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The Shropshire is a middle woolled breed. It is low set, compact and blocky in form. The wool covers the entire body with the exception of the end of the nose and the feet. When mature, ewes should weigh about 150 lbs., and the rams about 50 lbs. heavier. The Shropshire fleece should average from 9 to 10 lbs. of unwashed wool.

The Oxford Down is also a middle woolled breed. It is a thick, deep sheep, but not so low set and blocky as the Shropshire. The face and legs are brown and free from wool below the eyes and below the knees and hocks. Mature ewes should weigh about 200 lbs. The Oxfords should shear an average of 12 lbs. of unwashed wool.



SHROPSHIRE TWO-SHEAR RAM, OWNED BY MR. K. W. MILNES

The Suffolk Down is a middle woolled breed and a fairly large sheep, mature ewes weighing 200 lbs. or more. They are deep, thick mutton sheep. The head and legs are black, free from wool and covered with fine hair. They should shear an average of from 9 to 10 lbs. of unwashed wool.

When selecting a middle woolled breed, I would advise the use of one of the above mentioned, as they have all been successfully bred