

Amsterdam.

Pepper - writing in 1903 Sheep

p. 35. "The Navajo herdsmen are particularly careful about keeping their sheep from crossing with the merinos of the Mexicans as they realize that the Merino wool cannot be washed or bleached and that the use of the wool in its natural state causes unsightly streaks in the blankets."

Govt. officials brought in Rambouillet sheep to improve sheep. It is a good meat producer able to range in Navaho Country, but weavers do not like the wool for weaving. This has been part of the cause for decadence of Navaho weaving. Difficult to wash - to card - to spin.

Cornedale tried in Shoshone region but did not prove of value - poor ranger - not hardy. Hampshire, black face, well liked for meat & lamb production but poor wool producer.

Staples took some Navaho to the Denver Stock Show ¹⁹³² to let them choose a breed for improving flocks. They agreed on the Dorset.

(look up further information on this p. 201 Amsterdam. very interesting)

J.W. Jones says Oraibi brought
merinos to Rio Grande Valley
p. 12.