



**Shearer's Blanket DOES**  
**NOT EQUAL**  
**Mill blanket**

**Area labeled PRIME is the  
mill blanket.**

**If you ensure that ONLY the RED portion of the blanket is sent to the mill for processing, the product will be the best possible from the animal's fiber.**

**Measure staple length if you want yarn.**

**Staple length less than 3" is too short, greater than 6" is too long.**

**FEEL the fiber. The product will be NO FINER than the coarsest fiber present. As alpacas age, their fiber may become shorter, may become coarser, and the primaries (coarse, long fibers) more pronounced. Just because the fleece was good for processing last year, it might NOT be good for processing this year. **LOOK AT AND FEEL THE FIBER, RUB IT ON YOUR FACE TO DETERMINE SOFTNESS****

**Remove any fiber that has a lot of vegetation and/or poop (IF IT CRUNCHES THROW IT OUT).**

**DO NOT USE SHAVINGS OR SAW DUST FOR BEDDING. FIBER WITH EITHER WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**