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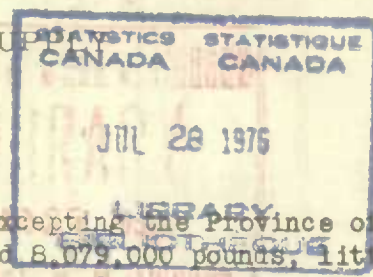
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During 1956 wool production in Canada (excepting the Province of Newfoundland for which data are not available) totalled 8,079,000 pounds, little changed from the 1954 and 1955 totals of 8,051,000 pounds and 8,041,000 pounds respectively.

The number of sheep shorn (874,000) and the average fleece weight (7.3 pounds) were both slightly below the comparative figures for 1955. Consequently shorn wool production (6,372,000 pounds) dropped 1 per cent from the 1955 level. However, an increase in the amount of wool pulled from sheep skins of Canadian origin offset this drop, as pulled wool production rose 7 per cent to 1,707,000 pounds in 1956.

The 1956 average farm price of fleece wool, greasy basis, was 37.8 cents per pound, somewhat higher than the 35.3 cents per pound received in 1955. Total farm value of shorn wool production in 1956 was \$2,410,000, nearly 6 per cent above the \$2,277,000 of 1955.

Exports of Canadian wool during 1956 totalled 3,594,000 pounds, greasy basis, or 12 1/2 per cent above the 1955 export volume. Imports too increased, rising 8 per cent to total 58,226,000 pounds. No data on wool inventories are available, but assuming no change in stocks domestic disappearance would amount to 62,711,000 pounds, 6 per cent above the 1955 disappearance.

Table 1.- Production, Exports, Imports and Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1951-56 (Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance <sup>1/</sup>
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
- thousand pounds -						
1951	5,700	1,182	6,882	2,656	69,012	73,238
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
1956	6,372	1,707	8,079	3,594	58,226	62,711

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

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Table 2.-Estimated Production, Value and Disposition of Shorn Wool in Canada<sup>1/</sup>, by Province, 1955 and 1956  
(Greasy Basis)

	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.
<b>1955</b>							
Prince Edward Island	19,000	7.1	135	.42	57	116	19
Nova Scotia	51,500	6.0	309	.42	130	257	52
New Brunswick	33,700	6.4	216	.42	91	170	46
Quebec	174,700	6.5	1,136	.39	443	780	356
Ontario	205,000	7.7	1,578	.37	584	1,574	4
Manitoba	27,700	6.4	177	.31	55	155	22
Saskatchewan	83,000	7.5	622	.31	193	576	46
Alberta	237,600	8.1	1,925	.32	616	1,873	52
British Columbia	43,000	8.1	348	.31	108	340	8
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>875,200</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6,446</b>	<b>.353</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>5,841</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>1956</b>							
Prince Edward Island	19,000	7.1	135	.44	59	116	19
Nova Scotia	49,200	6.0	295	.44	130	242	53
New Brunswick	34,000	6.6	224	.44	99	177	47
Quebec	178,900	6.5	1,163	.41	477	813	350
Ontario	201,000	7.6	1,528	.39	596	1,520	8
Manitoba	26,000	6.8	177	.33	58	157	20
Saskatchewan	85,500	7.8	667	.34	227	613	54
Alberta	237,000	7.8	1,849	.35	647	1,812	37
British Columbia	43,400	7.7	334	.35	117	327	7
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>874,000</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>.378</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>595</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Not including Newfoundland for which data are not available. The 1951 Census of Agriculture reported approximately 73,600 sheep in Newfoundland and wool production of 134,000 pounds in 1950.

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