

The Karakul or Arabi Breeds of Sheep.

Five years ago there were no Karakul sheep in America. During the past five years two importations of these breeds of sheep were made by Dr. C. C. Young. The first lot, consisting of five rams and ten ewes, was purchased in 1908, and the second importation consisting of 11 rams and 6 ewes arrived in quarantine at Baltimore in March, 1913. In the first importation only two unrelated rams proved to be valuable; viz Teddy, Sr. and Fasset, but because of the experience gained and discoveries made by Dr. Young, he obtained at least six distinct, unrelated, blood lines of high quality in the second importation. One of the valuable rams died in quarantine, thus reducing the total number of distinct blood lines on the American continent to not less than seven unrelated rams—all of which are now alive and in good health. No other Karakul sheep have been imported to America.

Importations

Blood Lines

Six of the seven strains are now owned by the Dr. C. C. Young Karakul Sheep Company, Limited, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada. They are: Teddy, Sr., Fasset, Vaska, Nezaekiev, Poltava, and Baron von der Lannetz. The first five were placed in the breeding pens with 450 Lincoln, Highland Black Faced, Karakules, Leicester, and other long-wooled ewes at three farms near Charlottetown; viz Upton, Bunbury, and D'nnis; the sixth ram was loaned to the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington and arrived on Prince Edward Island in January, 1914, and is now being bred to forty Lincoln ewes. The only other unrelated Karakul blood in America is on a New Mexico ranch, and Dr. Young owns a half interest in all the full-blood Karakules in that flock.

**Location
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Industry**

The home of the Karakule breeds of sheep is the Khaurate of Bokhara—a Russian quasi-dependency for some past fifty years. It is situated in West Turkestan, of Central Asia and its capital—Old Bokhara city—in which the Emir resides, is about 600 miles east of the Caspian Sea and 200 miles north of Afghanistan. The

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