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On VARMITGETTER™'s website (www.varmitgetter.com), they list 21 advantages of their product over competitors' handheld models. Most notably, perhaps, is the improved design that allows remote detonation (as much as 25-feet from the burrow). Operators are no longer subjected to what they call "ground zero fragmentation blasts." Additionally, the superior design of the VARMITGETTER™ eliminates dust-covered clothes and allows the owner to view its effectiveness from a safe distance.

The improved design is more easily portable, providing a more consistent gas mix to increase effectiveness, and it gets gas into the burrow much faster for improved results. In fact, these improvements allow VARMITGETTER™ to confidently claim they're able to destroy 100 feet of varmint tunnel in one blast and they've taken out 130-150 feet in a single ignition.

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Micro-organisms such as those found in Bio One, have the ability to fix nitrogen from the air. Air is 78% nitrogen, and makes it usable to the plant. The nitrogen removed from the air is called nitrate and it becomes attached to the soil particles. Nitrates are non-leachable and become 100% available to plants

immediately. Synthetic nitrogen is in the nitrite form of nitrogen, which is not available to the plants. It has to be converted to the nitrate form to make it available. Using Bio One, we can reduce our synthetic nitrogen by 50% and unleash other tied up nutrients.

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pregnant women, since it helps prevent neural tube (spinal column) defects. It may also help prevent heart disease. They are cholesterol free and virtually fat free. They are sources of dietary fiber that lowers cholesterol and may help prevent colon cancer and heart disease. They are low in calories. All these make bramble fruit a good addition to your diet.

But that's not all. Raspberries and blackberries have been shown to contain healthful substances which research shows may slow down the aging process, boost immunity, and protect against chronic disease, including heart disease and cancer.

An increasing number of studies link various foods--especially berries and other intensely colored fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, blueberries, and carrots--with improved health and disease prevention. Some of the healthful, bioactive substances in these foods appear to be the pigments that give them their bright colors. Others are flavor compounds, such as those that give an astringent taste to the seeds.

For example, anthocyanin, which gives berries their red color, is an antioxidant that scavenges free radicals, which may cause aging of cells. Researchers are currently linking anthocyanin activity to improving vision, controlling diabetes, improving circulation, preventing cancer and heart disease, and retarding the effects of aging, particularly loss of memory and motor skills. Ellagic acid, a phe-


nolic compound found in berries, has exhibited anti-carcinogenic effects against a wide range of carcinogens in several tissues. And ellagic acid has been shown, in studies with rats and mice, to contribute to significant inhibition of colon, esophageal, liver, lung, tongue, and skin cancers.

Why not just take a nutritional supplement?

When it comes to nutrition, no one has been able to outsmart Mother Nature. Research shows that it is a combination of phytochemicals working together with the berry's fiber, vitamins, and minerals which make it so effective. For example, the combination of anthocyanins, Vitamin C, and ellagic acid can act together, contributing to berries' high ORAC (Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity) value, a measure of antioxidant effectiveness. Antioxidants are shown to work best when combined; the presence of fiber, and other plant compounds en-

hance the health benefit. Scientists have also found that raspberries and blackberries may have cancer-fighting properties, but cannot attribute them to only one component. For these reasons, a nutraceutical source --a food with health properties-- is a more viable antioxidant option than a dietary supplement. And a lot tastier!

This article was provided by The North American Bramble Growers Association, a growers association whose objective is "to promote the general interest of the bramble growers in North America through improved communication and research." The article, along with a wealth of information on this subject, can be found at their website: www.raspberrylblackberry.com.

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Pressurized Exhaust Kills Underground Rodents

The patent pending H & M goopher control system uses carbon monoxide from pressurized engine exhaust to kill burrowing rodents such as gophers, ground squirrels, moles and voles.

According to the company, exhaust gas has long been one of the most lethal and least expensive methods to kill burrowing rodents. But until now there hasn't been an economical, efficient delivery system.

Company owners, Allen Hurlburt and Virginia Massey, said that the PERC system (Pressurized Exhaust Rodent Controller) involves a 1/4 inch diameter steel wand that is used to probe the burrow and injects pressurized exhaust via a hand piece valve that fills the burrow with lethal concentrations of carbon monoxide before the rodent has a chance to either escape or block the burrow.

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Two models are available. The PERC 412 is a trailer-mounted unit with a 13 hp motor and four reels each with a 50' hose and the hand probe. The 412 features turf tires and is designed to be pulled behind an ATV. It sells for \$6,595 plus S&H.

