

Stillwater Minerals

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Helpful Hints on Using Stillwater Minerals

1. If your llamas and alpacas aren't accustomed to free-choice salts and minerals, they may initially avoid them due to their unfamiliar taste and smell.

To help them adjust, remove all other sources of salt. Sprinkle or mix a small amount of the minerals with their favorite grain, then pour this mixture on top of the free-choice minerals. Since llamas and alpacas are usually enthusiastic about grain, they'll dive in for the treat and unintentionally consume some minerals. Over time, they'll develop a taste for them.

On average, llamas should consume approximately 0.8 ounces of minerals daily, while alpacas typically require about 0.3 ounces per day.

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2. When llamas and alpacas are introduced to Stillwater Minerals for the first time, they may initially consume up to five times the recommended daily amount, even without grain added. This behavior typically indicates that they have been mineral-deficient and are working to replenish their stores. Observations suggest that this elevated consumption usually decreases after a week and stabilizes within the normal range in two months or less.
3. The **recommended feeding method** for the minerals is "**Free-Choice**". The salt in the minerals serves a dual purpose: it acts as an attractant and naturally limits intake, helping to regulate the dosage of essential minerals and vitamins.

When feeding minerals free-choice, it's ideal to place them near a water source in a dry location. However, this may not always be practical for your setup. One method is to provide minerals in a three-sided shelter within the pasture. Additionally, place a plastic grain feeder with minerals next to their water source.

To prevent water from accumulating, drill small 1/8" drainage holes in the bottom of the feeder. If minerals get wet and show signs of clumping, simply add a bit of fresh mineral and mix it in. The animals should still consume most of it, minimizing waste.

4. Stillwater Minerals are formulated with the highest-quality ingredients available, including imported vitamins to ensure optimal nutrition. Our zinc source, Zinpro 180, is a chelated form that supports healthier wool and skin. Selenium levels are higher than in most other animal mineral supplements because llamas and alpacas consume more hay relative to grain, which is a typical selenium source for other animals. The calcium-to-phosphorus ratio is carefully balanced, based on llama-specific research, along with vitamins optimized for the best possible health and performance in llamas and alpacas.

Lama-Min 104, containing 200 ppm of copper (Cu), contributes approximately 2.34 ppm of copper to the animal's total dietary intake. Llama research recommends a copper intake of 10–20 ppm. Since hay typically provides 5–9 ppm of copper, testing your hay is advisable if you're uncertain about its copper content.

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