



Spinning on the River

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Dear Shepherd,

You are receiving this letter as a past participant in the Mid-South Fair Livestock Show. The Spinning on the River Guild is administering the upcoming fleece sale as a silent auction to provide ample opportunity for buyers to see and bid on the fleeces offered for sale.

Here are the instructions and a sample fleece information form. Please note this is only for fleeces which are to be sold in the silent auction. This is in addition to the entry form for the judged fleece show.

1. Fill out a fleece information sheet for each fleece you wish to sell. Use as much information as you know to help the buyers.
2. If you have a minimum price you will accept for the fleece, enter it on the form as the full fleece or per pound price. Fleeces are sold whole. Indicate the weight of the fleece. Include tax in your price; it is not added to the final sale price.
3. Put a lock of wool from the fleece into a baggie attached to the form. Indicate if the sample has been washed.
4. When you put the fleece on display at the fair, take a numbered tag from the fleece display and attach it to the fleece so that it will be visible while the fleece is on display. Write this number in the "Entry #" blank at the top of the fleece information form.
5. Put the completed, numbered fleece information form on the clipboard labeled "Fleece Sale Information and Samples"

Sincerely,

Mary Lessman, President
Spinning on the River Guild

2004 Mid-South Fair Fleece Auction Entry # 42

Breed(s) Cotswold Age: _____ or Lamb Yearling Adult
 Ram Ewe Covered Uncovered

Color Black Even color throughout fleece? yes no

Average fiber length 3" Crimp per inch ~10

Fiber diameter (approx.) _____ or Coarse Medium Fine

Weight of fleece 6.5 lbs Minimum price per pound _____

Minimum Price for full fleece \$20

Other comments: faded tips, little VM, well skirted

Breeder Information

Name Mary Shepherd Farm name Spring Creek Farm

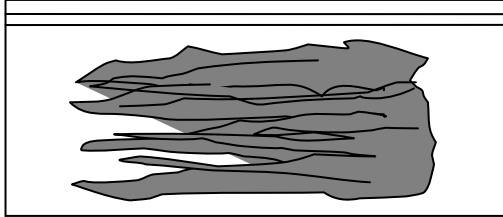
Address 1000 Spring Creek Road
Wool City, TN

Telephone 901-000-0000 E-mail (optional) _____

Sample

Animal name or other identifying information Abigail

Check here if your sample is washed





To help you prepare for the auction in advance we are sending you a blank entry form. Please make as many copies as you need. Blank forms will also be available in the tent where the fleeces will be displayed and judged.

Fleeces will be up for bid from the time of display with the colored tag to Tuesday Sept. 28 at noon. At this time the bid box will be opened and buyers notified. Unsold fleeces will be released Tuesday evening as per livestock rules.

If you have questions or wish more information, please email Mary Lessman at fleecesale@madknitter.com or call 901-757-4049.

Thank you for participating in the MidSouth Fair Fleece Sale.

2004 Mid-South Fair Fleece Auction Entry # _____

Breed(s) _____ Ram Ewe

Age: _____ or Lamb Yearling Adult Covered Uncovered

Color _____ Even color throughout fleece? yes no

Average fiber length _____ Crimp per inch _____

Fiber diameter (approximate) _____ or Coarse Medium Fine

Weight of fleece _____ Minimum price per pound _____

Minimum Price for full fleece _____

Other Comments _____

Breeder Information

Name _____ Farm name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail (optional) _____

Sample

Animal name or other identifying information _____

Check here if your sample is washed

Additional rules for the fleece sale / silent auction

The 2004 Mid-South Fair Fleece Sale / Silent Auction is being administered by the Spinning on the River fiber guild.

A) Fleeces for sale need to be marked with the number tag provided

B) The grower is responsible for filling out the information form as completely as possible.

C) Bids will be accepted at the fair, in the sealed box, from the first day of the fair until Tuesday at noon. The highest bidder will get the fleece. In case of a tie, the earliest bid will win. If the bid is higher than the minimum posted by the grower the fleece will be sold. Fleeces that do not meet the grower's minimum bid will not be sold and the grower is responsible for removing that fleece from the display area at the appropriate time. Growers will be responsible for pickup of any fleeces not put up for sale or left unsold/not paid for by Saturday, October 2nd, 2004. Fleeces will not be sold outside of bidding process (i.e.: no dumping of unsold fleeces or "selling under the table").

D) Fleeces for sale must be left on Tuesday until Guild volunteers have time to sort through bids. The grower will know a fleece has been sold as the word "sold" will be written across the information sheet. It will be the grower's responsibility to pick up fleeces that are not sold as per fair rules and regulations.

E) Payment will be to the Mid-South Fair. Sold fleeces will not be released until the money is received at the fair office. Checks must be received at the fair office by Saturday or the fleece will not be considered sold. The grower is responsible for removing fleeces marked "sold" when no payment has been received. The Mid-South Fair will send a check to the grower for the sold fleece(s). The Grower will be responsible for charging enough to pay taxes on the sale through his or her usual method.