

Shropshires Perform Double Duty

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she said. Menhennett also plans to sell sheep skins, besides adding soft herbed cheese and soft garlic cheese as new additions to her offerings.

This year Menhennett and Cook will take more than 300 individual cheeses to the event. The bigger portions are sold in pound sizes, but there are quarter pound packages, also.

Prices for the cheese hover around \$12 a pound. The cheese is also popular for customers who are lactose-intolerant, he said.

Although the demand is there, expansion is currently not an option.

"We're doing it as more a labor of love than anything else," he said. "We just do it because we like to do it. We like to have fun, so we're not going to scale up."



Recording each ewe's production helps Menhennett track which ewes she should bring back into the milking string next year.

Maryland Sheep, Wool Festival Runs This Weekend

WEST FRIENDSHIP, Md. — The Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, now in its 30th year, will again open its doors to thousands of visitors seeking to learn more about sheep, peruse the colorful wool offerings, and taste the variety of lamb offered from food vendors.

The event, conducted Saturday and Sunday May 3-4, features sheep shearing, sheep shows, wool crafts, spinning, weaving, working sheepdog demonstrations, gourmet lamb, live music, and a variety of workshops, covering both wool crafts and the sheep industry, to teach both kids and adults.

The event is conducted at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland.

This year, the festival plays host to the National Sheep Show for the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association.

New to the event will be the new Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation Showcase.

The Maryland Grand Lamb Cook-Off has been enhanced this year, with the addition of a Junior Cook-Off division.

In addition, the American Wool Council will also be on site to provide Rapid Fiber Diameter Testing (a useful tool for genetic improvement, sorting wool, and evaluating how diet, genetics and other factors affect wool quality).

The original goals of the festival were to educate the public, provide entertainment, and provide a resource for spinners to buy premium quality fleece for handspinning.

What started out from a small group of people has now become internationally known. Event organizers estimate that 50-60,000 people attend the festival annually.

Admission and parking for the Festival are both free. Festival hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

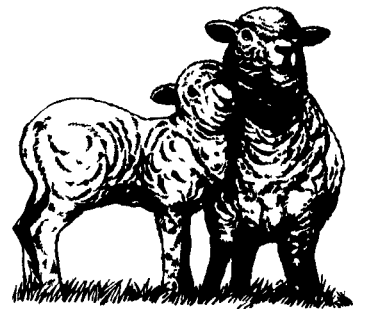
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Directions: from I-70 (west from Baltimore, east from Frederick), take the Maryland 32 exit (80) toward Sykesville/Clarksville.

From Baltimore, turn left onto Maryland 32 South.

From Frederick, bear right onto Maryland 32 South. Turn right onto Route 144 (Frederick Road). Turn right onto Fairground Road.

Look for signs to the Howard County Fairgrounds.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 4, 2003

7:00 am Grounds open to consignors
9:00 am Grounds open to the public
5:00 pm Vendor booths close Grounds close Cleanup begins

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	4-H Hall	Dining Hall	Fair Office	Kids Tents	Pavilion	Auction Tent	Building 3	Barn 7-8	Field Area	Main Exhibition	Show Ring	Ongoing
9:00 AM	7:00 - 9:00 Breakfast (P)	8:30-9:00 ASI Update David Greene 9:10-9:40 Wool Council Topics Bob Padula 10:00-10:50 A I Martin Daily	9:00-noon The First Cut is the Deepest with Lucy Neaby (P)	10-10:50 Quick to Knit in T1 10-11:30 Finger Puppets in T2 11:30-12:20 God's Eye in T1	8:00 am Sheep to Shawl Contest 12:00-1:30 Traditional music Walt Michael	9:00 - 11:00 Consignments Accepted	Ongoing Buy Maryland Lamb and Sheep & Goat Cheese	10:00 Jackpot Lamb Weigh In 11:00 Club Lamb Jackpot Show	11:00 am Working Sheepdogs	9:00 - 3:00 Fleeces Sale	Sheep Shows beginning at 8:00am	9:00 - 5:00 T-Shirt Sales in Building 1
10:00 AM	10:00-10:50 Loom Talk Tom Knisley	10:00-10:50 A I Martin Daily										
11:00 AM	11:00-11:50 Spinning Wheels Sally											
12:00 Noon												
1:00 PM	1:00-4:00 Sit and Knit with Lucy Neaby and Beth Brown Reinzel	1:00-1:50 I Love Wool Rita Buchanan		1-1:50 Japanese Braiding in T1	1:30 Auction of Shawls		11:00 Maryland Grand Lamb Cookoff samples will be available		1:00 pm Working Sheepdogs			
2:00 PM		2-2:50 USDA Wool Mkt. Loan Program Bob Padula		2-3:30 Finger Puppets in T2	2:00 Set up for Shepherd's Load	1:00 Auction of Sheep Equipment						
3:00 PM				2-2:50 Felted Treasure Bag in T1	2:30 Shepherds Lead Contest		12-3:00 Grilled Lamb Samples will be available		3:00 pm Working Sheepdogs			
4:00 PM	10-5:00 Outside Common Ground Tent Martin Family String Band Jo & Wayne Morrison and Walt Michael			3-4:15 Weave a Purse in T1						10:00-5:00 Maggie Sansone hammered dulcimer		
5:00 PM							Cook-off winners announced at 2:00					
6:00 PM												

(P) Pre registration required (K) Kids Workshops This schedule may change For updates visit www.sheepandwool.org or check at the Information Tent during the Festival

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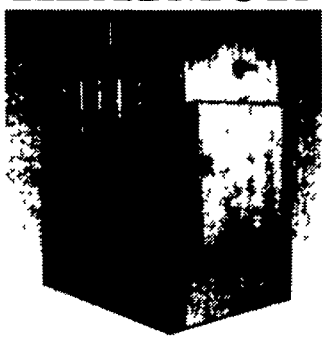
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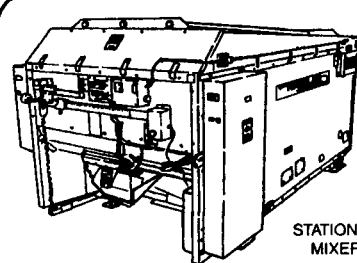
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