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INTRODUCTION

The mountainous ranges of the West are commonly used during the summer and have been used in this manner since the settlement of white men over a century ago. Many of these ranges have been mis-managed and are in poor condition. The productivity of these ranges greatly affects the economy of the nation; thus, if ranges in poor condition have a nutritive value lower than ranges in good condition, it results in an economic loss. Little work has been done to determine the nutritive value of mountainous summer ranges in good condition compared to similar ranges in poor condition.

This study was conducted to make the following comparisons between good and poor condition ranges grazed at two intensities:

1. The current year's production of forage,

2. The botanical composition of the diet of sheep,

3. The chemical content of the diets,

4. The digestibility of the ingested forage, and

5. The total daily forage consumption and nutritive intake of sheep.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Considerable research has been done to classify ranges into condition classes, but little work has been done to determine the nutritive content and digestibility of forage consumed on ranges in different conditions, or the effect of grazing intensity upon the nutritive content and digestibility of the forage.

Cook et al. (1953, 1962) and Piper et al. (1959) found that the nutrient content of herbage on desert ranges in good condition compared to ranges in poor condition depended upon the species composition. With a similar degree of utilization, the nutrients in herbage on poor range were as highly digested as the nutrients in herbage on good range. More intensive grazing decreased the daily intake of forage and the content of the more desirable nutrients in the forage. Digestibility of the nutrients in the forage consumed also decreased with more intensive grazing. Cook et al. (1962) found that where the same amount of forage was allowed per animal unit on good and poor range, the overall use was never as high on poor ranges as on good ranges.

Cook and Harris (1950a), Gobel and Cook (1960), and Humphrey (1949) reported that ranges in supposedly good condition produce at or near their maximum potential, whereas poor ranges produce less than their potential. Obvious changes which occur when ranges deteriorate from good to poor condition are changes in species composition and plant density (Klemmedson, 1956; Short and Woolfolk, 1956; Stewart et al., 1940; Parker, 1954; Reid and Pickford, 1946).

Renner and Johnson (1942) and Hutchings (1954) stated that poor

ranges had a greater number of plants low in nutritive value than good ranges, however, Gobel and Cook (1960) found that many species that were abundant on poor ranges were as nutritious as the species found on good ranges and in some cases were higher in nutritive content.

On the mountainous summer range of northern Utah, Cook and Harris (1950b) found that lignin increased with plant maturity and that phosphorus decreased. Forbes and Garrigus (1950) found that digestible organic matter was closely associated with lignin content of the forage and as the lignin increased, digestible organic matter decreased.

Cook et al. (1961), working with wet and dry ewes, reported that the digestiblity of the forage on the summer range in northern Utah decreased somewhat from July 10 to September 21. The nutrient content of the diet varied widely from one study area to another. On all study areas forbs produced more forage than grasses but somewhat less than browse, and were intermediate in percent of the diet. On some areas grass made up the major portion of the diet and on other areas browse made up most of the diet.

DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

The region is typical mountainous summer range grazed by cattle and sheep. Overgrazing and grazing too early in the spring has resulted in changes in the species composition of some areas compared to adjoining protected areas. Less palatable, undesirable species are more predominant on the unprotected ranges than on the protected ranges.

The average annual precipitation for the areas is about 30 inches with about one-fourth of it coming during the growing season. The majority of the precipitation is in the form of snow during the winter months. Maximum temperatures of 80 to 90 F are reached during the summer. Frost occurs frequently during June and during the latter part of August and September. All of the study areas except area 1 were at approximately 7,000 feet elevation. Area 1 was located at 6,000 feet elevation.

There were many species of grasses, forbs, and browse on the study areas. On the sagebrush-grass areas the primary grass species were <u>Poa</u> <u>secunda</u>,¹ <u>Poa fendleriana, Festuca idahoensis, Agropyron smithii, Agropyron inerme, Stipa lettermani, Hesperochloa kingii, Agropyron trachycaulum, and Koeleria cristata. The major forbs present were <u>Microseris</u> <u>nutans, Allium acuminatum, Phlox gracilis, Achillea lanulosa, Lupinus</u> <u>laxiflorus, Eriogonum heracleoides, Aster chilensis, subsp. adscendens,</u> <u>Arenaria congesta, Senecio integerrimus, Astragalus miser var. decumbens</u>, and <u>Cordylanthus ramosus</u>. The major browse species were <u>Artemisia cana</u>,</u>

¹ Common names are listed in appendix.

Artemisia arbuscula, Artemisia tridentata, Artemisia nova, Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus, Tetradymia canescens, Purshia tridentata, and Symphoricarpos vaccinioides.

On the aspen areas the major species of grasses were <u>Bromus carin-</u> <u>atus</u>, <u>Poa pratensis</u>, and <u>Agropyron subsecundum</u>. The major forbs were <u>Cynoglossum officinale</u>, <u>Thalictrum fendleri</u>, <u>Sidalcea neomexicana</u>, <u>Lupinus laxiflorus</u>, <u>Achillea lanulosa</u>, <u>Wyethia amplexicaulis</u>, <u>Taraxacum</u> <u>officinale</u>, <u>Vicia americana</u>, and <u>Viola vallicola</u>. The major browse species was <u>Symphoricarpos vaccinioides</u>.

METHODS AND PROCEDURES

Seven study areas were selected on the Cache National Forest and adjoining private ranges where the ranges on opposite sides of existing fences were in distinctly different conditions. Areas 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 were in the sagebrush-grass type and areas 3 and 5 were in the aspen type. Ranges on the protected side were classified as good condition range and those on the deteriorated side were classified as poor condition range. Areas 1, 2, and 3 were classified according to the method used by the U. S. Forest Service (1962) and areas 4, 5, 6, and 7 were classified according to the two-phase method currently being used by the Bureau of Land Management (1957). The study was conducted through the summer grazing seasons of 1961 and 1962, from mid-June to early September.

A 10-day digestion trial was run on each of the areas. The areas were fenced with equal volumes of herbage on each side, allowing enough so that the first five days would represent light use and the second five days would represent moderate to heavy use. Since the degree of utilization varied with each trial, the two intensities of utilization will be referred to as period one and period two. The individual areas ranged in size from $2\frac{1}{5}$ to 5 acres.

Herbage production was calculated by the method used by Edlefsen et al. (1960). Plots 5 feet square were located along transects throughout the area, and the average cover per plot determined for all species present. The air dry weight per one-fourth square foot of cover was determined by clipping from 30 to 50 such units of each species. Production per plot was determined by multiplying the average cover per plot by the average weight per unit of cover. Pounds per acre were determined by multiplying the grams of forage per plot by 3.84.

Utilization of each species was determined by ocular estimate at the end of each five-day period. Diets were calculated for each of the periods within the trials by the method outlined by Edlefsen et al. (1960).

The sheep were grazed for an initial six-day adjustment period on similar adjacent range before the first trial each summer. Three days separated the final fecal collections of a trial from the initial fecal collections of the following trial. A longer adjustment period did not precede each successive trial because the vegetation was a complex mixture with many species in common on all areas.

Fourteen paired wether sheep were randomly assigned, seven to each side, and were used for fecal collections. The number of sheep used in each trial varied from five to seven with seven being used on most areas. In addition, eight sheep equipped with esophageal-fistula cannulae were assigned, four to each side. The sheep used for fecal collections were weighed with a 12-hour shrink before and after each trial. Salt and water were available at all times during the trials.

Each evening one-half of the cannulated sheep were penned and early the next morning they were equipped with collection bags and turned out with the rest of the sheep to collect forage samples. At the end of the morning grazing period the other half of the cannulated sheep were penned. When the evening grazing period began they were equipped with collection bags and turned out to graze. Only about 30 minutes to 1 hour was required to collect a forage sample.

The samples were drained of excess saliva, moistened with 95 percent ethyl alcohol, and stored in jars. The forage samples were composited for each sheep at the end of each five-day period, dried at 60 C, and ground through a Wiley mill to pass through a 1 millimeter screen. The samples were analyzed for total protein (nitrogen X 6.25), ether extract, lignin, cellulose, ash, other carbohydrates (by difference), gross energy, and phosphorus. Nitrogen was determined by the Gunning method as outlined by the A.O.A.C. (1945) except that ammonia was collected in boric acid as outlined by Scales and Harrison (1920). Ether extract was determined with a Goldfisch extraction apparatus using an extraction period of 8 hours. Lignin was determined by the method suggested by Ellis et al. (1946), cellulose by the method of Matrone et al. (1946), ash by the A.O.A.C. method (1945), phosphorus by the method of Koenig et al. (1942) and gross energy by a Parr oxygen bomb adiabatic calorimeter.

The chemical analyses of the forage samples collected by the cannulated sheep were corrected for ash and phosphorus content of the saliva. The saliva content of the samples was determined by feeding masticated samples containing different amounts of moisture and determining the amount of saliva retained in each sample. A formula was derived to correct for saliva contamination of the forage samples which was dependent upon the moisture content of herbage in the diet.

Fecal collections were begun 24 hours after the first forage collections, and were terminated 24 hours after the last forage collections for each period. Sheep equipped with harnesses and bags were used to make total collections of feces. Fecal collection bags were emptied twice daily. Collections from each sheep were kept in

individual containers, and sprinkled once a day with a mixture of 98 percent ethyl alcohol and 2 percent concentrated hydrochloric acid to prevent mold. At the end of each five-day period the feces were weighed and then mixed on a sheet of canvas and a representative sample was taken. The samples were stored in air-tight plastic bags until they could be weighed and dried at 60 C. Fecal samples were processed and analyzed in the same manner described for forage samples.

The total daily intake and digestibility coefficients were determined by the lignin-ratio technique as given by Harris et al. (1959). The percent total digestible nutrients, percent digestible protein, and kilocalories of digestible energy in the forage consumed were calculated. Also the total daily intake in pounds of total digestible nutrients and digestible protein and megacalories of digestible energy were calculated.

The data were analyzed statistically using mean values for each trial instead of individual animals. The cost of analyzing the data with unequal subsample numbers was prohibitive. The use of mean values is a valid method and does not affect the experimental error used to test significance of the main effects or interactions involved.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Production

On the sagebrush-grass areas, browse produced more herbage than forbs or grasses on all areas except the good condition range on area 2 (Table 1). On that range the production of all three classes of forage was nearly equal (Tables 13 and 14). Good sagebrush-grass range produced slightly more grass and less forbs and browse than poor range. On the aspen areas, good ranges produced more browse and poor ranges produced more grass and forbs.

