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# Competitive Exams: Wool geography notes on production and distribution of wool in India

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## Wool

- A major export of the tern
- Native of tropical America
- Now grown in almost every country with a warm temperate, subtropical or tropical climate.
- Sheep farms are very large in Australia. These are known as 'Stations'.
- Australia In the interior sheep rearing is the principal agricultural occupation while in more favoured areas sheep are part of farming economy. Drought is a problem
- Sheep production for wool in Europe is often a less economic form of land use than the of raising of sheep for meat or arable farming
- Wool production declined but the woollen textile industry remained in the traditional areas in the industrial countries of the northern hemisphere, except for small scale development in India. This position is almost the reverse of that in the cotton textile industry which is now dominated by the cotton growing countries. (May be because woollen industry requires fewer workers than cotton textile industry and markets for woollen goods are in the colder northern countries).

## Types of Wool

1. Merino Finest wool of high quality
2. Crossbred Medium grade
3. Carpet Wool Coarse, thicker and more variant in quality. Produced in marginal sheep rearing areas like India, Iran and Ethiopia -Wool from animals other than sheep Angora Goats (from Asia minor). Kashmir Goats (Pashmina), Alpaca and Vicuna (Animal related to Llama), Camel Hair.