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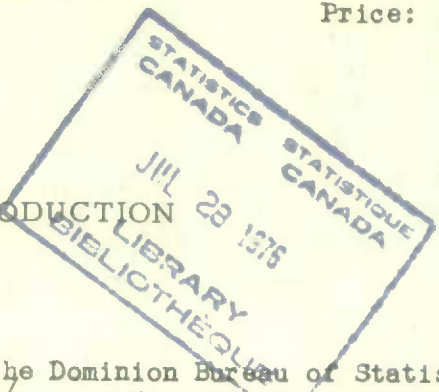
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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION 1956

According to information derived from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics Annual Wool Survey, the farm wool clip in Canada^{1/} in 1956 totalled 6,372,000 lb. greasy basis--about 1 per cent below that of 1955. The number of sheep shorn (874,000) was fewer than in 1955 (875,200). The average weight of the fleeces was also slightly lower--7.3 lb. compared to 7.4 lb. in 1955.

Eastern farmers reported slightly fewer sheep shorn and a lesser average fleece weight compared to 1955. Western sheep raisers reported almost no change in the number of sheep shorn but fleece weights averaging 7.7 lb. compared to 7.9 lb. in 1955.

Table 1. - Shorn Wool Production, by Province, 1955 and 1956

Province	Sheep Shorn		Average Fleece Weight ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	- no. -		- lb. -		- '000 lb. -	
Prince Edward Island	19,000	19,000	7.1	7.1	135	135
Nova Scotia	51,500	49,200	6.0	6.0	309	295
New Brunswick	33,700	34,000	6.4	6.6	216	224
Quebec	174,700	178,900	6.5	6.5	1,136	1,163
Ontario	205,000	201,000	7.7	7.6	1,578	1,528
Totals, East	483,900	482,100	7.0	6.9	3,374	3,345
Manitoba	27,700	26,000	6.4	6.8	177	177
Saskatchewan	83,000	85,500	7.5	7.8	622	667
Alberta	237,600	237,000	8.1	7.8	1,925	1,849
British Columbia	43,000	43,400	8.1	7.7	348	334
Totals, West	391,300	391,900	7.9	7.7	3,072	3,027
TOTALS, CANADA	875,200	874,000	7.4	7.3	6,446	6,372

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

^{2/} Greasy basis.

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Table 2. - Shorn Wool Production^{1/} in Canada^{2/}, 1920 to 1956

	Sheep Shorn no. -	Average Fleece Weight - lb. -	Production - '000 lb. -
1920	1,785,600	6.3	11,306
1921	1,776,400	6.4	11,368
1922	1,686,400	6.4	10,854
1923	1,428,200	6.5	9,334
1924	1,356,800	6.6	8,943
1925	1,423,900	6.7	9,602
1926	1,563,400	6.8	10,607
1927	1,650,200	6.8	11,261
1928	1,758,100	6.9	12,143
1929	1,831,600	6.9	12,679
1930	1,828,900	7.0	12,800
1931	1,931,700	7.0	13,575
1932	1,955,900	7.1	13,836
1933	1,833,000	7.1	12,984
1934	1,816,300	7.1	12,935
1935	1,764,100	7.2	12,644
1936	1,742,600	7.2	12,521
1937	1,697,900	7.2	12,289
1938	1,648,800	7.1	12,000
1939	1,568,000	7.5	11,761
1940	1,559,200	7.4	11,549
1941	1,522,000	7.5	11,394
1942	1,581,500	7.7	12,129
1943	1,676,800	7.4	12,453
1944	1,727,800	7.4	12,851
1945	1,627,800	7.4	12,115
1946	1,473,000	7.5	11,023
1947	1,309,800	7.5	9,779
1948	1,090,000	7.2	7,869
1949	936,800	7.4	6,903
1950	816,400	7.7	6,316
1951	758,300	7.5	5,700
1952 ^{3/}	829,600	7.7	6,351
1953 ^{3/}	859,600	7.4	6,355
1954 ^{3/}	880,700	7.4	6,496
1955 ^{3/}	875,200	7.4	6,446
1956 ^{3/}	874,000	7.3	6,372

1/ Greasy basis.
 2/ Not including Newfoundland.
 3/ Preliminary.

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