There was less total production on good range than on poor range, but good range had a greater quantity of desirable species. $^{\rm 1}$

Grass	es	Forb	S	Browse		
Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	
168.11	110.15	163.82	177.08	542.29	707.15	
226.80	240.19	337.08	377.61	438.54	405.11	
	Sagebrush	-grass		Aspe	en	
	Good	Poor		Good	Poor	
tion	874.22	994.38		1022.42	1022.91	
	<u>Grass</u> <u>Good</u> 168.11 226.80	Grasses Good Poor 168.11 110.15 226.80 240.19 Sagebrush Good tion 874.22	Grasses Forb Good Poor Good 168.11 110.15 163.82 226.80 240.19 337.08 Sagebrush-grass Good Poor tion 874.22 994.38	Grasses Forbs Good Poor Good Poor 168.11 110.15 163.82 177.08 226.80 240.19 337.08 377.61 Sagebrush-grass Good Poor tion 874.22 994.38	Grasses Forbs Brows Good Poor Good Poor Good 168.11 110.15 163.82 177.08 542.29 226.80 240.19 337.08 377.61 438.54 Sagebrush-grass Aspection Good Poor Good 1022.42	

Table 1. Average pounds per acre of grasses, forbs, and browse on good and poor condition summer range for the years 1961 and 1962.

¹ Data is found in Appendix.

Utilization

The degree of utilization was variable between areas and years. Since utilization on the aspen and sagebrush-grass areas was somewhat different, they will be discussed separately. The utilization of the desirable species varied from about 15 to 30 percent at the end of the first period and from 30 to 70 percent at the end of the second period. On sagebrush-grass range at the end of the first period, which was considered light use, the average utilization was 5.96 percent for good condition range and 4.81 percent for poor condition range. The percentage of utilization on grasses and forbs was heavier on poor condition range and utilization of browse was heavier on good condition range (Table 2).

	Gra	Grasses		rbs	Browse		
	Light	Heavy	Light	Heavy	Light	Heavy	
Sagebrush-gra	ISS						
Good	10.8	26.7	8.0	24.8	2.9	6.9	
Poor	14.7	38.4	10.5	30.0	2.2	5.8	
Aspen							
Good	19.5	42.7	22.2	44.7	3.9	11.9	
Poor	19.7	46.2	17.0	38.0	3.5	7.1	

Table 2. Average percentage utilization of grasses, forbs, and browse for two intensities of grazing on good and poor condition summer range from mid-June to early September, 1961 and 1962.

At the end of the second period, on good condition sagebrush-grass areas the average utilization of all species was 14.51 percent, and on poor condition range the average use was 12.71 percent. As was the case during the first grazing period, grasses and forbs were utilized more heavily on poor range and browse was utilized more heavily on good range.

The average utilization was considerably heavier on aspen areas than on sagebrush-grass areas. On aspen areas at the end of the first period, the average utilization was 14.70 percent on good condition range and 12.22 percent on poor ranges. Grasses were utilized approximately the same on good and poor ranges, but forbs and browse were utilized heavier on good range.

At the end of the second period on aspen areas the average utilization of total herbage was 31.65 percent on good condition range and 26.81 percent on poor condition range. Grasses were utilized heavier on poor range at the end of the second period but forbs and browse were utilized heavier on good range.

In all cases, grass was utilized heavier on poor range, and browse was utilized heavier on good range. On aspen areas forbs were utilized heavier on good range, whereas on sagebrush-grass areas forbs were utilized heavier on poor range. On both aspen and sagebrush-grass areas and under both intensities of grazing, the average utilization of total herbage was greater on good range than on poor range.

Diets

The average percentage of grass, forbs, and browse in the diets was about the same on both good and poor ranges. Intensity of grazing did not appear to influence the average percentage of grasses, forbs, and browse in the diet on either good or poor ranges (Table 3). However, there was considerable difference among the forage classes in the diets

on aspen areas compared to sagebrush-grass areas. On sagebrush-grass areas the diet contained an average of 39.0 percent grasses, 33.6 percent forbs, and 27.3 percent browse. On the aspen areas the diet contained an average of 37.8 percent grasses, 47.3 percent forbs, and 14.5 percent browse.

Table 3. Average percentage of grasses, forbs, and browse in the diet of sheep on good and poor condition summer range for two intensities of grazing from mid-June to early September, 1961 and 1962.

Gras	ses	For	bs	Bro	wse
Light	Heavy	Light	Heavy	Light	Heavy
s					
38.97	40.96	30.88	33.60	30.15	25.44
39.	96	32.	24	27.	79
40.09	36.11	34.36	35.74	25.55	28.15
38.	10	35.	05	26.	85
39.53	38.53	32.62	34.67	27.85	26.79
38.36	35.28	48.88	44.35	12.76	20.37
36.	82	46.	61	16.	56
37.51	40.10	47.93	48.21	14.56	11.69
38.	80	48.	07	13.	12
37.93	37.69	48.40	46.28	13.66	16.03
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Diets on the same areas differed greatly in species composition between years (Tables 9 and 10). In 1961, at the time trials began, <u>Purshia tridentata</u> had initiated new growth. It was readily eaten and comprised the majority of the diet. In 1962, when the first trial began, <u>Purshia tridentata</u> had not produced any new growth and as a result none was eaten. Sheep exhibited a preference for some species when they were in certain growth stages. <u>Lupinus laxiflorus</u> was not grazed until its pods were mature and then it was utilized heavily. <u>Symphoricarpos vaccini-oides</u> was grazed lightly until its fruit matured and then it was util-ized heavily.

Nutrient Content of Diet

The percentage of ether extract in the diet was not influenced by range condition or by intensity of grazing. There was a significant difference between years but there was no significant difference among areas (Tables 4 and 5).

During both years there was a highly significant decrease in the percentage of total protein in the diet with increased intensity of utilization on both good and poor ranges. This was probably due to increased consumption of coarser portions of the plant. Total protein was slightly higher on poor range than good range during both years but the difference was not statistically significant (Tables 4 and 5). There was a highly significant difference between years in the percentage of total protein in the diet. In 1962 there was more moisture during the spring and rains in mid-July kept the forage green longer than in 1961, which may explain the difference between years. A decline in the total protein content as the forage matured was believed to be largely responsible for the significant differences among areas.

There was a highly significant increase in the ash content of the forage consumed with heavier utilization. This may be due to the parts of the plant consumed and to more dirt on the lower portion of the plants. The ash content of the diet on poor range was significantly

Table 4. Average nutrient content of the diet of sheep equipped with esophageal-fistula cannulae on good and poor condition summer range grazed at two intensities from mid-June to early September, 1961 and 1962.

		Ether	Total			Cell-	Other carbohy-	Phos-	Gross
		extract	protein	Ash	Lignin	ulose	drates	phorus	energy
		%	7.	%	%	%	%	%	kcal/1b
1961									,
Good	Period 1	4.4	11.2	9.3	15.2	22.1	37.9	.25	1983
	Period 2	4.4	10.2	10.3	15.0	21.7	38.5	.26	1970
Avera	ge	4.4	10.7	9.8	15.1	21.9	38.2	.26	1976
Poor	Period 1	4.2	12.0	10.2	13.9	21.8	38.7	.26	1967
	Period 2	4.0	10.3	10.8	16.1	21.3	37.3	.26	1967
Avera	ge	4.1	11.2	10.5	15.0	21.6	38.0	.26	1967
Perio	d 1 average	4.3	11.6	9.7	14.5	21.9	38.3	.25	1975
Perio	d 2 average	4.2	10.2	10.5	15.5	21.5	37.9	.26	1968
1962									
Good	Period 1	3.7	12.2	11.7	14.5	20.0	37.9	.32	1958
	Period 2	3.7	11.9	11.8	15.6	20.6	36.4	.33	1953
Avera	ge	3.7	12.0	11.8	15.0	20.3	37.2	.32	1955
Poor	Period 1	3.4	13.1	11.8	14.4	18.2	39.3	.34	1955
	Period 2	3.4	12.2	12.5	15.3	19.4	37.3	.33	1949
Avera	ge	3.4	12.6	12.1	14.8	18.8	38.3	.33	1951
Perio	d l average	3.5	12.6	11.7	14.4	19.1	38.6	.33	1956
Perio	d 2 average	3.5	12.0	12.2	15.4	20.0	36.8	.33	1950

Table 5. Analysis of variance of the nutrient content of the diet of sheep equipped with esophagealfistula cannulae on good and poor condition summer range for two years on seven areas and two intensities of grazing.

					Mean s	quare				
Source of variation	Degrees of freedom	Ether extract	Total protein	Ash	Lignin	Cell- ulose	Other carbohy- drates	Phos- phorus	Gross energy	
Year (Y)	1	7.143*	28.71**	43.75**	0.06	67.54**	2.88	.07214**	4554.	
Area (A)	6	3.398	20.43*	2.76	69.67*	22.83*	18.56	.03203**	3548.	
Y X A error (a)	6	1.393	3.24	3.10	13.43	3.80	20.06	.00277	2863.	
Condition (C)	1	0.686	4.07	4.51 ^a	0.27	11.07	1.89	.00112	611.	
YXC	1	0.071	0.08	0.30	0.04	4.63	4.07	.00002	100.	
Pooled error (b)	12	0.290	2.54	1.27	1.97	7.12	3.89	.00080	540.	
Intensity (I)	1	0.058	14.30**	4.86**	13.90**	1.11	14.91 ^a	.00021	534.	
CXI	1	0.035	1.61	0.00	4.29	0.30	6.24	.00079	90.	
YXI	1	0.046	1.90	0.62	0.02	5.98	6.11	.00000	1.	
YXCXI	1	0.000	0.04	0.95	5.34 ^a	0.43	1.97	.00015	212.	
Pooled error (c)	24	0.209	1.18	0.48	1.68	3.27	3.69	.00038	938.	

^a Significant at the .10 level of probability * Significant at the .05 level of probability ** Significant at the .01 level of probability higher at the .10 level of probability than the ash content of the diet on good range. Heavier use on the more palatable species was probably responsible for this difference.

Lignin in the forage showed a significant increase as the plants matured. The lignin content of the forage was about 10 percent on the areas grazed early in the season and increased to about 17 percent on the areas grazed later in the season. The percentage of lignin in the diet was about the same under both intensities of grazing on good range in 1961 but in all other cases lignin increased with increased intensity of grazing. Increased consumption of coarser parts of the plants could account for increased lignin under heavier utilization. Range condition had no effect on the average percentage of lignin in the diet.

Neither range condition nor intensity of grazing affected the percentage of cellulose in the diet. The percentage of cellulose in the diet was significantly different among areas. Cellulose in the diet was lower on areas where more grass and less forbs and browse were consumed. There was a highly significant difference between years. In 1961 the percentage of cellulose in the diet was about 2 percent higher than in 1962. This may be a result of the more favorable weather conditions in 1962 which prevented the forage from maturing as quickly as it did in 1961.