The PERC 206 is a skid-mounted unit with a 6.5 hp engine, two reels with 50' hoses and hand probes. It sells for \$3,695 plus S&H. There is an accessory trailer available for the PERC 206. It sells for \$425 plus S&H.

"Crop stands are not damaged and the operating cost is low," Hurlburt says. "It is simple to use and safe for the operator as well as wildlife since there's no poison bait or explosions involved. No other control method is as effective, efficient and as inexpensive to operate as ours."



A PERC system can treat moderately infested alfalfa fields at about 3.5 acres an hour with a single operator, he adds. Each probed location requires only about 20 seconds injection time.

"We have shipped units from Southern California to central Canada and as far east as Kentucky. Though most of our market has been with alfalfa growers, orchard and specialty crop growers have also purchased units. A school district purchased a PERC 206 for their athletic fields and several government entities are very interested," Hurlburt says.

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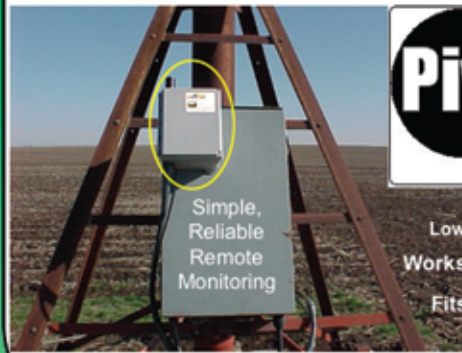
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In the summer of 2002, Kenny Kuhns, a hay farmer in northeastern Ohio, decided he needed a more efficient way to handle hay. With small hobby farmers composing most of his customer base, he couldn't switch to large square or round bales. But with several hundred acres of hay, most of it far from his barns, he needed a mechanical handling system.



Kuhns had tried a hay accumulator, a machine designed to leave bales in groups throughout the field. A specially designed grapple moved these groups of bales wherever they needed to

go. This worked well enough under the right conditions, but constant rain, uneven fields, and the occasional ill-formed bale made the right conditions a rarity. These complaints convinced Kuhns that he needed something better, but none of the other available designs really fit his needs. With constant rain keeping him out of the fields, Kuhns decided to use his time to design his own accumulator.

Kuhns started by making a list of necessary features. His machine had to be simple (no hydraulics or electronics), fully automatic, and adaptable to all conditions, including muddy fields, stubble, and unevenly sized bales. He also wanted the bales to be on edge for better curing, since hay for horses must cure almost perfectly to avoid forming dust.

By August of 2002, the first model was ready to test. It had several completely new features, most notably a twisted chute to get the bales on edge, and a raised platform that used gravity to sort the bales. Though the first test failed—the machine was too narrow to allow bales to slide easily—it came close enough to convince Kuhns that his concept could work. He set to work tweaking the design, removing one glitch after another. Finally, after three years of tweaking, he had a product that fit all of his criteria. With a patent pending on the design, he went into full production under the name Kuhns Mfg. LLC. Having already exceeded his production goal for the year, he is now grateful for the “ruinous” rains of 2002.

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When did the wind systems come about? Well, back in 1982, because of manpower requirements and capital requirements to enter into wind farm applications, controlling interest was acquired by Control Data Inc.; Renewable Energy Ventures Inc. was established in 1983 for the acquisition of land, permits, and planning of wind farms. With the pending acquisition of Winco, an alternator and portable generator manufacturing company located in Le Center, MN, the corporate name of the company was established as Earth Energy systems Inc. (EESI) to better

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From 1980 to 1986 EESI sold approximately 1500 wind energy plants in the United States and 8 in other countries. It also set up five wind farms, three (3) in California and two (2) in Hawaii. Several factors contributed to the large number of sales in the United States. As mentioned previously, electric costs rose dramatically due to the oil crisis of the 1970's and the resulting increase in oil and gas prices. Also, homeowners, farmers and businessmen received Federal Income Tax credits and sometimes state income tax incentives for purchasing wind energy systems. Also the 1978 Federal Law (PURPA) regulation in the National Energy Act mandated that local electric companies were required to purchase excess electricity generated by wind turbines privately owned. In addition, many people realized the long-term benefits of installing an energy system which did not have an adverse impact upon the environment and which used as its energy source a renewable resource.

