

# D.B.S. MEMORANDUM

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## WOOL PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY - 1950

Ottawa, March 3, 1951: Wool production in Canada, not including Newfoundland, during 1950, amounted to 9,237,000 pounds, a decrease of about 6 per cent from the previous year. The 1950 production was the lowest recorded and amounted to about 58 per cent of the average annual production of the 1935-39 period. There was a slight increase in shorn wool production due to an increase in average fleece weight. The reduction in total production, therefore, was due to a decrease in production of pulled wool. Pulleries reported a recovery of only 1,333,000 pounds in 1950 as against 2,076,000 pounds in 1949, a drop of approximately 36 per cent. This sharp decline can be accounted for in part by a 17 per cent decrease in inspected slaughter of sheep and lambs and a slight increase in the number of skins exported.

Exports of wool in 1950 totalled 4,328,000 pounds in comparison with 3,920,000 pounds in the previous year. Imports of wool in 1950 amounted to 82,241,000 pounds, an increase of about 11.5 million pounds over 1949 and 29.4 million pounds more than the average for the 5-year period 1935-39. Because data on wool inventories are not available, total domestic use cannot be calculated precisely. Assuming no change in stocks, the domestic disappearance was 87,150,000 pounds in 1950 as compared with 76,635,000 pounds in 1949.

Table 1

Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada  
1941-50 and Five-Year Average 1935-39  
(Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance <sup>1/</sup>
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
- thousand pounds -						
Average 1935-39	12,243	3,779	16,022	6,580	52,822	62,264
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
1949 .....	7,759	2,076	9,835	3,920	70,720	76,635
1950 .....	7,904	1,333	9,237	4,328	82,241	87,150

<sup>1/</sup> Not adjusted for stock changes.



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Table 2

Estimates of Production and Disposition of Shorn Wool, by Provinces,<sup>1/</sup>  
1949 and 1950

Year and Province	Sheep Shorn	Average Yield per Fleece	Total Production	Quantity Sold	Quantity Used on Farms
	No.	lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
<u>1949</u>					
Prince Edward Island	21,500	7.0	150	130	20
Nova Scotia .....	63,700	6.0	382	337	45
New Brunswick .....	35,600	6.4	228	194	34
Quebec .....	216,200	6.5	1,405	632	773
Ontario .....	253,000	7.7	1,948	1,935	13
Manitoba .....	64,200	6.6	424	403	21
Saskatchewan .....	123,000	8.3	1,021	1,011	10
Alberta .....	230,800	8.0	1,846	1,827	19
British Columbia ...	47,300	7.5	355	353	2
CANADA .....	1,055,300	7.4	7,759	6,822	937
<u>1950</u>					
Prince Edward Island	23,200	8.0	186	167	19
Nova Scotia .....	66,900	6.1	408	372	36
New Brunswick .....	36,200	6.8	246	217	29
Quebec .....	196,400	6.7	1,316	698	618
Ontario .....	246,300	8.2	2,020	2,014	6
Manitoba .....	59,100	6.9	408	382	26
Saskatchewan .....	126,800	8.4	1,065	1,050	15
Alberta .....	216,600	8.7	1,884	1,867	17
British Columbia ...	48,800	7.6	371	369	2
CANADA .....	1,020,300	7.7	7,904	7,136	768

<sup>1/</sup> Data for Newfoundland not available.