

## FIBER - MAKING THE MOST OF IT

Fiber production on alpacas can be viewed as a primary reason for raising these animals or as a by-product from a breeding program. Either way, alpaca fiber deserves a major place in the textile market. Those who become involved in the alpaca industry for showing and breeding still must shear the alpacas annually. The fiber produced from these animals is equally as important to the industry as the fiber produced from a fiber herd.

This lecture provides information on the many options available for utilizing fleece as well as updates on what is happening in the North American fiber market.