MANX LOAGHTAN

Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 11th century



Descended from a primitive mountain breed thought to have been on the Isle of Man for more than 1000 years.

CHARACTERISTICS

Small and hardy with good mothering ability. Naturally coloured – the word Loaghtan is Manx for 'mouse brown' – although lambs are born black and start to change colour from about two weeks old. Multi horned, usually four, but sometimes six.

LOCATION

Rare, mostly on the Isle of Man.

MAIN USES

Usually by hand spinners and weavers.







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Breed Society Established: 1976

Handle:

Very Soft and Silky

Colour: Brown

Fleece Weight: 1.5 - 2 kg

Staple Length: 6 - 12 cm

Micron Range: 30 - 31.5

PHOTOS Above: male

Middle left: female
Opposite page: male

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