



## Youth

Many young people will find the quiet temperament of Romneys to be an ideal breed for showing and for establishing a purebred flock. Since Romney wool is one of the easiest to spin by hand, many younger shepherds learn to spin and may participate in spinning contests. Some create garments from their Romney wool and participate in lead line classes or make it with wool events. Romney fleeces offer youth a second opportunity to participate in fairs or shows because they often place very high in shows and sell to hand spinners directly from the shows. The ease of lambing, low degree of health problems and adorable baby lambs make Romneys perfect for youth!



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## The Romney Breed

The American Romney traces its beginnings to the marshy area of Kent in England. In 1904, William Riddell and Sons of Monmouth, Oregon imported the first Romneys to North America, where their popularity increased rapidly. The present day American Romney is a product of English and New Zealand blood lines, which have enhanced the progress of the breed and helped maintain a diverse gene pool within North America. The first purebred natural colored Romneys were registered in 1972 by Morris Culver and have grown in popularity. Many breeders raise both white and natural colored Romneys.



## Dual Purpose Breed

The Romney is truly a versatile breed producing quality meat and wool under varied climate conditions and management systems. This breed's quiet disposition, unique fleece characteristics, the quality of its meat and its high lambing percentage make it an excellent choice for purebred, commercial, small or hand spinners flocks.



## Quality Fleeces

The Romney fleece is a long, lustrous fleece, hanging in separate locks, making white or natural colored Romney fleeces especially attractive to those who hand spin. The fleece is easily spun in the grease or after washing and carding, and readily takes dye. The natural black, grey, silver and brown colors of the natural colored Romneys are very popular at shows and sales. A clean hand spinning-quality fleece often sells for premium prices. It is also high yielding for maximum production and income.

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## Organization Information

1. This association is membership driven with emphasis on promotion and recognition of the dual purpose traits of the Romney breed of sheep, those traits being the production of high quality lambs for the market and high value, quality fleeces.
2. To register and keep on file records of registrations, transfers and importation of live sheep, semen or ova of the Romney breed.
3. To aggressively promote and assist both our active and junior members, breeders and exhibitors in North America.



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