

# DEPARTMENT #49 – JUNIOR WOOL

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Open to Junior Sonoma & Marin County Residents  
Cash Awards Offered by Sonoma County Fair – \$660.00

American System of Judging				
Cash Awards Offered per Class				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2

<b>Entries Close:</b>	<b>Paper - Friday, June 16, 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Online - Friday, June 30, 11:59 p.m.</b>
<b>Entries Received:</b>	Friday, July 21, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$2.00 per entry
<b>Drop Off Location:</b>	Rear entrance of Garrett Building Enter through Gate 4 off Brookwood Avenue
<b>Judging:</b>	Monday, July 24, 12:00 noon
<b>Exhibits Released:</b>	Monday, August 14, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Fleeces entered in Breed and Market classes may be entered in the Heaviest Fleece, and/or Longest Stapled Fleece by paying an additional entry fee. Fleeces entered in the Heaviest Fleece & Longest Stapled Fleece classes may also be entered in the Breed Classification and/or Market Classes.

### For California Products Only – No spectators allowed during judging.

- 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 the exhibitor.
- C. The judge has the power to classify fleeces before making awards.
- D. 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. No wether fleeces may be included. All fleeces being awarded a first place in the show may compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards in their respective DIVISIONS.
- F. **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.
- G. **Judging Elements:** 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 crimp and color.
- H. 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.

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## Division 4901 – Wool Awards

- Grand Champion Fleece, Rosette .....by North Bay Wool Growers Auxiliary  
Reserve Grand Champion Fleece, Rosette .....by North Bay Wool Growers Auxiliary  
\*Wool Sweepstakes Award .....\$25.00 by North Bay Wool Growers Auxiliary  
Highest Placing Suffolk Fleece ..... \$50.00 by Sonoma Spinners

**\* Denotes awards to be presented at Awards Ceremony.**

## Division 4902 – Purebred Fleeces

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 Fleece ..... Rosette
6. Reserve Champion Ram Fleece ..... Rosette
7. Champion Ewe Fleece ..... Rosette
8. Reserve Champion Ewe Fleece ..... Rosette

## Division 4903 – Market Fleeces (From Grade or Commercial Ewes Only)

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 4904 – Heaviest Fleece

1. Ram Fleece
2. Ewe Fleece

## Division 4905 – Longest Staped Fleece

1. Ram Fleece
2. Ewe Fleece

## Division 4906 – 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 4907 – Natural Colored Wool

1. Fine
2. 1/2 Blood
3. 3/8 Blood
4. 1/4 and Low 1/4
5. Common and Braid
6. Longest Staped Fleece
7. Heaviest Fleece
8. Champion Natural Colored Fleece ..... Rosette
9. Reserve Champion Natural Colored Fleece ..... Rosette