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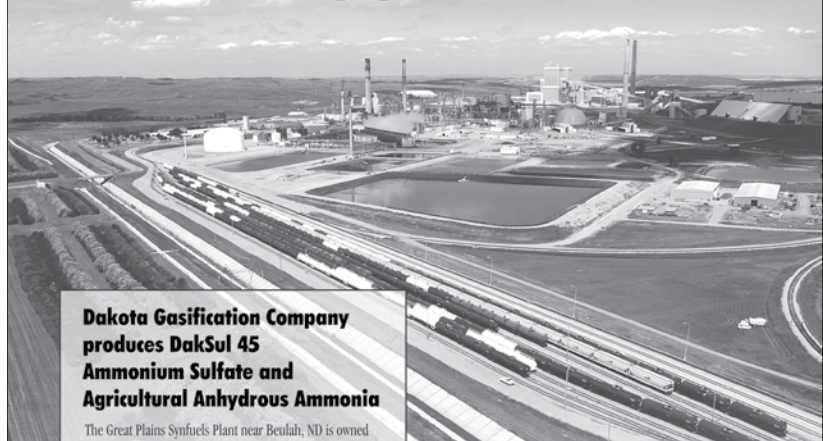
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titude, we believe that the first winds of change may be starting to blow. The beef industry appears to be in for some major changes in the coming years and it's beginning to look like Lowlines will be riding the crest of that change.

For years, the American cattle industry has worked towards producing bigger, heavier animals and they've succeeded. But the beef industry is facing some major obstacles to continuing or even maintaining this trend. The American consumer is actually starting to ask for smaller, healthier cuts of beef. Some processors are actually starting to charge a penalty for overweight carcasses. Lowlines are perfect for satisfying this demand; they are at least 1/3 smaller than the usual commercial cow. Lowlines also produce beef that is higher in Omega 3 fatty acids, another health benefit that many consumers are looking for.

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When the "Calf Claim" is sprinkled on the back of the newborn livestock, it makes even the most reticent mothers receptive to their young. The mother smells the licorice-laced product and dries off the baby as she licks it. This contact stimulates the baby's respiration and heartbeat. The calf stands up and the cow lets it nurse.

"Calf Claim" has been used on foals and lambs, but is most successful with beef and dairy calves born under stress to first time mothers. When used routinely on calves that need pulled, it helps the cow or heifer to start licking. The product works best if the dam and baby are penned in a small area, about 10x15 feet, and sprinkle some "Calf Claim" then rub into its hair. It also helps to dampen the calf's back to make it stick. "Calf Claim" is bottled in five-ounce plastic containers and distributed for sale by veterinarians and veterinary suppliers across the United States and Canada. It sells for around \$12 a bottle and is good for up to 10-12 calf situations. Demand is heaviest in the spring, although it has found favor with Western-fall calving herds.

This spring, there's even more of an incentive than usual to do everything possible to save newborns. Each fresh, young bovine face emerging on the scene represents a pretty valuable addition. The market for young calves is hot, and perhaps has never been hotter. It's a good time to take precaution and care. So having something that prevents calf abandonment is essential. "Calf Claim" is an answer to an old problem. Order "Calf Claim" today from your veterinary distributor. You may phone (641) 464-2202 or Fax: (641) 464-2254 for more information.

History

Through the years, we at the Mt. Ayr Veterinary Clinic have manufactured and distributed a flavored powdered product "Calf Claim"™. "Calf Claim" is a bonding agent that is sprinkled on and rubbed into the hair of a newborn calf. The aromatic scent from the product attracts and entices the cow to lick and clean the calf stimulating bonding. It is highly successful in cattle and horses and somewhat successful in sheep and swine.

We are very proud of the article written about "Calf Claim" and the many letters received from people telling of their use of the product. However, nobody has ever asked about its history. "Calf Claim" is a formulation of a product worked up by Joe Graham, D.V.M. of Milo, Iowa. Dr. Graham has been practicing veterinary medicine since the 1940's and compounded his

product one dose at a time, as there was a need for it.

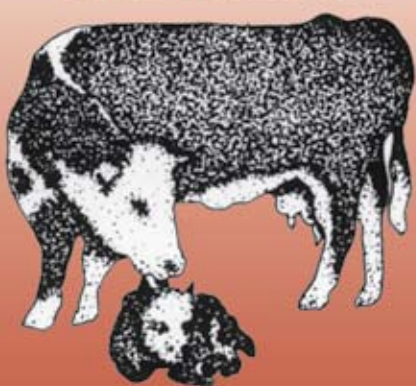
After a tour of duty with the U.S. Army, I joined my classmate. Dr. Max Mekus in a general veterinary practice in Mt. Ayr, Iowa. Shortly after starting practice. Dr. Mekus introduced me to the mixture that his Uncle Dr. Graham had compounded and I was impressed with all the success that local cattlemen were having using the product. Many were repeat customers stopping by the clinic asking for one or more doses of our calf claimer, as they called it.

