

## **FIBER**

### ***How many ounces of fiber can one alpaca produce?***

An adult alpaca might produce 50 to 90 oz. of first-quality (blanket) fiber as well as 50 to 100 oz. of second and third quality fiber. Some alpacas can achieve, or exceed, these levels.

### ***Who buys the fiber?***

Alpaca fiber is sold several ways. Hand-spinners and fiber artists buy raw fleece. Knitters often purchase alpaca yarn. Fiber can be sent to Mini Mills and be processed into rovings, batts, felt batts and yarn. There is also retail opportunities available by sending fiber to AFCNA.

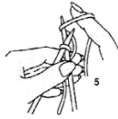
### ***What is an ounce of fiber worth?***

This varies. In its raw state, an ounce of alpaca varies from \$2.00-\$5.00. Each stage of the process (cleaning, carding, spinning, knitting, finishing, etc) adds more value to the fiber. As a finished garment, it can sell for \$10.00 per oz. Hand knit goods are more desirable and have sold for \$1,000.00, in some cases.

### ***What different techniques can be used on alpaca fiber?***



Spinning,



Knitting,



Crochet,



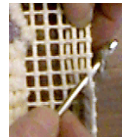
Weaving,



Needle Felting,



Wet Felting,



Locker hooking,



Tatting

I am sure there are many more techniques but these are several that are known to the Alpaca Breeders here this weekend at Fiber on the Foot.