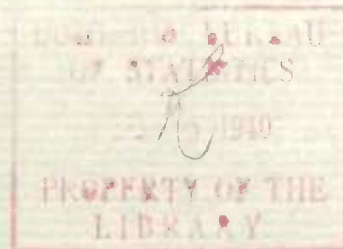


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Ottawa, February 28, 1940.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day a report giving the final estimates of shorn and pulled wool production for 1939, stocks of wool on farms at December 31, the gross income from wool and the cash income from sales of wool off farms.

SUMMARY

Total wool production in Canada for 1939 was 17,888,000 pounds of which 13,611,000 pounds was shorn wool. Shorn wool production in 1939 was 225,000 pounds greater than in 1938 due to increased yields per fleece. Consumption of wool in Canada during 1939 was 32.3 million pounds compared with 29 million pounds in 1938. Cash income from the 1939 wool clip was estimated at \$1,416,000 compared with a cash income of \$1,309,000 from the 1938 clip. An increase of 4.4 per cent in the number of sheep to be shorn in 1940 is forecast in the reports received.

1. Total Wool Production, Exports, Imports and Disappearance

Total wool production in Canada in 1939 amounted to 17,888,000 pounds compared with 17,695,000 pounds in 1938. The apparent consumption of wool for 1939 was 32.3 million pounds, an increase of 3.3 million pounds over the 1938 consumption.

Table 1PRODUCTION, EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF WOOL IN CANADA1930 to 1939

Calendar Year	Production			Exports	Imports	Consumption
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
(Thousand Pounds)						
1930	12,800	3,852	16,652	4,382	9,459	21,729
1931	13,575	4,250	17,825	4,770	10,849	23,904
1932	14,027	4,087	18,114	3,712	8,717	23,119
1933	13,308	4,511	17,819	11,258	13,761	20,322
1934	13,135	4,443	17,578	4,260	14,922	28,250
1935	13,320	4,499	17,819	8,363	14,872	24,328
1936	13,057	4,374	17,431	9,103	22,782	31,110
1937	13,271	4,358	17,629	4,813	24,427	37,243
1938	13,386	4,309	17,695	4,260	15,524	28,959
1939	13,611	4,277	17,888	4,664	19,077	32,301

2. Shorn Wool Production

Although the number of sheep shorn in 1939 was 2 per cent less than in 1938, the average weight per fleece was 1/5 of a pound higher, bringing total production to 13,611,000 pounds compared with 13,386,000 pounds in 1938. Higher average yields were reported from all provinces except Nova Scotia.

Table 2

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION IN CANADA

1938 and 1939

Province	Number of Sheep Shorn		Average Yield Per Fleece (Pounds)		Total Wool Production (000 Pounds)	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
Prince Edward Island	28,100	26,300	6.4	6.8	180	179
Nova Scotia	86,100	84,100	5.6	5.4	482	454
New Brunswick	63,500	63,600	6.4	6.5	406	413
Quebec	346,400	336,700	5.9	6.1	2,044	2,054
Ontario	436,600	430,300	7.9	7.9	3,449	3,399
Manitoba	119,300	115,400	7.3	7.8	871	900
Saskatchewan	189,100	186,800	7.9	8.3	1,494	1,550
Alberta	478,600	479,200	8.0	8.4	3,829	4,025
British Columbia	90,200	82,700	7.0	7.7	631	637
Total	1,837,900	1,805,100	7.3	7.5	13,386	13,611

3. Stocks of Wool on Farms at December 31

Stocks of wool on farms at December 31, 1939 being held for sale or for use on the farm were estimated at 1,582,000 pounds compared with 1,248,000 pounds at the same date in 1938. The largest quantity is held in Quebec where home spinning is more common.

Table 3

WOOL: STOCKS ON FARMS AT DECEMBER 31

Province	Pounds	
	1938	1939
Prince Edward Island	43,000	52,000
Nova Scotia	60,000	78,000
New Brunswick	54,000	72,000
Quebec	574,000	764,000
Ontario	303,000	425,000
Manitoba	30,000	45,000
Saskatchewan	142,000	85,000
Alberta	36,000	56,000
British Columbia	6,000	5,000
Canada	1,248,000	1,582,000

4. Shorn Wool: Gross Income, Farm Consumption and Cash Income

From information obtained on the disposal of the wool clip, estimates of the gross and cash income from wool have been prepared. The farm prices reported each month by the price correspondents were weighted by monthly estimates of sales of wool off farms. Prices and income for 1939 have been calculated on the basis of information from June to December. These figures will be subject to revision when the marketing year (June 1939 to May 1940) is completed.

Table 4

GROSS INCOME AND CASH INCOME FROM SHORN WOOL

1939 and 1938

Province	Total Clip	Sold	1939		
			Average Farm Price	Gross Income	Cash Income
	000 lb.	000 lb.	¢ per lb.	000 \$	000 \$
Prince Edward Island	179	126	14.3	26	18
Nova Scotia	454	364	14.0	64	51
New Brunswick	413	310	18.1	75	56
Quebec	2,054	987	19.3	396	190
Ontario	3,399	3,360	13.2	449	444
Manitoba	900	802	9.1	82	73
Saskatchewan	1,550	1,490	9.9	153	148
Alberta	4,025	3,953	9.1	366	360
British Columbia	637	629	12.1	77	76
Canada	13,611	12,021	11.8	1,688	1,416

Province	Total Clip	Sold	1938		
			Average Farm Price	Gross Income	Cash Income
	000 lb.	000 lb.	¢ per lb.	000 \$	000 \$
Prince Edward Island	180	127	14.5	26	18
Nova Scotia	482	387	15.0	72	58
New Brunswick	406	305	18.9	77	58
Quebec	2,044	963	17.8	363	171
Ontario	3,449	3,428	10.9	376	374
Manitoba	871	776	8.6	75	67
Saskatchewan	1,494	1,436	10.0	149	144
Alberta	3,829	3,760	9.0	344	338
British Columbia	631	623	13.1	83	81
Canada	13,386	11,805	11.1	1,565	1,309

5. Sheep to be Shorn in 1940

An increase of 4.4 per cent in the number of sheep to be shorn in 1940 is reported by the correspondents. Increases are anticipated in all provinces with the exception of Nova Scotia.

Table 5

NUMBER OF SHEEP TO BE SHORN IN 1940 AND NUMBER SHORN IN 1939

Province	Number		1940 as Percentage of 1939
	Shorn in 1939	To be Shorn in 1940	
Prince Edward Island	26,300	28,500	108.4
Nova Scotia	84,100	82,900	98.6
New Brunswick	63,600	65,600	103.2
Quebec	336,700	337,700	100.3
Ontario	430,300	455,300	105.8
Manitoba	115,400	125,600	108.8
Saskatchewan	186,800	198,900	106.5
Alberta	479,200	505,600	105.5
British Columbia	82,700	84,400	102.1
Canada	1,805,100	1,884,500	104.4

