

OXFORD DOWN

Fine

Established in the UK: 19th century



ORIGINS

Dating from the 1830's and developed by crossing Cotswold rams with Hampshire Down and Southdown ewes.

CHARACTERISTICS

The largest and heaviest of British downland breeds and valued as a crossing sire. With dark face and legs, it has wool on forelock and cheeks, and a heavy, open fleece. Well known for good wool cover on new born lambs.

LOCATION

Found throughout the UK but particularly in the Midlands and Cotswolds.

MAIN USES

Bedding products, particularly Japanese futons. Also in blends with other fine wool breeds for apparel.

**Breed Society
Established:**
1889

Handle:
Soft/Medium

Colour:
White/Creamy

Fleece Weight:
2.5 - 3.5 kg

Staple Length:
6 - 10 cm

Micron Range:
31.5 - 33.5



PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

