PART ONE

WOOL & FINE FIBER BOOK

tactile perspectives from our land
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Why Would You Use This Book?

This book is designed to foster relationships between farmers & ranchers and those that use their fiber, including hand-spinners, knitters, designers and brands. It is less a document to ‘place a yarn order from’—instead it illuminates what is growing in our own communities and it stands as an invitation for you to make that call or email to those producers whose material and story you find yourself drawn to.

Directly supporting local fiber farmers and ranchers is good for our overall community health in these three basic ways:

1) Together we are ensuring continued access to local fiber and food supplies and the skilled land-based jobs associated with their production

2) We increase on-farm income and directly protect lands from being sold and developed. (For example, 40,000 acres of agricultural land is paved over in California each year.)

3) When we create what we need from local landscapes we are drastically lowering travel miles of imported goods and the associated greenhouse gas pollution; simultaneously we retain local landscapes for biological diversity.

We’ve already begun to see improvements to both the fiber quality and the local textile creation processes in our region due to the increased occurrence of designers communicating and building relationships with those on the land. This book is an invitation to continue to refine our collective creation processes.

When we pave over living soils that exist as the foundation of our ranches, farms, gardens and open spaces, we cut off the soil’s ability to sequester and cycle carbon. Ameliorating the climate crisis is contingent on both protecting our existing soils, as well as improving our land management to enhance the soil’s ability to cycle and hold permanent forms of carbon.

The fiber producers illuminated in this book are part of our regional Soil-to-Soil System. What grows from these lands can be returned via composting. All of these materials come from and return to the earth—and thus exist in harmony with the carbon cycle. We admonish those of you who choose to work with these producers to tell the story of local natural fiber and its connection to carbon and climate. The work to regionalize and regenerate fiber systems is a team effort—we invite your participation as an individual artisan, design house or brand. We are grateful for your creativity and look forward to see how you interpret the language of the land in the garments and goods you produce with these materials.

Who Might Use This Book?

Hand-spinners: You could choose your own fleece at shearing time (direct from the farm), or you can purchase washed and carded roving from many of the producers listed in this book.

Knitters: Many producers offer their own yarns direct from the farm or ranch. You can search for producers who have mill-spun yarns on their product page. Yarn batches will vary in gauge and quantity year to year. Prices also change, contact the farm directly for details.

Designers & Brands: If you operate a small business or work for a large brand, this book will allow you to maximize the one-of-a-kind nature of your pieces, and provide you an opportunity to tell a unique story about soil-to-soil textile systems. Fibershed will be issuing a National Mill Inventory mid-way through 2016 (with domestic recommendations from scouring to sewing), which will support you in finding a mill that can help you create your own blends of yarn. In the meantime, if you need a mill to work with or have questions about how to process your fibers, feel free to contact us at office@fibershed.com.

Climate Beneficial: One of the largest producers in this book is now producing certified ‘Climate Beneficial Wool,’ meaning they’ve started large-scale compost operations and have designed an entire carbon farm plan that includes windbreaks and creek side restoration. If you have questions about Climate Beneficial fiber, feel free to contact our non-profit for more details by emailing office@fibershed.com.

Pricing: Fibers in this book range in price from $1.90 per pound to $4 per ounce. The Annual Production Quantities & Colors page at the back of this book lists pounds of fiber produced per year. Large-scale producers tend to have lower pricing than small-scale producers.
How Might You Use This Book?

One way to use this book is to blend fibers from several producers to create your own unique yarn. Considering what kind of textile you are making is the first step in choosing your fibers. High micron count fibers are perfect for creating hearty long lasting outerwear and durable goods. Fine micron count fibers can be used for goods that are next to sensitive parts of the skin, like the neck or wrists.

Different animal fibers carry different properties:

- **Alpaca** is known to enhance drape (it has no crimp); many alpaca producers in this book have herds with a diversity of colors and generally very fine fiber.

- **Wool** has crimp (less drape), and there is much variety between the breeds, each genetic type offering different virtues. We recommend *The Field Guide to Fleece* by Deborah Robson and Carol Ekarius for more on fiber qualities of various breeds.

- **Mohair** (from angora goats) is known to enhance luster. It can shine and reflect light like silk, and is also a very fine fiber.

- **Angora** (from rabbits) is known to be one of the warmest and softest fibers available. It tends to be in shorter supply, thus it makes an excellent addition to a yarn blend at a low percentage.

**Purchasing existing yarn** from a farmer is another way to use this book, however gauges of yarn will vary year to year. It is best to contact the producers directly to get details regarding gauge, color and quantity.

Examples of Blending

- **Mary Pettis Sarley’s Twirl Blends**
  (Mill spun blend of wool, mohair and alpaca)

- **Marnie Jackson’s Handspun**
  (Handspun blend — one strand of angora plied with one strand of wool)
This book shows the natural color of the fiber as provided by the animals themselves. Below are examples of how very different fibers take natural dyes. (We are showing native California plants as dyes here.)

There are many natural dye books that provide great instruction on their use, and if you are looking for natural dye stuffs there are purveyors who sell extracts online. We 100% recommend biosphere based color (from plants) for your dyeing practice. (Synthetic dyes are derived from fossil carbon and heavy metals.)

**Kim Bethel’s 100% White Mohair**
Dyed in Toyon

**Kim Bethel’s 100% Grey Mohair**
Dyed in Toyon

(This is a luster rich fiber—note the variation of grey and white fiber using the same natural dye plant.)

