

1911.
NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1911.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists,
Wellington, 15th July, 1911.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER of SHEEP in the Dominion on the 30th April, 1911.

District.	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1910.*	1911.		
Auckland	1,205,346	1,116,470	...	88,876
Napier-Gisborne	5,913,301	5,638,857	...	274,444
Wellington - West Coast... ..	5,799,015	5,564,138	...	234,877
Marlborough-Nelson-Westland	1,302,059	1,615,912	313,853	...
Canterbury-Kaikoura	5,486,464	5,244,078	...	242,386
Otago	4,563,435	4,575,130	11,695	...
Total	24,269,620	23,754,585	325,548	840,583
		Decrease, North Island	...	598,197
		Increase, South Island	...	83,162
		Net decrease	...	515,035

* Complete returns.

The decrease recorded is principally accounted for by the dry summer and shortage of feed in some sections. This led to a larger number of sheep than usual being killed for export. One Canterbury company alone has handled 196,891 more carcasses this year than last year. The decrease in several districts is further accounted for by the establishment of new meat-export works.

NUMBER of SHEEP in the Dominion, and EXPORT of MUTTON and LAMB, for the past Ten Years, at 30th April.

Year.	Number of Sheep in Dominion.	Mutton Carcases exported.	Legs and Pieces exported.	Lamb Carcases exported.
			Cwt.	
1902	20,342,727	1,712,670	61,949	1,736,780
1903	18,954,553	2,497,546	37,250	2,006,462
1904	18,280,806	2,388,959	40,472	2,104,881
1905	19,130,875	1,888,065	24,088	1,937,026
1906	20,108,471	1,500,773	13,471	2,134,563
1907	20,983,772	1,921,465	37,456	2,519,417
1908	22,449,053	1,821,426	35,663	2,826,437
1909	23,480,707	1,899,446	41,681	2,910,358
1910	24,269,620	1,711,839	52,873	3,423,918
1911	23,754,585*	1,979,534	42,624	3,708,468

* Approximate.

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