

SHEEP DESTROY WEEDS

There are a number of farmers in the county who might be classed as "sheep ranchers". It is quite evident upon examination of these farms that sheep do help to destroy weeds. It seems too bad that more of the owners of idle farms are not able to make use of sheep for weed control.

One can only conclude that there are hundreds of acres of grass being wasted in Halton County every year.

When there is an abundance of juicy grasses, it can hardly be said that weeds are favored by sheep as a staple part of their diet. They will, however, even when good pasture is provided, vary their diet by nipping off seedling plants, and even the bloom, which contains a sweetness of many of our common weeds.

When pasture becomes in short supply, sheep will feed readily on Wild Mustard and Ox-Eye Daisy, Plantain, Sow Thistle, Lamb's Quarters, Milkweed and Shepherd's Purse. In fact, there are few weeds that sheep will not eat, to the extent of preventing seeding.

At a tittle when grass pasture is bhusually scarce, sheep will actually feed on plants having leaves and stems covered with bristly haits and spines, or with a flavor that is obnoxious to them. They have been known to eat such weeds as Ragweed, Blueweed, Mullen, Canada Thistle and others that are bristly or have a pungent flavor.

A sheep ranching program, combined with adequate fertiliation and periodic clipping, can be a profitable farm operation.

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