

NORTH RONALDSAY

Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 9th century

ORIGINS

Evolved from an early short-tailed breed and developed to adapt to the terrain of the Orkneys, particularly North Ronaldsay.

CHARACTERISTICS

Small, fine-boned and short-tailed. Very hardy and prolific. Rams are horned with a fringe of coarse hair under the neck; ewes are not always horned. Wool is coarse and coloured, often grey and white, but also black and brown.

LOCATION

Still occurs on the Isle of Ronaldsay and also kept by rare breed enthusiasts.

MAIN USES

Popular with hand spinners.



**Breed Society
Established:**
1997

Handle:
Soft/Harsh

Colour:
Grey/Black

Fleece Weight:
1.5 - 2.5 kg

Staple Length:
4 - 8 cm

Micron Range:
32 - 35

PHOTOS

Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: mixed