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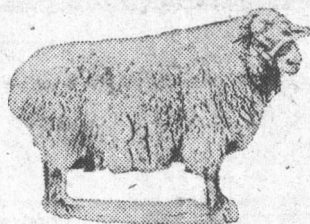
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NURSING EWES NEED A LIBERAL RATION

The importance of supplying nursing ewes a liberal ration is not as fully appreciated by sheepmen as it ought to be, writes a correspondent in Iowa Homestead. Most flock owners make a great mistake in not giving more attention to the feeding of their ewes during the nursing period. As soon as a ewe drops her lamb a heavy draft on her system begins that necessarily must be restored through a larger consumption of nutritious food. If this food is not supplied regularly to replace that which has been utilized for producing milk for the young the time must come when the supply will become reduced, not only in quality, but quantity as well.

The future of the lamb crop is largely determined by the start each individual is given. No better evidences of this can be given than instances in the flock where the ewes are poor milk producers and their progeny fall from the start to secure sufficient nourishment to supply the needs of their bodies. In every flock there are a few ewes



For some time the Arizona experiment station has been using the Tunis sheep, originally from the desert of north Africa. This heat hardy stock has been crossed with improved breeds in order to combine Tunisian constitution with better wool and mutton producing qualities. The types aimed at have begun to appear and seem to possess certain advantages for southern Arizona, including tolerance of hot weather, resistance to the sheep botfly, good ranging qualities and excellent reproductive powers, combined with better conformation and larger yield of mutton. It is expected that an improved farm animal for the region will finally result from this work. The Tunis ram shown is eight years old and is still alert and vigorous after long service at the station farm.

that are inferior milk producers, and unless they are carefully looked after and well fed they will fail to properly nurse their offspring during the nursing period. Ewes that are poor milk producers can be made, through good care, to nurse their progeny sufficiently to promote rapid development until the lambs are old enough to take supplementary nourishment.

There are also ewes in many flocks that are good milk producers for a few weeks after dropping their lambs, but gradually reduce their milk supply until the amount is much too small for the daily needs of their offspring. This

condition of affairs in the flock materially influences the quality and uniformity of the lamb crop and reduces the profits in sheep husbandry.

It is well to begin grain feeding the ewes lightly at first, as soon as they recover normal conditions, and gradually increase the ration as the lambs grow older and the ewes become accustomed to the supplementary ration. Corn is not a good feed for milking ewes, as it tends strongly toward heating the system. A ration compounded from oats, peas, bran and oil meal makes a very excellent ration for milking ewes. This ration is very high in protein and extremely low in carbohydrates and tends toward inducing a heavy flow of a high quality milk. Begin feeding very lightly on this ration at first, and as the ewes become accustomed to the feed gradually increase the amount to what the ewes will readily consume. If the pasture is very succulent it is an excellent practice to feed a little clover hay in the rack in the sheep barn during the spring months to counteract the laxative effect of the early grass.

Open Shed Feeding of Steers.

As a result of seven years of experimenting at the Pennsylvania station the conclusion was reached that an open shed boarded up close on three sides and kept well bedded at all times is more efficient for fattening steers than the basement of a barn. During the winter of 1909-10 the cattle fed in an open shed made more rapid gains, attained a higher finish, sold for 15 cents more a hundred pounds and returned 11.6 cents more for each bushel of corn consumed than similar steers fed in barns. They also required less labor in feeding, and more straw was used in bedding. Results of previous work show that cattle which are fed in groups of ten or twelve each, with ample room at manger and troughs, make more satisfactory gains than similar cattle tied in stanchions. In shed feeding the opening should be to the south, and sides and roof should be tight, permitting no drafts.—Country Gentleman.

Scours in Lambs.

Garret in the ewe is claimed to be the cause of white scours in the lamb. This is prevented by milking from the udder daily the milk not required by the lamb. To cure scouring in lambs give eight to ten drops of tincture of opium in a little milk. If the lambs bleat about and appears dull instead of playful, one may suspect constipation, which often kills these delicate creatures. To relieve it inject into the rectum a tablespoonful of warm, soapy water in which is a very little olive oil.

Native Meeting Places in Sumatra.

Every district of importance in the towns of Sumatra possesses a balei, or native meeting place, which the Dutch regard visits periodically in order to discuss with his subordinates the affairs of the district. These Sumatran equivalents of a county council hall are very quaint and are decorated with beautiful inlaid work at the ends and a tapering roof of fine palm, ornamented with bright brass-work, which glitters in the sun, setting it off most picturesquely against a background of tall coconut trees and a forest of rich tropical plants. A space is left between the ground and flooring, the reason of which is obvious, for in the tropics during the rainy season the inhabitants are often visited with floods, so in order to safeguard themselves in such an emergency most of the buildings are erected on stilts.—Wide World Magazine.

A "View" in New York.

I heard some one decanting about her view. She said one thing she'd always hated in New York was not having a view and now she had one. She took me up to see it. "Well, where is it?" said I, looking out of the window. "Why, there and there!" said she. "Don't you see how I see over that roof to the next one and down in the street to the mail box and overhead to that bit of sky?" I said, oh, yes, and how nice it was that she had it. It's really pathetic when somebody thinks that what she showed me was a view!—Jane Stone in New York Press.

A King and His Doctors.

It is said that Ardasher, the king of the Persians, never permitted a physician to prescribe for him until he had him stung by a viper. If he was able to heal himself he gave him his daily food, and the physician entered his service.—The Orient.

Flattered.

Ethel—Jack asked Miss Passeligh last night how old she was. Edith—Did she get angry? Ethel—No. She was flattered. You see, she felt she must look young or he'd never have dared.—Boston Transcript.

How It Grows.

Until a man does something noteworthy the little bunch of whiskers on his chin is described as a "goatee." After he achieves eminence it is referred to as an "Imperial."—Philadelphia

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