

Genetic Improvement



Welsh North Country Cheviot Breeding Group

The group was formed in 1999 by five breeders in South and West Wales with the aim of utilising modern breeding techniques to improve productivity whilst maintaining desirable breed characteristics.

North Country Cheviot as a pure breed

Biggest of the hill breeds combining thriftiness and healthiness with prolificacy and strong maternal qualities.

Easy lambing

Quality fleece

Produces a quality carcass which retains leanness and conformation right through from late summer to early spring.

Use with a terminal sire for first class prime lambs

North Country Cheviot as a crossing sire

Rams have consistently proved successful as crossing sires

Female crosses are in constant demand

Male crosses can be taken to high weights without becoming overfat

Combines the best characteristics of sire and dam – increased size, hybrid vigour and hardiness from the sire and mothering and milkiness from the dam.

Performance recorded North Country Cheviot Stock

Selecting animals with higher indexes will lead to;

- Improved carcass traits through increasing muscle depth whilst limiting the amount of fat
- Faster growth rates leading to reduced finishing times
- Maintenance of maternal traits in the ewe to produce better quality offspring

HCC supports genetic improvement through the Farming Connect Sheep and Beef Development Programme. For further details on this group, please contact HCC Industry Development team:

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