



7220 Wool Judging Contest | College Contest Information

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

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

UW Animal Science Building: N 19th Street, Laramie, WY, 82071

- A. The Collegiate Wool Judging Contest will take place Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 and will begin at 8:00am. Contestants should report to the Albany County Fairgrounds at 7:30am.**
- B. A Collegiate Coaches Meeting will be held Monday, January 9th, 2023 at the LREC Wool Lab beginning at 5:00 p.m.** Packets with final contest instructions will be distributed. Final team members and alternates must be turned in at this time.
- C. Awards Banquet: The formal Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Animal Science Building Foyer.** Dinner will be provided.
- D. Each College 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.
- E. Each College may enter an unlimited number of alternates not designated as part of that college's team(s).** Alternates will be eligible for individual awards, but not team awards.
- F. Eligibility:**
 - a. No contestant is eligible to compete if they have at any time served as an official instructor at any agricultural college, as a regular Extension Agent, as a regular vocational agricultural

teacher, as an official representative of a breed association or officiated as a wool judge in a state, regional or national show.

- b. Each contestant must be presently enrolled at the institution they represent or must have previously competed in a livestock/wool evaluation, selection and/or judging course at the institution they represent.
- c. Each collegiate coach and institution shall be representing that institution.
- d. Wool judging contestants cannot enter the floor of the judging area prior to the contest.
- e. 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.
- f. Each contestant must have an accumulative minimum grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 system), or its equivalent, for all college courses taken prior to the time they compete in this contest. No contestant is eligible to compete in a contest if they have been ruled ineligible by their coach and/or institution represented. This rule applies to both social and scholastic probation.
- g. Those students which meet the criteria described above but graduate in December of the year preceding the contest shall be considered eligible for competition in the current contest.

G. The Contest will be judged as follows

- a. Classes: Fifteen (15) 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.
- b. Three (3) classes of breed fleeces. Fleeces to be placed on the basis of breed requirements.
 - i. Three (3) classes of commercial fleeces. Fleeces to be placed according to commercial requirements.
- c. Reasons: Three (3) sets of oral reasons will be given from 3 of the classes listed above; each set is worth up to 50 points.
- d. 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 300 points.

- e. 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.
- H. Value-added Class: A value class of 4 fleeces will be judged based on the value of each fleece. Students will be given a worksheet and the following information on each fleece: grease fleece weight, micron, price per pound clean, and discounts. Students must rank the fleeces from highest to lowest value. This class is a separate contest and will receive awards but is not part of the overall contest score.
- I. Live Animal Class(es): 1-2 classes of 4 live sheep will be judged based on their fleece characteristic (staple length, belly wool, micron, etc.). A scenario will be written for each class to guide students on evaluation characteristics and priorities. Students must rank the animals from highest to lowest value. These classes will be a separate contest and will receive awards but is not part of the overall contest score.
- J. Supplies: Scantrons will be provided. Students should supply a clipboard (with no measurement/rulers), pencils and a notebook/blank paper.
- K. 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.
- L. 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.
- M. Coaches will not be allowed to see the classes until after the official judges begin to hear contestant reasons.

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