"Other carbohydrates" showed no significant differences between years, areas, or conditions. There was a slight decrease in the content of "other carbohydrates" in the diet with increased utilization.

The phosphorus content of the diet in 1962 was significantly higher than in 1961. More moisture and greener forage in 1962 were the probable causes of the higher phosphorus content of the diet in 1962.

Both years the phosphorus content of the forage decreased as the vegetation matured. Range condition and intensity of grazing had no significant effect upon the phosphorus content of the diet.

The gross energy in the diet was not affected by condition, intensity of grazing, years, or areas. The variation found appeared to be completely random.

Digestibility and Nutritive Intake

The digestibility of protein did not differ significantly between years but was significantly different among areas (Tables 6 and 7). The digestibility of protein was highest at the beginning of the summer and decreased as the forage matured. The digestibility coefficient for protein was significantly higher (P < .10) on poor range than on good range. A highly significant interaction between range condition and intensity of use was found. On good range the digestibility of protein increased the second period and on poor range the digestibility of protein decreased during the second period.

The percentage of digestible protein differed significantly (P<.01) among areas. The content was highest early in the summer and decreased rather consistently as the forage matured. Poor range produced a significantly greater amount of digestible protein than good range. The interaction of condition and intensity of grazing was statistically significant. The percentage of digestible protein in the diet was higher the first period on poor range, but was higher the second period on good range.

The pounds of digestible protein consumed on poor range was significantly higher (P<.10) than the pounds consumed on good range.

Table 6. Average daily intake, percent digestible nutrients in the forage, and nutrient intake of sheep on good and poor condition summer range with two intensities of grazing from mid-June to early September, 1961 and 1962.

			Percent	digestibili	ty				ia.		
	Daily intake	Total protein	Cellulose	Other carbohydrates	Gross energy	Total digestible nutrients	Digestible protein	Digestible energy	Total digestible nutrients	Digestible protein	Digestible energy
2.042	lb/day					%	% .	kcal/lb	lb/day	lb/day	megacal/day
Good Period 1	1.63	16.1	33.0	55.7	21.7	30.7	1.94	432.	0.52	.035	0.739
Period 2	1.73	19.4	33.6	54.0	24.4	30.8	2.16	477.	0.55	.044	0.973
Average	1.68	17.7	33.3	54.8	23.0	30.7	2.05	454.	0.53	.039	0.856
Poor Period 1	1.78	29.1	38.9	61.8	29.4	36.6	3.95	578.	0.68	.075	1.091
Period 2	1.58	19.1	28.5	50.3	21.3	27.7	2.14	419.	0.47	.038	0.724
Average	1.68	24.1	33.7	56.0	25.3	32.1	3.04	498.	0.57	.056	0.907
Period 1 average	1.70	22.6	35.9	58.7	25.5	33.6	2.94	505.	0.60	.055	0.915
Period 2 average	1.65	19.2	31.0	52.1	22.8	29.2	2.15	448.	0.51	.041	0.848
1962 Good Period 1 Period 2 Average	2.05 2.06 2.05	18.1 20.1 19.1	35.9 31.0 33.4	64.3 59.4 61.8	30.7 26.7 28.7	34.4 31.3 32.8	2.32 2.58 2.45	598. 520. 559.	0.70 0.67 0.68	.049 .056 .052	1.228 1.142 1.185
Poor Period 1	2.02	23.5	33.4	67.7	31.5	36.3	3.42	616.	0.75	•072	1.312
Period 2	1.87	19.9	27.7	57.4	24.6	29.2	2.67	479.	0.58	•055	0.940
Average	1.94	21.7	30.5	62.5	28.0	32.7	3.04	547.	0.66	•063	1.126
Period 1 average	2.03	20.8	34.6	66.0	31.0	35.3	2.87	607.	0.72	.060	1.270
Period 2 average	1.96	20.0	29 . 3	58.4	25.6	30.2	2.62	499.	0.62	.055	1.041

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		-		Percent	digestibil	ity	- 1011					
Source of variation	Degrees of freedom	Daily intake	Total protein	Cellulose	Other carbohydrates	Gross energy	Total digestible nutrients	Digestible protein	Digestible energy	Total digestible nutrients	Digestible protein	Digestible energy
		lb/day					%	%	kcal/lb	lb/day	1b/day	megaca1
												/ day
Year (Y)	1	1.405**	3.91	30.61	634.50*	244.45	26.06	0.55	83006.	.2138	.0014	1.260
Area (A)	6	.567 ^a	1623.52*	1355.13*	179.17	623.18	404.76 ^a	29.22**	232718.	.3530 ^a	.0142**	1.617
Y X A error (a)	6	.157	244.79	296.62	111.17	261.38	122.62	3.04	102139.	.1039	.0016	.634
Condition (C)	1	.041	279.91 ^a	21.63	12.54	9.61	6.05	8.87*	3681.	.0018	.0027 ^a	.007
YXC	1	.038	49.03	39.78	1.00	30.61	7.87	0.55	10920.	.0114	.0001	.094
Pooled error (b)	12	.094	92.31	124.35	87.81	74.07	35.89	1.63	27844.	.0396	.0006	.200
Intensity (I)	1	.050	60.49	362.10*	712.14**	232.07**	319.69**	3.76 ^a	95618.**	.1207*	.0013	.425*
CXI	1	.182 ^a	310.20**	121.84	199.51*	168.71*	150.49**	8.17*	60720.*	.1302*	.0045**	.532*
YXI	1	.002	22.89	0.64	3.55	24.98	1.93	1.07	9002.	.0005	.0003	.042
YXCXI	1	.017	50.16	89.01	16.83	54.81	23.14	0.93	18288.	.0098	.0004	.039
Pooled error (c)	24	.043	34.60	75.26	33.30	28.14	18.92	1.24	9903.	.0195	.0005	.083

Table 7. Analysis of variance of the average daily intake, percent digestibility of nutrients in the forage, and nutritive intake of sheep on good and poor condition summer range for two years on seven areas and two intensities of grazing.

^a Significant at the .10 level of probability

* Significant at the .05 level of probability

** Significant at the .01 level of probability

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The interaction between condition of range and intensity of use was highly significant. On good range there was more digestible protein consumed the second period than during the first period; whereas, on poor range there was more digestible protein consumed the first period.

The digestibility of cellulose decreased significantly with heavier utilization, but was not affected by range condition (Tables 6 and 7).

The digestibility of "other carbohydrates" was significantly higher in 1962 than in 1961. There was a highly significant difference in the digestibility of "other carbohydrates" between the two intensities of grazing, and the interaction of conditions and intensities was significant. On poor range the digestibility of "other carbohydrates" was about 10 percent higher the first period than it was the second period. On good range the digestibility the first period was about 3 percent greater than it was the second period.

Year, area, and condition had no significant effect upon the digestibility of gross energy, but intensity of grazing had a highly significant effect. The interaction of condition and intensity was statistically significant. The digestibility of gross energy was considerably lower the second period on poor range. On good range the digestibility was only slightly higher the first period.

The kilocalories of digestible energy per pound of forage consumed was higher in 1962 than in 1961, but the difference was not statistically significant. Range condition did not affect the content of digestible energy in the forage consumed, but the intensity of grazing had a highly significant effect. The interaction of condition and intensity was also significant. On poor range the kilocalories of digestible energy in the forage was consistently less the second period

than the first, but on good range there was no consistent trend. This same relation was observed with the digestibility of gross energy, and the daily intake in megacalories of digestible energy.

There was no significant difference between the percentage of total digestible nutrients in the forage consumed on good range compared to poor range. Intensity of grazing and the interaction of condition and intensity were highly significant. On poor range the percentage of total digestible nutrients in the diet the first period was almost 10 percent higher than it was in the second period. On good range the percentage of total digestible nutrients the first period was about 2 percent higher than it was the second period (Table 6).

Years and range condition had no significant effect upon the daily intake of total digestible nutrients. Animals consumed more total digestible nutrients early in the summer than they did late in the summer. There was a significant decrease in the intake of total digestible nutrients during the second grazing period compared to the first period on poor range, but there was no difference between periods on good range.

Daily Intake

A highly significant difference was observed between the average daily intake in 1961 and 1962. The average daily intake was .31 pounds per day higher in 1962. The forage in 1962 remained green longer and the sheep used in the trials in 1962 weighed 14 pounds per head less than the ones used in 1961 (Table 8). The difference between the forage and age and condition of the sheep probably accounts for the difference between years. There was a significant difference (P<.10) between the

			196	1	1962	
			Good	Poor	Good	Poor
			average	average	average	average
Are	а	Time	weight	weight	weight	weight
			lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
1		on	153	152	138	139
		off	156	151	141	141
	Gain		3	-1	3	2
2		on	146	156	142	137
		off	150	163	148	141
	Gain		4	7	6	4
3		on	153	166	145	144
		off	154	164	143	149
	Gain		1	-2	-2	5
4		on	155	156	148	147
		off	160	152	153	151
	Gain		4	-4	5	4
5		on	158	153	152	150
		off	154	154	152	150
	Gain		-4	1	0	0
6		on	154	154	146	151
		off	153	155	150	152
	Gain		-1	1	4	1
7		on	158	151	149	153
		off	159	148	151	160
	Gain		1	-3	2	7
	Tetel		0		10	22

Table 8.	Sheep 1962.	weights	on	and	off	trials	for	the	summers	of	1961	and	
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average daily intake on the different areas. There seemed to be a close association between the intake of forage and the digestibility of cellulose. On the areas where cellulose digestibility was high, intake was high, and where cellulose digestibility was low, intake was also low. There was no significant effect of range condition or intensity of grazing on daily intake, but the interaction between range condition and intensity of grazing was significant at the .10 level of probability. There was a slight increase in the daily intake of forage with heavier utilization on good range, but on poor range there was a marked decrease in the daily intake with heavier utilization.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

During the summers of 1961 and 1962 a study was conducted on the mountainous summer range of northern Utah to determine the effect of range condition and intensity of grazing upon the daily intake, nutritive content and digestibility of the grazing sheep's diet.

Seven areas displaying fence-line contrasts of good and poor range were selected and fenced so that each side included equal amounts of herbage for the same number of experimental animals. Seven wethers equipped with fecal collecting bags and four sheep equipped with esophageal-fistula cannulae were grazed on each side of the fence. Each paddock was grazed for two five-day periods, the first represented light use, and the second represented heavy use. Daily intake and digestibility were determined by the lignin-ratio method.

