

TEXEL

Medium

Established in the UK: 20th century

ORIGINS

Said to have existed since Roman times and originated on the island of Texel, off the north-west coast of Holland. Introduced to the UK, in 1970, to improve carcase conformation.

CHARACTERISTICS

A leading crossing sire producing a large percentage of the UK's prime lambs. Muscular, with square hindquarters and a short neck, without wool on its head or legs, a black nose and dense, medium length white wool. Blue Texel sheep express the recessive "blue" gene which gives them distinctive badger-like face markings and fleece colour ranging from steely blue to brown and grey.

LOCATION

Throughout the UK.

MAIN USES

Finer qualities used in blends for knitwear and cloth, the rest goes into carpets.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1974

Handle:
Soft/Medium

Colour:
Creamy/White

Fleece Weight:
2.75 - 3.5 kg

Staple Length:
7 - 14 cm

Micron Range:
31 - 34.5

PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

