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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

1966

Wool production from sheep shorn in Canada this spring is estimated at 4,178,000 pounds, down 10 per cent from the 1965 production of 4,653,000. In the East production declined by 8 per cent to 1,778,000 and in the West by 12 per cent to 2,400,000.

The number of sheep shorn this spring is estimated at 545,000 down 8 per cent from 594,000 shorn in the spring of 1965. The numbers decreased by 7 and 10 per cent to 251,000 and 294,000 in the East and West respectively.

The average fleece weight, greasy basis, for Canada was 7.7 pounds, down very little from 7.8 pounds realized last year. Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia had higher fleece weights than last year, Nova Scotia was unchanged while average weights per fleece were slightly lower than last year in the other provinces.

TABLE 1. Shorn Wool Production, by Province, 1965 and 1966

	Sheep shorn		Fleece weight(1)		Production(1)		1966 Pro- duction as % of 1965
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	
	'000 head		pounds		'000 pounds		%
Prince Edward Island	8.0(2)	7.5	6.6	6.9	53.0(2)	52.0	98
Nova Scotia	23.0	20.5	6.2	6.2	143.0	127.0	89
New Brunswick	16.0	14.0	6.6	6.5	106.0	91.0	86
Quebec	70.0	64.0	7.0	6.8	490.0	435.0	89
Ontario	152.0	145.0	7.5	7.4	1,140.0	1,073.0	94
Totals, east	269.0	251.0	7.2	7.1	1,932.0	1,778.0	92
Manitoba	28.0	24.0	6.7	6.8	188.0	163.0	87
Saskatchewan	74.0	70.0	8.6	8.5	636.0	595.0	94
Alberta	181.0	164.0	8.9	8.5	1,611.0	1,394.0	87
British Columbia ...	42.0	36.0	6.8	6.9	286.0	248.0	87
Totals, west	325.0	294.0	8.4	8.2	2,721.0	2,400.0	88
Totals, Canada	594.0	545.0	7.8	7.7	4,653.0	4,178.0	90

(1) Greasy basis.

(2) Revised figures.

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TABLE 2. Shorn Wool Production(1) in Canada(2), 1920 to 1966

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 ...	594.0(3)	7.8	4,653(3)
1941 ...	1,522.0	7.5	11,394	1966 ...	545.0	7.7	4,178
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.

(3) Revised figures.

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