



# BLUEFACED LEICESTER

## Lustre

Established in the UK: 18th century



### ORIGINS

Evolved during the last century in the Tyne & Wear Valleys and the hills of east Cumbria for the specific purpose of breeding high quality cross-bred ewes from hardy hill breeds. Sometimes referred to as the 'Hexham Leicester'.

### CHARACTERISTICS

The most influential sire of mule females when crossed with hill breeds such as the Swaledale or Blackface. One of the UK's tallest breeds with a broad muzzle and distinctive Roman nose. It produces soft, demi-lustrous wool which is one of the finest in Britain.

### LOCATION

North East England is the stronghold, but now all over the UK.

### MAIN USES

Yarns for knitwear, hand knitting and in blends for fine cloth.

**Breed Society  
Established:**  
1963

**Handle:**  
Lustrous and Silky

**Colour:**  
Creamy/White

**Fleece Weight:**  
1 - 2 kg

**Staple Length:**  
8 - 15 cm

**Micron Range:**  
26 - 26.5



**PHOTOS**  
Above: male  
Middle left: female  
Opposite page: female