

WOOL SHOW

Superintendent - Don Hummel, Elk Horn

JUDGING: Thursday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Award winning fleeces will be displayed until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 17.

Additional fleeces will be displayed as space permits.

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 269 or entryintern3@iowastatefair.org.

RULES

1. Open Class Livestock general rules and regulations apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Wool Show Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
2. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 15.** Entries **must be made online** at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/enter-open-class-animals>. No late entries accepted.
3. **ENTRY FEE.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, shall pay a fee of **\$2 per fleece**.
4. Each exhibitor may purchase discounted admission tickets at \$11 each when making entry. Discounted tickets for children 6-11 years old may be purchased for \$7 each. Without admission tickets, the full price of \$16 (adults) and \$10 (children) per day will be charged at the gate.
5. Each exhibitor may purchase a vehicle parking permit at \$10 per day. Each exhibitor is limited to two on-grounds lot permits per day. Any additional passes will be issued for Lot Y. Vehicle permits must be purchased in advance. Each vehicle permit will park one car or truck (no trailers) in a Fairgrounds lot for the day of the contest. **Vehicle permits are required to park in Fairgrounds lots on a space available basis. Parking will not be available at the gate.**

PURPOSE

6. To promote proper handling, grading and preparation for market.
7. To create awareness of wool qualities and uses.

CONTESTANTS

8. Any grower of wool may enter fleeces they have grown.
9. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in each class.
10. No fleeces may be entered in more than one class except for champion classes.

ELIGIBILITY OF FLEECES

11. In order to compete for prizes each fleece must:
 - a. Have been shorn in 2025.
 - b. Represent no more than 12 months growth, except yearling fleeces when 16 months is allowed.
 - c. In case of controversy about the number of months growth of any fleece, the acknowledged rate of wool growth shall be used as a guide.
 - d. The Iowa State Fair reserves the right to inspect any fleece entered to determine its eligibility. Fleeces found to contain parts of other fleeces, belly wool or tags will not be allowed to compete and entry fees will be forfeited.

QUALIFICATIONS

12. Any fleece entered for competition shall be discriminated against if:
 - a. Showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids permitted).
 - b. Discolored by excessive moisture or cotted.
 - c. Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
 - d. Containing any excess burrs or other vegetable matter.

PREPARATION OF FLEECES

13. All fleece shall:
 - a. Be rolled flesh side out in a manner to allow their handling without falling apart.
 - b. Be packed in clear plastic bags untied so as not to impair their character or attractiveness.
 - c. Be tagged with tag containing following information: breed, number months growth, catalog classification, exhibitor

FARM FLOCK FLEECES / COMMERCIAL - DIVISION 78 CLASS

Natural/White	Colored	Description
1	1A	60's - 64's Fine and ½ Blood combing
2	2A	50's - 58's ¾ and ¼ Blood combing
3	3A	36's - 48's Low ¼, common and braid
4		46's - 54's Low ¼, combing and blackface

Champion and Reserve Champion Farm Flock Fleece / Commercial

HAND SPINNING FLEECES - DIVISION 79 CLASS

Natural/White	Colored	Description
5	5A	60's - 64's Find and ½ Blood combing
6	6A	50's - 58's ¾ and ¼ Blood combing
7	7A	36's - 48's Low ¼, common and braid and hair

Champion and Reserve Champion Hand Spinning Fleece

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
\$15	14	13	12	11	10	8	8

Champion Overall - \$20; Reserve Champion Overall - \$10