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In 1978, we trademarked the name "Calf Claim" and started to market our product thru some of the smaller veterinary product distributors that called upon us. The rest is history, and we now have distribution in the United States and Canada. About the only advertising of the product has been its success. "Calf Claim" has actually sold itself. In, 2003, our formulation was changed a little. We have removed the animal by products as the carrier and changed to a vegetable carrier. This change was prompted because of the fear of mad cow disease. John L. Peters, D.V.M. 🐾

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- * Industry is accountable for producing safe food.
- * Government is responsible for:

setting appropriate food safety standards, verifying through inspection that those standards are met, and maintaining a strong enforcement program to

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* Slaughter facilities cannot operate if FSIS inspection personnel are not present.

* Only Federally inspected establishments can produce products that are destined to enter commerce.

* To receive Federal inspection, an establishment must apply for and receive an official Grant of Inspection. To obtain this, an establishment must:

Have written Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures; Conduct a hazard analysis; Develop and validate a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)

* Plan; and Agree to abide by all FSIS regulations.

* FSIS conducts carcass-by-carcass inspection at all federally inspected slaughter facilities and ensures that establishments follow all food safety and humane handling regulations.

* FSIS inspection program personnel verify that the establishment maintains proper sanitation procedures; it follows its HACCP plan and complies with all FSIS regulations pertaining to slaughter and processing operations.

* If the establishment fails to maintain sanitation, does not follow its HACCP plan or violates other regulations, FSIS inspection program personnel will issue a citation to the establishment in the form of a noncompliance record to document the noncompliance. If necessary, they could also take regulatory control action.

* Livestock slaughter and processing establishments must maintain written procedures for removing, segregating and disposing of specified risk materials (SRMs) so they do not enter the food supply.

* SRMs are high-risk tissues that pose the greatest risk of exposure to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (also known as BSE or "mad cow disease").

* Some examples of SRMs are the brain, skull, eyes, trigeminal ganglia, spinal cord, vertebral column, and dorsal root ganglia of cattle 30 months of age and older; the tonsils of all cattle; and the distal ileum of all cattle.

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The Private Treaty Horse Sale has become a very large part of the Expo. Owners with horses for sale, bring them to the Expo, and anyone interested in buying is able to deal with the horse's owner, face to face. No other involvement is necessary, and the best of all, to commissions to pay. Sale horses are previewed in the Northwest Dodge Arena each day. There are stallions on display, and they are also shown all three days in the Dodge Arena in the


Stallions of Parade.

This year the Round Pen Challenge will feature “three year old wild mustangs from the Bureau of Land Management”. Three clinicians will be exhibiting their skills in starting young horses. These three mustangs will be auctioned Sunday evening after the finals of the Round Pen Challenge. All who are of age will be able to take a “Test Ride” in a round pen, to see what it is like to ride a well-trained horse. There also many youth activities available for kids, as well as educational seminars and symposiums put on by the College of Southern Idaho all three days.

This year we will offer “Mini Clinics” at a nominal fee, to the public: Barrel Racing, Quadrille, Cutting, Driving, Gaited Horses, Packing, Reining, Roping, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship

and Trick Roping. Please call our office if you are interested in participating in our mini clinics, 208-465-5477.

We will have a Ranch Rodeo on Saturday in the outdoor arena, and on Sunday we will have a Supreme Cowboy Race in the Esther Simplot Eventing Arena. In addition to all of these great events, we have over 100 vendors...so shopping is great! We will also have both Live and Silent auctions and on Saturday evening we will have Freestyle Reining and a Scholarship Auction.

If you love the Western lifestyle, this is the place for you! The Expo will be open on Friday 12-9, Saturday 9-9 and Sunday 9-5. Admission is \$10. for adults and \$5. for kids and seniors. For more information, please visit: www.idahohorsecouncil.com or call 208-465-5477. 

The Idaho Youth Horse Council

By: Faye Yoctorowic, President

The IYHC is an organization to advise and promote the youth horse development in the state of Idaho.

To serve as a central organization, to study problems and opportunities encountered in youth activities associated with horses in Idaho.

We coordinate youth horse activities with Idaho extension service to obtain maximum benefit of the horse for developing youth.

The role of the council is advisory and promotional for youth horse program development.

