

FINNSHEEP SOCIETY

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FINNSHEEP BREED STANDARD

General Appearance

A medium sized sheep.

Lively and alert.

A fine boned maternal sheep, capable of having large litters of lambs.

Head

Refined, Eyes set high on the forehead which maybe quite flat.

Covered only in guard hair, Wool should not extend forward of the ears.

Ears small and short and carried horizontally

Nose pink or lightly colored.

Neck, Back, Loin and Rump

Neck medium length, blends smoothly into shoulders

Back long, loin of a medium width, body fat tends to be carried internally.

Ribs long with good capacity.

Abdomen to be large and round, capable of carrying large litters of lambs.

Hips should be wide and prominent, allowing free and easy movement.

Rump long and wide

Tail is to be undocked, no longer than 10-15cm long, hair covered at tip.

Udder and testicles

Testicles are larger than similar-sized breeds, must be free of wool.

Udder neat and well placed, nipples small.

Legs and feet

Fine, straight and well placed.

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Fleece

Medium length and approximately 22-24 microns.
Soft and lustrous, low bulk.
Belly and crutch may be clear of wool.

APPENDIX FLOCKS

Category 1

- i. Objective. To allow for the inclusion of unregistered pure bred Finn sheep in to the Flock book
- ii. Rules. For Finn sheep where registration has not been maintained but perusal of records shows that records, purity and pedigrees have been maintained. These Finn sheep may be eligible for inclusion in the flock book subject to inspection.

Category 2

- i. Objective To allow for the inclusion of desirable genes from other breeds in to Finn sheep or to allow the upgrading of non-purebred Finn sheep to purebred status.
- ii. Rules. Sheep to be considered for registration must have a recorded history of 4 generations and a pedigree which comprises 93.75 % (15/16) Finn sheep blood. Sheep Phenotype must confirm to the Finn sheep breed description. Sheep to be registered must be inspected, pedigrees must be available. Until these sheep reach full pure bred status they are to be recorded in an appendix flock under the owners registered flock number. All appendix ewes are to be recorded on annual return. The grading up code is as follows.
Base X 100% Finn = D = ½ bred
D X 100% Finn = C = ¾ bred
C X 100% Finn = B = 7/8 bred
B X 100% Finn = A = 15/16 bred or pure.

Finnsheep

A.B.F.

SIL No. 228

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Founded in 1994 by Daniel T. Wheeler on 8 ewes bred by Lamb XL (F.1). Ewes added : 1996, 20 bred by John Read Farms (F.16); 1998, 33 bred by R.K.Brodie (F.12), 20 from Owner's Appendix flock; 1999, 20 from Owner's Appendix flock.

In 2010 the prefix changed from Wheeler to Wheeler Finnsheep, and in 2016 to Wheeler. Sires used have been bred by N.Z. Sheepac Ltd (F.2); Lamb XL (F.1); Indu Finn Stud (F.24); A.R. Marshall (F.11); R.J.D. Hilson (F.31); AgResearch (SIL 228); and Owner.

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Appendix

CROSSBRED FINNSHEEP

As from 1997, Grading up Finnsheep flocks are acceptable, with pure-bred status for ewes being 7/8ths Finnsheep blood and 15/16ths for rams.

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Founded in 1995 by Daniel T. Wheeler on 75 Romney and 104 Crossbred Finn/Romney ewes. Ewes added : 1996, 9 bred by Daniel T. Wheeler (F.28), 10 Texel bred by N.Z. Sheepac Ltd (F.2), 12 bred by R.K. & M.L. Brodie (F.A3), 11 bred by B.E. & H.M. O'Sullivan (F.23), 18 bred by Lamb XL (F.1), 25 bred by John Read Farms (F.A1); 1997, 6 bred by B.E. & H.M. O'Sullivan (F.23); 2000, 30 bred by Derek Daniels (Rom.).

In 2010 the prefix changed from Wheeler to Wheeler Meatmaster and in 2016 to Wheeler. Sires used have been bred by A. R. Marshall (F.A7); Silverstream East Friesians (F.1 E/F); N.Z. Sheepac Ltd.(F.2); R.K. Brodie (F.A3); Derek Daniels (F.1368 Rom.); R.J.D. Hilson (F.31); Landcorp Farming Ltd (F.32 Texel) ; Mount Linton Farm (F.21 Texel); Avalon Texel (N/M); Top Tender Texels (F.263 Texel); and Owner.

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