Ranges in poor condition produced slightly more total herbage than similar ranges in good condition but good ranges had a greater quantity of palatable plants.

Although the same quantity of herbage was allowed on both good and poor ranges, the average utilization was heavier on good ranges. Grasses received more use and browse received less use on poor range.

The diets of the sheep fluctuated greatly from one area to another, but the average percentage of grasses, forbs, and browse contained in the diets was about the same on good range as on poor range and did not change materially with increased intensity of use.

The nutrient content of the diet on good and poor range did not differ significantly (P<.05). With increased use on both good and

poor ranges the content of total protein and "other carbohydrates" in the diet decreased and ash and lignin increased. These differences were more pronounced on poor range than on good range.

The average digestibility of cellulose, "other carbohydrates", and gross energy for both good and poor range condition decreased with heavier utilization. On good range, however, the digestibility of total protein increased with increased utilization, but on poor range it decreased. On good condition range the digestibility of "other carbohydrates" and gross energy decreased slightly; whereas, on poor range there was a substantial decrease with increased utilization.

Total digestible nutrients in the forage decreased on both good and poor ranges with increased use, but the decrease was much less on good range. On poor range the digestible protein decreased with increased use, but on good range it increased. Digestible energy was lower the second period on both good and poor range than the first period, but this difference was more pronounced on poor range.

Daily intake increased slightly during the second grazing period on good range but decreased markedly during the second period on poor range.

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APPENDIX

Table 9. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 1, June 14-23, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	it use	e Heavy use			
	acre	%	%	%	%		
Species	air d ry	use	diet	use	diet		
Poa secunda	48.15	17.08	7.70	35.77	4.10		
Stipa lettermani	13.17	18.89	2.33	60.00	2.47		
Sitanion hystrix	9.79	0.00	0.00	6.36	0.28		
Melica bulbosa	3.65	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.08		
Koeleria cristata	24.31	9.37	2.12	41.25	3.53		
Agropyron trachycaulum	25.77	2.50	0.61	50.00	5.58		
Carex spp:	2.46	45.00	1.03	80.00	0.39		
Grasses	127.30	11.59	13.79	39.90	16.43		
Lomatium grayi	7.49	5.00	0.34	51.25	1.58		
Microseris nutans	15.36	1.25	0.18	32.50	2.19		
Delphinium nelsonii	1.15	6.67	0.07	63.33	0.29		
Wyethia amplexicaulis	45.62	20.00	8.54	66.67	9.71		
Viola vallicola	1.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.30		
Astragalus argophyllus	1.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Achillea lanulosa	26.50	4.17	1.03	44.00	4.74		
Aster chilensis							
subsp. adscendens	28.30	15.00	3.97	57.50	5.49		
Allium acuminatum	9.45	17.69	1.57	59.23	1.79		
Phlox gracilis	8.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Forbs	144.54	11.61	15.70	51.19	26.09		
Artemisia arbuscula	672.84	0.00	0.00	1.93	5.92		
Purshia tridentata	226.18	33.33	70.51	83.33	51.56		
Artemisia tridentata	107.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Browse	1006.73	7.49	70.51	20.02	57.48		
Totals and averages	1278.57	8.36	100.00	25.51	100.00		

Table 10. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 1, June 9-18, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	Light use		y use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Page accurde	102 14	14 00	21 50	1.2 50	22 75
roa secunda	103.14	14.00	21.59	42.50	23.75
Sitanion nystrix	29.33	8.33	3.00	34.10	6.13
Roeferia Cristata	17.98	15.00	4.04	62.50	0.90
roa pratensis	1.89	15.00	0.42	90.00	1.14
Agropyron trachycaulum	23.90	25.00	8.93	50.00	4.83
Danthonia intermedia	2.99	/0.00	3.13	/0.00	0.00
Melica bulbosa	0.65	3.33	0.02	45.00	0.21
Grasses	179.88	15.54	41.79	45.10	42.96
Delphinium nelsonii	18.86	4.00	1.13	55.00	7.77
Viola vallicola	7.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Microseris nutans	14.32	13.12	2.80	56.25	4.99
Allium acuminatum	24.50	33.18	12.15	75.00	8.28
Phlox gracilis	37.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Achillea lanulosa	18.62	14.17	3.95	39.00	3.74
Collomia tenella	1.69	0.00	0.00	17.50	0.24
Senecio integerrimus	1.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Camassia quamash	20.16	23.33	7.04	66.67	7.06
Lomatium grayi	14.25	6.67	1.41	71.67	7.49
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	8.48	12.50	1.59	38.75	1.80
Eriogonum heracleoides	0.89	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.57
Wyethia amplexicaulis	30.14	55.00	24.79	90.00	8.52
Forbs	197.68	18.55	54.86	50.15	50.46
Artemisia arbuscula	498.97	0.45	3.35	1.36	3.67
Purshia tridentata	11.97	0.00	0.00	30.00	2.91
Artemisia tridentata	18.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	529.45	0.42	3.35	1.96	6.58
Totals and averages	907.01	7.37	100.00	21.02	100.00

Table 11. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 1, June 14-23, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Light use		Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Poa secunda	9.60	30.00	3.91	56-67	3.80
Agropyron smithij	2.19	3.33	0.10	36.67	1.07
Bromus tectorum	0.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poa fendleriana	9.33	30.00	3.91	82.00	7.18
Melica bulbosa	4.80	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.72
Sitanion hystrix	31.80	0.00	0.00	52.50	24.71
Agropyron trachycaulum	1.77	7.50	0.18	20.00	0.33
Stipa lettermani	14.44	31.67	6.39	79.17	10.15
Koeleria cristata	1.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	1.27
Grasses	75.66	13.72	14.49	57.68	49.23
Viola vallicola	1.42	0.00	0.00	77.00	1.62
Microseris nutans	14.28	4.50	0.91	57.00	11.11
Achillea lanulosa	23.81	9.17	3.05	41.67	11.47
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	3.11	20.00	0.87	83.33	2.93
Phlox gracilis	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lomatium grayi	1.65	0.00	0.00	3.33	0.09
Allium acuminatum	14.98	45.00	9.44	81.82	8.19
Astragalus argophyllus	2.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forbs	66.02	15.44	14.27	51.63	35.41
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	0.88	50.00	0.62	70.00	0.26
Purshia tridentata	67.89	70.00	66.42	80.00	10.06
Artemisia tridentata	148.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia arbuscula	1171.05	0.13	2.12	0.40	4.67
Amelanchier alnifolia	2.49	60.00	2.08	70.00	0.37
Browse	1390.80	3.67	71.24	4.41	15.36
Totals and averages	1532.48	4.67	100.00	9.07	100.00

	Lbs. per	Lbs. per Light		Heav	ry use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Poa fendleriana	50.27	3.13	8.29	32.22	23.28
Sitanion hystrix	10.94	2.14	1.23	13.57	1.99
Stipa lettermani	11.48	19.17	11.54	45.00	4.72
Koeleria cristata	9.48	0.00	0.00	60.00	9.06
Poa secunda	26.84	14.00	19.75	44.00	12.81
Melica bulbosa	0.42	0.00	0.00	6.67	0.05
Grasses	109.43	7.10	40.81	36.90	51.91
Viola vallicola	9.29	5.00	2,48	6.25	0.19
Phlox gracilis	39.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Microseris nutans	32.26	12.92	21.92	40.83	14.31
Delphinium nelsonii	25.73	3.89	5.27	17.78	5.68
Allium acuminatum	26.76	14.09	19.83	46.78	13.92
Achillea lanulosa	18.05	5.00	4.73	20.00	4.32
Collomia tenella	1.46	5.00	0.39	12.50	0.16
Sidalcea neomexicana	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lomatium grayi	6.72	7.00	2.48	39.00	3.43
Forbs	159.74	6.80	57.10	23.32	42.01
Artemisia arbuscula	589.82	0.00	0.00	0.14	1.32
Purshia tridentata	11.98	3.33	2.09	28.33	4.76
Artemisia tridentata	23.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	625.57	0.06	2.09	0.67	6.08
Totals and averages	894.74	2.13	100.00	9.14	100.00

Table 12. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 1, June 9-18, 1962.

Table 13. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 2, June 29- July 8, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heav	y use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Stipa lettermani	48.31	6.56	16.59	12.06	12.39
Festuca idahoensis	147.80	2.00	15.51	11.67	48.82
Koeleria cristata	15.13	2.50	2.01	5.38	1.51
Agropyron smithii	26.61	6.00	8.33	6.37	0.35
Poa secunda	19.32	1.67	1.70	2.00	0.20
Sitanion hystrix	5.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grasses	263.08	3.21	44.14	10.24	63.27
Achillea lanulosa	116.51	2.84	17.28	4.62	7.10
Taraxacum officinale	6.60	0.00	0.00	37.50	8.46
Senecio integerrimus	12.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Arenaria congesta	34.52	9.67	17.44	12.33	3.13
Microseris nutans	18.74	1.25	1.24	2.44	0.76
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	13.59	14.00	9.95	26.00	5.59
Phlox gracilis	1.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Allium acuminatum	1.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lupinus laxiflorus	48.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Collomia tenella	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Epilobium paniculatum	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eriogonum heracleoides	21.00	9.00	9.95	25.00	11.54
Forbs	276.75	3.86	55.86	7.74	36.73
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	94.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia tridentata	149.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia cana	22.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	266.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals and averages	806.67	2.37	100.00	6.00	100.00

Table 14. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 2, June 22- July 1, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	t use	Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Koeleria cristata	20.47	3.00	2.29	5.50	1.22
Poa secunda	38.17	1.67	2.35	5.00	2.99
Agropyron smithii	31.65	9.38	10.96	22.50	9.81
Festuca idahoensis	155.44	2.50	14.39	5.83	12.22
Stipa lettermani	12.48	18.88	8.72	40.55	6.37
Sitanion hystrix	6.99	6.24	1.64	7.14	0.14
Melica bulbosa	12.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Agropyron trachycaulum	13.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grasses	291.34	3.75	40.35	8.50	32.75
Achillea lanulosa Aster chilensis	72.27	0.83	2.24	8.33	12.80
subsp. adscendens	4.01	17.14	2.56	50.62	3.16
Microseris nutans	39.74	7.78	11.45	9.44	1.57
Phlox gracilis	13.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Arenaria congesta	77.26	12.08	34.51	33.33	38.73
Senecio integerrimus	27.46	3.33	3.38	3.33	0.00
Allium acuminatum	1.46	16.25	0.87	65.00	1.67
Lupinus laxiflorus	37.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taraxacum officinale	6.87	8.33	2.13	30.00	3.51
Eriogonum heracleoides	8.83	7.50	2.45	35.00	5.74
Zigadenus paniculatis	4.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Collomia tenella	0.62	2.50	0.06	7.50	0.07
Forbs	293.38	5.50	59.65	15.21	67.25
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	67.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia tridentata	120.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	187.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals and averages	772.38	3.50	100.00	8.98	100.00

