

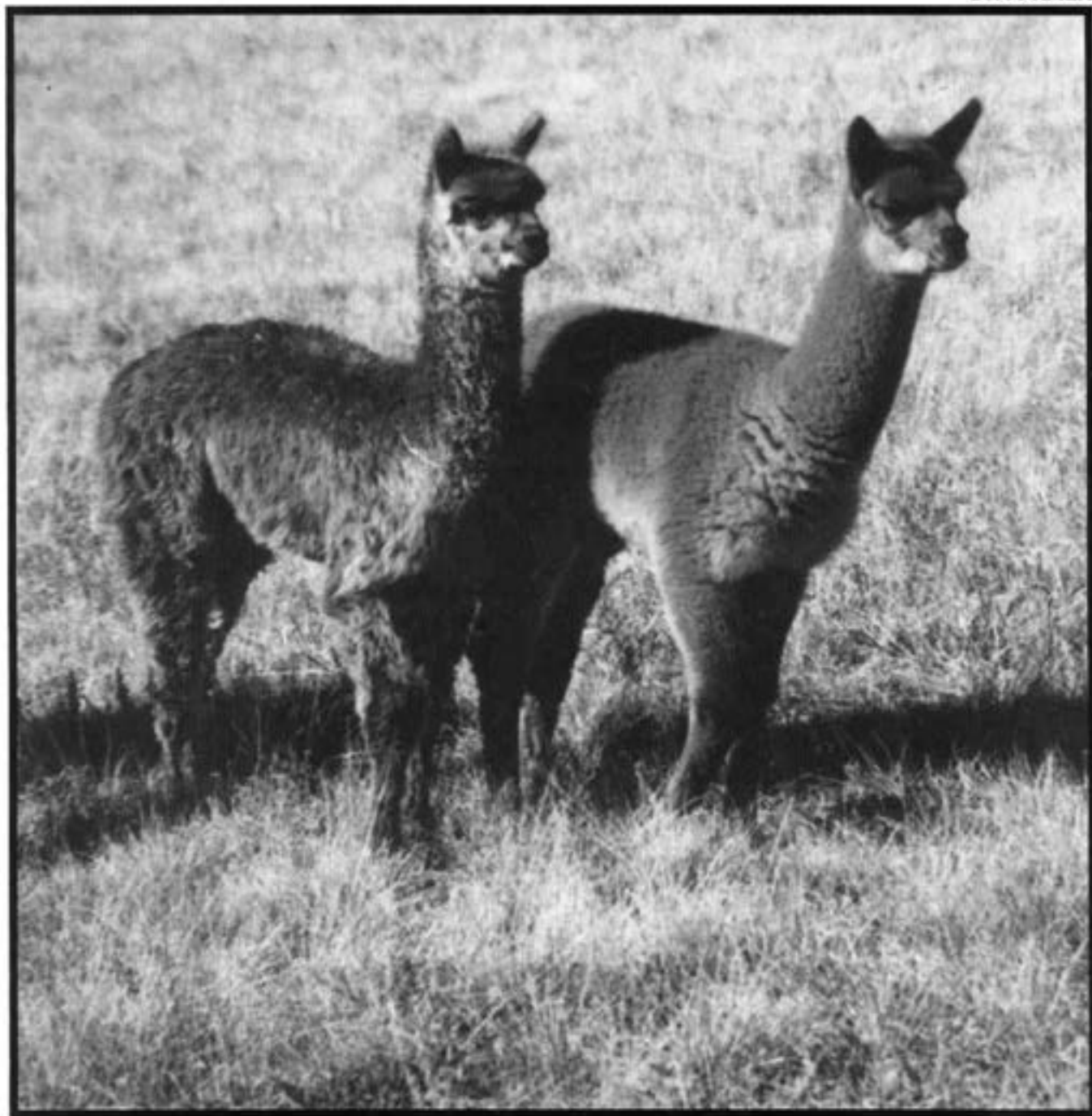
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- The Rocky Mountain Llama Fiber Pool will be collecting fleeces for shipment to the International Textile Center in March. Send any 1998 fiber and make room for your 1999 shearing. For more information, please call Karen Kinyon, 970-484-6241, or Sharon Beacham, 303-666-9437. hw
- Valentine's Llama-Alpaca Show - Contact Mary Summers 505-867-3442 hw

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- St Patrick's Day Parade - Contact Jim Haas 303-670-3373 hw
- Llamas, Alpacas and Kids in the Park - Contact Jerry Dunn 303-277-1129 hw

APRIL

- Hackbarth Pack Clinic - Contact Terry Mowbray 970-921-3040 hw
- Bear Track Farm Driving Clinic - Contact Jerry Dunn 303-277-1129 hw
- RMLA Mini-Conference in Grand Junction - Contact Judy Sealy 970-241-7921 hw

MAY

- Jelly Bean Classic-Llama Fun Day - Contact Mary Mauz 303-526-0092 hw
- Banana Belt Llama Classic - Contact Cliff Harding 970-527-5122 hw
- 29 & 30th, Fifth Annual John Mallon Llama Training Clinic; Pheasant Hill Farm, Boulder, Colorado. Levels I and II. Now accepting reservations. To guarantee your space, please call 303-666-9437.
- Western Slope Llama Classic - Contact Cliff Harding 970-527-5122 hw
- New Mexico Spring Fling - hw

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- Performance Pack Trials - Contact Bob Riley 303-823-5409 hw
- Estes Park Wool Market Llama Show, 17 - 18th - Contact Linda Hinze 970-586-6104 hw
- Estes Park Wool Market Alpaca Show, 17 & 18th - Contact Linda Hinze 970-586-6104
- Four Corners Bazaar, Cortez, CO - Contact Pete Peterson 970-565-0785 hw
- Red River Rendezvous Llama Show - Contact Mary Summers 505-867-3442 hw

JULY

- Big Horn Rendezvous Llama Show - Contact Barbara Coffman-Flinn 307-683-2548 hw
- Fairplay Pack Llama Race - Contact Roger Miller 719-749-0119 hw
- Douglas County Youth Show - Contact Lougene Baird 303-688-5445 hw

