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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

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Wool production from sheep shorn in Canada this spring is 4,646,000 pounds, down 8 per cent from the 1964 production of 5,065,000. In the East production declined by 2 per cent to 1,925,000 and in the West by 12 per cent to 2,721,000. The larger decrease in the West was mainly due to a 14 per cent drop in production in Alberta and a 20 per cent decrease in British Columbia.

The number of sheep shorn this spring is estimated at 593,000 down 7 per cent from 637,000 shorn in the spring of 1964. The numbers decreased by 5 and 8.3 per cent to 268,000 and 325,000 in the East and West respectively.

The average fleece weight, greasy basis, for Canada was 7.8 pounds, down slightly from the 8.0 pounds realized last year. For each Eastern province and for the region as a whole the fleece weights were higher than last year. In the West the average fleece weight was down from last year due to substantially lighter fleece weights for both Alberta and British Columbia.

Shorn Wool Production, by Province, 1964 and 1965

	Sheep Shorn		Fleece Weight ⁽¹⁾		Production ⁽¹⁾		1965
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	Production as % of 1964
	'000 head		pounds		'000 pounds		%
Pr. Edward Island	9.0	7.0	6.4	6.6	58	46	79
Nova Scotia	25.0	23.0	6.0	6.2	150	143	95
New Brunswick	17.5	16.0	6.4	6.6	112	106	95
Quebec	75.0	70.0	6.8	7.0	510	490	96
Ontario	156.0	152.0	7.3	7.5	1,139	1,140	100
Totals, East	282.5	268.0	7.0	7.2	1,969	1,925	98
Manitoba	32.0	28.0	6.6	6.7	211	188	89
Saskatchewan	80.5	74.0	8.0	8.6	644	636	99
Alberta	196.0	181.0	9.6	8.9	1,882	1,611	86
British Columbia	46.0	42.0	7.8	6.8	359	286	80
Totals, West	354.5	325.0	8.7	8.4	3,096	2,721	88
Totals, CANADA	637.0	593.0	8.0	7.8	5,065	4,646	92

(1) Greasy basis.

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Table 2. - Shorn Wool Production ⁽¹⁾ in Canada ⁽²⁾, 1920 to 1965

Year	Sheep Shorn	Average Fleece Weight	Production	Year	Sheep Shorn	Average Fleece Weight	Production
	'000 head	lb.	'000 lb.		'000 head	lb.	'000 lb.
1920	1,785.6	6.3	11,306	1945	1,627.8	7.4	12,115
1921	1,776.4	6.4	11,368	1946	1,473.0	7.5	11,023
1922	1,686.4	6.4	10,854	1947	1,309.8	7.5	9,779
1923	1,428.2	6.5	9,334	1948	1,090.0	7.2	7,869
1924	1,356.8	6.6	8,943	1949	936.8	7.4	6,903
1925	1,423.9	6.7	9,602	1950	816.4	7.7	6,316
1926	1,563.4	6.8	10,607	1951	758.3	7.5	5,700
1927	1,650.2	6.8	11,261	1952	821.0	7.6	6,272
1928	1,758.1	6.9	12,143	1953	834.5	7.4	6,166
1929	1,831.6	6.9	12,679	1954	853.0	7.4	6,272
1930	1,828.9	7.0	12,800	1955	851.5	7.3	6,253
1931	1,931.7	7.0	13,575	1956	847.0	7.3	6,165
1932	1,955.9	7.1	13,836	1957	829.8	7.2	5,961
1933	1,833.0	7.1	12,984	1958	831.4	7.3	6,107
1934	1,816.3	7.1	12,935	1959	827.6	7.6	6,256
1935	1,764.1	7.2	12,644	1960	831.9	7.7	6,370
1936	1,742.6	7.2	12,521	1961	790.0	7.8	6,169
1937	1,697.9	7.2	12,289	1962	730.0	8.0	5,808
1938	1,648.8	7.3	12,000	1963	668.0	7.9	5,259
1939	1,568.0	7.5	11,761	1964	637.0	8.0	5,065
1940	1,559.2	7.4	11,549	1965	593.0	7.8	4,646
1941	1,522.0	7.5	11,394				
1942	1,581.5	7.7	12,129				
1943	1,676.8	7.4	12,453				
1944	1,727.8	7.4	12,851				

(1) Greasy basis.

(2) Not including Newfoundland.