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WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, February 13, 1942.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report giving estimates of shorn and pulled wool production for 1941, stocks of wool on farms at December 31, the gross income from wool and the cash income from sales of wool off farms.

SUMMARY

Continued expansion in total wool production in Canada is indicated in the estimate of 19,200,000 pounds in 1941 as compared with 18,208,000 pounds in 1940. The production of shorn wool amounted to 14,511,000 pounds, an increase of 689,000 pounds over the 1940 clip. An increase in the number of sheep shorn as well as a fractional increase in the average weight per fleece was responsible for the increase in the total clip. The gross value of the 1941 clip is estimated at \$3,244,000, a gain of \$548,000 over that of 1940. Cash income from sales at \$2,844,000 represents an increase of \$473,000 over the 1940 figure. Consumption of wool in Canada in 1941 established another new record at 109,245,000 pounds, greasy basis, which was 7,548,000 higher than the consumption in 1940 and very substantially higher than the consumption in the 10 years preceding the outbreak of war.

Table 1

Production, Exports, Imports and Apparent Consumption of Wool in Canada, 1930 to 1941
(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 | 4,386 | 18,208 | 2,681 | 86,170 | 101,697 |
| 1941 | 14,511 | 4,689 | 19,200 | 3,025 | 93,070 | 109,245 |

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

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

Shorn Wool Production

The average yield per fleece in 1941 was 7.5 pounds as compared with 7.4 pounds in 1940. This, combined with an increase of 64,800 head of sheep shorn, resulted in an increase of 689,000 pounds in total shorn wool production. The 1941 clip was higher in all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia where numbers of sheep were slightly lower.

Table 2

Shorn Wool Production in Canada

1940 and 1941

| Province | Number of Sheep Shorn | | Average Yield Per Fleeces | | Total Shorn Wool Production | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | 1940 | 1941 | 1940 | 1941 | 1940 | 1941 |
| | | | pounds | | 000 pounds | |
| Prince Edward Island | 25,400 | 25,900 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 163 | 174 |
| Nova Scotia | 83,900 | 83,200 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 470 | 483 |
| New Brunswick | 61,900 | 64,700 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 409 | 421 |
| Quebec | 333,500 | 341,800 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 2,068 | 2,085 |
| Ontario | 415,100 | 407,800 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 3,362 | 3,262 |
| Manitoba | 114,600 | 117,500 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 882 | 916 |
| Saskatchewan | 222,200 | 277,000 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 1,822 | 2,271 |
| Alberta | 513,000 | 526,000 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 4,001 | 4,313 |
| British Columbia | 90,900 | 81,400 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 645 | 586 |
| TOTAL | 1,860,500 | 1,925,300 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 13,822 | 14,511 |

Stocks of Wool on farms at December 31

Stocks of wool on farms at December 31, 1941 amounted to 1,762,000 pounds, an increase of 266,000 pounds in the stocks at December 1, 1940. Stocks were larger in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia. The relatively high stocks in Quebec are due to the greater home manufacture of woollen products in that province.

Table 3

Wool: Stocks on Farms at December 31

| Province | 1939 | 1940 | 1941 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | (pounds) | |
| Prince Edward Island | 52,000 | 16,000 | 56,000 |
| Nova Scotia | 78,000 | 51,000 | 71,000 |
| New Brunswick | 72,000 | 34,000 | 96,000 |
| Quebec | 764,000 | 822,000 | 1,322,000 |
| Ontario | 425,000 | 243,000 | 76,000 |
| Manitoba | 45,000 | 53,000 | 52,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 85,000 | 59,000 | 38,000 |
| Alberta | 56,000 | 210,000 | 38,000 |
| British Columbia | 5,000 | 8,000 | 13,000 |
| Canada | 1,582,000 | 1,496,000 | 1,762,000 |

Shorn Wool: Gross Income and Cash Income

Gross income from the 1941 wool crop totalled \$3,244,000 compared with \$2,696,000 in 1940. Cash income amounted to \$2,844,000 in 1941 an increase of \$473,000 over the 1940 total. Higher prices brought about most of the increase in these income figures, although the quantity sold was also somewhat higher.

Table 4

Gross Income and Cash Income from Shorn Wool
1941 and 1940

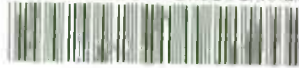
| Province | Total Clip | Quantity Sold | 1941 | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | | Average Farm Price | Gross Income | Cash Income |
| | 000 lb. | 000 lb. | ¢ per lb. | \$ - 000 | \$ - 000 |
| Prince Edward Island | 174 | 122 | 25.4 | 44 | 31 |
| Nova Scotia | 483 | 431 | 26.6 | 128 | 115 |
| New Brunswick | 421 | 366 | 28.5 | 120 | 104 |
| Quebec | 2,085 | 1,058 | 28.6 | 596 | 303 |
| Ontario | 3,262 | 3,251 | 24.9 | 812 | 809 |
| Manitoba | 916 | 866 | 19.4 | 178 | 168 |
| Saskatchewan | 2,271 | 2,237 | 19.2 | 436 | 430 |
| Alberta | 4,313 | 4,286 | 19.0 | 819 | 814 |
| British Columbia | 586 | 580 | 19.0 | 111 | 110 |
| Canada | 14,511 | 13,197 | 22.4 | 3,244 | 2,844 |

| Province | Total Clip | Quantity Sold | 1940 | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | | Average Farm Price | Gross Income | Cash 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 | 25.6 | 105 | 90 |
| Quebec | 2,068 | 1,121 | 26.1 | 540 | 293 |
| Ontario | 3,362 | 3,338 | 22.4 | 753 | 748 |
| Manitoba | 882 | 801 | 16.5 | 146 | 132 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,822 | 1,767 | 14.7 | 268 | 260 |
| Alberta | 4,001 | 3,957 | 15.4 | 616 | 609 |
| British Columbia | 645 | 632 | 18.0 | 116 | 114 |
| Canada | 13,822 | 12,488 | 19.5 | 2,696 | 2,371 |

Sheep to be Shorn in 1942

Reports from correspondents indicate that there will be a further increase in the number of sheep shorn in 1942. The increase will probably be greater in the Prairie Provinces than in other areas.

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