

# Michigan Fiber Festival 2024 WOOL FLEECE COMPETITION

**Chair:** Penny Swearingen

**Co-Chair:** Sandra Wilson Morris

**Judge:** Letty Klein

**Apprentice Judge:** Melissa Wubben

**Fees:** \$6.00 per Fleece for Judging- SHOW ONLY- NOT FOR SALE (NFS)

\$8.00 per Fleece for Judging- SHOW & SALE

Exhibitors may choose to Enter Show Fleeces in the Sale or Opt out of the Sale.

All fleeces must be Shown.

**On-Line Entries:** On-Line Entries Will Be Available Again starting July 1<sup>st</sup> thru Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

Note- Using A NEW Show entry system.

Entries Fees to Be Paid AT TIME OF FLEECE CHECK IN.

Cash Or Check

**Check In:** Fleeces Check-In

Friday, August 16 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, August 17, 8:00 to 9:30 am

**Location:** Expo Building South End

**Judging** Saturday, August 17, 2024 starting at 10:00 am (length based on # of entries)

**Tentative Fleece Sale Hours:** Official Hours will be posted Friday 8/16<sup>th</sup>

**Fleece Silent Auction** Starts 30 minutes after completion of Judging

Silent Auction: Saturday 2pm – 3pm

Private Treaty Sale: Saturday 3:30pm – 5pm

Sunday 10:30am – Noon

**Silent Auction** held 30 minutes after Completion of Fleece Judging

Silent Auction runs for 1-Hour

Exhibitors State Starting Bid \$\$

Winning BIDS are announced 10 minutes after completion of Auction

Bid Winners are to pick up Fleeces at that time and pay.

Fleeces not claimed at the time of announcement will be offered to 2<sup>nd</sup> Bidder.

**Private Treaty Fleece Sale** All For Sale Fleeces not Claimed during Silent Auction

go On Sale Immediately after completion of the Silent Auction

Fleeces will be Priced At Exhibitor's Starting Bid Price

Tentative Time for Start of Sale @ 3:30pm to 5pm

Sunday 10:30am to Noon

**Release Time** Not-For Sale Fleeces may be picked up after 3pm on Saturday.

Final Pickup by 2pm Sunday, August 21. Any Unsold or Not for Sale fleeces left unclaimed will become the property of Michigan Fiber Festival.

## **DIVISIONS & CLASSES:**

### **Divisions**

White  
Natural Color  
Classic

### **Classes**

Fine, Medium, Long  
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Breed Classes-Any breed exhibiting 8 or more fleeces will be judged in a class of its own. Classic Division includes fleeces from breeds that are considered "Un-improved" from their native state. These breeds may exhibit a double coat or primitive coat. Examples: Shetland, Icelandic, Karakul, Navajo-Churro, Romanov, Scottish Blackface or Jacob.

### **New For 2024! Blue Faced Leicester National Fleece Show**

All Purebred BFL Fleeces will be judged separately as part of the National Show.  
Fleeces must be from Registered BFU Sheep  
Exhibitors must be member of BFU Association

The Supreme BFL Fleece will be Awarded \$50 Sponsored by Pitchfork Ranch  
The Champion Fleece will be selected from White BFL Class Winner & Natural Color BFL Class Winner will be awarded Supreme BFL and will be in Supreme MFF Fleece Overall Drive

### **AWARDS:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ribbons in classes with four or more entries.  
4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Place ribbons in 6 or classes at the Judge's discretion.  
Breed Champion & Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded at the Judge's discretion.  
Supreme Champion Fleece will be awarded Rosette & Giftcertificate.  
Reserve Overall Fleece will be awarded Rosette

**PREMIUMS:** First \$5.00 Second \$3.00 Third \$2.00

Additional Premiums may be awarded if there is Breed Sponsorship offered.  
Fleeces placed lower than third are eligible for ribbons only.

### **RULES:**

1. Fleeces must be raised by the exhibitor.
2. All fleeces must be pre-weighed. Scales will not be available at drop off.
3. Fleeces should be attractively presented in a clear plastic bag.
4. Fleeces must not be tied.
5. Raw Fleeces Only. Washed fleeces are not allowed. Washed defined as soap used on fleece prior to shearing or after being sheared.
6. Presentation of Fleeces skirted suitable for Hand-spinning or Fiber Arts. Fleeces exhibiting excessive vegetable contamination, manure, hoof trimmings, foreign contamination or moths may not be placed at Chairpersons or Judges discrimination.
7. Fleeces will not be accepted for Judging after 9:30 am on Aug 21, 2022.
8. Due to logistics, no fleeces will be accepted by mail.
9. Entrants will receive a receipt when the fleece(s) are dropped off and must show the receipt to pick up the fleece(s) or the money if the fleece was sold. NO unsold fleeces will be released without the receipt.
10. Only fleeces entered in the competition will be eligible for sale.
11. Sale Fleece Pickup Sunday Noon – 2pm. Any fleeces not picked up, including both Unsold and No- For Sale Fleeces will become the property of Michigan Fiber Festival.
12. The criteria for judging of the fleeces will be determined by the Judge.
13. The Judge reserves the right to reclassify any fleece.

14. The Judge may combine classes at his/her discretion in the interest of better competition.
15. The Judge may choose not to award any premium based on the quality of the submission.
16. The schedule for the event is subject to modification after 9:30 am on Saturday, if necessary, to accommodate a larger number of entries. The modified schedule will be posted in the display area.
17. Payment for sale fleeces should be made by cash or check payable to the owner of the fleece. MFF cannot take credit card payments for sale of fleeces.
18. Michigan Fiber Festival assumes no liability in-regard to fleeces entered in the Wool Fleece Competition being lost, stolen, or erroneously sold.