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WOOL PRODUCTION AND

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Wool production in Canada (excepting Newfoundland for which data are not available) during 1955 totalled 8,041,000 pounds, only slightly below the 1954 revised total of 8,051,000 pounds. The number of sheep shorn remained almost at the 1954 level, as did the average weight per fleece. Wool pulled from Canadian skins during 1955 amounted to 1,595,000 pounds, about 2.5 per cent above the 1954 total.

Exports of Canadian wool in 1955 remained steady at 2,883,000 pounds (greasy basis) compared to the 2,865,000 pounds shipped out of the country in the previous year. Imports, on the other hand, showed a 30 per cent increase over the 1954 total of 41,602,000 pounds to amount to 53,954,000 pounds in 1955. This includes pulled wool recovered in Canada from imported skins. This increase in imports led to a jump in apparent domestic disappearance of over 26 per cent. On the basis of total Canadian production, less exports, plus imports, domestic disappearance of wool in 1955 amounted to 59,112,000 pounds.

Revised estimates of production and disappearance for the 1941 - 1951 intercensal period are shown in Table 2, overleaf. These revisions were brought about by the changes made when the estimates of sheep numbers in Canada were revised following the 1951 Census.

Table 1.- Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1952-55

(Greasy Basis)

Year	Production ^{1/}			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance ^{2/}
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
- thousand pounds -						
1952	6,351	1,313	7,664	3,639	49,537	53,562
1953	6,355	1,862	8,217	3,756	63,188	67,649
1954	6,496	1,555	8,051	2,865	41,602	46,788
1955	6,446	1,595	8,041	2,883	53,954	59,112

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Not adjusted for stock changes.

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Table 2.- Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1941-51

(Greasy Basis)

Year	Production		Total	Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance ^{3/}
	Shorn ^{1/}	Pulled ^{2/}				
	- thousand pounds -					
1941	11,394	4,699	16,093	3,025	93,070	106,138
1942	12,129	4,740	16,869	384	114,428	130,913
1943	12,453	5,143	17,596	2,316	104,364	119,644
1944	12,851	4,225	17,076	15,520	52,690	54,246
1945	12,115	4,675	16,790	11,927	59,506	64,369
1946	11,023	4,455	15,478	6,409	100,042	109,111
1947	9,779	3,390	13,169	5,103	79,895	87,961
1948	7,869	3,848	11,717	4,929	95,181	101,969
1949	6,903	2,082	8,985	3,920	79,720	84,785
1950	6,316	1,836	8,152	4,328	82,241	86,065
1951	5,700	1,182	6,882	2,656	69,012	73,238

^{1/} Revised data 1941 to 1950 to correspond with revisions in sheep numbers for the intercensal period.

^{2/} Revised from previous estimates to quantities reported to Industry and Merchandising Division on Wool Goods Annual schedule.

^{3/} Not adjusted for stock changes but revised in consequence of revisions in production data for shorn and pulled wool.