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CANADIAN SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, November 26, 1947: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a preliminary estimate of shorn wool production for 1947. This estimate has been based upon returns from wool growers in all provinces.

S U M M A R Y

Production of shorn wool in Canada in 1947 is estimated at 10,176,000 pounds compared with 11,457,000 pounds in 1946. This reduction is largely due to reduced numbers of sheep on farms. The yield per fleece declined very slightly from an average for all Canada of 7.5 pounds in 1946 to 7.4 pounds in 1947. The 1947 total wool clip is the smallest since 1925 and is considerably below the pre-war (1935-39) average of 12,243,000 pounds.

Table I: SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1930 TO 1947

(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	12,521	1945	14,513
1937	12,289	1946	11,457 1/
1938	12,000	1947	10,176

1/ Revised in accordance with preliminary census data for the Prairie Provinces.

Table II: SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1946 AND 1947

Province	Sheep Shorn		Average Yield per Fleece		Total Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.
Prince Edward Island	28,300	25,100	6.9	6.9	195	173
Nova Scotia	84,600	73,300	6.0	6.0	508	440
New Brunswick	52,300	46,100	6.3	6.3	329	290
Quebec	296,100	283,400	6.0	6.3	1,777	1,785
Ontario	357,000	335,500	7.6	7.8	2,713	2,617
Manitoba	106,500 1/	92,800	6.8	6.8	724 1/	631
Saskatchewan	179,200 1/	151,000	8.2	8.2	1,470 1/	1,238
Alberta	355,900 1/	302,800	9.0	8.4	3,203 1/	2,544
British Columbia	70,800	57,200	7.6	8.0	538	458
CANADA	1,530,700 1/	1,367,200	7.5 1/	7.4	11,457 1/	10,176

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