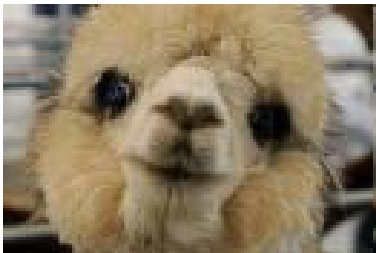


Everyone's Talking About Alpacas.....

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in their new

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mansion in the

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Old Macdonald Wouldn't Recognize This Farm

Bitten by Livestock Market, Owners Test Other Money-making Ideas

By Jenna Johnson
Washington Post Staff Writer
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Why the buzz?

Besides offering a rewarding way of life, alpacas are a growing alternative to traditional investments in a turbulent economic environment. No wonder, considering that alpacas are low-maintenance, easy to raise, light livestock whose owners see returns through breeding, stud fees, and selling alpaca fiber. Many people feel the animals hold their value better than the unpredictable stock market.

Articles describing this phenomenon appeared in the Wall Street Journal (“When Stocks Tank, Some Investors Stampede to Alpacas and Turn to Drink” on October 3, 2008) and Washington Times (“Falling in Love with Alpacas” on June 8, 2009). According to the Washington Post article, “Old Macdonald Wouldn't Recognize This Farm” dated January 3, 2009; a growing number of farmers are giving up traditional livestock and taking up the alpaca. It states, “Agricultural officials say that nearly all of the farmers in southern Maryland have cut the number of livestock animals they keep on their farms and some have replaced them altogether. Not only does the alpaca offer an abundant resource of cute, it is economically efficient to raise. They eat less than livestock and they don't have to be slaughtered for farmers to harvest their woolly fur, which fetches a good price at market.”

David Letterman joked last fall that he was not worried about the economy because he invested his money in an alpaca ranch. The increasing exposure in the national media and celebrity interest is drawing more people from high-paced, stressful careers into a simpler, peaceful way of living. One in which they see tangible evidence of their investment, while falling in love with the gentle, curious creatures.