

In 1936 the Department of Agriculture commenced a ~~praxxxxx~~ project to produce a type of sheep to meet the various requirements demanded by both sheep and wool buyers and the weavers. The old type Navaho sheep possessed certain good qualities; hardiness, ability to survive on the reservation pastures, and particularly good long staple wool which was relatively free of ~~greasex~~ oil and was very suitable for the type of weaving done by the Navaho crafts^{women}men. Opposed to these good qualities were the poor ones; poor meat, and light fleeces. This project of the Dept. of Agriculture was located at Fort Wingate and is known as the Sheep Laboratory. During the more than twenty five years since its inception, the Department has succeeded in fulfilling its purpose, to improve the mutton conformation, ^{to} retain the hardiness of the sheep, ^{and} to keep the fine weaving quality of the wool; ^{which has been improved} ~~and improve it.~~ The quality of wool has even been improved.

During the time that the Bureau of Indian Affairs was working with the project, they were ^{also endeavoring to interest} ~~also working~~ with the Navaho ~~to interest them~~ in improving their flocks. To accomplish this, it was necessary to keep these new sheep separated from other stock, and this proved to be a very difficult ~~thingxxx~~ matter to accomplish. Wherever Navaho breeders would agree to this program, they were given three bucks of this new breed. But the bureau was unable to continue this added program ^{and} ~~as a matter of fact~~ the Navaho ^{so far have not had} ~~seemed to have~~ ^{sufficient} ~~little~~ interest in it. But the Laboratory is still in existence, ^{ing} furnished bucks to a few Navaho and Zuni sheep breeders. At the present time the Project has some 1000 ~~sheepx~~ head of this new breed.

~~There was a time when some traders and the B.I.A. introduced~~ Rambouillet stock which by now has deteriorated into a poor quality.

From this stock produced by the Experimental Lab. the wool is sold to the Arts and Crafts Guild, but its cost seems to deter

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