

# NORTH RONALDSAY

## Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 9th century

### ORIGINS

Evolved from an early short-tailed breed and developed to adapt to the terrain of the Orkneys, particularly North Ronaldsay.

### CHARACTERISTICS

Small, fine-boned and short-tailed. Very hardy and prolific. Rams are horned with a fringe of coarse hair under the neck; ewes are not always horned. Wool is coarse and coloured, often grey and white, but also black and brown.

### LOCATION

Still occurs on the Isle of Ronaldsay and also kept by rare breed enthusiasts.

### MAIN USES

Popular with hand spinners.



**Breed Society  
Established:**  
1997

**Handle:**  
Soft/Harsh

**Colour:**  
Grey/Black

**Fleece Weight:**  
1.5 - 2.5 kg

**Staple Length:**  
4 - 8 cm

**Micron Range:**  
32 - 35

### PHOTOS

Above: male  
Middle left: male  
Opposite page: mixed

