

BAARROOKA ALPACA STUD BREEDING OBJECTIVES

Numbers shown are current targets or selection criteria; numbers in brackets () are future targets. Through intensive breeding, selection and culling, we hope to achieve the current targets across the herd within 3 years (and we are well on track to achieving this) and the future targets within 10 years.

FIBRE:

Lustre: Lustre score of >3 (1 or 2) (using the subjective 5 point scoring system - assessed on washed mid-side samples)

Fineness: Micron <20 (<16) at 2 yrs
(no) medullation <10%
P < 10 micron coarser than secondary

Consistency: CV <20

Density: GFW 3.5 (8) kg+
>40 (85) follicles/mm²
S:P = >10:1 (20:1)

Length: >0.4 (0.7) mm/day [146 (255) mm p.a.]

Locking: narrow lock with strong deep wave/corkscrew
consistency over body
(coverage from head to toes)
superior relocking in subsequent fleeces
well-covered head with beard

CONFORMATION:

As per breed standard with particular emphasis on:
straight back/legs; broad chest; broad hips, well sprung ribs
Short muzzle with lips meeting; roman nose
(toes and teeth that do not require trimming)

FERTILITY:

females mature: 12 months
males mature: 2 years
gestation: 340 days
no. matings per pregnancy: <3

OTHER:

(Parasite resistance)
temperament: (quiet, easy to handle; high stress threshold)