

These sheep may be divided into the following classes:—

CLASSES OF SHEEP IN NEW ZEALAND
(00,000 omitted)

Year.	Rams.	Wethers.	Breeding-ewes	Dry Ewes.	Lambs.	Total.
1920	3·1	39·0	115·7	18·2	63·2	239·2
1925	3·6	30·6	137·2	8·8	65·3	245·5
1930	4·5	33·7	175·6	10·8	83·8	308·4
1935	4·7	24·8	178·1	9·9	73·2	290·7
1940	5·4	24·3	197·3	9·7	73·9	310·6
1945	5·6	25·3	208·7	9·2	91·1	339·8
1948	5·7	22·5	210·6	6·6	79·5	324·8

It is not possible to record the exact number of sheep of each breed as flock sheep are not recorded by breeds, and the numbers of any particular breed refer only to stud sheep. The following table showing breeds of rams, however, gives some indication of the present position:—

RAMS BY BREEDS AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL RAMS
(To nearest per cent.)

Breed.	1920.	1925.	1930.	1935.	1940.	1945.
Merino	4	6	5	3	3	2
Lincoln	10	3	2	1	Neg.	1
Romney	54	53	52	48	52	55
Border Leicester	8	8	5	4	3	2
English Leicester	8	6	5	4	3	1
Shropshire	1	1	2	1	Neg.	Neg.
Southdown	5	9	16	25	27	29
Corriedale	5	7	7	6	5	4
Halfbred	5	6	5	6	5	4
Ryeland	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	1	1	1
Others	Neg.	1	1	1	1	1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

The number of owners with flocks of the various sizes in 1947 was—

1- 200	7,197
201- 500	7,011
501- 1,000	8,029
1,001- 2,500	8,087
2,501- 5,000	1,910
5,001- 7,500	407
7,501-10,000	124
10,001-20,000	97
20,001 and over	15
		32,877

The number of beef cattle was as follows:—

BEEF CATTLE (ESTIMATED)					
1920	1,821,652	1940	1,931,362		
1925	1,557,395	1944	1,906,591		
1930	1,605,204	1947	2,047,990		
1935	1,552,682				