

## LlamaBreeder Farm Focus: Caledonia Farm

*(For the year 2021, we thought it would be good to get to know the farmers in our directory a little better, so we are interviewing as many of the directory members that are interested in sharing their llama journey. We will be sharing these interviews throughout the year in the order that they are received. We hope you enjoy hearing these stories. Below is the story in their words with a little editing done by us).*

Cameron Thornberg raises both llamas and Arabian horse and specializes in a specific type of llama found in a remote region in Chile and Argentina where the llamas exhibit excessive wool coverage larger than typical bone density. Otherwise known as Argentine Llamas and on the Chile side, the Rebrano Escondido bloodlines.

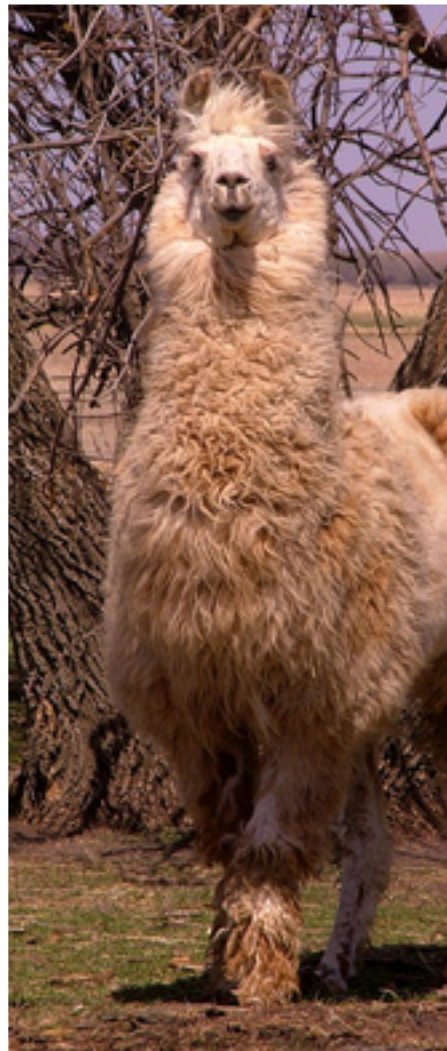


**Tell us about you and your farm. Where are you located and how many llamas do you own?**

We are located by Knox, North Dakota. We have over 30 head of llamas currently with more cria due in the spring.

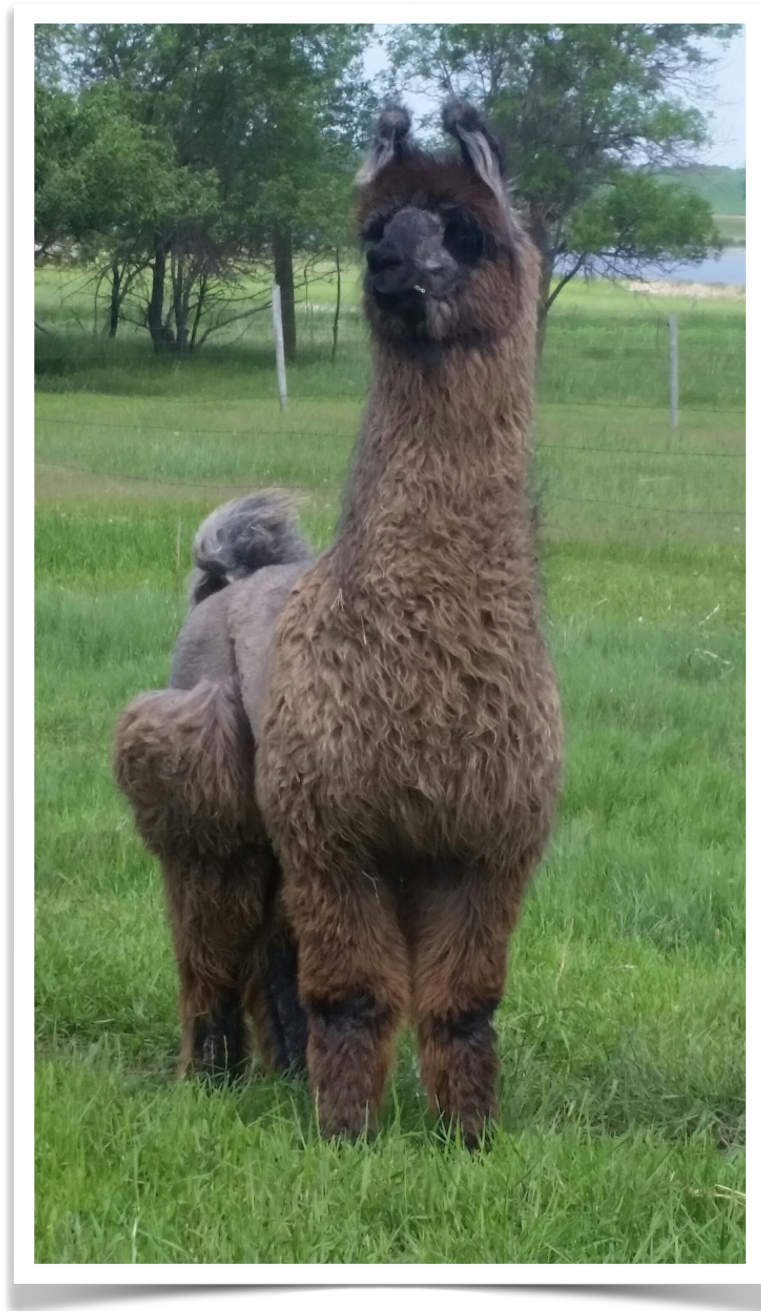
**What were you doing before llamas, and what was your introduction to llamas?**

I work as a paramedic. We also raise and show Egyptian Arabian horses and have sold internationally before. I was introduced to llamas at the age of 12 at the local county fair. A group of llama breeder in the state had an exhibit with llamas. They were so patient and taught me a lot about llamas. After I graduated from college, I started working on getting into llamas.



