

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Open Natural Colored & White Handspinning Sheep

- Division: See Specific Breed
- Department 940
- Entry Fee: \$15 per entry

Entries Close	Monday, August 10 th
Begin Arrival:	Monday, August 31 st at 8:00 a.m.
In Place:	Tuesday, September 1 st at 5:00 p.m.
Wool Fleece Show:	Tuesday, September 1 st at 12:00 noon
Meat Breeds Show:	Wednesday, September 2 nd at 9:00 a.m.
Wool Breeds Show:	Wednesday, September 2 nd following the Meat Breed Show
Begin Release:	At the completion of show
All Out:	Wednesday, September 2 nd at 7:00 p.m.

Competition Requirements

1. All entrants must have read and be familiar with the General Competition Requirements, Livestock and Small Animal Competition Requirements, Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Welfare Policy, and Livestock Health Requirements. When applicable all association rules shall apply.
2. All entrants for livestock exhibited in Open, Breed, or Market Competitions shall provide a Premises Identification (PID) number at the time of entry. To obtain a PID, contact the

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Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or click on the following link:

<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

3. Bedding: Exhibitors are responsible for their own livestock bedding. Entry into competition at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition ("State Fair") does not include bedding.

Exhibitors may pre-order bedding and shavings through the official bedding vendor or bedding will be available to purchase on-grounds from said vendor upon arrival. The phone number and order portal will be posted on the Fair's website.

Straw may only be used for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding sheep, and open breeding cattle tie-outs. All other uses of straw are prohibited.

Outside bedding for livestock exhibitors is permitted.

4. Original registration papers or ownership certificates must be available for inspection at the show. To be eligible to show, all sheep must be registered in their respective breed associations and bear the proper breed association ear tags where applicable.
5. This division will be divided into 2 categories based on the foundation or origin of the sheep's color and 2 categories in White Hand-Spinning Sheep.
6. Category 1 Long Wools/Carpet: Wool grading 48's and coarser, sheep that are descendants of Lincoln, Romney, Border Leicester Jacob, Karakul, Navajo and Churro.
7. Category 2 Medium and Fine Wool: All sheep descendants of dual-purpose meat breeds, i.e., Corriedale, Columbia, Rambouillet, Hampshire or any other breed with wool grading 50's or finer.
8. Animal Preparation: for Category 1 sheep, wool length is expected to be 2 inches or longer, except in young lambs. Sheep may be trimmed, tipped, or fuzzed off, but not blocked. Bellies, heads, lower legs, and dock area may have wool of any length preferred by Exhibitor, but wool must not be trimmed or blocked to unequal lengths on the chest, back, shoulder, sides, or britch area. Wool must be free of excessive contamination, manure, paint, permanent stains, wool rot, breaks or tenderness, and coting. These problems will be penalized according to their severity. Category 2 sheep (which includes Fine and Medium breeds) may be fitted to breeder preference while maintaining the quality of the fleece to be evaluated.

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9. All sheep will be judged 40 percent on conformation and 60 percent on wool. All Natural Colored sheep must be 35 percent colored.
10. All sheep must be shorn after August 1, 2025.
11. Entry Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a number, which will be provided to all exhibitors. The exhibitor must display these numbers when the animal is in the show ring.
12. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in this show or in any one class. Premiums will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed in this division.
13. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded 1st through 6th place in all individual classes.

Age Classifications

Spring Ram or Ewe Lamb – born on or after February 1, 2026

Winter Ram or Ewe Lamb – born December 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026

Fall Ram or Ewe Lamb – born September 1, 2025 to November 20, 2025

Ram or Ewe Lamb, 1 year and under 2 – born September to August

Classes And Divisions

Natural Colored & White Handspinning Divisions

Divisions	Nat. Colored. #12 Fine & Medium	Nat. Colored #13 Long Wool & Carpet	White Handspin. #15 Fine & Medium	White Handspin. #16 Long Wool & Carpet
Ram, 1 yr. & under 2	4020	4040	4060	4080
Fall Ram Lamb	4021	4041	4061	4081
Winter Ram Lamb	4022	4042	4062	4082
Spring Ram Lamb	4023	4043	4063	4083
Pair Ram Lambs	4024	4044	4064	4084

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Pair Rams, 1 yr. & under 2	4025	4045	4065	4085
Champion Ram	4026	4046	4066	4086
Res. Champion Ram	4027	4047	4067	4087
Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2	4028	4048	4068	4088
Fall Ewe Lamb	4029	4049	4069	4089
Winter Ewe Lamb	4030	4050	4070	4090
Spring Ewe Lamb	4031	4051	4071	4091
Pair Ewe Lambs	4032	4052	4072	4092
Pair Ewes, 1 yr. & under 2	4033	4053	4073	4093
Champion Ewe	4034	4054	4074	4094
Res. Champion Ewe	4035	4055	4075	4095
Pen of 3 Lambs	4036	4056	4076	4096
Best Four Head	4037	4057	4077	4097
Flock	4038	4058	4078	4098
Premier Exhibitor	4039	4059	4079	4090

Premium Schedule

No. of Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	\$22	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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2-3	\$26	\$18	\$14	\$0	\$0	\$0
4-5	\$30	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$0	\$0
6-7	\$34	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$0
8-9	\$38	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$0
10-11	\$42	\$34	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18
12-14	\$46	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$26	\$22
15 and up	\$50	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$26

Supreme Champion Selection Division 100

4000. Supreme Champion Natural Colored Ram

4001. Supreme Champion Natural Colored Ewe

4002. Supreme Champion White Handspinning Ram

4003. Supreme Champion White Handspinning Ewe (Supremes Are Selected from Champion Rams And Champion Ewes Of All Breeds)

4004. Premier Exhibitor (Natural Colored)

4005. Premier Exhibitor (White Handspinning)

Premier Exhibitor

An award will be given in each breed of the Open Breeding Sheep section to the exhibitor who accumulates the most points on six animals or fewer, all of which must be owned by the exhibitor, in individual classes. Group classes are not considered. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the exhibitor: (1) Earning points in the greatest number of classes; (2) Winning the most first places; (3) Winning the most second places, etc.

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Points will be awarded as follows:

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	Champion	Reserve Champion
5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	8 points	6 points

Open Natural Colored & White Handspinning Sheep Awards

Worlds View Dorpers, Vernon Pottas, Padroni, CO, provides the trophies awarded to the Supreme Champion Natural Colored Ram, Supreme Champion Natural Colored Ewe, Supreme Champion White Handspinning Ram and the Supreme Champion White Handspinning Ewe.

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