# LIVE STOCK

## Breeding Ewe's Fleece Pays for Maintenance

With fair prices for wool, a breeding ewe almost pays with her fleece for her maintenance during the year, and her one, two, or even three, lambs are a net profit to her owner, the sheep men at Cornell say. Sheep also require less labor than other farm animals, they declare, especially during the busy summer months, less outlay for shelter, and less feed to produce a pound of gain than the average for other live stock. They eat nearly all common weeds and their manure is more valuable than that of any other farm animals except poultry. Spreading the manure more evenly on pasture than by any method man has been able to devise, sheep build up and improve the land which feeds them.

A good shepherd, however, learns by experience, and his life is by no means all roses. The sheep specialist of the State College of Agriculture, in his talks with shepherds about the state, finds that farmers who keep even a few sheep welcome help in making the most of their flocks.

A new study course in sheep and wool production prepared at the college collects the experiences of successful sheepmen all over the state; those who take it not only exchange experiences but also have the results of scientific study in New York and other states.

The course is free to any resident of New York state, the only requirement being that he must have animals to work with, on either his own or a nearby farm. As in the other study courses from the college, those who take this one send in written reports of their own work which are returned with suggestions and ideas gained from scientific study and from meeting and corresponding with other sheep men all over the state, yet adapted to each individual.

## Stunted Colt Can Never Overcome Loss in Winter

The high price of grain is cheating many young colts which are bred right of their ability to develop. It is admitted by everyone that the growth attained in the first year of a horse's life determines his final size. Colts stunted during the first winter can never make up the loss. Most colts do well as long as they are sucking. Too often they are taken off the dam and placed in a pasture which has been picked over all summer. Colts are entitled to a chance when they first come off the dams and if the first pasture into which they are placed is not fresh, it should be supplemented with a bite of hay in the evening. Grain will bring a greater return fed to colts during their first year than fed to any other class of stock. Teach them to eat it when running with the mares, by using a colt creep, through which the youngsters will have access to a feed box, but which will keep out the mares. If salt is placed outside the creep, the mothers will be attracted thereto and the colts assured of an occasional chance to nibble at the grain in the boxes. As they grow older they will become more independent and go further from their dams to reach the creep. To produce a finished horse of the maximum weight this grain feeding must be continued the whole of the first winter and up to the time when green grass appears.

## Practical Farmers Dock Lambs to Prevent Filth

A number of farmers seem to be unable to fathom the reason for docking young lambs, and quite a few questions have been asked G. P. Williams, sheep field agent for the North Carolina State college and department of agriculture, as to the need for this practice.

Mr. Williams says that most of the farmers who ask this question have never cut the tails from their lambs and can't understand why it should be done. He explains, however, that the docking of lambs was not started by any experiment station or agricultural college. "Before any agricultural college was ever established," he says, "practical farmers docked their lambs to keep them free from filth and from soiling the wool. Whenever sheep are raised now in a commercial way the lambs are always docked to prevent their accumulating this filth and becoming untidy."

Mr. Williams states that the tail of a sheep serves no practical purpose anyway, and that the wool from the tail is of an inferior quality and has a large percentage of worthless hair mixed up with the commercial fiber. When the tail is cut off at one week of age the lamb hardly notices the operation and suffers much less than he would if allowed to carry around a filthy tail for a number of years.

## Barley Profitable for Feeding Herd of Swine

Hogs do well on barley. Some have thought that barley contains enough more protein than corn so that tankage or other protein feed is not necessary. While barley does contain 20 per cent more digestible protein than corn, yet it does not contain enough more so that the supplemental protein feed may be left out of the fattening hog's ration. In one experiment it required 350 pounds of corn and 34 of tankage to make 100 pounds' gain.


