



TROPHY FOR ROSE: Rose Haynes from Milton Damèrel scooped the first The Black Farmer Perpetual Challenge Trophy for her magnificent Hampshire Down Sheep at the 2009 Woolserly Show in North Devon on July 27. Not dampened by the abysmal wet weather, Rose managed to turn out some exceptional sheep for which she won the Champion Rosette as well as the Reserve, and the Trophy. Wilfred Emmanuel-Jones, The Black Farmer, pictured above with Rose said: "It was a huge pleasure not only to be the first sponsor of this dedicated Hampshire Down class but to present Rose with this Trophy. She really was a worthy winner." Best known for his eponymous range of premium pork gluten free sausages, The Black Farmer has long supported native and indigenous breeds — regularly keeping North and South Devon cattle on his Devon farm. Hampshire Down flocks were established more than 150 years ago.

The breed originated by crossing the Wiltshire Horn and the Berkshire Knot with the Southdown. Usually consigned to the 'any other breed' class, this is the first year that sufficient numbers of Hampshires are showing to claim a class of their own.