



BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP FACTS

Found

Throughout the United Kingdom in small flocks.

Description

They are small black sheep with no wool on their face or legs below their knees. The males have horns.

Wool

Always black their wool is fine, soft and works to good effect with when combined with other wools. Sometimes used undyed, pure black or used with white to produce grey wool.

Breeding

The breed are seasonal with lambing usually taking place from February to March. The ewes hering and feed efficiency are significant assets.



The BIG Sheep tourist attraction has a Black Welsh Mountain 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 worldwide population of Black Welsh Mountain sheep is approximately 9000. They are found in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland as well as the smaller North American population. The current North American population numbers approximately 500 animals in over 50 flocks in the U.S. and Canada.

Hardiness and self-reliance are the outstanding features of this ancient breed. Hill flocks of this breed, in normal conditions, require no supplementary feeding, they thrive on the short rough grasses and herbage of the unploughable uplands.