

Annual

Price: 25¢

 SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION
 1963

Wool production from sheep shorn in Canada this spring is estimated at 5,259,000 pounds, a decrease of 10.4 per cent from the estimated production of 5,808,000 pounds in 1962. This decrease in production was equally distributed between the East and the West. In both instances the decrease was about 10 per cent.

The number of sheep shorn declined by 9.2 per cent from 730,000 in 1962 to 668,000 in 1963. In the East the number shorn decreased by 10.3 per cent while in the West the numbers shorn were down by 8.4 per cent.

The average fleece weight, greasy basis, for Canada as a whole was 7.9 lb. compared to 8.0 lb. realized last year. By provinces, fleece weight increased fractionally in Ontario but was the same or lower than last year in other provinces. Data for Newfoundland are not available.

This report includes a tabulation of revised estimates of sheep shorn and wool production, between the Census years 1956 and 1961, which conform to the sheep population benchmarks derived from the Census data.

Shorn Wool Production, by Province, 1962 and 1963

	Sheep Shorn		Fleece Weight ^{1/}		Production ^{1/}		1963 Production as % of 1962
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	
	- '000 head -		- pounds -		- '000 pounds -		%
Pr. Edward Island	11.2	9.7	7.5	6.8	84	66	79
Nova Scotia	30.5	27.0	6.2	6.0	189	162	86
New Brunswick	25.5	21.3	6.6	6.5	169	138	82
Quebec	87.6	78.0	7.1	7.0	623	546	88
Ontario	175.1	163.0	7.1	7.2	1,243	1,174	94
Totals, East	329.9	299.0	7.0	7.0	2,308	2,086	90
Manitoba	36.1	34.7	7.1	6.8	256	236	92
Saskatchewan	88.0	80.0	8.1	8.1	713	648	91
Alberta	225.5	207.0	9.5	9.3	2,142	1,925	90
British Columbia	50.5	47.3	7.7	7.7	389	364	94
Totals, West	400.1	369.0	8.7	8.6	3,500	3,173	91
Totals, CANADA	730.0	668.0	8.0	7.9	5,808	5,259	90

^{1/} Greasy basis.

Table 2.- Shorn Wool Production^{1/}, by Province^{2/}, 1956 to 1961
(Intercensal Revisions)

	Unit	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Prince Edward Island							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	16.9	15.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	12.0
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.1
Wool Production	'000 lb.	120.0	109.0	99.0	98.0	98.0	86.0
Nova Scotia							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	46.0	43.9	41.2	41.0	40.0	35.0
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.2
Wool Production	'000 lb.	276.0	263.0	247.0	246.0	240.0	217.0
New Brunswick							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	32.6	33.5	34.0	33.0	32.5	28.0
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.7
Wool Production	'000 lb.	215.0	211.0	218.0	224.0	208.0	188.0
Quebec							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	175.0	164.4	149.5	133.8	117.6	98.5
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.9
Wool Production	'000 lb.	1,138.0	1,085.0	1,002.0	910.0	800.0	680.0
Ontario							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	194.0	191.5	188.9	182.8	177.8	173.2
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.6	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.0	7.2
Wool Production	'000 lb.	1,475.0	1,379.0	1,379.0	1,334.0	1,245.0	1,256.0
Manitoba							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	38.0	35.5	37.3	35.0	38.0	40.3
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	6.8	6.3	6.8	7.2	6.5	7.0
Wool Production	'000 lb.	259.0	224.0	254.0	252.0	247.0	283.0
Saskatchewan							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	80.0	85.0	93.0	92.5	105.0	97.5
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.8	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0
Wool Production	'000 lb.	624.0	638.0	735.0	731.0	830.0	780.0
Alberta							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	219.0	215.9	225.0	245.0	256.0	251.5
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.0
Wool Production	'000 lb.	1,708.0	1,706.0	1,800.0	2,082.0	2,304.0	2,263.0
British Columbia							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	45.5	45.0	48.5	50.5	51.0	54.0
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.7
Wool Production	'000 lb.	350.0	346.0	373.0	379.0	398.0	416.0
CANADA^{2/}							
Sheep Shorn	'000 hd.	847.0	829.8	831.4	827.6	831.9	790.0
Average Fleece Weight	lb.	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.6	7.7	7.8
Wool Production	'000 lb.	6,165.0	5,961.0	6,107.0	6,256.0	6,370.0	6,169.0

^{1/} Greasy Basis.

^{2/} Not including Newfoundland.