

Open Market Fleece Sale Requirements

The purpose of a fleece “Open Market” event at the Carolina Alpaca Celebration to provide an additional, supervised outlet for CABO members and Carolina Alpaca Celebration registrants to sell their alpaca fleeces. The presumption is that the public participation afforded by the CAC could increase sales for alpaca fleece and increase farm exposure. The “Open Market” event is a supplement to each farm’s individual sales, is totally voluntary and does not preclude any private sales of fleeces.

In order to assure the primacy and integrity of the CAC Fleece Show, “Open Market” fleece sales are conducted separately from the judged Fleece Show. Fleeces entered into the Fleece Show are eligible for placement in the current year’s “Open Market” event after Fleece Show judging is completed.

Requirements for Open Market:

1. The Open Market is open to CABO members and Show registrants selling huacaya and suri alpaca fleeces. The placement fee is \$3.00 for CABO members, \$5 for non-members. CABO members can take advantage of a “5 for 4” promotion – 5 fleeces for the fee charged for 4. Each full or half fleece will be assessed individual fees.
2. The Open Market will accept whole or half alpaca fleeces, firsts and seconds, submitted in clear plastic bags.
3. Farms set their own sales prices.
4. One completed copy of the **Open Market Fleece Sales Tag** must accompany each fleece submitted to the Open Market and placed inside the fleece bag.
5. An **Open Market Inventory Form** must accompany all fleeces placed in the Open Market. The information on each fleece Open Market Fleece Sales Tag is summarized on the inventory form.
6. No infested or rotten fleeces or fleeces with other serious problems will be accepted. The Open Market Sales Manager reserves the right to refuse or reject fleeces including fleeces with excessive vegetable matter.
7. Farms may place promotional materials in their fleece bags in the Open Market.
8. Viable fleeces may be donated for proceeds to benefit CABO.
9. Unsold or donated fleeces must be reclaimed by owner (no mail-ins/mail-outs of sale fleeces) by their owner by 3:00 p.m. Sunday
10. Unclaimed fleeces become the property of CABO.
11. Fleeces will be accepted from check in on Friday morning through Saturday at 11:00 am.
12. Payments accepted by the Open Market are cash, check or credit cards.
13. Fleeces will be supervised at all times, but stuff happens and CABO is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged fleeces.