Fleece Shedding in Sheep

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Primitive Sheep

• Why worry about shedding as Merinos don’t shed do they?

• However, Merino’s are a descendent of the more primitive sheep types

• So some of the characteristics of the primitive sheep maybe still part of the make up of Merino sheep
Sequence of Casting

(a) 
(b) 
(c) 
(d)
Changes in follicle activity in adult Wiltshire Horn sheep in the northern hemisphere. The vertical lines represent one standard error of the mean. Adapted from Ryder (1969).