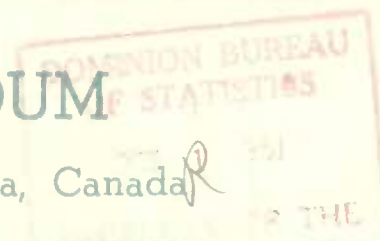


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Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, Canada



SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - 1951

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics today issued the 1951 estimates of shorn wool production. With slightly less than 1 million sheep shorn in Canada this spring, total production is estimated to be 7,471,000 pounds. This is 5½ per cent lower than the 1950 estimate of 7,904,000 pounds. The national average weight per fleece was 7.8 pounds, (7.7 pounds in 1950), but with reduced numbers of sheep on hand the total clip was less than last year, and one of the lowest on record.

Production in the Maritime Provinces and in the Prairie Provinces was practically unchanged from the previous year, but both Ontario and Quebec recorded substantial decreases.

Shorn Wool Production, Canada - 1935 to 1951

Year	Production '000 lb.	Year	Production '000 lb.
1935-1939 Average	12,243		
1940	11,549	1946	11,457
1941	11,630	1947	10,176
1942	12,867	1948	8,423
1943	13,929	1949	7,759
1944	15,128	1950	7,904
1945	14,513	1951	7,471

Shorn Wool Production, by Provinces - 1950 and 1951

Province	Sheep Shorn		Average Yield per Fleece		Total Production	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Prince Edward Island	23,200	23,300	8.0	7.4	186	172
Nova Scotia	66,900	67,200	6.1	6.1	408	410
New Brunswick	36,200	36,400	6.8	6.9	246	251
Quebec	196,400	183,500	6.7	6.3	1,316	1,156
Ontario	246,300	236,500	8.2	7.4	2,020	1,750
Manitoba	59,100	56,000	6.9	6.9	408	386
Saskatchewan	126,800	121,700	8.4	8.4	1,065	1,022
Alberta	216,600	216,300	8.7	8.9	1,884	1,925
British Columbia	48,800	51,100	7.6	7.8	371	399
Canada 1/	1,020,300	992,000	7.7	7.8	7,904	7,471

1/ Data for Newfoundland not available.

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