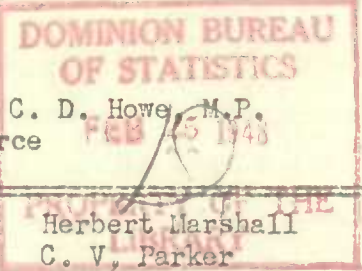


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WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, February 24, 1948: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a report giving estimates of shorn and pulled wool production, exports, imports and domestic disappearance during 1947, the farm value of shorn wool and the cash income from sale of wool off farms.

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Total wool production in Canada in 1947 amounted to 14,090,000 pounds as compared with a revised estimate of 16,747,000 pounds for 1946. Adjustments in the estimates of numbers of sheep were necessary when information from the 1946 Census of the Prairie Provinces became available; this has necessitated a revision of the estimate of the wool clip for that year. The very significant decline in wool production in 1947 reflects the decrease in sheep numbers. Shorn wool production decreased in every province. With fewer sheep available for slaughter, production of pulled wool also decreased by 1.4 million pounds.

Domestic disappearance of wool in 1947 was 88,882,000 pounds as compared with 110,380,000 pounds in 1946. As data on stocks are not available, the estimates of domestic disappearance are subject to error to the extent that changes in stocks actually took place. Imports of wool during 1947 decreased by about 20 million pounds from the previous year.

The farm value of shorn wool and farm cash income from sales of wool rose steadily from 1939 to 1944. Since 1945, however, the rapid decline in the number of sheep has resulted in less income from wool despite a gradual rise in farm prices. The average farm price of wool for Canada changed only fractionally during the last year from 28.0 cents per pound in 1946 to 28.2 cents per pound in 1947.

TABLE 1: Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1930 - 1947
 (Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports ^{1/}	Imports ^{2/}	Domestic Disappearance ^{3/}
	Shorn	Pulled	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	44,810
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	59,123	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
1945	14,513	5,113	19,626	11,927	59,506	67,205
1946	11,457	5,290	16,747	6,409	100,042	110,380
1947	10,176	3,914	14,090	5,103	79,895	88,882

^{1/} Exports of wool for the years 1930-45 consist of wool in the grease, wool washed or scoured, and wool pulled or slipped, converted to a greasy basis. In 1946 and 1947 they include, in addition, wool noils and wool tops on 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.

^{3/} Not adjusted for stock changes.



TABLE II: Shorn Wool Production in Canada, By Provinces, 1946 and 1947

Province	Sheep Shorn		Average Yield per Fleece		Total Production	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	000 lb.	000 lb.
Prince Edward Island.	28,300	25,100	6.9	6.9	195	173
Nova Scotia	84,300	73,300	6.0	6.0	508	440
New Brunswick	52,300	46,100	6.3	6.3	329	290
Quebec	296,100	283,400	6.0	6.3	1,777	1,785
Ontario	357,000	335,500	7.6	7.8	2,713	2,617
Manitoba	106,500	92,800	6.8	6.8	724	631
Saskatchewan	179,200	151,000	8.2	8.2	1,470	1,238
Alberta	355,900	302,800	9.0	8.4	3,203	2,544
British Columbia	70,800	57,200	7.6	8.0	538	458
CANADA	1,530,700	1,367,200	7.5	7.4	11,457	10,176

TABLE III: Farm Value of Shorn Wool and Farm Cash Income from Sales of Shorn Wool in Canada, by Provinces, Years Ending April 30, 1947 and 1948

Province and Year	Total Clip	Quantity Sold	Average Farm Price per Pound ^{1/}	Farm Value ^{1/}	Farm Cash Income ^{1/}
	000 lb.	000 lb.	cts.	\$000	\$000
<u>1946</u>					
Prince Edward Island.	195	169	30.4	59	52
Nova Scotia	508	435	33.6	171	146
New Brunswick	329	262	30.1	99	79
Quebec	1,777	965	30.6	544	295
Ontario	2,713	2,694	28.7	779	772
Manitoba	724	674	25.3	183	170
Saskatchewan	1,470	1,449	27.2	400	394
Alberta	3,203	3,174	25.8	826	819
British Columbia	538	535	27.3	147	146
CANADA	11,457	10,357	28.0	3,208	2,873
<u>1947</u>					
Prince Edward Island.	173	148	29.7	51	44
Nova Scotia	440	382	32.5	143	124
New Brunswick	290	192	29.6	86	57
Quebec	1,785	995	30.8	550	306
Ontario	2,617	2,588	28.9	756	749
Manitoba	631	608	26.3	166	160
Saskatchewan	1,238	1,210	26.9	333	326
Alberta	2,544	2,522	25.7	654	647
British Columbia	458	455	27.5	126	125
CANADA	10,176	9,100	28.2	2,865	2,538

^{1/} Data for 1947 subject to revision.