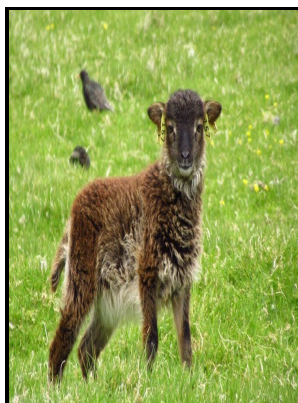


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Breed attributes: A terminal sire breed developed for its ability to produce lambs suitable for the food chain, the Ile de France is hardy and suitable for intensive and extensive systems. North Country Cheviot The sheep is a Cheviot breed of sheep that originated from Scotland in around 1791.

Sheep Breeds

History: The Exmoor Horn was developed in the 19th century from an early horned sheep found grazing in the local area for hundreds of years.

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Commercial desirability: The Beltex Sheep Society promotes the breed as having the ability to add conformation to British and halfbred continental sheep.

Native British sheep breeds and how to recognise them

The British Charollais Sheep Society was established the year after with the role of further developing the breed for UK farmers. It will produce quality meat for the food chain as pure animal or perform as a crossing animal. The females are selected for the ability to lamb outdoors with minimum intervention.

Native British sheep breeds and how to recognise them

The breeds fleece quality and meat have been much improved upon since 1800 with the first ever export of them being shipped to New Zealand in 1856.

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Portland This beautiful little sheep that have the rams displaying elaborate horns nearly became extinct in the 1970s and is still at risk. Commercial desirability: The Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders Association promotes the breed as being the most popular crossing sire in the British Isles. Their wool is mostly tight small curls but is much the same as the Wensleydales in texture, pattern, and shape.

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History: The breed originates from the Cher region of Central France and was improved by the Merino in the 1780s and the British Dishley Leicester in the 1800s. More information on the website Hebridean Appearance: The Hebridean is a small sheep with fine bones and black wool that sometimes fades to brown at the tips and often becomes grey in older sheep. Black Welsh This is the only purely black breed of sheep to be found in the UK.

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With a lively and active character, the breed is fast maturing, strong and dual purpose.

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