

## CONFORMATION

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By standing in front of, by making a step towards or away from; or a step to one side of the sheep one can easily examine the head, neck and chest of the sheep. The head must be small and fine carrying two small ears. A small clean head indicates a good quality of bone (fine) and indirectly a high percentage of net weight in relation to live weight. The fineness of head must not exclude: 1.—a wide, strong, short, jaw which characters a good organ of mastication. 2.—well opened nostrils, indicating free respiration.

The eyes without being too salient must be well opened.

The look must be quick, clean, calm and not agitated, nor frightened for the look is a general analysis of the character, one will complete the examination of the eye by that of the mucous membrane of the eye-lid which must not be too red nor too pale.

The neck which gives meat of poor quality shall be short, thick and round. The neck should give a round cut rather than oval. Wrinkles under the throat and a large dewlap are undesirable.

The breast must be wide which is an evident proof of a wide chest as well as a complete easy movement of the heart and lungs. The breast must be wide the shoulders must be well apart but not salient, they must be well padded with flesh in front and behind and blend imperceptibly into the neck and withers. The breast being wide, the legs shall be well distanced next to the body. They should be also well spaced in their lower part. Well set straight legs, are to be looked for.

From a side-view one can examine the length breath and depth of the body and the limbs.

It is prudent to first examine the general conformation of the