

MR. JONAS WEBB'S SHEEP SHOW.

It is again our pleasing duty to record the ovine triumphs of Mr. Jonas Webb, whose celebrity as a breeder of Southdowns has now become a historical fact. The Babraham sheep show of 1858 was held on Friday, the 16th ult., and notwithstanding several heavy showers which fell fast just before the commencement of business, there was a very large attendance of gentry and agriculturists. It could not be denied, however, that the rain detracted somewhat from the comfort of the visitors, to whom the Babraham show, and Mr. Webb's hospitable house and pleasant grounds, constitute an annual treat, all the more enjoyable when no umbrella intervenes between their eye-sight and the blue sky.

It would be supererogatory to enter now into the merits of the Babraham flock, which each succeeding year only serves to bring out in a stronger relief; let it suffice to say, that they have not deteriorated in the excellence of their quality; on the contrary they have improved, if it be possible to improve upon perfection. The letting took place in the usual paddock, in which tents had been erected as a protection against the rain. On this occasion the premier ram was hired for 75 guineas, the weight of his wool was 8lbs. 8oz.

The fleece of one animal weighed the enormous weight of 12 lb. 8 oz., the average weight of wool being about 8 lb.

The following is the highest price fetched at the last three lettings:—

1855	....	....	....	170	guineas.
1856	....	....	....	150	"
1857	....	....	....	197	"

and the accompanying list shows the number of rams let, and the average price per head for the last six years:—

Number Let.				Average Price.		
1852	....	69	....	£22	3	1
1853	....	71	....	22	6	3
1854	....	75	....	25	4	3
1855	....	77	....	25	15	2
1856	....	77	....	33	1	4½
1857	....	65	....	27	17	7½

This year the average figure was £21, a slight falling off, which may be accounted for by the state of the weather. Sixty-one sheep were let.

The company on the ground included visitors from almost every country and district where Mr. Webb's successes are known and appreciated; it were vain to attempt to give anything like a list of them.—*Cambridge Chronicle*.

THE PROBABLE YIELD OF THE LAST HARVEST.

To the Editor of the *Agriculturist*.

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SIR,—Having received one hundred returns from Municipalities and from private individuals, many of whom state that they have consulted other parties likely to give correct and truthful information, with regard to the probable yield of the crops of 1858, I am desirous of laying the result before the public, as it may be important to know what we are to expect with regard to the probable supply of grain, &c., in our markets this season, and thence the probable export as compared with other seasons.

The hundred returns are the united opinions of about five hundred of the most intelligent farmers, and have all the appearance of truthfulness.

They comprise fourteen from Lower Canada, from the Counties, and eighty-six from Upper Canada from thirty-six counties. Seven Lower Canada and three Upper Canada returns report that no winter wheat or very little is grown.

The average growth of the thirty-six winter wheat growing counties is only twelve bushels. That of forty-six spring wheat growing counties is 13½ bushels per acre.