



Growing Wool in Your Backyard

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What
would you
like to do
with your
animals?



Moisture-wicking
VOC-free
Natural Draping
Brilliant-Colors
Insulating Comfort
Durable
Odor-management
Sustainable
UV protection
Flame-resistant

A Tradition of Quality

U.S. Sheep Breeds

MEAT BREEDS

Most Common Breeds



Dorset



Hampshire



Southdown



Suffolk



Shropshire



Montadale



North Country Cheviot



Oxford



Texel



Tunis



Cheviot

DAIRY BREEDS



East Friesian



Lacaune

MINOR BREEDS



Black Welsh Mountain



Blueface Leicester



California Reds



California Variegated Mutant



Gotland



South African Meat Merino

DUAL PURPOSE BREEDS

Most Common Breeds



Columbia



Corriedale



Polypay



Targhee



Finnsheep



Romanov

FINE WOOL BREEDS

Most Common Breeds



Delaine-Merino



Rambouillet



American Cormo



Booroola Merino



Debouillet

LONG WOOL BREEDS

Most Common Breeds



Lincoln



Coopworth



Cotswold



Border Leicester



Perendale



Romney

HAIR BREEDS

Most Common Breeds



Dorper



Katahdin



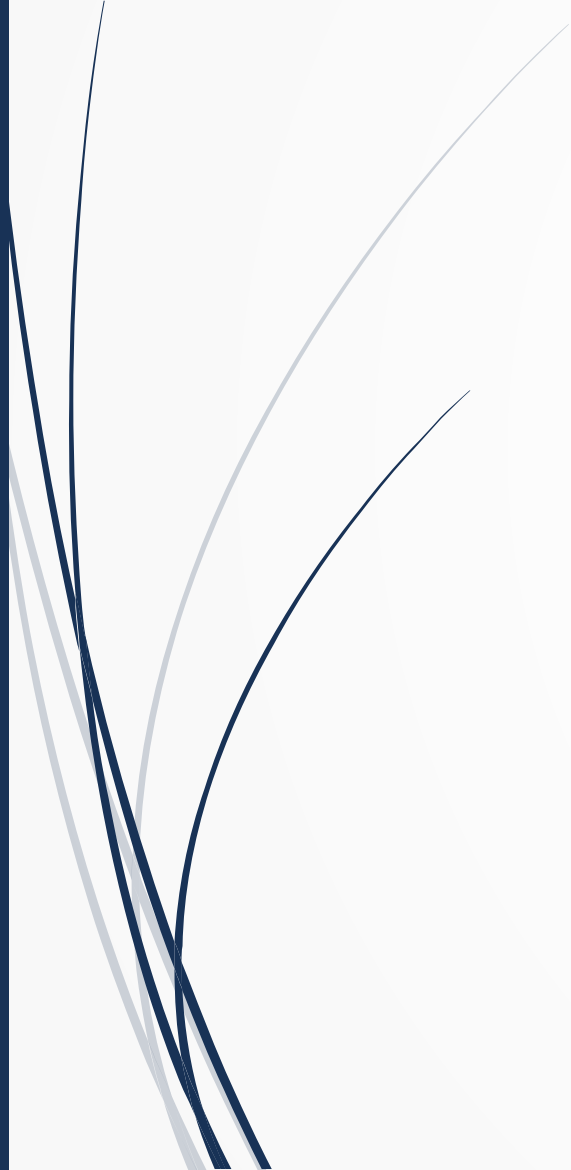
Barbados Blackbelly



Royal White



St. Croix



Types of Wool

FINE WOOL → Close to skin garments



MEDIUM WOOL → Socks, cardigans, blankets



COARSE WOOL → Rugs, upholstery



HERITAGE BREEDS → various



Growing your wool

Start with good genetics

Staple length

Heavy, dense

Uniform

Character

Good sheep management

Strong fleece

Keep wool clean





Contamination

Anything that is not wool

AFFECTS PROCESSING &
PRODUCTS





Shearing

- Critical to animal health
- Usually 1x per year- spring before lambing
 - Coarse and some heritage breeds 2x per year
- Shearer list on ASI website
- Sheep ready for shearing
 - Sheep penned
 - Wool must be dry
 - Fast sheep overnight
 - Area ready

Handling Wool

Skirting- removing non-wool and inferior wool

- Less contamination in end product
- More uniform, better product

Classing- combining similar wools



Sell raw



At a mill



Process

At home



Product Options

Raw wool

Roving / top

Yarn

Woven items

Knit items

Felted items



Marketing outlets

Direct

Mill

Fairs & Festivals

Website

Etsy, Ebay, etc.

Social media

Farmers markets



A Handspinner's Dream

Choose from Harvey Farms' 100+ lovely **raw wool fleeces** perfect for handspinners, weavers and fiber artists.

We also have 100% **wool blankets** handmade in the USA without harsh chemicals or dyes.



Shop Now

Choose from 100+ lovely raw wool fleeces and selected blankets from our Sierra Valley ranch in California.



Reserve For 2020

Reserve your fleeces before shearing day in late February/early March to be sure you get exactly what you'd like!



Fresh Lamb

Raised and bred on our Sierra Valley ranch, our lamb is free-range, finished on pasture, never grained and NO growth hormones or

Where do I go from here?

- Get connected!
- Fairs & festivals
- Classes



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