

Merino, there seems a possibility that the claim of some breeders that fine-wool sheep are not so prolific as their heavier-bodied cousins may soon need some modification.

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While the item of possible increase in numbers of sheep was being discussed at the late meeting of Missouri wool growers at Sedalia, three remarkable instances were mentioned, the parties named being present and responsible for the statements. W. Z. Darr, Carrollton, Mo., owned a Cotswold ewe, served by a Merino ram, the result being, this spring, five lambs—three males, two females—all now living. V. T. Chilton, Smithton, Mo., had from a full-blood Merino ewe, in 1881, five lambs, of which four lived, two of each sex. Samuel Jewett, Independence, Mo., stated that in the spring of 1881 a grade ewe, served by a Merino ram, dropped four lambs, all of which died. As the preponderating blood, in all these instances, was