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Soft & warm alpaca socks.

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Whitehouse Farmers' Market
Saturdays in September
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Located on Providence Street,
next to the Cannonball Trail
Alpaca items are for sale.
(A select few items shown above.)

National Alpaca Farm Day
at Sunny Meade Alpacas
Sunday, September 25, 2011
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7770 Prov. Neap. Swan. Rd.
Swanton, OH

A "Getting Started" Alpaca Owner Equipment List

Here's a list of some of the most important items to acquire before you buy alpacas.

☞ **Land with a barn.** You can raise up to 7 alpaca per acre of pasture. A three-sided shed with a little hay storage and electricity can serve as a minimal shelter for just a few males. Breeding stock, especially pregnant females should be provided with an enclosed barn to take refuge from severe weather.

☞ **Fencing.** Most commonly used, is 4x4 no climb fencing secured to posts to keep predators out and alpaca in.

☞ **Water supply containers.** Heated buckets that have hideaway cords for the summer season.

☞ **Feeders and hay bunks.** There are many options. Plastic wall feeders, rubber feeding bowls or rain gutter troughs work great for pelleted feed. Hay bunks can be as simple as open top rectangular wooden boxes big enough to hold a few flakes of hay.

☞ **Small rake, shovel and wheel barrow.** Pretty basic farm tools to keep your pens and pastures clean of alpaca beans.

☞ **Large ventilation fan.** A big barn fan that can move large volumes of air, cooling several alpacas on hot and humid days.

☞ **Halters and leads.** Good quality, three way adjustable alpaca halters with matching leads. In the beginning be sure to have one per alpaca.

☞ **Toenail trimmer with holster.** Alpacas' toenails need to be periodically trimmed during the year. Alpaca equipment suppliers can provide you with one that comes with a belt holster for safe handling.

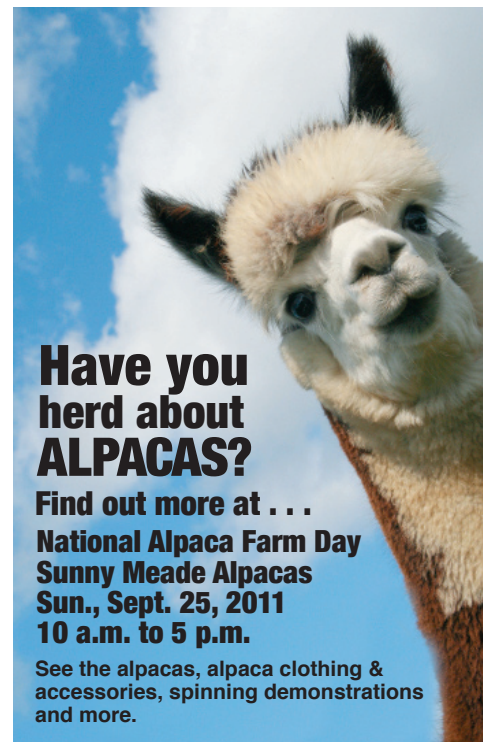
☞ **Medical supply kit.** Buy a tool box and fill it with routine and emergency medical supplies. Various supplies might include triple antibiotic, Nolvasan solution, injectable and oral wormers, probiotic gel, vet wrap, thermometer, among other items. If you're breeding alpaca, additional cria care items will be necessary. Consult your local veterinarian so that you're adequately prepared.

☞ **Alpaca reference books.** It's important to have at least one good reference book for those unexpected questions. Again, consult your veterinarian or check out books available through alpaca equipment suppliers.

This list is just a start. Additional items that make care of your alpacas easier are a weight scale, tooth grinder, restraining chute, corral panels and a trailer to name a few.

Alpaca fact.

Alpacas are native to South American countries: Peru, Chile & Bolivia. They are the cousin of the camel, vicuna, llama and guanaco.



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