

**Keeping up the Mutton Flock.**  
Often I have noticed that the flock owners are willing to let their growing ewe lambs go on the market and keep the culs that the buyer would throw back. There is no harm in this if the entire ewe flock is sold every year and an entire new one bought. But if you keep the same flock of breeding ewes from year to year and sell your best ewe lambs, you will soon have a flock of very poor quality, no matter if the foundation was of select ewes. By always adding the culs to the breeding stock they will soon become a small, weak lot, light shearers, of weak constitution and light milkers. A lamb from a light milker never makes a great big heavy carcassed sheep, for in breeding any kind of sheep, pure bred or grades, mutton from form must be what we all strive for.

Do you in selecting your seed corn feed and sell all the nice full ears and save the nubbins for seed? No, you don't.

Nine times out of ten ewe lambs out of heavy milking eyes will be heavy milkers themselves. Then why not reserve the ewe lambs whose dams are heavy milkers?

Next select the ewe lambs from the large, heavy-carcassed ewes, for is not the block the final test? See that the ewes have broad, deep bodies, short necks, short broad faces, legs strong and well-fleshed down.

Next see that the strong milking, heavy carcassed ewes have fleeces of good length, density and quality. Under no condition whatever keep a ewe lamb whose dam is a "bare belly," no wool on belly.

By observing the following and by using a good ram, grand flocks, be they pure bred or grades, can be built up in a few years from sometimes a poor foundation. First, select out all the best ewe lambs from the strong milking ewes; second, select from this lot the lambs from the heavy carcassed ewes as described above; third, from this last lot select the lambs from the ewes that are heavy shearers as described above.

If the flock be poor in quality, the first two years there will not be very many ewe lambs to keep out, but by selecting the best ewe lambs as described above and using a good ram, every year, you will in a few years have more good ewe lambs than you want to keep. One might say, if I buy a ram that would sire good milkers all my work would be for nothing. To get around this question, in pure bred flocks, the same as grade flocks, most generally the best lambs come from the strongest milking ewes, therefore in buying a ram do not buy a cul, for nine times out of ten a cul's dam is a poor milker. —J. Donald Green, in Farm and Stock.

Wild horses are increasing in number very rapidly in the national forests in Nevada and some of the other states, and the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture finds the problem of dealing with these horses a very serious one. At one time a law was enacted in Nevada which allowed any person to shoot wild horses, but it resulted in the shooting of many branded horses. The United States Forest Service has no authority to kill the wild horses ranging in the forest reserves. The officers have the right to drive the horses out of the reserve, but in the case of wild horses which have no owner this does little good and the Forest

Service wishes to devise some method of cooperating with stockmen in getting rid of this growing nuisance.

#### Skim Milk for Chickens.

At the Indiana Experiment Station two lots of growing chickens were allowed all the food they would eat, consisting of crushed corn, ground oats and bran, cracked bone, cabbage and lettuce. One lot was given in addition all the skim milk they would drink. The chickens in this lot made an average gain of 4.46 ounces each per week, while those that did not receive skim milk made an average gain of 2.62 ounces per week.

#### Making Up to the Cook.

Smith — "Excuse me, Jones, but may I ask you how you manage to have such delicious things to eat?"

Jones — "It's quite simple. I always kiss the cook before dinner and hold her on my knee after dinner."

Smith — "But what does your wife say?"

Jones — "Oh, she doesn't object. She's the cook."

Low prices of an article tend to develop new markets. This is happening this year with cherries in Oregon. Tilson & Co., of Salem, have pitted and packed in syrup in barrels many tons of cherries for a big pie-manufacturing company in New York. If these give satisfaction, as they probably will, a valuable new outlet for our cherries will have been found.

The Allen cannery, at Eugene, has packed 9000 cases of Royal Ann cherries this year against 6000 cases last year. The total output of canned cherries for this season from the cannery is said by the Guard to have amounted to 250 tons. The large season's operations was due to the arrangement with the Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association.

The Umpqua Valley News reports that Hon. George M. Brown expects a crop of 6000 boxes of apples from his ten-year-old orchard of fifteen acres, or 750 tons. The varieties are Yellow Newtown, Spitzenberg and Baldwin. The orchard has always received firstclass care.

Sixty-one carloads of peaches, pears and plums were shipped east from Sacramento, Cal., July 21. This is said to have beaten all previous records for a single day's shipments from that state. The next highest record was 49 cars for one day in 1902.

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