

**Nocturne (Yellow 2008). 6.0 lb, \$20/lb, 7" staple (unstretched), \$108 total (not including shipping) after 10% discount in case of fragile tips.**

Nocturne's fleece is the darkest of all of this year's yearlings, being a very dark gray in color, fading to brown at the ends. It is very uniform in staple length and color; if Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival were holding its annual fleece show, I would definitely have entered this one. The crimp is less bold than in most of this year's fleeces. Nocturne's fleece tested at a 34.6 micron count. Nocturne's fleece has a 7" staple and weighs 6.0 pounds skirted.



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



Above: view of front quarter of Nocturne's fleece.  
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Above: view of middle of Nocturne's fleece



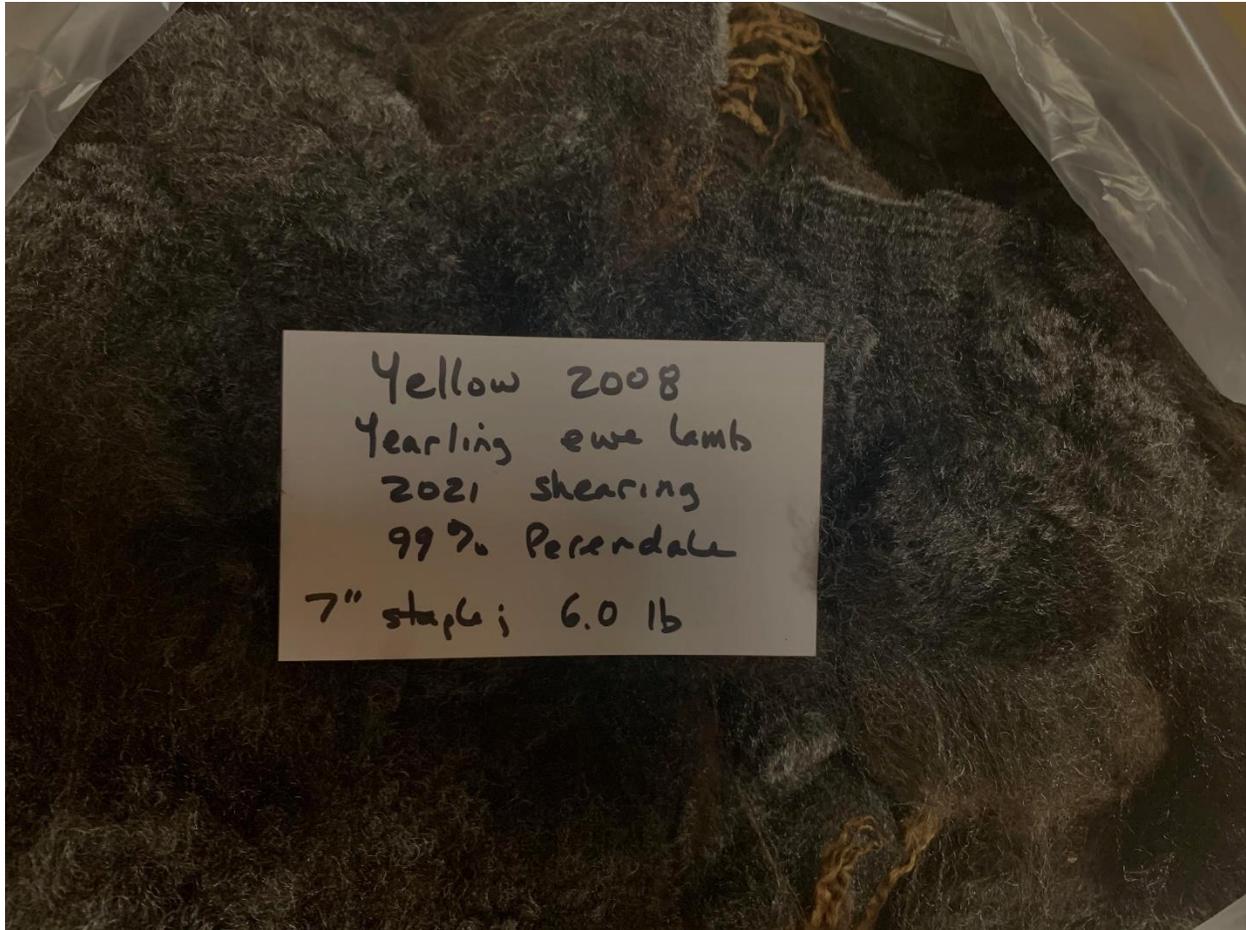
Above: view of rear quarter of Nocturne's fleece  
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Above: three locks of Nocturne's fleece, taken at random from (top to bottom) front, middle, and rear quarters. All locks tested sound.



Same three locks after brief washing in tepid water with goat's milk soap.  
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View of Nocturne's fleece, as bagged. Overall exposure reduced in hopes of approximating color of fleece, which is why index card appears dull; otherwise the fleece shows as much lighter than it actually is.