

Shropshire.

The Shropshire is the most popular of the medium woolled breeds. The lambs make rapid growth and mature early. The breed has been used extensively for crossing purposes and is valuable in improving grade flocks. It is of medium size and kills out a high percentage of carcass, the flesh being of fine quality with a good mixture of lean and fat.

In conformation the body is lowset, deep, thick and blocky. The head is of medium length with good width between the eyes and poll. The face is covered with wool to the point of the nose, which is of a dark brown color. The



A Winning Shropshire Ram in 1916.

ears are small and of fine texture. A short full neck, smooth, compact shoulders, good heart girth, straight top and under lines, wellsprung ribs, a broad loin, level rump and a good leg of mutton are other essential points. The legs are short and the bone is of good quality. The fleece is dense, covering the body well and extending from the heels to the point of the nose. The wool ranks in first place among the Down breeds. It grades as medium combing