

unground, and wheat bran and oil cake deserve a prominent place in the mixture. At all times an abundance of milk should be sought to ensure rapid growth of the lamb.

Shearing is often recommended just before lambing time, assuring greater comfort during the closely housed period. At all events, the tags should be clipped from the region of the udders, in order that the lambs may easily find the mammæ, and to lessen the danger from wool balls, caused by the lamb swallowing portions of wool, where they have difficulty in locating the nipple.

CARE OF THE LAMBS.

Continuous and rapid growth should be the slogan of the winter-lamb producer and every available means should be resorted to to reach that expedient.



The Finished product.

Weights of 60 pounds in sixty days have been reported from winter-lamb feeders. The lambs should have access to warm quarters, as they are found to make more rapid gains than if compelled to remain in uncomfortably cool pens. However, warmth must not exclude proper ventilation, and an opportunity for exercise.

Encourage the lambs to begin eating as early as possible. For this purpose, their food should be placed where they can gain access to it by a creep or other device to keep the dams out, and where the lambs may enter at will and always find food at their disposal. Ground oats, wheat bran, and oil meal will be found suitable for the beginners. After they have learned to eat freely, corn meal, ground barley and, subsequently, whole grains as corn, oats, and barley, may be included in the ration. As the lambs become older, the proportion of corn may be increased.

—For a description of diseases of lambs, the reader is referred to pamphlet No. 5 of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, copies of which may be had upon application to the Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

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