

# BADGER FACE WELSH MOUNTAIN

## Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 1st century

### ORIGINS

Believed to be one of the oldest British sheep breeds with origins tracing back to the 1st century, and further developed in the Middle Ages from a Welsh Mountain strain similar to the Soay. By the 17th century, books were referring to Welsh sheep of 'badger' colouring.

### CHARACTERISTICS

Hardy and easily managed, the 'Torddu' (Welsh for black belly) has black stripes above the eyes and a black stripe running from the chin to the tail, with a lighter fleece – white, grey or light brown. The 'Torwen' (white belly, in Welsh) has reverse colouring with a smaller eye stripe. Rams of both types are horned.

### LOCATION

Specialist flocks still occur in Mid Wales and other parts of the UK.

### MAIN USES

For carpets, but also popular with hand spinners who favour the naturally coloured wool.



**Breed Society  
Established:**  
1976

**Handle:**  
Medium/Harsh

**Colour:**  
Cream or Black

**Fleece Weight:**  
1.5 - 2 kg

**Staple Length:**  
7 - 10 cm

**Micron Range:**  
33 - 35

### PHOTOS

Above: male  
Middle left: female  
Opposite page: mixed

