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Quick Reference Guide to Heritage Sheep**

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	<b>Barbados Blackbelly</b>	Caribbean	Recovering	Meat	100-130/85-100	Alert but docile	2.5	Good to excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Hot/humid	Prolific; polled; hair sheep
	<b>Black Welsh Mountain</b>	Wales	Threatened	Wool	130/100-110	Variable by flock	1.75	Excellent	Novice	Excellent	Cold/damp	Ewes will "park" young lambs while foraging; do not flock tightly, and will wander from each other
	<b>Clun Forest</b>	England	Threatened	Dual	200/150	Docile	1.75	Excellent	Novice	Excellent	Temperate	Selected for production
	<b>Cotswold</b>	England	Threatened	Dual	250/175	Docile	2	Excellent	Intermediate	Good	Temperate	Luster longwool
	<b>Dorset Horn</b>	England	Threatened	Dual	200/160	Docile	2	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Average	Temperate	Breed out of season
	<b>Florida Cracker</b>	United States	Critical	Meat	125-200/90-160	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Hot/humid	Usually polled
	<b>Gulf Coast</b>	United States	Critical	Meat	125-200/90-160	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Hot/humid	Horned or polled
	<b>Hog Island</b>	United States	Critical	Meat	125-150/90-100	Alert but docile	1.5	Excellent	Intermediate	Excellent	Adaptable	Horned or polled
	<b>Jacob (American)</b>	England, then USA	Threatened	Wool	160/110	Docile	1.5	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Temperate	Two, four, or occasionally six, horns
	<b>Karakul (American)</b>	Iran, then USA	Threatened	Triple*	200/180	Docile	1	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Good	Cold/dry	Fat-rumped; horned; produce carpet wool in wide range of colors
	<b>Leicester Longwool</b>	England	Threatened	Wool	250/180	Docile	2	Good once bonded with lambs	Advanced	Good	Temperate	Large, slow-growing; luster longwool

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	Lincoln	England	Threatened	Wool	270/225	Docile	2	Good	Intermediate	Good	Temperate	Large, slow-growing; luster longwool
	Navajo-Churro	United States	Threatened	Dual	120-200/ 85-120	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Novice/ Intermediate	Excellent	Cold/dry	Horned or polled; some with four horns; <u>desert adapted</u> ; prolific; wide range of colors
	Oxford	England	Watch	Meat	270/175	Docile	2	Excellent	Novice/ Intermediate	Good	Temperate	Large; <u>sire breed</u>
	Romeldale/ CVM	United States	Critical	Dual	275/160	Docile	1.75	Good	Novice/ Intermediate	Good	Hot/dry	Prolific, long-lived; wide range of colors
	Santa Cruz	United States	Critical	Wool	100-150/80-100	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Intermediate	Excellent	Hot/dry	Feral sheep with good survival traits
	St. Croix	Caribbean	Threatened	Meat	165/140	Docile	1.75	Good to excellent	Novice/ Intermediate	Excellent	Hot/humid	Prolific; hair sheep
	Shetland	England	Recovering	Wool	110/85	Docile	1.5	Good to excellent	Novice/ Intermediate	Excellent	Cold/damp	small sheep with wide range of colors
	Shropshire	England	Watch	Meat*	240/170	Docile	2	Good	Novice/ Intermediate	Good	Temperate	is a dual purpose breed that can be considered for milk production
	Southdown	England	Recovering	Meat	200/150	Docile	2	Good to excellent	Novice/ Intermediate	Excellent	Temperate	Small; rapid growth rate; traditional type calls for short animals, but many show-type Southdowns have become overly tall
	Teeswater	United Kingdom, then United States	Critical	Dual	260/200	Alert, Spirited	2	Good	Intermediate	Good	Temperate	Large, slow-growing, low-lanolin, kemp-free lustre longwool. May be shorn up to twice a year. Terminal sires in country of origin
	Tunis	United States	Watch	Meat	200-275/125-175	Docile	2	Excellent	Novice/ Intermediate	Good	Temperate	Polled; southern adapted; prolific
	Wiltshire Horn	England	Recovering	Meat	230/145	Variable	2	Excellent	Intermediate	Good	Hot/dry	Horned; hair sheep