



**NEW ENGLAND ALPACA
OWNERS AND BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION
(NEAOBA)**

Founded in 1985 by alpaca owners from the six New England states. The alpaca lifestyle and the spirit of New England have formed a special bond here that is very much alive and well. In addition to the superior genetics of the region, we have a tradition of providing long term, on-going support and services on very personal levels. We invite you to visit a member farm and catch the spirit of the New England alpaca.

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New England alpaca owners love to show off their alpacas. Visit a member farm today.



New England Alpaca Owners
and Breeders Association
c/o Dave Sanderson
Parker River Alpaca Farm
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alpaca farm today!*



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in LOVE *with*
ALPACAS!



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JUST ONE TOUCH

The first time your hands touch the soft silky fleece of an alpaca...is like sinking into a soft cloud on a warm summer day. Once you put on a garment made of alpaca you will appreciate its luxurious look and its exquisite feel—you will know why it has been referred to as “the fiber of the gods” throughout the ages.

LIKE NOTHING ELSE ON EARTH

These creatures were first bred by the ancient Incans over 5000 years ago in the Andean Mountains. Centuries of selective breeding resulted in the finest of natural fibers. Their intelligence and quiet, gentle demeanor is captivating. Today, alpacas have become an increasingly popular alternate livestock in New England as well as other parts of the country.



GOING LIGHTLY ON THE LAND

Alpacas are environmentally friendly having soft-padded feet and only a set of bottom grazing teeth. They require just an acre of grazing land for 4-6 animals, a simple three-sided shelter for protection from the elements and are easily handled and halter trained for transport. Alpacas weigh an average of 160 lbs., so the flake of hay and cup of grain they eat makes them economical to feed. Clean-up is made easy by their use of a communal pile.



INVESTING IN A HERD

Many New England alpaca owners start small... with just a few bred females. As a herd multiplies, the investment grows. There are many tax benefits to alpaca ownership such as depreciation and capital gains. The alpaca market is stable and the demand remains strong for alpacas. Breeders benefit from a slow steady growth due to alpacas having one birth each year, with a gestation averaging eleven months. New alpaca imports can no longer be registered thus protecting the investment and industry for many years to come. With a sound business plan and the high value of alpaca, a New England alpaca breeder can generate substantial income.



“You can get in your truck and drive all over this country...and not find a finer quality alpaca than right here!”

Mike Safley: Alpaca Senior International Judge, 2004 New England Coastal Classic Alpaca Show



THE PERFECT PLACE

Alpacas have become a successful farming tradition here in New England — where the four seasons are perfect for these hearty animals. Their incredibly warm fleece takes them through the winter and they are shorn in the spring before the heat of the summer. Alpacas will decorate pastures with their beautiful natural colors from blue-black to greys, rich red-brown and fawn to whites. New England breeders have steadily improved their herds with carefully chosen bloodlines and selective breeding. This has made New England the perfect place to buy, raise, breed and sell alpaca.

A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

A strong membership creates a successful alpaca industry in New England. New England Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (NEAOBA) boasts 200+ farm memberships. The association promotes alpaca and fiber end-products at fairs and shows, they host educational seminars for owners and their veterinarians throughout the year. NEAOBA distributes information to its members by way of the internet and its quarterly publication, *NEAOBA News*. You can find out more by visiting the NEAOBA website and how becoming a member will be beneficial to you.



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