

## FIBER MARKET DAY GENERAL INFORMATION

High Desert Wool Growers' annual Market Day is just that. We are a group of volunteers with farms, many with jobs, who sponsor this event each spring in central Oregon where farmers and fiber artists can bring their products as an exhibition, sale, educational opportunity, and a gathering of fiber enthusiasts from our region.

All vendors are encouraged to demonstrate some aspect of their crafts during the day, and/or have at least a small display of you working at your craft, processing, farm, etc. Sharing techniques, skills, and passion for fiber arts with our guests encourages new as well as continuing interest in the fiber arts. A portion of our advertising is geared to bringing in newcomers, as well as the traditional audiences.

Due to this being a farm-based organization, having the livestock present is a priority for our event. Therefore, the High Desert Activity Center is our building of choice. Vendors who are sitting/standing in a small space all day, and obviously if outdoors, please plan to wear wonderful natural fiber layers to keep warm, including on your feet and/or heads! Even though the High Desert Activity Center is a "climate-controlled" building, it is large, and open doors and/or weather may also affect the indoor environment.

In order to keep the FMD fairly competitive for all vendors, large amounts of de-stashing with big discounts, or fiber items not "made or outsourced" by the vendor, are not allowed (please note the "90 percent" requirement on the vendor application).

Food vendors on the fairgrounds must be fair office approved. HDWG choose to give youth organizations such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America our support in the small ways that we are able, and this includes having them be our food vendors if there are interested groups.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making FMD as stress-free and enjoyable as possible for all involved.