

## Ultimate ATSA Standard of Perfection and Excellence



**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** The American Teeswater Sheep is a large, solid, well balanced, polled breed that carries a lustrous, white long wool fleece. Its unique facial markings, long curly foretop and long, soft, purred locks are trademark characteristics that set this regal breed apart. It's free moving elegance and high head carriage gives the Teeswater an intelligent and alert appearance.

**COLOR:** Solid white with distinctive dark markings on head and legs.



**HEAD:** The shape of a Teeswater head is of medium length with strong features, broad muzzle and short broad teeth. Rams are a bit wider and coarser and ewes are a bit more feminine. The base color of the head should be white without under tones of black hairs. Distinctive characteristic markings of the head include dark chocolate/black markings around the nose and eyes and may include a few colored spots. The ears should be large, well set and dark chocolate/black colored, the inside may be slightly lighter in color, with little to no wool covering. Characteristic foretop grows long, curled locks that fall freely down the face. The foretop should be left long when possible.

**NECK/SHOULDERS/CHEST:** The neck is strong, broad and of good length, blending smoothly into the shoulders. Good slant to the shoulder, deep wide chest.

**BODY:** A long-bodied well balanced sheep with a strong, flat topline, wide square set shoulders and hind-quarter with no tendency to fall off at the rump or dock. The body is deep with well sprung ribs and a strong broad loin and smooth flank.