AUGUST

- Boulder County Youth Show - Contact Mary Beth Hartsough 970-785-2463 hw

SEPTEMBER

- LOCC Summer Classic Llama Show - Contact Mark Wittrup 719-683-2834 hw
- 25 & 26th, Golden Gate Escape Llama Packers Weekender;
Contact Jan Redenbarger 303-642-0140 hw

OCTOBER

- Bear Track Farm Driving Clinic - Contact Jerry Dunn 303-277-1129 hw
- RMLA Annual Meeting and Mini-conference - Contact Jerry Dunn 303-277-1129 hw /
- ALSA Regional Show - Contact Jo Riley hw

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The RMLA Youth Education fund was started in the fall of 1989 by a group of members who wanted to encourage and support the youth in the organization who were involved in the industry. The fund was established for those who would request financial assistance to meet their goals for their various endeavors. This fund operates as a separate entity from RMLA in order that the fund can maintain a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Fun auctions and donations brought the RMLA Youth Education fund bank balance to nearly \$50,000.

Uses and purposes for the funds are as follows:

Scholarships... for the purpose of pursuing additional education after high school.

A candidate must have demonstrated an active and continuing interest in llamas/alpacas in high school, have a good academic standing and have been a RMLA member for at least the final two years of high school.

Funds are made available for 8 semesters of college, to be dispersed at the beginning of each semester at the present amount of \$350 per semester.

Stipends... for the purpose of encouraging young people to actively participate with llamas/alpacas at shows, clinics, parades, PR opportunities, community activities.

A candidate may apply for a stipend once a year to help offset expenses for any of the above mentioned activities.

Maximum stipend is \$50. Eligibility is for those 15 years and younger.

Loans... for the purpose of helping young people purchase their first llama/alpaca, equipment (such as a cart, pack system, grooming equipment)

Maximum loan is \$500. Requests for a higher amount must be submitted by letter to the board of directors for approval. Eligibility is for those 13 years or older.

Loan is not to exceed 3 years. Interest is to be paid quarterly at the prime rate.

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YOUTH MENTORSHIP

At the Fall, 1998 conference of RMLA a new program was introduced. One of the Junior Members will write about it in more detail in a future issue. The following MENTORS will be able to assist anyone working with youth.

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Why RMLA?

By Bob Riley, Past-President

RMLA needs your support and asks you to renew your RMLA membership for 1999.

- ✕ RMLA is dedicated to educating the membership and public about llamas with over 23 events planned for 1999. (See page 6.)
- ✕ RMLA has a very extensive library of books, magazines, brochures and videos available to members.
- ✕ RMLA supports the Llama Medical Research Group which coordinates the Llama Medical Research for the Llama Industry.
- ✕ Part of your RMLA dues this year will go to support the National and Regional marketing and promotion of llamas and your ranch.

As many of you will recall, RMLA worked with other llama organizations to successfully defeat a misguided effort by one rogue National Parks Superintendent to ban llamas from its park lands claiming that llamas carried Johnes. Now RMLA is supporting new llama research to determine the actual prevalence of Johnes in llamas. We feel that this research will prove once and for all that llamas are not carriers of Johnes and head off any efforts by government agencies to ban llamas or require any sort of testing of llamas for the disease.

RMLA has participated in past years' attempts to "unify" the efforts of the llama and alpaca communities. We have been members of and supported Llama Assembly, The Alpaca and Llama Symposium and The Llama Steering Committee.

1999 will see the continued evolutionary process that will ultimately result in greater support for national issues affecting government relations and medical research - projects affecting us all.

This past year RMLA sponsored 23 events for llamas including the first ALSA Pack Performance Trials, five ALSA shows, the Jelly Bean Classic fun day, Fairplay Llama Race, and the new Golden Gate Escape.

RMLA continues to support and promote the very successful Fiber Co-op. The Co-op has been successful in creating a marketplace for llama fiber and has given RMLA members a sales outlet for the fiber their animals are naturally producing.

RMLA continues to hold Mini-Conferences throughout the year at different locations. A typical conference costs around \$25.00 and includes topics such as fiber, packing, marketing, pasture management, shearing, youth showing and caring for your llama. A scrumptious dinner follows the classes providing a wonderful opportunity to gather with fellow llama

owners. After dinner we hold our RMLA Board meeting with the membership. More such Mini-Conferences are planned for 1999.

RMLA publishes *Caring for Llamas and Alpacas . . . the industry standard*. This book covers all the routine health maintenance issues concerning llamas and alpacas in an easy to understand format.

The Service Directory: This Yellow Pages of the lama industry was mailed to over 2,500 non-RMLA members in the Rocky Mountain Region and continues to be your very best means of advertising. All RMLA members received a copy of this directory. It will be passed out at shows and county fairs, and distributed to those seeking information about llamas or alpacas. This year the Directory will be an integral part of our marketing plan. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your ranch.

Internet: Many of our members are getting results from the RMLA web site and we will be expanding and enhancing our presence on the net in 1999. Try the RMLA Digital Llama Postcard by sending one to a friend.

At the RMLA Conference held in Montrose, our membership asked that we address the issue of promoting llamas. At the recent October 1998 Conference, a comprehensive promotion and marketing plan was presented for our members that will be coordinated with a possible national marketing plan to be announced by the Alpaca and Llama Show Association later this year. This marketing effort will emphasize ALL the many end uses of llamas including packing, fiber, 4-H, showing, etc. The primary target beneficiary of this effort will be the typical medium-size RMLA member with llamas or other services for sale. Budgets have already been approved by RMLA Board to promote and educate the public about our wonderful llamas.

As a special bonus, Ranch Members will receive a listing on the Internet. These listings will include all the information found in the membership directory including e-mail and web site link and your primary interest as stated on the membership renewal form. This will not replace the Service Directory ad, but it will give those seeking information about members a new telephone-style directory listing organized by "state" with active direct links to your e-mail and web site for **FREE**. To take advantage of this very special offer you must renew your membership by 12/31/98.

If you prefer, you can join, renew or place an ad in the "Service Directory" at www.llama.org/rmla -just click on Membership.

Turn to page 6 for a listing of RMLA sponsored events for 1999.

