

Wool.—Wool production in Canada (exclusive of Newfoundland) in 1951 was 9.2 p.c. below that in 1950 and was only 44.1 p.c. of the 1945 peak crop. The 1935-39 average was 16,022,000 lb. and the 1951 production only 8,653,000 lb. The shorn-wool production in 1951 was lower, the result of a decrease in sheep population. Average fleece weight was 7.5 lb. compared with 7.7 lb. in 1950. The 27.4 p.c. reduction in wool pulled from domestic skins was partly accounted for by a decrease in inspected slaughterings of sheep and lambs; an increase in the special processing of skins may also have been a contributing factor.

Exports of wool in 1951 were down by nearly 1,700,000 lb. and imports by over 13,200,000 lb. as compared with 1950. Thus, assuming there was no change in stocks, the domestic disappearance of wool was lower by 14.2 p.c. in 1951 than in 1950.

22.—Estimated Production, Exports, Imports and Apparent Consumption of Wool, 1942-51

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, for 1930-36 at p. 214 of the 1945 edition and for 1937-41 at p. 368 of the 1948-49 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.
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.....	7.5	11,457	28.0	3,208,000	5,290	16,747	6,409	100,042	110,380
1947.....	7.4	10,176	28.2	2,865,000	3,914	14,090	5,103	79,895	88,882
1948.....	7.2	8,423	28.9	2,437,000	3,492	11,915	4,929	95,181	102,167
1949.....	7.4	7,759	29.4	2,280,000	2,076	9,835	3,920	70,720	76,635
1950.....	7.7	7,904	54.4	4,302,000	1,627	9,531	4,328	82,241	87,444
1951.....	7.5	7,471	73.9	5,527,000	1,182	8,653	2,656	69,012	75,009

Subsection 5.—Dairying

Milk Production.—Milk production in 1951 amounted to 16,391,998,000 lb. a considerable reduction from the high point of 17,628,610,000 lb. reached in 1945. During the five-year period, 1946-51, the milk-utilization pattern changed somewhat. In the later year less milk was used for butter (creamery and dairy) and for the manufacture of cheese. On the other hand, more milk was sold in fluid form and more was used for the production of concentrated milk products and ice cream. The proportion of total milk production used for factory-produced dairy products decreased from 52.3 p.c. in 1946 to 51.1 p.c. in 1951 and the proportion sold in fluid form increased from 25.1 p.c. to 25.8 p.c. Milk used for all purposes on farms (farm-home consumed, manufactured and fed) increased from 22.6 p.c. of the total in 1946 to 23.1 p.c. in 1951.