



ZWARTBLES

Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 20th century



ORIGINS

Developed in the early 19th century in Friesland in the Netherlands, to graze behind a dairy herd. The name means 'black with a white blaze'.

CHARACTERISTICS

A naturally tame and gentle milking sheep. Tall and long-bodied; completely black with a white blaze from the top of the head to the nose, two white socks on the back legs and a white tip on the tail. The medium-fine wool shades through brown to black.

LOCATION

Increasingly popular and now kept all over the UK.

MAIN USES

Finer qualities used in blends for knitwear and cloth, the rest goes into carpets.

**Breed Society
Established:**
1995

Handle:
Soft/Medium

Colour:
Black/Brown

Fleece Weight:
2 - 3 kg

Staple Length:
7 - 15 cm

Micron Range:
31 - 34



PHOTOS

Above: female
Middle left: female
Opposite page: female