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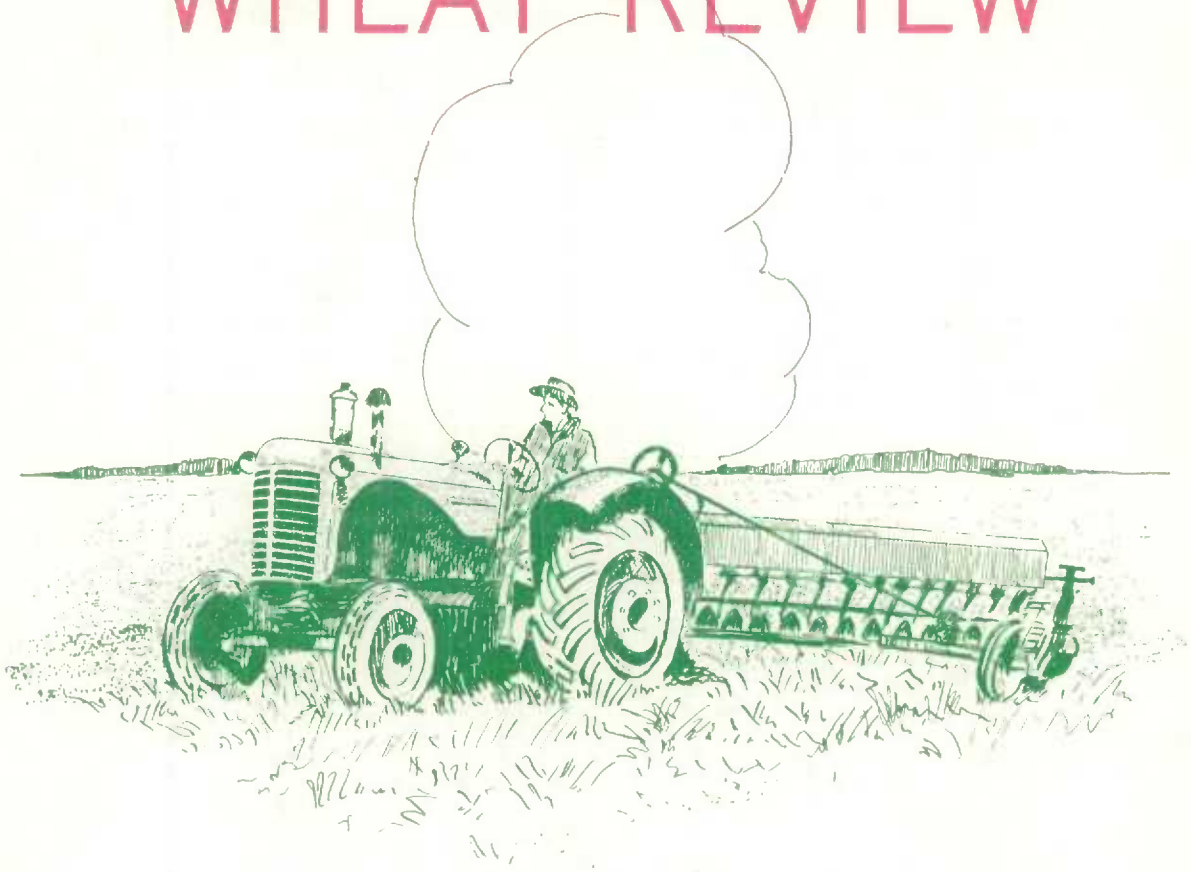

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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

**World Wheat Exports Lower than Previous Year**

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August – April period of the current crop year have amounted to 1,017.1 million bushels, 15 per cent below the 1,193.6 million bushels exported during the same nine months in 1966-67 but exceeding by a margin of 7 per cent the ten-year (1956-57 – 1965-66) average shipments for the same period of 950.3 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year the United States and Australia were higher this year than last, while those from Canada and Argentina were down sharply from the previous year.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1967 – April 1968 with Comparisons

