

About 25% of the breeders state that they have not dipped at all, but they nearly all admit its advisability. Of those who do, a few dip once a year, immediately after shearing, and the remainder dip twice, after shearing and before the cold weather in the fall. The following kinds of dip have been used: McDougald's Highland, Little's, Cooper's, Royal Purple, and Creolin. All breeders report satisfaction.



COMMENCING TO SHEAR

A few breeders prefer to have the lambs come early, the latter part of March and the first part of April being suggested as the most suitable dates. Several prefer to have the lamb dropped from the middle of April to the first of May. The majority, however, prefer to have them come from the 1st to the 10th of May. Those who prefer early lambs state emphatically that warmer and more expensive buildings are required when early lambs are raised.

Most breeders report 11c for unwashed wool; a few report 9c and 10c, and one or two report 16½c. The average is slightly over 11c net. One breeder who puts his wool up in good shape realized 16½c net last year. This is an argument for the better care of wool.

When reporting upon the advantages of sheep upon the farm, about 90% of the breeders emphasize their usefulness as weed destroyers. About 50% of them say that they are the most profitable animal upon