[...and just in case that's not enough reason to join RMLA, turn back to pages 8 and 9 and learn what RMLA is doing for kids and young adults.]

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Yeah, it's a Llama's Life

by Mike and Patty McLane • (Paradise Ranch) • 7416 E. Windlawn Way • Parker, CO 80134

It's a Girl! Dolly Llama was born June 17th, weighing in at 24 1/2 Lbs. She was absolutely beautiful, healthy and majestic. A real charmer, but Mamma Llama Desiree decided nursing was not her bag. Dolly's first surrogate parents were Ron and Marie Hinds. They milked her mom (which was a battle) and fed her the milk.

Got enough in her to get her going, then fed her goat's milk every two hours around the clock. We all tried everything we could to convince Desiree to let her little girl nurse. We decided we would be best to take Dolly to our backyard where we would raise her for the next few months. She instantly became our family project. Between the five of us we had her bottle feedings covered. She had free run of our lush back yard and she looked forward to bus time when every kid in the neighborhood came to play with her.

She loved her weekly outings in the car, (riding with her head on Mikey's lap.) Early on she even went to school and "educated" 4 or 5 full classes of kids! She's an amazing little creature, a little spoiled too.



Yo, now this is the life!

She comes when her name is called and is always full of hugs and kisses. She's friends with our two dogs, they play chase, drink from the same water and take turns sharing the dill in our garden. We knew we'd miss her nuzzle on the back of our necks while we barbecued and watched her frolic and prong across the back yard, but it was time to take her to the ranch with the other animals to be a real llama. Her new home is in Agate at Paradise Ranch with mom, dad and two cousin Alpacas. She is very happy and always welcomes visitors!

We're hooked!! The McLane family...



Dolly and Mikey

Mike, Patty and kids are in the process of building a house east off CR 150, not all that far from Agate, Colorado. Currently they have a well, a really big barn, a lot of fencing and 3 llamas, and 2 alpaca boys they rescued earlier this year.

FIBER CO-OP BOOTH SUCCESSFUL AT THE TAOS WOOL FESTIVAL

It was the third season for the RMLA Fiber Co-op Booth to travel to Taos, New Mexico for the Taos Wool Festival. We were very pleased with the response and sales were brisk. Everything from Handspinner's Roving to yarn and finished items were sold. Many thanks are extended to Susan Boyes and Kathy Hartmeister for sharing the responsibility of Booth Manager. Both were available for the entire weekend to set-up, manage and take-down the booth during this outdoor event. Thanks are also extended to the numerous RMLA members who are consigning to the Fiber Co-op Booth. They are increasing in number which causes the variety of items for sale to increase as well. This is a very successful venture which has seen an increase in sales every year for the last three years.

We need your help if this venture is going to continue to be successful. Many hands are needed to help with the Fiber Co-op Booth as it travels around the country promoting llama and alpaca as luxury fibers. Booth Managers for 1999 are needed. We have commitments for the National Western Stock Show, Estes Park Wool Market and for the Taos Wool Festival. There will be other opportunities for the Booth to be displayed and items sold, so if you would be interested in helping, please let us know. We are willing to train anyone interested in being a Booth Manager for the Fiber Co-op Booth. Please call Sharon Beacham at (303) 666-9437 or Karen Kinyon at (970) 484-6241 for additional information. — *Karen Kinyon*


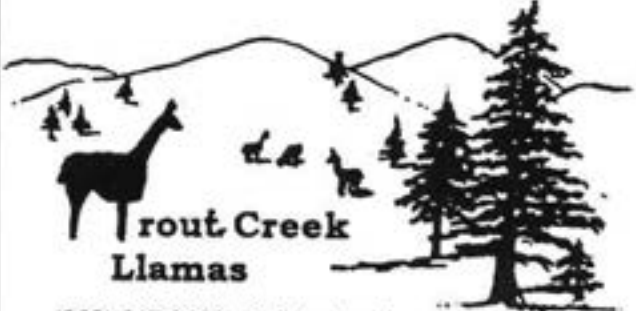
More about the Taos Wool Festival.....

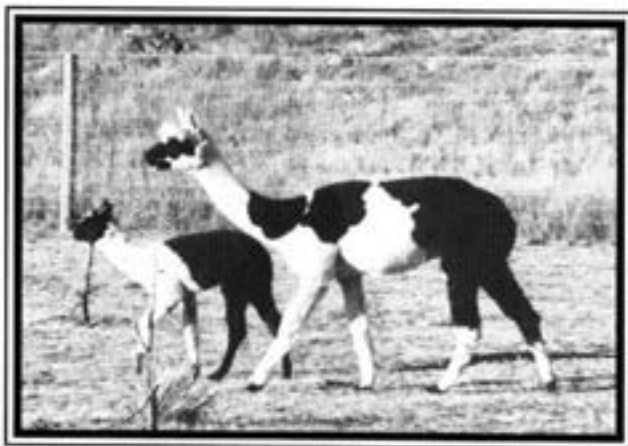
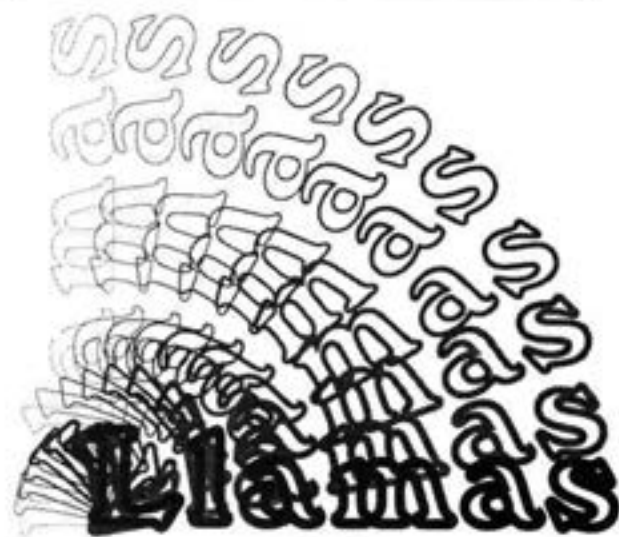
At the Taos Wool Festival in October, there were 4 llama handspun skeins entered. Llama was represented with a variety of colors: gray, white, black and 2 color - brown & white.

