

BREED STANDARDS

General Appearance:

- Large sized sheep
- Long bodied, strong frame and legs
- Mature body weights: rams- 115-130kg, ewes- 80-100kg
- Pronounced forelock of wool
- Body well fleshed and covered with thick, long lustrous wool

Head:

- Covered with wool, fine tuft of wool on forehead
- Polled
- White face
- Dark, full, prominent eyes
- Dark coloured nose
- Cheeks full and covered with white hair
- Ears long, but not too heavy, of medium thickness

Neck:

- Big and muscular
- Gently curved

Shoulder:

- Set well back
- Point of shoulder and chine should be well covered with flesh

Back, Loin and Rump:

- Back has good length
- Ribs deep, well sprung from the back
- Rump carried out level with the back
- Strong looking frame

Feet and Legs:

- Legs squarely set outside the body
- Straight, moderate in length
- Rear legs thick on the outside and down to the hock
- Pasterns should be short

Fleece:

- Lustrous (mid-40's Bradford count)
- Staple length 25 cm
- Shearling ram fleece can weigh 10 kg or more
- Shearling ewe fleece can weigh 6 kg or more
- White wool (the norm)
- Coloured wool accepted but animal must be identified on the pedigree as having coloured genes

Disqualifications:

- Black fibres (hair or kemp) in the fleece
- Horns attached to skulls with a living core
- Blue, black or brown faces on white animals

*Note- The above is based on the "Ideal Cotswold" written in 1891 by MR. W.S. Harmer and the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association's Breed Standards Format.