

LLAMA/ALPACA GRAIN MIX

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The following mix has been used by West Mountain Farm, Inc., for five years with no feed-related health problems.

600 lbs.	Crimped oats
150 lbs.	Molasses
1,170 lbs	Cracked corn
21 lbs.	Calcium carbonate (limestone)
10 lbs.	Salt
40 lbs.	1 to 1 Calcium/phosphate pre-mix
1 lb.	Cargill Mix #776 – contains vitamin A, D, E, B ₁₂ , and biotin
1 lb.	Cargill Mix \$696 – sheep trace minerals (no copper)
5 lbs.	Procell yeast
<u>2 lbs.</u>	6% selenium
2,000 lbs.	Total weight

We feed this grain mix twice a day, about one-half pound per animal at each feeding (one pound per day, per animal). The protein content tests out to nine percent, four percent lower than any other grain mixture available.

We use first-cut grass hay. The protein content of our hay is between six and eight percent. Hay is always available to the animals. Be sure not to get mulch hay (hay which has been wet after cutting and before baling). Alfalfa and other high protein feeds are unnecessary and often cause obesity, the single most common health problem among llamas and alpacas in the United States.

We also have Kimball Farm mineral mix available at all times.

This, and pasture, is all the feed available to our llamas and alpacas. We have never had a feed-related health problem in the approximately five years we have been on this regimen. Even on this diet, we occasionally have a fat llama. For these, we limit the hay intake to no more than two percent of body weight per day.