

# Alpacas - Perfect for your Farm

Alpaca farming is environmentally friendly and a profitable use of small farms and farm preserved lands. Five to ten alpacas per pasture acre are typical.

Alpacas have been in the US for 25 years. The population is over 185,000. Over 2,500 are in NJ on about 80 farms. Typically, farms start with breeding quality alpacas in the \$7,500+ range. Start-up costs can be financed through the farm credit system. Show quality alpacas are sold at auctions as well as at alpaca farms. Pet quality alpacas are available for \$400+.

In addition to breeding alpacas for private and auction sale, alpacas can bring enjoyment to the whole family. They are competitively shown at regional and national shows by children and adults alike. 4-H children train alpacas for agility and showmanship competition. Hand spinning, weaving, knitting, felting and rug making opportunities abound for alpaca fiber.

Alpaca fiber is one of the most luxurious natural fibers in the world and comes in more natural colors than any other animal fiber. It is as soft as cashmere and does not irritate your skin. The fiber is very light, warm and strong.

Alpacas enjoy a proven and strong consumer market for their fiber products such as sweaters, hats, scarves, blankets, rugs, etc. Your alpacas' fiber can be sold into this market and family members can sell alpaca apparel, accessories, yarn and homewares.



A small herd of alpacas can bring an impressive retirement or second income to your family. The national Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association, Inc ([www.alpacainfo.com](http://www.alpacainfo.com)), Alpaca Registry, Inc. ([www.alpacaregistry.net](http://www.alpacaregistry.net)) and Alpaca Fiber Cooperative of North America, Inc. ([www.afcna.com](http://www.afcna.com)) provide a strong foundation for this cottage industry and your farm.

Schedule a farm visit with Angel Wood Alpaca Farm, LLC for a hands-on look at this wonderful, low stress lifestyle. Ask us for a free copy of our *Alpacas Magazine* article "Change Your Life With Alpacas".



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