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Ottawa, October 4, 1939.-The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a preliminary estimate of shorn wool production for 1939. This estimate has been based upon returns from wool growers in all provinces.

Shorn wool production in Canada for 1939 is estimated at 13,615,000 pounds as compared with 13,386,000 pounds in 1938. Although the number of sheep shorn was 2 per cent less than in 1938, the average yield per fleece was one fifth of a pound greater, bringing total production above the 1938 level. Higher average yields were reported in all provinces except Nova Scotia.

Table 1

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA
1938 and 1939

Province	Number of Sheep Shorn		Average Yield Per Fleece (Pounds)		Total Wool Production (000 Pounds)	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
Prince Edward Island	28,100	26,300	6.4	6.8	180	179
Nova Scotia	86,100	84,100	5.6	5.4	482	454
New Brunswick	63,500	63,600	6.4	6.5	406	413
Quebec	346,400	340,500*	5.9	6.1	2,044	2,077
Ontario	436,600	427,900*	7.9	7.9	3,449	3,380
Manitoba	119,300	115,400	7.3	7.8	871	900
Saskatchewan	189,100	186,800	7.9	8.3	1,494	1,550
Alberta	478,600	479,200	8.0	8.4	3,829	4,025
British Columbia	90,200	82,700	7.0	7.7	631	637
TOTAL	1,837,900	1,806,500	7.3	7.5	13,386	13,615

* Preliminary.

Of the total 1939 clip, 59 per cent was sold or delivered before the end of June, 29 per cent has been sold or delivered since that date, or remains on farms to be sold; and 12 per cent was retained for use on the farm. The clip was sold rapidly in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. Large amounts of wool are retained for home use in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Table 2
DISPOSAL OF THE 1939 WOOL CLIP
(000 Pounds)

Province	Clip	Sold or Delivered at June 30	To be Sold	Kept for Use on Farm
Prince Edward Island	179	64	62	53
Nova Scotia	454	243	121	90
New Brunswick	413	170	140	103
Quebec	2,077	493	494	1,090
Ontario	3,330	2,893	467	20
Manitoba	900	639	163	98
Saskatchewan	1,550	544	946	60
Alberta	4,025	2,359	1,594	72
British Columbia	637	608	21	8
TOTAL	13,615	8,013	4,008	1,594
PERCENTAGES	100	59	29	12

Domestic Wool Prices

Average prices received by farmers for wool during the three months, June, July and August of 1939 have been about the same as those prevailing in the same period of 1938. Prices of Eastern wools at Toronto were slightly higher during the summer months of 1939, but Western wools were about the same as a year ago, although there was some tendency for prices to strengthen.

Table 3
WOOL: AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS (1)
June, July and August
(cents per pound)

Province	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Prince Edward Island	10.3	14.7	21.3	12.7	12.3
Nova Scotia	12.7	14.7	20.3	13.3	13.7
New Brunswick	12.7	16.3	21.0	16.7	16.0
Quebec	13.0	14.0	20.7	15.7	18.7
Ontario	9.0	14.0	21.7	10.7	11.3
Manitoba	7.3	9.3	13.7	8.7	8.3
Saskatchewan	7.3	9.7	13.0	10.0	9.3
Alberta	7.3	10.3	14.3	9.0	9.0
British Columbia	9.0	12.7	17.3	13.0	11.7
CANADA	9.1	12.2	17.6	11.2	11.6

(1) As reported to the Bureau by Farm Price Correspondents.



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Province	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Alberta	25.5	26.2	26.8	27.5	28.2	28.9
Manitoba	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0
Saskatchewan	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0
Ontario	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0
Quebec	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0
Atlantic	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0
Total	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 1967-1972.

Province	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Alberta	12.5	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0
Manitoba	12.5	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0
Saskatchewan	12.5	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0
Ontario	12.5	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0
Quebec	12.5	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0
Atlantic	12.5	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0
Total	12.5	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.7	14.0