

# Southern Adirondack Fiber Producers Cooperative, Inc.

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## Quality Fleece Production Workshop Saturday, April 20, 2013

Hosts: Ensign Brook Farm, 1930 County Rte 113, Greenwich, NY  
Battenkill Fibers, 2532 State Rte 40, Greenwich, NY

### Workshop objectives

- Understand what commercial fiber buyers are looking for in fleeces (and what buyers are willing to pay for);
- Review preparation steps for quality wool improvement including shearing practices and fiber handling;
- Learn about minor management modifications than can be undertaken on your farm in order to receive a relatively large return.

### Workshop agenda

10:00 a.m.	Registration and welcome at Ensign Brook Farm	Karin Kennedy, Ensign Brook Farm
10:10 a.m.	<b>A Quality Wool Clip Starts Before Shearing.</b> Breeding, nutrition, pasture management, parasite control, feeding methods, coating, and other practices that can make a difference in your fleece.	Aaron Gabriel, Cornell Cooperative Extension
11:05 a.m.	<b>Shearing, Skirting, Classing, Storing, and more.</b> Demonstration and hands-on practice.	Joe Hamilton, Shearer
12:15 p.m.	Brown bag lunch or pick up a sandwich at Subway (sponsor of the Washington County Fiber Tour). Water, tea, coffee furnished.	
1 p.m.	<b>Fiber sale and value-added processing options</b> - how to get the most from your breed of sheep. When to blend with other fibers (alpaca, mohair, nylon, etc.) and what ply and weight of yarn to select. Bring your un-sorted fleeces for evaluation and hands-on practice.	Mary Jeanne Packer, Battenkill Fibers

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, and Battenkill Fibers Carding & Spinning Mill*

### Registration

Pre-registration is requested. Call 518 692 2700 or email [mjpacker@battenkillfibers.com](mailto:mjpacker@battenkillfibers.com)

Cost: Free; includes workshop materials.