

County.	Breeding Ewes.	Estimated Percentage of Lambs.	Estimated Number of Lambs.
MARLBOROUGH-NELSON-WESTLAND DISTRICT.			
Waimea	166,738	76	126,721
Takaka	26,477	82	21,711
Collingwood	13,797	82	11,314
Buller	2,060	93.1	1,918
Inangahua	14,799	98.8	14,621
Murchison	30,073	94.6	28,499
Grey	23,856	106.1	25,311
Westland	35,257	109.1	38,465
Sounds	101,135	74.28	75,123
Marlborough	194,944	81.12	158,139
Awatere	161,921	73.20	118,526
Totals	771,057	80.45	620,348

CANTERBURY-KAIKOURA DISTRICT.			
Kaikoura	131,478	79	103,868
Amuri	211,733	74	156,682
Cheviot	137,323	91	124,964
Waipara	276,856	88.7	245,571
Ashley	64,808	86	55,735
Kowai	71,301	92	65,597
Oxford	75,188	90	67,669
Rangiora	36,101	101.3	36,570
Eyre	49,289	104.7	51,606
Tawera	50,538	82.2	41,542
Malvern	121,947	102.4	124,874
Paparua	35,856	112.5	40,338
Waimairi	3,144	104.1	3,273
Heathcote	7,387	106.5	7,867
Akaroa	81,989	104	85,269
Mt. Herbert	38,963	102	39,742
Wairewa	69,394	103	71,476
Halswell	15,224	89	13,549
Springs	29,945	112	33,538
Ellesmere	76,461	105	80,284
Selwyn	147,945	77.5	114,657
Ashburton	676,256	98.6	666,788
Geraldine	222,581	97	215,904
Levels	143,651	115	165,199
Mackenzie	279,542	88.5	247,395
Waimate	424,314	98	415,828
Chatham Islands	39,476	73	28,817
Totals	3,518,690	93.92	3,304,602

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.			
Waitaki	427,100	95	405,745
Maniototo	235,175	87.1	204,837
Vincent	255,317	88	224,679
Waihemo	97,545	89	86,815
Waikouaiti	69,894	87	60,808
Taieri	166,526	76	126,560
Peninsula	16,050	90	14,445
Clutha	389,488	95.1	370,403
Tuapeka	327,341	90	294,607
Bruce	207,185	95	196,826
Lake	127,247	84	106,887
Southland	1,623,368	106	1,720,770
Wallace	574,737	95.1	546,575
Stewart Island	2,076	80	1,661
Totals	4,519,049	96.52	4,361,618

DISTRICT ESTIMATES.
The following table gives the estimates for the current (1944) season's lambing for the several sheep districts:—

District.	Number of Breeding Ewes.	Estimated Percentage of Lambs.	Estimated Number of Lambs.
Auckland	3,048,918	90.12	2,747,679
East Coast-Hawke's Bay	4,400,679	89.30	3,929,616
West Coast-Welling-ton	4,291,323	90.86	3,899,200
Marlborough-Nelson-Westland	771,057	80.45	620,348
Canterbury-Kaikoura	3,518,690	93.92	3,304,602
Otago-Southland	4,519,049	96.52	4,361,618
Dominion	20,549,716	91.79	18,863,063

Dominion Totals

The following table shows the estimated lambing for the North and South Islands for the previous five years, together with the actual number of lambs tailed:—

Year.	Number of Breeding Ewes * (as at 1941).	Estimated Percentage of Lambs.	Estimated Number of Lambs.	Actual No. of Lambs Tailed.
NORTH ISLAND.				
1944 ..	11,740,920	90.08	10,576,495	—
1943 ..	*11,268,384	87.18	9,823,748	10,687,876
1942 ..	*11,268,384	89.95	10,134,505	10,835,934
1941 ..	*11,268,384	90.74	10,224,786	10,593,291
1940 ..	10,917,684	89.01	9,717,488	10,348,649
1939 ..	10,889,802	84.40	9,190,994	9,476,647
SOUTH ISLAND.				
1944 ..	8,808,796	94.07	8,286,568	—
1943 ..	*8,762,549	89.16	7,813,548	7,734,060
1942 ..	*8,762,549	93.34	8,179,674	8,028,958
1941 ..	*8,762,549	91.60	8,026,076	7,929,999
1940 ..	8,809,973	91.69	8,078,518	8,037,123
1939 ..	9,070,497	86.29	7,826,601	7,752,922
DOMINION.				
1944 ..	20,549,716	91.79	18,863,063	—
1943 ..	*20,030,933	88.05	17,637,296	18,421,936
1942 ..	*20,030,933	91.43	18,314,179	18,864,892
1941 ..	*20,030,933	91.11	18,250,862	18,523,290
1940 ..	19,727,657	90.21	17,796,006	18,385,772
1939 ..	19,960,299	85.26	17,017,395	17,229,569

HAY FOR AUSTRALIA

OWING to the drought in Australia the milk supplies to the large centres, such as Sydney, have been threatened, and it is expected that unless the feed position is eased dairy farmers will not be able to maintain full milk supplies next winter. New Zealand farmers are being called upon to supply a large quantity, running into several thousand tons, of good quality hay for export to Australia.

TESTING RYEGRASS SEED

IN certain districts each year considerable quantities of perennial ryegrass seed are harvested, which, on testing for germination, are found to be so poor as to be practically valueless. Farmers in such districts can avoid much needless expense if before harvesting they submit samples of the crop to the Seed Testing Station, Palmerston North. Detailed instructions for collecting samples appeared in the "Journal of Agriculture," December, 1942.