**Jean Near’s 100% Merino**
Dyed in Toyon

**Jean Near’s 100% Merino**
Dyed in Coyote Brush

(Merino has little luster—it is more well known for having very good crimp.)
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<td>Skyelark Ranch, <a href="mailto:farmhouse@skyelarkranch.com">farmhouse@skyelarkranch.com</a></td>
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<td>200 lbs. raw Navajo-Churro wool; 500-1000 lbs. raw Dorset wool; 25 lbs. raw Shetland wool; 50 lbs. raw Romney wool</td>
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<td>Caprette Cashmere, <a href="mailto:rbfiorica@frontiernet.net">rbfiorica@frontiernet.net</a>, 916-687-6406</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:pasture@sonic.net">pasture@sonic.net</a>, 707-327-6816 (Hazel Flett)</td>
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<td>10-15 lbs. processed guanaco fiber annually; 100 lbs. raw alpaca fiber; approx. 100 lbs. guanaco in storage from past years</td>
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<td>Full Belly Farm, <a href="mailto:produce@fullbellyfarm.com">produce@fullbellyfarm.com</a>, 530-796-2214</td>
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<td>200 lbs. raw Corriedale wool</td>
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<td>Bungalow Farm Angora, <a href="mailto:angora@bungalowfarm.com">angora@bungalowfarm.com</a></td>
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<td>Nebo-Rock Textiles &amp; Ranch, <a href="mailto:nebo-rock@saber.net">nebo-rock@saber.net</a>, 707-983-9147</td>
<td>550 lbs. skirted (usable) raw Merino wool; 30 lbs. Angora rabbit fiber; please contact for available quantities on hand</td>
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<td>200 lbs. raw Huacaya alpaca fiber</td>
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 415-663-8354                                                                 | 250 lbs. raw Navajo-Churro fleece (conservative)  
 and Jacob, alpaca, and llama fleece for blending, or  
 150 lbs. washed fiber and yarn  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white, cream, shades of brown to black                                                            |
| Kim Bethel            | Downhome Handspun Fibers  
 downhomefibers@gmail.com                                                                 | 150 lbs. raw Angora goat fleece  
 |                       |                                                                                      | grey, white, shades of brown;  
 naturally dyed colors available                                                                 |
| Lani Estill           | Estill Ranches, LLC & Lani’s Lana  
 lani@lanislana.com  
 stillranch@att.net  
 775-333-0882 or 775-722-8173                                      | Please inquire; scale of this Rambouillet wool pool  
 most appropriate for brand development work  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white, grey, black                                                                                     |
| Leslie Adkins         | Heartfelt Fiber Farm  
 info@heartfeltfiberfarm.com  
 707-585-2841                                                                 | 70-80 lbs. total from all animals (Icelandic sheep,  
 rare Ouessant sheep, Shetland sheep, Cashgora  
 goats, Suri alpaca, and llama)  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white, grey, shades of brown and fawn                                                                |
| Marcia Barinaga       | Barinaga Ranch  
 lists@barinaragaranch.com                                                                 | 300 lbs. East Friesian fleece  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white and dark brown                                                                                     |
| Marie Hoff            | Capella Grazing Project  
 capellagrazing@gmail.com                                                                 | Sells whole Ouessant fleeces: 20 fleeces that weigh  
 about 2 to 2.5 lbs. every 6 months for the next year or two  
 |                       |                                                                                      | shades of brown and black                                                                                     |
| Marlie de Swart       | Bo-Rage Yarn  
 bma@sonic.net  
 415-663-9130                                                                 | 75-100 lbs. mill-spun yarn (blend of Corriedale/  
 Finn cross, Wensleydale, Huacaya alpaca); please  
 inquire for hand-spun quantities  
 |                       |                                                                                      | natural white and natural brown/ black                                                               |
| Marnie Jackson        | Black Mountain Farm  
 marniejksn@gmail.com  
 (415) 662-1050                                                                 | 1 lb. unprocessed Angora rabbit fiber, 8 lbs. raw  
 Wensleydale wool  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white and grey Angora                                                                                     |
| Mary Pettis-Sarley    | Twirl Yarn  
 twirlyarn@wildblue.net                                                                 | 700-800 lbs. processed alpaca, mohair and wool fiber (conservative); yarns are blended in 30 lb. lots  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white, grey, black; naturally dyed colors                                                                 |
| Maureen Macedo        | Macedo’s Mini Acre  
 macedosminiacre@gmail.com                                                                 | 240 lbs. Alpaca fiber  
 |                       |                                                                                      | brown (light and medium),  
 white, grey                                                                                     |
| Robin Lynde           | Meridian Jacobs  
 robin@meridianjacobs.com  
 707-688-3493                                                                 | 50 lbs. Jacob wool yarn; inquire for whole fleeces  
 |                       |                                                                                      | White, black, and grey                                                                                     |
| Sally Fox             | Vreseis Limited  
 sally@vreseis.com                                                                 | 1,500 lbs. raw organic Merino wool (approx. 700  
 lbs. cleaned & processed (yarn & roving)  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white, light brown, dark brown,  
 light silver, dark silver and black                                                                 |
| Sandra Charlton       | Sheepie Dreams  
 sheepiedreams@gmail.com  
 415-734-1663                                                                 | 50 lbs. raw Wensleydale and Romney fleece (may  
 decrease due to drought); 150 lbs. of washed and  
 unwashed wool, 50 lbs. pin drafted roving, 50 lbs.  
 washed locks in storage  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white and brown                                                                                     |
| Sandy Wallace         | Alpacas of Marin  
 info@alpacasofmarin.com  
 626-818-3148                                                                 | 150 lbs. raw Suri alpaca fiber  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white, some black, a small  
 selection of brown                                                                                     |
| Sandy Wallace         | Alpacas of Marin  
 info@alpacasofmarin.com  
 626-818-3148                                                                 | 200 lbs. raw Huacaya alpaca fiber  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white                                                                                     |
| Sarah Keiser          | Wild Oat Hollow  
 sarah.keiser@gmail.com                                                                 | 30-35 lbs. raw Romney wool; 15 lbs. raw  
 Wensleydale/Wensleydale-Cormo-Merino-Lincoln  
 Cross wool  
 |                       |                                                                                      | white, grey                                                                                     |
Skyelark Ranch is a pasture-based livestock ranch in the Capay Valley of Yolo County and is a family business operated in partnership by Alexis and Gillies Robertson. After several years working in environmental conservation, Alexis and Gillies followed their passion for combining local, high quality food production with sound environmental stewardship. Their goal is to raise livestock in a way that is at once humane and in balance with the land and community. Early in their ranching education, Alexis and Gillies quickly realized that they wanted to raise sheep, but it took several years of searching and preparation before a fateful and timely phone call from a nearby friend alerted them to the opportunity to acquire an entire flock of California Red sheep. The California Red breed was developed at UC Davis, and is known for rich naturally colored fleece in shades of cream and oatmeal.

**PRODUCTS**

*Yarn:* California Red, 2-ply or single-ply bulky yarn

*Fiber:* Raw fleeces, roving, batting

*Other:* Sheepskin rugs

Raw fleeces, yarn, roving, and batting are available year round. Sheep are sheared in May or June.

**MICRON DATA**

*California Red:* 27.1 (2014 test)

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Davis Farmers Market
Jack London Farmers Market

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SAMPLES
California Red:
1. 2-ply yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
2. Single-ply bulky yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
3. Machine felted wool
4. Washed wool

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The Mann family are relative newcomers to raising sheep, but their 64-acre former dairy farm is a historic property with a 19th Century barn on the rolling hills of seaside Bolinas. Ed and Gabrielle Mann were both born in Bolinas and are proud to be continuing in the area’s rich and diverse agricultural heritage. The Mann family practices rotational grazing on lush, pesticide-free, coastal pastures with their mixed-breed herd that includes Corriedale, Wensleydale, Leister, and CVM. Their wool is spun locally into soft yarn available in natural colors and naturally dyed.

**PRODUCTS**

Yarn:
2-ply worsted Corriedale in all natural colors: cream, black and silver. Spun at Yolo Wool Mill.

**MICRON DATA**
Corriedale-Finn cross: 30.3 (2014 test)

**SALES**

Online: [etsy.com/shop/MannFamilyFarm](http://etsy.com/shop/MannFamilyFarm)

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Website: mannfamilyfarm.com
Amanda & Ed Mann  
Mann Family Farm  
Bolinas, CA 

SAMPLES  
1. 2-ply Corriedale yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill  
   (Woodland, CA)  
2. Washed wool.  

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Ariana and Casey Mazzucchi are sheep ranchers at Casari Ranch, a 532-acre Ag Preserve. Their flocks include Dorset, Rambouillet, Shetland, Romney and Navajo-Churro sheep. They specialize in locally grown, milled and made wool bedding, custom rugs, blankets and artisan crafted home accessories, all of which are available at their new store: Casari Mercantile in Point Arena.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Dorset and Navajo-Churro yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
Other: Wool bedding, fabric, rugs, blankets, home accessories (dryer balls, wool scrubbies, dish mats), custom pillows and mats, custom feltings

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Casari Ranch
Point Arena, CA

SAMPLES
1. Dorset yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
2. Navajo-Churro yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
3. Wool batting, milled at Casari Ranch

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Audrey Adams raises Shetland sheep and Pygora goats near the Kings River in Fresno County. Shetland sheep are a conservation breed with a long history of adaptation to the British Isles; they are hearty yet praised for fine fiber in a rainbow of natural colors. Pygora goats are a breed created by crossing Mohair and Pygmy goats, creating a natural color gradient from blue-gray to tan with the lustrous, soft, and warm qualities of Mohair. Tombstone Livestock offers Shetland yarn suitable for lace and fine knitting, and raw fiber for a world of possibilities.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: sport weight Shetland yarn, spun at Mill Creek Fiber Works (Oakhurst, CA)

Fiber: Shetland roving and raw fleeces; occasionally angora and pygora fleece.

