



LEICESTER LONGWOOL

Lustre

Established in the UK: 18th century

ORIGINS

Developed by Bakewell in the 18th century and an important influence on British longwool breeds.

CHARACTERISTICS

A large sheep, hornless, with wool on the crown; white face and legs. The ears are blue, fairly long, with occasional black spots, and the nostrils are dark. It is a good carcase sheep and grows a heavy even fleece, which is curly and lustrous.

LOCATION

Rare, but still most popular in the East Midlands.

MAIN USES

Mostly used by hand spinners.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1893

Handle:
Smooth and Lustrous

Colour:
Creamy/White

Fleece Weight:
5 - 7 kg

Staple Length:
20 - 25 cm

Micron Range:
35 - 38

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