

SHETLAND

Hill

Established in the UK: 8th century

ORIGINS

Native to the Shetland Islands since the 8th century where it was developed to produce very fine white wool. It is thought to have Scandinavian origins.

CHARACTERISTICS

One of Britain's smallest breeds of sheep, fine-boned and with a short fluke shaped tail. It is valued as a hill ewe. Rams usually have rounded horns. Mostly white-faced and white-woolled, but also in other natural shades, moorit (tan/brown), shaela (dark grey), fawn, grey and black. The wool is very fine and soft.

LOCATION

Mostly on the Shetland Islands, but also in other parts of the UK.

MAIN USES

Used pure by the Shetland Islanders for unique and exclusive garments and accessories, including traditional Fair Isle knitwear and fine shawls; also used in blends to improve the handle and appearance of yarns for clothing.



**Breed Society
Established
(Shetland):
1927**

**Breed Society
Established (UK):
1985**

**Handle:
Very Soft and Silky**

**Colour:
White**

**Fleece Weight:
1 - 1.5 kg**

**Staple Length:
5 - 10 cm**

**Micron Range:
30 - 31**

PHOTOS

**Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: male**



