

The Livestock Conservancy
Quick Reference Guide to Heritage Sheep

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	Barbados Blackbelly	Caribbean	Threatened	Meat	M: 100-130 F: 85-100	Alert but docile	2.5	Good to excellent	Excellent	Hot/humid	Novice - Intermediate	Prolific; polled; hair sheep
	Black Welsh Mountain	Wales	Threatened	Wool	M: 130 F: 100-110	Variable by flock	1.75	Excellent	Excellent	Cold/damp	Novice	Ewes will "park" young lambs while foraging; do not flock tightly, and will wander from each other
	Clun Forest	England	Threatened	Meat, Wool	M: 200 F: 150	Docile	1.75	Excellent	Excellent	Temperate	Novice	Selected for production
	Cotswold	England	Critical	Meat, Wool	M: 250 F: 175	Docile	2	Excellent	Good	Temperate	Intermediate	Luster longwool
	Dorset Horn	England	Threatened	Meat, Wool	M: 200 F: 160	Docile	2	Excellent	Average	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	Breed out of season
	Florida Cracker	United States	Critical	Meat	M: 125-200 F: 90-160	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Excellent	Hot/humid	Novice - Intermediate	Usually polled
	Gulf Coast	United States	Critical	Meat	M: 125-200 F: 90-160	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Excellent	Hot/humid	Novice - Intermediate	Horned or polled

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	Hog Island	United States	Critical	Meat	M: 125-150 F: 90-100	Alert but docile	1.5	Excellent	Excellent	Adaptable	Intermediate	Horned or polled
	Jacob (American)	England, then USA	Threatened	Wool	M: 160 F: 110	Docile	1.5	Excellent	Excellent	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	Two, four, or occasionally six, horns
	Karakul (American)	Iran, then USA	Threatened	Triple*	M: 200 F: 180	Docile	1	Excellent	Good	Cold/dry	Novice - Intermediate	Fat-rumped; horned; produce carpet wool in wide range of colors
	Leicester Longwool	England	Threatened	Wool	M: 250 F: 180	Docile	2	Good once bonded with lambs	Good	Temperate	Advanced	Large, slow-growing; luster longwool
	Lincoln	England	Threatened	Wool	M: 270 F: 225	Docile	2	Good	Good	Temperate	Intermediate	Large, slow-growing; luster longwool
	Navajo-Churro	United States	Threatened	Meat, Wool	M: 120-200 F: 85-120	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Excellent	Cold/dry	Novice - Intermediate	Horned or polled; some with four horns; desert adapted; prolific; wide range of colors
	Oxford	England	Watch	Meat	M: 270 F: 175	Docile	2	Excellent	Good	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	Large; sire breed

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	Romeldale/ CVM	United States	Threatened	Meat, Wool	M: 275 F: 160	Docile	1.75	Good	Good	Hot/dry	Novice - Intermediate	Prolific, long-lived; wide range of colors
	Santa Cruz	United States	Critical	Wool	M: 100-150 F: 80-100	Alert but docile	1.25	Excellent	Excellent	Hot/dry	Intermediate	Feral sheep with good survival traits
	St. Croix	Caribbean	Watch	Meat	M: 165 F: 140	Docile	1.75	Good to excellent	Excellent	Hot/humid	Novice - Intermediate	Prolific; hair sheep
	Shetland	England	Recovering	Wool	M: 110 F: 85	Docile	1.5	Good to excellent	Excellent	Cold/damp	Novice - Intermediate	small sheep with wide range of colors; wool is self-shedding
	Shropshire	England	Watch	Meat*	M: 240 F: 170	Docile	2	Good	Good	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	is a dual purpose breed that can be considered for milk production
	Soay, British	Scotland	Threatened	Meat, Wool	M: 80 F: 50	Alert	2	Good	Good	Cold/damp	Novice - Intermediate	Hardy, resilient & self-sufficient; wool is self shedding
	Teeswater	United Kingdom, then USA	Critical	Meat, Wool	M: 260 F: 200	Alert, Spirited	2	Good	Good	Temperate	Intermediate	Large, slow-growing, low-lanolin, kemp-free lustre longwool. May be shorn up to twice a year. Terminal sires in country of origin

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	Tunis	United States	Watch	Meat	M: 200-275 F: 125-175	Docile	2	Excellent	Good	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	Polled; southern adapted; prolific
	Wiltshire Horn	England	Watch	Meat	M: 230 F: 145	Variable	2	Excellent	Good	Hot/dry	Intermediate	Horned; hair sheep



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