

## **Alpaca return on investment.**

**A simple example of how one alpaca can return a significant profit to you.**

**Assume you buy a pregnant female, ready to deliver in a month or two.  
She costs you \$ 25,000. ( Typically the cost is \$ 18,000 to \$ 30,000)**

**If she delivers a baby girl, here are your choices:**

- 1. you can sell the baby girl before she matures to breeding age for \$ 15,000 to \$ 18,000 If you simply sold her, you would have a return of  $15,000/25,000 = \underline{60\%}$**
- 2. you can keep her to maturity, which is 14 months, breed her and sell her as a bred female for \$ 18,000 to \$ 25,000, a bigger return on investment.**
- 3. you can keep her, breed her and let her multiply your herd. In that case, in year 2, you would have 2 bred females worth about 25,000 each, plus the first female you bought would have delivered another baby which could be a male or female. At this point your “herd” is worth approximately \$ 50,000. Following that scenario, the third year you would have at least 5 animals. Both pregnant females would give you babies and you would end year 3 with 7 animals. Most likely, you would then have two bred females, two male babies and one female baby, and your herd would now be worth approximately \$ 75,000 or more.**

**If she delivers a male, your return would be less because a male is not worth as much as a female baby. Typically, they are worth about \$ 5,000. We have sold very young males for as much as \$ 7,000 to \$ 12,000, depending on their bloodlines. So, return on investment if you sold him,  $5,000/23,000 = \underline{21.7\%}$  Not bad, but not as good as with a female. If you assume that you have a female baby the second year, then you could follow the same growth pattern as shown above for a female baby. So year 2 would produce a higher return on investment, and you would then have a 1 year old male. Males mature at 2 ½ years of age. Males can sell for anywhere from \$ 10,000 to \$ 25,000 during that period. Once a male is proven, by having bred some females and has some babies on the ground, his selling price can be a lot higher.**

**In summary, you can expect to generally achieve a better than 50% return on investment, averaging out the male/female values over time.**

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