

## Wool Production and Income<sup>1</sup>

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North Dakota produced 5,159,000 pounds of wool in 1946 and 6,226,000 pounds in 1945, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The 17 percent drop in 1946 wool production from the previous year was due entirely to a sharp reduction in sheep numbers. A total of 593,000 sheep were shown in 1946 compared with 724,000 in 1945—this represents an 18 percent reduction. The average weight per fleece was 8.7 pounds in 1946 compared with 8.6 pounds in 1945. Woolgrowers received a cash income of \$2,218,000 from wool in 1946 and \$2,739,000 in 1945. The average price received by wool producers at local shipping points was 43 cents per pound in 1946 and 44 cents in 1945.

### North Dakota—Wool Production and Income 1935-46

Year	Sheep shorn number	Weight per fleece	Production shorn wool	Price per pound	Cash income
	Thousands	Lb.	Thous. Lb.	Cents	Thous. Dols.
1935	689	8.5	5,856	18	1,054
1936	716	8.9	6,372	25	1,593
1937	714	8.4	5,998	29	1,739
1938	722	8.5	6,137	16	982
1939	736	8.8	6,477	18	1,166
1940	835	8.8	7,348	26	1,910
1941	954	8.9	8,491	34	2,887
1942	1,020	8.8	8,976	38	3,411
1943	989	8.5	8,406	42	3,531
1944	871	8.7	7,578	43	3,259
1945	724	8.6	6,226	44	2,739
1946	593	8.7	5,159	43	2,218
1935-44 Average	825	8.68	7,164	30	2,153

<sup>1</sup>Abstracted from the North Dakota portion of a press release of the Office of the Agricultural Statistician, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U.S.D.A., Fargo, North Dakota, dated March 19, 1947.

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