Heaviest Natural Colored Fleece Rosette

Division 3107 – Open Group Fleeces

Three fleeces from any one exhibitor. Either ram or ewe fleeces.

All three fleeces must have been entered and judged individually.

1. Best Group of 3 fleeces – Natural Colored Wool
2. Best Group of 3 fleeces – White Wool

Division 3108 – Open Wool Awards

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| Grand Champion White Fleece..... | Rosette |
| Reserve Grand Champion White Fleece | Rosette |
| Grand Champion Natural Colored Fleece..... | Rosette |
| Reserve Grand Champion Natural Colored Fleece..... | Rosette |
| Supreme Grand Champion Wool Fleece | Rosette |