

2nds & 3rds – References to the less desirable fiber on a camelid. 2nds are typically located on the neck, chest and rump. 3rds are located on the legs.

Batts – A final product from the carding process that is in “sheets”. The width of the batt depends on the width of the carding drum (eg, 8”, 18”, 24”). The length of the batt is typically 3 to 5’ long.

Blanket – The coat of fiber from an alpaca.

Camelids – Llamas, Alpacas, Guanacos & Vicunas.

Carding – The realigning (straightening) of fiber using a carding machine (hand or motorized).

Cloud – A final product from the carding process that is one pass through the Carder – just loose, not batting or roving.

Core-Spun – A final product from the carding process that resembles a “rope” or “cable”, primarily used to make rugs.

Exotics – Typically anything other than “sheep”.

Fiber – Thin, thread-like strands of natural or synthetic substances that can be woven into materials like yarn or cloth.

Fleece – The coat of wool from a wool-bearing animal (eg, sheep), generally obtained by shearing.

Picking, Hand – The removal of foreign matter (eg, vegetable material and other debris) from a fleece/fiber by hand.

Picking, Power – The opening up of fleece/fiber using powered machinery.

Roving – A final product from the carding process that resembles a “rope” or “cable”. Typically about 2” in diameter, and many feet long.

Roving, Loose – Roving not in a “bump” (ie, in a bag, bin or box).

Roving Bumps – Roving that has been neatly “coiled” into a cylindrical shape. Typically, about 8” in diameter and 12” long.

Roving Bumps, Measured – See ‘Roving Bumps’, except the volume of the bump is limited by the requested weight (eg, 4oz’s, 6oz’s, 8oz’s).

Scour – Basically, another term for washing.

Second Cuts – A term typically used in shearing a sheep fleece where the shearer makes a “second cut” to get ALL the wool sheared from a sheep. The length of “second cut” wool is typically short (eg, ½” +/-) and undesirable to process (due to its short length).

Skirting – A service offered that is the removal of the “dirtier” edges of a shorn fleece; may also include removal of dirty or inferior patches of wool in the interior of the fleece-

Vegetable Matter (VM) – Foreign material in the fleece/fiber that is “vegetative” in nature (eg, grass, hay, straw, burs, briars, hawthorn, wood chips, wood shavings, other field or forest debris).

Washing – A service offered that is the activity of cleaning fiber/fleece using 140° (or hotter) water and a scouring agent to remove lanolin and fine dirt. (Note: fine dirt is NOT vegetable matter.)