



At Kind Horn Farm, we are working toward the the best conformation and muscling possible for Icelandic

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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