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Subject: Ques. #333 - "ANNUAL WORLD WOOL PRODUCTION & NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE WORLD"

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As reliable statistics with regard to the production of various THE PERSON OF THE PROPERTY AND AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY. commodities in China are not available now any more than they have As a result practically the only mount of astimating the tenter of been in the past, this questionnaire must be answered on practically along to black adapted by Ageleton's Trees Countries only Constant in his the same basis as it has been answered in previous years. Chinese THE PERSON OF THE PARTY OF THE wool production occurs chiefly in interior provinces where general Tennior based his outinates on the only statistics that are assistable. industrial, social and political conditions are very little changed monety, the Character Selected Standay blue expects of seel to forming from what they were a century or more ago. Production is princicountries. Mose experts of your drive drive drive derive some feet when year pally in the hands of tribesmen whose grazing fields extend over ave influenced by pairteastly branchester and accommiss emphations and vast areas. Wool is produced in practically all of the provinces since none of these feminis was any eventually attend appearant rece north of the Yangtze River, but wool for export is only known to distilled which probably resolved filled attends, is the attendance to acrive be produced in the provinces of Suiyuan, Shensi, Szechuen, Kansu of on everyon expert electe to be used on the arbitimer forces for and the districts of Mongolia, Manchuria, Chinese Eastern Turkistan estimating the member of sixty in Chicas. To state this, depisions and Kokonor.

trade committee that they because work the appoint for the past the rest was read and The bulk of the exports of wool from China is exported through france that the average months unequal of weel experted from think was Tientsin, although a considerable amount of what is known as Szechuen 44,400,000 pennes. In raliable Element covering the company of wool is exported through Chungking and Shanghai.

would be think and aver inhis, and it is your scaly pottential that think A great majority of the people living in the wool producing stances to compe ens-fifth and three-fifths of her average total morareas of China are dependent for their existence upon some form of SELECTED BELLE ROLLES THE GUEST IN THE THEORY OF TO CONTRACT THE TRACTOR animal life, their goats, sheep, cattle, horses and even camels superiors the co-cirring and bencomes top-fifths of the north or an antirepresenting their material wealth. There are various collecting and mighture for this patio it was rough that average paperly expects

centers for such products as wool, but eventually the bulk of the wool for export reaches Tientsin. It is probable that the average number of sheep in existence in China varies very little from year to year, but as to obtaining an accurate estimate of what the actual number is, under existing circumstances in China this is impossible.

the Assessed of want produced. Thus one butherities have informed by As a result practically the only means of estimating the number of That the cympauce product thus pur absent of what such year emerges to sheep is that adopted by Assistant Trade Commissioner Venator in his beginning the said throughout sore that youngs. This ing this with the report of February 4, 1931, on this subject. Assistant Trade Commissioner estimated total production. It may be projectly southered that there Venstor based his estimates on the only statistics that are available, den begroupe thirty-it ve and forty million phase in China. namely, the Customs Returns showing the exports of wool to foreign Since exports of wool from China during each individual year countries. are influenced by political, transportation and economic conditions and since none of these factors have any considerable affect upon wool production which probably remains fairly normal, it was necessary to arrive at an average export figure to be used as the arbitrary figure for estimating the number of sheep in China. To obtain this, Assistant Trade Commissioner Venator took the exports for the past ten years and Twa Se Described on at found that the average annual amount of wool exported from China was 46,500,000 pounds. No reliable figures covering the consumption of wool in China are available, and it is variously estimated that China consumes between one-fifth and three-fifths of her average total pro-This being the case it was reasonable to estimate that China duction. exported three-fifths and consumed two-fifths of the normal production and working on this ratio it was found that average yearly exports

amounted to 46,500,000 pounds and the estimated average native consumption should equal around 31,000,000 pounds, making a total average annual production of 77,500,000 pounds.

As to the number of sheep in China, this must be estimated from the amount of wool produced. Various authorities have informed us that the average production per sheep of wool each year amounted to between two and three and one-half pounds. Taking this with the estimated total production, it may be roughly estimated that there are between thirty-five and forty million sheep in China.

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