



**Cheshire** hedges are one of the thinnest and lightest styles of hedge designed to turn dairy cattle. It is 3' 6" in height, laid 3" off the stumps, with a long 18" pleaching cut,. The brush is left on the back of the hedge with a clean face on the front. No dead wood is allowed. The vertical hedge stakes are 20" apart. There is no binding..

#### **Technical Requirements**

A thin narrow, single brush and single staked style, between 3ft – 3ft 6 inches (0.9 - 1.1m) high, and narrow 9 inches (230mm) wide.

Pleachers laid at an angle of approximately 45 degrees, all the same way. Hedge 'laid off 'approx 3 inches.

Clean front face with cutting visible, white wood all showing the same way. Brush on the far side, even, tight and narrow but not dense, finishing between 6-9 inches wide.

Good secondary cutting and weaving of brush to produce a tight, even and regular overall appearance.

Stakes in a single straight line, 3 inches off the centre line of stools. Stakes 20 inches (500mm) apart, finished with flat tops at the same height as the hedge. Stakes are often square sawn. Tops of the pleachers and brush may be held in place against the stake with twine or wire.

No dead wood.