We work together with a large group of


volunteers to encourage the art of horseback riding and the management and care of everything equine. We recommend guidelines and safety procedures around the state.

With Sponsorship from the IHC we hold District and State contests for the following.

- a. Horse Judging contests
- b. Oral Presentation Single and Team
- c. Public Speaking
- d. Horse Bowl
- e. The Idaho Horsemanship Award
- f. Idaho Horse Scholarship to National 4-H Congress.

This year the public speaking, oral

presentation, Horse Bowl and Judging contests will be held in Idaho Falls on the 14th and 15th of July with the top winners from each of the four districts attending. Also offered at each district is the chance to win the coveted Idaho Horsemanship Award. The contestants must be fourteen years of age to try for this. They must pass a test of knowledge of Horses, also do a oral presentation, then they must present on horseback their skill of riding horseback.

The youth who pass this test go on to help in the IYHC to become mentors and judges so the circle continues. 

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Schedule of Events at 2008 National Sale & Annual Meeting:

Thursday, April 24, 2008 - A breakfast will be held at the Fairgrounds, open to all who wish to attend. Following the breakfast will be Free Educational Seminars, also open to all who wish to attend. More Seminar information can be obtained through the Clydesdale Breeders Office. In the afternoon, a voluntary halter show of sale horses will begin. Immediately following the halter show, a hitching preview of sale horses will be held. Final times and locations of events are available on the Clydesdale Breeders website or through the Clydesdale Office.

Friday, April 25, 2008 - The day starts off with a mandatory preview of the sale horses, allowing potential buyers another chance to review their selections. Beginning at 12:00 noon, the Geldings will be sold, and possible yearling stallions if time allows. Then at 6:00 p.m., join the membership and guests at the Crowne Plaza for a delicious banquet followed by the Annual Meeting of the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A.

Saturday, April 26, 2008 - The National Clydesdale Sale begins, with the sale of Stallions and Mares. With over 200 horses entered, this is the largest offering of purebred Clydesdales in the world!

Catalogs for this sale will be available by mid-March from the Clydesdale Association office for \$5.00 (free to active members of the CBUSA), and will list all horses consigned to our sale. The Clydesdale Education Foundation will also be holding its Annual Silent Auction where successful bidders will take home unique and useful Clydesdale related items.

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The Appaloosa Museum

The story of the Appaloosa Museum and that of the Appaloosa Horse Club is comparable to siblings growing up in the same family. While they have many experiences in common and even share physical characteristics, there are distinctive features to both. Like the Horse Club, the Museum had its birth in the basement of the home of George and Iola Hatley in Moscow, Idaho in the early 1940's. Claiming one corner of what was to become the early office of the registry, a collection of Appaloosa horse related artifacts and archival material began to grow. These items chronicled the critical involvement of the horse in both Native American and Western American history.

When the ApHC had grown beyond the confines of the Hatley home it moved to larger quarters on First Street in Moscow in 1958. The growing collection of Museum items could then be displayed on more wall and floor space. Three years later and growing like a teenager the Club moved to a storefront location in downtown Moscow on Jackson Avenue. Following its older sibling the Museum moved with the Club.

The Museum now had space prominently located in one of the storefront windows of the reception area of the Club. The initial space, which had seemed so large, compared to the basement corner, over time, filled both walls and the floor to overflowing. Fortunately

for the Museum the ApHC was experiencing a similar phenomenon. So, in the late 60's plans were discussed, commitments were made and ultimately a new ApHC building was built at its present Idaho/Washington state line location in 1974.



Included in the new building was a distinct and separate, but attached, "Museum Wing" of about 1850 square feet of space. This new space seemed enormous at the time. The move also marked the transition of the Museum from "younger" sibling to becoming an adult. The Museum became incorporated as an IRS 501 (c) (3) corporation in 1975.


By the early 1990's it was evident that once again we had outgrown our home. An active and major fund raising program was begun and with the help of literally hundreds of loyal Museum

patrons and members, funds and materials were gathered and construction on the Museum addition was begun in 1997. This marked the first large scale construction project by the Museum. The Museum made the leap into the cyber age in the late 1990's and now has a beautiful website, www.appaloosamuseum.org, where web visitors can explore Appaloosa history, view many of our exhibits, and shop in our internet gift shop. In 2006, the Museum added on yet again by fencing in a one acre pasture behind the Museum and Horse Club where two colorful Appaloosas reside from May to October of every year.

We hope to "see" you at either our real or "virtual" museum in the near future.

