

Lost Coast Spinnery



Farm to Yarn 100% traceable

PRICE LIST FOR FIBER PROCESSING

All prices are on raw fiber intake weight and include tumbling, washing, picking and carding.

Skirting	\$50.00 per hour	Save the \$ and skirt well prior to drop off
Roving (all wool types)	\$17.00/lb \$19.00/lb \$20.00/lb	standard size handspun size pre-drafted pencil roving
Batts -wool	\$19.50/lb	26 or 36 inches wide (same price)
Batts-Huacaya alpaca	\$20.00/lb	26 or 36 inches wide (same price)
2nd Carder Run (VM)	\$4.00/lb	
Dye	\$14.00/lb	done prior to carding to ensure color saturation
Blending	\$2.00/lb	Your fiber or ours
Large Fiber Separator	\$10.00/lb	Needed if fiber is very hairy or filled with VM.
Extra Wash	\$5.00/lb	For high grease fibers *

Spinning fee's include the following: tumbling, washing, picking, carding, drafting (2x), spinning, plying, steaming and skeining to your preferred yardage.

Spin (all wool types)	\$31.00/lb for 2 ply (aran, worsted, DK, sport, bulky) \$33.00/lb for 3 ply (aran, worsted, DK, sport, bulky) \$2.00/lb extra for fingering weight
Spin (alpaca)	\$34.00/ lb 100% Huacaya \$39.00/lb 100% Suri

Discounts 50-99 pounds 5% off 100-499 pounds 10% off 500 pounds and up 15% off

Please note: The minimum to spin is 10 pounds dry raw fiber at intake. If you have less than that, not to worry. We can spin a fleece as small as 5 pounds dry raw skirted fiber. However you will be charged a set up fee for anything under ten pounds. As opposed to charging you to make up the difference to reach ten pounds- we prefer to charge based on the time involved to set up the spinners. So if you have a 4 pound fleece you want spun at a 2 ply DK-instead of charging you \$310.00 (the ten pound rate), you would be charged \$124.00 for the 4 pound fleece to spin and a \$40.00 set up fee to dial in the spinner for a total of \$164.00 Please be aware that 4 pounds is pretty much the limit on low weight for spinning. If you want to process exotics just ask. We have done cashmere, pygora, camel, llama, yak, and mohair.

Shipping-yarn orders are shipped free within the Continental US. Roving orders are shipped by weight. If you have a large order that will be hundreds of pounds of yarn and are within 500 miles of the mill we can arrange to transport it ourselves as our schedule allows.

*** Extra Wash**-Heavy wools that require extra work will automatically have an additional \$5/lb wash fee. Breeds such as Cormo, Rambouillet, Merino, Il de France, Coopworth and Cotswold are some examples that will require pre-picking to open the fiber and at least two additional washes to remove the grease. If you heavily grain your flock that will produce a heavier fleece but it will oftentimes add grease weight. Should we find your fiber needs an extra wash you will be notified and it will be added to your final total. An easy way to determine your potential wash-dig your hands into the fleece right down to the clip edge. Work your hands around the fleece. If you pull your hands out and they look shiny or suddenly feel baby soft and coated with something slick; that right there means you will need an extra wash.

If your fiber is still riddled with tiny bits of VM (vegetable matter) after skirting you will have the option of using the LFS to remove it from your fiber before carding or stopping the process and picking up your fiber as a washed picked cloud. We cannot send organic material (chaff, seeds, bits of burrs and grass) through the carder as it will transfer onto the next clients fiber (as it's nearly impossible to get every bit out unless we shut down for the day to clean the rollers).

Loss Ratio-be aware. Every time your fiber is run through the LFS (one pass is standard for hairy or VM infested fiber), and every time it is run through the carder (one or two passes is standard), fiber is 'kicked out' and drops down underneath the rollers. This 'kickout' is what the machine tosses as undesirable for roving and spinning. This material includes noils, broken tips, short bits, and matted pieces. This material is fine to be used for stuffing pillows, toys, dog beds and the cores of dryer balls. It is also often used to mulch gardens or put out for birds and wildlife for nesting. We prefer to return it to you if you want it. Otherwise we will donate it to wildlife rehabilitation groups and any local gardening groups that wants to pick it up for free. The bits that get wrapped around the gears and bearings will have heavy grease on them so that is thrown away as it not fit for anything. On average this a general loss ratio (from raw intake weight to finished yarn) of 30%. However if you bring in a fleece that has bum, neck, belly wool, is damp and riddled with VM it will weigh substantially more and have a far greater loss as all the bad material must be removed. So to improve your return on investment please take the time to properly skirt your fleeces, give them a good shake or tumble to try and remove as much VM as possible. This will save us time and you a lot more money. Fiber that has glitter or heavy scurf will be refused service.

If you choose to have the kickout at each state of processing, bagged, tagged and weighed you will be charged for the added time I must shut down to manage that request. Each stop for a verified weigh tag will be \$25.00

Blending-you can provide the material for blending yourself or purchase it from the mill. We source our fiber from Canada and within the USA. We do not add an up charge for fiber we make available. You pay the same price we did. And as it fluctuates please ask on the off chance I have to make a special order.

