

BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP - GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

	RAMS & RAM LAMBS	EWES & EWE LAMBS
SIZE	Medium with good overall length and depth	As for rams
HEAD	Masculine, wedge shaped, tapering towards the nose	Feminine, wedge shaped, tapering towards the nose
HORNS	Fairly strong, well curved and set well apart at the base. Minimum of one finger's width clearance between horn and the side of the face.	No horns or scurs
FACE	Broad forehead and muzzle. Forehead free from wool	Forehead free from wool, more pointed face
EYES	Prominent and bright, black around the eyes, true black eyelids	As for rams
EARS	Small to medium, thin	As for rams
MOUTH	Check for overshot or undershot tendencies in jaws	As for rams
NECK	Short, well defined and fully covered with fine wool	As for rams
BRISKET	Bold and roomy	As for rams
SHOULDER	Nicely rounded, not too wide, level with back	As for rams
RIBS	Well sprung, deep in the region of the heart	As for rams
BACK & LOINS	Straight with a strong loin	As for rams
HINDQUARTERS	Thick and well let down	As for rams
TAIL	Strong, long and straight, well covered with fine wool	Long and straight, well covered with fine wool to provide shelter for the udder
LEGS	Good, fine, comparatively short, well placed for good movement	As for rams
UNDERLINE	Straight and not too high from the ground	As for rams
SKIN	Blue, well mellowed touch	As for rams
FLEECE	Black, short, thick and firm to handle. A limited amount of kemp may be present. NO WHITE OR GREY PERMITTED	As for rams