

BADGER FACE WELSH MOUNTAIN

Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 1st century

ORIGINS

Believed to be one of the oldest British sheep breeds with origins tracing back to the 1st century, and further developed in the Middle Ages from a Welsh Mountain strain similar to the Soay. By the 17th century, books were referring to Welsh sheep of 'badger' colouring.

CHARACTERISTICS

Hardy and easily managed, the 'Torddu' (Welsh for black belly) has black stripes above the eyes and a black stripe running from the chin to the tail, with a lighter fleece – white, grey or light brown. The 'Torwen' (white belly, in Welsh) has reverse colouring with a smaller eye stripe. Rams of both types are horned.

LOCATION

Specialist flocks still occur in Mid Wales and other parts of the UK.

MAIN USES

For carpets, but also popular with hand spinners who favour the naturally coloured wool.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1976

Handle:
Medium/Harsh

Colour:
Cream or Black

Fleece Weight:
1.5 - 2 kg

Staple Length:
7 - 10 cm

Micron Range:
33 - 35

PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: female
Opposite page: mixed