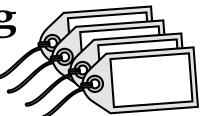
FY **Product Labeling**

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Did you know that if you are selling your llama or alpaca products including fiber, roving, handspun or millspun yarn, and finished products there are labeling requirements? The requirements are stipulated in the Wool Products Labeling Act, 1939 and Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, 1960. And if you have my book, Spinning Alpaca, Llama, Camel, & Paco-Vicuna, you can find the information on page 37.

According to the Labeling Act, fiber and yarn must have weight plus your name and farm name. I also like to add town/state plus color with name of animal. (Think reorders.) Of course, also the price.

Finished items need percent of fiber content (e.g., 100% llama or alpaca or 60% alpaca with 40% loopy mohair, etc.). Be sure to mention dyeing, if appropriate and the technique. (knitting, crochet, weaving, felting, etc.) Your name plus town/state are important plus CARE INSTRUCTIONS. hand wash, cool temperature, mild detergent, lay flat to dry, etc. And, the price. By law, these are labeling requirements for fiber artists.

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