Washington County 4-H  
Master Showmanship  
Llama & Alpaca Fact Sheet

What type of Llama are you showing?

➢ Llama  
➢ Alpaca  
➢ Suri  
➢ Huacaya

Information

➢ A baby Llama is called a Cria.

➢ Gestation period for a Llama is 11 ½ months.

➢ Differences between Llamas and Alpacas:

• Size------The Llama is bigger
• Wool---- Alpacas have a single coat of fiber, that is usually more dense, creating a higher yield. Llamas usually have two types of fiber, course guard hair and an undercoat.
• Uses-----Llamas can be used for packing, cart driving, guarding sheep, pets, and showing. Alpacas are raised primarily for fiber production, with some used as pets and showing.

➢ When or why do Llamas spit?  
As a warning sign to other animals to stay out of their space. They sometimes spit at people if they are being hurt, as when they receive injections or are groomed roughly.