



# BELTEX

## STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE



### **General Appearance**

The Beltex is a medium sized sheep, long in body. It is wedge shaped from a narrow shoulder to a distinctive large double-muscled hind quarter.

### **Head**

The head is generally white in colour but may have black, blue or brown shadings or patches. Colour is irrelevant to quality. The fore face is short and thick.

### **Neck**

The neck is thick and short.

### **Body**

Well muscled shoulder. A wide back and long barrel shaped body

### **Gigots**

The distinctive characteristic of Beltex Sheep is the double-muscled hindquarters, sloping pelvis, low set tail, deep flushed, well rounded and full of meat. The excessive hindquarter development when compared to the line of the shoulders gives a wedge shaped appearance.

### **Legs**

Sheep should be mobile and capable of natural service. Joints should be straight and sound. Legs are usually white but colour is relevant. Feet tight. Pasterns upright. Fine bone structure.

### **Fleece**

Tight, dense of medium staple length, affording a good protective birth coat to the lamb. A medium to tight fleece is tolerated.

### **Bone**

Fine bone is a desirable characteristic.

### **Teeth**

Teeth are scored on a 1 to 5 scale, where 1 is extreme and 5 extreme overshot, with 3 being perfect. Only animals with a score of 2, 3 or 4 are considered acceptable.