Shearing:

Alpacas require shearing annually – usually between October and December.

Fleeces should be skirted and sorted and then sent to AAFL for processing.

Shed Preparation:-		Ensure shed is clear of all possible contaminants (straw, hay band, string and any foreign objects)
	-	Have fleece bags & labels organized and easily accessible
	-	Organise staff jobs, brooms and animals.
Animal Preparation	-	If bad weather, have animals shedded overnight to ensure dry fleeces Animals can not be shorn wet. Fleeces cannot be bagged wet.
	-	Flick off excess vegetable matter and dust.
	-	Sort animals into age & colour groups
	-	Shear animals starting from youngest to oldest in colours light to dark.

Shed hands & brief job descriptions:

Shearer:	Shears animals – some shearers will also vaccinate & do nails and teeth.
Handlers:	Keep animals up to Shearer & drop and tie animals to floor.
Rouseabout:	Pre-skirt fleece on the floor as it is shorn. Sort pieces & rubbish into bags.
Sorter:	Skirt fleeces on table before bagging & weighing. Weigh all fleeces & pieces and collect data.
Medic:	Ensures all animals are vaccinated and ails trimmed before release (If Shearer does not do it)