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## Warns Against Using Imported Clover Seed

### Experiments Show Many Plants Winter-Killed.

Warning against the sowing of imported red clover seed in Minnesota is being given by Minnesota experiment station men. Their attitude is based on the results of experiments started at University farm in 1922 when seedings were made with red clover, furnished by the bureau of plant industry, from leading seed-producing states in this country and from all the foreign countries from which seed is imported. The following winter was mild, but despite that fact from 24.6 to 93.8 per cent of the plants grown from seed from Finland, Poland, Bohemia, northern Germany, Holland, Hungary, Australia, France, Wales, Chile and Italy were winter-killed. The plots from seed produced in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Idaho and Saskatchewan showed only 8.3 per cent winter-killing.

"The stands on the plots where seed from Wales, France, Chile and Italy was sown averaged less than 20 per cent in every instance, and no cuttings of hay were made," says A. C. Arny, who is in charge of farm crops at the Minnesota station. "Where the winter-killing averaged from 40 to 60 per cent, cuttings of hay were made, but the yields were small. Where the winter-killing was 20 to 30 per cent the yields were reduced materially."

Because of the shortage of red clover seed in the United States, the supply being only about 45 per cent of the normal, the importation of large quantities of seed from Chile, France and Italy is forecast. "None of this imported seed should come into the northern tier of states," says Mr. Arny. "And, further, farmers and seedsmen in these northern states should see that none of the seed produced at home is shipped out until it is definitely known that all home needs have been taken care of."

## Winter Garden Work Is Big Relief in Spring

If the work that may be done in winter is taken care of the work in the spring when we are rushed will trouble us much less. Trash and old stalks of tomatoes and potatoes should be gathered and burned or made into a compost heap. Manure should be spread, and the earlier the better if it is at all fresh, though rotted manure is better spread nearer time when the plowing is to be done in the spring. Then when soil is dry enough and frost is out of the ground any time after New Year the ground may be plowed and it will settle enough to be just right for planting. Seeds will germinate much more certainly and grow off better in a fairly firm soil, and plowed soil will dry out after spring rains and may be worked without loss of this vital time when seeds must be planted for early garden. If all this work is out of the way, the garden tools bright and well sharpened, trellis material all ready to put in place, stakes for things needing them, and poles for the beans and peas all handy, things will move smoothly and we will avoid the discomfort of having the work behind and crowding us, while weeds shout for joy, and crusts form to dissipate the moisture.

## Examples Proving Value of Silo on Dairy Farms

There are so many thousands of examples which prove the value of the silo that it is difficult to select. However, here is one which should be considered by dairy farmers. Some fourteen years ago a cow-testing association was started in a county in a middle-western state. It was a new and unheard-of work to most of the farmers, but they bravely went into the enterprise and a systematic report was kept of some 21 herds. At the end of the year a complete report was made and in it a table was given showing the profit from herds where silage was fed and from those that did not receive silage. The monthly profit per cow in the silage group was $5.22 and in the non-silage group was $2.95. This would make a difference of $29.04 for the silage cow above the non-silage cow, or for a herd of twenty cows the increased profit in feeding silage would be $580.80. This saving was made at a time when dairy products were much cheaper than they are today. The saving refers only to the milking herd, and silage was fed to dry cows, heifers, calves, bulls and horses.

## Moldy Sweet Clover Hay Proves Fatal to Cattle

Some deaths from feeding sweet clover hay have been reported from the northwest states. Professor Walster of North Dakota states that in every case investigated it was found that the cattle had been fed moldy hay. Lesions similar to those found in anthrax accompany poisoning with moldy sweet clover hay. He says there is no danger when the hay is free from mold.

## Find Actual Plant Food in a Ton of Fertilizer

Plant food costs less in high-analysis fertilizers than in low-analysis fertilizers despite the higher ton price of the former. Figures compiled by the state chemist of Pennsylvania show that the actual plant food in a ton of fertilizer analyzing 17.09 per cent cost $3.06 less than in a ton analyzing 12.47 per cent plant food.


