

# Sheep Breeds

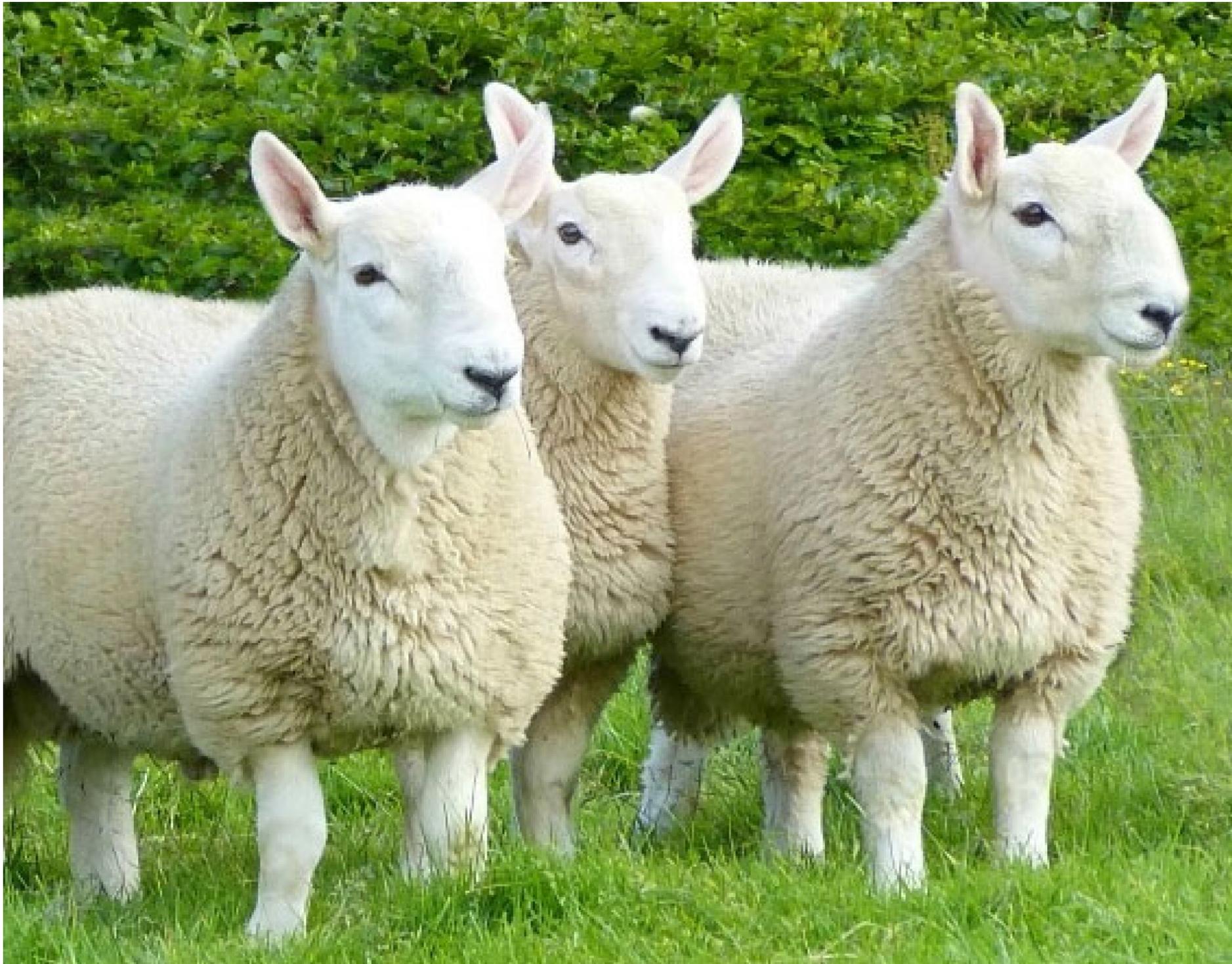
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# Border Cheviot

This breed, highly adaptable to a variety of climates, was developed in Scotland. These small-sized, white-faced sheep with bare heads and legs are moderately prolific, easy lambers, good milkers, and possess excellent lamb vigor.



# Columbia

The Columbia breed was developed in the United States from a Lincoln ram and Rambouillet ewe cross and is known for its size, wool-producing ability, and productivity under range conditions.

This breed is large, white-faced, polled, and has wool on the legs.



# Dorset

Originating in Southern England, these sheep can be polled, scurred, or horned and are known for breeding out of season, being heavy milkers and producing more than one lamb crop per year.

Hardy lambs yield heavy muscled carcasses.



# Corriedale

**White-faced breed developed in New Zealand from Lincoln ram and Leicester/Merino ewe cross. These medium-sized sheep are prolific, good mothers that produce good market lambs and yield heavy, medium-wool fleece with good staple length.**



# Finn Sheep

Developed in Finland, this small to medium-sized, fine-boned breed is open-faced and produces medium-grade, good staple length wool. Reaching sexual maturity early, ewes have strong maternal instincts and are very prolific-producing two to four lambs each lambing.



# Hampshire

Developed in Southern England, these sheep are a large, moderately prolific breed with wool caps, black faces, and medium-wool fleeces. They also have very good milking ability, growth and carcass cutability.



# Merino

**This breed was developed from a fine-wool sheep in Spain. It is the basis for all wool breeds. These sheep are fine-wooled, have a tremendous Hocking instinct, and have a white face with wool on their head and legs.**



# Lincoln

**An English breed that is predominate in Great Britain, the Lincoln has a white face, is polled, and has the heaviest fleece of the long wool type breeds.**



# Montadale

The Montadale originated in the United States from a Cheviot and Columbia crossbreed. It is medium-sized, white-faced, bare-headed, and bare-legged. This breed is polled, hardy, and prolific.



# Oxford

An English breed resulting from a Hampshire and Cotswold cross, the Oxford is medium to large in size, has a dark brown to grey face and is polled. Oxfords have a wool cap, and wool on the ears and legs. They are good milkers, prolific, and have a fast growth rate.



# Rambouillet

Developed in France, this long-lived, rugged breed will breed out of season and has wool that is fine in fiber diameter. These sheep are large, white-faced, with wool on the head and legs, and can be polled or horned.



# Polypay

Developed in the United States at the Sheep Experiment Station, Dubois, Idaho, this breed was developed from Targhee/Dorset Ram and Rambouillet/FinnSheep Ewe cross. This breed is medium-sized, white-faced, prolific, and breeds out of season.



# Romney

An English breed that is small to medium in size, the Romney has a white face and legs. This breed is polled and has long wool.



# Shropshire

Originating in England, this medium-sized, dark-faced, polled breed has wool on its head and face. It is prolific, matures early, milks well, and is heavily muscled. Lambs are hardy, fast-growing, and produce lean, well-muscled carcasses.



# Suffolk

**This polled breed with black head and legs has the most number of purebred registrations in the United States. It is known for its meatiness and high carcass quality. Lambs grow rapidly and produce high cutability carcasses.**



# Southdown

The oldest breed from England, this sheep is small to medium in size and known for producing meaty carcasses. It is polled, with a grey to mouse-brown face and wool on its legs. Fleece from this breed are of medium-wool.



# Targhee

Developed by the Sheep Experiment Station in Idaho, this breed is made up of Rambouillet/Columbia and Rambouillet/Corriedale crosses. This breed is large-sized, white-faced with wool on the legs.