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## WOOL PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY

1959

Wool production in Canada\* during 1959, estimated at 8,287,000 pounds, was 8.7 per cent greater than the 1958 total of 7,624,000 pounds. Production of shorn wool rose about 7 per cent and the quantity pulled from sheep skins increased about 16 per cent from last year's output.

Exports of Canadian wool during 1959 amounted to 5,002,000 pounds (greasy equivalent), up exactly 1,000,000 pounds from exports in 1958. Imports of wool increased from 42,209,000 pounds in 1958 to 51,492,000 pounds in 1959. This substantial increase in imports, coupled with greater production, resulted in a 20 per cent increase in apparent domestic disappearance of wool in Canada. The increase in utilization, however, cannot be stated precisely because data on change in stocks are not available.

Total farm value of shorn wool production in 1959, estimated at \$2,966,000 was about 3 per cent lower than the farm value of the smaller wool clip in 1958, due to a drop of 4.5 cents in the average value per pound. Average farm values of 48.1 cents in 1958 and 43.6 cents per pound of shorn wool in 1959 included subsidy payments under the Agricultural Stabilization Act of 28 and 21 cents per pound respectively, on wool graded in registered warehouses.

Table 1.- Production, Exports, Imports and Disappearance of Wool in Canada\*, 1951-1959, with Pre-war and Post-war 5-year Averages--Greasy Basis.

	Production			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance <sup>1/</sup>
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
	- thousand pounds -					
1935-39 Av.	12,243	3,779	16,022	6,580	52,822	62,264
1946-50 Av.	8,378	3,122	11,500	4,938	85,616	92,178
1951	5,700	1,182	6,882	2,656	69,012	73,238
1952	6,272	1,313	7,585	3,639	49,537	53,483
1953	6,166	1,862	8,028	3,756	62,118	66,390
1954	6,272	1,555	7,827	2,865	40,724	45,686
1955	6,253	1,595	7,848	2,883	53,390	58,355
1956	6,165	1,707	7,872	3,594	57,239	61,517
1957	6,050	1,825	7,875	3,917	47,331	51,289
1958	6,345	1,279	7,624	4,002	42,209	45,831
1959	6,800	1,487	8,287	5,002	51,492	54,777

\*Excepting Newfoundland.

<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, 1958 and 1959  
(Greasy Basis)

Province	Sheep Shorn No.	Average Yield per Fleece lb.	Total Production '000 lb.	Average Farm Value <sup>2/</sup> per Pound \$	Total Farm Value \$'000	Quantity Sold '000 lb.	Quantity used on Farms '000 lb.
<b>1958</b>							
Prince Ed. Is.	16,500	7.1	117	.51	60	105	12
Nova Scotia	41,200	6.0	247	.58	142	215	32
New Brunswick	34,000	6.4	218	.57	125	190	28
Quebec	158,500	6.7	1,062	.52	548	775	287
Ontario	191,000	7.3	1,395	.54	753	1,380	15
Manitoba	38,300	6.8	260	.39	102	235	25
Saskatchewan	85,000	7.9	671	.43	291	635	36
Alberta	252,000	8.0	2,025	.44	881	2,010	15
Br.Columbia	45,500	7.7	350	.43	151	345	5
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>862,000</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6,345</b>	<b>.481</b>	<b>3,053</b>	<b>5,890</b>	<b>455</b>
<b>1959</b>							
Prince Ed. Is.	17,000	7.0	119	.46	55	106	13
Nova Scotia	41,000	6.0	246	.47	116	209	37
New Brunswick	33,000	6.8	224	.50	113	190	34
Quebec	146,000	6.8	993	.45	445	725	268
Ontario	202,000	7.3	1,475	.46	672	1,460	15
Manitoba	38,000	7.2	274	.39	107	246	28
Saskatchewan	94,500	7.9	746	.43	318	716	30
Alberta	278,000	8.5	2,360	.42	988	2,336	24
Br.Columbia	43,500	7.5	363	.42	152	356	7
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>898,000</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>.436</b>	<b>2,966</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>456</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Excepting Newfoundland for which data are not available. The 1956 Census of Agriculture reported approximately 79,500 sheep in Newfoundland.

<sup>2/</sup> Average values include payment to producers by the Agricultural Stabilization Board on graded wool of 28 cents per lb. in 1958 and 21 cents per lb. in 1959.

