

# PORTLAND SHEEP BREEDERS' GROUP - Assessment Sheet

<b>Venue</b>	2006 SHOW AND SALE, MELTON MOWBRAY
<b>Date</b>	8th/9th September 2006

<b>Inspectors</b>	
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<b>Lot No</b>	
<b>Reg No</b>	P
<b>Ear Tag No</b>	UK
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Age</b>	

	<b>Comment (see overleaf for criteria)</b>	<b>A Excellent</b>	<b>B Sound</b>	<b>C Acceptable</b>
<b>Head</b>				
<b>Horns</b>				
<b>Teeth</b>				
<b>Conformation</b>				
<b>Legs</b>				
<b>Feet</b>				
<b>Reproductive function</b>				
<b>Colour</b>				
<b>Fleece/Colour</b>				
<b>Health and Condition</b>				

**Notes**                      This inspection applies on the day of the sale.

                                      When column C is ticked comments should be made above.

                                      Serious flaws will result in the animal being withdrawn from the sale.

<b>Approved breeding stock</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>
<b>Inspector's signature</b>	

<b>Health and Condition</b>	Very thin or very fat animals should be marked down. Signs of disease eg footrot or conjunctivitis should be noted and may lead to rejection.
<b>Conformation</b>	Small sized - mature ewes 38-40 kg. Body of a primitive type within the Down breeds. The withers may appear slightly lower than the rump. Tail long and well set up on the rump. Good width between the legs. Dip in the back or narrow angular conformation undesirable
<b>Head</b>	Profile slightly concave in ewes, straighter in rams. Some sheep carry a light covering of wool on the forehead but the rest of the face is free from wool. Woolly cheeks undesirable. Ears short, tan and clean. Long ears undesirable. Eyes dark.
<b>Colour</b>	Face: tan colour with lighter areas around the eyes and muzzle (lack of shading pattern acceptable). White marks undesirable. Black hair undesirable. Flesh of the nose should be dark.
<b>Horns</b>	Light in colour, there is often a black line showing in one or both horns. Rams: heavily spiralled; ewes: smaller and curved through a half circle. Black, upright, flyaway or ingrowing horns undesirable.
<b>Teeth</b>	Incisor teeth should be short, broad, straight and even and meet on the pad. Adult teeth emerging and condition for age should be taken into consideration. Jaw should be felt for signs of molar irregularities.
<b>Legs</b>	Fine boned with an even tan colour matching the face. Free of wool on the front legs and below the hock. Up on the pasterns. Black hair or white marks undesirable.
<b>Reproductive function</b>	Rams: testicles in good condition and of good and equal size. Ewes: two teats and udder in good condition. Signs of having reared lambs in older ewe
<b>Fleece/Colour</b>	Creamy white, close and fine with a short staple, but may be coarser on the britch where some red kemp fibres may be found. Coarse wool or open fleece undesirable. Lambs are born with a foxy red coat but this changes in the first few months. Black marks or patches undesirable (disqualification in rams)
<b>Feet</b>	Hooves uniformly dark, small and straight.