

## 2022 Fiber Report

Kentucky Sheep and Fiber oversees three major programs to help promote and support our local wool and fiber producers. The Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival which takes place in May of each year in Lexington, The Kentucky Fiber Trail which is a network of fiber producers, artisans, agritourism locations, events and artisans, and The Kentucky Natural Fiber Center a fiber classroom and studio in Millersburg, Kentucky.

The Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival was a success this year. Coming off many of our COVID restrictions from years past, we welcomed over 3000 guests to Lexington to shop and experience some of Kentucky's best wool and fiber offerings. Many thanks to those of you who were able to volunteer and share our posts online. Our committee has already begun meeting for the 2023 Festival and we are excited to plan our 15th festival in Lexington this May. We could not run such a successful festival without the support and volunteers from our associations. Please do consider joining our efforts and coming out to support us.

The Kentucky Fiber Trail is gaining new membership across the state and held our first ever Bluegrass Yarn and Fiber Crawl event at the end of July. It vastly increased our online visibility, social media following and our trail membership. A local crawl called the I-75 Yarn Crawl was recently retired and we hope to help fill in the gap left behind. Guests travelled across the state to various locations and were able to collect passport stamps and receive prizes and incentives for traveling the trail.

The Fiber Trail is getting ready to begin taking renewals for 2023 and planning out events for the new year. The Fiber Trail will begin preparing for the Fiber Crawl in the early Spring, and will continue to find events where they can be represented.

The Kentucky Natural Fiber Center hosted their first ever Fall Craft and Fleece Faire in Millersburg Kentucky. Nine vendors, three workshops, a craft swap and fleece sale all took place between the Fiber Center's classroom and Millersburg's City Building directly across the street. The fleece sale was a great success with most producers returning home with very little of the fleeces they brought. Our craft swap brought great joy to the participants as many traded away forgotten craft items for new-to-them goods.

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