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Historical File CopyWOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, February 18, 1941.-- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report giving the final estimates of shorn and pulled wool production for 1940, 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 in 1940 was 18,127,000 pounds as compared with 17,846,000 pounds in 1939. Shorn wool production amounted to 13,822,000 pounds, an increase of 253,000 pounds over the 1939 clip. An increase in the number of sheep shorn was responsible for the increase in shorn wool production. Cash income from the 1940 wool clip is estimated at \$2,329,000, a gain of \$892,000 over cash income from the 1939 clip. Consumption of wool in Canada in 1940 amounted to 101,616,000 pounds, greasy basis, which is the highest figure in the last 10 years. Consumption in 1939 amounted to 64,900,000 pounds and for the 5 years, 1934 to 1938, averaged 61,958,000 pounds a year. The high level of consumption in 1940 resulted largely from Government orders for clothing for the armed services.

Table 1

Production, Exports, Imports and Apparent Consumption of Wool in Canada, 1930 to 1940
 (Greasy Basis)

Calendar Year	Production			Exports ^{1/}	Imports ^{2/}	Consumption
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
(Thousand Pounds)						
1930	12,800	3,852	16,652	4,424	24,093	36,321
1931	13,575	4,250	17,825	4,805	29,339	42,359
1932	14,027	4,087	18,114	3,769	30,599	44,944
1933	13,308	4,511	17,819	11,671	42,682	48,830
1934	13,135	4,443	17,578	4,295	41,800	55,083
1935	13,320	4,499	17,819	8,755	47,551	56,615
1936	13,057	4,374	17,431	9,775	59,128	66,784
1937	13,271	4,358	17,629	5,093	60,375	72,911
1938	13,386	4,309	17,695	4,398	45,101	58,398
1939	13,569	4,277	17,846	4,879	51,933	64,900
1940	13,822	4,305	18,127	2,681	86,170	101,616

^{1/} Exports of wool consist of wool in the grease, wool washed or scoured, wool pulled or ~~sliped~~ converted to a greasy basis.

^{2/} Imports of wool consist of wool in the grease, wool washed or scoured, wool pulled or sliped, noils, worsted tops and garnetted wool waste in the white converted to a greasy basis.

Shorn Wool Production

Although the average yield per fleece in 1940 was one-tenth of a pound less than the 1939 yield, an increase of 55,400 in the number of sheep shorn brought the total clip to 13,822,000 pounds as compared with 13,569,000 pounds in 1939. The 1940 clip exceeded the 1939 clip in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Table 2
Shorn Wool Production in Canada
1939 and 1940

Province	Number of Sheep Shorn		Average Yield Per Fleece (pounds)		Total Shorn Wool Production (000 pounds)	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
Prince Edward Island	26,300	25,400	6.8	6.4	179	163
Nova Scotia	84,100	83,900	5.4	5.6	454	470
New Brunswick	63,600	61,900	6.5	6.6	413	409
Quebec	336,700	333,500	6.1	6.2	2,054	2,068
Ontario	430,300	415,100	7.9	8.1	3,399	3,362
Manitoba	115,400	114,600	7.8	7.7	900	882
Saskatchewan	186,800	222,200	8.3	8.2	1,550	1,822
Alberta	479,200	513,000	8.4	7.8	4,025	4,001
British Columbia	82,700	90,900	7.2	7.1	595	645
TOTAL	1,805,100	1,860,500	7.5	7.4	13,569	13,822

Stocks of Wool on Farms at December 31

Stocks of wool on farms at December 31, 1940 amounted to 1,496,000 pounds, a reduction of 86,000 pounds from the stocks at December 31, 1939. Stocks were larger in Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. Of the total stocks held on farms at December 31, 771,000 pounds were reported being held for home consumption and 725,000 pounds for sale.

Table 3
Wool: Stocks on Farms at December 31

Province	1938	1939	1940
		(pounds)	
Prince Edward Island	43,000	52,000	16,000
Nova Scotia	60,000	78,000	51,000
New Brunswick	54,000	72,000	54,000
Quebec	574,000	764,000	822,000
Ontario	303,000	425,000	243,000
Manitoba	30,000	45,000	53,000
Saskatchewan	142,000	85,000	59,000
Alberta	36,000	56,000	210,000
British Columbia	6,000	5,000	8,000
Canada	1,248,000	1,582,000	1,496,000

Shorn Wool: Gross Income, Farm Consumption and Cash Income

Gross income from the 1940 wool clip totalled \$2,645,000 compared with \$1,827,000 from the 1939 clip. Most of this improvement in gross income was due to an increase from 13.5 to 19.1 cents per pound in the average price received. Prices received were sharply higher in all provinces.

Table 4

Gross Income and Cash Income from Shorn Wool
1940 and 1939

Province	Total Clip	Sold	1940		
			Average	Gross	Cash
			Farm Price	Income	Income
	000 lb.	000 lb.	¢ per lb.	\$ 000	\$ 000
Prince Edward Island	163	129	23.7	39	31
Nova Scotia	470	390	24.0	113	94
New Brunswick	409	353	25.5	104	90
Quebec	2,068	1,121	25.3	523	284
Ontario	3,362	3,338	21.6	726	721
Manitoba	882	801	16.5	146	132
Saskatchewan	1,822	1,767	14.8	270	262
Alberta	4,001	3,957	15.2	608	601
British Columbia	645	632	18.0	116	114
Canada	13,822	12,488	19.1	2,645	2,329

Province	Total Clip	Sold	1939		
			Average	Gross	Cash
			Farm Price	Income	Income
	000 lb.	000 lb.	¢ per lb.	\$ 000	\$ 000
Prince Edward Island	179	126	17.3	31	22
Nova Scotia	454	364	15.1	69	55
New Brunswick	413	310	19.1	79	59
Quebec	2,054	987	20.9	429	206
Ontario	3,399	3,360	15.2	517	511
Manitoba	900	802	10.6	95	85
Saskatchewan	1,550	1,490	10.1	157	150
Alberta	4,025	3,953	09.4	378	373
British Columbia	595	629	12.1	72	76
Canada	13,569	12,021	13.5	1,827	1,537

Sheep to be Shorn in 1941

Reports from correspondents indicate an increase of 1.8 per cent in the number of sheep to be shorn in 1941. Increases in numbers to be shorn are greatest in western Canada.

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