



AMERICAN COLORED ANGORA GOAT REGISTRY



The Quarterly Fanzine For Colored Angora Goat And Mohair Lovers!

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“The Only Angora Goat Registry Recognized By the United States Department of Agriculture”

Planning ahead for Shows and Events

Most events have deadlines to sign up if you plan to show your goats or fleece.

If You will be showing your goats be sure and check if there is a “must be shorn by date”.

Be sure and check if you will need a health certificate (CVI) for goats you are showing. Health certificates are issued for a specific period.

Schedule your vet appointment as necessary.

If you have shows or events in your area we will be happy to list them, at no cost, for you here and on the ACAGR.us website.

Michigan Fiber Festival

August 12 thru 16, 2026

Allegan, Michigan

<https://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/>

Rhinebeck New York

October 17 & 18, 2026

<https://sheepandwool.com/>

Oregon Flock And Fiber Festival

October 17 & 18, 2026

Albany, Oregon

<https://www.oregonflockandfiberfestival.com/>

Make Plans To Attend The

HLRS HABY-LOCKHART-ROSS-SPECK
HABY-LOCKHART-ROSS-SPECK **39TH ANNUAL** ANGORA GOAT PRODUCTION SALE

When? - Saturday, July 11, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

**Where? - Kerr County Hill Country
Youth Event Center • Kerrville, Texas**



Goats will be at sale barn 8 a.m. on day of sale.



Catalogues will be available online
one week prior to the sale.
Visit us at www.SpeckAngoras.com
Catalogues will be available at the Sale
or by request at fspeck@stx.rr.com
Auctioneer: Mark Tillman

These are just a few of the
many 2026 events and shows
being held nationwide.

A Few Words From The Editor

2026 has started with a bang for goat Registrations, Transfers, etc. For the first half of the year from January 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2026 there was the following activity:

315 - New Colored Angora Registrations.

118 - Transfers of Registrations.

3 - Colored Angoras were Recorded.

3 - Colored Angoras were inspected using the Photo Inspection process.

1 - Duplicate Registration was issued.

8 - Colored Angoras were Registered by non-members.

5 - Changes were made to existing Registrations; such as the goats color and/or ear tag number.

Keep up the good work!

Email us with questions or concerns, or recommendations regarding this Newsletter. If you would like to be removed from the ACAGR mailing list and no longer receive the newsletter simply reply to this email with the word "remove".

info@acagr.us

Q&A's

Q - When I register my goat how do I know what color description to submit?

A - When Colored Angoras were first being developed a system of numbers and letters was developed to describe colors and patterns. As time went on colors, marking etc. became more varied that system became limiting and for the most part been abandoned and has been replaced with plain text descriptions. Great information is provided at this website and can make color/marking identification much easier.

<https://plfarmforfun.net/>

Have Fun Going Thru
The Pictures!

Publication Schedule

Issue	Publication Dates
Spring Quarter	April 1st ~ 7th
Summer Quarter	July 1st ~ 7th
Fall Quarter	October 1st ~ 7th
Winter Quarter	January 1st ~ 7th

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Micron Testing and Grading Mohair

Angora Goats produce some of the most desirable fiber there is. It is extremely durable, fire resistant, has good insulating properties and is a pleasure to work with. That being said it is important to know what grade, style and color you are working with. Color and style are self evident by sight. Grade however is another story and is determined by micron testing. Micron testing is performed using highly sophisticated measuring equipment.

Where can I get my mohair micron tested? The best choice we have found is the Texas A&M Wool and Research Laboratory in San Angelo, Texas. This is their online link:

<https://legacy.research.agrilife.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/09/Producer-Sample-Submission-Form-Revised-1.pdf>

We have also included information from their website on pages 6, 7, and 8.

What are mohair producers are referring to when they talk about Kid, Yearling and Adult Mohair?

Those general terms are only a reference to the life stage of the goat when it is shorn. Testing provides hard numbers. Some goats can produce what is referred to as “kid grade mohair” all of their life. On the other hand some kids and younger goats can produce “a more coarse adult grade mohair”. All mohair has a use. The finer kid grades are generally used for items worn next to the skin where softness is desirable. The coarser or adult grades are generally used to make things like rugs and felt for inner layers of insulation where softness is not necessary.



