Snowmass Quechua

2000-2006

Without question the most influential American-born Huacaya sire produced to date, Snowmass Quechua's descendants continue to lead the advancement of the breed in the U.S., defining excellence from the show ring to the mill floor. So exceptional was the genetic advancement he represented that, were he alive today, he would still lead the industry in nearly all EPD categories, as well as in the production of traits not directly measured by histograms: Brightness, staple definition, and the extension of blanket quality fleece to the extremities of his offspring's frames.

As a show animal he was competitive but not extraordinary, with a single championship to his name. And in his first year of production, he sired just 7 of the 118 animals that Snowmass registered that year: three females, and four males. But all of those males became sires. And one of them was Snowmass Matrix. Quechua's transformation of the industry had begun.

Though he sired only 80 more offspring before he died from an injury in 2006, that group was of such high quality and so prepotent that Quechua is almost certainly the largest single U.S.-born contributor to the genome of the current generation of American Huacayas, even at a distance of up to five generations.