The collection includes:

- Early evidence of the spotted horse around the world
- Native American artifacts
- Early settler & Cowboy artifacts
- Appaloosas in the media and pop culture
- Appaloosa Horse Club memorabilia and history
- Horse show, rodeo, and race artifacts
- Children's hands-on learning area
- Live Appaloosa exhibit (May – October)
- Extensive Library and Archive

The Appaloosa Museum is located at 2720 West Pullman Road, Moscow, Idaho ~ at the Idaho-Washington border. (208) 882-5578 ext. 279 


Stallions on Parade

The Idaho Horse Expo offers a venue for some of the areas finest stallions to be presented to the public. Since its conception stallion owners have been able to bring their stallion to the Expo where, for the three days of the Expo, their horses are displayed in stalls where the general public can see up close these fantastic animals. Also it gives the people that are interested in breed-

ing an opportunity to match with their mare. The Expo tries to get as many different breeds as possible to present a varied program, this gives everyone an opportunity to see many possibilities in the breeding program. Many of these stallions have returned year after year plus you get to witness some of the offspring as well.

Each of these three days the stallions are brought out of the stalls for a hour

long stallion parade. During this time the owners are given an opportunity to display their horse in whatever discipline they desire, whether it be halter, reining, jumping, dressage or the various maneuvers of the walking horses.

Along with scripts and the music timed with the individual performances it makes for an exciting hour of entertainment witnessing some of the finest stallions and trainer. 

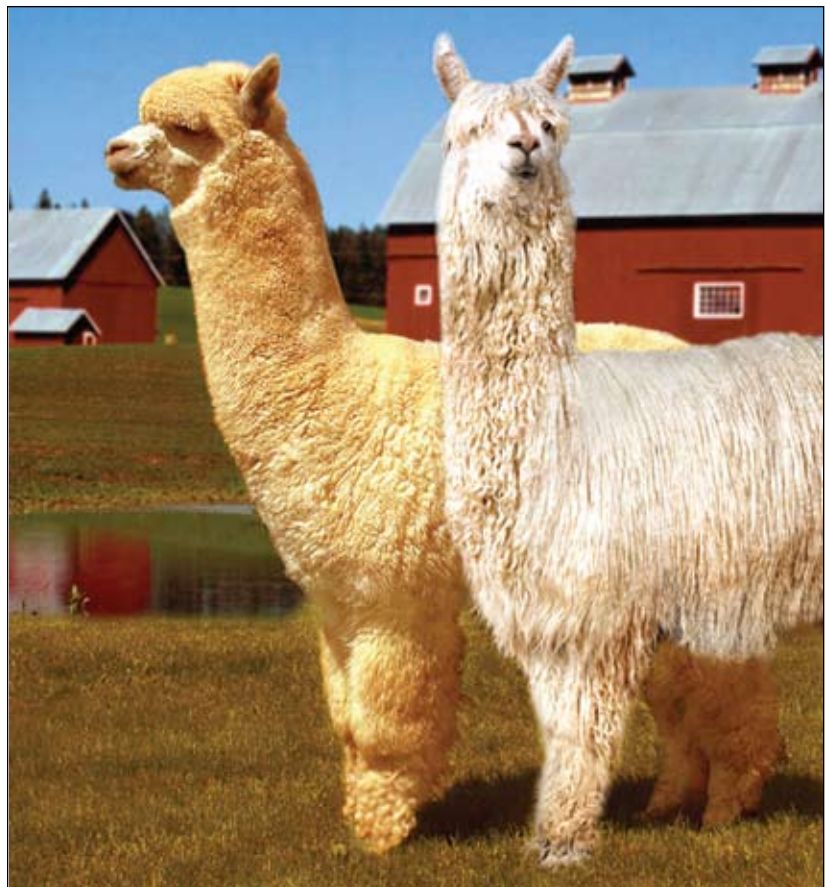
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Alpacas Produce World-Class, Luxurious Fiber

With the steady growth of the alpaca breeding industry in North America, the demand for alpaca fiber and garments steadily grows, too. The unique qualities of alpaca fiber make it both luxurious and practical.

Alpaca fiber is lighter than cashmere, while being stronger, warmer and more durable than wool. Making it even more desirable, alpaca contains no lanolin, thus making it hypoallergenic. People whose skin is extra-sensitive to wool's itchy and scratchy feel often choose alpaca fiber instead. Unlike wool, alpaca fiber has unique scales on its shaft, making it lie down flat on each follicle. The itchy prickle, common to other natural fibers, is avoided. This unique design also prevents the fleece from holding animal dander, a major contributor to allergic reactions. Alpaca fiber is also naturally water repellent, tremendously strong and resilient.

