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CANADIAN SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, December 11, 1942. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a preliminary estimate of shorn wool production for 1942. This estimate has been based upon returns from wool growers in all provinces.

SUMMARY

Production of shorn wool in Canada in 1942 at 12,867,000 pounds was 10.6 per cent higher than that of 1941. A substantial increase in the number of sheep shorn was mainly responsible for the increased output of wool although the average weight per fleece was also fractionally higher. Increased wool production occurred in all provinces except New Brunswick and was particularly marked in the three Prairie Provinces.

Correspondents reported that 67 per cent of the 1942 clip had been sold or consigned for sale up to the end of June. The amount intended for use on farms was reported to be 3.2 per cent of the total with the remainder to be sold later in the year.

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA By Provinces, 1941 and 1942

Province	Number of Sheep Shorn		Average Yield Per Fleece		Total Shorn Wool Production	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
			pounds		000 pounds	
Prince Edward Island	24,200	25,400	6.7	7.1	162	180
Nova Scotia	76,700	77,800	5.8	6.2	445	482
New Brunswick	50,600	48,600	6.5	6.7	329	326
Que bec	284,500	272,600	6.1	6.5	1,736	1,772
Ontario	342,000	346,800	8.0	8.3	2,736	2,878
Manitoba	125,700	160,400	7.8	7.4	980	1,187
Saskatchewan	183,100	226,900	8.2	8.0	1,501	1,815
Alberta	400,200	442,800	8.2	8.4	3,282	3,720
British Columbia	63,800	67,600	7.2	7.5	459	507
TOTAL	1,550,800	1,668,900	7.5	7.7	11,630	12,867



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