



Show Results

Canadian National Cashmere Fleece Competition CNCFC 2014

May 17, 2014

It was truly an honour to judge the 2014 Canadian National Fleece Competition. It was wonderful to see so many beautiful fleeces in one place. You should all be very proud of the caliber of cashmere fibre being produced on North American Farms. Some fleeces were so skillfully and cleanly harvested it made the decisions even more difficult. This winter was hard on all of us and especially our animals but many were still able to get off such clean fleeces was wonderful to see.

As a judge and as breeders, we all bring a different eye and background to evaluating fleeces and we weight different traits slightly differently and in the end making a choice of one fleece over another is a very difficult decision for anyone. Some of the larger classes and especially amongst the top fleeces were so close that even those fleeces that did not place could just as easily have been the winners. I judged this competition more from an overall productivity and process-ability perspective. I hope the general comments are as helpful to people as I have found those offered to me over the years to be. In the end just keep in mind this is only one opinion of many and we need to put it into perspective when combined with our knowledge of our own animals and where we are heading with our individual breeding and individual marketing goals.

I got a chance to chat with some of the attendees and spinners in the group and it was a wonderful chance to educate them about the traits of cashmere so they could choose the perfect cashmere fleece for their skill level in future. I got an education myself not only from them but in getting to spend time with so many lovely fleeces. I did not get chance to include as many positive comments on the sheets as I would have liked to, but I guess that is the nature of "judging".

Thank you so much for sending in so many fleeces for my review. Keep striving for goats who have it all and keep enjoying these amazingly wonderful, humble and humbling creatures we all consider some our best friends and greatest teachers.

Warm Regards,

Becky Bemus



Does

Class 111 – First Fleece 2013 doeling 16 Entries

1. CFH Rebel owned by Cachemire Farm, Glencairn ON
2. CFH Ella owned by Black Walnut Farm, Hamilton, ON
3. CFH Nadette owned by Cachemire Farm, Glencairn, ON
4. HFC Polaris owned by Harmony Farm, Quesnel, BC
5. Amaya owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA

Class 112 – Second Fleece Doe 14 Entries

1. Lena owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
2. HMR Zit owned by Heavens Mix Ranch, Sexsmith, AB
3. Berta owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
4. HFC Ona owned by Harmony Farm, Quesnel, BC
5. Tahara owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA

Class 113 – Third Fleece Doe 6 Entries

1. Bandida owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
2. Nelia owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
3. HFC Miracle owned by Harmony Farm, Quesnel, BC

Class 114 – 4th, 5th and 6th Fleece Doe 21 Entries

1. Cadence owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
2. Hasina owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
3. Luisa owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
4. Sally owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
5. STC Francesca owned by Springtide Farm, Bremen ME

Class 115 – 7th Fleece Doe & Older 8 Entries

1. Pachelbel owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
2. RSC Hanna owned by Cachemire Farm, Glencairn, ON
3. Oprah owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA



Bucks

Class 121 – First Fleece Buckling 9 Entries

1. STC Magellan owned by Springtide Farm, Bremen ME
2. HFC Perseus owned by Heavens Mix Ranch, Sexsmith AB
3. CFH Joshua owned by Cachemire Farm, Glencairn ON

Class 122 – Second Fleece Buck 2 Entries

1. RFF Arthur owned by Reynolds Family Farm, Salt Spring Island BC
2. HFC Orion owned by Harmony Farm, Quesnel BC

Class 123 – Third Fleece Buck 5 Entries

1. Enrique owned by Spring Gate Farm, Barboursville VA
2. STC Lancelot owned by Black Locust Farm, Washington ME
3. Gryphon owned by La Chevre d'Oeuvre, St. Andre-Avellin QC

Class 124 – 4th, 5th & 6th Fleece Buck 3 Entries

1. MDF Gringo owned by Black Locust Farm, Washington ME
2. SFC Gangotri owned by Black Locust Farm, Washington ME
3. SHF Lalaun owned by Redeemers Garden, Chilliwack, BC

Class 124 – 7th Fleece Buck & Older 2 Entries

1. RWF Chaplin owned by Cachemire Farm, Glencairn ON
2. TFC Cairn owned by Black Locust Farm, Washington ME



Reserve Junior Champion Doe – Nelia, Spring Gate Farm

Junior Champion Doe – Bandida, Spring Gate Farm

Reserve Champion Doe – Cadence, Spring Gate Farm

Grand Champion Doe – Pachelbel, Spring Gate Farm

Reserve Junior Champion Buck – Enrique, Spring Gate Farm

Junior Champion Buck – STC Megellan, Springtide Farm

Reserve Champion Buck – RWF Chaplin, Cachemire Farm

Grand Champion Buck – MDF Gringo, Black Locust Farm

Best in Show – Pachelbel, Spring Gate Farm

Thank you and well done to all CNCFC 2014 Show Participants!