

**Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival  
Fleece Show and Sale  
Saturday, June 16, 2018**

**Check-in:**

Friday 5-8 pm and Saturday 8:00 to 9:30 am

**Judging:**

Saturday 10:00 am

**Silent Auction:**

Saturday 4 to 5 pm

**Private Treaty (optional):**

Sunday 9 am to noon

**Judge:** Letty Klein, Kalamazoo, MI

Letty bought her first sheep, a Karakul, in 1982, and has raised them since that time. Letty is co-author of the popular book The Shepherd's Rug, in which she documents a process for braiding rugs that she and her friend developed to make use of roving from their sheep. She has taught classes on her rug making technique in a variety of venues. Letty started judging fleeces at a county fair in the late 1990's, and learned from Glen Eidman of Kansas and Dr. Lyle McNeal at Utah State. She has judged wool shows at a number of prominent events, including Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Black Sheep Gathering, The Wool Market in Estes Park, CO, The Wool Festival at Taos, NM, Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, Michigan Fiber Festival, The All American Junior Show, SAFF in NC, Kentucky Sheep & Wool Festival, Tennessee State Fair, Michigan State Fair, and Shepherds Harvest in MN. She continues to judge wool shows at various county fairs in her home state of Michigan. Letty is a NASSA certified judge.

**Superintendent:** Melissa Wubben, oakcreeksheep@yahoo.com

**Entries:**

1. The fleece competition and sale is open to all exhibitors. All fleeces must be from the current (2017-2018) wool crop, raised by the exhibitor, and must represent no more than 12 months growth. The fleeces must be properly skirted, but not otherwise processed in any way.
2. Fleeces must be pre-weighed and in a clear plastic bag. A fee of \$1.00 per bag will be charged for clear bags at the entry table if needed. Presentation is important in showing.
3. Fleeces may be entered in show only or both show and sale (\$6.00 entry fee). Entry fees are non-refundable. Entries registered Friday evening will have the fee discounted \$1 per entry.
4. Show entries are limited to 8 total fleeces per producer, with a limit of 3 fleeces per class. One show fleece MUST be entered for sale for each DIVISION in which a producer shows, unless the exhibitor enters only 1 fleece in the show. ISIA reserves the right to close a class with too few entries.
5. Any fleece may be disqualified for being too short in staple or for having excessive vegetable matter, dirt, tags, or other contaminants. The policy of the Festival is to be a broker to provide a market for producers and have suitable fleeces available to buyers.

6. Producers are responsible for the accuracy of their forms. A fleece may be moved to the correct class by the judge or show administrator, but a fleece may be disqualified for entry into the wrong class, if the producer already has reached the class limit for entries (3 per class).

Assistance in classing your fleeces will be available at check-in if needed.

7. Fleeces entered for competition that did not receive an award and are not to be auctioned off must be removed by 3:30pm, prior to the auction. Any unclaimed fleeces will become property of ISIA.

8. ISIA will make every effort to display and care for the entered fleeces, but assumes no responsibility for damaged, lost, stolen or erroneously sold fleeces.

### **Divisions and Awards:**

#### 1. **Division I: White Handspinning Fleeces**

Any white fleece of handspinning quality. Must be well skirted and free of most debris, as these fleeces may be processed by hand. Fleeces may be purebred or crossbred. They will be judged on qualities sought by handspinners and breed standards. If entering one or more fleeces in this division, one must be entered in the sale (excepting the one entry rule). Limit of 3 entries per producer for each class within this division:

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| <b>A.</b> Fine wool   | <b>C.</b> Long Wool     |
| <b>B.</b> Medium wool | <b>D.</b> Double Coated |

#### 2. **Division II: Natural Colored Handspinning Fleeces**

Any natural colored fleece of handspinning quality. Must be well skirted and free of most debris, as these fleeces may be processed by hand. Fleeces may be purebred or crossbred. They will be judged on qualities sought by handspinners and breed standards. If entering one or more fleeces in this division, one must be entered in the sale (excepting the one entry rule). Limit of 3 entries per producer for each class within this division:

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| <b>A.</b> Fine wool   | <b>C.</b> Longwool      |
| <b>B.</b> Medium wool | <b>D.</b> Double coated |

#### 3. **Division III: Commercial Market Fleece**

Any white fleece appropriate for the commercial wool market. Fleeces may be purebred or crossbred. They will be judged on commercial market standards and breed standards. These are uncoated fleeces only. If entering one or more fleeces in this division, one must be entered in the sale (excepting the one entry rule). Limit of 3 entries per producer for each class within this division:

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| <b>A.</b> Fine wool   |
| <b>B.</b> Medium wool |
| <b>C.</b> Coarse wool |

### **Awards**

Best of Show: \$25 and Rosette

Division Champions: \$15 and Rosette

Each class: 1<sup>st</sup> \$10 and ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$7 and ribbon, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5 and ribbon, 4<sup>th</sup> ribbon

### **Silent Auction**

1. Fleeces may be entered in the silent auction by show and sale (\$6.00 entry fee). All fleeces must be entered in the fleece show to be eligible for the sale.
2. The ISIA commission on all fleeces sold will be 10% for all ISIA members, current as of the date of sale, and 20% for non-members. You may become a member at check-in, or you may join any time online at [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com).
3. The starting bid price is set by the producer. Producers are urged to be reasonable in the prices they set.
4. **No on site private sales of fleeces that were entered in the show. All sales by auction only.** Failure to comply with this rule may result in revocation of any awards won by the producer.
5. ISIA will make every effort to display and care for the entered fleeces, but assumes no responsibility for damaged, lost, stolen or erroneously sold fleeces.
6. Private treaty sales will be held on Sunday from 9am to noon. This sale is optional for any producer whose fleece did not sell during the silent auction. Fleeces in the private treaty sale will be offered at the minimum asking price set at the silent auction.