

DERBYSHIRE GRITSTONE

Hill

Established in the UK: 18th Century

ORIGINS

One of the oldest British hill breeds. First known as the Dale of Goyt sheep, from the area on the edge of the Derbyshire Peak District where it originated around 1770.

CHARACTERISTICS

A hardy hill sheep, which thrives on difficult land and has a good mothering ability, the Gritstone crosses well with other hill breeds, particularly Welsh. Larger than many other hill and mountain breeds, it is hornless with black markings, but has no wool on its face or legs. Its resilient, well grown fleece is one of the finest grown by black faced hill sheep.

LOCATION

Peak District and Pennines.

MAIN USES

Mostly carpets but finer fleeces can be used for hosiery and knitwear.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1906

Handle:
Soft/Medium

Colour:
White

Fleece Weight:
2 - 3 kg

Staple Length:
8 - 10 cm

Micron Range:
31 - 33

PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

