

Table 7. The main pure breeds of ewe kept in Britain in 2012 and 2003 based on the estimated number of ewes mated

Breed	2012				2003	
	Breed type *	No. ewes mated (000)	All ewes (000)	% of all ewes	No. ewes mated (000)	% of all ewes
Scottish Blackface	H	1,125	1,327	8.6	1,686	11.1
Welsh Mountain	H	966	1,139	7.4	1,563	10.3
Swaledale	H	721	850	5.5	1,047	6.9
Lleyn	SE	474	560	3.6	237	1.6
Texel	TS	304	359	2.3	326	2.1
North Country Cheviot	H	294	346	2.3	435	2.9
Romney Marsh	LE	251	296	1.9	165	1.1
Cheviot unspecified	H	227	268	1.7	147	1.0
Beulah Speckled Face	H	144	170	1.1	498	3.3
Hardy Speckled Face	H	134	159	1.0	276	1.8
Suffolk	TS	130	153	1.0	230	1.5
Easycare	SE	101	119	0.8	13	0.1
New Zealand Romney	LE	86	102	0.7		
South Country Cheviot	H	83	98	0.6	94	0.6
Poll Dorset	SE	75	89	0.6	94	0.6
Brecknock Hill Cheviot	H	62	73	0.5	73	0.5
Herdwick	H	56	66	0.4	55	0.4
Charollais	TS	56	66	0.4	45	0.3
South Welsh Mountain	H	36	43	0.3	59	0.4

*H = Hill, TS = Terminal Sire, SE = Shortwool Ewe, LE = Longwool Ewe