

Getting the wool to us

You may drop the wool at the mill, or send it via UPS, USPS or motor freight. Wool is best sent to us in boxes or burlap bags. You may use plastic grain bags provided you use a regular plastic bag inside the grain bag. For sending large amounts you may want to consider cutting a large burlap bag in half; this will hold about 68 lbs for a total of 70 lbs, the maximum weight allowed for UPS shipping. Put a label with your name and address inside the bag as well as outside. If you want the wool washed and/or picked and carded, please weigh the wool and prepay for the service. If you have an approved spinning order, we require a 50% deposit. Unless arrangements are made for you to pick up the carded fibers or yarn we will notify you of the balance due (including shipping and handling charges) when your job is completed. We guarantee to return your own wool.

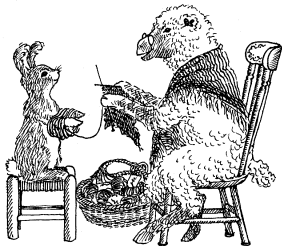
If you wish to bring the wool and have it carded “while you wait”, you must make an appointment. You may be required to assist (i.e. to bag the carded wool). Please be aware that it is not possible to wash and dry wool while you wait.

All visits to the mill are by appointment or chance.

Questions ? 315-497-1542, yarn@fingerlakes-yarns.com

Fingerlakes Woolen Mill

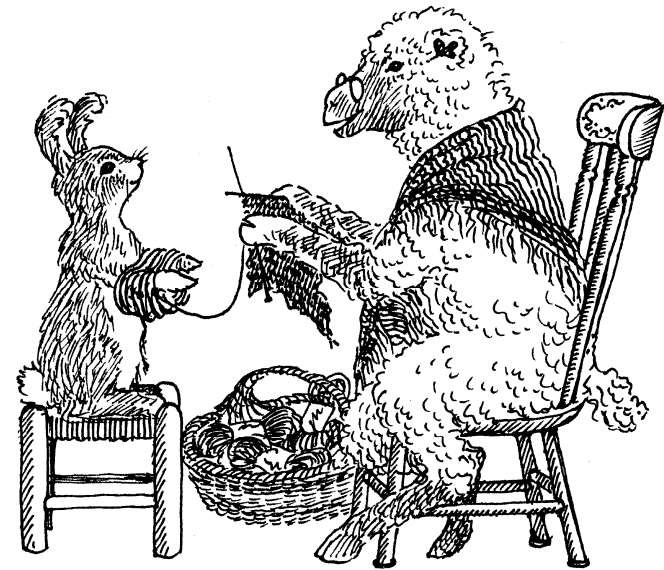
1193 Stewarts' Corners Road
Genoa, NY 13071



Fingerlakes Woolen Mill

Custom Processing of Wools and Blends

Prices effective April 26, 2010



We can process your fibers into carded roving, pencil roving or yarn. Our mill has been in operation since 1981 and we have experience processing many types of fibers; our specialty is fine wools and angora blends. We look forward to working with you.

<http://www.fingerlakes-yarns.com>

Custom Wool Processing

Fingerlakes Woolen Mill provides custom washing, picking, carding and spinning of wool and blends. For picking and thorough blending, the mill uses a 48" precarding picker. Next, a 60" carding machine is used in a process that produces a light continuous web (roving) about 10" wide. A peralta, a set of 1-ton steel rolls, is used to pulverize some of the foreign matter present in the fiber. Weights for prices are by lot. A lot is considered a batch of fiber that is processed together. Batches of fiber that are to be washed and/or carded separately are different lots.

We suggest a minimum of 3 lbs of fiber after washing should be available for carding. Remember the smaller the amount, the larger the percentage of waste. With a 60" carder small amounts can disappear. If you expect to have less than 3 lbs after washing, we suggest that you have the wool washed and picked at our mill and then carded by a hand operated drum carder.

Your Raw Wool Washed & Processed into Roving

Under 4 lbs	\$22 per lot
4 to 49 lbs	\$5.50/lb
50 lbs & over	\$5.25/lb

For greasy wools (i.e. Rambouillet) add \$1.00; Targhee or Merino add \$2.25

Your Washed Wool Processed into Roving

Note: the wool you send us must not feel at all tacky or greasy. If the wool is not completely clean, we will rewash the wool before carding and charge appropriately.

Under 4 lbs	\$18 per lot
4 to 49 lbs	\$4.50/lb
50 to 100 lbs	\$4.25/lb
over 100 lbs	\$3.80/lb

Your Raw Wool/Exotic Fiber Blends Washed & Processed into Roving

We can provide silk, wool and nylon for blending with wool or mohair (call for prices), or you may send us yours. Other possible blends available. All blends must have at least 50% wool.

Under 4 lbs of wool/mohair blend	\$30 per lot
4 lbs or more Wool/Mohair blend	\$7.50/lb
Under 4 lbs of wool/non-mohair blend	\$24 per lot
4 lbs or more Wool/non-mohair blend	\$6.00/lb

Your Washed Wool/Exotic Fiber Blends Processed into Roving

No mohair please. All mohair must be washed at the mill.

Under 3 lbs wool/non-mohair	\$16.50 per lot
3 lbs or more wool/non-mohair	\$5.50/lb

Your Raw Fiber Washed & Picked

If you want to card the fiber yourself, or if it is too long (over 5" on the average) to be carded, this is a nice option. This is a good option for 100% exotics.

Under 3 lbs wool or non-mohair	\$13.50 per lot
3 lbs or more wool or non-mohair	\$4.50/lb
Under 3 lbs mohair	\$18 per lot
3 lbs or more mohair	\$6.50/lb

Your Raw Fibers Washed Only

We can open and wash your raw fiber to make it easier to card or for use in other craft projects.

Under 3 lbs wool or non-mohair fiber	\$7.50 per lot
3 lbs or more wool or non-mohair fiber	\$2.50/lb
Under 3 lbs mohair fiber	\$9 per lot
3 lbs or more mohair fiber	\$3.00/lb

For greasy wools (i.e. Rambouillet) add \$1.00; Targhee or Merino add \$2.25

Your Fiber Made to Yarn or Pencil Roving

Please contact us if you are interested in having your fiber made into yarn or pencil roving. We frequently have a long queue for these processes and are not always accepting new jobs. We do not accept orders for these services without previous arrangements. Please do not send us fiber for yarn or pencil roving unless we have approved the order.

Instructions for Home Scouring

Skirt your fleeces by removing the belly wool, any manure tags, matts, burs and chaffy wool. Fill a tub with hot water (min. 120°F, 150°F if possible). Add about 1 cup of **detergent** for 8-12lbs of wool (here we use "Joy" dishwashing detergent). Submerge fibers. Let soak. Do not agitate. Rinse wool at least twice using water of approximately the same temperature. Wash twice if in doubt. Squeeze or wring the fibers to remove the water. Dry on screens or racks. Fibers must not feel tacky or slippery when dry. To test if your wool is clean enough you can rub a lock of fiber between your fingers for a few moments. If the skin on your fingers feels any different (softer, stickier, slicker) after rubbing the wool, the fiber needs additional washing.

(Please note that fine or weak wools will have a tendency to noil in a commercial carder. We do everything we can to process your fibers well and are as disappointed as you are when they do not turn out perfectly, but we cannot prevent noiling when the wool is not strong enough to be carded.)