

Stock.

STOCK NOTES.

As the ewe advances in pregnancy she takes less exercise. Still she should be compelled to take some, as no exercise means a softening of the muscles, and a tendency to excessive fat.

The sheep is the only animal on the farm that feeds and clothes the farmer, and if perchance, death overtakes it before the farmer calls for its carcass, it never dies in debt.

By the time cool weather comes on—that is to say by the time the first heavy frost comes, the breeding ewes should be in good condition and from that time on they should be kept in good or fair condition by adding suitable food to the failing pastures.

Absolute cleanliness is hardly a possible condition in a pig pen, but there is a wide difference between a very filthy, unwholesome hog and one that is but slightly offensive; and if we wish to secure good paying customers for our pork we will find it profitable to keep our pigs in reasonably clean quarters.

A good sized, well formed body, properly covered with wool, is certainly more profitable than an ill formed or under-sized carcass can be, no matter how good the fleece may be. Paying bodies, as well as paying fleeces, will be required from this time forward to render sheep husbandry profitable.

Mathematical Breeding.

An exchange says: "A heifer from a cow making 300 pounds of butter a year by a sire from a family habitually making 400 pounds yearly may fairly be expected to become a cow that will make 300 pounds a year. This may be true in every instance, but it will generally be closely approximated."

Make Them Fat.

Scarcity of feed often induces the farmer to market the stock before they are as fat as they should be in order to secure the best prices. Buyers are always more particular when prices are low, because a very small profit at best can only be made, and stock not in the best marketable condition are sure to sell lower, less in proportion than the farmer is inclined to quite bid.

hogs or cattle. But the loss to the individual farmer alone who sells before his stock is ready, is not the only loss. The sending of so many head of stock to market that are not in a good marketable condition, aids very materially in lowering prices not only of this but of all kinds of stock in the market, so that every farmer who is feeding stock for market is interested.

What Angora Goats Eat.

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