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Sheep Breeds

And those 33 million woolly blobs, scudding like four-legged clouds across meadow and moorland, represent the highest number of breeds or cross-breeds about 90 than in any other country. History: Developed in the 19th century from local French breeds and the British Dishley Leicester, the Charollais was first imported to the UK from France in 1976.

21 native British sheep breeds and how to recognise them

The Shropshire Sheep Breeders Association was established in 1882 and is claimed to be the oldest in the UK. These sheep have incredible horns and are known as Blackface Norfolk Horned, Old Norfolk or Old Norfolk Horned sheep. Icelandic sheep wool also comes in a wide range of colors.

Top 20 Best Native British Sheep Breeds

Breed attributes: The ability to shed its own wool is the main characteristic of this breed, which thrives in the lowlands but can also be kept on more extreme terrain in most weather conditions. Breed attributes: This is a hill breed that is very hardy and long-lived, but is also adaptable to lowland farms. This combination makes for excellent mothering ability to produce lambs for the food chain sired by a terminal sire.

Native British sheep breeds and how to recognise them

Geography: Popular within Wales, with some interest from other parts of the UK too. The Swaledale breed was developed here and in what was then Westmorland but became Cumbria. A clash between two four-horned rams can be violent, the animals lifting their rear ends off the ground for extra impact.

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