



BORDER LEICESTER

Medium

Established in the UK: 18th century



ORIGINS

Bred towards the end of the 18th century from crosses between the English Leicester and the Cheviot.

CHARACTERISTICS

A large hornless sheep, valued as a crossing sire on smaller hill and upland breeds to produce quality halfbreds. It has prominent erect ears and a Roman nose. Its demi-lustrous wool is medium-fine, long-stapled with a curl at the tip, but does not cover the head or legs below the knee or hock.

LOCATION

Found throughout the UK but most popular in Northern England, Scottish lowlands and the Borders.

MAIN USES

Mostly in blends for knitting yarns, where natural elasticity is important.

**Breed Society
Established:**
1896

Handle:
Medium/Soft

Colour:
White

Fleece Weight:
3 - 5 kg

Staple Length:
10 - 15 cm

Micron Range:
32.5 - 35

PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female