Sheep are professionally sheared at the end of March or first part of April each year.

MICRON DATA
Shetland: 33.2 and 35.0 (2015 tests)

SALES
Online: http://www.ravelry.com/groups/it-had-to-be-ewe

Ranch visits can be scheduled either by phone or email

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Photos courtesy of Tombstone Livestock
Audrey Adams  
Tombstone Livestock  
Sanger, CA

SAMPLES
1. Shetland sport weight yarn, milled at Mill Creek Fiber Works (Oakhurst, CA)
2. Machine felted Shetland wool
3. Shetland wool (washed)

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Barbara & Ron Fiorica
Caprette Cashmere & Love Spun Homespun
Wilton, CA

Barbara and Ron Fiorica run a Cashmere and Colored Angora tribe of goats as well as assorted sheep in almost all wool types on just less than 2 acres in rural Sacramento County. Cashmere goats originated from Inner Mongolia, China, and produce naturally colored fiber in white, light-grey, and brown, while Angora goats produce a lustrous fiber called Mohair. Caprette Cashmere has been raising goats for 15 years on their small family farm, and they have been taught to judge Cashmere quality by one of the foremost experts in the field. Barbara is starting a small lot processing business with a Patrick Green Cottage Industry carding machine, which so far can process wool into batts, and will soon process roving, and ultimately Mohair and Alpaca as well.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Cashmere yarn; mohair-wool blend fingering weight yarn, spun at Heart & Soul Spinnery (Penn Valley, CA); other handspun depending on availability
Other: raw fiber, roving, and handcrafted items

February is fleece harvest time for sheep and Angora goats. Angora goats are also sheared again in August. The Cashmere goats are combed as they shed, and the fleeces are kept for processing.

MICRON DATA
Corriedale/Wenslydale ewe: 36.5 (2013 test)
Shetland/Lincoln/Wenslydale wether: 35.2 (2013 test)
Rambouillet wether: 20.2 (2013 test)
Corriedale ewe: 28.6 (2013 test)
Colored angora goat buck: 26.7 (2013 test)
Cashmere goat doe: 17.6 (2013 test)
Shetland sheep: 37.6 (2013 test)

SALES
Online: caprettecashmere.com
Selected trade shows

CONTACT
Email: rbfiorica@frontiernet.net
Website: caprettecashmere.com
Phone: 916-687-6406
Barbara & Ron Fiorica  
Caprette Cashmere & Love Spun Homespun  
Wilton, CA

SAMPLES
1. Kid mohair 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Andrea D. Livingstone-Shuman
2. 2-year-old doe mohair 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Grace Kang (lighter sample is combed fiber, spun worsted; darker sample is carded fiber from the comb “waste,” spun woolen)
3. Yearling doe mohair 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Jennifer Landau
4. Cashmere wether kid, hand spun

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SAMPLES  
5. 50% mohair / 50% Romney wool,  
milled at Heart & Soul Spinnery (Penn Valley, CA)  
6. 50% mohair / 50% Romney wool,  
milled at Heart & Soul Spinnery (Penn Valley, CA)  
7. 50% mohair / 50% Romney wool,  
milled at Heart & Soul Spinnery (Penn Valley, CA)  

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Phone: 916-687-6406
Ewe & Me 2 Ranch raises Romeldale, Cotswald, Romney sheep, and red Angora goats in Sonoma County, California. Beverly Fleming has owned and operated Ewe & Me 2 Ranch for nearly two decades, and offers raw fiber and finished yarns in a selection of natural colors. Romney sheep are in the English Longwool Family and produce wool with a wide range of characteristics and applications. Romney fleece yields diverse yarns and offers the opportunity to try many different approaches when handspinning, and can be knit into warm outerwear layers.

PRODUCTS

Fiber: processed roving; fleece from white and natural-colored sheep: Romeldale and Merino for fine wool, Romney, Cotswold, and crossbreds for medium and long wool.

The best time to buy raw fleeces is at the shearing in March (call for dates). Availability varies at other times.

MICRON DATA

Romney: 28.1, 30.9, 33.8, 34.5, 38.9 (2015 tests)

SALES

Farm:
Call or email me to come out to the farm in Cotati.

Fiber events:
Sacramento, Livermore, Boonville Fair and Sonoma County local events.

CONTACT

Phone: 530-301-3154
Email: bflamamama@yahoo.com

Photos courtesy of Bev Fleming
Beverly Fleming
Ewe & Me 2 Ranch
Cotati, CA

SAMPLES
1. Romney wool, hand spun by Rose LeClerc
2. Romney wool (washed)

CONTACT
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Bodega Pastures
Bodega, CA

Bodega Pastures is a beautiful 1000-acre sheep ranch located in west Sonoma County just outside of Bodega, California. Bodega Pastures manages sheep in an organic and humane way; they research and utilize grazing and management methods that protect both sheep and the native coastal prairie ecosystem. The flock is rotated to avoid damage to land, maintain healthy pastures, and avoid predators, and the sheep live a good life on pasture, eating grass and drinking spring water that flows from high ridges. Bodega Pastures practice natural, ecological, ethical, sustainable ranching with a mixed flock of Corriedale, Romney, Navajo-Churro, Suffolk, Border Leicester, and Wensleydale breeds selected for wool color and texture, hardiness and meat quality. Their wool is prized by handspinners, knitters and weavers.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Worsted weight, sport weight, and bulky, milled at Bartlett Yarns (Harmony, ME)
Fiber: Roving, batting, and fleeces (greatest variety available shortly after shearing)
Other: Hand-loomed socks, hand-knitted hats and mitts, and sheepskin vests. New products in development
Sheep are usually sheared in early May.

BREEDS
Corriedale, Romney, Navajo-Churro, Suffolk, Border Leicester, Wensleydale. Many of the sheep are colored.

SALES
Farmers' markets:
Sebastopol – year round; Occidental and Bodega Bay – June to October. Temescal – at the Fibershed Marketplace booth
Festivals:
Valley Ford Wool Festival, Heirloom Expo, Fibershed events
Store:
Artisans' Coop in Bodega (for yarn)
Online stores:
bodeganet.com/BodegaPastures
fibershedmarketplace.com
Ranch:
Visitors are welcome to our ranch outside Bodega, but please call 707-327-6816 to arrange a time.

CONTACT
Phone: Hazel Flett, 707-327-6816
Email (slower): pasture@sonic.net

Photos by Paige Green
Bodega Pastures
Bodega, CA

SAMPLES
1. Wool yarn, milled at Bartlett Yarns (Harmony, ME)
2. Machine felted Navajo-Churro wool
3. Romney wool batting

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Bodega Pastures
Bodega, CA

SAMPLES
4. Navajo-Churro wool, hand spun by Sue Spieldenner
5. Corriedale wool, hand spun by Caryl Carr
6. Corriedale wool, hand spun by Carol Gray

MICRON DATA
Navajo-Churro: 30 and 31.1 (2013 tests)
Corriedale: 28.5 and 29.3 (2015 tests)

CONTACT
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Royal Fibers Farm raises Guanacos, Alpacas and Sheep for their fiber, which is processed, used and/or sold to fiber enthusiasts worldwide. Guanacos are very rare; there are only about 300 in the United States and about 200,000 left in South America. Their fleece is softer than Cashmere, but must be dehaired to remove the long course guard hairs that protect the animals from the harsh conditions they face in the wild. Royal Fibers Farm also oversee The Columbine Spinning Company, purchased by Dana and Ed Foss in 2011. Originally brought to the market in 1971, this versatile wheel was the first all metal spinning wheel, and remains the favorite metal wheel internationally. With self-lubricating bearings, sturdy powder-coated steel frame and ergonomic light-weight design, the Columbine Wheel is easy to use, travel with and won’t warp, split, or swell with changes in external environment. They are manufactured in Dixon, CA at the Royal Fibers Farm.

