

Wool Lead Contest

Entry Deadline: Monday, July 25, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Practice Session: To Be Determined based on number of entries

Wool Lead Contest: TBD (before showcase sale BBQ & entertainment)

Rules:

1. Entries in this event will be open to any 4-H/FFA exhibitor showing sheep, llamas and fiber goats at the Pueblo County Fair and open to the public as an Open Class Event. Each 4-H or FFA Exhibitor may sponsor as many youth as they have sheep, llamas or fiber goats entered in the show regardless of the animal's gender.
2. Cloverbuds and children who do not meet 4-H Junior age status are encouraged to participate in the contest, but they may not handle any animals. Non 4-H/FFA exhibitors may handle an animal but must be approved by a superintendent to do so. Safety is paramount, therefore the superintendent may prevent an animal or handler from leading. An adult or 4-H/FFA helper will walk the animal for them.
3. Sheep, llamas or fiber goats to be led, must be owned by a 4-H/FFA exhibitor or leader, conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. Rabbits must be calm and able to be held by the exhibitor. All rules for exhibiting rabbits, sheep, llamas and fiber goats at the Pueblo County Fair pertain. Separate classes will be divided at the discretion of the superintendent. Separate classes may include 4-H/FFA Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, a Pairs/Group class, an Open Class, and a Homemade/Homespun Class. Animals not owned by an 4-H/FFA exhibitor or leader may not be used in this year's contest.
4. The contestants will be judged on **four** categories: participant, handling/knowledge of the animal, ~~and~~ overall picture, **and points awarded for the garments made by the contestant**. The contestant must provide their own garment, but need not be homemade. The aim is to present a stylish, versatile and attractive picture of the use of wool or natural animal fiber in clothing.

Participant (possible 60 points): General Appearance - grooming, hair style and make-up; garment(s) fit: accessories; poise (20 points). Garment(s) - appropriate to age, size and body type; coordination of style, color(s), design; visual appeal (20 points). Fashion Consciousness - reflect current fashion trends and enhance participant's attributes (20 points).

Animal handling/knowledge (possible 60 points): Animal Pairing - animal paired with contestant matches the natural fiber used in the garment (20 points). Animal Knowledge - the contestant has a basic knowledge of the animal including but not limited to what type of fiber is yielded from the animal, the type, breed and sex of the animal (20 points). Animal Handling - the contestant interacts with the animal in a calm, yet confident manner, exhibiting the proper way to handle the animal (20 points).

Overall (possible 80 points) Participant-Animal Relationship - animal handling; work together smoothly; exhibit competence and confidence (20 points). Visual Effect - present the use of the fiber in a coordinated and attractive manner (20 points). Control of Animal - poised and at ease with the animal when moving around the ring and in front of the judges (20 points). Personality - pleasant, natural, and sincere; courteous to other participants (20 points).

Points awarded for the garments made by the contestant (possible 20 points) Points awarded based on the construction and labor dedicated by the contestant in making the garments presented.
5. Description of contestant including name, age, and a short resume of the entrants' fiber animal background, contestant's interests and garment description must be submitted to the superintendent. Contestants not leading their own sheep or llamas must designate their sponsor. This information will be read over the microphone during the promenade of the ring. The resume should **not** exceed one page typed and double spaced. This description must be turned into the superintendent during the practice session.