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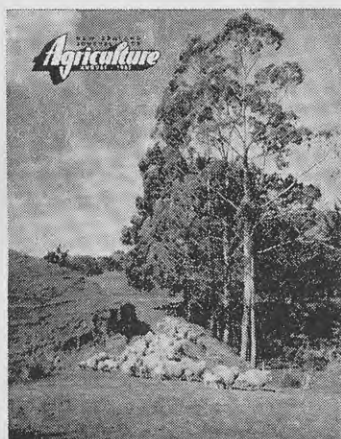
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This Month's Cover



The contribution of the sheep industry to the value of New Zealand's export produce has been steadily growing in recent years and the trend toward more intensive farming methods, the greater use of fertilisers, and improvement of pastures are reflected in the greatly increased numbers of breeding ewes and the numbers of lambs tailed annually. In the last 30 years breeding ewes have increased from about 13,500,000 to over 22,500,000 and the number of lambs has almost doubled. This month's cover, reproduced from a colour photograph by National Publicity Studios, depicts a September scene on "Lauderdale", the property of Mr. D. J. Law, Kohuratahi, in the Taranaki Province.

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