

Alpaca and Llama Gestation Table

(Based on 350 Day Gestation Period and Villa de Alpacas Farm Breeding Records)

Spring Births tend to have a two week longer gestation period than Fall Births.

I find that Spring births tend to be 350-360 days of gestation, based on an average of 335 days for Fall births. Past birthing records do not necessarily predict future lengths of gestation periods, even though history often repeats itself. It is best to start “cria watch” one month before the expected date of birth. Every year conditions may be different (weather, drought, addition of new animals, stress, etc.) which will effect gestation periods. The best recommendation is to know the normal behavior of your females. Abnormal behavior may indicate a problem. There are also some well established alpaca breeders which claim that the chances of getting a female cria are greatly increased when the conception (breeding date) happens before or on a full moon. From my own documented records, I can attest to this, even though I have gotten male crias at this time, as well as female crias after a full moon breeding. Statistically at my own farm, I have found an increase of female crias when breeding before this full moon phenomenon. The problem is that you can not always control when a female will be receptive for breeding, and it is more important to breed when the female is ready (before a full moon or not!)

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