

Weather (Wether-Castrated Male Sheep)

1738 November 20 (Monday). Sold Mr. Tainter 3 Largest Weathers I had.

1745 April 12 (Friday). Last night our Small Flock of Sheep Sett on by Doggs. A principal Ewe lay Dead, and mostly Eat up: her Lamb left to be brought up by Hand. A Weather also much bitt, that we much doubted of its Life.

1745 October 24 (Thursday). Mr. Mighel din'd here: bought 3 Weathers of me for 5 shillings per Head and paid me for them.

1768 April 1 (Friday). A Time of Difficulty with us by reason of Shortness of Hay -- two Cows have calv'd; by the Snow and cold and slender portions of English Hay, fear they will not do well. We give them the more Meal, of which, through divine Goodness, we have good store. Sent for Mr. Hezekiah Pratt who comes, and pulls up the weather of one of the Cows; and we prepare Comfry Root and milk, which is given her.

1778 August 25 (Tuesday). This Morn at Break of Day, they sat out for *Stoneham*. *Breck* informs me that Mr. *David Stow*, son of *Grafton* was at his shop and told him *Elias's* weather had sickened and dyed, that it was wholly lost, Skin and wool, for it was Some time before they found it, and it Stank.

1780 November 4 (Saturday). Elias goes and fetches my 12 Sheep from Squire Baker's Pasture. N.B. The principal Weather is missing, and a strange one is brought in his stead.