Current Trade Terminology	Grade of Mohair	Micron System
No. 1 Kid – Super Fine	Finer than 40s	under 23.01
No. 1 Kid	40s	23.01 - 25.00
No. 1 Kid	36s	25.01 - 27.00
No. 2 Kid – Fine Kid	32s	27.01 - 29.00
No. 2 Kid	30s	29.01 - 31.00
No. 1 Grown & Yearling	28s	31.01 - 33.00
No. 1 Grown & Yearling	26s	33.01 - 35.00
No. 2 Grown	24s	35.01 - 37.00
No. 2 Grown	22s	37.01 - 39.00
No. 3 Grown	20s	39.01 - 41.00
No. 3 Grown	18s	41.01 - 43.00
No. 3 Adult – Coarse	coarser than 18s	over 43.01

Having your mohair micron tested offers the benefits of accurately representing your fiber to customers and can help determine a breeding plan to get the best mohair from your goats offspring.

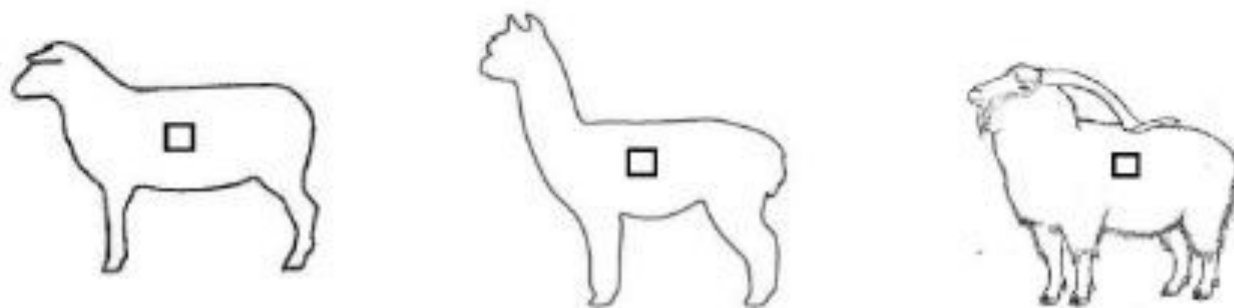


FIBER SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

When submitting samples, please include:

- 1) Animal I.D. with each sample.
- 2) Completed sample submission form.
- 3) Pre-payment:
 - Do not send cash.
 - Make checks payable to: Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- 4) Mail to: Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Lab
7887 U.S. Highway 87 N.
San Angelo, TX 76901
ATTN: Animal Fiber Testing
- 5) If you wish to receive your results via US post, and/or have samples returned to you, please indicate this on the submission form, and include payment to cover postage.

Reports consist of: Average fiber diameter in microns; fiber diameter distribution, standard deviation and coefficient of variation, CEM-course edge micron, %<15 microns, CF-comfort factor, FC-fiber curvature, SD of curvature, SF-spinning fineness, SL-staple length, min and max microns, FE-fiber ends and along-fiber diameter profile.



FIBER SAMPLE SUBMISSION FORM

Owner Name: Farm/Ranch Name:

Mailing Address:
please include city, state, and zip

Email: Phone:

Fiber Type:

Date Needed By:

*If you are an NSIP member, you are eligible to receive a \$2.50 discount/staple for the OFDA2000 test.
To receive this discount, please enter your 6-digit member ID number here:

Service(s) Requested	\$/Test	# of Test(s)	Total
Fiber Quality			
OFDA2000 (Staple)	\$ 5.00		\$ 0.00
* OFDA2000 (Staple) – NSIP Member Price	\$ 2.50		\$ 0.00
**OFDA2000 (Snippet)	\$ 15.00		\$ 0.00
**OFDA100 (Snippet)	\$ 15.00		\$ 0.00
LaserScan	\$ 12.00		\$ 0.00
Fiber Content			
Yield	\$ 20.00		\$ 0.00
Yield & Vegetable Matter	\$ 80.00		\$ 0.00
Fleece Coring	\$ 5.00		\$ 0.00
Juniper Intake			
JuniperNIRS	\$ 10.00		\$ 0.00

Available upon prior request only

Please contact the lab before sending sample and payment.

Return Postage

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:

Please specify micron cutoff (**CASHMERE ONLY**): Less than 30 Greater than 30

Do you want your samples returned via US Mail? YES NO If yes, please include return postage with payment.

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Genetic Testing And DNA Matching

When a buck takes down the fence and get in with your does it can be a disaster. Fortunately all is not lost!

