

THE SEASON'S LAMBING: DOMINION ESTIMATES.

FOLLOWING are complete estimates of the current season's lambing, computed from estimated average percentages furnished by the Department's Inspectors of Stock in the various districts. Corresponding figures for the four previous years, together with the actual numbers of lambs tailed, are also given for comparison.

| Year. | Number of Breeding-ewes. | Estimated Average Percentage of Lambing. | Estimated Number of Lambs. | Actual Number of Lambs tailed. |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| NORTH ISLAND. | | | | |
| 1924 .. | 7,148,949 | 85.00 | 6,049,652 | .. |
| 1923 .. | 7,170,154 | 91.34 | 6,549,143 | 6,170,673 |
| 1922 .. | 6,771,482 | 90.36 | 6,118,530 | 5,955,081 |
| 1921 .. | 6,312,456 | 89.65 | 5,659,355 | 5,457,643 |
| 1920 .. | 5,838,704 | 87.95 | 5,135,524 | 5,074,751 |
| SOUTH ISLAND. | | | | |
| 1924 .. | 5,927,145 | 87.87 | 5,208,378 | .. |
| 1923 .. | 5,892,849 | 83.99 | 4,949,313 | 4,962,663 |
| 1922 .. | 5,724,572 | 82.53 | 4,724,475 | 4,949,440 |
| 1921 .. | 5,835,332 | 83.28 | 4,859,425 | 4,810,258 |
| 1920 .. | 5,729,845 | 80.20 | 4,595,426 | 4,539,797 |
| DOMINION. | | | | |
| 1924 .. | 13,076,094 | 86.14 | 11,258,630 | .. |
| 1923 .. | 13,063,003 | 88.02 | 11,498,456 | 11,133,336 |
| 1922 .. | 12,496,054 | 86.77 | 10,843,005 | 10,895,521 |
| 1921 .. | 12,147,788 | 86.59 | 10,518,780 | 10,267,910 |
| 1920 .. | 11,568,549 | 84.11 | 9,730,950 | 9,614,548 |

KILLINGS AT MEAT-WORKS, 1923-24.

FIGURES issued by the Meat Producers Board show the total killings at meat-works in New Zealand for the frozen-meat industry year, 1st November, 1923, to 31st October, 1924, as follows:—

| Class. | North Island. | South Island. | Dominion. |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Lamb (carcases) | 2,108,534 | 2,661,049 | 4,769,583 |
| Wether mutton (carcases) | 874,230 | 145,035 | 1,019,265 |
| Ewe mutton (carcases) | 641,996 | 278,063 | 920,059 |
| Beef (quarters) | 321,338 | 1,491 | 322,829 |
| Sundries (freight carcases of 60 lb.) | 290,338 | 64,008 | 354,346 |

Bush-sickness and Sheep-raising.—The last annual report of the Live-stock Division states: "For a long time it has been a recognized fact that horses, pigs, and poultry can be reared upon bush-sick land without contracting the sickness that inevitably overtakes cattle and sheep. Calves can now be reared with special treatment, and adult cattle, if attacked by bush-sickness, will recover with the right treatment. In order to follow up its progressive policy the Department will now require to turn its attention to preventive and remedial measures in so far as sheep are concerned. Our past experience with cattle should prove invaluable in this connection."