

# BRITISH SHEEP BREEDS AND THEIR WOOL

## Naturally Coloured Type

### Jacob



#### ORIGINS

Closely related to a Middle Eastern breed of Biblical times and introduced to Britain in the 18th century as a fashionable and attractive parkland breed. Breed Society established in 1969.

#### CHARACTERISTICS

An easily managed, distinguished sheep, either two or four horned in both sexes, with a naturally coloured fleece ranging from cream and brown through to almost black.

#### LOCATION

Throughout the UK.

#### MAIN USES

Used undyed it has niche market appeal and in a wide range of textiles, including carpets, and clothing. It is also popular with hand spinners.

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**Fleece Weight:**  
2 - 2.5 kg

**Staple Length:**  
8 - 15 cm

**Micron Range:**  
32 - 34

