

peas or a liberal allowance of grain, such as a mixture of oats, bran and oilcake. During this period the sheep will have an abnormal appetite, due to the fact that they need an additional allowance of food to produce heat. It is not safe to give them all the feed that they will eat, but a moderate feed of grain with plenty of turnips and good clover or alfalfa hay will give excellent results. Mangels or sugar beets may be fed in small quantities to ewes, but when fed to rams or wethers, they invariably produce kidney

in a good, strong, thrifty condition and not to "push them," as many feeders do. If early pasturing is desired, winter rye or early rape gives admirable results. They must have access to this for only a short time each day at first as it contains very little substance and too sudden a change will result in digestive disorders. As this pasture becomes older and contains less water, they may be allowed to pasture freely on it, as it will tend to keep them in good health. This feed or pasture will take the place of turnips



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trouble. Timothy hay should not be fed as it does not produce the fat on the body and also lacks the tasty leaves and shoots of the leguminous hays. Two or three weeks after being shorn, when the sheep have become accustomed to the change, they should be given a few minutes exercise each day, increasing the period as the weather becomes milder.

During the spring an entirely different system of feeding and management will be found necessary. It is our desire to keep the sheep merely

which they were previously given and also allow to a certain extent, the ration of hay to be cut down.

The hot days of summer follow close upon the heels of the invigorating spring weather with its cool breezes. It is during the summer months that the shepherd must put a "finish" on the sheep, and to accomplish this, his ingenuity will be taxed to the utmost. Too many feeders force or overfeed their sheep and when they are brought into the ring, they are soft and flabby instead of having that firm fresh touch