

SVFF 2018 Jury Points for Mohair 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. Adult mohair should be on average 4 to 6 inches in length, with Kid or Young Adult on average 2 to 4 inches in length. Consistency of staple length throughout the fleece is desired.
- 4. Quality (Fineness):** Fleeces should be of uniform fineness, with minimal differences throughout the fleece. Fineness should be appropriate for grade of mohair, i.e., Kid (next to skin), Yearling (next to skin, but more durable), Young Adult (socks, mittens, outerwear, woven fabrics), Adult (outerwear and upholstery), and Adult Buck (very coarse, usually used in doll wigs).
- 5. Character:** Refers to the general appearance of the fleece, and includes crimp and handle. Mohair staples should have well-defined, often spiraling waves along the lock. Consistency along the staple and throughout the fleece is desired.
- 6. Color:** Should be clean and consistent throughout the fleece, with no dinginess or dullness.
- 7. Luster:** Brightness and shininess of fiber are one of the key qualities of a Mohair fleece. Mohair should have a high luster.