A special category of fiber (handspun yarn) finished item was won for a light brown scarf (woven) by Karen Kinyon of Ft. Collins. (She works on the RMLA Fiber Pool, co-owned with Sharon Beacham, and also organizes and helps with the RMLA Fiber Booth.)

Alpacas had 6 entries (2 were youth): 2 dk. brown, 2 whites, A gray, and a med. brown were shown. Claire Walker from Pagosa Springs won 2 - 1st places for her single white and 2 ply reddish brown. She also won another silver medallion reserve champion, overall.

The judge was Rachel Brown from Taos— Rio Grande Weaver's Supply and Southwest Tapestry Gallery. — *Chris Switzer*

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A Balanced Nutritional Program for Lamas

by Dr. Karen Baum

Reprinted from L.A.M.A.S. (Llama Association of the Mid-Atlantic States) newsletter, January-February-1997.

Each lama will have an individual metabolism which means some will get fat while others lose weight on the same diet. The condition of the individual is the most important guide to the success of your nutritional program. Accurate scales and learning to do body condition scoring (hands on) are essential for precise assessment of your animal's health. Record keeping is also important. Regular (monthly) review of the records looking at trends for the herd as well as individuals is usually optimal but often overlooked.

Generally animals consume 1-3% of body weight in dry matter daily, llamas follow the rule. This means that a 300 pound llama will consume 3-9 pounds of feed daily, on a dry matter basis. Grass has a higher moisture (64-84%) than hay (8-14%). Feeds are usually discussed on a dry matter basis. Pastures generally have 16-36% dry matter. Hays usually are 86-92% dry matter. This means that your lama needs to eat 2.4 to 5.7 times as much pasture as hay to consume an equivalent amount. There are other composition changes besides moisture content when forage is processed for hay.

Concentrates, i.e. grains, should be less than 50% of the diet on a dry matter basis. Too high a proportion of grain can cause an acid indigestion type condition. Too quick an introduction to richer feeds can also cause indigestion, enterotoxemia (overeating disease) or polio (polioencephalomalacia, PE). Grains tend to be high in phosphorous. The amount needed will depend on the type and quality of forage feed, the condition of the lama, compensation for growth, pregnancy and lactation (milking).

Most of the fetal growth occurs during the last trimester of pregnancy, i.e. the last 3 1/2 to 4 months. Concentrates should be built up slowly by 1/4 (one quarter) pound per day - to the desired level. A guide in pregnant sheep and goats is to build up to 2 (two) pounds of grain

per day for late pregnancy. Sheep and goats are similar in weight or smaller than alpacas but much smaller than llamas (about half or less). Sheep and goats frequently have multiple offspring but the total weight of all offspring may not be any more than the weight of a single baby llama. The demands of fetal growth should be similar for sheep and llamas. Sheep have a very efficient digestive system, as do llamas.

Another period of severe nutritional demand is early lactation (milking). The first two to three months after birth would be the heaviest production. Another general rule for sheep is one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of concentrate (grain) per three kilograms (6.6 pounds = 6.6 pints = 3.3 quarts) of milk produced. If a 33 pound cria drinks 20-25% of body weight per day the dam must produce at least 6.6-8 pounds = 6.6-8 pints = 3-3.75 kilograms. When the rule is applied to llamas the dam of the newborn should be fed 2.2-2.75 pounds of concentrate per day. This would be adjusted according to production, body condition and weight of the mother and growth of the baby.

Based on information available, previous calculations and practical experience the average llama needs 2-3 pounds of concentrate per day the last two to three months of pregnancy and the first two to three months of lactation (milking), when grazing a moderate pasture or consuming clean grass or mixed hay. Some females will need more for a longer period, in which case a higher protein grain may be desirable. The level of protein in the grain which should be fed will depend on what the level is in the forage (pasture and/or hay) being consumed.

More protein and energy are needed during the heavy demand periods, i.e. growth, pregnancy, lactation, work. The diet needed for maintenance of a mature adult which is not in late pregnancy or early lactation can be fairly simple. Many animals do well on a good pasture with fresh, clean water as well as salt and minerals available.

Grasses such as timothy, Kentucky bluegrass, fescue, orchardgrass, bromegrass can contain 4-20% protein, often have 8-15% protein, on a dry matter basis. The protein content will be affected by adequate nitrogen fertilization and harvesting in the immature stage. If improperly managed, non-legume grass forages will contain less than 10% crude protein. Most grass forages contain less than 0.9% calcium. Combining grasses with legumes will improve the calcium level (needed especially during growth, pregnancy and lactation) and the protein level.

Legume forages such as alfalfa and red clover produce a palatable feed which is higher in protein content (12-25%) and quality as well as high in calcium (over 0.9%). Alfalfa has excellent vitamin A activity when harvested and is rich in vitamin D as sun cured hay. Alfalfa usually has 1.3 - 1.5% calcium and 0.24% phosphorous. Areas of the United States where alfalfa is irrigated generally have the highest protein content and quality, due to the ideal growing environment and timely harvesting. Humid seasons and frequent, unplanned rainfall during harvesting result in a poorer quality product and decreased protein content. As the crop matures it contains more stems which become less digestible if harvested past peak production.

Grains, or concentrates, contain less than 20% protein and less than 18% fiber by definition. Most grains contain 8-12% protein and 2-11 % fiber. They are generally high in energy and TDN, niacin, thiamin and moderate in vitamin E and phosphorous. Most grains are low in vitamin D and A activity, calcium and B vitamins. Yellow corn has high vitamin A activity.

Corn has the highest TDN or total digestible nutrients. TDN is a general measure of the nutritive value of a feed. The limitation of using TDN as a measure of feed energy is that it does not take into account losses such as the energy used for digestion. The usable energy of roughages is less than the usable energy for grains with the same TDN. One must look at the crude protein (CP) and % fiber as well as the TDN to evaluate the relative value of a feed (see Table 1).

Oats make a palatable, readily available feed for lambs. They have a good level of protein but fairly high fiber which makes them filling (good bulker) without high caloric intake. Oats are usually part of mixed or sweet feeds. Depending on the hay or pastures available often a higher protein concentrate is more suitable during periods of high demand.

