

WOOL

Dept. WL



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WOOL MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of this show is to encourage better wool production, stimulate interest in the proper preparation of wool for market, and inform the public on the uses of wool as a textile fiber.

PREMIUMS: \$600

JUDGE: to be announced

2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All activities listed will be in the Harvest Building)

Friday, July 16

5 pm Entry forms due, Entry Office

Friday, July 30

6 pm - 8 pm Entries accepted

Saturday, July 31

1 pm Wool Judging

Saturday, August 7

8 pm Wool entries released

Sunday, August 8

12:00-5:00 pm Wool entries released

DEMONSTRATIONS: to be announced (see State Fair Daily News Sheet)

Every effort will be made to follow schedule, but due to unforeseen circumstances schedule may be subject to change.

GENERAL RULES:

- All parties participating at Montana State Fair are responsible for reading the General Information section of this handbook and complying with policies listed therein.
- AGREEMENT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN STATED IS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE EXHIBITOR SUBMITS THE ENTRY FORM.**
- Each exhibitor may purchase one exhibitor's ticket for \$15, which will admit one adult plus a vehicle all week. Youth 6-18 may purchase a \$10 exhibitor's ticket that will admit one --no vehicle.
- Entry forms are available in this premium book or additional copies can be picked up at the State Fair Administration Office.
- Entry forms may be mailed, or delivered to the State Fair Administration Office, open weekdays 8 am - 5 pm. Fees may be paid when the entry form is submitted or at the time of entry delivery (see schedule for entry delivery).
- State Fair will accept exhibits not pre-entered, but exhibitors are warned that it will take longer for check-in.
- Mailed entry forms and/or entries should be sent to: Entry Office, Montana State Fair, PO Box 1888, Great Falls, MT 59403. Entries to be returned by mail **MUST** have return postage included or they will be returned **COLLECT**.
- All possible care will be exercised by State Fair in handling exhibits, but no responsibility for loss or damage in transit or during any phase of the exhibit will be assumed by State Fair.

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHAMPION BREED FLEECE will be awarded a Special Rosette; sponsor: **Montana State Fair**.

CHAMPION FARM FLOCK RAM FLEECE will be awarded \$10 sponsored by **Montana State Fair**

CHAMPION FARM FLOCK EWE FLEECE will be awarded \$10 sponsored by **Montana State Fair**

GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW will be awarded a special Rosette plus \$50 sponsored by **Montana State Fair** and a Micron Analysis by **Yokum-McCall**

RESERVE CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW will be awarded \$25 sponsored by **Mountain View Co-Op**

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MONTANA WOOL EXPO

REGULATIONS:

- ENTRY FEE:** \$5 per exhibitor
- Exhibitors may enter two (2) fleeces in any one class, and entries may be made in as many classes as desired. An individual fleece may be entered in one class only.
- After judging some fleece may be removed so that the better fleece can be properly displayed.
- ELIGIBILITY OF FLEECE:**
 - Each fleece must have been shorn in 2003 or 2004
 - Each fleece must represent 12 months growth or less - yearling fleece will be allowed, up to 16 months growth.
 - Fleeces previously exhibited at Montana State Fair cannot be entered again.
- JUDGING CRITERIA:**
 - Fleeces **must be shown in clear plastic bags**
 - Fleeces should be free of paints or tar brands (soluble branding fluid allowed)
 - Fleeces should be clean. Faults will be assessed for excessive dung locks or tags, excess burrs or vegetable matter
 - Moisture discoloration will be faulted
 - Fleeces should not be cotted
 - Fleeces with breaks or weak staple will be faulted

EXHIBITOR TIP PREPARATION OF FLEECE: Spread out the fleece on a clean table or floor, skin side down, taking care not to pull or open fleece as it is handled. Before rolling, remove all heavy tags, stained wool, and obvious foreign matter. Roll the fleece in four steps: (1) Begin at one side and loosely fold 8 to 10 inches of the edge toward the center of the fleece; (2) Do the same on the other side, but fold toward the center two times - until the twice folded portion lies on top of the first fold; (3) Fold in the head wool; (4) Roll from the breach toward the shoulder and long side of wool. Place rolled fleece in clear plastic bag.

Sample Entry:

Class Code	Description
WL-1 -8	Columbia - Ewe fleece

WOOL DIVISIONS:

- PUREBRED SHEEP WOOL**
- COMMERCIAL FLOCK WOOL**
- NATURAL COLORED SPINNING FLEECE & FIBER**

DIVISION 1: PUREBRED SHEEP WOOL

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per exhibitor

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$8; 2nd, \$6; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$4

Class Code

- WL - 1 - 1 Rambouillet - Ram fleece
- WL - 1 - 2 Rambouillet - Ewe fleece
- WL - 1 - 3 Targhee - Ram fleece
- WL - 1 - 4 Targhee - Ewe fleece
- WL - 1 - 5 Corriedale - Ram fleece
- WL - 1 - 6 Corriedale - Ewe fleece
- WL - 1 - 7 Columbia - Ram fleece
- WL - 1 - 8 Columbia - Ewe fleece
- WL - 1 - 9 Any Other Breed Ram fleece
- WL - 1 - 10 Any Other Breed Ewe fleece

DIVISION 2: COMMERCIAL FLOCK WOOL

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per exhibitor

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$8; 2nd, \$6; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$4

Class Code

WL - 2 - 1 Ram fleece 64's - 80's fine
WL - 2 - 2 Ewe fleece 64's - 80's fine
WL - 2 - 3 Ram fleece 62's - 60's ½ blood
WL - 2 - 4 Ewe fleece 62's - 60's ½ blood
WL - 2 - 5 Ram fleece 58's - 56's 3/8 blood
WL - 2 - 6 Ewe fleece 58's - 56's 3/8 blood
WL - 2 - 7 Ram fleece 54's - 50's 1/4 blood
WL - 2 - 8 Ewe fleece 54's - 50's 1/4 blood

DIVISION 3: NATURAL COLORED SPINNING FLEECE AND FIBER

REGULATIONS:

- a. This show is for fleece intended for hand spinning use. Fleece must be skirted and should be very clean.

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per exhibitor

PREMIUMS: 1st, \$8; 2nd, \$6; 3rd, \$5; 4th, \$4

Class Code

WL - 3 - 1 64's and finer
WL - 3 - 2 58's to 62's
WL - 3 - 3 58's and less
WL - 3 - 4 Hair (i.e. angora, llama, mohair, etc.)
WL - 3 - 5 Any Fiber not previously listed

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Thursday, August 5: Holiday Village Mall Day

Look for them at the Customer Information Tent, just next to the Administration Building and across from Trades & Industries.

Holiday Village Mall offers \$2-off gate admission coupons for any day of the 2004 Montana State Fair. Patrons can purchase tickets to all State Fair events, including concerts, PRCA Rodeo and Demolition Derby.

Holiday Village Mall offers \$3-off carnival WRISTBAND COUPONS available for Thursday night at the Mighty Thomas Carnival from 6 - midnight.

Coupons and tickets are available at their customer service center in the Mall.