

SWALEDALE

Mountain

Established in the UK: 20th century

ORIGINS

Developed by farmers on the borders of North Yorkshire and Westmorland.

CHARACTERISTICS

A bold and hardy sheep, very suited to an exposed hill environment. Popular as a breeding ewe, and widely crossed with a Bluefaced Leicester to produce the North of England Mule. A dark upper head, with low-set horns and distinctive grey muzzle; grey, or mottled legs. Long, thick and woolly tail and rugged, resilient wool that is mostly white, although mixed with black on the top of the head.

LOCATION

The hills and moorlands of Northern England.

MAIN USES

Carpets.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1920

Handle:
Medium/Harsh

Colour:
White

Fleece Weight:
1.5 - 2.5 kg

Staple Length:
10 - 20 cm

Micron Range:
35+

PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

