

**SHEEP BREEDS.**

A Description of the Various Breeds by an Experiment Station.

**Rorwell Record.**

The Maine Agricultural Bulletin No. 9 gives the following descriptions of the various breeds of sheep, which will be of interest to the hundreds of men now going into the business:

The Merino is described as a small boned sheep, of medium size and compact form, with somewhat light shoulders and chest. The weight of the ewes will average from 60 to 70 pounds. They are remarkable for the large amount of very fine wool which they yield. The Rambouillet is a branch of the Merinos. Their wool is coarser in fiber than the Merino, and they are not thought as hardy.

The Oxford Downs are a comparatively new breed, produced by a course of cross breeding of Cotswolds and Hampshires, with an occasional mixture of Southdown blood. An English authority says: "The Oxford Downs should have a nice dark color, the poll well covered with wool, adorned with a topknot on the forehead; a good fleece of wool, not too curly; a well formed barrel; on short, dark legs, not gray or spotted, with good, firm mutton." They are decidedly the largest of all the Down breeds, cut more wool and of a longer staple.

The Southdowns have a close set fleece of fine wool, faces and legs of a dusky brown color, necks slightly arched, limbs short, with broad and compact body. They will subsist on light pasturage, but do better when well fed, mature very early and are hardy and prolific, often producing two at a birth—a popular breed for the production of early lambs.

The Shropshires partake of the general characteristics of the Southdown, but considerably heavier in fleece and body. They are called the most prolific of all breeds.

The Hampshire Downs resemble the Southdowns, but are very much larger. They have a good constitution, are hardy and fatten on smaller amount of food than some other breeds, mature early and are good wool bearers, the fleece usually weighing from five to six pounds; they do well in large flocks, which long woolled varieties do not, and are valuable for crossing with native breeds and grades.

The Cotswold is the most popular of the long woolled class in the United States; they resemble the Leicesters in appearance, but are larger and have considerable wool upon the forehead, while the Leicesters are nearly bare-faced. They have not appeared to do as well in some sections of Maine as have the Downs, though some very good ones are on the fine grazing sections of Aroostook county.

The Chinaman, it is said, can write all day, work all day, stand in one position all day, weave, beat gold, carve ivory, do infinitely tedious jobs and discover no more weariness and irritation than if he were a machine.

A pig's tail is said to unerringly indicate the condition of the animal. If it hangs loose, it shows that the pig is not well, and that its food should be changed. If it be coiled tightly, the pig is healthy and happy.

The value of all classes of farm animals in the United States January 1, 1898 was \$150,000,000 greater than the year before.

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From the Eddy Argus.

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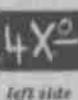
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