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Tresent 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.

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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 joung, succulent weeds free from spines and bristles, but when the plants are young sheep have even 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

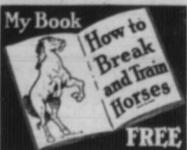
Besides cleaning up weeds and converting them into mutton and wool, sheep play an important part in the fertility of the soil. Sheep add no fertility to the soil it is true, neither do they remove much, but they do transform fertility and distribute it about in such a way as to be very useful. Sheep 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.

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