

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival 2024

The first full weekend in May every year brings my favorite show! For those of you who haven't visited before, it should be on your bucket list. It's just a really fun show, low key with minimal stress. It is run well and very organized by great people. The show was not super big this year but there were 19 white ewes in the yearling ewe class! They seemed to just keep coming and coming. The Champion White Romney Ram went to Alivia Blum (MD) with her yearling, Reserve Champion White Ram went to Little Hooves (NJ) with the first place JR ram lamb. Champion and Reserve White Ewes went to Emma Rogers (CT) with her first place yearling ewe and her first place fall ewe lamb Super nice individuals and enjoyable to gaze upon. Champion NC Romney Ram went to Davey Peterson (DE) with his first place yearling ram and Reserve Champion went to Little Hooves (NJ) with their first place JR ram lamb. Champion NC Romney Ewe went to Little Hooves (NJ) with their first place JR ewe lamb and Reserve Champion went to Davey Peterson (DE) with their yearling ewe.

Special congratulations to Cheryl Dunlap with her 1st place Romney Fleece in the wool show with Silverado. Competition was stiff with 996 fleece entries. Also she received Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the Photo contest. Thought her time card might be all filled in and then realized that she also competed in the creative shearing contest. Don't want to forget that her sheep also did well in the show ring.

Last but not least, in the Sheep to Shawl Contest, the Fidget Spinners chose to use a Romney from Little Hooves Romneys for the second year in a row, and received first place award for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all. The shawl was beautiful.