

The Selection of Show Sheep.

This is a matter of the greatest importance, which cannot be hurriedly done. It requires many careful inspections, and ought to be done by gradually reducing the first selection by careful drafting down to the required number.

Then selection of yearling sheep, both male and female, requires more care and time, because in most flocks the number from which selection can be made is larger, and maturity and full development have not been reached.

In the case of ewes, it is essential that the select lot should be uniform in color, etc., that will enable thoroughly and well-matured pens to be finally selected for exhibition.

In general terms it may be said that the ruling conditions here are the same as in the selection of the yearling sheep, except that in this age greater notice should be given to the pedigree, because if the individual characteristics of the parents are known this is a good indication in most instances of what the lamb may be expected to develop into.

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PREPARATION.

Many times have I been asked, "When should we begin to prepare our sheep for show?" Almost as soon as the lamb is born. Show-yard preparation is unfortunately blamed for many losses it should be innocent of, and the reason is that in many cases the commencement of this work is put off until the last minute, with the result that the only way in which the proper condition, according to the prevailing idea, for the show-yard can be secured is by inordinate forcing.

For lambs, there is but little time, and hence the risk in their preparation is much greater than among older sheep. With an early selection, gradually reduced as time goes on, and the whole lot kept going ahead, those not required for the show-yard will make full value in the market. Exercise is a very important point in successful preparation. Neglect of this has been the reason for many heavy losses, most of which were quite preventable.

One of the most successful shepherds, some twenty years ago, has, time after time, said, "Oh, sir, 'tis not always the best sheep that wins, but in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it goes to the sheep that is best trained and exhibited."

Coloring is, fortunately, a practice on the decline, and the sooner it dies out the better. It adds somewhat to the appearance if applied in moderation, but when applied as it still is amongst the Down sheep wools or the Lincolns, in instances it is thoroughly objectionable, and at the same time most detrimental to the best interests of the breed, preventing visitors from examining either the sheep or its fleeces.

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