

SHEEP FLEECE SHOW

FEATURED – BORDER LEICESTER, COTSWOLD, ROMNEY, LINCOLN, SHROPSHIRE,
TUNIS

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JUDGE

ARRIVAL Wednesday, September 21, 2011
8am to 6pm
Thursday, September 22, 2011
8am to 6pm

SHOW Friday, September 23, 2011
9am, Fiber Nook

RELEASE Any time after judging, through
Sunday, October 2, 4pm

SHOW PREMIUMS SCHEDULE (per class)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
\$39	28	20	17	14	12	11

SPECIAL RULES

1. READ GENERAL RULES. All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules.

2. FEATURED FLEECE CLASS. Border Leicester fleeces entered in this category should be entered in class 4000 (White) and 4010 (Black/Natural Colored). Cotswold fleeces entered in this category should be entered in class 4020 (White). Romney fleeces entered in this category should be entered in 4030 (White) and 4040 (Black/Natural Colored). Lincoln fleeces entered in this category should be entered in 4050 (White) and 4060 (Black/Natural Colored). Shropshire fleeces entered in this category should be entered in 4070 while Tunis should be entered in 4080 for 2011. Other fleeces from these breeds may show in the Hand Spinning Division, but will **not** be part of the Featured Breed competition.

3. ENTRIES. Make entries, accompanied by an entry fee of \$4 per fleece, **prior to August 15.** Fleeces may be delivered in person from September 21, through 6pm September 22. Fleeces, submitted by mail or UPS, must arrive by September 18. Send fleeces to: AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, W. Springfield MA 01089.

4. SHIPPING. If you are planning to ship your items to the Exposition, please include a prepaid shipping label for return. Mailed items will be sent by the end of the week following the Exposition.

5. PASSES. Exhibitors will receive two entry and two parking passes.

6. JUDGING. After judging, exhibitors should pick up fleeces which are NOT selected for exhibition, unless instructions to the contrary are made at the time of entry. Any fleece remaining after October 2, 2011, will be forfeited. All Champion and Reserve Champion fleeces must remain on display until noon September 29.

7. DIVISIONS. The Fleece Show consists of two divisions: **Purebred** and **Hand Spinning**. A Purebred fleece may be entered in either division, but not both. Exhibitors may enter as many as **two fleeces per class per farm**. In the Purebred Division, Classes 4100 through 4400 are for fleeces from purebred white-fleeced sheep; Class 4500 is open only to fleeces from purebred natural colored sheep that are registered in a purebred sheep association. Purebred fleeces will be judged against their own Breed Standards. The Hand Spinning Division may include fleeces from any purebred OR crossbred sheep.

8. All fleeces must be from the current year's shearing, and have been shorn within the previous 12 months, and contain less than 15 months' growth. **Do not tie fleeces with**

paper or any other twine. Fleeces will be judged untied. Each fleece must be packed in a **clear plastic garbage bag**, and have one business or index card enclosed with the NAME and ADDRESS of the exhibitor, and the class number. If the fleece is for sale, include the price per pound on the cards. **For the Purebred Division, the tag must also include the breed of sheep.**

9. See Llama Section under Class descriptions for information regarding Llama Fleece Show.

10. Exhibitors may offer fleeces for sale. A handling fee of 10% for selling fleeces will be charged. The income from the sale of these fleeces supports Eastern States Exposition's contribution to the Youth Show. A fleece entered for competition may be sold and removed prior to the judging on September 23 at an exhibitor's discretion (please note as such on enclosed card). However, a screening committee will evaluate these fleeces to ensure they meet the criteria for judging below [provided they meet the criteria for judging in paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 or 10].

11. Fleeces entered in either division should be skirted (**free of belly wool, topknot and leg wool, second cuts and tags**). They will be discriminated against if they show stains, are cotted, have hairy or kempy fibers (unless typical of the breed), are shorter than 2 inches in length and contain fibers that break easily. Fleeces that contain excessive contamination, including feed, bedding, burrs, dirt, paint, manure, will also be discriminated against. The judge is not required to award all ribbons if, in his/her opinion the entries are not of appropriate quality. Judge's decision is final.

12. Fleeces entered in the **Purebred Division** should meet the standards of paragraph 11, **AND** be typical of, and conform to the standard for that breed, which may include such qualities as style, lock formation and fiber diameter. **The breed must be included on the entry tag.**

13. Fleeces entered in **Hand Spinning Division** may come from any purebred or crossbred sheep, and should also meet the standards of Paragraph 11. They will also be judged for their value for hand spinning, including such qualities as softness, luster, handle and length.

14. A Champion and Reserve Champion fleece will be selected from **each** division, and the Supreme Champion selected from the two division champions. These fleeces may be sold but must stay on display until noon, September 29.

CLASS LISTING

PUREBRED DIVISION

4000	Featured for 2011: Border Leicester –white
4010	Featured for 2011: Border Leicester – natural colored
4020	Featured for 2011: Cotswold
4030	Featured for 2011: Romney – white
4040	Featured for 2011: Romney – natural colored
4050	Featured for 2011: Lincoln – white
4060	Featured for 2011: Lincoln – natural colored
4070	Featured for 2011: Shropshire
4080	Featured for 2011: Tunis
4100	Finewool purebred, white (examples: Cormo, Merino, Rambouillet and Targhee)
4200	Down breeds (examples: purebred Dorset, Hampshire, Oxford, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk)
4300	Medium wool purebred, white (examples: Columbia, Corriedale, Finn, Montadale, Polypay, Tunis)
4400	Longwool purebred, white (examples: Border Leicester, Cotswold and Romney)
4500	Longwool Purebred natural colored (examples: Border Leicester, Cotswold and Romney)
4550	AOB (All Other Breeds, e.g. Icelandics, etc.)

HAND SPINNING DIVISION

4600	White, fine and medium (29 microns and finer)
4700	White, longwool (30 microns and coarser)
4800	Natural colored, fine & medium (29 microns and finer)
4900	Natural colored longwool (30 microns and coarser)