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# Tennessee Alpaca Association

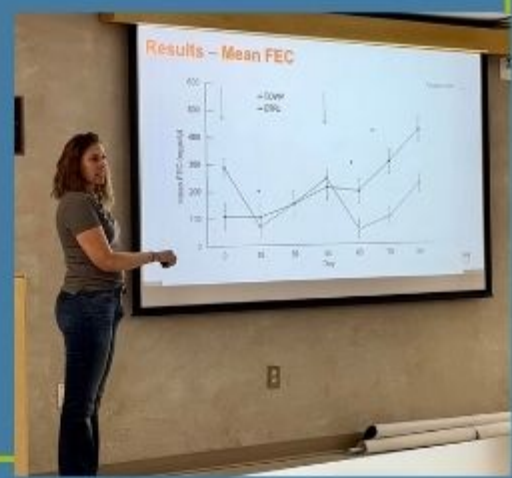


## TAA GENERAL MEETING AND PICNIC

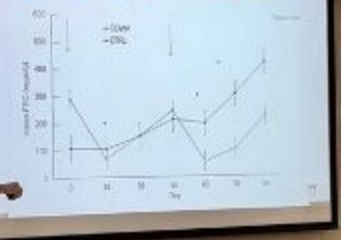
We all had a great day talking and learning on alpaca related topics. Robin Gifford welcomed everyone in attendance and gave a brief overview of AOA. Then Judi Jetson, director of Local Cloth in Asheville, spoke on the Blue Ridge Blanket project which focuses on Appalachian fiber and production. And then there was the food, we all enjoyed a wide assortment of salads, side dishes, meats, and best of all, desserts.

## INSIGHTS OF AN ACADEMIC CAMELID VETERINARIAN

We learned so much from Dr. Lear's presentation. She covered a broad base of topics dealing with our camelids and also went over past, present and future research that is being done at University of Tennessee's Veterinary Department. We are very fortunate to have this great resource in our state.



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## ▶▶▶▶▶ TOUR OF VALLEY VIEW FARM ◀◀◀◀◀



And the end to a perfect day was at Michael and Joanne's farm, Valley View Farm and Garden. What a labor of love, the alpacas, the flowers and the vegetable garden.

We all enjoyed the day and still had some time to spend talking with one another and connecting. Our hope is to have another social in late fall so look for more information to come.

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