

The **Trailing of the Sheep Festival's Wool Fiber Show**, held October 13th in Hailey, ID, brought in many types of fiber this year with over 15 breeds of sheep entered as well as mohair, alpaca and llama camelids. The number of entries more than tripled from last year with 73 entries to be judged. Judges Ron Cole, a wool educational consultant with ASI, and Dr. Lisa Surber of the Montana Wool Laboratory, were the judges for the fleece competition. Lisa brought an OFDA2000 micron testing machine and tested entered fleeces as well as samples from Idaho producers. Ron gave a very good educational lecture during the afternoon with more than 50 people, including several Idaho producers, attending.

Blue Ribbon Winners from the Trailing of the Sheep Fleece Competition:

Alpaca White	Pat Berry, Twin Falls, ID
Gotland	Sudan Farms – Susie & Dan Wilson, Canby, OR
Merino	Rafter 7 Ranch – Tom Filbin, Ranch mgr., Yerington, NV
Wensleydale	Thomas Rupert, Hamilton, MT
Icelandic	Nancy Hill, Blackfoot, ID
Columbia	Mary & Gene Langhus
East Friesian	Gretchen Wilson
Navajo Churro	Callie Thompson, Shelley, ID
SAMM	Mary & Gene Langhus, Big Timber, MT
Rambouillet	Kim Nye, Dillon, MT
Alpaca –Colored	Pat Berry
Mohair	Thomas Rupert
Llama	Kim Cohen, Twin Falls, ID
Targhee	Carolyn Green, Melville, MT

No 1st place ribbons were awarded to the Lincoln, Blue-faced Leicester, and Border Leicester breed classes.

Best of Show	Rafter 7 Ranch – Tom Filbin
Reserve Best of Show	Mary & Gene Langhus



Pictured: Tom Filbin(Best of Show), Mary and Gene Langhus (Reserve Best of Show)