**PRODUCTS**

*Fiber*: Alpaca, Guanaco, and Wensleydale fiber and fleece  
*Other*: Alpaca, Guanaco, Wensleydale breeding stock

**SALES**

*Online*: royalfibers.co  
*Online*: etsy.com/shop/royalfibers  
*Store at the ranch opening for Christmas*

**CONTACT**

*Email*: 06foss@gmail.com  
*Phone*: 707-249-3276
Dana Foss
Royal Fibers
Dixon, CA

SAMPLES
1. 2-ply 90% Guanaco/10% Superfine Merino yarn
2. Yearling guanaco fiber (dehaired and picked) “Fingon”
3. Adult guanaco fiber “Moon Child”

MICRON DATA
2015 test: 17.7 “Fingon”

CONTACT
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Phone: 707 249-3276
Deb Galway  
Menagerie Hill Ranch  
Vacaville, CA

Menagerie Hill Ranch is a full-service Northern California alpaca ranch, located in the English Hills area of Vacaville, California. Deb Galway and Kirk Howard have raised a menagerie of animals but now focus their care on alpacas, for their easy-going nature and luxuriously soft fiber. Menagerie Hill Ranch alpacas are bred for breeding stock and for fiber, and their focus is on continuous improvement in color vibrancy, fineness, density, and staple length, while maintaining excellent conformation and peaceful personality.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: alpaca yarn milled at Mill Creek Fiber Works (Oakhurst, CA)
Fiber: raw alpaca fiber, foving, and fleeces
Other: alpacas for sale to breeders and others who want fiber animals and pasture pets

Shearing is in April. After sorting and grading, the nicest fleeces are set aside to sell raw. The rest gets classified and packaged with like quality fiber for processing over the next several months. Special requests can be accommodated.

SALES
Online: MenagerieHillRanch.com (please note inventory changes constantly; email for additional and newly added products).

CONTACT
Email: deb@menageriehillranch.com
Website: menageriehillranch.com

Photos courtesy of Menagerie Hill Ranch
Deb Galway
Menagerie Hill Ranch
Vacaville, CA

SAMPLES
1. 2-ply sport weight alpaca yarn (grade 3),
milled at Mill Creek Fiber Works (Oakhurst, CA)
2. Black alpaca roving (grade 4)

MICRON DATA
*Grade 3, Fine*: 23-25.9 microns
*Grade 4, Medium*: 26-28.9 microns

CONTACT
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*Website*: menageriehillranch.com
Full Belly Farm is a 350-acre certified Organic farm in the Capay Valley, producing an amazing diversity of vegetables, herbs, nuts, flowers, and fruits year-round. The farm also has a flock of chickens, a herd of sheep, a tribe of goats, and several cows. Full Belly Farm sells naturally colored yarn, roving, and sheepskins from their organically raised sheep; their herd is a blend of Rambouillet, Lincoln, Suffolk, and Merino. Full Belly Farm is committed to environmental stewardship, has been using Organic farming methods since 1985, and is certified by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF). The farm is well known for its many outreach and educational activities including the annual Hoes Down Harvest Festival celebrating rural life and sustainability.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: 3-ply yarns (250 yds./4 oz. skein) in natural colors including white, grey, dark brown, and twill, milled at Green Mountain Spinnery (Putney, VT) where the workers take care that all processes are Organic. Samples available upon request.

Fiber: Roving and batting in natural colors including white, grey, dark brown, and twill.

BREEDS
Rambouillet, Lincoln, Suffolk and Merino

SALES
Online store: fullbellyfarm.com
By phone: 530-796-2214
Farm: Call for an appointment

Markets: Yarn available at farmer’s markets throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and at various local stores; please call for a list.

CONTACT
Email: produce@fullbellyfarm.com
Phone: 530-796-2214

Photos by Alycia Lang
Dru Rivers
Full Belly Farm
Guinda, CA

SAMPLES
1. 3-ply yarn of mixed breeds (Rambouillet, Lincoln, Suffolk, Merino), milled at Green Mountain Spinnery (Putney, VT)
2. 3-ply yarn of mixed breeds (Rambouillet, Lincoln, Suffolk, Merino), milled at Green Mountain Spinnery (Putney, VT)
3. 3-ply yarn of mixed breeds (Rambouillet, Lincoln, Suffolk, Merino), milled at Green Mountain Spinnery (Putney, VT)
4. 3-ply yarn of mixed breeds (Rambouillet, Lincoln, Suffolk, Merino), milled at Green Mountain Spinnery (Putney, VT)

CONTACT
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Erin Maclean
Bungalow Farm Angora
Sacramento, CA

Bungalow Farm raises top quality German Angora rabbits bred with high quality lines for outstanding wool production. German Angora coats are dense and matt free, and at Bungalow Farm they are raised humanely and shorn gently. The angora wool from Bungalow Farm is made into roving, felting, batting, and yarn. Bungalow Farm practices selective and intentional breeding using the set goals established by the International Association of German Angora Rabbit Breeders standard. Most of their animals are IAGARB registered meaning they have met the IAGARB Standard of the German Angora for body type, wool type, and wool production.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Angora-blend yarn (wool used for blending is locally sourced).
Fiber: Angora and angora-blend pencil roving, batting, and roving. Pure white, prime German Angora may be available upon request.
Other: Knitting pattern kits.

MICRON DATA:
German Angora: 15.725 average (1 year old doe) (2015 tests)

SALES
Online: bungalowfarm.com

FIBER SAMPLE
German Angora rabbit, prime adult.

CONTACT
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Nebo-Rock Ranch & Textiles is located in beautiful Round Valley in the northeastern part of Mendocino County, close to the small town of Covelo. The Ranch is home to both White and Natural Colored Angora Goats, White and Natural colored Merino Sheep, Angora Rabbits and a variety of other farm animals (chickens, horses, a pig, dogs and cats). All the fiber animals produce multiple shades of natural colored handspinning fiber. Janet Heppler has over 33 years of fiber experience, from animal husbandry and ranching to fine fiber arts. Janet is an avid spinner and weaver and knowledgeable about each aspect of fiber processing; she shears her own animals, washes the fiber, spins it into yarn, and weaves the yarn into garments and homegoods. Nebo-Rock Ranch produces award-winning fleeces and attends fairs and gatherings throughout the west coast. Nebo-Rock Ranch is a two-time winner of the Black Sheep Cup at the Black Sheep Gathering.

**PRODUCTS**

**Yarn:** handspun Merino yarn, Angora rabbit yarn, and novelty yarn in limited quantities (one of a kind); mill-spun Merino yarn, in natural colors and dyed; Mill-spun yarn of 50% Angora goat and 50% Merino, spun at Mountain Meadow Wool Mill (Buffalo, WY).

**Fiber:** Merino roving for both spinning and felting; Merino-Angora rabbit-blend roving; raw (unwashed), covered, hand spinner Merino wool fleeces, in both natural and white; Mohair fleeces from Angora goats; Angora rabbit fur in white and natural colors; Mohair locks.