**How long have you been raising llamas?**

15+ years

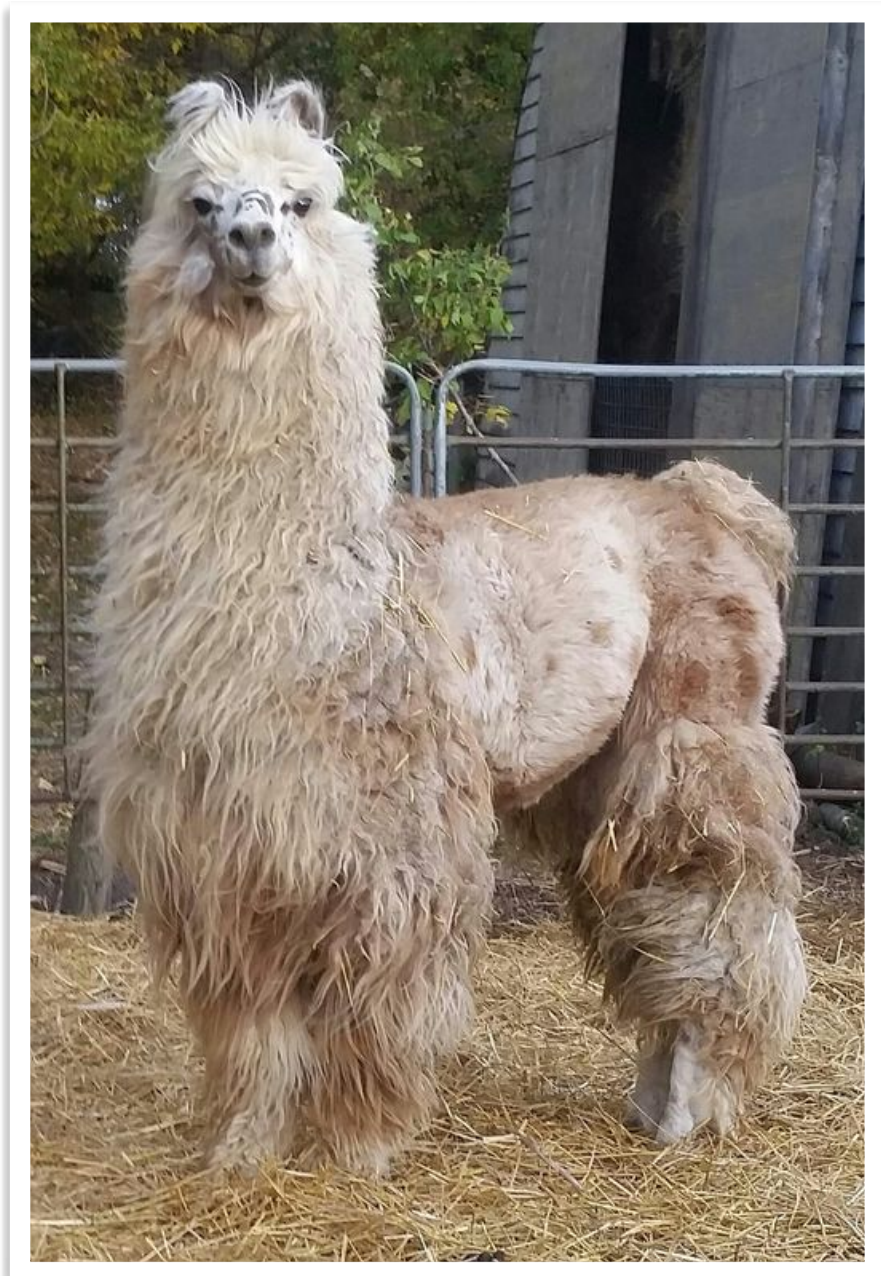


**Is there a particular type of llama that you prefer to raise? Classic, Single coat, heavy wool, suris, Argentines, Peruvian, etc. What bloodline do you like?**

The focus of our herd is the full Chilean Rebano Escondido lines. I also have a collection of Argentine crosses, North American crosses, etc. I love the RE lines especially the Rebano Escondido Doppler and Rebano Escondido Fantasma lines.

**What are some activities you do with your llamas? (4H, showing, visiting nursing homes, obstacle courses, etc.).**

We sell fiber and use our llamas for breeding and guard llamas due to the high number of coyote around our farm.



**What is the one important piece of advice you would give to a new llama owner and why?**

Learn all that you can about llamas when you get into them. Find a reliable mentor to help you get started. Many veterinarians have very little idea about llamas so they aren't always a lot of help either. Research the bloodlines you want. Determine what the focus of your herd will be and then go for it. Breed for what you want to focus on- classics, fiber, packing, etc. ...or just breed for it all in one thing and raise Rebanos Escondido lines. Size, fiber, heavy bone structure and easy going personalities. :-)

**Where can viewers find out more about your farm? Do you have a website/ Facebook page or other social media?**

[www.caledoniallamas.com](http://www.caledoniallamas.com)

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