Other mills-if you want us to spin roving you had processed at another mill that's fine. Just ask first. So far we have rejected most that has been sent to us (it was not clean enough to spin). However we've never had any issue with wool processed by Zeilinger (and yes we are aware John closed the mill this past year). We will have to pick it and recard it but will deduct \$5.00/lb from your spin fee. However do be sure your fiber is long enough to spin. Short fiber will leave noils in the roving that will reduce the quality of your yarn. If the fiber is under 3 inches with light tension that it can only be spun by hand and I'm not taking any handspinning orders.

Roving size- There is no minimum for roving (raw intake weight) but please do be considerate of the amount of time/work that involves milling. I will not accept anything under one pound raw fiber to be processed into roving.

Effective Aug 1, 2023 all incoming fleeces will be examined with a magnifying glass to ensure no bug/moth debris and no scurf. If you are told you have scurf we will gladly give you a peer-reviewed veterinary study on how to clear scurf from your flock. If one sheep has it then it's only a matter of time before it spreads within your flock. If you have questions please ask. We are happy to help people new to the fiber world but alas...mind readers we are not. So email, or ask in person but we can't help you if you don't ask. Text messages will not be answered as it is too difficult to try and keep track of hundreds of conversations. Email or phone call is preferred to be sure nobody is lost in the mix.

Dropping off your fiber-Please use clear bags. Be sure your wool is dry (no damp areas) and skirted heavily. This will reduce your cost and reduce the turnaround time. Should you ship fiber to us the weight on your invoice will be whatever is on the shipping label (we will weigh it to confirm).

Fiber brought in will be examined and weighed in front of you. A confirmation signature is required at drop off by the person responsible for the fiber.

Farm Pick-Ups If you have a large amount of wool (more than a pick-up truck load) we can sort out a schedule for farm pick-ups (no charge for this). Other sites will be announced at County Extensions and at festivals. Announcements of pick up dates will be on the website and sent out via email. If you are interested in scheduling an on-farm pick up email lostcoastspinnery@gmail.com to get on the calendar.

Estimates- Written estimates from high to low are gladly provided so clients know exactly what the potential range is depending on what services they require. No work is done without prior authorization. If you ask for LFS and double carding but that will simply hurt your wallet without greatly improving the quality of your yarn to see and touch we will tell you so. If you ask for platinum service you should know that might greatly reduce your return on investment (profit margin). We would prefer you do well. While some fiber needs the extra work...most does not. Don't spend more than you have to.

Billing-50% of your estimate is due when we receive your fiber. The balance is due upon completion of work. No fiber leaves the mill without being signed for and paid in full. Seven days after the due date storage fees of \$10/per day will apply.

Fifteen days after payment is due late fees will be added to the balance owed. After 21 days past due only cash or certified bank check will be accepted as payment. This is to avoid incidents reported at other mills and unfortunately ours as well; bad checks at the last minute. Paying by credit card, taking the completed order then later filing a charge back and disputing the payment. Or worse-saying you forgot your checkbook in the truck. Loading the entire order and taking off without every planning to pay the balance owed. Thirty days after non-payment no funds or fiber will be returned and all processed roving/yarn becomes property of the mill to be sold as Debtors Prison fiber to recover the lost costs in labor, soap, materials, electric, water and machine time.

Turn Around Time-We do our best to have a reasonable turnaround time, however equipment failures (blown motor), weather, someone being sick or worse an order we didn't realize had some major issue (such as scurf) can set us back weeks destroying our planned schedule. Therefore we will make note of dates but we offer no promise for the clients preferred timeline. No rush orders will be accepted. Any fiber that arrives with damaging bugs will be photographed and destroyed. We cannot expose other clients material to contaminants. If you have been storing wool for years (or want to) then please be sure no eggs or bugs, double bag and use zip ties. Keep your fiber safe. Rejected fiber must be picked up or it will be disposed of.

As with all mills prices are subject to change but ours are predicated on the following-cost of water, soap, electric, rent. As these are the things we have seen change over the years. So we've not had to adjust our

prices up in two years and don't expect to do so in the near future but those are the four things that could change them up or down. If you choose to do an end of the year pre-pay to lock in the price (and get the tax write-off for the IRS) that's fine. When we get to your order should we find it needs an extra wash we can update your file prior to your tax filing date or you can carry over the difference for the following tax year. Currently our prices are locked in until June 2025 (as I ordered enough soap to get us through to next summer). Should we find a service you chose (extra wash, extra carding or the LFS) was not in fact needed to give you back the best yarn, you will be notified and refunded the difference on pick-up against the new balance that will be owed. Any and all changes to work orders must be in writing.

These are our terms and conditions of service. By hiring Lost Coast Spinnery to process your fiber you acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone however we do not discriminate. We will not refuse service because of religion, race, age, physical ability, national origin, orientation or who you supported in the local election. However you must be of legal age to enter into a contract (18 years) with the mill.

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