Welcome Winter?

Are you prepared for this winter season?

Check out our resources on pages 3 and 4 and be confident in your care!

We have quite a line up for our 2018 member meetings! Members and Guests ~ please Join us!

This 2018 season, the board decided to reach out to our own members to share their knowledge and expertise of alpaca farming!

So many of our members are talented and have a wide range of experience. We look forward to continuing to share with each other!

If you have an idea to offer for one of our meetings or are willing to share some time please contact us at mainealpacasassociation@gmail.com - many thanks!

Have a wonderful and safe winter season, your MAA Board

Save the DATES!

East Coast Alpacas
January 20, 2018
Are you interested in learning about livestock options for your farm? Join our members in learning more from Marc and Melissa Worrell. Go to page 2 for more information!

Lana Plantea
March 2018
Marcia MacDonald has agreed to teach us how to dye our alpaca fiber using natural dyes. The location and date in March will be determined soon!

Fiber Frolic Meeting
June 2018
Join our members for a round table discussion on issues members are facing. A good ole fashion community meeting….time to talk and listen to each other.
Do you want to learn how to upgrade your bloodlines at minimal cost?
Are you interested in knowing more about alpaca meat?
Do you want to weed out your herd while getting some value for your lower quality animal?
Are you enterprising and want to engage with other farmers for mutual benefits?
Is a win/win business transaction appealing to you?
Do you want to learn how the value of your alpacas goes beyond the fiber and fiber products?

Well, come to the next MAA meeting on January 20th and meet Melissa and Marc Worrell of East Coast Alpacas for extreme enlightenment!!

Snow date: January 27, 2018 An email will be sent to members and a post will be on MAA Instagram and Facebook in case of inclement weather...stay tuned!
Protecting your farm involves a number of considerations – family members, co-workers or employees, buildings, equipment, livestock, and crops. Planning ahead for all-hazard situations can help to minimize the impact and speed the recovery process for you and your farm.

Before a Disaster or Emergency

Gather information.
- What disasters or hazards are most likely in your community? For your farm?
- How would you be warned?
- How should you prepare for each?

Know the warning signals for your area.
- Learn the warning systems for your community.
- Are you able to hear or see the appropriate warning from your farm?

Stay alert for emergency broadcasts.
- Emergency Alert System broadcasts on radio or television
- NOAA weather radio alerts
- News sources – radio, television, internet

Put together an emergency supply kit for your family.
- See ‘Family Emergency Supply Kit’ handout

Draw a farm site map and indicate:
- Buildings and structures
- Access routes (e.g., roads, lanes)
- Barriers (fences, gates)
- Locations of livestock
- Locations of all hazardous substances
- Electrical shutoff locations, etc.

Make a list of your farm inventory, include:
- Livestock (species, number of animals)
- Crops (acres, type)
- Machinery and equipment (make, model #)
- Hazardous substances (e.g., pesticides, fertilizers, fuels, medicines, other chemicals)

Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Your local and state veterinarian
- County extension service
- Local emergency management

Make a list of suppliers or businesses providing services to your farm.
- Livestock or milk transport, feed delivery, fuel delivery, etc.

Contact your insurance agent.
- Review your insurance coverage.
- Get additional coverage for “all-hazard” situations (e.g., flood, hail damage).

Stockpile supplies needed to protect the farm:
- Sandbags and plastic sheeting, in case of flood
- Wire and rope to secure objects
- Lumber and plywood to protect windows
- Extra fuel for tractors and vehicles
- Hand tools for preparation and recovery
- Fire extinguishers in all barns and all vehicles
- A safe supply of food to feed livestock
- A gas powered generator

Identify areas (e.g., higher elevation) to relocate your assets, if needed.
- Livestock and horses
- Equipment
- Feed, grain, hay, Agrochemicals (pesticides, herbicides)

Remove or secure any loose equipment or materials, such as lumber and fuel tanks.

Prepare farm employees.
- Keep them informed of the farm’s emergency plan; review it with them regularly.
- Identify shelter-in-place or evacuation locations.
- Establish a phone tree with contact information for all employees.

For more information and resources, see www.Prep4AgThreats.org
# FARM EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

## General Preparedness

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## Disaster Hotline

## County Public Health Department

## Poison Control Center

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**SHOP MAINE. SHOP LOCAL. SHOP ALPACA.**

*Find an alpaca farmer near you!*

[http://www.mainealpacaassociation.com](http://www.mainealpacaassociation.com)
January 20, 2017
All are welcome to our annual meeting!

We especially need our members to attend in order to have a quorum to vote!

Rejoin membership to the Maine Alpaca Association! Returning and new members are welcome! We have a great year lined up for your learning experiences and alpaca camaraderie!

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Meatball Subs
Choice: Alpaca or Beef
Garden Salad
Chips, Drink
And Desert

ONLY $50 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!

RSVP: mainealpacaassociation@gmail.com