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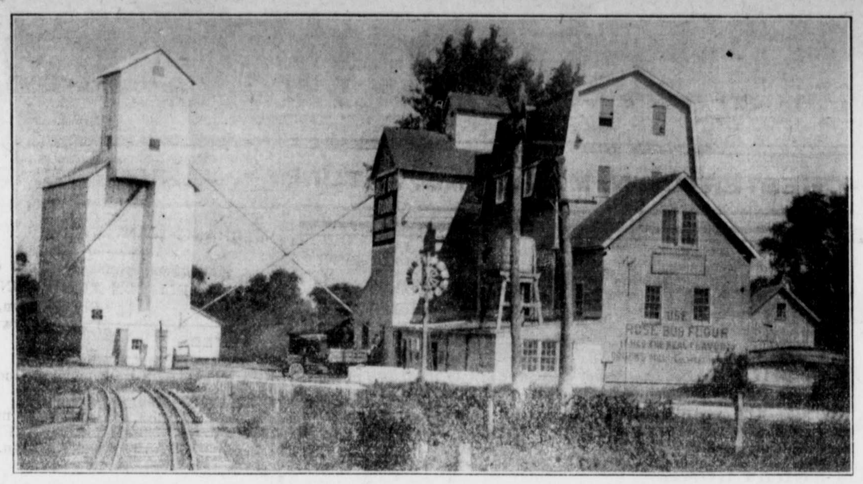
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### MILLINGTON

Mr. Harvy Poore moved this week from the Spayd farm, near town, to Clayton. Mr. Emory Everett moved from his home on South Crane St. to the Spayd farm and Mr. Walter Kulley moved from the Emory farm, near town to the Emory Everett house. Mrs. Anor Wooleyhand has taken an apartment with Mr. Howard Anthony and Mr. F. C. Wooleyhand moved from the Embert farm in Queen Anne's county to the Ahern house, vacated by Mrs. Wooleyhand. Mr. Leonard Robinson moved from the Owen house on East Cypress St. to Crumpton and Mr. Lewis Starkey moved from the Johnson farm, near Massey, to the Owen house, vacated by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Franklin Stevens, of Darby Pa., was the guest last week of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stevens.

Mrs. John G. Moore spent Christmas day with her daughter, Mrs. Hurlock Gale, near Black.

Mrs. Harry Higman and two Children, James and Marjory, spent the past ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Booth of Media, Pa.

Mrs. C. B. Dudley, of Baltimore is the guest of Mrs. S. S. Comegys.

Mrs. L. A. Hurtt spent the past ten days with relatives in Wilmington, Delaware.

Miss Elva Reese of Washington, D. C spent the past two weeks with her parents Mr, and Mrs. William Reese.

The ladies bridge club was entertained last Tuesday evening by Mrs. Dudley Roe at her home in Sudlersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Bailey, of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Sloans of Elkton, Md., visited the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Bailey, last week.

Miss Elizabeth Stevens of philadelphia spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs, Charles Stevens, near town.

Mrs. Norman Higman, of near town, visited her mother Mrs. Lizzie Cox of near Roberts last week.

Miss Elizabeth Mobrey returned last Sunday to Washington, D. C., after spending Christmas at her home near town, and was accompanied by her sister, Miss Agnes, who will make her future home in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs Ernest Radnor and two little daughters, Louise and Helen, of near Wilmington, were guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loper.

Mrs. Spencer Stevens spent Thursday of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brice near Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Moffett of Chester, Pa,, were guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John pelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vansant and little son, of Marcus Hook, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Everett, last week.

Miss Juliet Stevens, of Sudlersville, visited her aunt, Mrs. S. G. Wiest, last eek.


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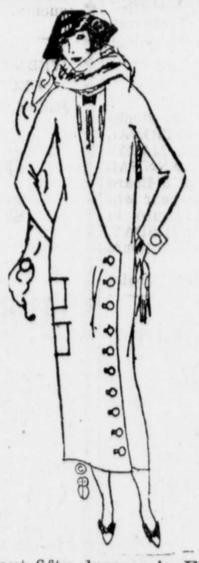
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