



Mohair

Jon So I'm here with Annemarie who runs the mohair farm near Corlay. So Annemarie can you tell us what we're looking at at the moment please.

Anne-Marie We we have smallest angora goats. The smallest of the flock they were born in March this year and I have a good quantity I am very happy.

Jon How many do you have here?

Anne-Marie 45 youngs.

Jon So there were born in March this year

Anne-Marie This year

Jon And I understand that you actually help their delivery. Is that correct?

Anne-Marie Yes yes sometimes the mams need help with the birth.

Jon So you are midwife!

Anne-Marie I am here for them

Jon And you sleep with them as well, to make sure they are happy?

Anne-Marie Sometimes, sometimes.

Jon They look very happy they're all chomping away on the hay aren't they? But in terms of their actual wool what is it that makes the mohair so special?

Anne-Marie The mohair is a famous fibre. She is very soft.... very light and it's fantastic. We can create a lot of things with this fibre. The mohair grows one millimetre per day and we shear the goats twice twice a year.

Jon So how much weight do you get from the fleece? How heavy is the fleece when you shear it?

Anne-Marie Every shearing we can have two kilos per animal.
Jon That's quite a lot, isn't it? That's very productive. You can produce with mohair wool some very very vibrant colours, can't you?

Anne-Marie Yes we have a lot of colours.

Jon So for example the scarf that you're wearing now which is a very vibrant turquoise, is that pure mohair?

Anne-Marie It's mohair and silk.

Jon And what's the purpose of the silk?

Anne-Marie It's mohair and silk. You have a little yarn, very...very thin, and with this yarn you can create a lot of scarves and gloves and this uh.... this yarn is very very fine with silk, mixed with silk.

Jon So the difference then between mohair with silk and pure mohair is?

Anne-Marie It's a specialist story. To make yarns you need sometimes silk around the fibres to make me... to make it stronger.

Jon It improves the structure. So to finish off I think I'll just ask can I speak to one of your kids?

Anne-Marie Yes. Coucou.....

Jon What is the secret of mohair wool? What makes for good mohair wool?

Anne-Marie The secret is the affection and the love I have for them.

Jon That sounds good. Annemarie thank you very much.

Anne-Marie Thank you thank you.

