Lambing Estimates for 1942

Greatest Number of Ewes on Record And Highest Lambing Percentage

Contributed by the LIVESTOCK DIVISION.

FOR the first time in the history of the Dominion, the lambing percentages have exceeded 90 per cent. for three years in succession, and this year's estimate of 91.43 is the highest yet recorded. The estimate is not as accurate as in previous years, the number of breeding ewes being based on the 1941 figures, as no figures for 1942 are available.

During the last five years the South Island returns have been consistently higher than those from the North Island, and this year the percentage for the South Island is the highest on record, while the North Island estimates show that a high lambing percentage

has been recorded there also.

County.			Breeding Ewes.	Estimated Percentage of Lambs.	Estimated Number of Lambs.	
Auckland District.						
Mangonui			33,111	81.90	27,118	
Whangaroa			13,662	87.20	11,913	
Bay of Islan	nds		60,793	85.00	51,674	
Hokianga			54,527	82.55	45,012	
Whangarei			100,347	81.48	81,762	
Otamatea			75,754	84.26	63,830	
Hobson			69,958	82.02	57.380	
Rodney			82,007	77.60	63,637	
Great Barrier		7,169	70.10	5,025		
Waitemata			67,146	85.40	57.343	
Eden			2,314	89.07	2,061	
Manukau			61,023	91.00	55,531	
Franklin			96,399	94.00	90,615	
Coromandel			39,416	73.51	28,975	
Thames			10,114	86.01	8,699	
Hauraki Plains		12,775	88.48	11,303		
Ohinemuri			10,953	93.08	10,195	
Waikato			134,971	94.43	127,453	
Raglan			343,133	90.46	310,398	
Waipa			154,784	94.74	146,642	
Piako			98,411	100.03	98,441	
Matamata			183,427	100.67	184,656	
Rotorua			67,887	91.00	61,777	
Taupo			19,571	103.00	20,158	
Faumarunui			90,680	95.95	87,007	
Kawhia			56,996	85.25	48,589	
Otorohanga			118,599	89.65	106,324	
Waitomo			300,472	94.00	282,444	

County.			Breeding Ewes.	Estimated Percentage of Lambs.	Estimated Number of Lambs.			
Auckland District—Contd.								
Ohura			105,365	93.97	99,011			
Kaitieke			57,802	80.23	46,375			
Tauranga			92,872	95.00	88,228			
Whakatane			40,409	84.40	34,105			
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Opotiki		200						

East Coast-Hawke's Bay District.

Totals	 	4,337,477	87.38	3,790,402
Akitio	 1	160,172	92.00	147,358
Pahiatua	 	157,724	93.00	146,683
Woodville	 	80,378	88.00	70,732
Dannevirke		269,467	100.00	269,467
Weber	 	53,259	86.00	45,802
Patangata	 	499,491	90.00	449,541
Waipukurau	.	128,147	95.00	121,739
Waipawa	 	392,574	95.00	372,945
Hawkes Bay		929,939	86.00	799,747
Wairoa	 	410,897	82.00	336,935
Waikohu	 	368,102	80.55	296,506
Cook	 	443,179	85.51	378,962
Uawa	 	127,970	82.47	105,536
Waiapu		252,799	79.86	201,885
Matakaoa	 	63,379	73.47	46,564

West Coast-Wellington District.

Clifton			71,377	90.31	64,460
Taranaki			18,404	104.24	19,184
Inglewood			37,675	96.02	36,175
Egmont			21,029	102.32	21,516
Stratford			80,134	92.00	73,723
Whangamomona		47,378	86.70	41.076	
Eltham			50,297	94.77	47,666
Hawera			75.613	93.48	70,683
Waimate West		5,684	101.31	5,758	
Patea			200,278	96.20	192,667
Waitotara			134,955	90.80	122,539
Waimarino			169.112	92.00	155,583