

Foundation Ewes

The Foundation ewes used in the first cross must be purebred ewes from the following ten (10) breeds, or ewes produced from crossing these breeds with themselves and/or with Gotlands. The percentage of Gotland cross foundation ewes will not be recognized and their first cross AI offspring will be recorded as 50%. No other breeds or crossbred breeds are allowed to have their progeny recorded or registered with the AGSS. Any animals born prior to 7/1/2009, do not have to meet this criteria as the AGSS was formed in July of 2008, and any preexisting animals and /or breedings shall grandfather into the Gotland registry. However, any offspring of less than 50% Gotland foundation ewes must be of a higher percentage than the dam to be recognized by the AGSS.

Northern Short tailed Breeds

- Shetland Sheep (S)
- Icelandic Sheep (I)
- Finnsheep (N)

Longwool Breeds

- Wensleydale (W)
- Lincoln (L)
- Cotswold (C)
- English Leicester (E)
- Border Leicester (B)
- Bluefaced Leicester (F)
- Teeswater (T)

All Foundation ewes must be listed with the AGSS, and will have up to a two letter suffix assigned (shown above) representing their breed or major breeds if a crossbred. If applicable, the first letter is the breed of the sire and the second letter is the breed of the dam.

Foundation ewes carry the prefix "F".