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SHEEP CLEAN UP THE WEEDS

Present conditions have so magnified the value of sheep on the farm that there has been a great rush into this business. However, the reasons which prompt this movement have always existed and will continue to exist in the future.

That sheep are the most profitable animals kept on the farm in proportion to the net investment and labor involved is the unanimous opinion of those who have kept sheep. Sheep, unlike other farm animals except the dairy cow, produce two products each year, namely wool and lambs. With an average price for wool, a ewe will shear enough to pay for her maintenance for the year. Besides this she will produce one, two, and sometimes three lambs which are clear profit.

Sheep and lambs are well adapted to meat production, as they are perhaps the most economical producers of meat on the farm when it is considered that their ration consists for a large part, of weeds and roughages which would not only be wasted but would do harm to the crop if allowed to mature. Sheep thus convert this waste into a highly marketable product, rendering a double service and profit to the farmer.

Sheep are the only farm animals that can be termed weed destroyers, as other livestock eat weeds only in the absence of other more palatable feeds. Sheep on the other hand do not have to be forced to eat weeds, but out of their own choice a large part of their ration is made up of these plants. Sheep prefer young, succulent weeds free from spines and bristles, but when the plants are young sheep have even been known to consume Russian thistles. Woody, tough weeds are stripped of their leaves and seeds, causing death and preventing their reproduction. Sheep consume practically all kinds of weeds and in this respect perform an invaluable service to the farmer which, although often ignored, manifests itself in the neater, cleaner fields and in increased yields of crops and profit to the farmer.

Besides cleaning up weeds and converting them into mutton and wool, sheep play an important part in the fertility of the soil. Sheep add no fertility to the soil it is true, neither do they remove much, but they do transform fertility and distribute it about in such a way as to be very useful. Sheep manure ranks next to poultry dung in its value as a fertilizer. But besides its high fertility value, it is in a readily available form and when distributed over the fields in a manner as only sheep can scatter it, larger crop yields result. There is also less waste in sheep manure as it is spread directly on the fields practically the entire year by the animals themselves. One of the best evidences of the value of sheep as a factor in fertility is to note that in the Cheviot Hills where sheep have been herded for centuries and where no fertility has been applied more sheep are herded per acre than when the land was in its virgin state.—H. F. Walter, in American Sheep Breeder.

RETENTION OF THE "AFTER-BIRTH"

The expulsion of the foetal membranes, or after-birth as they are commonly called, may take place immediately after delivery or may be delayed for a variable period of time. In the case of the mare, the detachment of the membranes from the womb takes place rapidly, and they are usually soon expelled. In some cases the foal is born in the intact membranes. If the membranes are not expelled soon, or at least within ten hours after delivery of the foal, they should be carefully removed.

In the case of the cow, because of the multiple or cotyledonary attachment of the placenta, the after-birth is slowly detached and is not usually expelled until several hours after calving, and it is not unusual for it to be retained for a day or more. With cows, a day or two days in most cases may be allowed to elapse before removing the after-birth. Retention of the after-birth is exceedingly common among cows in herds where contagious abor-

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