**Other:** Merino sheep skins and goat skins.

**SALES**

*Website:* nebo-rockranch.com

*Events:* Black Sheep Gathering – Eugene, OR / Valley Ford Wool Festival – Valley Ford, CA / Conference of Northern California Handweavers (CNCH) / Natural Fiber Fair – Arcata, CA / Mendocino County Fair and CWFF – Boonville, CA / LambsTown – Dixon, CA / Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival – Canby, OR / Monterey County Fair / Humboldt County Fair
Janet Heppler  
Nebo-Rock Ranch & Textiles  
Covelo, CA

SAMPLES
1. Merino yarn, milled at Mountain Meadow Wool Mill  
   (Buffalo, WY)
2. Merino wool (washed)
3. Merino roving, milled at Morro Fleece Works  
   (Morro Bay, CA)
4. 25% angora rabbit/75% wool 2-ply yarn,  
   hand spun by Helen Trejo

MICRON DATA
Mohair: 19.3 (2014 test)
Merino: 18.4 (2014 test)

CONTACT
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Jean Near
Utopia Ranch
Redwood Valley, CA

Born and raised in Mendocino, California, Jean Near has a 96-year history in her region in the Potter and Redwood Valleys. Jean’s Utopia Ranch raises some of our region’s pre-eminent merino sheep, with more than 40 years’ worth of award-winning fleeces coming from the flock. The small herd is just over a few dozen mature sheep that were all born and raised on the ranch; always with careful attention to their well-being and the quality of their wool. Continuing the tradition, Jean’s relative Carrie Sparrevoohn now raises 11 of the ewes as her own.

PRODUCTS
Fiber: Merino and Merino-cross spinning wool, in lustrous white or exciting natural colors: midnight black, misty gray, rich brown, and some exotic variegated blends.

SALES
Online: jeannear.com
fibershedmarketplace.com

MICRON DATA
Merino ewe: 22.1 (2013 test)
Merino wether: 24.3 (2013 test)

CONTACT
Website: jeannear.com

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2. LMMidwife@gmail.com (Carrie Sparrevoohn)

Photos by Paige Green
Jean Near
Utopia Ranch
Redwood Valley, CA

SAMPLES
1. Merino 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Jenifer Dyer
2. Merino roving
3. Merino wool (washed)

CONTACT
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  2. LMMidwife@gmail.com (Carrie Sparrevohn)
Renaissance Ridge Alpacas was born when Julie and Ken Rosenfeld left hectic city lives in Boston to live off the land in the Sierra foothills of California. Julie and Ken steward an extraordinary flock of alpacas on a solar-powered ranch in Mt. Aukum, along the easternmost stretches of our Fibershed. They breed with a purpose — to breed fiber to its fullest potential, improving every generation. Each breeding is made with that goal in mind, while honoring the overall health of the animal. Through hard work and dedication, Renaissance Ridge Alpacas have created a nationally recognized award-winning herd of alpacas producing elite fiber. Their luxurious fiber comes in a stunning array of natural colors in shades of cream, brown, gray, and black.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: premium alpaca yarn, handspun or mill-spun at Heart & Soul Spinnery (Penn Valley, CA)
Fiber: alpaca roving and batts

Shearing is in April and fiber may be requested and reserved ahead of time.

MICRON DATA
Alpaca: 17.0 (2014 test)

SALES
Website: RenaissanceRidgeAlpacas.com

CONTACT
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Photos by Paige Green
Julie & Ken Rosenfeld  
Renaissance Ridge Alpacas  
Mount Aukum, CA  

SAMPLES  
1. Undyed, unblended brown Huacaya yarn, milled at Heart & Soul Spinnery (Penn Valley, CA)  
2. Undyed, unblended rose grey Huacaya yarn, milled at Heart & Soul Spinnery (Penn Valley, CA)  
3. Medium fawn Huacaya alpaca (washed fleece)  

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PART TWO

WOOL & FINE FIBER BOOK

tactile perspectives from our land
Kelli Dunaj
Spring Coyote Ranch
Marshall, CA

Spring Coyote Ranch raises Navajo-Churro and Jacob sheep, llamas, alpacas, Wagyu cattle, heritage poultry, and 5 acres of olives in West Marin County. Overlooking Tomales Bay, the hillside pasture is perfect for sustainable grazing. Spring Coyote Ranch is a proud member of The Livestock Conservancy, a nonprofit dedicated to saving endangered livestock breeds and encouraging diversity on the American farm. The Navajo-Churro is considered a “threatened” breed, and Kelli not only cares for and breeds the sheep, but produces Navajo Churro yarn to preserve the associated artisanal weaving culture. Navajo Churro wool yarn is available in beautiful shades of cream, gray, golden brown, and deep chestnut, and well suited for natural dyeing.

PRODUCTS
Fiber: Navajo-Churro fleece, fiber, raw and washed; Jacob, alpaca, and llama fleece for blending

Shearing takes place twice per year (February and late August). Fleeces are available year round, however softer fleeces and specific color choices please contact right after shearing.

SALES
Email: kadunaj@springcoyoteranch.com or make an appointment to visit the farm.

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Facebook: facebook.com/springcoyoteranch

Photos by Alycia Lang (top & bottom), center photo by Kelli Dunaj
Kelli Dunaj
Spring Coyote Ranch
Marshall, CA

SAMPLES
1. Navajo-Churro lamb “Echo”
2. Navajo-Churro lamb “Calla”
3. Navajo-Churro lamb “Autumn”
4. Navajo-Churro lamb “Hope”
5. Navajo-Churro ram lamb “Leon”
6. Navajo-Churro ram lamb “Domino”

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Kelli Dunaj  
Spring Coyote Ranch  
Marshall, CA

SAMPLES
7. Navajo-Churro adult “Tira”
8. Navajo-Churro adult “Rociada”
9. Navajo-Churro adult “Ruth”
10. Navajo-Churro adult “Angel”
11. Navajo-Churro adult “Estrella”
12. Navajo-Churro adult “Chelaya”

MICRON DATA
2015 test: 30.3 “Chelaya”

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Kelli Dunaj
Spring Coyote Ranch
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SAMPLES
15. Navajo Churro yarn, hand spun by Valerie Yep

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Kim Bethel
Downhome Handspun Fibers
North Fork, CA

Kim Bethel follows the cycles of nature, growing nourishing food, using astonishing dye plants, and raising animals with love and admiration. Kim tends a herd of angora goats that produce luxurious fiber which is milled into roving onsite. Situated on the edge of the Upper San Joaquin River, Downhome Fiber Mill specializes in angora and pygora goat fleece processing, and produces roving of unparalleled quality. The magic of the mill machines cuts down the laborious chore of picking, cleaning and carding fiber. Kim also spins by hand in the early morning when she can meditate and listen deeply. From all of this and her imagination are blended the elements to create wearable, usable and beautiful items. You too can use her fiber for your own treasures.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Handspun Mohair in natural colors and naturally dyed; rug yarn
Fiber: Mohair fleeces and roving processed on-site; naturally dyed Mohair locks
Other: Hand-knit and hand woven finished products

MICRON DATA
Angora goat kid: 21.4 (2013 test)
Angora goat old doe: 38.1 (2013 test)
Angora goat: 24.5 (2014 test)

SALES
Online: downhomehandspunfibers.com
fibershedmarketplace.com
Craft fairs: email for current schedule.