Table 15. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 2, June 29- July 8, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use_	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Stipa lettermani	60.06	13.33	28.91	37.50	12.97
Festuca idahoensis	47.08	0.00	0.00	24.00	10.10
Poa secunda	14.48	25.00	13.11	34.00	1.17
Agropyron smithii	1.57	3.33	0.21	36.67	0.47
Poa pratensis	0.77	15.00	0.42	40.00	0.17
Koeleria cristata	8.68	0.00	0.00	16.00	1.25
Sitanion hystrix	11.25	8.75	3.57	32.50	2.39
Agropyron trachycaulum	26.30	10.00	9.53	30.00	4.71
Stipa columbiana	2.65	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.48
Grasses	172.84	8.93	55.75	30.72	33.71
Achillea lanulosa	27.65	2.00	2.02	25.00	5.68
Senecio integerrimus	80.72	0.00	0.00	1.43	1.03
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	101.84	8.33	30.62	42.50	31.12
Taraxacum officinale	24.38	9.00	7.93	18.00	1.96
Phlox gracilis	142.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lepidium montanum	0.19	15.00	0.11	67.50	0.09
Capsella bursa-pasturus	0.31	15.00	0.16	47.50	0.09
Microseris nutans	12,52	7.50	3.41	42.50	3.92
Chenopodium leptophyllum	26.50	0.00	0.00	58.00	13.75
Epilobium paniculatum	0.46	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.03
Collomia tenella	2.84	0.00	0.00	50.00	1.28
Madia glomerata	6.22	0.00	0.00	28.33	1.59
Lupinus laxiflorus	10.79	0.00	0.00	47.50	4.59
Arenaria congesta	3.87	3.33	0.00	66.67	1.16
Zigadenus paniculatis	1.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forbs	442.09	2.77	44.25	19.56	66.29
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	771.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia cana	196.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia tridentata	146.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	1114.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals and averages	1729.70	1.60	100.00	8.07	100.00

Table 16. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 2, June 22- July 1, 1962.

	Lbs. per Light use		nt use	Heav	y use	
	acre	%	%	%	%	
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet	
Koeleria cristata	5.00	6.67	1.28	10.00	0.32	
Festuca idahoensis	53.18	3.00	6.01	15.00	12.54	
Sitanion hystrix	5.49	8.33	1.73	17.50	0.98	
Poa secunda	29.81	13.00	14.30	40.00	15.47	
Agropyron smithii	1.39	3.33	0.17	28.33	0.70	
Melica bulbosa	9.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Poa fendleriana	8.14	0.00	0.00	15.00	2.40	
Stipa columbiana	14.36	13.00	7.06	24.00	3.10	
Stipa lettermani	13.74	11.87	6.17	38.12	7.10	
Poa pratensis	8.76	6.67	2.23	43.33	6.32	
Grasses	148.72	6.95	38.95	23.70	48.93	
Wyethia amplexicaulis	1.77	30.00	2.00	50.00	0.69	
Collomia tenella	0.91	7.72	0.22	13.33	0.12	
Arenaria congesta	8.98	6.25	2.12	21.25	2.64	
Microseris nutans	16.59	9.17	3.73	15.83	2.17	
Achillea lanulosa	38.21	2.86	4.12	10.71	5.88	
Phlox gracilis	82.33	0.00	0.00	0.83	1.33	
Lupinus laxiflorus	18.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Eriogonum heracleoides	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Aster chilensis						
subsp. adscendens	26.96	25.63	26.10	61.87	19.18	
Senecio integerrimus	152.91	2.22	12.80	4.00	5.36	
Zigadenus paniculatis	10.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Taraxacum officinale	14.10	15.00	7.96	15.62	0.17	
Allium acuminatum	13.52	0.00	0.00	47.50	12.63	
Viola vallicola	1.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.90	
Forbs	388.09	4.17	61.05	10.07	51.07	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	374.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Artemisia tridentata	107.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Artemisia cana	62.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Browse	543.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Totals and averages	1080.64	2.45	100.00	7.16	100.00	

Table 17. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 3, July 12-21, 1961.

	Lbs. perLight use		Heav	y use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Agropyron subsecundum	82.64	7.86	4.31	20.00	5.66
Poa fendleriana	3.11	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.88
Agropyron trachycaulum	26.42	22.50	3.94	25.00	0.37
Bromus carinatus	96.31	18.33	11.69	19.00	0.37
Festuca idahoensis	7.68	15.00	0.76	70.00	2.38
Stipa lettermani	5.68	12.50	0.47	35.00	0.72
Koeleria cristata	9.72	10.00	0.64	22.50	0.68
Grasses	231.56	14.22	21.81	22.70	11.06
Arabis holboellii	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lupinus laxiflorus	134.52	1.67	1.48	8.33	5.05
Erigeron speciosus	12.63	30.00	2.52	75.00	3.22
Geranium fremontii	30.68	10.00	2.03	10.00	0.00
Achillea lanulosa	124.45	4.00	3.30	11.00	4.91
Thalictrum fendleri	25.65	60.00	10.20	60.00	0.00
Viola canadensis	9.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taraxacum officinale	19.55	58.33	7.57	58.33	0.00
Cynoglossum officinale	171.38	25.00	28.37	78.00	51.18
Viola vallicola	19.81	30.00	3.93	50.00	2.23
Potentilla pectinisecta	20.08	16.67	2.22	53.33	4.16
Vicia americana	32.79	70.00	15.21	80.00	1.85
Tragapogon porrifolius	1.50	25.00	0.25	90.00	0.56
Collomia tenella	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forbs	604.67	19.06	77.08	40.31	73.16
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	6.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Populus tremuloides	10.71	0.00	0.00	90.00	5.45
Artemisia cana	34.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	416.26	0.40	1.11	4.80	10.33
Browse	468.21	0.33	1.11	5.83	15.78
Totals and averages	1304.44	11.18	100.00	24.31	100.00

Table 18. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 3, July 4-13, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Light use		Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Bromus carinatus	109 48	18 75	11 77	51 25	14 91
Agropyron subsecundum	29 52	18 33	3 11	56 11	4.67
Fostuan idahoonaia	2 20	22 50	0.44	72 50	0.71
rescuca inanoensis	2.20	22.50	0.44	12.50	0.71
Grasses	142.38	18.75	15.32	52.76	20.39
Wyethia amplexicaulis	49.73	40.00	11.41	80.00	8.33
Thalictrum fendleri	20.97	33.33	4.01	78.33	3.95
Polemonium albiflorum	18.53	25.00	2.66	85.00	4.66
Cynoglossum officinale	107.98	40.00	24.77	87.56	21.49
Taraxacum officinale	26.19	38.33	5.76	71.67	3.66
Potentilla pectinisecta	13.67	50.00	3.92	80.00	1.72
Potentilla gracilis	34.95	15.00	3.01	42.50	4.03
Viola vallicola	44.89	4.38	1.12	33.75	5.52
Sidalcea neomexicana	18.24	32.00	3.34	73.00	3.13
Hydrophyllum capitatum	19.35	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.81
Achillea lanulosa	77.34	4.44	1.97	26.11	7.02
Vicia americana	25.07	37.50	5.40	82.50	4.73
Geranium fremontii	7.68	30.00	1.33	47.50	0.56
Phlox gracilis	18.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Collomia tenella	4.57	7.50	0.19	47.50	0.77
Lupinus laxiflorus	25.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Agastache urticifolia	15.01	0.00	0.00	20.00	1.26
Senecio serra	25.69	60.00	8.84	85.00	2.69
Forbs	553.99	24.47	77.73	56.49	74.33
Artemisia cana	13.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	225.75	2.88	3.73	3.88	0.95
Rosa woodsii	13.09	20.00	1.51	80.00	3.29
Amelanchier alnifolia	6.10	20.00	0.70	65.00	1.14
Populus tremuloides	8.76	20.00	1.01	20.00	0.00
Browse	267.13	4.53	6.95	9.34	5.38
Totals and averages	963.50	18.10	100.00	42.87	100.00

Table 19. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 3, July 12-21, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heav	ry use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Festuca idahoensis	17 51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Agropyron trachycaulum	10/ 18	0.00	0.00	5.00	3 62
Koeleria cristata	/ 88	0.00	0.00	7 50	0.26
Stipa lettermani	91.85	30.00	20.00	35.00	3 19
Pog pratopsis	103 30	25 83	20.99	54 17	20.36
Bromus carinatus	55 41	4.00	1 69	20.00	6 18
Bromus tectorum	6 1/	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.10
Agropuron subsecundum	23.00	0.00	0.00	27 50	4.40
Poa fendleriana	1.27	5.00	0.04	25.00	0.17
Grasses	407.54	13.86	43.03	27.32	38.18
Sidalcea neomexicana	10.41	27.50	2.19	46.67	1.40
Achillea lanulosa	59.56	0.00	0.00	3.75	1.56
Collomia tenella	12.06	3.75	0.35	3.75	0.00
Wyethia amplexicaulis	42.20	5.50	1.78	11.25	1.69
Epilobium paniculatum	2.92	5.00	0.11	18.33	0.27
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	65.51	17.50	8.74	62.50	20.52
Potentilla pectinisecta	50.53	11.25	4.34	50.00	13.62
Taraxacum officinale	10.41	2.50	0.20	100.00	7.08
Viola vallicola	6.34	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.67
Geranium fremontii	102.22	20.00	15.57	25.00	3.56
Lupinus laxiflorus	58.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cynoglossum officinale	25.23	70.00	13.47	90.00	3.52
Potentilla gracilis	5.76	0.00	0.00	80.00	3.21
Eriogonum heracleoides	35.33	15.00	4.04	20.00	1.23
Forbs	487.39	13.67	50.79	30.86	58.33
Rosa woodsii	22.56	15.00	3.45	25.00	2.55
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	314.23	1.14	2.73	1.57	0.94
Artemisia cana	131.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	468.12	1.70	6.18	2.76	3.49
Totals and averages	1363.05	9.57	100.00	20.06	100.00

Table 20.	Species	composition,	average	production,	utilization,	and
	diet of	sheep for two	intensi	ties of gra:	zing on poor	
	conditi	on range on an	rea 3, Ju	1y 4-13, 19	62.	

