

WOOL DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026 – Postmarked and Online
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ENTRY FEES

All Wool Show Entries – \$2.00 per Item

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

WOOL ENTRIES

Must be received by Wednesday, August 19th, 2026
Monterey County Fair – Wool Show, Entry Office
2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940

HANDCRAFTED WOOL ENTRIES

Thursday, August 20th, 2026, or Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, ~ 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wool Building (enter through Gate 4)

JUDGING DATES

FLEECES: Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, ~ 9:00 AM ~ Wool Building

WOOL AUCTION

Monday, September 7th, 2026, ~ 11:30 AM
Community Stage

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FLEECES

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This department is open to California exhibitors only
2. **FEATURED CLASS 2026:** Division 600, Class 11, Shetland Ram or Ewe
3. Only fleeces in the grease are eligible for competition. Manufacturers and dealers are excluded. Judging begins at 9:00 AM Saturday, August 22, 2026. This is prior to the Fair.
4. Fleeces shall not be more than 12-months growth. The definition of “12-months” shall be the definition most 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.
5. Because this Wool Show terminates in an auction of hand spinning quality fleeces, all fleeces shall have bellies and tags removed. Fleeces not in compliance shall be disqualified. Fleeces entered in breed classes shall not be penalized for their light weight.
6. No Wether fleeces may be included.
7. Ewe and White fleeces only in Market, Division 601.
8. Double coated fleeces such as Purebred Navajo-Churro and Karakul fleeces are to be shown only in the Breed Classes as their double coats make them very difficult to class commercially.
9. Each exhibitor will be limited to two fleece entries per class.
10. All fleeces entered must have been sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitors.
11.  **ANYTIME THERE IS MORE THAN 3 OF A BREED IN THE PUREBRED CLASSES AN INDIVIDUAL CLASS CAN BE MADE.**
12. The judge has power to re-classify fleeces and move fleeces to the correct Division or Class before making awards. If moving fleeces results in an exhibitor having more than two fleeces in the Division/Class, the extras will be disqualified.
13. Fleeces will be shown in clear plastic bags, rolled with flesh side out in a manner to allow their being handled without falling apart.
14. Any fleeces entered for competition in the Monterey County Fair Wool Show shall be discriminated against if:
 - Showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids permitted).
 - Showing a weak staple or break in the fiber.
 - Containing any excess burrs or other vegetative matter.
15. **JUDGING OF FLEECES SHALL CONSIDER:**
 - Fitness
 - Evenness of quality or fitness among the various parts of the fleece

- Length and strength of staple
 - Estimated clean weight
 - Condition
 - Character, including crimp and color
16. Fleeces may be shipped to the Wool Show at the address listed on the first page of the Department. A paper carton is excellent for shipping.
17. SALE OF WOOL: Fleeces deemed spinning quality by the judge will be sold in a special fleece auction unless disqualified. ALL FLEECES WILL BE OFFERED AT AUCTION. Please state on Entry form, the MINIMUM PRICE per Pound desired for each fleece, and disposition of fleece if not sold at auction. A 6% selling charge will be collected on all fleeces sold. If no minimum price is set, it will be determined to be \$2.00/lb. You will NOT be allowed to change the sale price after entry is received.
18. Exhibitors not wishing to incur the cost of return shipment for fleeces which do not sell may donate said fleeces to the Wool Show. The fleeces will be used for educational purposes. Please arrange for the retrieval of any unsold fleeces.
19. Disqualified fleeces will be released immediately after judging, Saturday, August 22, 2026. All unsold fleeces will be released following the auction. Please pick up by 2:00 PM on September 7 at the Wool Show Building. Please send a letter of authorization if you wish to have someone else pick up your unsold fleeces.
20. Only the Champion and Reserve Champion of Breed Classes, Market Classes, and Natural Colored Wool Classes are eligible for Grand Champion Wool.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE							
# OF FLEECES	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
8 or more	\$15	\$9	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$2
5 to 7	\$8	\$5	\$3	\$2	\$2		
Up to 4	\$5	\$3	\$2				

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASS DIV 600: CLASS 11: SHETLAND RAM OR EWE							
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5

Special Awards

GRAND CHAMPION WOOL

Grand Champion Fleece – \$50.00,
Name on Perpetual Plaque & Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Fleece –
\$25.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION BREED

Champion Breed Fleece – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Breed Fleece –
\$10.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION MARKET

Champion Market – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Market – \$10.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED WOOL

Champion Natural Colored Fleece –
\$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Natural Colored Fleece –
\$10.00 & Rosette

CHAMPION MOHAIR

Champion Mohair Fleece – \$20.00 & Rosette

Reserve Champion Mohair Fleece –
\$10.00 & Rosette

BREED – PUREBED ONLY

2026 FEATURE CLASS:
DIV 600: CLASS 11 – SHETLAND RAM OR EWE

DIVISION 600 BREED (PUREBRED SHEEP ONLY)

CLASS:

