

BRITISH SHEEP BREEDS AND THEIR WOOL

Mountain Type

Swaledale



ORIGINS

The borders of North Yorkshire and Westmorland. The Breeders' Association began in 1919.

CHARACTERISTICS

A bold and hardy sheep, very suited to an exposed hill environment and, popular as a breeding ewe, very often crossed with a Bluefaced Leicester to produce the North of England Mule. A dark upper head round, 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.

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Fleece Weight:

1.5 - 2.5 kg

Staple Length:

10 - 20 cm

Micron Range:

35+

