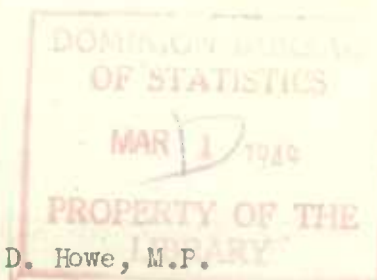


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WOOL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, February 28, 1949: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report giving estimates of shorn and pulled wool production, exports, imports and domestic disappearance during 1948, the farm value of shorn wool and the farm cash income from the wool crop.

Total wool production in 1948 amounted to 11,915,000 pounds as compared with 14,090,000 pounds in 1947. Slightly lighter average weights per fleece contributed to the decline which was mostly due to fewer sheep on farms. Decreases from 1947 were 1,753,000 pounds in shorn wool and 422,000 pounds in pulled wool.

Imports of wool during 1948 were over 15 million pounds greater than during 1947 while exports were slightly less. Domestic disappearance, assuming no change in stocks, amounted to 102,167,000 pounds in 1948 as compared with 88,882,000 pounds in 1947.

The weighted farm price of shorn wool for Canada as a whole rose from 28.2 cents per pound in 1947 to 28.9 cents per pound in 1948. Farm cash income from the sale of shorn wool declined from \$2,538,000 in 1947 to \$2,141,000 in 1948.

TABLE I: Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1938 - 1948
 (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. |
| 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 |
| 1948 ... | 8,423 | 3,492 | 11,915 | 4,929 | 95,181 | 102,167 |

^{1/} Exports of wool for the years 1938-45 consist of wool in the greast, wool washed or scoured, and wool pulled or slipped, converted to a greasy basis. From 1946 to 1948 they include, in addition, wool noils and wool tops, 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.



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TABLE 2: PRODUCTION AND FARM VALUE OF SHORN WOOL AND FARM CASH INCOME FROM SALES OF SHORN WOOL, CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1947 AND 1948

| Year and Province | Sheep Shorn | Average Yield per Fleece | Total Production | Average Farm Price per Pound | Total Farm Value | Quantity Sold | Farm Cash Income |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | No. | lb. | '000 lb. | cts. | \$'000 | '000 lb. | \$'000 |
| <u>1947</u> | | | | | | | |
| P.E. Island | 25,100 | 6.9 | 173 | 29.7 | 51 | 148 | 44 |
| Nova Scotia | 73,300 | 6.0 | 440 | 32.5 | 143 | 382 | 124 |
| New Brunswick | 46,100 | 6.3 | 290 | 29.6 | 86 | 192 | 57 |
| Quebec | 283,400 | 6.3 | 1,785 | 30.8 | 550 | 995 | 306 |
| Ontario | 335,500 | 7.8 | 2,617 | 28.9 | 756 | 2,588 | 749 |
| Manitoba | 92,800 | 6.8 | 631 | 26.3 | 166 | 608 | 160 |
| Saskatchewan | 151,000 | 8.2 | 1,238 | 26.9 | 333 | 1,210 | 326 |
| Alberta | 302,800 | 8.4 | 2,544 | 25.7 | 654 | 2,522 | 647 |
| Br. Columbia | 57,200 | 8.0 | 458 | 27.5 | 126 | 455 | 125 |
| CANADA | 1,367,200 | 7.4 | 10,176 | 28.2 | 2,865 | 9,100 | 2,538 |
| <u>1948</u> | | | | | | | |
| P.E. Island | 22,900 | 6.8 | 156 | 30.9 | 48 | 136 | 42 |
| Nova Scotia | 68,100 | 6.1 | 415 | 32.0 | 133 | 375 | 120 |
| New Brunswick | 41,300 | 6.0 | 248 | 32.3 | 80 | 198 | 64 |
| Quebec | 249,300 | 6.0 | 1,496 | 30.9 | 462 | 715 | 221 |
| Ontario | 290,800 | 7.5 | 2,181 | 30.0 | 654 | 2,166 | 650 |
| Manitoba | 73,600 | 6.7 | 493 | 27.4 | 135 | 467 | 128 |
| Saskatchewan | 133,800 | 7.8 | 1,044 | 27.7 | 289 | 1,028 | 285 |
| Alberta | 238,700 | 8.3 | 1,981 | 26.2 | 519 | 1,965 | 515 |
| Br. Columbia | 52,400 | 7.8 | 409 | 28.6 | 117 | 406 | 116 |
| CANADA | 1,170,900 | 7.2 | 8,423 | 28.9 | 2,437 | 7,456 | 2,141 |