


## FLEECE-WISE FLEECE PURCHASING CHECKLIST

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QUANTITY</b> scoured wool needed for</p> <p>hat/mitts – 4 oz. scarf – 6-8 oz. shawl – 6-10 oz. top/vest – 12-16 oz. sweater – 18-30 oz.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YOUR BUDGET</b></p> <p>_____ per lb.</p> <p>_____ total</p> <p style="text-align: center;">expect 30-60% loss</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LAY OF THE LAND</b></p> <p>How is the barn or tent organized?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HELP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• knowledgeable friend</li> <li>• volunteers at the fleece sale</li> <li>• fellow shopper</li> <li>• <i>The Field Guide to Fleece</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>BREED</b></p> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ewe</li> <li>• wether</li> <li>• lamb</li> <li>• ram</li> </ul>	<p><b>FLEECE CATEGORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fine</li> <li>• longwool</li> <li>• down</li> <li>• multi-coat</li> <li>• other</li> <li>• camelid</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEATURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• color</li> <li>• luster</li> <li>• staple length</li> <li>• lock formation / crimp</li> <li>• coated / blanketed / jacketed</li> <li>• fleece weight</li> </ul>		<p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whole fleece</li> <li>• half fleece</li> <li>• assorted locks</li> <li>• skirted</li> <li>• rolled</li> </ul>
<p><b>PULL A LOCK</b></p>	<p><b>CHECK FOR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• staple length</li> <li>• lock formation</li> <li>• crimp</li> <li>texture / softness</li> </ul>	<p><b>SOUND THE LOCK:</b></p> <p>Grip each end between your thumb and index finger; hold it next to your ear and tug. Listen to the sound it makes. Does it ring or sing? Is there a tearing or ripping sound?</p>		<p><b>HOLD TO LIGHT &amp; CHECK FOR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breaks</li> <li>• weaknesses</li> <li>• color</li> <li>• luster</li> </ul>
<p><b>READ THE TAG INSIDE THE BAG</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• farm/province</li> <li>• genetic information</li> <li>• awards or accolades</li> <li>• shepherd's notes</li> <li>• handling suggestions</li> <li>• problems/challenges</li> <li>• weight/price per pound</li> <li>• staple info</li> <li>• judge's comments</li> </ul>		<p><b>WATCH OUT FOR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breakage</li> <li>• brittle/crumby texture</li> <li>• tender tips</li> <li>• yellowing (yolk/canary stains)</li> <li>• mold/mildew</li> <li>• excessive second cuts</li> <li>• abundant vegetable matter (VM)</li> <li>• scurf (dandruff)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>WHAT DID YOU PURCHASE?</b></p>	<p><b>BREED</b></p>  <p><b>SHEPHERD</b></p>  <p><b>FARM</b></p>	<p><b>TYPE OF WOOL</b></p>	<p><b>NOTEABLE FEATURES</b></p>	<p><b>PRICE</b> per lb. _____</p> <p>total _____</p> <p><b>DATE:</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b></p>

*This checklist was created to accompany FLEECE-WISE: THE SERIES.  
Watch and listen to these podcasts for more information.*

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