

**Wool.**—Total wool production in Canada in 1946 amounted to 19,001,000 lb., a reduction of 625,000 lb. from the 1945 output. This reduction was attributable to a decline of over 800,000 lb. in shorn wool production. Increased slaughterings of sheep and lambs resulted in a higher pulled wool output. There were large imports of wool during the year and the apparent domestic disappearance was over 45,000,000 lb. higher than in 1945, but, as data are not available on stocks of wool in storage, the figures for actual consumption in any individual year could be quite different from the apparent disappearance.

Gross income and cash income from shorn wool rose steadily during the war years, but decreased production through 1945 and 1946 has caused a subsequent drop in income. Average farm prices for Canada were 27·7 cents per lb. in both 1945 and 1946.

#### 16.—Estimated Production, Exports, Imports and Apparent Consumption of Wool, 1937-46

NOTE.—All estimates are on a 'greasy' basis. Comparable statistics of production for the years 1920-29 are given at p. 219 of the 1939 Year Book and for 1930-36 at p. 214 of the 1945 edition.

Year	Shorn				Pulled	Total Production	Exports	Imports	Apparent Consumption
	Yield per Fleece	Total Yield Shorn	Price per Pound	Total Value Shorn					
	lb.	'000 lb.	cts.	\$	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1937.....	7·2	12,289	15·4	1,891,000	3,785	16,074	5,093	60,375	71,356
1938.....	7·3	12,000	11·7	1,401,000	3,628	15,628	4,398	45,101	56,331
1939.....	7·5	11,761	13·5	1,588,000	3,489	15,250	4,879	51,953	62,324
1940.....	7·4	11,549	19·3	2,228,000	3,346	14,895	2,681	86,170	98,384
1941.....	7·5	11,630	22·1	2,571,000	3,624	15,254	3,025	93,070	105,299
1942.....	7·7	12,867	25·5	3,283,000	3,610	16,477	384	114,428	130,521
1943.....	7·5	13,929	27·0	3,761,000	3,889	17,818	2,316	104,364	119,866
1944.....	7·5	15,128	27·1	4,106,000	4,151	19,279	15,520	52,690	56,449
1945.....	7·6	14,513	27·7	4,015,000	5,113	19,626	11,927	59,506	67,205
1946.....	7·6	13,711	27·7 <sup>1</sup>	3,801,000 <sup>1</sup>	5,290	19,001	6,409	100,042	112,634

<sup>1</sup> Subject to revision.

#### Subsection 5.—Poultry and Eggs

The number of live poultry on farms in Canada in 1946 was only slightly above the 1945 level, while the value increased by 11·1 p.c. Hens and chickens accounted for the increase in number, since, for Canada as a whole, there were fewer turkeys, geese and ducks than in the previous year. In each case, however, the value was higher than for 1945.

The production of eggs was lower in 1946 than in 1945, due to a reduction of chick hatchings in 1945 as compared with the previous year, and a consequent decrease in 1946 layers. There was also a slight decrease in the production of poultry meat in 1946 as compared with 1945.