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WOOL PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY

1966

Wool production in Canada(1) in 1966 is estimated at 5,045,000 pounds down 13.3 per cent from the 5,815,000 pounds produced in 1965 and 25.0 per cent below the 1961-1965 average of 6,719,600. Shorn wool production decreased 10.2 per cent from 4,653,000 pounds in 1965 to 4,178,000 pounds in 1966, and pulled wool output declined by 25.4 per cent to 867,000 pounds in 1966 from 1,162,000 in 1965.

Imports of wool in 1966 at 61,917,000 pounds were down 5.1 per cent from 65,222,000 pounds in 1965. Exports decreased 28.7 per cent from 4,236,000 pounds in 1965 to 3,021,000 pounds in 1966.

The preliminary estimate of the farm value of shorn wool production in 1966 is \$1,990,000. This includes deficiency payments made to producers under the provisions of the Agricultural Stabilization Act. The deficiency payment on qualifying grades of wool was 18.3 cents per pound on 1966 marketings compared with 16.3 cents per pounds in 1965. The Average farm price, not including deficiency payments, declined to 34.0 from 34.5 cents per pound for the 1965 clip.

(1) Not including Newfoundland.

TABLE 1. Production, Exports, Imports and Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1957-1966 with Pre-war and Post-war 5-year Averages - Greasy Basis

	Production			Exports	Imports(1)	Domestic disappearance(2)
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
	thousand pounds					
1935-39 average ..	12,243	3,779	16,022	6,580	52,822	62,264
1946-50 average ..	8,378	3,122	11,500	4,938	85,616	92,178
1951-55 average ..	6,133	1,501	7,634	3,160	54,956	59,430
1956-60 average ..	6,172	1,537	7,709	4,039	49,555	53,225
1961	6,169	1,287	7,456	5,067	54,430	56,819
1962	5,808	1,361	7,169	3,972	54,308	57,505
1963	5,259	1,553	6,812	4,661	59,805	61,956
1964	5,065	1,281	6,346	3,223	61,854	64,977
1965	4,653	1,162	5,815	4,236	65,222	66,801
1966	4,178	867	5,045	3,021	61,917	63,941

(1) Excluding re-exports.

(2) Not adjusted for stock changes.

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TABLE 2. Estimated Production, Farm Value and Disposition of Shorn Wool in Canada(1),
by Province, 1965 and 1966
(Greasy Basis)

Province	Shorn wool production	Average farm price per pound	Farm value without deficiency payment	Deficiency(2) payment	Total farm value including deficiency payment	Quantity sold	Quantity used on farms
	'000 lb.	cents	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
<u>1965</u>							
Prince Edward Island	53	35.5	19	9	28	49	4
Nova Scotia	143	35.5	51	22	73	127	16
New Brunswick	106	35.5	38	18	56	91	15
Quebec	490	35.0	172	72	244	414	76
Ontario	1,140	35.0	399	166	565	1,138	2
Manitoba	188	34.0	64	26	90	181	7
Saskatchewan	636	34.0	216	83	299	623	13
Alberta	1,611	34.0	548	242	790	1,605	6
British Columbia ...	286	34.0	97	31	128	282	4
Canada	4,653	34.5	1,604	669	2,273	4,510	143
<u>1966</u>							
Prince Edward Island	52	37.5	20	8	28	49	3
Nova Scotia	127	37.5	48	21	69	113	14
New Brunswick	91	37.5	34	17	51	79	12
Quebec	435	40.5	176	67	243	367	68
Ontario	1,073	36.0	386	163	549	1,067	6
Manitoba	163	31.0	51	25	76	159	4
Saskatchewan	595	31.0	184	79	263	590	5
Alberta	1,394	32.0	446	158	604	1,386	8
British Columbia ...	248	31.0	77	30	107	242	6
Canada	4,178	34.0	1,422	568	1,990	4,052	126

(1) Not including Newfoundland.

(2) Payment to producers, under Agricultural Stabilization Act, of 16.3 cents per lb. on the 1965 clip and 18.3 cents per lb. on the 1966 clip for qualifying grades of wool. Totals for 1966 are for payments made to March 31, 1967.

