

SHEEP PROFITABLE FOR EVERY FARM.

A gray whiskered farmer stood admiring the sheep that were exhibited at one of the state fairs. After awhile he was moved to this remark: "How much cleaner would be the farms if every farmer had at least a dozen or fifteen of these things! They would eat up the trash every farm ought to get rid of, and it would be converted into a profit instead of remaining as a curse on the farm." Every farmer expressed those as his sentiments, but every farmer went home with no more idea of getting sheep than he had before, says the Iowa Homestead.

We are often at a loss to understand why so many farmers talk sheep, but do not keep them. Mention sheep to almost any man and he'll say, "We all ought to keep some to clean up the weeds," but when it comes to getting and keeping them scarcely any one makes that kind of a move. The people seem to be great on talking the virtues of sheep, but the talk is seldom if ever followed out in practice.

There are two reasons why sheep are not more plentiful on the average farm—fences are not good enough to



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hold sheep and the mud is frequently fatal at lambing time. There are many farms, of course, where there is no mud, even if the soil is of that nature that makes mud whenever it rains. The gravelly or rocky knoll makes the ideal sheep yard, and here the lambs can be taken care of very well. As to fences, they can be made, and more farms are being fenced hog tight every year, which also means sheep tight.

After a time we may be raising more sheep than now. Sheep raising is a new thing to almost every prairie state farmer, and as long as cattle and hogs prove money makers and furnish all the choring the average man cares to do there is no likelihood of any radical change. Every farmer recognizes the weed killing habits of sheep, however, and knows that it would be better for his farm on this account to keep a few of them around, yet the bother of keeping a few at times in the year when they must be sheltered and fed seems to keep many from establishing in this profitable line of stock raising.

Silage For Horses.

It seems probable that deaths reported from feeding silage to horses have generally, if not always, been caused by moldy silage. Those who have had encouraging results with it have always fed good sweet silage made from fairly mature corn. In some of the fatal cases it is known that the silage contained some mold. The trouble is that it is next to impossible to be certain that an occasional spot of mold does not get into the silage which is fed, as small moldy places often occur in the silage even in the center of the silo and are frequent near the edges. Horses are particularly subject to the baneful effects of any deleterious substance in the feed, and their high values prompt caution.

All Dairy Breeds Good.

The battle of the dairy breeds still goes on, but the views regarding the quality of the breeds and their adaptations are becoming more sane. It is now coming to be more and more recognized that there is a place for all the breeds of dairy cows and that that place is not quite the same for each. Thus the Ayrshire does particularly well in climates a little stern. The Holsteins do well where much milk is wanted. So of the others. Each will best fill a niche that is a little different from that filled by the others.

Irregular Milk Flow.

Some cows will start out with a big flow of milk and then dry up in four or five months. Others will milk the year round. Weighing every milking and testing the milk from each cow once a month or oftener will not only furnish the dairy farmer with the facts that are necessary in his business, but will lead to an investigation of the causes of irregularity in milk flow as well as to better care of the cattle.

Banish the Deadheads.

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