Sorghum grain and rye tend to be less palatable. Wheat has high protein, TDN and palatability but tends to be cost prohibitive for livestock feeds due to the high demand in the human food chain. The other grains are used depending on availability and cost, often mixed with various feed stuffs in the ration. Wheat bran, dried beet pulp and molasses tend to be laxatives. Wheat bran, dried beet pulp and oats are good bulking agents which fill an animal with a lower TDN. Molasses has negligible fiber, low protein and TDN, high potassium and magnesium. It is highly palatable, reduces dustiness and can be used as a pellet binder in the manufacturing process. If molasses is at too high a level it may disrupt microorganisms in the digestive system.

The meals contain high protein (21-50% and variable fiber (<7-31%). The TDN varies widely (52-80%) due to inclusion of hulls in most meals. Soybean meal (SBM) is the most balanced, most palatable, lowest fiber and most commonly used meal. Sunflower meal is a rich source of B vitamins. Peanut meal has relatively high protein and TDN but care must be taken that it does not become moldy. Cottonseed meal can contain gossypol which can have deleterious effects on non-ruminants. Safflower meal and rapeseed meal have low palatability. Linseed meal is supposed to help the luster of the coat/fleece. All the meals go through special processing which affects the digestibility, palatability, and nutrient content of the feed. They are usually used as a small portion of the total diet.

The total mineral content is often called ash. Major minerals are needed in relatively large amounts in the diet or are present in high levels in the body. These include calcium (Ca), phosphorous (P), sodium (Na), chloride (Cl), magnesium (Mg), potassium (K) and sulfur (S). Trace minerals are usually needed in minute quantities in the feed or are present at low levels in the body. They

include cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), fluorine (F), iodine (I), iron (Fe), manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo), selenium (Se) and zinc (Zn).

There are complex interactions among the minerals. They have numerous functions in the body. Deficiencies and toxicities are uncommon but can occur. Most minerals are naturally consumed. The availability in the feed depends on what form the mineral is in as well as other feed constituents which can tie up the mineral. There are feed additives, boluses, slow release boluses (as with selenium), supplements in salt-mineral mixes or an injectable form of most minerals. Antidotes to toxicities vary but sometimes involves another mineral.

Vitamins regulate metabolism in numerous ways. They are essential for maintenance of life, growth, resistance to disease and normal vigor. Requirements can increase with old age due to less efficient utilization and absorption. The form of the vitamin is important to absorption and utilization. Heat, oxidation, light and certain minerals can affect the stability of the nutrient. Well cured hay or green forages are good natural sources of vitamins E, D, A, K, thiamin, riboflavin, folacin and pyridoxine. Cereal grains contain thiamin, pantothenic acid, niacin and choline. Vitamin B-12 can be found in proteins of animal origin and fermentation products. Vitamin E (which works with selenium) is also found naturally in seed germ or germ oils from plants such as wheat germ meal or oil.

Water is the cheapest, most abundant and most essential nutrient. The body is 45-60% water in adults and 65-85% in newborn animals. Water is necessary for many chemical reactions, transportation of nutrients, elimination of wastes, lubrication, temperature regulation and structural support of cells. It is lost through urine, manure, respiration, evaporation and milk. Water consumption increases with increased ambient or body temperature (fever), lactation, pregnancy and increased salt or nitrogen intake.

A general rule is that the basal daily requirement of water is 30-50 cc per pound of body weight. This means a

100 pound animal needs a minimum of 3000-5000 cc = 3-5 liters = roughly 3-5 quarts of water per day. There should be at least a gallon of water available per 100 pounds of animal each day. This requirement can easily double with heat, humidity, exercise or pregnancy. It can triple with lactation, especially if there are any other demands such as increased temperature. Water should be kept clean and cool in warm weather and clean and unfrozen (or warmed to encourage consumption) in cold weather. Lamas are fussy about their water so make it inviting enough that you would drink it!

Be sure to check the teeth, gums and jaws on any thin animal especially if they are older. The tongue, jaw muscles and other muscles and nerves are necessary for an animal to eat. They rechew their cud and eructate (burp) so feed and gas need to be able to come back up the esophagus (gullet). Any obstruction, narrowing or lack of function from the mouth to the stomach can result in difficulty eating. No matter how good your nutritional program is, it will be of no benefit unless the animal is able to eat.

Another aspect of a balanced nutritional program that must not be overlooked is parasite control. Intestinal worms, stomach worms, coccidia, tapeworms and flukes can rob the lama of needed nutrients. This is most devastating during periods of high energy demands. The young, growing animal is often more susceptible to parasites as well as have the increased demand of growth. Special attention needs to be focussed on groups of animals which are crowded as parasite contamination concentrates where more animals are gathered. Due to security reasons and sometimes lack of space, lamas are frequently kept in close confines. Being spread out in a big pasture reduces the parasite concentration and exposure to the lama.

Make sure that there is adequate bunk or feeder space for both hay and grain. Make sure that there is ready access to clear cool water in warm or moderate weather; clear, clean warmed water in cold weather. Have the trace minerals and salt kept in a convenient sheltered spot to encourage consumption, especially in hot weather. Feed animals as individually as possible, in particular the grain portion of the ration. Then individual animals can be supplemented according to their particular needs.

Have your forage analyzed. (Check with your county extension agent to find where to send the samples and who has the forms, containers, etc.). Use the grain most appropriate for your forage. If your hay is 15% protein or less in general I would recommend at least a 15% concentrate for those animals in high demand periods. Many of the sweet feeds for dairy goats and dairy cattle are 15-15% protein, are highly palatable and affordable. Deficiencies particular to your region can often be corrected by supplements.

Another option is to have special formulated to meet your needs. Sometimes several farms order together to meet the feed mills minimum order requirement.

When dieting an animal, aim for a 10-40% reduction over at least a 3-12 month period. Do not put lamas on a starvation diet as deleterious side effects can occur, including death. **DO NOT DIET FEMALES DURING THE LAST TRIMESTER OF PREGNANCY OR EARLY LACTATION!** Wait until peak milk production has been reached so that the nursing cria is not deprived of essential nutrition. Dieting in late pregnancy can impair the dam's health as well as the viability of the cria. Increasing exercise, shearing so there is not complete growth before cold weather and decreasing pasture time as well as concentrate and hay consumption can help your lama become trim and fit.

