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Ottawa, October 31, 1940.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a preliminary estimate of shorn wool production for 1940. This estimate has been based upon returns from wool growers in all provinces.

Shorn wool production in Canada in 1940 is estimated at 13,822,000 pounds as compared with an estimate of 13,569,000 pounds in 1939, and 13,386,000 pounds in 1938. The 1940 wool clip is the largest since 1932, when shearings totalled 14,027,000 pounds. The number of sheep shorn in 1940 is estimated at 1,860,500 with an average yield per fleece of 7.4 pounds, compared with shearings of 1,805,100 sheep in 1939 and an average yield per fleece of 7.5 pounds. Increases in numbers of sheep shorn occurred in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Correspondents reported that 75.3 per cent of the clip had been sold or consigned up to the end of June. The amount intended for use on farms was reported at 9.6 per cent of the total clip, leaving 15.1 per cent of the clip still to be sold.

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA  
 1930 to 1940

Year	Number of	Total Shorn
	Sheep Shorn	Wool Production
	000	000 pounds
1930	1,829	12,800
1931	1,932	13,575
1932	1,982	14,027
1933	1,878	13,308
1934	1,898	13,135
1935	1,870	13,320
1936	1,821	13,057
1937	1,835	13,271
1938	1,838	13,386
1939	1,805	13,569
1940	1,860	13,822

By Provinces  
 1939 and 1940

Province	Number of		Average Yield		Total Shorn	
	Sheep Shorn		Per Fleece		Wool Production	
	1939	1940	(pounds)		(000 pounds)	
			1939	1940	1939	1940
Prince Edward Island	26,300	25,400	6.8	6.4	179	163
Nova Scotia	84,100	83,900	5.4	5.6	454	470
New Brunswick	63,600	61,900	6.5	6.6	413	409
Quebec	336,700	333,500	6.1	6.2	2,054	2,068
Ontario	430,300	415,100	7.9	8.1	3,399	3,362
Manitoba	115,400	114,600	7.8	7.7	900	882
Saskatchewan	186,800	222,200	8.3	8.2	1,550	1,822
Alberta	479,200	513,000	8.4	7.8	4,025	4,001
British Columbia	82,700	90,900	7.2	7.1	595	645
TOTAL	1,805,100	1,860,500	7.5	7.4	13,569	13,822

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