

Heather (White 8). 7.2 lb, \$12/lb, 5-6" staple (unstretched), \$86 total (not including shipping). 10% of this price will be donated to Maryland Sheep Breeder's Association, along with any funds paid in excess of purchase price.

Heather's fleece may be the most intriguing of our 2020 clip, albeit an unconventional one. She's the lightest of all of our NC sheep; her fleece is mostly light gray (somewhat darker in some areas), fading to a cream color with a light "yolk" stain. It's not at all uniform in color, and would therefore not make a good "show fleece". Nevertheless, I can only imagine how stunning a heathered yarn it would generate when overdyed. Heather is one of my favorite ewes; she produced a lovely white singleton ewe lamb in 2019 (Ginny), and twin NC ewe lambs in 2020. Note that Heather's fleece did not hold together well, making it especially challenging to skirt. (I did my best!). Her fleece does have some muddy tips.



Above: overview of Heather's fleece, from head towards rear quarters.



Above: view of front quarter of Heather's fleece
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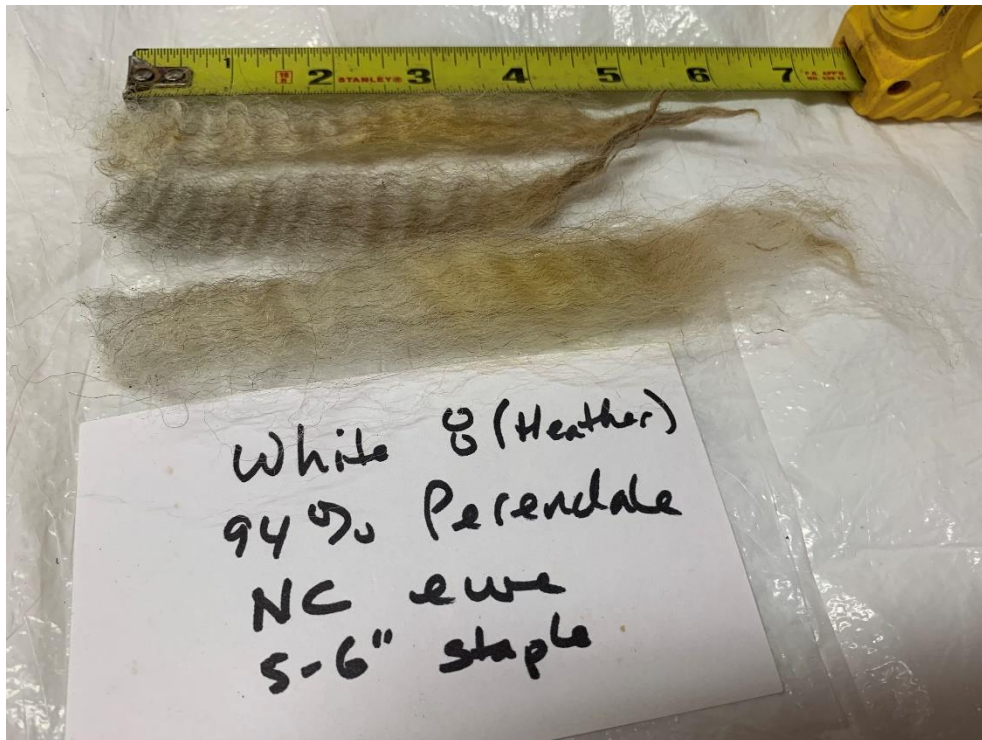


