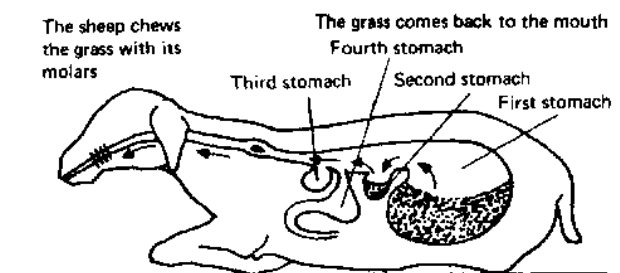




## Nature's Lawn mowers

Sheep like to **graze**. Grazing means the sheep eat growing plants. Sheep graze on land that most crops cannot grow. Crops are plants that farmers grow for food. Sheep will eat weeds that wildlife and cattle will not eat. Sheep are special because they can eat plants that make other animals sick. Sheep are **ruminants**. Ruminants means that sheep have four parts to their stomach. This special stomach allows them to digest plants and grasses that humans and other animals can not.



## Sheep help the environment

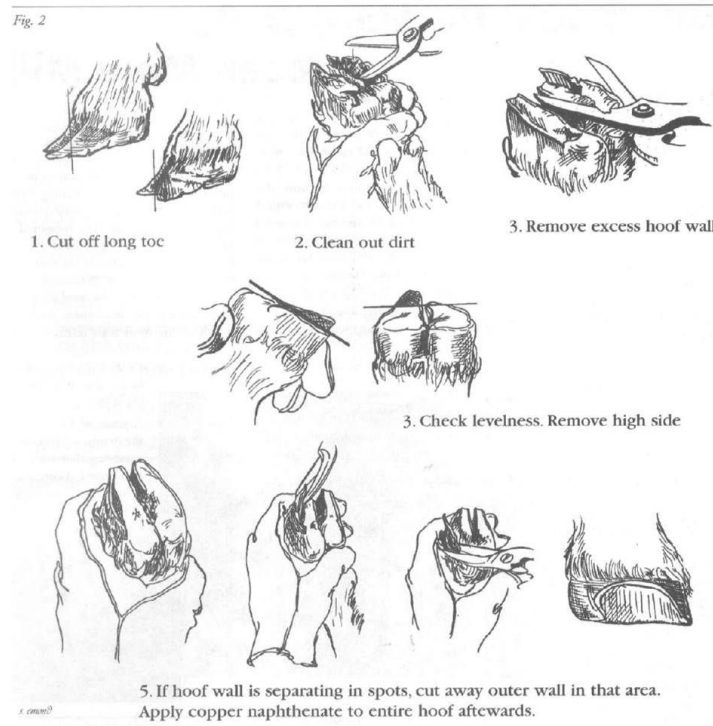
Sheep are a natural low cost easy to protect the environment. They can increase the value and beauty of natural recourses by controlling weeds and improving soil conditions. For example, getting sheep to eat plants around tree seedlings, help the little trees to grow because they get more sunlight, minerals and water. This means that fewer chemicals have to be used to control competing plants.





Sheep have pointed hooves which breaks up the soil so weeds can find a place to grow. When the soil is broken into smaller pieces water can easily get into the ground. This helps plants grow and the plants can help prevent soil erosion.

Like us humans we cut our toe nails, sheep have to have their hooves cut.



Controlled sheep grazing is used to improve habitat area for wildlife. Sheep will eat plants that have become dried and are low in food value.

