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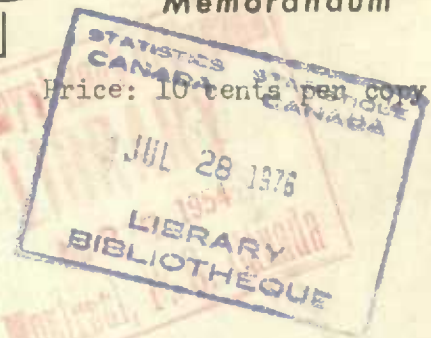


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Wool production in Canada^{1/} during 1953 was 8,621,000 pounds, an increase of 12 per cent over the 1952 estimate. Although a small decline was evident in the average fleece weight, the increase in sheep numbers was reflected in increased shorn wool, as well as pulled wool production. Shorn wool production at 6,659,000 pounds was 4.4 per cent greater in 1953 than for 1952, while pulled wool production at 1,962,000 pounds was nearly 50 per cent greater in the later year.

Average farm price of fleece wool was 38.5 cents per pound during 1953, slightly higher than the 37.6 cents per pound in 1952 but considerably below the 1951 average farm price of 74 cents. Total farm value of shorn wool production was \$2,565,000 as compared with \$2,397,000 in 1952 and \$4,231,000 in 1951.

Exports of wool during 1953 totalled 3,756,000 pounds, only slightly greater than the 3,639,000 pounds in 1952, but imports rose sharply from 49,537,000 pounds in 1952 to 63,088,000 during the past year. Since data on wool inventories are not available, total domestic use cannot be calculated precisely. Assuming no change in stocks, the domestic disappearance was 67,953,000 pounds during 1953 as compared with 73,238,000 pounds in 1951, 53,589,000 pounds in 1952, and was approximately 52 per cent of the war-time high disappearance of 130,521,000 pounds in 1942.

Table 1: Production^{1/}, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance
of Wool in Canada, 1951-1953
(Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance ^{2/}
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
- thousand pounds -						
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
1953	6,659	1,962	8,621	3,756	63,088	67,953

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland, for which data are not available.

^{2/} Not adjusted for stock changes.

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Table 2: Estimated Production, Value and Disposition of Shorn Wool,
Canada,^{1/} by Provinces, 1952 and 1953

Year and Province	Sheep Shorn	Average Yield per Fleece	Total Production	Average Farm Price per Pound ^{2/}	Total Farm Value ^{2/}	Quantity Sold	Quantity Used On Farms
	No.	lb.	'000 lb.	cts.	\$'000	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
<u>1952</u>							
Prince Edward Island	18,700	7.1	133	39	52	115	18
Nova Scotia	44,100	6.1	269	39	105	223	46
New Brunswick	29,100	6.6	192	39	75	143	49
Quebec	171,800	6.5	1,117	38	424	662	455
Ontario	194,500	7.7	1,498	37	554	1,488	10
Manitoba	34,900	7.1	248	35	87	229	19
Saskatchewan	84,000	8.3	697	37	258	694	3
Alberta	212,000	9.0	1,908	38	725	1,898	10
British Columbia	39,500	8.0	316	37	117	313	3
Canada	828,600	7.7	6,378	37.6	2,397	5,765	613
<u>1953</u>							
Prince Edward Island	19,200	7.0	134	40	54	114	20
Nova Scotia	51,100	6.0	307	40	123	258	49
New Brunswick	33,300	6.3	210	40	84	157	53
Quebec	176,300	6.5	1,146	40	458	730	416
Ontario	208,800	7.7	1,608	39	627	1,594	14
Manitoba	31,900	7.1	226	35	79	204	22
Saskatchewan	90,800	8.1	735	37	272	728	7
Alberta	242,100	8.2	1,985	38	754	1,933	52
British Columbia	42,200	7.3	308	37	114	298	10
Canada	895,700	7.4	6,659	38.5	2,565	6,016	643

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland for which data are not available.

^{2/} Figures for 1952 have been revised.

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