

# LEICESTER LONGWOOL

## Lustre

Established in the UK: 18th century

### ORIGINS

Developed by Bakewell in the 18th century and an important influence on British longwool breeds.

### CHARACTERISTICS

A large sheep, hornless, with wool on the crown; white face and legs. The ears are blue, fairly long, with occasional black spots, and the nostrils are dark. It is a good carcase sheep and grows a heavy even fleece, which is curly and lustrous.

### LOCATION

Rare, but still most popular in the East Midlands.

### MAIN USES

Mostly used by hand spinners.



### Breed Society

#### Established:

1893

#### Handle:

Smooth and Lustrous

#### Colour:

Creamy/White

#### Fleece Weight:

5 - 7 kg

#### Staple Length:

20 - 25 cm

#### Micron Range:

35 - 38

### PHOTOS

Above: male

Middle left: male

Opposite page: female

