

SHETLAND COLOURED

Naturally Coloured

Established in the UK: 8th century

ORIGINS

Developed over the centuries by Shetland Islanders alongside their knitting and weaving industries.

CHARACTERISTICS

They are a small hardy sheep producing fine, soft, naturally coloured wool in various shades; 11 main whole colours and 33 different markings, Black, Shaela, Emsket (blue/grey), Grey, White, Moorit (tan/brown), Mioget (yellow/brown), Musket (grey/brown), and Fawn. Fine-boned with a short fluked shaped tail. Rams usually have two rounded horns but can also be polled or multi horned.

LOCATION

On the Shetland Islands, but also throughout the UK mainland.

MAIN USES

Used pure for unique and exclusive garments and accessories including traditional Fair Isle knitwear, fine shawls and super soft woven fabrics.



Grey



Moorit



Grey Katmoget

Photograph by Mr Len Cox, Willowcroft Flock, Wiltshire.

**Breed Society
Established
(Shetland):
1927**

**Breed Society
Established (UK):
1985**

**Handle:
Very Soft and Silky**

**Colour:
Black/Brown/Grey**

**Fleece Weight:
1 - 2 kg**

**Staple Length:
6 - 12 cm**

**Micron Range:
30 - 31.5**

PHOTOS

**Above: male
Middle left: male
Opposite page: female**