



DORSET DOWN

Head

- Quite long
- The muzzle and the underside of the jaw are free of wool.
- The wool covers the cheeks and the tuft stops above the eyes.
- The eyes are bright and the muzzle is broad.
- The ears are fairly long and thin, uni-coloured and set above eye level.

Neckline

- Strong neck
- Well connected with the shoulders

Wool

- White in colour, with an overall fineness of 1/2 and 3 on the thighs

Bone structure

- Not coarse without being fine

Weights

- Rams : 110 kg
- Ewes : 70 kg

A Dorset breeder never gives the impression the impression of being coarse.

BREED STANDARD

Conformation

- The body is well shaped.
- Chest well let down.
- Broad shoulders.
- The legs are well developed.

Members

- Limbs covered with fine wool.
- The wool extends below the hocks and knees.

Skin

- White in colour, 1/2 thin overall and 3 thin on the thighs.

Eliminatory faults

- Wool on the nose or ears
- Defective hocks and poor legs
- Narrow shoulders
- Chest not deep enough
- Flat legs
- Wool insufficiently packed
- Presence of horn