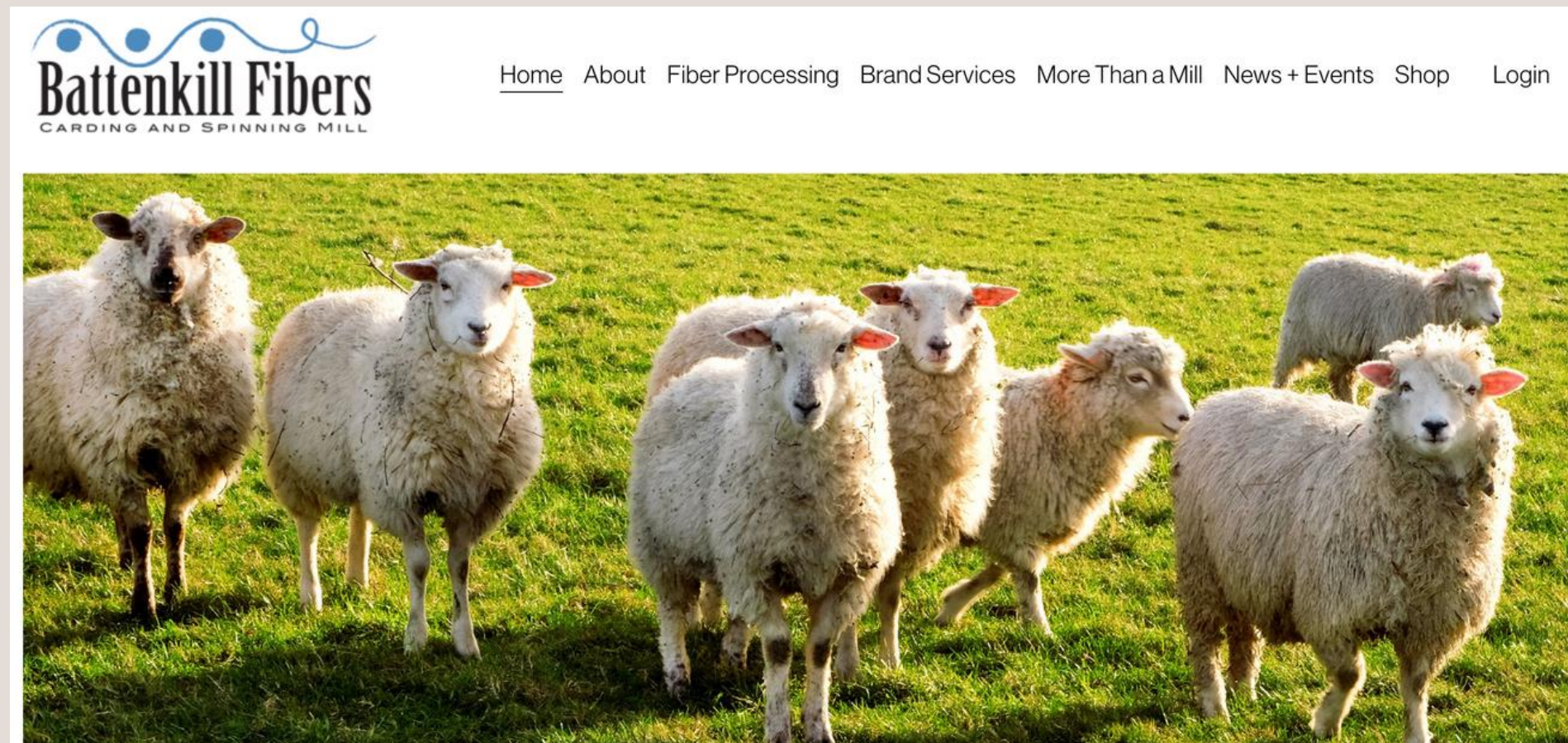


Opportunities for Wool in New York State



**Mary Jeanne Packer, Founder
Battenkill Fibers Carding & Spinning Mill**

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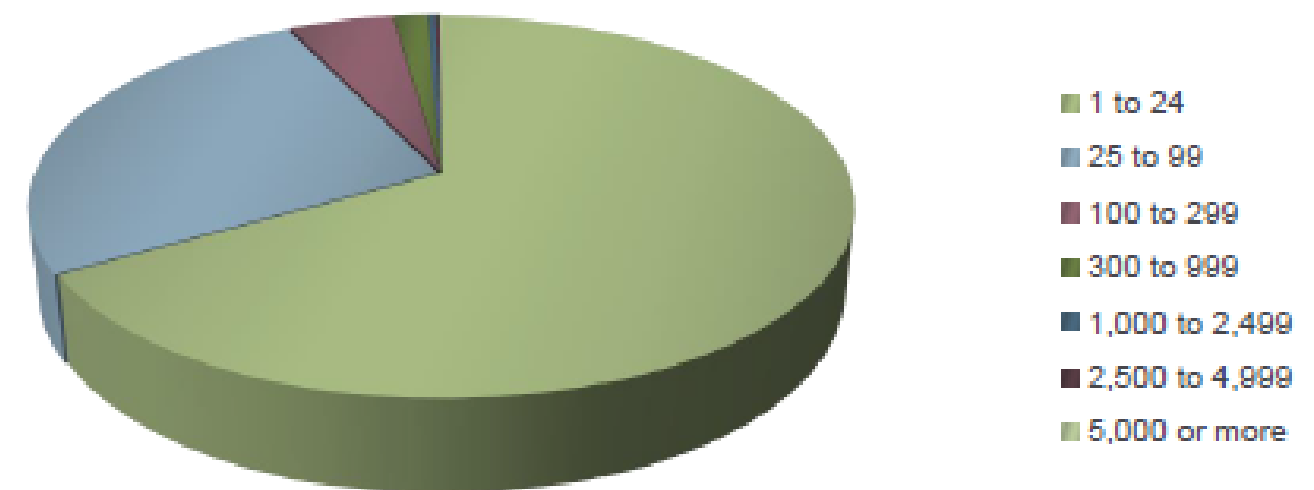
2022 Census of Agriculture

**HALF THE SHEEP IN
THE US ARE RAISED
ON FARMS WITH
300 SHEEP OR LESS**

USDA, National Agriculture
Statistics Services (NASS)

*93 percent of US sheep operations
have 100 sheep or less*

SHEEP & LAMB FLOCK SIZE BY INVENTORY BREAKDOWN
PERCENT OF OPERATIONS - 2022



Common Breeds found in New York State



Corriedale	Finn
Leicester Long Wool	Dorset
Romney	Polypay
Border Leicester	Jacob
Lincoln Longwool	Cheviot
Blue Faced Leicester	Suffolk
Scottish Black Face	Tunis
Clun Forest	Gotland
Il de France	Cotswold
Merino	Cormo
Rambouillet	Babydoll Southdown
Wensleydale	Hampshire
Teeswater	Texel
Shetland	Targhee
Romeldale CVM	Icelandic

Hudson Valley Textile Project, Inc.



Founders in 2017 created a 501c3 organization.

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The Hudson Valley Textile Project is a thriving network of regional fiber farmers, processors, dyers, manufacturers, designers, and artisans who have come together to strengthen our textile supply chain. On a mission to bring regionally produced fiber to consumers, and boost our fiber economy, HVTP offers our members opportunities to collaborate in business, access educational tools, and participate in marketing initiatives.

Today - 250+ members!!!



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A FIBER JOURNEY: FARMED AND MADE IN NEW YORK STATE

Makers Markets and On-line shop



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VOGUE **KNITTING** LIVE! NEW YORK

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Local Fibers



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Trade Shows



Clean Fleece NY is an initiative of the 501c3 non-profit Hudson Valley Textile Project. The facility is located in 4000 sq ft of leased space in Mechanicville, NY. Clean Fleece provides wool (and other animal fiber) washing services for fiber farms, spinning mills, crafters, felters, carding mills, furniture manufacturers and more.





