

Pacific Alpacas Newsletter 1017

September 15th 2017

Welcome to your New Season! (Our EIGHTH!)

As advised in our last newsletter we closed our books for the 2016/17 season on Wednesday September 13th 2017 in preparation for an earlier payout to growers.

We collected a total of 23,501kg of fibre this season from 306 growers! This represents an 82% increase over last season, previously our best year. After skirting, scouring etc. the raw fibre collected this season yielded just over 20,000 kg of saleable fibre.

Congratulations and thank you – you are part of undoubtedly the most successful alpaca fibre pool Australasia has ever seen; and better things are yet to come...

Due to our investment in greatly improved systems and processes we expect to be able to payout by the end of October 2017; or two months earlier than previously.

The 2017/2018 season beckons:

Several of you have advised that you are shearing as early as this month, so please find attached:

1. Your 2017/18 Fibre Consignment Receipt – please carefully check the information on it to ensure it is correct and let us know of any changes throughout the year.
2. Recommendations for presenting your fibre.

2018 Collection Schedule

We are preparing our collection schedule for 2018. ***To help us do that, if you plan to contribute to the pool this year can you please copy the section in the box below into a new email and send it back to michelle@pacificalpacas.nz with the answers.***

PLEASE – DO NOT PUT THIS ASIDE FOR LATER, WE NEED THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAXIMISE OUR EFFICIENCY AND MINIMISE YOUR COSTS THIS SEASON.

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New Zealand's Fibre Pool

1. Your PAG No. _____
2. Are you supplying fibre to the pool this season: Yes / No
3. If no, do you mind telling us what you plan to do with your fibre;
 - a. Keeping it for own use.
 - b. Contributing to another fibre pool
 - c. Selling directly
 - d. Other: _____
4. If yes; please advise which one of the following collection methods you want to use:
 - a. Us to collect it from you.
 - b. You will drop it off at Collection Point – see <http://www.pacificalpacas.com/alpaca-fibre-pool/> for an up to date list of collection points.
 - c. Other – please advise _____.
5. If Yes, your expected shearing month for this season?
6. How many huacaya are you shearing? _____ How many suri? _____ (so we can estimate fibre quantities per pickup run).
7. Would you be interested in being a Collection Point this season Yes / No.
8. Do you anticipate contributing over 500 kgs of fibre? Yes / No

Once we have collated all this information we will be issuing our expected collection schedule for 2017/18. Providing the information we need comes to us quickly enough (that's up to you sorry) then we plan to have this info to you by 30 October.

We will be phoning every grower in our database (currently more than 620!!!) over the coming 8 weeks unless we can get the necessary information from our emails to negate the need for this time consuming (and hence costly to the pool) process. So

please, please help us out and tell us what we need to know (see below) via email if possible then we won't have to bother you on the phone.

Collection Bags:

Don't forget to contact us if you want some Fibre Collection Bags and we will get them out to you ASAP. This year's bags are 20% larger than last years and should easily hold up to 5 blankets (of the same colour please). We have already distributed 10,000 of the old bags. They are designed to be used for two seasons.

NOTE: Don't ask, don't get. We won't be sending bags out unless you ask for them so if you intend to contribute and need bags please, please ask Michelle for some ASAP. To work out how many bags you are likely to need just take the number of animals you have of each colour grade, divide it by 3 and round it up to the nearest number.

Thank you again for your support; we look forward to working with you in the future and helping ensure a fair and economic return to growers such as yourselves.

New for 2017/ 2018

- Collection Points will be paid 25 cents of fibre credits per kg they collect.
- Referrals - for every new alpaca grower that is NOT on our database, we will pay the referring grower 25 cents per kg for this year's collection from the new grower.
- If you collect more than 500 kg of fibre we will pay you out within 30 days
- If you press your fibre into 120 + Kg fadges we will pay 25 cents per kg pressed
- We have inventory of finished product available for you to sell and increase your profits – we will issue credit based on your gross payout in 2016/2017 year.

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Contacts:

- To order bags, or request a pickup. Please call Michelle on 021-762051 or email michelle@pacificalpacas.nz
- To order products or for any other queries please call me on 021-640707 or email steve@pacificalpacas.nz

I hope to see you all at the 2017 National Alpaca Show next week. Look for our booth; we will be happy to answer any questions.

Best regards,



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