When the new kids arrive genetic testing and DNA matching can resolve the problem.

The UC Davis has one of the top Veterinary Genetics Laboratories in the U.S.

Rather than present a lot of duplicate information we are providing a link to their website:

<https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/testing-info>

Here you will find all of the information you will need for the various testing they offer. This is the goat specific link:

<https://vgl.ucdavis.edu/test/parentage-genetic-marker-report-goat>



Genetic Testing And DNA Matching is a great tool for serious breeders and anyone wanting to produce the best Color and Quality possible.



Trailer Your Goats

There are many options for transporting your goats, to shows, to the vet, when buying or selling, etc. Many goat owners choose to use a trailer to do the job. Many times, the trailer gets parked after it has been used with no care or maintenance. Then the next time it is needed it is simply hooked up and used. Trailers are like all mechanical devices and need routine care and maintenance. Here are a few tips to make using your trailer a pleasure instead of a nightmare.

First, do a general inspection beginning with the vehicle you will be towing your trailer with. Is it ready and up to the job?

Is your tow vehicle rated to pull the intended trailer?

Check the owner's manual to be sure you are within the weight limits.

Is the trailer hitch rated for your trailer?

Is the hitch ball the correct size for your trailer?

Most hitches are marked with that information.

Is the light plug compatible with your trailers light plug?

Next do a general inspection of your trailer. What size hitch ball does it require? Is it compatible with the ball on the tow vehicle?

Does the trailer have good strong safety chains with hooks or devices to connect them to the tow vehicle? Many states require 2 safety chains. When attached to the tow vehicle they should be crossed under the trailer tongue, this is required in many states. Crossing them allows the chains to catch the trailers tongue if the hitch should fail.

Is the light plug compatible with the plug on the tow vehicle? It seems like lights on trailers always have a problem, burned out bulb, broken wire, etc. Light problems almost always result from a poor installation. It is well worth the cost to have a qualified automotive electrician repair or replace a faulty system.

How many times have we all seen someone stopped along the highway at night holding a flashlight in their teeth trying to fix trailer lights! A complete light kit for your trailer can be purchased on eBay for under \$25.

Check the tires on your trailer. They should have good tread and be properly inflated. Do you have a serviceable spare tire and the tools to change a flat? If your trailer is parked in the sun it can help extend tire life by blocking the sun so it doesn't shine directly on them. Most tire stores will inspect tires for you at no cost. Are the lug nuts all tight? When was the last time the wheel bearings were inspected and repacked? If your trailer has brakes test them and have them inspected when you pack the wheel bearings. Inspect all of the doors, gates, latches and mechanicals for function and operation. Latches and locks can always use a little lubrication and when working properly are pleasures to use and sure beat pinched fingers! A simple spray can of lubricant can be purchased at auto parts stores and supermarkets.

Inspect the floor in the trailer where the animals ride. Is it solid and will it safely support the animals? Is there adequate ventilation and are the vents of as size and location that will not allow small animals to get out? Is your trailer secure? Doors and gates should be able to be locked to keep the animals in and unwanted guests out. A simple piece of chain and a padlock works great and provides peace of mind. When traveling any distance, I always take along adequate food and water for the animals. Five-gallon buckets with snap on lids from Lowe's or Home Depot work great, especially for water. An option for water is an Ice Cooler! Simply put it in the trailer, fill it with water and when you make a stop just open the lid for the goats to drink! If it is hot out put in a bag of ice, the goats love it.

A good inspection and preparation can be done in just a few minutes and will pay off with the no hassle, and safe use of your trailer. ***Happy Trailing!***

Useful Links

Angora Goat Ranches, Breeders etc.:

South Texas Angora Goats, Pat & Tracy Ross Harper, TX
Speck Angoras, Dr. Fred Speck, Kerrville, TX

Colored Angora Goat Reference Sources:

PLF Color, Pattern and Markings

Organizations, Associations, etc.:

American Colored Angora Goat Registry ACAGR

American Angora Goat Breeders Association AAGBA

Ranch, Milking and Other Supplies:

Caprine Supply

Hoegger Supply

Sources that we use for vaccines, wormers, etc.:

Jeffers Livestock Supply

KV Vet Supply

Valley Vet Supply

Goat Health:

The Merck Veterinary Manual -> <https://www.merckvetmanual.com/>

If you have suggestions for sites to add please email them to us:

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