



*Jack L. Groff*

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San Angelo, Texas  
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*Jack Groff shown here in 1981 after he had finished conducting a chute grading demonstration of Angora goats. The event also included a lecture on improving production and marketing practices of Texas mohair for the world market.*



*1984 - A group of angora billies shown here at the Sonora Experimental Station where Jack Groff organized an Angora Industry Performance Test which still being used today at the Station.*



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# First Annual Kerrville Wool and Mohair Show, May 31

THE KERR County Livestock Show Association will hold its first annual Wool and Mohair Show May 31 in the Agricultural Building on the San Antonio Highway at Kerrville. This show is being patterned after the Sonora Show, which has become nationally known.

Entries are invited from all over the state. Paul Suffel, executive committee member said, "It's wide open, and we urge all sheep and goat raisers to enter the show and make it a big one."

Money prizes will be awarded to the members of the Future Farmers and the County 4-H Club members. Ribbons will be awarded the adult winners and plaques and trophies will be presented for the best wool or mohair fleece and for the best bag of wool.

It is expected that the various woolen mills may have exhibits of their products on display. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers plan to have an attractive educational exhibit. There will be a demonstration of proper methods of shearing, of taking care of the fleeces,

and other matters pertaining to the wool and mohair industry.

Committees for the show include: Planning, Guy Powell, M. D. Gleason, Bill Oliver, Jack Groff, Dale Priour and Paul Suffel; Pictures and Equipment, Warren Klein, Conrad Klein, Charles Brandon, Dr. Russell Thomas and Edward Lange; Publicity, Carroll Abbott, Will F. Adams, Guy Powell and Forrest Salter; Catalogue and Premiums, Bill Olive, Dick Blume, Aime Frank Real and Monroe Kensing; Records and Weighing, Dr. R. D. Radeleff, Bill Oliver and Dick Blume; Sound and Announcing, Julius Neunhoffer and Francis Swayze; Promotion and Special Exhibits, Jack Groff, Dale Priour, David Brewton and Earl Garrett; Finance, Charles Schreiner III, Guy Powell, Tom Syfan, Walter Moss, Fritz Kärger, J. M. Auld, Jr., and Jack Auld; Building Supervisor and Concession Chairman, Jim W. Evertson, and the Executive Committee is made up of Paul Suffel, M. D. Gleason, Guy Powell and Charles Schreiner III.

Entries should be mailed to Kerrville Wool and Mohair Show, P. O. Box 168, Kerrville, Texas.

*Jack Groff was on the Planning Committee which organized the first Annual Wool and Mohair Show in Kerrville on May 31, 1958.*



*1988 – Jack Groff visited this sheep ranch in Australia as part of his duties as a sheep and goat specialist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.*





*1980s – On the Kathmann Ranch in Mason County, Jack Groff conducts a chute grading demonstration to assist ranchers in improving fineness, uniformity and purity of the angora fleece.*



*Ca. 1981- Jack Groff demonstrates the different grades of mohair to Angora ranchers in Mason and surrounding counties.*



*The first-place winner at the Royal Argricultural Winter Fair in Canada in the 1970s. During his 28-year career with Texas A&M as a Goat and Sheep specialist, Jack Groff judged goats not only at U.S. shows but in many foreign countries as well.*





**GRAND CHAMPION ANGORA GOAT**--Clay Kneese, Harper FFA, won the highest honors in the goat show and a trophy donated by Fredericksburg Army National Guard and a \$50 cash award from Security State Bank and Trust Harper. Presenting him with his awards is judge Jack Groff of Kerrville. Kneese's entry also won Grand Champion Billy honors and a trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitewood, Jr.



**GRAND CHAMPION ANGORA DOE**--4-Her Leigh Kneese won the trophy donated by Farmers Grain Company Inc. and presented by judge Jack Groff of Kerrville.

*1994 - Judge Jack Groff presents awards to young angora goat enthusiasts in Fredricksburg.*





*During his 28-year career at A&M, Jack Groff participated in goat judging shows all over the world. Jack (r) is shown here feeling the fleece of this angora goat at a show in Ohio in the 1980s.*



*Here Jack Groff is shown at the British Royal Goat Judging in England in the 1980s.*



*When Jack Groff retired from a 28-year career with Texas A&M in 1986 as a Sheep and Goat Specialist, he had acquired a case full of medals awarded to him for his judging skills.*





*One of Jack Groff's stud angora billies on his ranch in Harper in 1985.*