

BRITISH SHEEP BREEDS AND THEIR WOOL

Cross Type

Mule



ORIGINS

Developed over the last 30 years by crossing a Bluefaced Leicester ram with a hardy hill breed, either a Swaledale (North Country Mule), a Blackface (Scotch Mule) or a Welsh Mountain, Welsh Hill Speckled Face or Beulah (Welsh Mule).

CHARACTERISTICS

Picking up traits of both the sire and the ewe, the North Country Mule is a hardy, thrifty and prolific sheep. Hornless, with a mottled brown and white face and ears, and a demi-lustrous fleece with a curled appearance.

LOCATION

Popular throughout the UK.

MAIN USES

Generally in carpets.

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Fleece Weight:

2.5 - 4 kg

Staple Length:

10 - 22 cm

Micron Range:

29 - 33

