Eggs.—The net production of eggs in 1958 was 449,819,000 doz. which was 3,343,000 doz. more than in the previous year. This increase occurred because the moderate decrease in the number of layers was more than offset by an increase in the rate of lay. Domestic disappearance, not including hatching eggs, amounted to 423,404,000 doz. as compared with 421,098,000 doz. in 1957. Per capita consumption for the year 1958 was 24.8 doz.

35.—Production, Utilization and Value of Farm Eggs, by Province, 1958

Province	Average Number of Layers	Average Pro- duction per 100 Layers	Net Eggs Laid <sup>1</sup>	Sold <sup>2</sup>	Used by Pro- ducers <sup>2</sup>	Value per Dozen <sup>3</sup>	Total Value Sold and Used
	'000	No.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	cts.	\$'000
Newfoundland				120			
Prince Edward Island	382	17,493	5,583	4,809	774	33.2	1,853
Nova Scotia	1,170	20,133	19,342	17,784	1,558	44.6	8,624
New Brunswick	513	18,250	7,720	6,216	1,504	48.3	3,726
Quebec	3,945	18,291	59,488	50,273	9,215	42.1	25,032
Ontario	11,738	19,747	191,408	179,298	12,110	39.2	75,048
Manitoba	2,661	18,254	39,990	35,558	4,432	29.4	11,741
Saskatchewan	3,057	17,120	43,202	33,385	9,817	27.7	11,964
Alberta	3,405	16,941	47,602	39,112	8,490	30.4	14,452
British Columbia	2,205	19,531	35,484	32,869	2,615	38.4	13,637
Totals	29,076	18,765	449,819	399,304	50,515	36.9	166,077

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total laid less loss.

Wool.—Canada's wool requirements are met largely by imports which amounted to 42,209,000 lb. (greasy basis) in 1958 and 47,331,000 lb. in 1957. Exports amounted to 4,002,000 lb. in 1958 and 3,917,000 lb. in 1957. The apparent domestic consumption of wool shown in Table 36 is determined on the basis of production, exports and imports but does not take into consideration changes in stocks for which the data are not available. Differences in wool utilization from year to year are therefore probably less marked than indicated by these figures.

36.—Production and Apparent Consumption of Wool, 1953-58

Item	1953	1954	1955	19561	1957	1958
Shorn Wool—						
Yield per fleecelb.	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.4
Total yield shorn'000 lb.	6,166	6,272	6,253	6,165	6,050	6,345
Price per pound cts.	38.6	37.8	35.3	37.8	41.4	48.4
Total value of shorn wool \$'000	2,377	2,367	2,208	2,328	2,507	3,071
Total pulled wool'000 lb.	1,862	1,555	1,595	1,707	1,825	1,279
Total wool production "	8,028	7,828	7,848	7,872	7,875	7,524
Apparent consumption	66,390	45,686	58,355	61,517	51,289	45,731

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Census figures. <sup>2</sup> The 1958 average values include 28 cents per lb. payment to producers by the Agricultural Stabilization Board on graded wool.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes eggs used for hatching.

<sup>3</sup> Average value at farms for all purposes.