Lbs. per		Ligh	Light use		y use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Koeleria cristata	37 11	5 00	1 17	57 50	8 81
Melica bulbosa	/ 50	0.00	0.00	60.00	1 21
Pos pratoneis	150 61	24.00	22 56	68.00	20 71
Promus contractus	19.72	1 67	22.00	16 67	29.71
Account tracks	10.43	1.07	0.19	40.07	3.72
Reformed debage	19.89	21.00	2.00	35.00	1.25
restuca idanoensis	24.65	25.00	3.85	/5.00	5.53
Grasses	255.52	19.04	30.37	62.86	50.23
Cynoglossum officinale	23.77	2.50	0.37	95.00	9.85
Polemonium albiflorum	3.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thalictrum fendleri	19.35	50.00	6.04	75.00	2.17
Collomia tenella	20.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wyethia amplexicaulis	236.31	5.00	7.37	10.00	5.30
Achillea lanulosa	29.80	0.00	0.00	23.00	3.07
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	20.42	10.00	1.28	90.00	7.32
Phlox gracilis	71.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sidalcea neomexicana	24.96	70.00	10.91	85.00	1.68
Geranium fremontii	40.32	30.00	7.55	56.25	4.75
Viola vallicola	23.65	15.00	2.22	53.75	4.11
Taraxacum officinale	21.16	13.33	1.75	65.00	4.90
Potentilla pectinisecta	29.42	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.66
Lupinus laxiflorus	5.57	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.13
Potentilla gracilis	6.69	0.00	0.00	3.33	0.11
Vicia americana	53.22	82.50	27.40	92.50	2.39
Forbs	630.05	16.50	64.89	32.94	46.44
Artemisia cana	168.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	135.36	5.33	4.50	10.67	3.24
Populus tremuloides	0.96	40.00	0.24	60.00	0.09
Browse	304.32	2.50	4.74	4.93	3.33
Totals and averages	1189.89	13.46	100.00	32.21	100.00

Table 21. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 4, July 25- August 3, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use	
	acre	7.	7.	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Agronyron smithij	28 72	5 88	1, 1,5	1/ 38	5 47
Fostuga idahoongia	61 70	6 25	10 12	15 00	12 00
Stipa lottormani	0.52	0.20	2 00	16 67	1 79
Kooloria oristata	11 17	17 50	5 14	21 25	0.02
Pop goounda	10 / 9	20.00	0 22	20.00	0.92
Poo seculua	10,40	0.00	0.23	00.00	0.00
Ctipp golumbions	5.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stipa columbiana	5.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grasses	129.78	8.82	30.04	15.80	20.26
Achillea lanulosa	50.27	0.00	0.00	1.43	1.61
Aster chilensis	10.77	25 00	0.16	25 00	0.00
subsp. adscendens	12.44	25.00	8.16	23.00	0.00
Potentilla gracilis	0.19	50.00	0.27	65.00	0.07
Antennaria dimorpha	3.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eriogonum heracleoides	23.19	0.00	0.00	10.00	5.20
Epilobium paniculatum	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lupinus laxiflorus	21.47	0.00	0.00	45.00	21.61
Astragalus miser				11.00	10.05
var. decumbens	63.17	31.00	51.36	44.00	18.35
Phlox gracilis	10.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Geranium fremontii	11.94	10.00	3.13	10.00	0.00
Forbs	196.41	12.21	62.92	22.88	46.84
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	119.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia tridentata	342.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	409.92	0.00	0.00	2.00	18.31
Amelanchier alnifolia	33.48	8.00	7.04	27.50	14.39
Artemisia cana	16.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tetradymia canescens	34.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	957.54	0.29	7.04	1.85	32.90
Totals and averages	1283.73	3.01	100.00	6.54	100.00

Table 22.	Species	composition,	average	production,	utilization,	and
	diet of	sheep for two	intensi	ties of graz	zing on good	
	conditi	on range on ar	ea 4, Ju	uly 16-25, 19	962 .	

	Lbs. per	Ligh	it use	Heav	y use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
A	56 76	15 00	15 00	25 00	15 70
Agropyron smithii	20.00	15.00	15.02	35.00	15.73
Agropyron inerme	39.31	8.75	6.06	20.00	6.14
Poa secunda	3.54	15.00	0.93	55.00	1.96
Sitanion hystrix	5.48	0 - 00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stipa lettermani	20.61	40.00	14.53	55.00	4.29
Koeleria cristata	4.56	13.33	1.04	30.83	1.06
Poa pratensis	1.89	50.00	1.66	50.00	0.00
Stipa columbiana	3.18	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.88
Festuca idahoensis	43.93	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.13
Grasses	179.26	12.43	39.24	28.22	39.19
Astragalus decumbens	2.15	0.00	0.00	90.00	2.68
Achillea lanulosa	35.87	4.29	4.24	12.86	6.64
Astragalus miser					
var. decumbens	51.80	16.00	14.60	22.00	4.31
Taraxacum officinale	1.00	30.00	0.52	40.00	0.15
Eriogonum heracleoides	8.83	21.00	3.28	42.00	2.57
Lupinus laxiflorus	32.06	15.00	8.47	62.50	21.11
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	1.57	75.00	2.08	77.50	0.06
Potentilla pectinisecta	7.22	60.00	0.75	70.00	0.10
Geranium fremontii	1.92	0.00	0.00	75.00	2.00
Forbs	162.42	12.35	33.94	30-68	39.62
Tetradymia canescens	29.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	66.24	15.00	17.52	23.33	7.64
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	103.49	0.22	0.39	5,56	7.66
Artemisia tridentata	351.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia	12.13	41.67	8.91	76.67	5 89
Browse	563.02	2 ~ 70	26.82	5.42	21.19
Totals and averages	904.70	6.32	100.00	14.35	100.00

Table 23. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 4, July 25- August 3, 1961.

	Lbs, per	Ligh	Light use		y use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Agropyron smithii	15.20	0.83	1.00	9.17	2.42
Festuca idahoensis	3.49	0.00	0.00	15.00	1.01
Poa secunda	17.12	20.00	25.49	34.00	4.58
Stipa lettermani	27.26	8.75	17.80	22.50	7.14
Koeleria cristata	9.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carex spp.	14.98	0.00	0.00	7.50	2.14
Grasses	87.65	6.78	44.29	17.12	17.29
Achillea lanulosa	93.85	1.20	8.35	2.22	1.81
Antennaria dimorpha	0.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eriogonum heracleoides	36.10	8.00	21.54	35.00	18.57
Cordylanthus ramosus	0.84	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.73
Lupinus laxiflorus	76.54	0.00	0.00	11.67	18.52
Phlox gracilis	32.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Epilobium paniculatum	0.51	0.00	0.00	1.67	0.03
Astragalus decumbens	5.40	15.00	6.04	80.00	6.69
Forbs	247.19	1.95	35.93	11.79	46.38
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	181.37	0.00	0.00	1.17	3.70
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	218.19	0.00	0.00	3.67	15.26
Purshia tridentata	21.19	12.50	19.78	50.00	15.14
Artemisia cana	24.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia tridentata	203.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tetradymia canescens	18.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia	7.83	0.00	0.00	15.00	2.25
Browse	674.68	0.40	19.78	3.30	36.35
Totals and averages	1009.52	1.35	100.00	6.62	100.00

Table 24. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 4, July 16-25, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Poa pratensis	10.91	22.50	5.41	67.50	4.75
Poa secunda	7.91	15.00	2.60	48.33	2.55
Agropyron smithii	16.17	11.00	3.92	47.22	5.67
Festuca idahoensis	12.71	6.25	1.75	16.25	1.23
Koeleria cristata	12.44	11.25	3.08	35.00	2.85
Stipa lettermani	5.61	10.00	1.23	57.50	2.58
Stipa columbiana	6.11	0.00	0.00	45.00	2.66
Melica bulbosa	3.49	0.00	0.00	50.00	1.70
Grasses	75.35	10.86	17.99	43.77	23.99
Collomia tenella	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taraxacum officinale	4.53	0.00	0.00	35.00	1.53
Achillea lanulosa	64.32	4.50	6.35	10.50	3.74
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	11.29	42.50	10.57	60.00	1.91
Lupinus laxiflorus	15.48	15.83	5.38	65.83	7.49
Microseris nutans	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Geranium fremontii	1.92	30.00	1.26	65.00	0.66
Circium spp.	3.92	0.00	0.00	50.00	1.90
Eriogonum heracleoides	2.19	25.00	1.20	72.50	1.00
Cordylanthus ramosus	5.22	65.00	7.46	80.00	0.75
Astragalus miser					
var. decumbens	14.36	12.50	3.96	25.00	1.74
Astragalus decumbens	2.88	15.00	0.94	47.50	0.90
Forbs	129.61	13.03	37.12	30.26	21.62
Tetradymia canescens	18.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	71.50	2.00	3.14	28.00	18.00
Artemisia cana	216.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Artemisia tridentata	350.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	55.80	3.00	3.70	35.00	17.28
Rosa woodsii	1.00	45.00	1.00	60.00	0.14
Amelanchier alnifolia	6.11	15.00	2.01	75.00	3.54
Purshia tridentata	39.86	40.00	35.04	80.00	15.43
Browse	759.52	2.69	44.89	10.09	54.39
Totals and averages	964.48	4.72	100.00	15.43	100.00

Table 25. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 5, August 7-16, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Light use		Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Feetuca idahoonsis	19.20	22 50	6 72	40.00	3 10
Bromus caripatus	151 75	9 00	21 25	30.00	41 95
Stipa columbiana	11.69	12 50	8 60	33 75	8 75
Carey spp	7 00	16 67	2.06	53 33	2 70
Koeleria cristata	3 88	11 25	0.69	11 25	0.00
Stipe lettermani	4 26	20.00	1 33	65 00	1.77
Agropuron subassundum	34 37	10.00	5 34	20.00	3 17
Pag fondlariana	10.91	70.00	11 99	20.00	1 01
Agropyron smithii	4.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grasses	281.81	13.22	57.96	37.26	62.45
	202102	19122	3,050	57120	
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	6.56	75.00	7.66	75.00	0.00
Achillea lanulosa	41.55	1.40	0.89	15.00	5.20
Viola vallicola	2.85	20.00	0.89	50.00	0.79
Epilobium paniculatum	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lupinus laxiflorus	4.11	0.00	0.00	90.00	3.41
Tragapogon porrifolius	3.06	35.00	1.67	77.50	1.20
Geranium fremontii	1.27	50.00	0.99	95.00	0.53
Phlox gracilis	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eriogonum heracleoides	9.02	0.00	0.00	30.00	2.50
Forbs	74.18	10.49	12.10	30.43	13.63
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	676.95	2.83	29.80	5.33	15.61
Artemisia cana	26.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Populus tremuloides	9.60	0.00	0.00	90.00	7.96
Rosa woodsii	4.72	2.00	0.14	10.00	0.35
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	63.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	781.79	2.46	29.94	5.87	23.92
Totals and averages	1137.78	5.65	100.00	15.19	100.00

