## Nunoa Project Online Meeting with Peruvian Farmers July 14

We are still working with Peruvian camelid farmers even though our veterinary teams cannot currently visit Peru. A recent online meeting was held with 15 farmers and the local government animal health veterinarian Efrain Ccoya in Moquegua. It was held after their workday and finished after dark with some farmers having a long way to travel to return home. Moquegua is located at the southern tip of Peru and its economy is largely based on mining. The alpaca farmers in the area have never been provided with any production support. Efrain was the veterinarian near Nunoa with whom we worked, and he is eager to get help for the farmers in his new area of responsibility.

Nunoa Project's Peruvian coordinator Jhoana Jimenez is our contact with the farmers in Nunoa and Moquegua through the government veterinarians. Dr. Steve Purdy, president of Nunoa Project, presented a seminar on selection of breeding males and goals for reproductive success. Jhoana translated during the presentation. At the end farmers asked questions about results we have obtained in other regions. Their concerns are similar to those we have encountered in other areas of the Andes. Another online seminar is scheduled for August 4th. We hope to be able to visit the area in the future to provide herd evaluations and support for the farmers.

We continue to correspond with and hold video conferences with farmers in Nunoa as well. We hope to resume Nunoa Project veterinary team work in Peru in January 2022 if travel restrictions and health concerns permit it.

