

It is the polygamous characteristics of the ram, combined with the facts that sheep are fed inexpensively on grass, and are truly domesticated animals, that has given the industry of persian lamb fur production its great advantage over silver fox fur production. The demand for persian lamb fur is also fifty times in excess of the demand for silver fox and, in America, is one-third as great as the demand for all other furs combined. It is a durable, warm, light, fur, worn by both men and women and is bound to increase in demand. We have data enough on hand to assure ourselves that our half-blood rams will produce skins worth an average of from six to ten dollars each, wholesale. Probably the average price will be raised yearly by selection as well as by the gradual increase in the price of fur generally. Persian lamb fur has increased in price 300 per cent in twenty years.

Demand for Persian Lamb

Taking the average value of the skins at seven dollars each huge profits to the fur raiser on stock ranges are assured. Ordinary range lambs at six months old, fetch about \$3.00 each and Karakul lambs at 2 days old fetch \$7.00 and upwards. Besides, if the lamb is born prematurely its skin is yet more valuable, or if it is born dead or dies soon after birth, as from ten to thirty per cent do, the skin is still valuable. We may look for the general establishment of Persian Lamb, Broadtail, and Astrakhan production on farms as well as on ranges, while the sale of breeding stock will be a highly profitable business for those who can get possession of the blood lines and develop a fancy pedigreed herd by selection.

Breeding for Fur

One Karakul ram and 100 Lincoln ewes will produce 80 half-bloods at a conservative estimate.

Breeding for Pedigreed Stock

COST OF BREEDING STOCK

1 Karakul ram.....	\$2,500.00	Profits for First Year
100 Lincoln ewes (selected for fleeces).....	1,000.00	
Cost of feed and attendance.....	500.00	
	\$4,000.00	
40 half-blood rams at \$250.00.....%	10,000.00	
Total receipts.....	\$10,000.00	
Deduct cost.....	4,000.00	
1st year's net profit, 150 per cent, or.....	\$6,000.00	