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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

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During the 1958 shearing season an estimated 6,245,000 pounds of wool (greasy basis) was shorn from about 850,000 sheep on farms in Canada (not including Newfoundland). This production is an increase of over 3 per cent from 1957 and resulted from an increase in the number of sheep shorn--up 1.2 per cent from 840,300 in 1957--together with a heavier average fleece weight-- 7.35 lb. in 1958 vs. 7.20 lb. in 1957.

The wool clip in Eastern Canada declined to 3,039,000 lb. from 3,104,000 lb. in 1957. However, this 2 per cent drop was more than offset by the nearly 9 per cent rise in shorn wool production on Western farms and ranches, which is estimated at 3,206,000 lb. this year compared to 2,946,000 in 1957. This marks the first time since 1947 that the western clip exceeded that of the east.

Although the average fleece weight increased slightly in both eastern (6.89 lb. vs. 6.82) and western provinces (7.84 lb. vs. 7.65) the reduced number of sheep shorn on Eastern farms (441,200 vs. 455,300) in 1958 brought about the reduction in shorn wool production on farms in Eastern Canada. The major portion of the increase in Western Canada was brought about by more sheep being shorn in 1958 (408,800 vs. 385,000).

This information is derived from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual wool survey. The survey has not yet been extended to the Province of Newfoundland; consequently the Canada total figures shown in the tables are for nine provinces only.

This report includes a tabulation of final revised estimates of sheep shorn and wool production between the census years 1951 and 1956. These revisions are necessary in order to have the inter-censal estimates, which by nature are preliminary, conform to the sheep population bench marks derived from the census data.

Table 1.-Shorn Wool Production, by Province, ^{1/}1957 and 1958

	Sheep Shorn		Average Fleece Weight ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	number		pounds		'000 pounds	
Prince Edward Island	16,900	16,500	7.2	7.1	123	117
Nova Scotia	43,900	41,200	6.0	6.0	265	247
New Brunswick	33,500	34,000	6.3	6.4	212	218
Quebec	167,500	158,500	6.6	6.7	1,104	1,062
Ontario	193,500	191,000	7.2	7.3	1,400	1,395
Totals, East	455,300	441,200	6.8	6.9	3,104	3,039
Manitoba	36,500	38,300	6.3	6.8	230	260
Saskatchewan	81,000	85,000	7.5	7.9	610	671
Alberta	225,000	240,000	7.9	8.0	1,778	1,925
British Columbia	42,500	45,500	7.7	7.7	328	350
Totals, West	385,000	408,800	7.7	7.8	2,946	3,206
Totals, CANADA ^{1/}	840,300	850,000	7.2	7.3	6,050	6,245

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland.

^{2/} Greasy basis.

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Table 2.- Shorn Wool Production^{1/}, by Province^{2/}, 1951 to 1956
(Intercensal Revisions)

	Unit	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	17,500	18,000	19,000	18,600	17,100	16,900
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.4	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.1	7.1
Wool Production	lb.	130,000	128,000	133,000	134,000	121,000	120,000
<u>Nova Scotia</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	51,100	53,000	51,300	53,600	50,500	46,000
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Wool Production	lb.	312,000	323,000	308,000	321,000	303,000	276,000
<u>New Brunswick</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	28,900	29,500	29,600	33,300	32,700	32,600
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.9	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.6
Wool Production	lb.	199,000	195,000	187,000	210,000	209,000	215,000
<u>Quebec</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	158,000	175,000	175,300	175,700	170,700	175,000
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.5
Wool Production	lb.	995,000	1,138,000	1,140,000	1,124,000	1,110,000	1,138,000
<u>Ontario</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	179,500	199,000	205,200	205,000	201,000	194,000
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6
Wool Production	lb.	1,328,000	1,532,000	1,580,000	1,578,000	1,548,000	1,475,000
<u>Manitoba</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	33,700	36,500	36,400	38,200	38,200	38,000
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.9	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.4	6.8
Wool Production	lb.	233,000	259,000	258,000	264,000	244,000	259,000
<u>Saskatchewan</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	74,000	77,000	78,300	76,700	78,200	80,000
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	8.4	8.3	8.1	7.6	7.5	7.8
Wool Production	lb.	622,000	639,000	634,000	583,000	587,000	624,000
<u>Alberta</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	181,100	194,000	198,400	210,700	220,700	219,000
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	8.9	9.0	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.8
Wool Production	lb.	1,612,000	1,746,000	1,627,000	1,728,000	1,788,000	1,708,000
<u>British Columbia</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	34,500	39,000	41,000	41,200	42,400	45,500
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.8	8.0	7.3	8.0	8.1	7.7
Wool Production	lb.	269,000	312,000	299,000	330,000	343,000	350,000
<u>Canada^{2/}</u>							
Sheep Shorn	No.	758,300	821,000	834,500	853,000	851,500	847,000
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.52	7.64	7.39	7.35	7.34	7.28
Wool Production	lb.	5,700,000	6,272,000	6,166,000	6,272,000	6,253,000	6,165,000

^{1/} Greasy Basis.^{2/} Not including Newfoundland.