

# SVFF 2018 Jury Points for Wool Fleeces

- 1. Cleanliness:** Properly skirted, i.e., no dung tags, britch wool, burrs, second cuts, excessive VM, or other contamination, and without stains or fleece damage.
- 2. Soundness:** Fibers should be consistently strong throughout, and free from tenderness and breaks.
- 3. Staple Length:** Refers to actual length of the relaxed staple from tip to base, and varies by breed. Consistency of staple length throughout the fleece is desired, and should conform to breed standards.
- 4. Quality (Fineness):** Fleeces should be of uniform fineness, with minimal differences throughout the fleece.
- 5. Character (Crimp/ Handle):** Refers to the general appearance of the fleece, and includes crimp and handle, as relative to the breed. Consistency along the staple and throughout the fleece is desired.
- 6. Color:** In whites, color should be clear, bright and without yellow tint to allow for optimal dyeing, and should be consistent throughout fleece. Natural coloration is subjective, and also highly desirable. Except in variegated fleeces, consistency through the fleece is desirable.

# SVFF 2018 Jury Points for Alpaca Fleeces (Huacaya)

- 1. Cleanliness:** Properly skirted, i.e., no dung tags, britch wool, burrs, second cuts, excessive VM, or other contamination, and without stains or fleece damage.
- 2. Soundness:** Fibers should be consistently strong throughout, and free from tenderness and breaks.
- 3. Staple Length:** Refers to actual length of the relaxed staple from tip to base. Spinnable fiber length is desirable, with consistency throughout the fleece being paramount.
- 4. Quality (Fineness):** Fleeces should be of uniform fineness, with minimal differences throughout the fleece.
- 5. Character (Crimp/ Handle):** Refers to the general appearance of the fleece, and includes lock style and handle. In Huacaya fleeces, locks should separate into cylindrical groups. Hand or handle should be soft and delicate. Consistency throughout the fleece is desired.
- 6. Color:** Of the sixteen registered Huacaya colors, some are more sought after than others at different times. Regardless of the color, uniformity throughout the fleece is desirable.
- 7. Lack of Guard Hair:** Guard hairs or medullated fibers are undesirable, and add an unwanted 'prickle factor', decreasing the value of the fleece.

# SVFF 2018 Jury Points for Alpaca Fleeces (Suri)

- 1. Cleanliness:** Properly skirted, i.e., no dung tags, britch wool, burrs, second cuts, excessive VM, or other contamination, and without stains or fleece damage.
- 2. Soundness:** Fibers should be consistently strong throughout, and free from tenderness and breaks.
- 3. Staple Length:** Refers to actual length of the relaxed staple from tip to base. Consistency of staple length throughout the fleece is desired, and should conform to breed standards.
- 4. Quality (Fineness):** Fleeces should be of uniform fineness, with minimal differences throughout the fleece.
- 5. Character (Crimp/ Handle):** Refers to the general appearance of the fleece, and includes lock style and handle. In Suri fleeces, locks may be loosely twisted, corkscrewed, curling or flat. Hand or handle should be soft and luxurious. Consistency throughout the fleece is desired.
- 6. Color:** As with Huacaya fleece colors, some are more sought after than others at different times. Regardless of the color, uniformity throughout the fleece is desirable.
- 7. Luster:** Refers to the amount of light the fleece reflects, and one of the key qualities of a Suri fleece. Fleece should be very, very shiny.
- 8. Lack of Guard Hair:** Guard hairs or medullated fibers are undesirable, and add an unwanted 'prickle factor', decreasing the value of the fleece.