



BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM

FUN AT HOME SHEEP HALL OF FAME

MEET SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS SHEEP IN HISTORY!

When we think of impressive animals, sheep don't usually come to mind. But these sheep are a credit to their species and may change your opinion completely. Let us introduce you to some ovine celebrities!



Maple and Marvin, new lambs born in 2020 at Billings Farm.

Maybe not world famous yet, but we love them!

FLUFFIEST

FAMOUS FOR THE SIZE OF THEIR FLEECES

Unlike most other animals, sheep are not able to shed their dense wool. This means that they need to be sheared (get a haircut) about once a year. These sheep put off their appointments for a little longer than they should have!

BEFORE



Name: **SHREK THE SHEEP**

Location: **NEW ZEALAND**

Year: **2004**

Shrek the Sheep, a merino, had spent six years living in caves when he was found. He became a national celebrity, and even met the Prime Minister! His 60-pound fleece held the world record for eleven years.

AFTER



BEFORE



Name: **CHRIS**

Location: **AUSTRALIA**

Year: **2015**

Chris, also a merino, now holds the world record for "Most Wool Sheared from a Sheep – Single Shearing", at 90 pounds! He hadn't been sheared in five years and his fleece weighed more than 8 times the average for his breed (11 lb.).

AFTER



HONORABLE MENTIONS FOR FLUFFIEST

Check out these other two sheep, both from Tasmania:

[Shaun in 2014](#)

[Prickles in 2020](#)

OLDEST

FAMOUS FOR HER LONG LIFE

Sheep usually live for an average of 10-12 years, depending on their breed. This lady beat them all!

Name: **METHUSELINA**

Location: **SCOTLAND**

Year: **2012**

Methuselina, a Scottish blackface, lived to the ripe old age of 25 years and 11 months. That's more than twice the average!



HIGHEST IN THE AIR

FAMOUS FOR TAKING FLIGHT

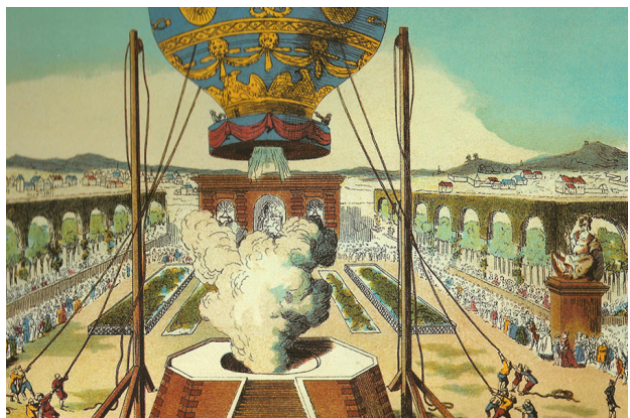
Sheep mostly like to keep their feet on the ground. But thanks to the Montgolfier brothers and the early tests of their hot air balloon, this sheep took to the skies.

Name: **MONTAUCIEL**

Location: **FRANCE**

Year: **1783**

Montauciel (meaning Climb-to-the-Sky) was accompanied by a duck and a rooster as they flew 1,500 feet above Paris.



MOST AMBITIOUS

FAMOUS FOR HIS MILITARY CAREER

The Mercian Regiment of the British Army has had a sheep as a mascot for over 100 years. All have remained at the rank of private, until this guy.

Name: **LANCE CORPORAL DERBY XXX**

Location: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Year: **2015**

Though his duties were mostly ceremonial, Lance Corporal Derby, a Swaledale ram, was promoted for “good behavior.”



MOST SCIENTIFIC

FAMOUS FOR HER ASSISTANCE IN SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT

Few sheep have had as great an impact on world of science as this one. She is truly famous the world over.

Name: **DOLLY**

Location: **SCOTLAND**

Year: **1996**

Dolly was one of the first mammals ever to be cloned, and the first ever to be cloned from an adult cell. She took the media by storm and sparked many discussions about the pros and cons of cloning.

