

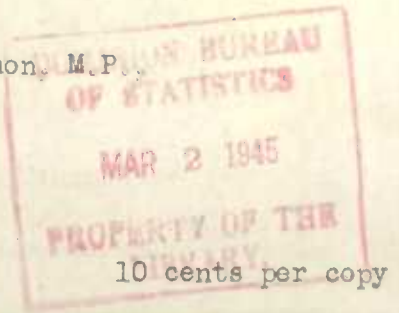
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WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, March 1, 1945. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to day a report giving the estimates of shorn and pulled wool production, exports, imports and apparent consumption for 1944, the gross income from wool and the cash income from sales of wool off farms.

SUMMARY

Total wool production in Canada in 1944 amounted to 19,279,000 pounds, an increase of 1,461,000 pounds over that of 1943. Increases in the numbers of sheep on farms in all provinces except Manitoba and Nova Scotia were responsible for the increased production of shorn wool. Increased slaughterings of sheep and lambs resulted in an increase in the production of pulled wool. The apparent consumption of wool in Canada was sharply lower in 1944 as compared with that of the three preceding years but as figures of stocks of wool in storage are not available, the figures of actual consumption in any individual year may be quite different from the apparent disappearance. The greater production of shorn wool resulted in a higher gross value of production and a corresponding increase in the cash income to producers. Cash income from the sale of wool in 1944 amounted to \$3,767,000.

Table 1

Production, Exports, Imports and Apparent Consumption of Wool in Canada,
 1930 - 1944
 (Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports ^{2/}	Imports ^{3/}	Apparent Consumption ^{4/}
	Shorn	Pulled ^{1/}	Total			
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1930	12,800	3,854	16,654	4,424	24,093	36,323
1931	13,575	4,171	17,746	4,805	29,339	42,280
1932	13,836	3,944	17,780	3,769	30,599	44,610
1933	12,984	4,250	17,234	11,671	42,682	48,245
1934	12,935	4,138	17,073	4,295	41,800	54,578
1935	12,644	4,109	16,753	8,755	47,551	55,549
1936	12,521	3,882	16,403	9,775	59,128	65,756
1937	12,289	3,785	16,074	5,093	60,375	71,356
1938	12,000	3,628	15,628	4,398	45,101	56,331
1939	11,761	3,489	15,250	4,879	51,953	62,324
1940	11,549	3,346	14,895	2,681	86,170	98,384
1941	11,630	3,624	15,254	3,025	93,070	105,299
1942	12,867	3,610	16,477	384	114,428	130,521
1943	13,929	3,889	17,818	2,316	104,364	119,866
1944	15,128	4,151	19,279	15,520	52,690	56,449

^{1/} Revised figures.
^{2/} Exports of wool consist of wool in the grease, wool washed or scoured and wool pulled or sliped converted to a greasy basis.
^{3/} 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.
^{4/} Not adjusted for stock changes.



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Table 2

Shorn Wool Production in Canada, by Provinces, 1943 and 1944

Province	Sheep Shorn		Average Yield Per Fleece		Total Production	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Prince Edward Island	30,300	30,800	7.0	6.9	212	212
Nova Scotia	87,600	87,500	6.0	6.0	526	525
New Brunswick	56,300	56,400	6.3	6.3	355	355
Quebec	295,400	326,900	6.5	6.2	1,920	2,027
Ontario	375,800	376,000	8.0	7.7	3,006	2,895
Manitoba	169,100	164,400	7.2	7.0	1,217	1,151
Saskatchewan	266,600	301,100	7.7	8.0	2,053	2,409
Alberta	511,500	577,600	8.0	8.5	4,092	4,910
British Columbia	74,000	85,900	7.4	7.5	548	644
CANADA	1,866,600	2,006,600	7.5	7.5	13,929	15,128

Table 3

Gross Income and Cash Income from Shorn Wool in Canada, by Provinces,
1943 and 1944

Province and Year	Total Clip	Quantity Sold	Average Farm Price per Pound	Gross Income	Cash Income
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	cts.	\$ '000	\$ '000
1943					
Prince Edward Island	212	173	27.2	58	47
Nova Scotia	526	467	31.7	167	148
New Brunswick	355	266	30.5	108	81
Quebec	1,920	1,110	30.4	584	337
Ontario	3,006	3,042	28.8	866	876
Manitoba	1,217	1,334	24.3	296	324
Saskatchewan	2,053	1,970	25.5	523	502
Alberta	4,092	3,730	24.9	1,019	928
British Columbia	548	536	25.6	140	137
CANADA	13,929	12,628	27.0	3,761	3,380
1944					
Prince Edward Island	212	175	28.0	60	49
Nova Scotia	525	470	33.4	176	157
New Brunswick	355	265	29.1	103	77
Quebec	2,027	1,182	30.0	608	355
Ontario	2,895	2,845	28.8	834	819
Manitoba	1,151	1,133	24.6	283	279
Saskatchewan	2,409	2,393	25.5	614	610
Alberta	4,910	4,900	25.6	1,257	1,254
British Columbia	644	628	26.6	171	167
CANADA	15,128	13,991	27.1	4,106	3,767