

Instructions for mailing fiber:

Huacaya; The challenge is to get as much fiber into a box as possible and the crimp makes that very difficult because it adds loft.

You can vacuum out the air by putting a pantyhose over the end of the nozzle so you don't suck up fleece and as soon as the bag is flat, twist end and tuck it under the bottom of the bag and put in box. Repeat as many times as needed to fill box. This has to happen very quickly otherwise the bag will expand. Holes in the bags are not good for this purpose.

OR

Physically squish as much air out as possible. Keep adding more bags until you get the box full.

Tape box very well to prevent exploding. Strapping tape can and should be used in all directions to reinforce the box.

Gauge: try to get as much as 350 oz to 400 oz / box that measures 16 x 16 x 16 just as an example. Obviously you will get more fiber in a bigger box.

Call around for best prices.

UPS typically rates boxes by size and by weight. So if you have packed a box with 15 lbs of fiber and the box is rated for 30 lbs you will pay the 30 lb rate.

USPS does not do this. Keep the box under 83 inches at it's largest diameter. And you will just pay by weight.

SURI

Suri is a much heavier fiber so put as much in as small a box as you can get it in.

If you are sending fiber to be sorted:

Shake as much dirt out as possible. Why ship dirt and sand?

If your fiber crunches when you squeeze it with your hand that is too much vegetation. Don't send those parts.

At this point don't send your leg fiber as the best use right now is rugs and you can ship this directly yourself. This may change in the future. If you have your mid leg or hip area, send it to be graded. Bag it separately.

Neck fiber, if you have primaries that extend ½ inch or more beyond the secondaries, don't send it. This is going to be relegated to rugs also. These primaries end up adding to prickle and flyaways. It may not necessarily show up in the yarn but it will in the end product.

Contact Robyn or Carrie as to where to send your fiber to be sorted.