



In Britain there are more than 60 Hill, Mountain and Downland sheep breeds which annually produce in the region of 37 million kilos of fleece wool.

SHEARING

Once a year, usually in the warmer months, sheep are gathered for shearing. This does not hurt the sheep and is required for their welfare.

A professionally trained shearer is a skilled and careful practitioner, able to shear one sheep in less than two minutes - 250 sheep in one day.

Depending on the breed, a fleece can weigh anywhere between 1.5-10 kgs.

WOOL SHEETS

Fleeces must be kept clean and dry after shearing. Each one is rolled and then packed into a big sack called a 'wool sheet' ready for delivery to the British Wool Marketing Board for grading.