Healthy lamas make happy lamas; happy lamas are healthier!

TABLE 1 - COMPARISON OF FEEDSTUFFS

<u>GRAINS</u>	<u>% CP</u>	<u>% TDN</u>	<u>% Fiber</u>	<u>% Ca</u>	<u>% P</u>
Corn	8-9	80	2.3	low	mod
Sorghum	8-12	75-78	2.4-2.6	low	
Oats	12	65-70	11		
Barley	11-12	70-75	5.6		
Rye	12	75	2.2		
Wheat	12-14	80	2.2-2.6		
Tritical (wheat x rye)	15	78	2.9		
Corn & Cob meal	7-8	73	8.3		
Dried beet pulp	8-10	65-70	18-19		
Molasses	3-7	55-75	low		
Dried Citrus pulp	6-7	74-76	13%	high (2.0)	low (0.12)
Wheatbran	15	62	10		
<u>MEALS</u>					
Soybean (SBM)	41-50	71-80	<7	low (0.30)	fair (0.65)
Cottonseed	36-41	61-70	10-14	low (0.17)	high (1.1)
Linseed (LSM)	34-38	74	9	fair (0.41)	high (0.87)
Sunflower (SNFM)	32-45	60-69	11-24	fair (0.40)	high (1.0)
Sunflower hulls	4		50		
Rapeseed (RSM)	35-40	70	13-14	high (0.60)	high (1.0)
Peanut (PNM)	40-48	70-75	6-13	low(0.2-0.3)	fair (0.6)

CP=Crude Protein, TDN= Total Digestible nutrients, Ca=Calcium, P=Phosphorous



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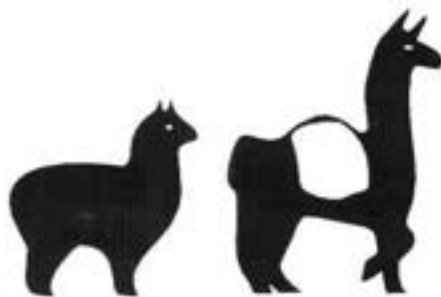
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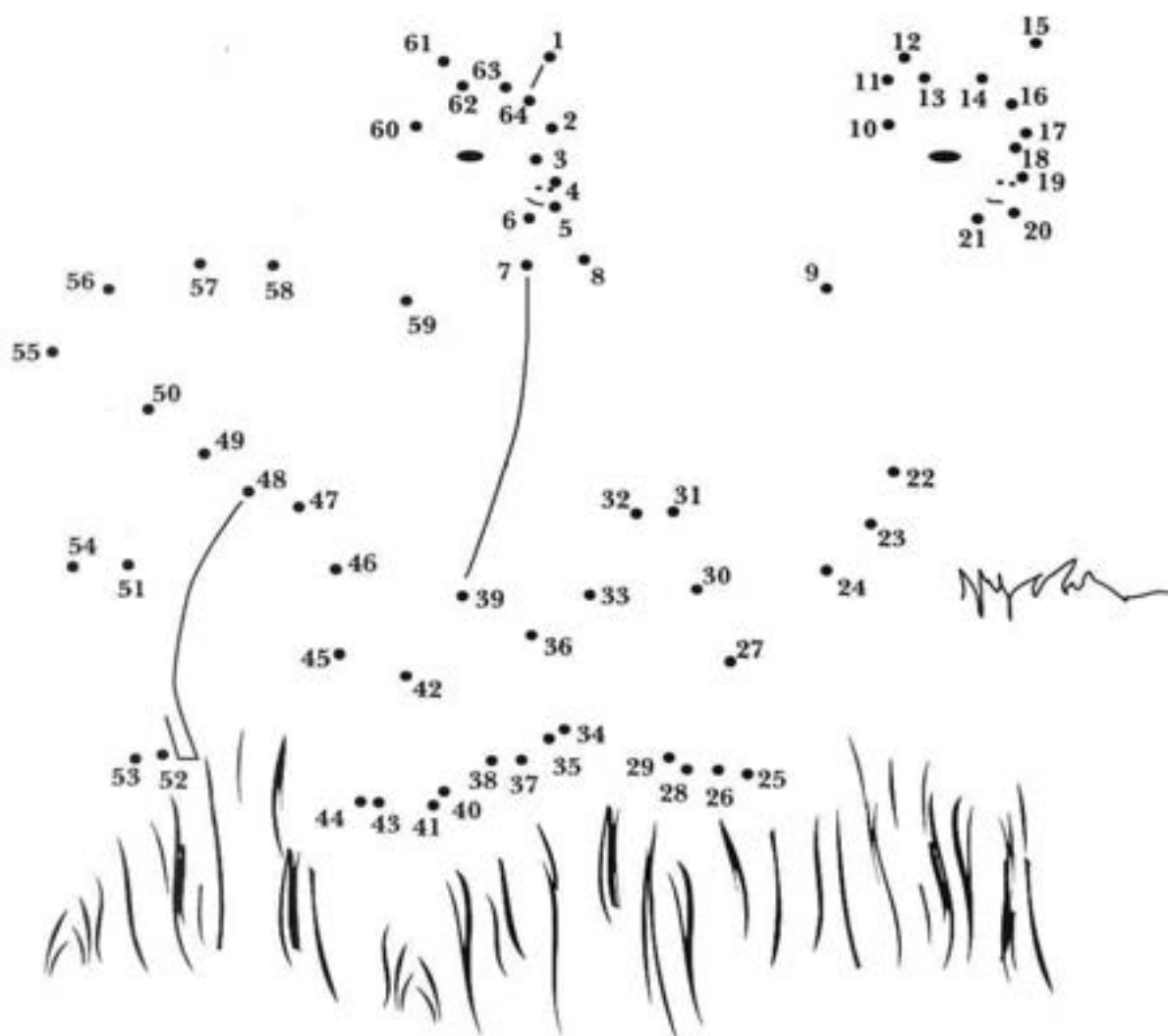


Pieces of Eight—

Speaking of this reminds most of us about the pirates, the Spanish Main, gold, and those big ships sailing the oceans. For many years the meaning was obscure, eight what? There is nothing mysterious about the term, it was simply the plural of the Spanish dollar. You see, the Spanish dollar had the value of eight 'reals', and of course, it had a stamp with the large figure '8' on the coins.

