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WOOL PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY - 1951

Ottawa, February 28, 1952: Wool production in Canada, not including Newfoundland, during 1951 amounted to 8,653,000 pounds, a decrease of about 9 per cent from the previous year and only about 54 per cent of the average annual production of the 1935-39 period. With sheep numbers at an all-time low in Canada, wool production also reached the lowest recorded level. As a result of the smaller numbers of sheep shorn and a fractionally lower weight per fleece, shorn-wool production decreased from 7,904,000 pounds in 1950 to 7,471,000 pounds in 1951. Pulleries reported a recovery of only 1,182,000 pounds in 1951 as against 1,627,000 pounds in 1950, which can be accounted for in part by the drop in inspected slaughter of sheep and lambs during the year.

Exports of wool in 1951 totalled 2,656,000 pounds in comparison with 4,328,000 pounds in the previous year, and imports amounted to 69,012,000 pounds as against 82,241,000 pounds. Because data on wool inventories are not available, total domestic use cannot be calculated precisely. Assuming no change in stocks, the domestic disappearance was 75,009,000 pounds in 1951 as compared with 87,444,000 pounds in 1950.

Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada,
1942-51 and Five-Year Average 1935-39

(Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance ^{1/}
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
- thousand pounds -						
Average 1935-39	12,243	3,779	16,022	6,580	52,822	62,264
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	1,627	9,531	4,328	82,241	87,444
1951	7,471	1,182	8,653	2,656	69,012	75,009

^{1/} Not adjusted for stock changes.



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Estimated Production and Disposition of Shorn Wool, by Provinces^{1/},
1950 and 1951

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>1950</u>					
Prince Edward Is.	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
<u>1951</u>					
Prince Edward Is.	23,300	7.4	172	161	11
Nova Scotia	67,200	6.1	410	361	49
New Brunswick	36,400	6.9	251	225	26
Quebec	183,500	6.3	1,156	734	422
Ontario	236,500	7.4	1,750	1,748	2
Manitoba	56,000	6.9	386	371	15
Saskatchewan	121,700	8.4	1,022	1,014	8
Alberta	216,300	8.9	1,925	1,915	10
British Columbia	51,100	7.8	399	398	1
Canada	992,000	7.5	7,471	6,927	544

^{1/} Data for Newfoundland not available.