## Alpaca & Llama Feeding Guidelines

- Feed high quality free choice forage and browse at all times (Over conditioned animals are the exception, control intake)
- Test forages for quality and mineral content (Contact Poulin Grain to take advantage of this complimentary service)
- Build the diet around forage as 75-100% of the total diet, depending on quality and requirements of individuals or groups.
- Grain and supplements should compliment good forages to balance nutrients to recommended levels.
- Provide enough eating space so all animals can eat at the same time.
- Provide fresh, clean water at all times.
- Feeding rates are based on estimated total diet dry matter intake of 1.2-2.2% of body weight per day depending on nutrient demands.
- A typical mature alpaca is approximately 160 lbs. Typical mature llama is approximately 300 lbs.

## Forage Extender<sup>™</sup>

#### Essential quality fiber for when hay is poor quality or in short supply

- May be used to replace up to half of the forage in the diet on a pound for pound basis
- Features sources of highly digestible fiber Soy Hulls, and Dehydrated Alfalfa Meal
- No molasses
- 80% digestible fiber vs. a maximum of 50% digestible fiber in hay
- 12% protein vs. hay protein of 5-8% (depending on crop). Provides consistent nutritional content vs. the variability seen in hay.
- Reduces dust and mold exposure
- Yeast Culture is added to aid in the proper digestion of fiber, improving feed efficiency
- Flavored to enhance palatability
- Economical and available: Average 35% cost savings over other hay replacement products
- Available in Forage Extender Mini Bites (standard pellet), or Forage Extender Super Bites (large pellet)
- Suitable for cattle, equines, sheep, goats, rabbits and camelids

### Northeast Alpaca &Llama Free Choice Mineral<sup>™</sup>

## Free choice, loose vitamin and mineral to supplement pasture and forage only diets.

- Formulated for a small daily intake rate (0.2 to 0.4 oz per head per day) depending on size. 0.2 oz= 6 grams or approximately 1 tsp.
- Feed as the sole source of salt.
- Balances for 100% of recommended vitamin and mineral levels when fed in addition to typical pasture and forage diets.
- Contains copper. Do not feed to sheep.

Calcium %	Min	5.40
Calcium %	Max	6.48
Phosphorus %	Min	2.95
Salt %	Min	21.96
Salt %	Max	26.35
Magnesium %	Min	4.65
Copper (PPM)	Min	30.00
Selenium (PPM)	Min	90.00
Vit A (IU/LB)	Min	202,500



Forage quality, breed and other conditions determine ideal products and amounts that should be fed.

Contact Poulin Grain for complimentary forage testing and diet balancing for optimal performance!

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## Northeast Alpaca & Llama Maintenance™ Pellet

A pelleted feed formulated to support health in maintenance or over conditioned animals.

Min	15.00
Min	2.50
Max	15.00
Min	1.30
Max	1.80
Min	1.00
Min	1.00
Max	1.50
Min	1,200.00
Min	18,750.00
Min	7,500.00
Min	1400.00
Min	1.25
Min	15.00
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#### Northeast Alpaca & Llama Maintenance™ Pellet Feeding Instructions:

- This is a low feeding rate mineral, vitamin and protein supplement. Do not feed free choice or higher than recommended levels on a regular basis.
- Designed to supplement free choice Northeast hays (may need to control hay intake for over conditioned animals).
- Feed alpacas 0.35-0.50 lbs/ head/ day
- Feed llamas over 300 lbs body weight 0.5-0.75 lbs/ head/ day

\*One cup of Northeast pellets weights approx. 0.33 lbs



## Key Features of Poulin Grain Northeast Alpaca & Llama Maintenance™ and Milk & Cria™ Pellets

- **Specifically designed** to balance Northeast hays and pasture crops.
- **Organic trace minerals** for greater bioavailability to prevent nutrient deficiencies and improve fleece quality.
- **Selenium** source is organic selenomethionine, a more available source to meet NRC selenium recommendations.
- **Higher zinc levels** promote healthy skin tissues
- **High levels of antioxidants** Vitamin E and Selenium for healthy immune function.
- Vitamin E levels meet or exceed NRC 2007 and Van Saun (2010) recommended levels for maintenance, pregnancy and lactation
- **XP yeast fermentation culture** promotes healthy microbial fermentation and fiber digestion.
- Low starch and sugar levels from digestible fiber help maintain a healthy balance of fermentation bacteria, minimizing acidosis and metabolic problems.
- Maximum Vitamin D3 supports proper bone development and Vitamin D skin production in dark pigmented animals.
- **Copper** is maintained at naturally occurring ingredient levels, typically 10-20 PPM. No copper is added.
- **B vitamins** including **Biotin** to promote healthy, strong foot horn and Thiamine to supplement natural microbial production that can be disrupted by feed changes.

Poulin Grain Alpaca/ Llama camelid feeds are formulated to meet or exceed updated camelid nutrition recommendations from the 2007 National Research Council and 2010 Robert Van Saun, DVM, PhD, Penn State

## Northeast Alpaca & Llama Milk &Cria™ Pellet

#### A pelleted formula to supply added nutrients and energy for growth, pregnancy, and lactation. Suitable for all life stages.

• A higher feeding rate pellet for any life stage with higher energy and protein requirements: growth, pregnancy, lactation, weight gain, cold stress, high activity or work.

Crude Protein %	Min	15.00
Crude Fat %	Min	3.00
Crude Fiber %	Max	13.00
Calcium %	Min	1.00
Calcium %	Max	1.35
Phosphorus %	Min	0.50
Salt %	Min	0.35
Salt %	Max	0.85
Zinc (PPM)	Min	800.00
Vit A (IU/LB)	Min	6,150.00
Vitamin D3 (IU/LB)	Min	3,600.00
Vitamin E (IU/LB)	Min	800.00
Selenium (PPM)	Min	0.50
Biotin (MG/ LB)	Min	5.00

#### Northeast Alpaca & Llama Milk & Cria™ Pellet Feeding Instructions:

	Alpacas	Llamas	
Туре	lbs to feed/head/ day		
At Birth	Free choice	Free choice	
Growth to Yearling	0.5	1	
Yearling	0.5-0.75	1-1.5	
Pregnant/Lactating	1-2+ (feed to condition)	2-3+ (feed to condition)	
Mature maintenance or thin animals	1-1.5 (feed to condition)	1-2 (feed to condition)	

\*One cup of Northeast pellets weights approx. 0.33 lbs