

# SOAY

## Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 1st century

### ORIGINS

The most primitive breed, related to a short-tailed breed originating in Northern Europe and found, from prehistoric times until the mid 19th century, on the island of St. Kilda in the Scottish Outer Hebrides.

### CHARACTERISTICS

A small, lean and very hardy sheep, usually horned. Without wool on face or legs, with lighter marks over the eyes and muzzle. Rams grow a thick, hairy mane. Its naturally coloured chocolate brown or tan wool sheds naturally.

### LOCATION

Isle of Soay (Scotland).

### MAIN USES

Mostly craft.



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**Breed Society  
Established:**  
2000

**Handle:**  
Very Soft and Silky

**Colour:**  
Brown

**Fleece Weight:**  
1 - 2 kg

**Staple Length:**  
6 - 12 cm

**Micron Range:**  
30 - 31.5

### PHOTOS

Above: male  
Middle left: female  
Opposite page: mixed

