

Recording Guidelines

- Otherwise worthy sheep who do not meet the AGSS breed standard may be recorded with the Association and used in breeding programs. This would include sheep with patterned fleece, fleece color other than gray, sheep with atypical tails, horns or excessive white spots, but not sheep with jaw deformities, undescended testicles or other known genetic abnormalities.
- Although Recorded animals need not adhere to the AGSS Standard, greater merit shall be given to animals that most closely resemble the AGSS standard.
- All Recorded stock born after 7/01/2009 must be no less than 50% Gotland unless a descendant of a grandfathered animal born before 7/01/2009. All recorded stock born after 7/01/2009 and not a descendent of a grandfathered animal will be no less than 50% Gotland with ewes up to 74% Gotland and rams up to 86% Gotland. First cross lambs born to foundation ewes and sired by use of imported 100% Gotland semen or by AGSS-registered North American Purebred rams of 96.5% or greater Gotland DNA will be recorded as 50% Gotland. Canadian breeders may use rams of 93.5% or greater Gotland DNA to produce first-cross 46.75% recordable animals. Successive generations will be recorded or registered if they come from parents who are recorded or registered with the AGSS.
- Less than 50% ewes but not less than 25% ewes may be grandfathered into the records provided they are born before 7/1/09 and recorded before 7/1/10. Their offspring may be recorded as long as they are a higher percentage than the dam and are recorded before 7/1/2012. After that date all animals recorded with the association must be 50% or higher.
- Recorded stock carry the prefix “R”