

KENTUCKY SHEEP AND FIBER FESTIVAL

Alpaca Fleece Contest Rules and Classes

There are 3 ways to enter fleeces at KSFF:

- 1) Show Only – submitted for competition only, not for sale (whole fleeces only)
- 2) Show and Sale – submitted for competition and will be for sale after judging.
- 3) Sale Only – displayed for sale but not to be entered in the competition (whole or half fleeces- please mark half fleeces).

\$5 non refundable entry for each fleece

+10% commission on each sale

We *do not* take fleeces before Friday of the event. To enter the Alpaca Fleece Contest, bring your fleece to the back gate of the park, on Friday from 9am-1pm, where you will be directed to the fleece competition area. Judging will take place Friday afternoon, winners announced upon conclusion.

The Fleece Chairperson will enter it in the appropriate category.

The fleece is to be skirted and presented in a clear plastic bag.

On an index card write information (below) and place inside the bag:

- Name
- Phone number
- Description of fleece (i.e. species/breed, weight of the fleece, growth time, color)
- Sale price (\$) if it is available for sale

All fleeces entered must have been grown on sheep owned by the exhibitor and represent no more than 12 months growth.

Each fleece entered must be in only one class.

Each fleece should be free of excessive vegetable matter (*not washed*), untied but skirted, rolled and placed in a clear plastic bag.

Show Only Fleeces must be picked up by the exhibitor by 6pm on Friday. Show and Sale Fleeces should be picked up by the conclusion of the show on Sunday afternoon if unsold. Fleeces not picked up will become property of the Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival. Fleeces may be offered and marked for sale at registration. The judge can reclassify or disqualify fleeces. Judging will take place on Saturday. If you are not sure which class your fleece belongs in, someone at registration can advise you.

Entry limit of 10 fleeces per farm for competition

No limit of entry for sale

STANDARDS

Fleeces are judged by the following standards:

Fleeces will be divided by color classes as follows:

Whites

Lts./ Fawn (all shades)

Brown (all shades)

Grey (all shades both rose and silver)

Black (bay black and true black)

Fleeces will further be divided into two age groups:

Juvenile (6 mos. to 12 mos.) and Mature (13 mos. and up) No Cria fleeces will be accepted.

Judging will be based on the following point system:

1. **Uniformity:**

Micron..... 20 pts.

Staple length..... 5 pts.

Color 5 pts.

2. **Brightness/luster**.....10 pts.

3. **Absence of:**

Guard Hair (primaries)..... 5 pts.

Impurities (i.e. stains, VM, damage,
tenderness)5 pts.

4. **Style:**

In huacaya (crimp)..... 10 pts.

In suri (lock style).....10 pts.

5. **Fineness**..... 20 pts.

6. **Weight**.....10 pts.

7. **Fleece prep (i.e. skirting)**..... 10 pts.

Possible score 100 pts.

