

CSBA Fleece sale Guidelines

- The CSBA National fleece sale is to be held in conjunction with the annual CSBA National Show & Sale.
- The purpose of the fleece sale is to get high quality Columbia wool into the hands of fiber artists and hand spinners and increase Columbia wool viability and visibility in crafting markets.

Requirements:

1. Fleece sale consignors must be current members of the CSBA.
2. Entries may be submitted by 1) contacting the sale chair prior to the NSS, 2) during or before the conclusion of NSS check-in, or 3) by using the online NSS entry form.
3. Fleeces must be sheared from registered Columbia sheep within 12 months of the sale date.
4. Each fleece must be entered in the wool show.
5. Both white and colored fleeces are acceptable and must be exhibited in a clear plastic bag.
6. Fleeces entered in the sale will be sifted for quality assurance to be offered to a hand crafter customer base.
 - a. The fleece sale coordinator reserves the right to skirt, re-bag, remove inferior portions of fleece, and/or reweigh the fleece to be offered in the sale.
 - b. The consignor shall respect the accepted parameters of a fleece sale.
 - c. A fleece may be dismissed from the sale.
 - i. Disputes, regarding cull decisions, shall be submitted, in writing by the consignor, to the chair of the fleece sale within one hour upon the conclusion of the evaluation of all fleeces entered in fleece sale.
 - ii. A written or personal reply will be provided to the maker of the dispute if requested.
 - iii. requested.
 - d. Specifics:
 - i. Staple must be 3 inches or more in length.
 - ii. Average micron must be between 22.05 μ and 30.99 μ
 - iii. Must be strong, without weak or tender areas.
 - iv. No excessive dirt, kemp, guard hair, evidence of lice, scurf, second cuts, foreign matter, and/or vegetable matter (VM).
 - v. Expected clean fleece yield must exceed 55%
 - vi. Appropriate fleece style for the purpose of a hand crafter fleece sale.
7. If skirtings are included for weight in the wool show, the skirtings will be removed, and the fleece will be reweighed prior to offering the fleece for the fleece sale.
 - a. The consignor decides if skirtings, from the wool show, will be disposed by the fleece sale committee or if the consignor will pick up the skirtings at the NSS. If neither are determined, skirtings disposed of.

8. An informational card will be included in the fleece when offered for sale. The card will include:
 - a. Fleece ID/Name
 - b. Staple length
 - c. Weight
 - d. Est. Yield
 - e. Est. Micron
 - f. Fleece description comments
 - g. Consignor information
9. Fleeces entered in the sale will be offered for bid online for 24 hours in a CSBA hosted Facebook event. Communication with bidders and successful buyers, regarding a bid or purchase, will be handled by the Fleece sale Committee.
10. Minimum starting bid will be \$50.
 - a. The entrant may set their own starting bid for their own fleeces.
11. The CSBA will handle collection of fleece sale money, pay the consignor, and collect an 11% commission from the consignor, the same as NSS sheep sales.
 - a. 10% of the commission will go to the CSBA
 - b. 1% will go towards National Show & Sale activities.
12. The CSBA will ship sold fleeces to successful buyers with buyers responsible for postage and related costs.
13. The CSBA is acting as a third party. Responsibility for fleece satisfaction will be handled between the consignor and buyer with the CSBA providing contact information for both parties.
14. All consignors will make all decisions described in these guidelines at the time of check-in at the NSS. (See NSS check-in date and time. Location to be announced as per host facility.)