



7220 Wool Judging Contest

Schedule *Subject to Change*

Wednesday, January 13th

- 9:00 Collegiate Optional Practice Opens (*LREC Wool Lab*)
- 5:00 Collegiate Optional Practice Closes
- 5:00 Collegiate Coaches Meeting (*LREC Wool Lab*)

Thursday, January 14th

- 8:00 Collegiate Contestants start arriving (*Albany County Fairgrounds*)
- 9:00 4H/FFA Optional Practice Opens (*LREC Wool Lab*)
- 8:30 Collegiate Contestants will be split into groups
- 8:45 Collegiate Contest Begins
- 11:40 Lunch (provided for contestants)
- 12:15 Reasons begin
- 2:30 Collegiate Critique (*Albany County Fairgrounds*)
- 5:00 4H/FFA Optional Practice Closes
- 5:00 4H/FFA Coaches Meeting (*LREC Wool Lab*)
- 6:00 Formal Dinner & Awards (*Hansen Arena-Mary Mead Room*)

Friday, January 15th

- 8:30 4H/FFA Contestants start arriving (*Albany County Fairgrounds*)
- 9:00 4H/FFA Contestants will be split into groups
- 9:15 4H/FFA Contest Begins
- 12:00 Lunch (provided for contestants)
- 12:45 Reasons & Questions Begin
- 2:15 4H/FFA Critique & Awards at the completion of the contest
(*Albany County Fairgrounds*)

Laramie Recommendations

Local Places to Eat-

Born in a Barn- 100 E. Iverson Ave. | Wings, Burgers, Sandwiches
The Library Sports Grille- 201 E. Custer St. | Pizza, Sandwiches, Burgers
Altitude Chophouse- 320 S. 2nd St. | Salads, Sandwiches, Burgers

Hotels-

Holiday Inn- 204 S. 30th Street | 4.0 miles to the fairgrounds
Hilton Garden Inn - 2229 Grand Ave. | 3.6 miles to the fairgrounds

Addresses-

Albany County Fairgrounds: 3510 South Third Street, Laramie, WY, 82070
LREC Wool Lab: 470 WY-230, Laramie, WY, 82070
Mary Mead Room-Front of Hansen Arena: 306 WY-230, Laramie, WY, 82070

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Contest Rules adapted from National Western Stock Show

Albany County Fairgrounds: 3510 South Third Street, Laramie, WY, 82070

LREC Wool Lab: 470 WY-230, Laramie, WY, 82070

- 1. The 4H/FFA Contest will take place Friday, January 15th, 2021 and will begin at 9:00am. Contestants should report to the Albany County Fairgrounds between 8:30am and 8:45am.**
2. Face Coverings are required to be worn over the nose and mouth at *ALL* times, except when actively eating and drinking. They will be allowed to be removed while giving reasons as adequate spacing will be given between the contestant and the reasons taker.
3. Each County/Chapter may enter a maximum of two Wool Judging Teams comprised of a maximum of four (4) members and a minimum of three (3) members. The scores of the three (3) high scoring individuals on each team will be totaled for the team score.
4. Each County/Chapter may enter an unlimited number of alternates not designated as part of that County/Chapter's team(s). Alternates will be eligible for individual awards, but not team awards.
5. Eligibility:
 - a. Wool judging contestants cannot enter the floor of the judging area prior to the contest.
 - b. Only officials of the contest will be allowed on the floor area of the contest. All others are required to have the permission of the Superintendent to enter the contest area.
 - c. 4H and FFA will not be split into two separate contests and will compete for the same team and individual awards.

- d. Contestants will be split into 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior/FFA.
 - i. **Junior: between 8-10 years of age as of December 31st, 2020.**
 - ii. **Intermediate: between 11-13 years of age as of December 31st, 2020.**
 - iii. **Senior/FFA: between 14-18 years of age as of December 31st, 2020 or participating as an FFA member.**
- 6. The Contest will be judged as follows
 - a. Classes: Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for the placing of each class of four (4) fleeces. Contestants will be asked to stand back one minute at the beginning and one minute at the end of the class to observe.
 - i. Three (3) classes of breed fleeces. Fleeces to be placed on the basis of breed requirements.
 - ii. Three (3) classes of commercial fleeces. Fleeces to be placed according to commercial requirements.
 - b. Reasons/Questions
 - i. Seniors/Intermediates: Three (3) sets of oral reasons will be given from 3 of the classes listed above; each set is worth up to 50 points. **Lunch will be provided before reasons begin.**
 - ii. Juniors/Intermediates: Three (3) sets of questions will be asked on 3 of the classes listed above; each set is worth up to 50 points. **Lunch will be provided before questions are asked.**
 - iii. Intermediates can choose whether to participate in the reasons or questions portions of the contest.
 - c. Grading Rail: Fifteen (15) fleeces will be scored for grade (spinning counts), length, character, purity and yield. A maximum of forty-five (45) minutes will be allowed: (2) minutes per fleece and eight (8) minutes to re-examine any or all of the fifteen (15) fleeces. Contestants will submit their findings on an official grading sheet at the end of the rail. The Grading Rail is worth up to 300 points.
 - d. A tie or ties for High Team or High Individual (overall) will be broken on the fifteen (15) fleece grading rail. Placing ties will be broken by reasons and total scores will break grading ties. Reasons will be broken on the lowest placing score, then on grading.

- e. The 4-H Wool Judging Placings & Questions Card will be used for all judging classes. The Wool Grading Line Form will be used for the fleece classes. Cards and forms will be provided by the State 4-H Office.
- 7. Supplies: Scantrons will be provided. Students should supply a clipboard (with no measurement/rulers), pencils and blank paper.
- 8. Cheating will not be tolerated; contestants may be disqualified for cheating. From the time the contest begins to the time the contest is officially complete, there will be no conferring between contestants. Cell phones, smart watches and other smart devices are prohibited. All supplies the student brings must be blank.
- 9. Contestants are warned against rough handling of contest fleeces. Any contestant who violates this rule will be asked to place the remainder of the classes without handling. No warning will be given.
- 10. Coaches will not be allowed to see the classes until after the official judges begin to hear contestant reasons.
- 11. Optional Practice: A practice will be held on Thursday, January 15th, 2021 from 9am – 5:00pm at the LREC Wool Lab. The format will be come and go as you wish, there will be at least 1 rail and 6 classes.**
- 12. Coach's Meeting: The coach's meeting will be held Thursday, January 15th, 2021 at the LREC Wool Lab at 5pm. Final team members and alternates must be turned in at this time.**

Please Send Questions to Dr. Whit Stewart whit.stewart@uwyo.edu