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CANADIAN SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, October 20, 1948: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a preliminary estimate of shorn wool production for 1948. This estimate has been based upon returns from wool growers in all provinces.

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Production of shorn wool in Canada in 1948 is estimated at 8,423,000 pounds compared with 10,176,000 pounds in 1947. This reduction is due to the decline in numbers of sheep on farms and a lower yield per fleece. The average fleece weight for all Canada was 7.2 pounds in 1948 as compared with 7.4 pounds in 1947.

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - 1935 to 1948
(000 lb.)

Year	Production	Year	Production
1935	12,644	1942	12,867
1936	12,521	1943	13,929
1937	12,289	1944	15,128
1938	12,000	1945	14,513
1939	11,761	1946	11,457
1940	11,549	1947	10,176
1941	11,630	1948	8,423

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES - 1948 AND 1947

Province	Sheep Shorn		Average Yield per Fleece		Total Production	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.
Prince Edward Island	22,900	25,100	6.8	6.9	156	173
Nova Scotia	68,100	73,300	6.1	6.0	415	440
New Brunswick	41,300	46,100	6.0	6.3	248	290
Quebec	249,300	283,400	6.0	6.3	1,496	1,785
Ontario	290,800	335,500	7.5	7.8	2,181	2,617
Manitoba	73,600	92,800	6.7	6.8	493	631
Saskatchewan	133,800	151,000	7.8	8.2	1,044	1,238
Alberta	238,700	302,800	8.3	8.4	1,981	2,544
British Columbia	52,400	57,200	7.8	8.0	409	458
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