

James (Yellow 1906). 2.4 lb, \$16/lb, 3-4" staple (unstretched), \$38 total (not including shipping). 10% of this price will be donated to Maryland Sheep Breeder's Association.

James was shorn as a baby to help avoid the stress of our hot summers, so this represents 7 months of growth. We opted to keep James (our favorite ram lamb from last spring) in our flock for a future as a daddy of lambs; we were thrilled at how lovely his fleece is. It is especially soft (as James takes after his mother in this respect). The crimp is more uniform than is apparent in the photos of the three locks. James' fleece has a 3-4" staple and weighs 2.4 pounds. Because its staple is shorter, it is not holding together as well as the longer ewe lamb fleeces.



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



Above: view of front quarter of James' fleece, where VM is most pronounced.

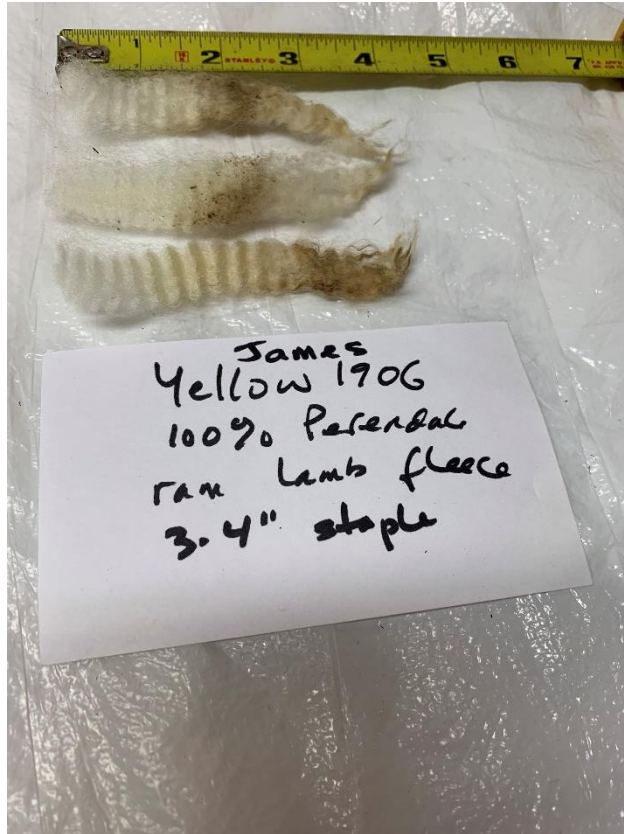
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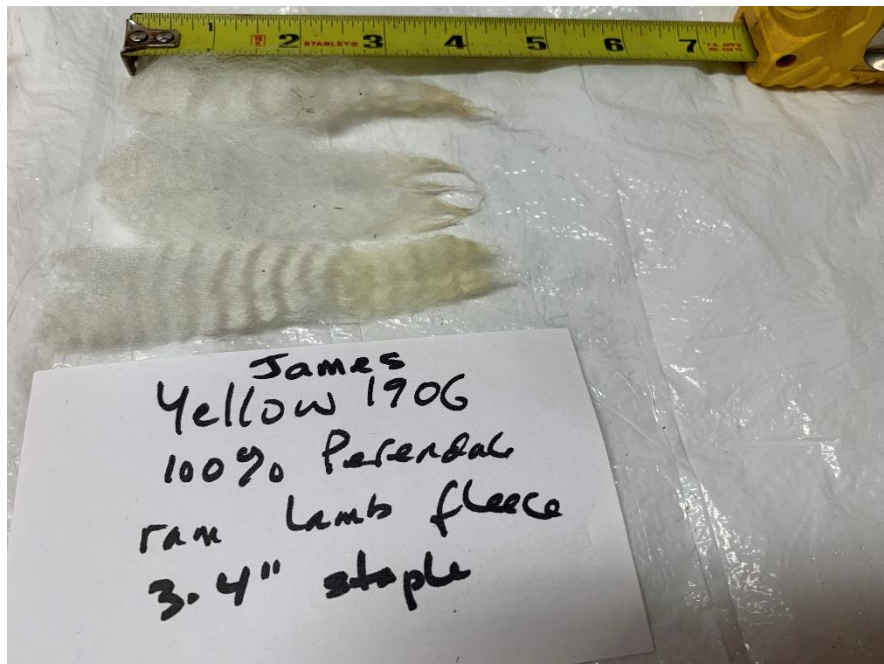
Above: view of middle of James' fleece



Above: view of rear quarter of James' fleece
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Above: three locks of James' 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 James' fleece, as bagged.