



## Birkeland Brothers Wool - 2019 Wool Processing Rates

### Calculated from raw wool weight:

Picking (light vegetable matter) - \$2 per pound

Picking (heavy vegetable matter) - \$4 per pound

Washing - \$4 per pound

Carding - \$5 per pound

Return Shipping - If desired, contact store for estimate

30% deposit required on estimate before we will receive wool for processing.

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The quality of a finished batt is dependent on the quality of the raw wool used for processing. Dirty or poorly skirted fleece (i.e. contains a lot of vegetable matter like burrs or wood chips) will result in a poor batt for you, and extra cleaning time for us or possible damage to our historic carding machine. For these reasons you should assume the following as conditions for our processing of your fleece:

1. If your fleece contains more vegetable matter than we are comfortable running through our carding machine, we will give you the option of paying for us to pick your fleece or have it returned C.O.D. for your own processing. If you are unsure whether or not your fleece is picked well enough for carding, we welcome you to e-mail us photographs prior to sending us the wool.
  2. Washing is critical to producing a quality wool batt. All estimates will include the cost of washing, but we will not charge you for washing if we decide it is not necessary once received. Unlike picking, we cannot assess the cleanliness of your wool sufficiently through photographs to make a determination before receiving the fleece. A well cleaned wool should not feel sticky with lanolin, and you should be able to shake it without dust appearing.
  3. Picking and washing fleece can result in a loss of up to 50% of raw fleece weight depending on the amount of lanolin, dirt and vegetable matter. Picking and washing rates are based on raw fleece weight.
  4. Old wool (especially wool which has been previously carded) may need the introduction of new fleece to rejuvenate and allow carding. If we cannot card your old fleece, we will give you the option of paying for new fleece to be blended with your wool or have it returned C.O.D. for your own processing. The minimum amount of new fleece we will add is one pound, and only a very weak batt would require the introduction of two pounds of new fleece.
  5. Due to our large drum size, the thinnest batt we can produce is from about 2.5 pounds of fleece. If you do not send us enough fleece to achieve our minimum carding weight, we will give you the option of paying for new fleece to be blended with your wool or have it returned C.O.D. for your own processing.
  6. Carding rates are based on raw fleece weight. Depending on staple length and thickness, 10%-15% of cleaned fleece weight may be lost during the carding process.
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Contact Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Province: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Weight of Wool: \_\_\_\_\_

Processing Preferences:

- Pick my fleece [if not selected, we will contact you before processing if required]
- Add additional fleece (minimum one pound per batt, maximum two pounds) to achieve minimum carding weight (>2.5 pounds) [if not selected, we will contact you before processing if required]
- Add additional fleece (minimum one pound per batt, maximum two pounds) to rejuvenate wool for carding [if not selected, we will contact you before processing if required]
- If more than one bag of fleece is sent: combine into one final batt (maximum finished weight <7.5 pounds). Identify by bag number how you want the wool blended:  
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- If more that one bag of fleece is sent: process as separate batts (minimum finished weight >2.5 pounds). Identify by bag number those you do not want blended:  
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- Contact me so I can pick up my finished batt at the Birkeland Brothers store [if not selected, we will contact you to confirm shipping details which will be added to your final invoice amount]

Please number each bag of fleece you send us, and provide a copy of this form in each bag.

Please identify any other special requests or considerations you would like us to observe while handling your wool:

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I agree to the conditions and requirements for wool processing identified in this form:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_