

SHEEP

ORIGIN:

The body of sheep is rather firm, feet are short and slender. The male, in the other words the ram has horns. Fur is thick and curly. Ewes (females) weigh about 50-70 kg, rams 70-100 kg. Sheep are fast-growing; it is a typical gregarious animal.

ECONOMIC MEANING:

Sheep is the second important creature after cow in the animal husbandry of the world. It is held for its meat and wool.

Sheep is sheared 1-2 times per year, wool production is approximately 2-4 kg/ year. Feeds modestly. Finnish sheep breeds 2-3 lambs usually in the spring; it is sexually mature as one year old. Gestation time is 5 kk.

BREEDS

The Finnish sheep is the most common breed in Finland. There are several different breeds: some have been refined as meat producers, some as wool producers and some are held for its fur.

