



BLUEFACED LEICESTERS

The Bluefaced Leicester is one of three different types of Leicesters that originated in England during the early 1900s. The Bluefaced Leicester gets its name because it has white facial hair over black skin. Of the three types of Leicesters, the Bluefaced produces the finest fleece. The Bluefaced Leicester is a predominant breed in the United Kingdom and is rapidly gaining popularity here in the United States.

The Bluefaced Leicester was imported to the United States from Canada and are affectionately referred to as BFLs. They have also been called Dishley Leicester and Hexham Leicester in their past. Both males and females are polled meaning they don't have horns. BFLs are prolific, often having triplets or quadruplets, and are very protective mothers. The wool of the BFL is considered to be "next to the skin soft". The wool grows in tightly curled locks and opens cleanly to the skin.

Traditionally, the BFL ram has been used to breed with blackface ewe breeds in the United Kingdom to produce "Mules". These mule ewes are then crossed with a terminal sire to produce exceptional lamb. Because of their lustrous fleece, that is sought after by handspinners, and their ability to produce exceptional market lambs, they define what a multipurpose breed should be.

Below are some words that describe the Bluefaced Leicester. Can you find all the words listed? They are hidden in the puzzle and run forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally. Visit the website at www.bflsheep.com for more information on the Bluefaced Leicester!

M W H I T E I M P O R T E D R
H Y C R O S S I N G S I R E X
B L C I F I L O R P E O O L L
T E C E N R E T S U L N M L O
S T O N O V A S C O T I A O O
E A M G E C B A C R I E N P W
N T M L W L E L D E A R N I D
I S E A E N A R U A R M O F E
F T R N H R R E E E N L S B L
G F C D U X S E S D F A E M R
K O I T H R E E T B R A C U U
U S A I D I S H L E Y O C L P
O N L L O N G W O O L S B E S
R B E S O P R U P I T L U M P

Word List

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| BFL | EARS | LUSTER | PURLED WOOL |
| BLUEFACE | ENGLAND | MULE | RAM |
| BORDER | EWE | MULTIPURPOSE | ROMAN NOSE |
| CANADA | FINEST | NATURAL COLOR | SOFT |
| COMMERCIAL | HEXHAM | NOVA SCOTIA | STATELY |
| CROSSING SIRE | IMPORTED | POLLED | THREE |
| DISHLEY | LONGWOOL | PROLIFIC | WHITE |