Table 26. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 5, July 28- August 6, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Light use		Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Bromus carinatus	114 74	12 85	10.23	45 00	29 99
Poa pratensis	86 71	65 00	39 08	75 00	7 05
Agropyron subsecundum	15.74	12 50	1 37	40.00	3 53
Stipa columbiana	11.06	0.00	1.57	45.00	4.05
Agropyrop smithij	6 69	25 00	1 16	42.50	0.05
Carey epp	1 21	21.67	0.19	62 33	0.95
Fortuca idahoonsis	15 21	60.00	6 33	70.00	1 22
rescuca inanoensis	13.21	00.00	0.33	10.00	1.23
Grasses	251.45	33.47	58.36	56.58	47.24
Berberis vulgaris	7.07	0.00	0.00	3.33	0.19
Achillea lanulosa	33.52	5.00	1.17	13.75	2.39
Taraxacum officinale	25.19	45.84	8.01	74.17	5.80
Viola vallicola	7.03	15.00	0.74	46.67	1.81
Lupinus laxiflorus	21.00	60.00	8.73	85.00	4.27
Cynoglossum officinale	3.61	90.00	2.26	95.00	0.14
Sidalcea neomexicana	4.80	55.00	1.83	85.00	1.18
Thalictrum fendleri	4.84	85.00	2.85	85.00	0.00
Tragapogon porrifolius	2.88	75.00	1.49	75.00	0.00
Collomia tenella	1.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Potentilla gracilis	3.99	55.00	1.52	70.00	0.49
Forbs	115.50	35.71	28.60	53.04	16.27
Artemisia tridentata	53.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rosa woodsii	8.60	51.00	3.04	84.00	2.30
Amelanchier alnifolia	7.14	26.25	1.30	76.25	2.90
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	165.31	7.44	8.53	30.56	31.08
Populus tremuloides	2.50	10.00	0.17	20.00	0.21
Browse	237.04	7.93	13.04	26.86	36.49
Totals and averages	603.98	23.88	100.00	44.24	100.00

diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor
condition range on area 5. August 7-16, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Light use		Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Carex spp.	13.98	2.50	0.53	35.50	4.86
Poa pratensis	41.47	43.75	27.27	53.75	4.36
Stipa lettermani	14.70	36.25	8.00	65.00	4.46
Agropyron smithii	3.18	1.67	0.09	11.67	0.34
Agropyron subsecundum	11.21	5.71	0.95	13.75	0.95
Bromus carinatus	14.60	8.75	1.93	30.00	3.26
Koeleria cristata	6.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poa fendleriana	7.25	0.00	0.00	32.50	2.48
Grasses	113.33	22.76	38.77	40.11	20.71
Taraxacum officinale	7.83	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.13
Epilobium paniculatum	2.42	0.00	0.00	1.67	0.05
Lupinus laxiflorus	68.70	25.00	25.83	77.50	41.60
Collomia tenella	3.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Achillea lanulosa	113.16	1.00	1.71	4.55	4.22
Phlox gracilis	6.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eriogonum heracleoides	5.41	5.00	0.40	25.00	1.16
Forbs	207.34	8.62	27.94	32.39	51.16
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	559.45	3.90	32.82	8.50	27.10
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	1.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.05
Artemisia cana	47.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amelanchier alnifolia	2.49	12.50	0.47	50.00	0.98
Browse	610.60	3.62	33.29	8.00	28.13
Totals and averages	931.27	7.14	100.00	17.34	100.00

Table 28. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 5, July 28- August 6, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Light use		Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Stine columbiana	10.25	5 00	0.96	1.2 50	6 21
Agropyron smithij	16,17	16 67	2 37	56 67	5 62
Bromus carinatus	20 28	13 33	2.37	35 00	3 82
Koeleria cristata	1 22	10.00	2.57	20.00	0.22
Agropyron subsocundum	37 40	5.00	1 65	50.00	14 62
Poa pratoneje	40 28	50.00	17 72	65 00	5 26
Stipp lottormani	40.20	20.00	11.96	65 00	12 67
Carox app	44.95	30.00	11.00	63.00	13.0/
carex spp.	4.76	25.00	1.05	57.50	1./0
Grasses	184.40	23.35	37.89	55.33	51.29
Lupinus laxiflorus	46.39	21.25	8.68	66,25	18.16
Achillea lanulosa	77.34	6.11	4.15	18.33	8.22
Collomia tenella	3.15	6.67	0.18	26.67	0.55
Aster chilensis					
subsp. adscendens	0.54	40.00	0.18	75.00	0.16
Viola vallicola	4.57	80.00	3.22	90.00	0.40
Taraxacum officinale	25.19	59.00	13.08	83.00	5.26
Sidalcea neomexicana	10.56	90.00	8.36	95.00	0.46
Eriogonum heracleoides	14.94	60.00	7.89	85.50	3.58
Potentilla gracilis	3.00	90.00	2.38	95.00	0.13
Forbs	185.68	29.45	48.12	52.32	36.92
Artemisia cana	26.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	20.43	10.00	1.80	20.00	3.56
Amelanchier alnifolia	8 83	56 66	4 40	85.00	2.18
Rosa woodsii	1.00	50.00	0 44	60.00	0.09
Populus tremuloides	5.30	10.00	0.47	20.00	0.46
Symphoricarpos vaccinicidee	135 36	5 77	6 88	10 44	5 50
Artemisia tridentata	39.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browse	237.43	6.69	13.99	12.40	11.79
Totals and averages	607.51	18.70	100.00	37.63	100.00

Table 29. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 6, August 20-29, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Lbs. per Ligh		Heav	vy use
	acre	%	%	%	%
Species <u>Agropyron smithii</u> <u>Poa fendleriana</u> <u>Stipa lettermani</u> <u>Hesperochloa kingii</u> <u>Stipa columbiana</u> Grasses <u>Eriogonum heracleoides</u> <u>Achillea lanulosa</u>	air dry	use	diet	use	diet
Agropyron smithii	21.96	9.38	7.15	20.63	4.33
Poa fendleriana	5.07	50.00	8.79	70.00	1.78
Stipa lettermani	34.59	40.00	47.93	65.00	15.13
Hesperochloa kingii	58.06	11.43	22.99	55.83	45.05
Stipa columbiana	0.50	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.26
Grasses	120.18	20.86	86.86	52.54	66.55
Eriogonum heracleoides	47.35	2.00	3.27	14.00	9.92
Achillea lanulosa	51.42	0.00	0.00	5.00	4.48
Phlox gracilis	11.01	8.33	3.18	8.33	0.00
Cordylanthus ramosus	6.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lupinus laxiflorus	17.12	0.00	0.00	50.00	14.98
Circium spp.	7.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forbs	141.68	1.31	6.45	13.18	29.38
Artemisia tridentata	328.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purshia tridentata	14.28	13.33	6.69	25.00	2.96
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	8.45	0.00	0.00	7.50	1.11
Browse	351.59	0.55	6.69	1.21	4.07
Totals and averages	613.49	4.70	100.00	14.03	100.00

Table 30. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 6, August 9-18, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	Light use		Heavy use	
	acre	%	%	%	%	
Species	air dry	use	ight use Heavy χ χ a diet use 43 0.18 12.86 33 1.46 18.33 57 16.68 28.33 76 6.37 33.75 00 1.08 30.00 53 25.17 28.19 00 0.00 20.00 00 0.24 20.00 00 0.24 20.00 00 0.24 20.00 00 0.230 85.00 00 2.30 85.00 00 1.47 76.67 50 0.71 2.50 449 8.73 34.66 50 3.20 22.50 00 1.42 47.50 00 0.00 0.00 33 61.48 60.00 41 66.10 9.99	diet		
Agropyron smithii	9.20	1.43	0.18	12.86	0.96	
Koeleria cristata	8.14	13.33	1.46	18.33	0.38	
Hesperochloa kingii	103.30	11.67	16.68	28.33	15.68	
Stipa lettermani	34.95	13.76	6.37	33.75	6.37	
Poa pratensis	8.06	10.00	1.08	30.00	1.46	
Grasses	163.65	11.53	25.17	28.19	24.85	
Astragalus decumbens	1.69	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.31	
Circium spp.	3.54	5.00	0.24	20.00	0.48	
Eriogonum heracleoides	50.22	6.00	4.01	34.00	12.82	
Cordylanthus ramosus	5.96	0.00	0.00	33.00	1.79	
Aster chilensis						
subsp. adscendens	6.87	25.00	2.30	85.00	3.76	
Lupinus laxiflorus	11.06	10.00	1.47	76.67	6.72	
Achillea lanulosa	21.47	2.50	0.71	2.50	0.00	
Forbs	100.81	6.49	8.73	34.66	25.88	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	19.20	12.50	3.20	22.50	1.74	
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	3.45	30.00	1.42	47.50	0.55	
Artemisia tridentata	587.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Purshia tridentata	162.77	28.33	61.48	60.00	46.98	
Browse	772.90	6.41	66.10	9.99	49.27	
Totals and averages	1037.36	7.23	100.00	17.81	100.00	

Table 31. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 6, August 20-29, 1961.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use		
	acre	%	%	%	%	
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet	
Stipa lettermani	95.66	23.13	38.35	55.00	35.08	
Agropyron smithii	7.03	0.00	0.00	26.43	2.14	
Koeleria cristata	2.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Hesperochloa kingii	19.24	27.00	9.00	35.00	1.76	
Stipa columbiana	36.36	0.00	0.00	8.75	3.67	
Poa fendleriana	4.60	30.00	2.40	80.00	2.65	
Carex spp.	3.34	5.00	0.28	45.00	1.54	
Grasses	168.38	17.14	50.03	41.30	46.84	
Lupinus laxiflorus	42.74	25.00	18.54	79.38	26.74	
Phlox gracilis	12.90	25.00	5.60	25.00	0.00	
Astragalus miser						
var. decumbens	0.81	50.00	0.72	80.00	0.29	
Eriogonum heracleoides	34.52	5.00	2.99	10.00	1.99	
Aster chilensis						
subsp. adscendens	14.89	36.67	9.46	71.67	6.00	
Sphaeralcea coccinea	1.57	60.00	1.64	90.00	0.54	
Circium spp.	1.41	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.17	
Forbs	108.84	20.63	38.95	49.16	35.73	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	0.91	0.00	0.00	3.33	0.03	
Purshia tridentata	22.19	26.67	10.25	76.67	12.78	
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	8.90	5.00	0.77	50.00	4.62	
Artemisia tridentata	421.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Browse	453.97	1.40	11.02	4.74	17.43	
Totals and averages	731.19	7.89	100.00	19.77	100.00	