Above: view of middle of Heather's fleece

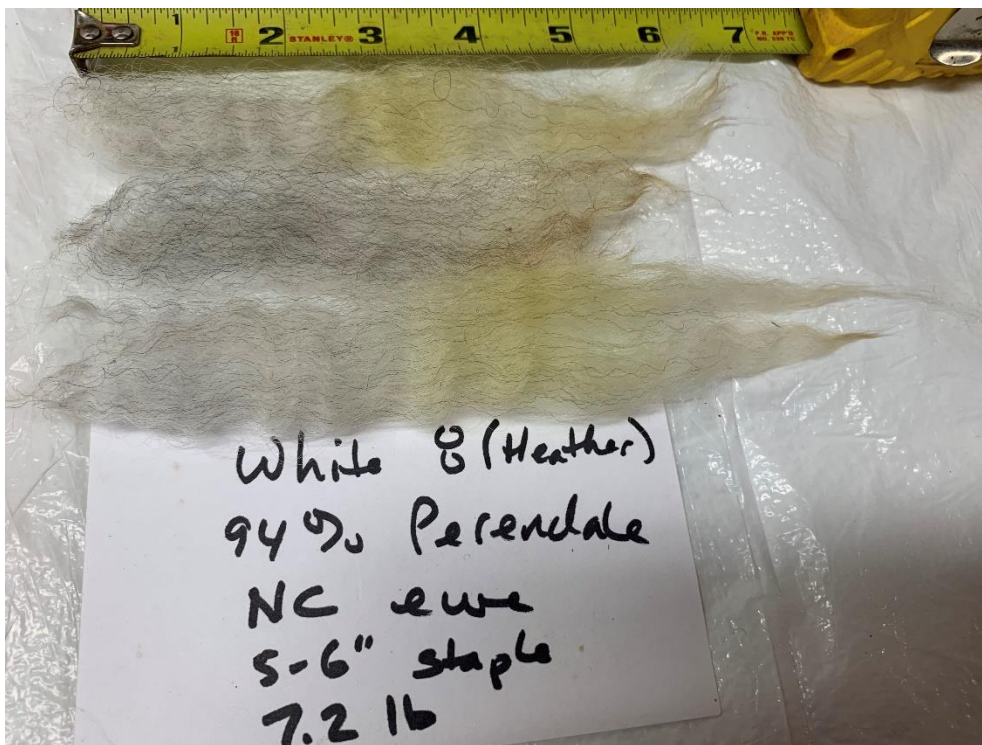


Above: view of rear quarters of Heather's fleece. Note variations in color.

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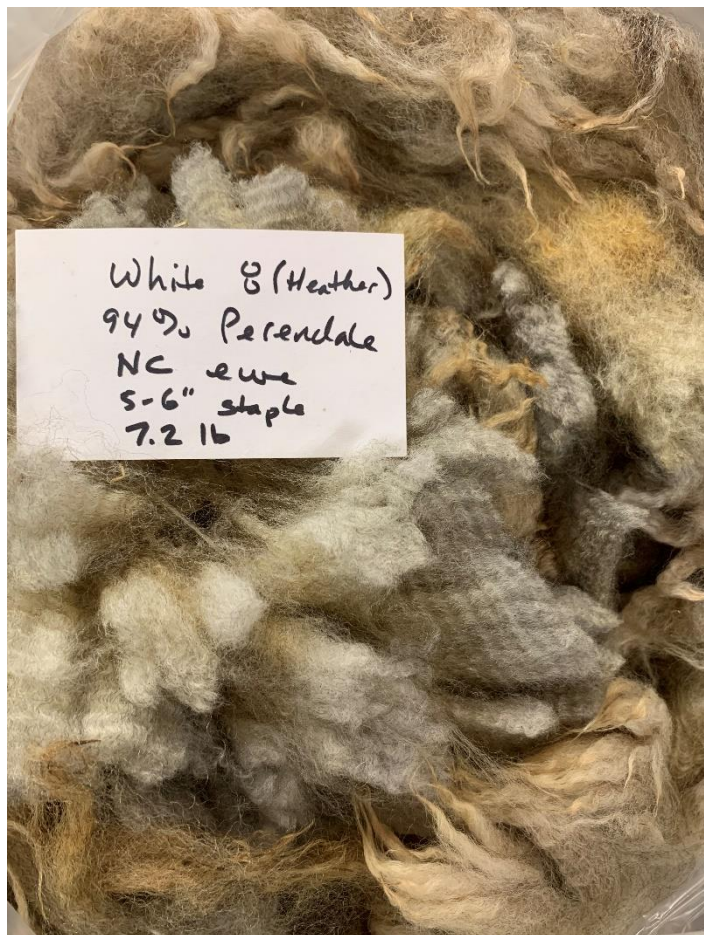


Above: three locks of Heather's fleece, taken at random from (top to bottom) front, middle, and rear quarters. All locks tested sound.



Same three locks after brief washing in tepid water with goat's milk soap.

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View of Heather's fleece, as bagged.



Heather herself, engaged in her favorite activity (eating). She's currently nursing two vigorous lambs so is a bit thinner than normal. She is what I'd call an "English blue" (born black but fading to light gray).