

ROUGH FELL

Mountain

Established in the UK: 19th century

ORIGINS

Bred from a black-faced sheep, found in Northern England in the Middle Ages, and other local breeds now extinct. First mentioned as meriting a class at Sedbergh Show in 1848.

CHARACTERISTICS

A large, docile sheep which is easy to handle and very hardy. It has strong curly horns, a black head with a white patch, and some black markings on the legs. It produces a fleece of long, coarse and resilient wool.

LOCATION

Mostly on the fells of Cumbria and the Northern Pennines.

MAIN USES

Carpets.



Breed Society

Established:
1926

Handle:
Harsh/Medium

Colour:
White

Fleece Weight:
2 - 3 kg

Staple Length:
15 - 30 cm

Micron Range:
35+

PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

