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### Maintenance and Lactation Feeding Directions

As with any diet component, the entire daily diet is a result of all of the feeds consumed; pasture, hay, grain and water. We strongly encourage all farms to test feed components and balance the rations at least twice per year. The maintenance and lactating pellets have been designed for a grass hay and grass pasture based diet. Not one bagged feed fits all circumstances. The following are general feeding guidelines to get you started and not meant to replace the advice of a professional nutritionist.

Feeding directions for lactating and maintenance pellets are as follows: First, as with any other feed change, you will want to transition them slowly from the feed that they are currently eating onto the new feed. You should plan on doing this over 2-3 weeks. That will accomplish two things. One, it will allow them to get used to the new flavors and two, it will help to minimize the chance that they could develop loose stools due to dietary change. Second, once your alpacas have been established on our feed for 2 months at the recommended levels you will not need to give them A&D injections. Our feed has enough in it. The vitamin D is passed to the young via the milk.

When feeding your alpacas Maintenance please feed  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pound twice daily (once in the morning and once in the evening) per alpaca. When feeding Lactation/Cria, please feed  $\frac{1}{3}$  pound twice daily per alpaca. Make sure to weigh the feed prior to feeding. We recommend using a kitchen scale and a container of your choice. Weigh out the appropriate amount and then mark the container so that you don't have to weigh each time. You will want to weigh both the Maintenance and the Lactation/Cria, because they do weigh differently since they are different formulas.

If you have any further questions please let us know.

Thanks  
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*Your future is our concern.*