Around about the time when the War Between the States was fought, the Spanish dollar was in general circulation in the United States and it, ironically, had about the same value as the U.S. Dollar. It was from this that the fictitious unit the 'bit' was formed. A bit is, of course, one Spanish 'real' or one-eighth of a dollar or 12 and one half cents. Thus two bits is a quarter, 4 bits-fifty cents, etc.

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More from the Conference...



Debra Mayo, DVM - Golden, CO, teaches first aid for llamas.



Sharon Beacham-Pheasant Hill Farms, Boulder, CO - demonstrates fiber grading.



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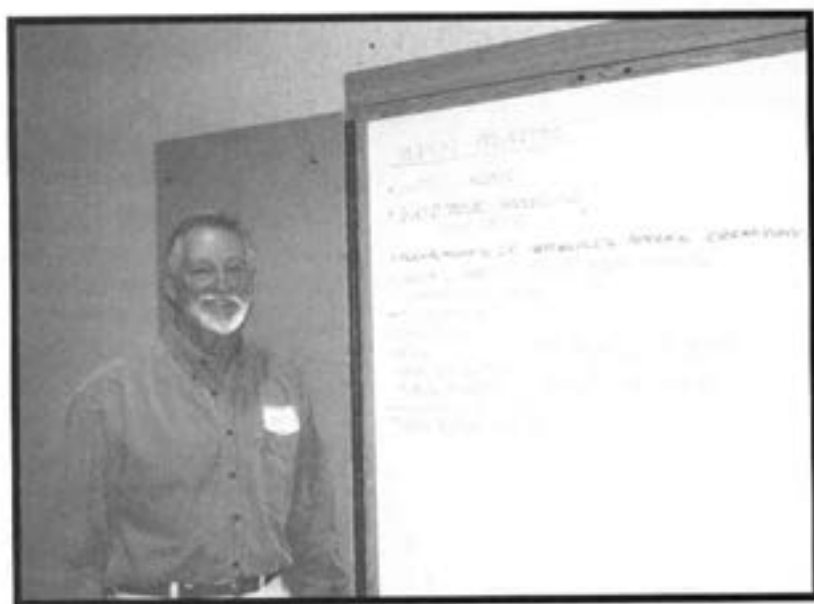
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Fiber dyeing and the workshop taught by Karen Kinyon - Double K Diamond Llamas, Fort Collins, CO.



Jo Riley, General Manager of the Alpaca and Llama Show Association shares steps to successfully host a show.



Pete Peterson - Llamas at Last Ranch, Dolores, CO, records ideas from group interested in how to spend research funds.



Jerry Dunn, RMLA Vice President and Chair of the Events Committee talks about events planned for the next year.

and more
from the
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Past President Bob
Riley welcomes
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Jan Redenbarger, RMLA
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Missed this one? See you at the RMLA 1999 Spring conference in April - Grand Junction, CO.

THE GOLDEN GATE ESCAPE

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Golden Gate Escape organized by Jan Redenbarger and Jerry Dunn was held at Golden Gate State Park on September 25 & 26, for RMLA members who enjoy packing and camping with their llamas. The event enticed 18 people and 15 llamas to pack their gear and journey to the happening.

For those of you who are true llama packers, you would have had to stand back, as Lloyd Wamsley did and shake your head and moan—“Car camping with llamas. I don’t believe it.” As we were loading up the van, Lloyd kept trying to get me to pack our gear in our panniers as we do normally. Definitely too time consuming. “Just throw it in the van and we can decide later whether we can use it.” This was a trip made only for Rubbermaid containers, plastic bags, folding tables, triple burner Coleman stoves (in their original boxes), sidewall tents that could house an army and the chairs, yes, the chairs and Donnie’s



On the Trail—Dr. Debbie leading the group. Her first llama hike!



Fraiser Meadow

tiki torches. As people arrived in their trucks and vans it gave the appearance that we were going to contribute to a community yard sale. We were like kids who had finally been released to venture out on our own to encounter the world.

Jeff and Connie Myers brought their teepee and set it up on the edge of the Aspen Meadow campground with the llamas. It made for an incredibly beautiful sight. Donnie and Bruce raised their 3 room hotel at site 13 and the rest of us set up our mountaineering tents on the remaining sites; well, those of us who remembered our tent poles!

The llamas were staked out adjacent to our campsites in a beautiful meadow surrounded by golden aspen trees and willows. The grass was belly deep and apparently very tasty. Five of the llamas were about to spend their first night out. A couple of the llamas were about to spend their umpteenth night out, so the old hands were staked



L to R: Alan MacRossie, Mary Mauz, Mary Louise, Lloyd Wamsley and Debbie Rothwell.

out at the corners with the neophytes in the middle. The nights were very peaceful filled with tingling of llama bells, songs of coyotes and elk barking. During the day there were many visitors with cameras photographing our beasts of burden in the meadow.

Friday night we had a joyous dinner at Bruce's campsite of steaks, ribs, and chicken cooked over Donnie's giant charcoal grill and three burner Coleman. The evening was spent sharing some of our funniest stories of the trail. Later as the evening faded guitars came out of their cases and music filled the campground. I don't think we were too rowdy, but we certainly stirred some curiosity up from the rangers and a couple of young campers who seemed to have only each other and needed to borrow a few essentials, such as water and wood. Think we embarrassed the young campers by asking too many questions, so Lloyd came to their rescue with the needed items so they could return to their campsite.



