

MULE SHEEP NEWS

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The Mule Ewe



The Mule ewe is a hardy and prolific hybrid that consistently inherits the vigor, hardiness, and forage conversion capabilities of its hill or upland dam with the additional benefit of increased size, prolificacy, milk production, and early maturity, characteristic of their Bluefaced Leicester sire. For over a century now, this combination of genetic traits has resulted in the repeatable production of highly productive forage based commercial 'Mule' ewes in the United Kingdom. Nearly one half of all current commercial ewes in the UK are Mules.

The Mule ewe when crossed on terminal meat breeds is able to wean multiple, high weight lambs on forage alone; in contrast to traditional corn based feedlot systems. These grass based genetics, when used in conjunction with the "British 3-Tier Breeding System", produce a lean carcass from milk and grass without grain inputs, finishing at weights ranging from 85 to 130 pounds within 7 months. This healthy, lean, succulent lamb is quickly finding its way into niche markets and is sought after by the restaurant trade, ethnic markets, and the private consumer.

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For their willingness to arrange their schedule and travel to the USA in response to our request for a UK Mule sheep producer as well as Bluefaced Leicester breeder to judge our

1st Mule Sheep & Bluefaced Leicester Progeny Show

Many thanks for your generosity in sharing your knowledge, skill, and time with us.

We wish you a safe trip home!



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Mule Sheep

&

Bluefaced Leicester Progeny Show

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