Two distinct alpaca breeds create two types of fiber. Huacaya (wa-Ki'-ah) alpacas are fluffy and grow soft, spongy fiber. Huacayas have a corrugated crimp that holds the finished yarn together. Once spun, this dense fleece makes a very soft, yet durable, string. Huacaya fiber is commonly used in knit and crochet applications, but can also be used to fashion felt or quilt batting. The Suri (surrey) has the same body structure as the huacaya but its fleece



grows as long, silky locks. Suri fiber is smooth, shiny and has no crimp. Suri fiber grows to great lengths, creating majestic waves, swirling about the alpaca's body as it moves. When processed, suri is commonly used in fabric or woven applications, utilizing

the weft and warp of a loom to hold the fibers in place. The most prominent Italian suits are crafted from suri alpaca fleece.

The softness of alpaca fiber is a result of a fine fiber diameter, which can be measured on a micron scale. A human

hair has a micron level of about 100 whereas alpaca can range from sixteen microns, in the form of Royal Baby Al-

United States in 1984. Since then, the alpaca industry has grown steadily. Current estimates total over 100,000

ers and generally weigh between 150 and 200 pounds. They do not have horns, hooves, claws or incisors. Social animals that seek companionship, alpacas communicate most commonly by humming. Neck posturing, head tilting and ear and tail positioning are other communication methods.

Unlike some other livestock, alpacas are not killed to be profitable. Alpacas are shorn every year. Most breeders shear in the spring. Shorn with sharp, well-oiled sheep's clippers, alpacas can stand upright or be laid down and stretched out. One shearing, typically ten to fifteen minutes per animal, produces approximately five to ten pounds of fiber. Variables such as age, genetics, environment and nutrition all influence fiber production.

After alpacas are shorn, there are several options to process the fiber. Both the United States and Canada process alpaca fiber in small and medium-sized lots. One advantage of sending fiber to these mills is that when the yarn is returned, the specific product of a specific alpaca can easily be identified. This is a strong selling point in the cottage industry. An alternative to this is to send the alpaca fiber to a regional or national co-op. Co-ops pool fleeces and collectively manufacture sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and other items for wholesale and retail distribution.

Alpaca owners and breeders continue to develop and improve their herds. They genetically select the most productive animals to produce the best quality fiber. The best way to learn more about alpacas is to visit an alpaca farm



paca, through the twenties, for Super-fine Alpaca. Micron levels determine the nature of the finished products. Baby Alpaca and low micron fibers are used to create finished goods worn next to the skin, for a sublimely soft and luxurious feel. Higher micron fibers create finished goods too, but typically produce outerwear and apparel that can be layered. The benefits of warmth and durability, however, remain. Course fibers, not suited to wear next to the body, have many applications. Course fibers can be felted, used as lining between other fabrics, or can create the most exclusive rugs.

In today's marketplace, alpaca is used to create long-lasting fashions that are both useful and desirable. Alpaca fashions are present in some of the most prominent stores and catalogs throughout the United States and elsewhere around the world. Furthermore, its use by prominent designers is increasing, as those designers recognize the many positive attributes of alpaca. Wholesale distributors provide convenient opportunities for retail buying agents to add the latest alpaca fashions to their store inventories.

Alpacas were first imported into the

registered alpacas and 4,500 members of the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (AOBA), who represent breeders in North America.

The reasons to raise alpacas are plenty. People choose to raise alpacas because they are beautiful, intelligent animals. They are relatively easy to raise and require minimal acreage. They offer a rewarding lifestyle and business opportunity. More people who already own livestock such as cattle and horses



are discovering and capitalizing on alpacas' breadth of appeal.

Alert and curious, adult alpacas stand at approximately 36 inches at the with-

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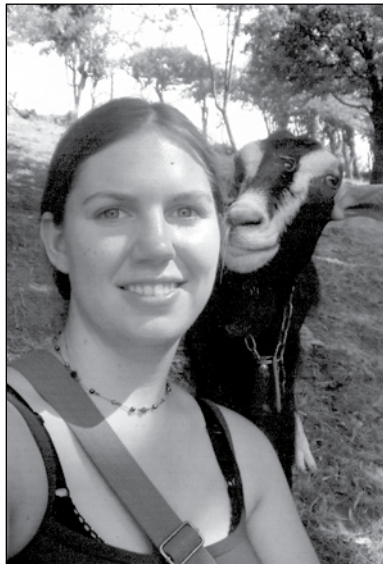
Written by Erika Scharfen

I definitely didn't grow up thinking I'd want to spend my life working with goats. I didn't really care for them one way or the other come to think of it, having only been exposed to the occasional pygmy goats and sway-backed hubians one often finds in petting zoos. Yet I certainly want to spend the rest of my life working with goats now, and have been hard at it for the past five years... so what changed?

