

# ILE DE FRANCE

## Fine

Established in the UK: 20th century

### ORIGINS

Bred in France from the English Leicester, French Rambouillet and Mauchamp Merino. The breed was introduced into Britain in the 1970's.

### CHARACTERISTICS

A large, hardy, versatile sheep. Developed for quality meat production, it is well muscled and also has a heavy, white, short-fibred fleece. Without wool on its face and legs, it has a broad forehead with wool forelock, and large, often horizontal ears, pink lips and nostrils.

### LOCATION

Kept in small numbers all over UK.

### MAIN USES

In wool blends for apparel.



**Breed Society  
Established:**  
1978

**Handle:**  
Soft

**Colour:**  
White/Creamy

**Fleece Weight:**  
2.75 - 4 kg

**Staple Length:**  
5 - 10 cm

**Micron Range:**  
30 - 32

### PHOTOS

**Above: male  
Middle left: male  
Opposite page: female**

