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WOOL PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY - 1952

Wool production in Canada^{1/} during 1952 amounted to 7,691,000 pounds, an increase of nearly 12 per cent over the revised^{2/} figure for 1951. An increase in sheep numbers was reflected in increases in both shorn and pulled wool. Due to a sharp drop in average prices in 1952, the total value of the shorn-wool crop was only \$2,265,000 as against \$4,231,000 in 1951.

Exports of wool in 1952 totalled 3,639,000 pounds in comparison with 2,656,000 pounds in the previous year, and imports amounted to 49,537,000 pounds as against 69,012,000 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 53,589,000 pounds in 1952 as compared with 73,238,000 pounds in 1951.

Figures of shorn-wool production are currently being revised, and, pending completion of the revisions, data for the years previous to 1951 have been omitted in the table below.

Table 1.- Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1951 and 1952
(Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance ^{3/}
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
1951	5,700	1,182	6,882	2,656	69,012	73,238
1952	6,378	1,313	7,691	3,639	49,537	53,589

- thousand pounds -

^{1/} Newfoundland is not included.

^{2/} Revision based on information from the 1951 Census of Agriculture.

^{3/} Not adjusted for stock changes.

Table 2.- Estimated Production, Value and Disposition of Shorn Wool
Canada, by Provinces^{1/}, 1951 and 1952

Year and Province	Sheep Shorn	Average Yield per Fleece	Total Production	Average Farm Price per Pound	Total Farm Value	Quantity Sold	Quantity Used On Farms
	No.	lb.	'000 lb.	Cts.	\$'000	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
<u>1951</u>							
Prince Edward Island	17,500	7.4	130	85	110	122	8
Nova Scotia	51,100	6.1	312	85	265	274	38
New Brunswick	28,900	6.9	199	85	169	179	20
Quebec	158,000	6.3	995	80	796	632	363
Ontario	179,500	7.4	1,328	80	1,062	1,327	1
Manitoba	33,700	6.9	233	65	151	224	9
Saskatchewan	74,000	8.4	622	67	417	617	5
Alberta	181,100	8.9	1,612	67	1,080	1,604	8
British Columbia	34,500	7.8	269	57	181	268	1
Canada	758,300	7.5	5,700	74	4,231	5,247	453
<u>1952</u>							
Prince Edward Island	18,700	7.1	133	37	49	115	18
Nova Scotia	44,100	6.1	269	37	100	223	46
New Brunswick	23,100	6.6	192	37	71	143	49
Quebec	171,300	6.5	1,117	36	402	662	455
Ontario	194,500	7.7	1,498	35	524	1,488	10
Manitoba	34,900	7.1	248	31	77	229	19
Saskatchewan	84,000	8.3	697	35	244	694	3
Alberta	212,000	9.0	1,908	36	687	1,398	10
British Columbia	39,500	8.0	316	35	111	313	3
Canada	828,600	7.7	6,378	36	2,265	5,765	613

^{1/} Data for Newfoundland not available.

