

# Introducing...

## Pat Meade and Jon Robbins West Valley Alpacas

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*Pat Meade and Jon Robbins have been farming in the Capay Valley regions for 15 years. The West Valley Alpacas Farm produces crops including Alpaca fiber, alpacas and oranges.*

### **Farm Name**

West Valley Alpacas

### **Owners**

Pat Meade and Jon Robbins

### **Education**

BA in Land Use Planning (Pat)  
MS in Marine Biology (Jon)

### **Family**

No children

### **Community Involvement**

Esparto Chamber

### **Number of Years Farming**

15

### **Our Farm**

Using conventional production practices, West Valley Alpacas produces non-certified organic crops on 2.5 acres of land. Additionally, the farm leases out 40 acres of land.

The farm produces a variety of products including Alpaca fiber and oranges. West Valley Alpacas also specializes in raising alpacas.

### **Distribution of Product**

West Valley Alpacas sells a majority of its products through whole sale and/or mail order. The remaining production is retailed directly to consumers at the West Valley Alpacas

Store and via the internet.

### **Joys of Farming**

We enjoy the connection we make with the land. Farming has been able to give us solitude and we are thankful to take part in such a wonderful process.

### **Challenges of Farming**

Although farming has many advantages, there are a few disadvantages. The aging and physical issues that come along with farming can make things difficult. Additionally, the economy plays a major roll on how we forecast our production and sales for the future.

