

# DEPARTMENT #31 – OPEN WOOL

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Exhibitors limited to United States Residents

<b>Entries Close:</b>	Saturday, June 30, 11:59 p.m.
<b>Exhibits Received:</b>	<b>Friday, July 20, 10:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Saturday, July 21, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Drop Off Location:</b>	Back door of Garrett building, Gate 4
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$5.00 per entry, per class
<b>Entry Limit:</b>	2 entries per exhibitor, per class
<b>Departure Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 14, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.</b>

American System of Judging

### Awards offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$15	\$10	\$5	Ribbons Only	

### 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 Stapled 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 3101 - 3102 open to white fleeces only**

### Division 3101 – Open Purebred Fleeces

#### Class

1. All Wool Breeds, Ram (*Name Breed on entry*)
2. All Wool Breeds, Ewe (*Name Breed on entry*)
3. All Meat Breeds, Ram (*Name Breed on entry*)
4. All Meat Breeds, Ewe (*Name Breed on entry*)
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
9. Champion Heaviest Ram Fleece..... Rosette
10. Champion Heaviest Ewe Fleece..... Rosette
11. Open longest stapled Fleece Ram..... Rosette
12. Open Longest stapled Fleece Ewe..... 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. Heaviest Fleece - Ram..... Rosette
7. Heaviest Fleece - Ewe ..... Rosette
8. Longest Stapled Fleece - Ram ..... Rosette
9. Longest Stapled Fleece - Ewe..... Rosette
10. Champion Market Fleece..... Rosette
11. Reserve Champion Market Fleece..... Rosette

### Division 3103 – 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. Heaviest Fleece - Ram..... Rosette
9. Heaviest Fleece - Ewe..... Rosette
10. Longest Stapled Fleece - Ram..... Rosette
11. Longest Stapled Fleece - Ewe..... Rosette
12. Champion Natural Colored Fleece..... Rosette
13. Reserve Champion Natural Color Fleece..... Rosette

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### Division 3104 – 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 3105 – Open Wool Awards

Grand Champion White Fleece.....	\$50 + Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion White Fleece .....	Rosette
Grand Champion Natural Colored Fleece.....	\$50 + Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Natural Colored Fleece.....	Rosette
Supreme Grand Champion Wool Fleece .....	Rosette
Highest Placing Suffolk Fleece.....	\$100.00 by Sonoma Spinners