

With Apologies to Paul Simon: There Must Be Fifty Ways to Sell Your Fiber!

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*"She said it grieves me so to see you in such pain
I wish there was something I could do to make you smile again
I said, I appreciate that, but would you please explain about the fifty ways."
~ Paul Simon, 1975*

Who Buys Raw Fiber

- Hand Spinners (for spinning)
- Doll Makers (for hair)
- Fly Fishermen (for tying flies)
- Hand Crafters (for pillow stuffing)
- Felters (for felting)
- Nurseries (for mulch)
- Costumers (for theatrical costume use)
- Pet Stores (for animal beds)
- Other alpaca breeders (for resale)
- People who visit your ranch

Who Buys Slightly Processed Fiber

- Knitters and Crocheters (working from roving)
- Hand Spinners (for spinning)
- Hat Makers
- Quilters (for batting)
- Felters (for felting)
- Other alpaca breeders (for resale)
- People who visit your ranch

Who Buys Fiber Processed into Yarn

- Knitters and Crocheters
- Rug Hookers
- Weavers
- Embroidery and Needle Arts Practitioners
- Beaders (for beading projects)
- Retail Yarn Shops
- Retail Craft Supply Stores
- Retail Yarn & Crafts Catalogs/Web Sites
- Other alpaca breeders (for resale)
- People who visit your ranch

Who Buys Fiber Processed into Fabric

- Fashion Designers
- Interior Designers
- Those who sew at home
- Rug Braiders
- Quilters
- Retail Fabric Stores
- Other Alpaca Breeders (for resale)
- People who visit your ranch

Who Buys Fiber Processed into Clothing/Toys/Interior Decorator Items

- Individuals (Parents, Spouses, Grandparents, Employees, Colleagues, Friends)
- Fashion Boutiques
- Camping/Outdoor Stores
- Ski Shops
- Baby stores
- Hand Crafts Malls (consignment)
- Interior Design Shops
- Toy Stores
- Hat Shops
- Saddlers (saddle blankets)
- Art Galleries (hand crafted artworks)
- Tie Shops
- Bed and Breakfasts (for decorating rooms)
- Restaurants/Hotels (interior design)
- Other Alpaca Breeders (for re-sale)
- People who visit your ranch