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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

1967

Wool production from sheep shorn this spring is estimated at 3,758,000 pounds down 10 per cent from the 1966 production of 4,178,000 pounds and almost 25 per cent below the 1962-1966 average of 4,993,000 pounds. In the East production declined by 12 per cent to 1,566,000 pounds and in the West by 9 per cent to 2,192,000 pounds.

The number of sheep shorn this spring is estimated at 492,000 down almost 10 per cent from 545,000 in 1966. The East and the West had declines of 11 and 9 per cent respectively and the number of sheep shorn decreased in each province except in New Brunswick where the number increased by just over 1 per cent.

The average fleece weight, greasy basis, for Canada was 7.6 pounds, down fractionally from 7.7 pounds realized last year. Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia had higher fleece weights than last year; New Brunswick, and Alberta were unchanged, but the other provinces had lower average fleece weights.

TABLE 1. Shorn Wool Production, by Province, 1966 and 1967

Province	Sheep shorn		Fleece weight(1)		Production(1)		1967 Pro- duction as % of 1966 %
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	
	'000 head		pounds		'000 pounds		
Prince Edward Island	7.5	7.2	6.9	6.5	52.0	47.0	90
Nova Scotia	20.5	19.2	6.2	6.1	127.0	117.0	92
New Brunswick	14.0	14.2	6.5	6.5	91.0	92.0	101
Quebec	64.0	55.4	6.8	7.0	435.0	388.0	89
Ontario	145.0	128.0	7.4	7.2	1,073.0	922.0	86
Totals, east	251.0	224.0	7.1	7.0	1,778.0	1,566.0	88
Manitoba	24.0	23.0	6.8	7.1	163.0	163.0	100
Saskatchewan	70.0	61.0	8.5	8.3	595.0	506.0	85
Alberta	164.0	152.0	8.5	8.5	1,394.0	1,292.0	93
British Columbia ...	36.0	32.0	6.9	7.2	248.0	231.0	93
Totals, west	294.0	268.0	8.2	8.2	2,400.0	2,192.0	91
Totals, Canada	545.0	492.0	7.7	7.6	4,178.0	3,758.0	90

(1) Greasy basis.

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TABLE 2. Shorn Wool Production(1) in Canada(2), 1920 to 1967

Year	Sheep shorn	Average fleece weight	Produc- tion	Year	Sheep shorn	Average fleece weight	Produc- tion
	'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	7.8	4,653
1941 ...	1,522.0	7.5	11,394	1966 ...	545.0	7.7	4,178
1942 ...	1,581.5	7.7	12,129	1967 ...	492.0	7.6	3,758
1943 ...	1,676.8	7.4	12,453				
1944 ...	1,727.8	7.4	12,851				

(1) Greasy basis.

(2) Not including Newfoundland.