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LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

# Sheep Shearing Weekend

May 8 & 9  
9 am to 5 pm

Sheep shearing  
Sheep herding  
Fiber processing  
Spinning & weaving



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**Hilltop**  
Tour antique tractors 9:00 to 4:30

**The Dairy Parlor**  
Self Guided Dairy Tour 9:00 to 4:30  
(Limited number of visitors allowed at a time)  
Meet the breed 10:00, 12:00, & 2:00  
(Outside behind the Dairy Parlor)

**Shepherds' Field**  
Border collie demonstration 11:00, 1:00 & 4:00  
(Weather permitting)

**Barnyard**  
Visit the farm animals 9:00 to 4:30  
Pony rides \$5 11:00 to 4:00  
(weather permitting)

**The Well Bred Shed**  
Learn about farm animals 9:00 to 4:30

**The Equine Center**  
Meet the breed (Sat. only) 11:00  
Groom the horse (Sun. only) 11:00

**Arena**  
Spinning & weaving 10:00 to 4:00  
Sheep shearing 10:00  
Rainbow sheep shearing 11:30  
Sheep shearing (blade) 1:30  
Sheep shearing (electric) 3:00  
Farmpark fleece for sale 9:00 to 4:00  
Alternative uses for wool 10:00 to 4:00  
Sheep breeds and fiber display 10:00 to 4:00

**Plant Science Center**  
Hydroponics 11:00 & 4:00  
Plant dyes demonstration 1:00 to 3:00

**Farmpark Gift Shop** - Pick up a bag of wool from Farmpark's sheep, cards, plush animals and puppets, home decor, Ohio foods and much more! Pick up some Farmpark maple syrup and maple candy, Ertl tractors, home decor, plush animals and more!

# LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK BACK A BREED

Sponsorships make great gifts for children, families and teachers and are unique opportunities for classrooms and scouts. More information can be found at [goto.lakemetroparks.com/donate](http://goto.lakemetroparks.com/donate).

## Available Breeds



Rabbits\*



Draft horses



Border collies



Goats



Chickens\*



Pigs



Light horses



Cows



Sheep\*



Mini horses

## BACK A BREED SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### \$150 or more donation includes

- Outreach program onsite or travel\* (if available) with your backed breed OR a large photo of your breed
- Back a Breed tote bag
- Certificate with small photo of your backed breed
- Your name on the donor board in the Farmpark lobby
- Lake Metroparks magnet, sticky note pad, pen and trading cards

### \$50 donation includes

- Certificate with small photo of your backed breed
- Your name on the donor board in the Farmpark lobby
- Lake Metroparks magnet, sticky note pad, pen and trading cards

### \$25 donation includes

- Certificate with small photo of your backed breed
- Lake Metroparks sticky note pad and pen



\*Please note: Outreach programs are designed for groups—no private functions. Programs are to be scheduled and presented within six months. Travel outreach programs are limited to rabbits, chickens or sheep.



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# horsefest

May 22 & 23

Discover the majestic beauty of horses, different breeds, riding disciplines and uses for these versatile animals.

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# Railroads in the parks

June 5 & 6  
9 am to 5 pm

## All aboard!

A weekend filled with operating model train exhibits! Both HO and N Scale modular layouts will be on display. Other featured exhibits include G Scale trains, Lionel O Scale trains and a Lego train layout. Children may build a wooden train for an additional \$2. Take a ride on Farmpark's barrel train.

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**Equine Center**

- Well Bred Shed
- Hitch 'n Harness
- Stables
- Restrooms

**Plant Science Center**

- Hydroponics
- Grain Place
- Greenhouse
- Restrooms

**Visitor Center**

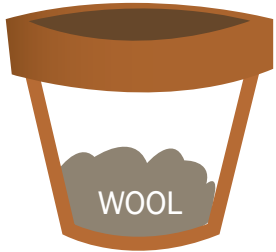
- Gift Shop
- Theater
- First Aid
- J&J Café
- Dairy Parlor
- Dairy Processing
- Atrium
- Restrooms

**Please** wash or sanitize your hands before eating. Encourage children to keep their hands out of their mouths after petting animals.

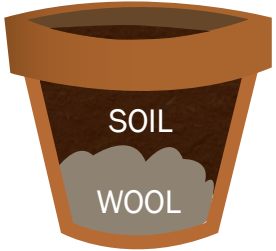
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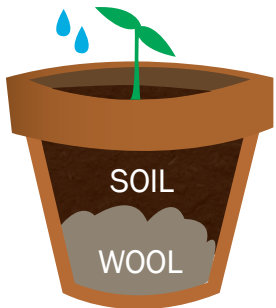
# How to use wool in planters



To use wool in **planters or pots**, fill about half full with loosely packed wool. Fill the rest of the planter or pot with potting soil, plant either seeds or plants and water.



To use wool in **outdoor hanging baskets**, line basket with approximately three inches of loosely packed wool. Fill the rest of the hanging basket with potting soil, plant either seeds or plants and water.



*Wool in planters helps aerate the roots and also keeps them moist longer.*



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## Lake Metroparks Farmpark Wool for Sale

*Wool sales in the Arena*

Small bag clean fleece	\$1.50/bag
Small bag dyed fleece	\$2.00/bag
Large bag raw wool	\$2.00/bag
Good quality fleece	\$2/lb.
Better quality fleece	\$4/lb.
Best quality fleece	\$6/lb.

## Fun Sheep & Wool Facts

Many sheep breeds are seasonal breeders, giving birth in the spring after a gestation period of 142 to 152 days. Twins are not uncommon, especially after a ewe has already lambed once.

At home, you can use wool as nesting material for birds and squirrels, mulch for raised beds, filler in pots to retain moisture and provide aeration, and as liner for hanging wire baskets.

Sheep wool comes in three types: fine, medium and coarse. Fine wool is often turned into clothing; medium wool into blankets; and coarse wool into carpeting.

Shearing once or twice a year is vital to keeping sheep happy and healthy. If sheep are not shorn, their wool continues to grow and accumulates waste and dirt (which can lead to infection) and impedes their ability to regulate their body temperatures.

Wool can absorb 10 to 30 times its weight in water or oil. That's ten times more than any other synthetic fiber, making it a great choice to help clean up oil spills.

Wool is naturally flame resistant. It requires more oxygen than the surrounding air provides to become flammable. Garments and other textiles protect firefighters and rescue personnel from flame and explosives every day.