The first step came through a stroke of luck when as a freshman in Animal Science at the University of California, Davis, I began working at the Goat Teaching and Research Facility. The animals themselves quickly won me over, for it was here that I first made the acquaintance of the angular and stylish dairy goat. In addition to working as a student milker and getting myself in up to my elbows (literally) during kidding season, I found myself among the group of students who comprised the UC Davis Goat Show team, tagging along on visits to local breeders, and volunteering during industry training sessions in animal evaluation and judging. Thus developed my appreciation for both the animals and the industry, and I found myself envisioning means of working raising dairy goats into a career. I decided that cheese making was the solution, and therefore with that as my goal, the logical destination was France, the country of cheese. I contacted the international work exchange program Agriventure, which found me a host site with a farmstead goat cheese maker and helped me through the process of applying for a work visa.

I spent one year living in the rural vil-

lage of La Peyratte in the western part of France. The farm's primary source of income is its' goat cheese; winner of multiple medals, including gold, in national competition. Behind the success of this cheese are the skill and craftsmanship of Maryline Guilloteau and the rich milk other herd of Poitevine goats.



I found myself integrated into farm life and the community surprisingly fast, and the daily routine of twice a day milking and cheese making was labor intensive but' fulfilling. I was even given the opportunity to visit several neighboring goat dairies where I witnessed every extreme in goat dairying from animals kept on pasture with hand-milking to vast barns filled with goats with automated rotating parlors. The farm in La Peyratte fell in the middle, with animals pastured during the day but housed in-

side overnight. Surprisingly I found myself using the same milking system I'd been trained on at Davis which made me feel almost immediately at home. As my comfort with the language and culture increased, I found myself exploring even farther, talking to cheese makers wherever I traveled and always tasting new and more complex cheeses, searching for inspiration. I even had the opportunity to attend the International Cheese and Dairy Products Exposition held in Paris where I was introduced to some of the top producers and sellers in the nation.

Ten months into my stay I took the reigns of the entire cheese making operation for three weeks while Maryline left the country to visit trainees from previous years in Quebec. The responsibility was daunting, especially after having spent the last ten months learning how complex and delicate cheese making can be. After three weeks without customers being able to detect that the head cheese maker was out, I felt the relief and satisfaction of knowing that I had truly found my calling.

The hardest part of my training program was finally leaving it behind. I had spent a year living and working with the family Guilloteau, joined the local taster group in its annual production, traveled to nearly every corner of France in a way that no tourist ever could, and had become so fluent in my use of everyday French that strangers couldn't place my origins. It has been by far the most rewarding experience of my life to date.

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"Most recently the Fund has been used to help establish a livestock merchandising center, expand several goat dairies, build a consolidated goat association, develop a sheep meat supplier, and create a weed control and fire protection program using sheep," Richard Drake, chairman of the NLPA Sheep & Goat Fund Committee said. "Our loan program is unique in its ability to evaluate

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The Sheep & Goat Fund was established in 1999 when an agreement was signed between the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (Sheep Center) and the NLPA that enables Sheep Center funds to be used in the sheep and goat industries through a revolving loan program. The NLPA Sheep & Goat Fund is used exclusively for loans with the following goals:

- To make capital available for enhancing business methods and services.
- To improve marketing efficiency and product quality.
- To promote coordination and coop-

eration within the industry.

- To create opportunities for adding value to sheep and goat products.

According to the terms of the agreement the Sheep and Goat Fund Committee, which consists of members of NLPA and representatives of the sheep and goat industries, is responsible for the oversight of Fund. The Committee regularly reviews applications and is only allowed to consider loans up to \$1 million that are submitted by eligible entities (sole proprietors are not eligible as written into the legislation that established the Sheep Center).

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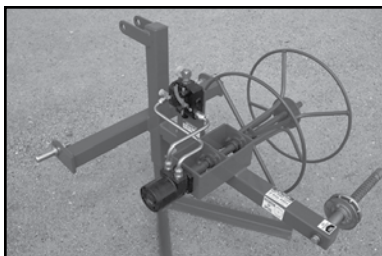
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