

SOUTHDOWN

Fine

Established in the UK: pre 17th century



ORIGINS

Roamed on the Sussex Downs for centuries and improved in the 1800's, particularly through the work of John Ellman of Glynde, a founder member of the Smithfield Show.

CHARACTERISTICS

A compact sheep, docile and easy to handle. Small ears, covered in wool, and 'mouse brown' face and legs, also woolled, apart from round the eyes and bridge of the nose; nostrils should form a black 'star'. Its wool is extremely dense and fine and one of the finest in the British clip.

LOCATION

Mainly in the South East but specialist flocks kept throughout the UK.

MAIN USES

Mostly in blends with other fine wools for clothing.

**Breed Society
Established:**
1893

Handle:
Very Soft

Colour:
Creamy/White

Fleece Weight:
1.5 - 2 kg

Staple Length:
4 - 6 cm

Micron Range:
29 - 30.5



PHOTOS
Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