- 1) Cormo Ram or Ewe
- 2) Corriedale Ram or Ewe
- 3) Merino Ram or Ewe
- 4) Navajo – Churro Ram or Ewe
- 5) Oxford Ram or Ewe
- 6) Rambouillet Ram or Ewe
- 7) Romney Ram or Ewe
- 8) Targhee Ram or Ewe
- 9) Romeldale/CVM Ram or Ewe
- 10) Jacob Ram or Ewe
- 11) **Shetland Ram or Ewe**
- 12) Other Wool Breeds, Ram, or Ewe (Breed must be named on Entry Form)

MARKET – CROSSBREED

DIVISION 601 MARKET (CROSSBREED SHEEP) **(WHITE EWES ONLY)**

CLASS:

- 1) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 2) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 3) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 4) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 5) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or coarser

NATURAL COLORED WOOL

DIVISION 602 NATURAL COLORED WOOL **(ANY COLOR OTHER THAN WHITE EWES OR RAMS)**

CLASS:

SOLID COLOR INCLUDING BLACK

- 1) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 2) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 3) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 4) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 5) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or Coarser

VARIEGATED

- 6) Fine Combing 64s-80s
- 7) 1/2 Blood Combing 60s-62s
- 8) 3/8 Blood Combing 56s-58s
- 9) 1/4 Blood Combing 50s-54s
- 10) Low 1/4 Blood Combing 46s-48s or Coarser

MOHAIR

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Enter Mohair based on grade of fleece not the age of goat.
2. Mohair fleece to be entered and shown in clear plastic bag.
3. It is the accepted practice to only enter unwashed fleeces.
4. Colored fleeces must be distinctly colored.
5. Pays to 4th Place of Premium Schedule 5 to 7.

DIVISION 603 MOHAIR (PUREBRED GOATS ONLY)

CLASS:

- 1) White Mohair, Kid 24-30 microns
- 2) Colored Mohair, Kid 24-30 microns
- 3) White Yearling to Adult (fine) 31-35 microns
- 4) Colored Yearling to Adult (fine) 31-35 microns

HANDSPUN & HANDCRAFTED WOOL

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Exhibitors limited to Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara, and San Luis Obispo counties. EXCEPTION: Anyone buying fleece at Monterey County Fair Wool Show Auction may enter yarn or an item made from that fleece regardless of their place of residence.
- Entries in this Department must have been produced by the exhibitor and completed within one year of the entry date for the Fair to be eligible for premium awards.
- ENTRY LIMIT: (2) entries per exhibitor per class.**
- Include entry label below with each handspun yarn entry along with a minimum 3"x3" swatch and fiber sample.
- SOCK YARN:** Must be predominantly mammal; one ply may be synthetic commercially spun fiber (i.e., to give durability).
- NOVELTY YARN:** Yarn from Handspun Classes 1-11 is the effect or main yarn and not the binder yarn. Binder or core yarn may be any fiber, including commercially spun yarn or thread. Plying should be of a non-standard technique, or yarn should incorporate unusual techniques - such as wrapping of cores, boucle, brushed boucle or adding beads.
- SHEEP TO YARN:** Exhibitor must have completed the whole process of washing, processing, spinning, and dying of yarn.
- BASKETS OF YARN:** Basket doesn't have to be handmade. Yarns must meet the criteria of Division 604, including samples of end use.
- Yarns used in Crafted Handspun must meet the criteria of Division 604 Handspun Yarns.
- Spinner-Maker:** Open to teams of two. Person A spun the yarn, and Person B made the finished item. List both team members on entry form.

- Team Effort:** Open to any group of spinners, weavers, knitters, etc. Ideal category for guild efforts.
- Any woven item that is less than 50% wool or other mammalian fiber, even if handspun, must be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving Division. Handwoven items made from any commercial yarns must be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving Division. The judge may transfer items not entered correctly into the proper department.

Special Awards

Donated by: Anne's Web Spinning Guild

ANNE BLINKS PERPETUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HAND SPINNING

Champion Yarn - \$25.00
& Name on Perpetual Plaque

JOANNE NISSEN PERPETUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CRAFTED HANDSPUN

Best of Show - \$50.00
& Name on Perpetual Plaque

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASSES					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
\$15	\$9	\$6	\$3	\$3	\$3

MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR HANDSPUN & CRAFTED WOOL ENTRY FORM

Submit this form with Wool entry. Attach Wool samples as necessary.

Divisions (circle one) 604 605 Class: _____ Exhibitor Age (if Minor): _____

Type of Fiber(s)/Breed(s): _____

Manner of Fiber Preparation: _____

Type of Dye/Mordant (if applicable): _____

Type of Spinning; Number of Plies: _____

Intended Use for Yarn: _____

Additional Information: _____

Wool Purchased at Monterey County Fair? YES NO Fiber Sample Yarn Sample/Swatch
Processed by Exhibitor? YES NO

HANDSPUN YARN

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **FEATURED ITEM 2026: Division 604, Class 1** - Premiums will be paid to 6 places.
2. **Classes 1-3 and 9-11:** Fibers used must be spun solely from wool.
3. **Classes 4- 7:** Yarn may be up to 49% non-mammal fibers and make up 51% or more of mammal fiber.
4. Fibers may be dyed with natural or chemical dyes.
5. Yarn skeins must be a minimum of 50 yards or 50 grams. Tie loosely with at least three skein ties, using figure 8 ties.
6. Handspun entries will be judged for the quality of the spinning. For example, strength, consistency, appropriateness for the end product, etc. Any number plies.

