

# WENSLEYDALE

## Lustre

Established in the UK: 19th century

### ORIGINS

Wensleydale, North Yorkshire in the 19th century, to provide rams for crossing onto local hill breeds. The breed can be traced to an outstanding ram, 'Bluecap', born in 1839, a large animal with dark skin and excellent wool.

### CHARACTERISTICS

Large, hardy longwool sheep with distinctive blue head and ears. Still valued as a crossing sire and also for its long, lustrous and curly wool that is among the most sought after in the British clip.

### LOCATION

Pedigree flocks throughout the UK.

### MAIN USES

Hand knitting yarn and some upholstery yarns.



**Breed Society  
Established:**  
1890

**Handle:**  
Silky and Lustrous

**Colour:**  
White/Creamy

**Fleece Weight:**  
3.5 - 7 kg

**Staple Length:**  
15 - 30 cm

**Micron Range:**  
32.5 - 34

### PHOTOS

**Above:** female  
**Middle left:** female  
**Opposite page:** female