L to R: Bob Hernbrode, Claire Juckr, Dr. Debbie and Mary Mauz

Saturday we packed up the llamas and headed out on the trail. Time was taken by Mary Mauz and Jan Redenbarger to saddle a couple of llamas for their first time and shared some basic training tips for their owners. The llamas took to it like old hands. Some of the group climbed Windy Peak with their llamas and the rest of the group hiked a few miles to Fraiser Meadow for lunch and participated in a mini-workshop provided by Bob Hernbrode from the Colorado Division of Wildlife focused on viewing wildlife skills. Bob packed all of his field guide books and reference materials on ol' Max, the llama and loaned out several pair of binoculars to us for viewing the wildlife. It was great fun and very informative.

Sunday morning most everyone packed up all their gear and headed home. Some folks stayed the day and explored more of the hiking trails in the park.

This year's participants were: Fiona and Claire Juckr, Mary Mauz and Jessie, Debby Rothwell, Jerry Dunn, Lloyd Wamsley, Mary Louise and Alan MacRossie, Jan, Jim, and Jill Redenbarger, Dr. Debbie Mayo, Bruce Ellis, Don Coufal, Bob Herbrode, Connie and Jeff Myers.



Wind Jammer standing in front of his owner's teepee.

During our stay in Frasier Meadow, we were constantly surrounded by curious hikers that were with their friends and family. Many requests were fulfilled to have pictures taken with the llamas. A terrific public relations outing!

Saturday evening was filled with more laughter and great food at the potluck dinner. Everyone provided a tasty covered dish for the happening. We all sat around the campfire in camp chairs of varying description with sunburned faces and celebrated the day we had with our llamas and friends.

Save your favorite stories and great recipes for next year's Golden Gate Escape at Golden Gate Canyon State Park on September 25-26, 1999.



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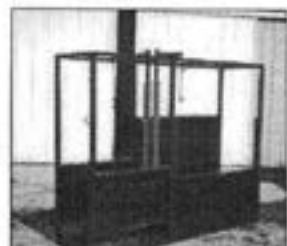
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Adult Male

- 1) Cameo's Solitaire
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Juvenile Female

- 1) Miss Harlee Quinn
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- 2) Santayana
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INTERMEDIATE YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP

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- 3) Maleah Huggins

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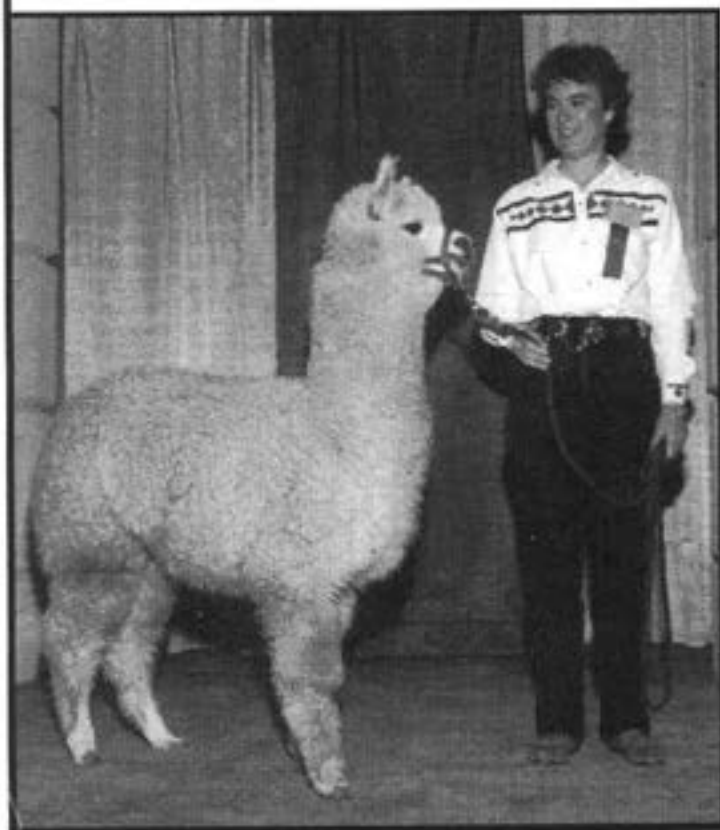
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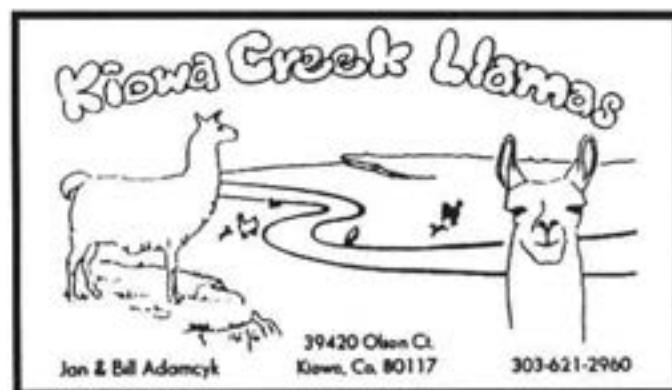
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Greetings from Jane Wheeler — Lima, Peru

The beginning of September we went to Lima for 5 days, visiting museums and seeing friends. Afterwards we spent a week in Cusco, mostly weaving related.

In Lima, an evening with Jane, her husband, and young son, gave us news of her work. DNA information from alpacas and vicuñas plus llamas has brought forth interesting results, to be published the beginning of 1999.

This fall, she is an invited professor at the Catholic University in Lima, teaching 2 days a week. Her class, on DOMESTICATION OF ANIMALS, includes the Middle East (sheep and goats) along with the Andes (camelids). She had a record breaking amount of students sign up. More later — *from Chris and Phil Switzer*

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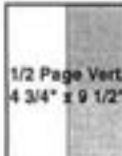
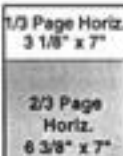

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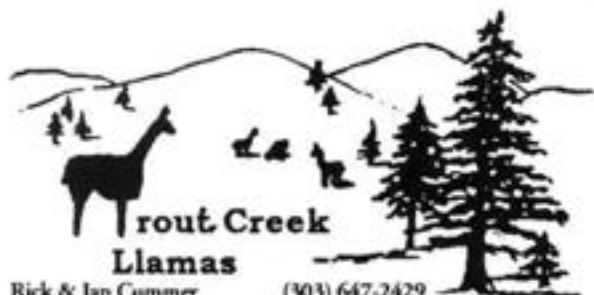
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