CONTACT
Email: downhomefibers@gmail.com
Website: downhomehandspunfibers.com

Photos by Alycia Lang
Kim Bethel
Downhome Handspun Fibers
North Fork, CA

SAMPLES
1. Mohair yarn, handspun by Kim Bethel
2. Mohair yarn, handspun by Kim Bethel
3. Raw mohair fiber

CONTACT
Email: downhomefibers@gmail.com
Website: downhomehandspunfibers.com
Estill Ranch raises Rambouillet ewes on range land in the High Desert Area of the Great Basin. The sheep constantly move under the watchful eye of a full time sheepherder and range from fall alfalfa fields, to winter open range sage steppe, to lambing areas also in sage steppe range lands, and then raise their lambs in the Warner Mountains of Northeast Lassen County. Some ewes lamb in the lambing barn and then graze on permanent pasture fields before heading to the Mountains for the summer. Estill Ranch is a family ranching business and the fourth generation is now involved full-time in the ranch. Estill Ranch is currently implementing a Carbon Farm Plan and scaling up their compost operation. By the 2016 wool clip, they hope to be fully certified as a Climate Beneficial Farm. Estill Ranch is excited to be marketing wool products in their home region in Northern California and Nevada.

**PRODUCTS**

*Yarn:* Superfine Rambouillet in sport, DK, worsted, and fingering weights in natural white. Natural grey and black available in DK weight.

*Fiber:* Superfine Rambouillet combed top roving available in white, grey, and black; raw wool sold in bulk to one primary buyer each year. If you are interested, please call early in the year.

Shearing is in May.

**MICRON DATA**

*Ranch micron average: 22.3*

**SALES**

*Online:* lanislana.com

*Online:* fibershedmarketplace.com

*Stores:*

Warner Mountain Weavers in Cedarville, CA

**CONTACT**

*Email:* lani@lanislana.com or estillranch@att.net

*Phone:* 775-333-0882 or 775-722-8173.
Samples

1. Superfine natural white Rambouillet DK weight yarn, milled at Mountain Meadow Wool Mill (Buffalo, WY)
2. Superfine natural white Rambouillet sport weight yarn, milled at Mountain Meadow Wool Mill (Buffalo, WY)
3. Superfine natural white Rambouillet fingering weight yarn, milled at Mountain Meadow Wool Mill (Buffalo, WY)
4. Rambouillet 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Laurie Bounsall
5. Rambouillet wool (washed)

Contact

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Phone: 775-333-0882 or 775-722-8173.
Lani Estill
Estill Ranches, LLC & Lani’s Lana
Eagleville, CA

SAMPLES
6. Natural grey Rambouillet DK weight yarn, milled at Mountain Meadow Wool Mill (Buffalo, WY)
7. Natural black Rambouillet DK weight yarn, milled at Mountain Meadow Wool Mill (Buffalo, WY)
8. Fine black Rambouillet combed top, 70% wool and 30% alpaca

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Leslie Adkins
Heart Felt Fiber Farm
Santa Rosa, CA

Heartfelt Fiber Farm is a mini eco farm in West Sonoma County with a small spinning herd producing diverse luxury fibers for spinners, knitters, felters and weavers as well as finished natural fiber products. Their spinning herd includes Icelandic, Shetland, and Ouessant sheep, Angora/La Mancha goats, Suri Alpaca, and Llama, and produces fibers in 11 natural colors. Leslie is passionate about Heartfelt Fiber Farm’s primitive sheep species, meaning that they are hearty and adaptable, and they produce a beautiful, highly spinnable fiber. Leslie’s background in environmental science drives Heartfelt Fiber Farm to minimize its environmental footprint, and to be a “no-kill” farm: animals are not produced for the meat market, but rather the farm production is based on “continuous harvest” which involves sustainably and humanely harvesting fibers throughout the natural life of the animal. Heartfelt Fiber Farm animals live in a healthy “forever” home and are only bred if the offspring can stay at the farm or go to another farm with a similar philosophy.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Unique handspun and mill-spun blends
Fiber: Custom batches of roving
Other: Handmade knitted and felted housewares and wearables from roving and yarn, available year round

New lots of fiber are produced in both spring and fall as many of the herd are sheared twice yearly. Raw fleeces are sold occasionally; please inquire to request on-demand custom woolly products.

SALES
Online (starting in November, 2015):
heartfeltfiberfarm.com
fibershedmarketplace.com

Markets and fairs: Please check website.

CONTACT
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Website: heartfeltfiberfarm.com
Leslie Adkins  
Heart Felt Fiber Farm  
Santa Rosa, CA  

SAMPLES  
1. Special blend of Ouessant, Icelandic, Shetland, Suri alpaca, Cashgora and mohair, hand spun by Leslie Adkins  
2. Ouessant wool (washed)  
3. Icelandic wool (washed)  
4. Suri alpaca  

MICRON DATA:  
2014 tests:  
Icelandic: 33.9  
Ouessant (black): 29.7  

2013 tests:  
Icelandic purebreds: 30.5 and 52.3  
Fiber goats (50% Angora, 50% La mancha): 18.2 and 23.4  

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Marcia Barinaga  
Barinaga Ranch  
Marshall, CA

At Barinaga Ranch, Marcia Barinaga and her husband, Corey Goodman, are continuing the ancient shepherding and cheese-making traditions of her Basque family and ancestors. Their very friendly flock of East Friesian dairy sheep graze year round on over 100 acres of hilly, certified Organic pastures overlooking Tomales Bay in Marin County; Barinaga Ranch is also certified Animal Welfare Approved. The Barinaga family began sheep ranching in this country in the early 1900s, when Marcia’s paternal grandfather, Valentin Barinagarrementeria, traveled from the Basque village of Markina to Mountain Home, Idaho, to become a sheepherder. Inspired by this ancestral tradition, Marcia maintains her flock so that she can be involved in all aspects of the operation, like the Basque shepherds who care for their sheep, do the milking, and make the cheese. In addition to producing milk for Basque-style cheese, the East Friesian ewes grow a medium-coarse wool that is praised by spinners and especially good for weaving, felting, or knitting.

PRODUCTS

Yarn: 2-ply East Friesian sport weight yarn in brown and white, spun at Creekside Fiber Mill (Lebanon, OR), and grey, and black, spun at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)

MICRON DATA

East Friesian: 34.1 (2014 test)

SALES

Email: lists@barinagaranch.com; contact to inquire about current products or a tour of the ranch.

CONTACT

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Website: barinagaranch.com

Photos by Paige Green
Marcia Barinaga
Barinaga Ranch
Marshall, CA

SAMPLES
1. East Friesian yarn – white milled at Creekside Fiber Mill (Lebanon, OR) and black milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
2. East Friesian wool (washed)
3. Machine felted East Friesian wool (white and black)

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Capella Grazing Project is an initiative to link land stewardship with local agriculture. We work with vineyards, orchards, farms, and landowners to put the holistic benefits of grazing animals into action. In so doing we are able to preserve and continue a rare, heritage breed of sheep: Ouessant island sheep from l’Isle de l’Ouessant off the coast of Brittany, France. The project consists of 28 Ouessant sheep, who can be found grazing and nibbling their way through Sonoma County vineyards and rangeland. Ouessant sheep are a primitive breed, very hardy and adaptable: they produce a beautiful, highly spinnable fiber, and are the smallest breed of sheep in the world. Ouessant sheep are of particular interest to California agriculturalists because their adaptable and versatile nature makes them good candidates for vineyard grazing practices. If we can give these Old World sheep a job, we can prevent them from dying out—increasing genetic diversity and strength, while at the same time using their grazing work to reduce reliance on synthetic herbicides, fossil-fuel mowers, and monoculture farming.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Handspun Ouessant yarn
Fiber: Raw Ouessant wool
Other: Sheep sponsorships

MICRON DATA
Ouessant ram lamb: 30.8 (2015 test)
Ouessant ewe lamb: 32.2 (2015 test)

SALES
Online at capellagrazing.com or by email.
The best selection of fleece is the day of shearing, in September or March. You can be notified of shearing day by emailing Marie at capellagrazing@gmail.com.

