

## EMFF 2018 LETTER TO FLEECE and FIBER PRODUCERS

Dear Fiber Animal Producers,

Greetings to another year of the EMFF Fiber Sale and Show. This will be EMFF's second opportunity for having your animals' fibers judged. I am sending this information to all producers who sold fiber at recent EMFF festivals.

Registration: Last year very few fiber producers were able to pre-register the fiber from their animals, no doubt due to how hectic life is gets right before a festival, so all registrations will be done at the following times: Friday from 2-5 p.m. or Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m.

Judging: Our judge again this year will be Dave Keefer, member of several Lancaster County knitting, spinning and weaving guilds and new member of the EMFF Board.

Paperwork: Please complete the 2018 Farm Registration Form. You may copy the form available online to complete and bring with you, or you may pick up a copy of the form when you get to registration and complete it then.

In addition, please complete an Animal I. D. Form for each animal's fiber you are entering. You may pick these triplicate forms up to complete at registration. The three copies are used as follows: a receipt for you, a copy for our records and a copy to be stapled to the fleece bag for the purchaser to keep.

Fees: Sale Only (SO) -- \$1 for Festival Venders/Exhibitors; \$3 for Non-venders/Exhibitors

Show and Sale (SS) -- \$3 for Festival Venders/Exhibitors; \$5 for Non-venders/Exhibitors

In addition to completing the registration forms and your fees (cash or check payable to EMFF), please bring your carefully skirted fiber/fleeces in clear plastic bags that are going to hold up to the weight of your fiber.

As I said before, buyers love to know more about the fleeces that catch their eyes. So feel free to create a blurb about each animal—picture, animal's name, your booth number if you are a vender or exhibitor and anything else you'd like to add. If you are entering the fiber to be judged, please hand the extra information to the check-in person and we will add it after the judging is over. If not, you may place it in the bag yourself before registration. Sometimes this information leads to connections that bring yearly purchases between producer and buyer. Obviously, this is not required, but it can be fun.

If you have an animal you'd like to be shorn, we can use it for the shearing and/or the skirting demonstrations. Just let a board member know.

Please encourage other producers you know to enter their fiber/fleeces for sale! The more the merrier!

See you at the Sheep Barn either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning!

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