

# Masham



## HISTORY:

*Masham is a British breed with origins that trace back over a century. They are the offspring of a Teeswater or Wensleydale ram and a Dalebred or Swaledale ewe. This Longwool/Hill cross breed is predominately found in the hills of Northern England. The Masham ewes are raised as breeding ewes for their hybrid genetics of hardiness, longevity and are highly prolific mothers.*

## Distinguishing Characteristics:

Masham sheep have a black and white face and legs with a top knot (tuft of wool on the top of their head). They are hornless. Masham ewe lambs can be bred in their first year and have very strong mothering instincts.

## Fleece Facts:

Masham fleece is similar in texture, luster and length to the Wensleydale Longwool. They produce a heavy fleece that is in great demand for the specialty markets such as carpets and upholstery. The finer wool is used for outer garments.

## Specifications:

- Micron Count: 29-34
- Average Fleece Weight: 6-10 lbs
- Average Yield: 65-80%
- Average Staple Length: 6-10 inches

## Notes and Project Ideas:

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