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Instagram: @stargrazers

Photo by Paige Green (top) and Alycia Lang (bottom)
Marie Hoff  
Capella Grazing Project  
Bodega, CA

SAMPLES
Ouessant 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Marie Hoff
These samples are just two of an array of different colors and textures. Ouessant is a primitive fleece that is dual-coated in the adult ewes, with a downy undercoat and strong outer coat.

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Marlie de Swart of Bo-Rage Yarns & Designs is an artist trained in Holland, Paris and Los Angeles, who specializes in hand spun yarns and hand made garments. The yarns are made from local wool, alpaca, mohair or Angora rabbit fur, sourced within 50 miles of her home and studio in Bolinas, California. Marlie believes that combining excellent design with locally sourced materials provide a strong alternative to imports. Marlie also owns and manages a brick and mortar store, Black Mountain Artisans in Point Reyes Station, just north of San Francisco. For 25 years it has been run as a cooperative for local fiber artists who represent the best in their technique, be it spinning, knitting, felting or any other art form where fiber is used. As a knitwear designer and hand spinner, Marlie is an experienced artisan who can provide excellent consultation on combining local materials to produce high quality garments.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Handspun local wool and alpaca, mill-spun local wool
Other: Hand-knit and hand-loomed sweaters, cardigans, vests, hats, and other garments
Books: Forthcoming book of patterns specifically designed for local fibers

SALES
Store: Black Mountain Weavers & Artisans
11245 Main Street, Point Reyes Station, CA

Online stores:
fibershedmarketplace.com
borageyarn.com

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Marlie de Swart
Bo-Rage Yarns & Designs
Bolinas, CA

SAMPLES
1. Wool-alpaca blend yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
   a. Windrush Farm Corriedale/Finn cross (50%)
   b. Starbuck Station Wensleydale (30%)
   c. Alpacas of Marin Huacaya alpaca (20%)

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SAMPLES
2. Wool-alpaca blend yarn, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
   a. Windrush Farm Corriedale/Finn cross (50%)
   b. Starbuck Station Wensleydale (30%)
   c. Alpacas of Marin Huacaya alpaca (20%)

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Marnie Jackson  
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Marnie Jackson fulfills her dream of simple living off the land on the slopes of Black Mountain in West Marin, caring for horses, turkeys, chickens, dogs, cats, Wensleydale sheep and Angora rabbits. Each season, the sheep and rabbits are sheared for their own comfort and care. Marnie cleans and spins this fiber into yarn and plies the two types of fiber together, combining the strength of the wool with the softness and warmth of the Angora. When her daughter wanted to learn to knit this yarn into hats and sell to fundraise for her small town school, Marnie began making hats by hand; the fiber is perfect for warm, soft, fluffy, comforting knitwear. Black Mountain Farm offers farm tours and fiber spinning demonstrations with the picturesque backdrop of the Nicasio Reservoir.

PRODUCTS

_Fiber:_ German Angora fiber, Wensleydale wool  
_Other:_ hats made of Wensleydale wool and German Angora fiber; handbags made of Wensleydale wool.

Angora fiber is harvested year round, and the Wensleydale sheep are sheared in the spring, but there is always some wool on hand.

SALES

_Store:_ Bloom Consignment store in Point Reyes Station  
_Farmer’s Markets:_ Fibershed Marketplace at various Bay Area markets: Fibershed.org/events

CONTACT

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Photos by Alycia Lang
Marnie Jackson
Black Mountain Farm
Nicasio, CA

SAMPLE
German Angora fiber

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Mary Pettis-Sarley
Twirl Yarn
Napa, CA

Mary Pettis-Sarley is the fiber producer and creator of Twirl Yarn. Her educational training in textile and visual design combined with thirty years of ranching experience produces an exceptional line of yarn. She manages a large parcel of land in Napa with 50 goats, 200 sheep, 200 alpaca, 9 llamas, 150 pairs of cattle and 10 guardian dogs. Mary observes these responsibilities in a beautiful expression of ecological awareness: “I don’t own the land,” she says. “I don’t own the animals, they own me! How could I own them?” Rather than mastering the land and animals—as civilization is wont to endeavor—she simply tries to fit herself into the play of the land as deeply and smoothly as possible. Mary constantly experiments to create new fiber blends and additions to the naturally colored and naturally dyed Twirl Yarn rainbow

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Twirling Petals, a sport weight alpaca, mohair, and wool blend, spun at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA). Single ply and 2-ply, spun at Mystic Pines Fiber Processing (Williams, AZ).

SALES
Online:
knitterly.com
imagiknit.com
toltyarnandwool.com
fibershedmarketplace.com

Events:
Email for current schedule of events

CONTACT
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Photos by Paige Green
Mary Pettis-Sarley
Twirl Yarn
Napa, CA

SAMPLES
1. & 2. Twirling Petals yarn (alpaca, mohair, wool blend), single, milled at Yolo Wool Mill (Woodland, CA)
3. Black 2-ply yarn (80% alpaca/20% shetland blend, plied with wool/alpaca/mohair blend), milled at Mystic Pines Fiber Processing (Williams, AZ)
4. White 2-ply yarn (50% alpaca/50% kid mohair blend, plied with wool/alpaca/mohair blend), milled at Mystic Pines Fiber Processing (Williams, AZ)

MICRON DATA
2014 tests:
Alpacas: 16.6, 18.1, 22.1
Angora goats: 21.9, 22.1
CVM lamb: 25.4
CVM sheep: 31.7
BFL ewe: 27.6

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Maureen Macedo  
Macedo’s Mini Acre  
Turlock, CA

Maureen and Larry Macedo shared a lifelong dream of a ranching lifestyle and are fulfilling that dream at Macedo’s Mini Acre in Turlock. Maureen’s degree in genetics and Larry’s degree in accounting provide a unique dimension to the ranch, which is home to alpacas, llamas, and lionhead rabbits, as well as mini horses. Macedo’s Mini Acre sells raw alpaca fiber, handspun yarn, and milled products from a local mini mill, in an array of natural alpaca colors. Macedo’s Mini Acre also offers educational programs such as talks or clinics, which can be tailored to your goals and needs.

PRODUCTS

*Fiber:* Alpaca fleeces, roving, batts, and yarn. Raw fleeces available at spring shearing  
*Other:* Dryer balls, socks, hats, gloves, scarves

SALES

*Online:* www.etsy.com/shop/macedosminiacre  
*Other:* At our ranch by appointment

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Photos courtesy of Macedo’s Mini Acre
Maureen Macedo  
Macedo's Mini Acre  
Turlock, CA

SAMPLES
1. Huacaya alpaca yarn, milled at Mill Creek Fiber Works (Oakhurst, CA)
2. Machine felted Huacaya alpaca fiber
3. Huacaya alpaca fiber “Navarro”
4. Huacaya alpaca fiber “Ellie”

MICRON DATA
2015 tests:
Huacaya alpaca “Navarro”: 16.2
Huacaya alpaca “Ellie”: 23.7

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Nancy Fleenor Thompson
Tolenas Mohair Farm
Fairfield, CA

Processing, grazing, interacting, forever home; adhering to the definition by the March 2008 World Board of IFOAM:

“Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic agriculture combines tradition, innovation and science to benefit the shared environment and promote fair relationships and good quality of life for all involved.”

