



SCOTTISH BLACKFACE SHEEP FACTS

Found

The Scottish Blackface can be found on the borders of Scotland, Pennines, Dartmoor & Northern Ireland.

Description

They have black faces with white markings, as do their legs and feet. Both the male and female have horns.

Wool

Scottish Blackface Wool is outstandingly suitable for carpet manufacture. The Fleece is long and coarse. It has hard wearing qualities combined with a natural springiness which enables the pile in the carpet to resist tread marks, many Axminster and Wilton carpets are made from this wool.

Breeding

Blackface ewes are excellent mothers and will defend their offspring against any perceived threat. They are good milkers and are able to yield a lamb crop and a wool clip even when on marginal pastures.



The BIG Sheep tourist attraction has a Black Face Ram. This ram performs in the Sheepy Shows throughout the year along side various other breeds of rams. The demonstrators educate visitors with facts about the Blackface in an entertaining way.

The Blackface breed is the most numerous breed in Britain accounting for over three million ewes, representing 16% of the British pure-bred ewe flock. The outstanding qualities of the breed are survivability, adaptability and versatility, with the ability to fit into any farming situation. They are one of the hardiest sheep breeds in the country and are the backbone of the Scottish sheep industry.