



# TEXEL SHEEP FACTS

## Found

The Texel breed can be found throughout the United Kingdom.

## Description

They have clean white faces and legs. Neither the male or female has horns. The body and the neck should be thick-set, without impairing the general appearance.

## Wool

The Texel produces a good fleece of medium quality white wool which is used for hosiery yarns and knitting wools..

## Breeding

The Texel ewe is hardy and exceptionally thrifty and her lambs have a tremendous get-up-and-go attitude, searching hard for milk as soon as they are born. Again, the breed's harsh native environment has led to the development of a sheep that thrives on poor pastures and requires only modest amounts of feed in the run-up to lambing and whilst suckling.



The BIG Sheep tourist attraction have a Ram show. The Texel sheep is one of the rams that perform and strut around on the stage in the Sheepy Shows throughout the year along side various other breeds of rams. The demonstrators educate visitors with facts about the varieties of sheep in an entertaining way.

The Texel Breed is famed for its exceptional carcass qualities, which has resulted in the Breed becoming the dominant terminal sire used in the UK. In recent years the Breeds hardiness and recognised survivability has resulted in Hill and Upland producers using Texel Rams to produce store lambs and breeding females which are more marketable than the pure hill breeds that they replace.

The Texel Sheep originates from the Island of Texel, one of the north-western Islands off Holland where it has been known since Roman times.

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