

Calling all Wool Enthusiasts!

Please join us for a day of workshops and hands-on activities for shepherds, shearers, fiber artists, and interested community members -- learn how to produce quality fleece, process wool at-home, access markets for your wool, help your local shepherds, and strengthen our regional wool supply chain!

Quality Wool Workshop - Saturday, March 21, 2026

Union University Church Center 29 North Main Street, Alfred, NY 14802

Agenda

10 AM to Noon - Optimal fleece begins with quality animal care; NEFX Farmer Certification Training; & Skirting Demonstration
Attending the morning program will allow your farm to sell to the Northeast Fiber Exchange, a natural fiber buying hub supporting the Northeast's textile supply chain.

Noon-1 PM Lunch & Exhibits

Participants will have an opportunity to join us for an artisan lunch. Made from local farm products and by local bakers. Suggested donation \$10 payable at the event.

1-4 PM Breakout Sessions - Participants may choose from multiple topics per hour during the afternoon session. Topics to include Skirting, Animal Nutrition & Forage Analysis, Wool Processing Demonstration, Scouring, Wool Supply Chain, Pasture Management & Soil Health

Presenters

Jessica Waltemyer, Small Ruminant Extension Specialist, Cornell Pro-Livestock Team.

Shannon Zhang, Business Development and Operations Manager, Northeast Fiber Exchange

Emmaline Long, Fiber Farmer, Orchard View Lincoln Longwools

Lynn Bliven, Ag & Natural Resources Issue Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County

Members of the Southern Tier Fiber Arts Guild

Participants are invited to bring 1-2 fleeces from 2025 or 2026 shearing to skirt during the workshop.



Preregistration requested by March 13th. You may sign up for the full day or half day to fit your schedule.



Register online with QR code or visit our website:

<https://allegany.cce.cornell.edu>

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