



Preparing Your Fleece For Processing

The better prepared your fleece is for processing, the more cost effective it is for you. You pay according to your fleece's incoming weight.

There is no point paying for dirt, grass seeds, etc so here are a few things to do before you send in your fleece.

1. Lay it out on a table or fly screen and give it a good shake to loosen up any dirt.
2. Pull it apart so that you can see all of the fleece. – You won't be showing the fleece any more, so does not need to stay together.
3. Remove any coarse bits (often towards the stomach), second cuts, daggy bits, short bits (less than 75mm) or obvious guard hair.
4. Grab handfuls of fleece removing any grass seeds, burrs, hay, etc. Especially burrs will not come out in the wash and can really downgrade your end product with their spikes.
5. Place the clean section into a bag and grab another handful. Repeat point 4.
6. Check for the following: tenderness and length (MINIMUM of 7cm
MAXIMUM of 15cm)

Be sure to check for "tender" fleece. This is fleece that has a weak section and will break during processing. Simply grab a staple, stretch it out between both hands and try to break it.

Also note, that any fleece that is infested with moths, lice or lice eggs is not acceptable and will not be processed. It will be thrown out!

Don't forget: Garbage in = garbage out!