PRODUCTS

Raw fiber:
Raw greasy mohair or washed mohair, offered without carding or roving processing. I remove vegetation materials prior to washing. Dawn detergent and agriculture water are utilized for washing. Water utilized is reclaimed by our redwood grove.

The best time for raw material is after the October and April shearing of my goats.

SALES

At our farm.

CONTACT

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Photos courtesy of Tolenas Mohair Farm
Nancy Fleenor Thompson
Tolenas Mohair Farm
Fairfield, CA

SAMPLES
1. Mohair locks “Marguerite”
2. Mohair locks “Leonardo”
3. Mohair locks “Francisco”
4. Mohair locks “Pearl”
5. Mohair locks “Minnie Lily”

MICRON DATA
2015 tests: Marguerite 26.7, Pearl 27.7, Minny Lily 28, Francisco 30.5, Leonardo 30.6

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(currently under construction)
Robin Lynde grazes a flock of Jacob’s sheep on 10 acres of irrigated pasture in Solano County. Through rotational grazing and a series of carefully designed pasture management techniques her sheep have access to healthy forage and thus they produce high quality colored fleeces. Depending on the proportion of black to white that the sheep produces, the yarns are a blend of the black and white, and they become a varied hue of deep and light toned gray. Robin is a talented artisan and understands yarn quality, she works with mills throughout the state to create yarns that will perform well in our knitting or weaving projects.

PRODUCTS

Yarn: Jacob yarn, milled at Mill Creek Fiber Works (Oakhurst, CA); coned yarn from other Solano County flocks.

Fiber: Jacob wool in the form of raw fleece, carded fiber (sliver or roving).

Other: Hand woven fabric, horn buttons, lambskins.

MICRON DATA

Jacob: 23.2, 30.3, 31.5 (2013 tests)

Jacob: 28.2 (2014 test)

SALES

Farm:
Call 707-688-3493 for an appointment

Online stores:
meridianjacobs.com
fibreshedmarketplace.com

Other:
Finished woven goods at the Artery in Davis

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Robin Lynde  
Meridian Jacobs  
Vacaville, CA

SAMPLES
1. Jacob yarn, milled at Mill Creek Fiberworks  
(Oakhurst, CA)
2. & 3. Machine felted Jacob wool (white sample  
is britch wool, which is generally coarser)
4. & 5. Jacob wool (washed)

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Sally Fox has 30 years of experience as a scientist breeding naturally colored cotton. Alongside the cotton breeding plots at Viriditas Farm in the Capay Valley, Sally raises a flock of Merino sheep on certified Organic pasture. The 140 sheep graze and add fertility to the soil, contributing to Sally’s journey toward biodynamic farming practices. Viriditas Farm produces some of the finest Merino wool in the state, and it is available in natural colors and in the form of roving, or various yarns. Sally’s care for the land and animals are evident in her humane, sustainable practices, and the high quality of fibers and food that Viriditas Farm produces.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Organic Merino yarn in fingering, sport, worsted, and bulky weights in natural colors
Fiber: Organic Merino wool, raw by the pound or by the fleece; pin draft roving in natural colors

MICRON DATA
Merino: 18.1-24.7 (2013 test range)

SALES
Website: vreseis.com
Store:
Pioneer Yarn available at A Verb for Keeping Warm in Oakland, CA

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Photos by Paige Green
Sally Fox
Viriditas Farm
Brooks, CA

SAMPLES
1. Merino 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Amy Corbett
2. Merino roving in natural colors

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Sheepie Dreams Organics is a small family farm caretaking 5 certified Organic acres in Santa Cruz. Sheepie Dreams Organics has been raising pasture grass for CCOF Wensleydale and Romney sheep who graze peacefully alongside chickens under orchards of heirloom fruit trees pollinated by bee hives for over twenty years. Sheepie Dreams honors age old traditions by using handtools when possible and offering positions to volunteers who wish to gain practical and valuable experiences in the lost tradition of homesteading.

**PRODUCTS**

*Fiber:* Washed and unwashed fleeces; washed locks; pin drafted roving, processed by Morro Fleece Works (Morro Bay, CA)

**MICRON DATA**


**SALES**

*Farm:* Please schedule a visit

*Online:* goodeggs.com

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First three photos courtesy of Sheepie Dreams Organics; bottom photo by Kalie Ilana Cassel-Feiss
Sandra Charlton
Sheepie Dreams Organics
Santa Cruz, CA

SAMPLES
1. Romney 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Kori Hargreaves
2. Romney fleece (washed)

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Sandra Wallace
Alpacas of Marin
Nicasio, CA

Sandy Wallace raises Suri and Huacaya alpacas on a ranch along the main road to Point Reyes National Seashore and nestled into the heart of Marin’s historic agricultural land. While working in Southern California, Sandy boarded the alpacas at ranches throughout the West coast, creating strong ties to breeders and farmers throughout the region, and even throughout the country. This offered the advantage of learning different approaches to alpaca husbandry and sales from a spectrum of successful alpaca ranchers. Now settled in Nicasio, Alpacas of Marin breeds and sells both Suri and Huacaya alpacas, sells alpaca fleece, and offers boarding for alpacas.

PRODUCTS
Fiber: Raw Suri and Huacaya fleeces and yarn (sometimes blended)
Other: Breeding stock/fiber animals; alpaca compost (free)

Shearing takes place in April; best selection of fleeces available shortly after. Alpaca fleeces and yarn are very stable for years, so they can be purchased year round.

MICRON DATA
Suri alpaca: 18–30
Huacaya alpaca: 15–29

SALES
Online: alpacasofmarin.com
Farm: Contact for an appointment
Events: Fibershed Wool Symposium; Farmer’s Markets (contact for dates and locations)

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Sandra Wallace
Alpacas of Marin
Nicasio, CA

SAMPLES
1. Huacaya alpaca 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Brenda Flowers
2. Huacaya alpaca fiber
3. Suri alpaca 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Susan Sullivan Maynard
4. Suri alpaca fiber (washed)

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Sarah Keiser
Wild Oat Hollow
Penngrove, CA

Wild Oat Hollow is a small hobby farm with Romney sheep, dairy and Angora goats, and chickens. Romney sheep do very well in the lush Penngrove pasture at Wild Oat Hollow, and by limiting the number of sheep, they can stay completely on pasture 75% of the year. In the dry months, their diet is subsidized with hay, but the sheep never receive grain. With this method of animal husbandry the sheep fluctuate with the weather, growing chubby in the lush winter months and the lambs grow quickly on their mother’s milk and the green pastures, while in the summer the sheep lose some of their excess weight and lean down. Wild Oat Hollow Romney have beautiful fleece which are a dream for the hand spinner; both novice and experts will enjoy this wonderful long fiber.

PRODUCTS
Yarn: Handspun and mill-spun yarn.
Fiber: Raw fiber, pin draft roving.
The greatest variety of fiber is available after spring shearing, around April.

MICRON DATA
2015 test: 33.1 (Romney)

SALES
View products online: wildoathollow.weebly.com or facebook.com/wildoathollow

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Photos courtesy of Wild Oat Hollow
Sarah Keiser
Wild Oat Hollow
Penngrove, CA

SAMPLES
1. Romney 2-ply yarn, hand spun by Elizabeth Bates
2. Romney wool (washed)

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