



The Suri Network

10 Reasons to Raise Suri Alpacas

1. **Rare.** Suris make up about 12-15% of the total alpaca population in the world.
2. **Elegant animals.** There are few animals more beautiful than Suri alpaca running through the pasture. Breathtaking.
3. **Elegant fiber.** With exceptional luster and handle, Suri fiber is drapery, silky and lightweight.
4. **Demand.** Coveted by the fashion industry and cherished by the hand spinner: the softness of cashmere, the luster and warmth of silk, the durability of wool. Suri fiber accepts dyes, and also blends well with other natural fibers.
5. **Versatile.** Used for a full range of products from wedding gowns to shawls to plush rugs, Suri alpacas create luxurious fiber.
6. **Adaptability.** Suris can be raised in all regions of the country.
7. **The Suri Network.** Suri breeders have the advantage of joining a strong national organization dedicated to "protect, preserve and promote the Suri alpaca".
8. **The Suri Breed Standard.** Suri owners can take advantage of the first breed standard for alpacas developed in the United States by the Suri Network. This standard is vital to the improvement of both individual herds and the entire Suri breed.
9. **The Suri Herd Improvement Program (SHIP).** Suri breeders can participate in the Suri Network's structured classification program – SHIP – which provides guidance for breeders to understand their animals and make those all-important breeding and purchasing decisions.
10. **Suri Simply Stunning.** People who raise Suris, work with Suri fiber, or produce Suri products can participate in the Suri Network's Suri Simply Stunning branding program to further promote their alpacas and products derived from them.