Regional infrastructure interest across North America



Plans for the

future

CLEAN FLEECE
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THE NORTHEAST FIBER EXCHANGE

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YOUR SOURCE FOR FARM GROWN FIBER



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- **Producer education**
- **Improved quality**
- **Higher prices**
- **Consolidated marketing**

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Textile School Collaborations



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NYS Collaboration for Local Yarn

- **Supports the local economy**
- **A tool for consumer education**
- **Adds unique inventory**
- **Appeals to tourists**



Natural Fiber Development



Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup 2023 Report

Capacity Building Workgroup

- Aggregation
- Farmer Education
- Youth Education
- Consumer Education
- Institutional Purchasing

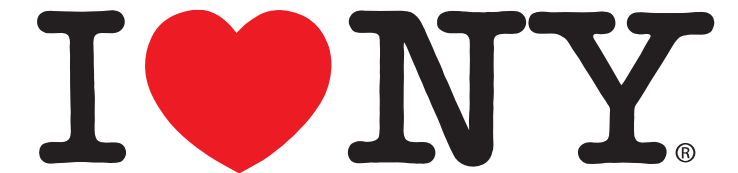


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We're building a more sustainable fashion industry.

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Engaging brands and customers for NYS ag materials



Vision

Make New York State an innovative leader in sustainable textiles and fashion by leveraging our world-class agriculture, manufacturing, and design for a resilient economy.

Mission

Connect researchers, farmers, designers, and manufacturers to accelerate innovative solutions using natural fibers and next-generation biomaterials to catalyze the New York State circular supply chain.





Economic Development

Agriculture

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 | Albany, NY

To Close Out Fashion Week, Governor Hochul Announces First Round of Grants From the New York State Fashion Innovation Center

Start-Ups, Small Businesses, Farmers and Researchers Can Apply for up to \$10,000 in Funding To Develop Fiber-Related Projects and Technologies Starting September 15

New York's Fashion Industry Employs Approximately 315,000 New Yorkers and Generates More Than \$25 Billion in Wages Each Year

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Thank you!

