

At Kind Horn Farm, we are working toward the the best conformation possible for Icelandic sheep. To t

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The Icelandic Sheep Breed Standard has been adopted from the [Canadian Sheep Breeders Association](#)

### General Description

A medium sized sheep

Fine boned with an open face and legs

Average mature body weights, Rams 90 kgs.(195 lbs.), Ewes 60 kgs. (130 lbs.)

### Head

Short with a broad forehead to the nostrils  
Nostrils should be well open, lips thick and jaw strong looking  
Eyes should be bright and alert  
Horned and polled acceptable in both sexes  
Horns growing too close to the face is undesirable

### **Neck**

Short, round and broadening at shoulders so that where neck and shoulders meet is not noticeable  
Rams should have a much thicker neck area than ewes

### **Shoulders**

Broad, blending smoothly into body  
Rounded and meaty

### **Chest and Ribs**

Broad and reach well in front of legs  
Wide chest cavity  
Ribs should stand well out and be well rounded

### **Back, Loin, and Rump**

Long, thick back muscle with firm flesh  
Loin is broad, roundish, strong  
Rump is broad well muscled, fairly long but can taper back a bit

### **Feet and Legs**

Legs are well muscled and thick, muscle reaching far down towards the hock  
Feet are short, thick, straight and squarely placed  
Pasterns are strong, angling about 45 degrees to the ground

### **Fleece**

There should be a lot of wool  
Fleece comes in wide range of natural colours  
Wool is dual coated; fine, wavy undercoat called thel and long, coarse corkscrewy outercoat called tog.  
Kemp in wool is undesirable

## **Skin**

Color variable, depending on colour of wool.

## **Tail**

Tail is naturally short, fluke shaped, mostly covered with hair, 15-20 cm long on a full-grown sheep. Docking of tail disqualifies Icelandic sheep from registration.

## **Serious Defects**

Badly twisted legs