



WENSLEYDALE

Lustre

Established in the UK: 19th century

ORIGINS

Wensleydale, North Yorkshire in the 19th century, to provide rams for crossing onto local hill breeds. The breed can be traced to an outstanding ram, 'Bluecap', born in 1839, a large animal with dark skin and excellent wool.

CHARACTERISTICS

Large, hardy longwool sheep with distinctive blue head and ears. Still valued as a crossing sire and also for its long, lustrous and curly wool that is among the most sought after in the British clip.

LOCATION

Pedigree flocks throughout the UK.

MAIN USES

Hand knitting yarn and some upholstery yarns.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1890

Handle:
Silky and Lustrous

Colour:
White/Creamy

Fleece Weight:
3.5 - 7 kg

Staple Length:
15 - 30 cm

Micron Range:
32.5 - 34

PHOTOS

Above: female
Middle left: female
Opposite page: female

