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J. B. RutherfordCANADIAN SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, January 10, 1947.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a preliminary estimate of shorn wool production for 1946. This estimate has been based upon returns from wool growers in all provinces.

SUMMARY

Production of shorn wool in Canada in 1946 is estimated at 13,711,000 pounds compared with 14,513,000 pounds in 1945. The reduction in the 1946 clip is largely due to reduced numbers of sheep shorn which are estimated at 1,793,600 in 1946 compared with 1,917,000 in 1945. For all Canada the average yield per fleece as reported by wool growers was the same in both years. The 1946 total wool clip is the smallest since 1942 but is still above the pre-war (1935-39) average of 12,243,000 pounds.

Table 1
SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1930 TO 1946
('000 lb.)

Year	Production	Year	Production
1930	12,800	1939	11,761
1931	13,575	1940	11,549
1932	13,836	1941	11,630
1933	12,984	1942	12,867
1934	12,935	1943	13,929
1935	12,644	1944	15,128
1936	12,531	1945	14,513
1937	12,289	1946	13,711
1938	12,000		

Table 2
SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES,
1945 and 1946

	Sheep Shorn		Average Yield per Fleece		Total Production	
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Prince Edward Island	30,400	28,300	7.0	6.9	213	195
Nova Scotia	86,100	84,600	5.6	6.0	482	508
New Brunswick	55,500	52,300	6.2	6.3	344	329
Quebec	317,600	296,100	6.3	6.0	2,001	1,777
Ontario	370,400	357,000	7.6	7.6	2,815	2,713
Manitoba	151,200	115,200	6.9	6.8	1,043	783
Saskatchewan	295,100	295,100	8.0	8.2	2,361	2,420
Alberta	530,400	494,200	8.8	9.0	4,668	4,448
British Columbia	80,300	70,800	7.3	7.6	586	538
CANADA	1,917,000	1,793,600	7.6	7.6	14,513	13,711

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