

LAMBING ESTIMATES FOR 1950

MARLBOROUGH-NELSON-WESTLAND DISTRICT

County	Breeding ewes (as at 1950)	Estimated percentage of lambs	Estimated number of lambs
Waimea	163,842	79.0	129,435
Takaka	27,156	81.0	21,996
Collingwood	13,126	85.0	11,157
Buller	1,348	90.0	1,213
Inangahua	13,179	96.0	12,652
Murchison	27,673	81.0	22,415
Grey	24,580	108.0	26,546
Westland	32,055	113.0	36,222
Sounds	92,945	67.0	62,273
Marlborough	202,589	84.0	170,175
Awatere	167,776	89.0	149,321
Totals	766,269	83.97	643,405

CANTERBURY-KAIKOURA DISTRICT

Kaikoura	126,350	81.0	102,344
Amuri	217,387	86.0	186,953
Cheviot	150,183	94.0	141,172
Waipara	287,008	100.0	287,008
Ashley	64,280	101.3	65,116
Kowai	76,598	101.6	77,824
Oxford	67,907	86.0	58,400
Rangiora	47,242	112.0	52,911
Eyre	56,405	109.0	61,481
Tawera	50,565	79.0	39,946
Malvern	132,998	99.0	131,668
Paparua	35,125	106.0	37,233
Waimairi	2,794	101.0	2,822
Heathcote	6,936	97.0	6,728
Akaroa	82,605	108.0	89,213
Mount Herbert	38,359	103.0	39,510
Wairewa	67,849	101.0	68,527
Halswell	14,899	101.0	15,048
Springs	30,130	110.0	33,143
Ellesmere	75,179	115.0	86,456
Selwyn	140,266	77.5	108,706
Ashburton	780,784	92.4	721,444
Geraldine	261,603	98.0	256,371
Levels	186,612	109.0	203,407
Mackenzie	298,835	86.0	256,998
Waimate	487,624	90.6	441,787
Chatham Islands	45,318	73.0	33,082
Totals	3,831,841	94.09	3,605,298

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

County	Breeding ewes (as at 1950)	Estimated percentage of lambs	Estimated number of lambs
Waitaki	449,279	91.0	408,844
Maniototo	226,278	91.0	205,913
Vincent	238,526	90.0	214,673
Waihemo	100,560	97.0	97,543
Waikouaiti	71,997	97.0	69,837
Taieri	171,256	89.0	152,418
Peninsula	15,362	104.0	15,976
Clutha	471,664	108.0	509,397
Tuapeka	353,291	97.0	342,692
Bruce	252,279	102.0	257,325
Lake	128,579	84.0	108,006
Southland	1,980,797	112.0	2,218,493
Wallace	639,282	97.0	620,104
Stewart Island	2,279	80.0	1,823
Totals	5,101,429	102.38	5,223,044

DISTRICT ESTIMATES

The following table gives the estimates of the current (1950) season's lambing for each sheep district:—

Auckland	3,385,565	92.31	3,125,317
East Coast-Hawkes Bay	4,377,472	92.40	4,044,663
West Coast-Welling- ton	4,417,098	97.00	4,284,392
Marlborough-Nelson- Westland	766,269	83.97	643,405
Canterbury-Kaikoura	3,831,841	94.09	3,605,298
Otago-Southland	5,101,429	102.38	5,223,044
Dominion	21,879,674	95.64	20,926,119

Dominion Totals

The following table shows the estimated lambing for the North and South Islands for the previous 5 years together with the actual number of lambs tailed:—

Year	Number of breeding ewes (*as at 1945)	Estimated percentage of lambs	Estimated number of lambs	Actual No. of lambs tailed
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NORTH ISLAND

1950	12,180,135	94.04	11,454,372	—
1949	12,027,414	94.55	11,371,834	Not available
1948	11,821,596	89.43	10,572,444	10,830,868
1947	11,696,313	92.47	10,814,554	11,250,554
1946	*11,890,011	87.92	10,453,719	10,447,857
1945	11,890,011	92.56	11,004,903	11,252,679

SOUTH ISLAND

1950	9,699,539	97.65	9,471,747	—
1949	9,472,289	98.93	9,370,665	Not available
1948	9,233,886	96.93	8,950,202	8,975,017
1947	9,047,469	93.94	8,498,971	8,584,492
1946	*8,975,847	91.69	8,229,713	8,194,441
1945	8,975,847	92.75	8,324,990	8,308,779

DOMINION

1950	21,879,674	95.64	20,926,119	—
1949	21,499,703	96.48	20,742,499	Not available
1948	21,055,482	92.72	19,522,646	19,805,885
1947	20,743,782	93.11	19,313,525	19,835,046
1946	*20,865,858	89.54	18,683,432	18,642,298
1945	20,865,858	92.64	19,329,893	19,561,458

Young Farmer Leadership Competition in Sydney

NEW ZEALAND will again take part in the Young Farmer Leadership Competition, sponsored by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Young farmers from the United States, the Philippines, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Canada, and Great Britain are also expected to compete.

In 1949 Gilbert Evans, Carterton, gained second place, and in 1950 Richard Harris, Gisborne, was beaten by one point.

Elimination contests are being held by the Y.F.C. district committees in New Zealand, and the four councils will each select a finalist in broadcast contests arranged by the New Zealand Broadcasting service.

The Dominion final will be broadcast from Station 2YA Wellington on March 7, at 7 p.m., over a national link.

Competitors must be under 21 years of age on March 25, 1951, and must be bona fide Y.F.C. members; they must answer, without script, questions on farm work, club activities, and community service. They will be judged on radio personality, farming knowledge, and leadership.

The New Zealand contestant will leave for Sydney on March 16, and with the other overseas competitors will be the guest of the A.B.C. for ten days during the visit.