2026 FEATURE ITEM:

CLASS 1: WOOL YARN, 18 WRAPS PER INCH OR MORE

DIVISION 604 HANDSPUN YARNS

CLASS:

- 1) **Wool Yarn, 18 wraps per inch or more**
- 2) Wool Yarn, 13-17 wraps per inch
- 3) Wool Yarn, 12 wraps per inch or fewer
- 4) Mohair Yarn, may be a blend where Mohair is the predominant fiber
- 5) Camelid (llama, alpaca, camel)
- 6) Other Mammal
- 7) Blend
- 8) Sock Yarn
- 9) Spindle Spun Wool Yarn
- 10) Spindle Spun Other Mammal Yarn
- 11) Novice (exhibitor may not have won a Blue Ribbon)
- 12) Commercially Prepared Wool
- 13) Novelty Yarn
- 14) Sheep to Yarn

BASKETS OF YARN

- 15) One Each of the Following Five Yarns:
18 or more wraps per inch (lace),
15-16 wraps per inch (fingering),
12-14 wraps per inch spun (worsted),
12-14 wraps per inch spun woolen,
10 wraps per inch or fewer
- 16) Five (5) skeins of novelty yarn using 5 different techniques
- 17) As many skeins of yarn as needed for one project, minimum 12 oz. or 1,000 yards

CRAFTED HANDSPUN

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **FEATURED ITEM 2026: Division 605, Class 1** - Premiums will be paid to 6 places.
2. In hand-woven entries, yarn other than handspun wool yarns may be used as non-visible wrap only. Visible wrap/weft must be 100% handspun.
3. For rugs, commercial wrap threads may be used, providing they are only visible as fringe or bound wrap finish.

4. To be eligible for Best of Show, the entry must be accompanied by a sample of the yarn and the unspun fiber.

5. **Classes 16-18:** Teams eligible to enter include those in which both members live in the geographical area currently eligible to enter Monterey County Fair, using whatever eligible fiber they want. Teams living anywhere that use a fleece bought at the Monterey County Fair Wool Auction may enter.

2026 FEATURE ITEM:

CLASS 1: SCARF, COWL OR NECKWEAR

DIVISION 605 CRAFTED

CLASS:

- 1) **Scarf, Cowl, or Neckwear**
- 2) Hat - with Pom Poms in Honor of Geri Wade
- 3) Mittens, Gloves, Hand Coverings
- 4) Socks, Slippers
- 5) Layette Item, please specify (booties, cap, hat, etc.)
- 6) Bag or Purse
- 7) Sweater - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 8) Vest - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 9) Article of Clothing - Woven, please specify
- 10) Shawl, Ruana, Poncho
- 11) Afghan, Throw, Lap Rug - Knitted or Crocheted, please specify
- 12) Afghan, Throw, Lap Rug - Woven, please specify
- 13) Rug, Saddle Blanket, or Tapestry Blanket
- 14) Cushion or Pillow
- 15) Any Other, please specify
- 16) Clothing: Spinner-Maker
- 17) All Other: Spinner-Maker
- 18) Team Effort - Any Item, please specify
- 19) Felted Item, indicate the felting method used



WOOL SHOW ENTRY FORM

WOOL SHOW: USE FOR DIVISIONS 600-605

Forms Due to MCF or Postmarked No Later Than August 1

Please Print Exhibitor (Legal Owner) Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Delivery Address (if different) _____

Mail to:

Monterey County Fair
2004 Fairground Road
Monterey, CA 93940

Leave Blank	Division Number	Class Number	Min. Sale Price	Sheep ID or Name	Type of Wool	Entry Fee
This form may be reproduced for 2026 Monterey County Fair Entries.						Total Entry Fees
Cash Check Check # _____						Amount Enclosed

Hold Harmless/Read and Sign

Upon signature and submittal of Entry Form, exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge that: a. they understand the State Rules for California Fairs and the local rules as printed in the Fair Entry Guidebook; b. They agree to abide by them, c. They certify that all information on the form is true and correct; d. They agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any violation of the rules.

Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that occur to any of the Exhibitors or Exhibits at the Fair. The Exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the Exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

I certify that this entry is the project of the Exhibitor, and these entries comply with the rules and regulations published in the official Entry Guidebook. I understand that all fleece entries shall be entered in the auction.

Exhibitor Signature _____

IMPORTANT - Indicate disposition of fleeces if not sold. Fleeces will NOT be returned without prepaid shipping label.

_____ If Fleece does not sell, donate to MCF Wool Show. _____ I will pick up on (date/time) _____
 _____ Ship to me at my expense; prepaid label is enclosed. _____ Release my unsold fleece(s) to _____