

NORTH COUNTRY CHEVIOT

Hill

Established in the UK: 18th century

ORIGINS

Evolved from an animal first taken to Caithness in the 18th century, there are now three types within the breed, the Hill or Lairg, the Caithness and the Border.

CHARACTERISTICS

A long, rugged, white sheep, with a broad back and a ruff of wool behind its erect ears. Increasingly popular in Scotland and beyond, it is both thrifty and hardy and particularly suited to grassy hills and upland. Its crisp, lustrous wool is one of the most versatile in the British clip.

LOCATION

Cheviot Hills.

MAIN USES

Finer fleeces are used in yarns for knitwear and tweed style cloth; coarser qualities are used in blends for blankets and carpets.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1945

Handle:
Very Soft

Colour:
White

Fleece Weight:
2 - 3 kg

Staple Length:
6 - 12 cm

Micron Range:
30 - 33

PHOTOS

Above: female
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