Table 32. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 6, August 9-18, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use		
	acre	%	%	%	%	
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet	
Stipa lettermani	69.88	17.14	24.33	36.43	13.62	
Hesperochloa kingii	39.31	8.57	6.80	49.29	16.18	
Agropyron smithii	17.16	1.25	0.45	53.75	9.10	
Koeleria cristata	6.49	27.50	3.61	35.83	0.55	
Poa ampla	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Stipa columbiana	7.94-	8.00	1.29	19.00	0.88	
Grasses	147.58	12.18	36.38	39.22	40.33	
Achillea lanulosa	30.57	1.67	1.04	10.00	2.58	
Eriogonum heracleoides	41.94	30.00	25.46	68.00	16.10	
Aster chilensis						
subsp. adscendens	23.07	18.00	8.41	86.67	16.02	
Lupinus laxiflorus	2.74	3.00	0.18	48.00	1.25	
Sphaeralcea coccinea	0.96	35.00	0.69	90.00	0.54	
Forbs	99.28	17.81	35.78	54.18	36.49	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	40.86	6.67	5.52	28.35	8.94	
Amelanchier alnifolia	3.45	25.00	1.76	75.00	1.74	
Rosa woodsii	3.23	10.00	0.66	70.00	1.95	
Artemisia tridentata	653.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Purshia tridentata	24.58	40.00	19.90	82.50	10.55	
Browse	725.84	1.90	27.85	5.06	23.18	
Totals and averages	972.70	5.08	100.00	15.25	100.00	

Table 33.	Species compo	sition, averag	e production,	utilization,	and
	diet of sheep	for two inten	sities of gra:	zing on good	
	condition ran	ge on area 7,	September 1-10), 1961.	

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use		
	acre	%	%	%	%	
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet	
Agropyron inerme	86.16	16,25	56.69	27.50	73.41	
Poa fendleriana	0.43	0.00	0.00	99.00	3.24	
Koeleria cristata	4.14	0.00	0.00	20.00	6.26	
Agropyron smithii	12.94	2.50	1.31	10.00	7.37	
Grasses	103.67	13.81	58.00	25.30	90.28	
Cordylanthus ramosus Aster chilensis	5.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
subsp. adscendens	18.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Circium spp.	10.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Eriogonum heracleoides	7.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Forbs	41.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Purshia tridentata	155.37	6.67	42.00	7.50	9.72	
Tetradymia canescens	20.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	47.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Artemisia tridentata	111.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Browse	334.19	3.09	42.00	3.47	9.72	
Totals and averages	479.55	5.14	100.00	7.88	100.00	

Table 34. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on good condition range on area 7, August 21-30, 1962.

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use		
	acre	%	%	%	%	
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet	
Agropyron inerme	97.57	3.50	4.47	10.00	8.45	
Koeleria cristata	7.49	0.00	0.00	10.00	1.00	
Hesperochloa kingii	17.93	25.00	5.86	40.00	3.57	
Grasses	122.99	6.43	10.33	14.37	13.02	
Cordylanthus ramosus	61.33	8.33	6.67	23.33	12.26	
Circium spp.	13.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Astragalus decumbens	3.06	50.00	2.00	62.50	0.51	
Aster chilensis						
subsp. adscendens	5.08	30.00	1.98	45.00	1.02	
Forbs	82.83	9.85	10.65	22.34	13.79	
Tetradymia canescens	16.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Artemisia nova	85.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Artemisia tridentata	102.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Purshia tridentata	187.78	30.00	73.59	53.75	59.40	
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	5.53	35.00	2.52	51.25	1.20	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	55.60	4.00	2.91	21.00	12.59	
Browse	452.97	13.35	79.02	25.48	73.19	
Totals and averages	658.79	11.62	100.00	23.01	100.00	

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use		
	acre	%	%	%	%	
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet	
Agropyron inerme	44.74	48.33	76.71	78.75	38.64	
Sitanion hystrix	12.64	30.00	11.52	41.25	4.02	
Bromus tectorum	4.60	0.00	0.00	1.67	0.21	
Agropyron smithii	7.61	31.67	7.31	32.50	0.17	
Grasses	69.59	39.97	84.54	61.75	43.04	
Aster chilensis						
subsp. adscendens	4.45	25.00	3.41	40.00	1.88	
Cordylanthus ramosus	1.41	0.00	0.00	1.67	0.08	
Astragalus decumbens	0.76	12.50	0.31	100.00	1.93	
Eriogonum heracleoides	2.18	0.00	0.00	12.86	0.80	
Forbs	8.80	13.88	3.72	32.61	4,69	
Artemisia nova	122.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Purshia tridentata	66.82	5.00	10.17	26.67	41.11	
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	23.15	0.25	0.18	16.25	10.50	
Artemisia tridentata	163.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Tetradymia canescens	25.95	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.50	
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	0.57	80.00	1.39	90.00	0.16	
Browse	402.95	0.96	11.74	5.53	52.27	
Totals and averages	481.34	6.83	100.00	14.15	100.00	

Table 35. Species composition, average production, utilization, and diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor condition range on area 7, September 1-10, 1961.

Table 36.	Species composition, average production, utilization, an	ld
	diet of sheep for two intensities of grazing on poor	
	condition range on area 7, August 21-30, 1962.	

	Lbs. per	Ligh	nt use	Heavy use			
	acre	%	%	%	%		
Species	air dry	use	diet	use	diet		
Agropyron inerme	39.12	28.13	17.69	36.88	5.66		
Sitanion hystrix	3.69	0.00	0.00	3.75	0.22		
Koeleria cristata	3.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Grasses	46.30	23.76	17.69	31.43	5.88		
Cordylanthus ramosus	92.24	7.22	10.71	17.22	15.28		
Circium spp.	18.89	10.00	3.04	15.00	1.56		
Aster chilensis							
subsp. adscendens	3.80	28.33	1.73	38.33	0.63		
Eriogonum heracleoides	6.18	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.25		
Forbs	121.11	7.95	15.48	16.79	17.72		
Artemisia nova	122.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Tetradymia canescens	39.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Artemisia tridentata	109.56	0.00	0.00	2.50	4.52		
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	18.39	26.67	7.90	76.67	15.23		
Symphoricarpos vaccinioides	6.92	50.00	5.57	65.00	1.71		
Purshia tridentata	82.94	40.00	53.36	80.00	54.93		
Browse	379.53	10.94	66.83	23.09	76.39		
Totals and averages	546.96	11.36	100.00	22.40	100.00		

Table 37. Scientific and common names of plants discussed.

Scientific name					Common name
Acropuron income					Prevdlaga Uhastavasa
Agropyron methici	•	•	•	•	Beardless wheatgrass
Agropyron suitering .	•	•	•	•	Bruestem Browded Theotomeon
Agropyron subsecundum	•	•	•	•	Bearded wheatgrass
Agropyron trachycaulum	•	•	•	•	Slender wheatgrass
Bromus carinatus	•	•	•	•	Mountain Brome
Bromus tectorum	•	•	•	•	Cheat grass
Carex spp	•	•	•		Sedge
Festuca idahoensis .	•	•	•	10	Bluebunch Fescue
Hesperochloa kingii .	•	•	•	•	Spike Fescue
Koeleria cristata .	•		•		June Grass
Melica bulbosa	•	*	•	*	Oniongrass
Poa ampla	•			•	Big Bluegrass
Poa fendleriana	•	•	•	•	Mutton Grass
Poa pratensis			•		Kentucky Bluegrass
Poa secunda				•	Sandberg Bluegrass
Sitanion hystrix					Squirreltail
Stipa columbiana					Columbia Needlegrass
Stipa lettermani					Letterman Needlegrass
Achillea lanulosa .					Yarrow
Allium acuminatum .					Wild onion
Antennaria dimorpha .					Everlasting
Arabis holboellii .					Hornem Rockcress
Arenaria congesta .					Sandwort
Aster chilensis subsp. a	dsce	ender	IS		Aster
Astragalus argophyllus					Loco Weed
Astragalus decumbens .					Loco Weed
Astragalus miser var. de	cum	oens			Milkvetch
Berberis vulgaris .					Common Barberry
Camassia quamash					Camas
Capsella bursa-pasturus					Shepherd's Purse
Chenopodium leptophyllum	1 .				Goosefoot
Circium spp					Thistle
Collomia tenella					Collomia
Cordylanthus ramosus .			10		Cordvlanthus
Cynoglossum officinale					Hound's Tongue
Delphinium nelsonii					low Larkspur
Epilobium paniculatum					Willow Weed
Frigeron speciosus	•		÷		Fleebane
Friggonum heracleoides	•	•		•	Friogonum
Calium borcalo	•	•	•	•	Bodetrou
Company Exemptii	•	•	•	•	Compliant
Budraphullum capitatum	•	•	•	•	Veter loof
Logidium montanum	•	•		•	Popperaraa
Teprorum moncanum .	•	•	•	•	Perent Banalan
Lomacium grayi	•	•	•	•	Luster rarsiey
Lupinus laxitiorus .	•	•		•	Lupine
madia glomerata	•	•	•		Madia
Microseris nutans .					Microseris

Table 37 continued.

Scientific name				_	 Common name
Phlox gracilis .					Phlox
Potentilla gracilis					Cinquefoil
Potentilla pectinised	ta				Cinquefoil
Senecio integerrimus					Senecio
Senecio serra .					Senecio
Sidalcea neomexicana					Prairie Mallow
Sphaeralcea coccinea					Globe Mallow
Thalictrum fendleri					Meadow Rue
Tragapogon porrifoliu	IS .				Oyster plant
Taraxacum officinale					Dandelion
Vicia americana .					American Vetch
Viola canadensis .					White Violet
Viola vallicola .					Yellow Violet
Wyethia amplexicaulis					Mule Ears
Zigadenus paniculatis					Foothill Death Camas
Amelanchier alnifolia					Service Berry
Artemisia arbuscula					Low Sagebrush
Artemisia cana .					Hoary Sagebrush
Artemisia nova .					Black Sage
Artemisia tridentata					Sagebrush
Chrysothamnus viscidi	floru	15			Rabbitbrush
Populus tremuloides					Aspen
Purshia tridentata					Bitter Brush
Rosa woodsii					Wildrose
Symphoricarpos vaccin	ioide	s			Snowberry
Tetradymia canescens			•		Spineless Horsebrush