| August – April | United States | Canada | Argentina | Australia | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | million bushels | | |
| 1950-51 | 257.3 | 154.4 | 67.5 | 89.7 | 568.9 |
| 1951-52 | 372.5 | 224.5 | 24.0 | 69.8 | 690.8 |
| 1952-53 | 260.8 | 249.6 | 10.6 | 68.0 | 589.0 |
| 1953-54 | 146.4 | 187.0 | 86.8 | 43.0 | 463.2 |
| 1954-55 | 207.4 | 190.4 | 102.6 | 74.6 | 575.0 |
| 1955-56 | 219.4 | 194.5 | 90.2 | 72.4 | 576.5 |
| 1956-57 | 409.6 | 193.5 | 72.7 | 103.9 | 779.7 |
| 1957-58 | 295.2 | 224.7 | 54.6 | 49.7 | 624.2 |
| 1958-59 | 335.4 | 211.2 | 74.6 | 55.8 | 677.0 |
| 1959-60 | 373.0 | 210.4 | 53.6 | 88.6 | 725.6 |
| 1960-61 | 505.2 | 240.8 | 57.5 | 128.8 | 932.3 |
| 1961-62 | 534.9 | 272.5 | 69.7 | 158.3 | 1,035.4 |
| 1962-63 | 456.6 | 243.7 | 50.1 | 116.5 | 866.9 |
| 1963-64 | 649.8 | 398.5 | 87.1 | 207.7 | 1,343.1 |
| 1964-65 | 526.2 | 300.9 | 117.6 | 160.8 | 1,105.5 |
| 1965-66 | 632.6[r] | 410.3 | 224.5 | 146.1 | 1,413.5[r] |
| 1966-67[r] | 557.5 | 369.3 | 81.7 | 185.1 | 1,193.6 |
| 1967-68[p] | 591.5 | 205.4 | 27.5 | 192.7 | 1,017.1 |

[p] Preliminary figures.
r Revised figures.

**World Wheat Supplies Above Previous Year**

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at May 1, 1968 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,722.1 million bushels, 10 per cent above the 1,566.1 million at the same time a year ago. Although supplies were smaller in Australia this decrease was more than offset by increases in the totals for the United States, Canada and Argentina. Supplies at May 1, 1968, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 643.6 (539.0); Canada, 804.3 (722.8); Argentina, 110.7 (38.6); and Australia, 163.5 (265.7).

International Wheat Council
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1967-68 — Through April 27, 1968

| Importing countries | Exporting countries | | | | | | | | | Total purchases |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Canada | Argentina | Australia | France | Italy | Spain | Sweden | U.S.A. | U.S.S.R. | |
| | thousand bushels | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 404 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 405 |
| Barbados | 211 | — | 101 | — | — | — | — | 52 | — | 364 |
| Belgium & Luxembourg | 6,815 | 176 | 127 | 3,067 | — | — | 2 | 4,350 | 118 | 14,655 |
| Brazil | — | 14,367 | 3,675 | 752 | — | 3,803 | — | 18,960 | 1,194 | 42,751 |
| Costa Rica | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,278 | — | 1,281 |
| Cuba | (1) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | (1) |
| Dominican Republic | (1) | — | — | — | — | — | — | 917 | — | 917 |
| Ecuador | 293 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,491 | — | 1,784 |
| El Salvador | 168 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,692 | — | 1,860 |
| Finland | 652 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 134 | — | 786 |
| Germany, Fed. Rep. | 12,340 | 33 | 683 | 4,747 | 1 | — | 1,694 | 10,210 | 143 | 29,851 |
| Greece | 54 | — | — | 32 | — | — | — | 30 | — | 116 |
| Guatemala | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,846 | — | 1,853 |
| Haiti | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 703 | — | 704 |
| Iceland | 2 | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | 117 | — | 127 |
| India | 1 | — | 12,796 | — | — | — | — | 11,096 | — | 23,893 |
| Ireland | 1,009 | — | 1,204 | 63 | — | — | — | 305 | 55 | 2,636 |
| Israel | — | — | 225 | — | 5 | — | — | 7,283 | — | 7,513 |
| Japan | 31,807 | — | 20,078 | — | — | — | — | 64,313 | — | 116,198 |
| Korea, Rep. of | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13,892 | — | 13,892 |
| Lebanon | 17 | — | 2,536 | 1,043 | 129 | — | — | 2,178 | — | 5,903 |
| Libya | (1) | — | 98 | 372 | 725 | — | — | 2 | — | 1,197 |
| Netherlands | 4,044 | 1,100 | 4,680 | 3,984 | 1 | — | 290 | 17,295 | 4,343 | 35,737 |
| Neth. Territories | 131 | — | — | 17 | — | — | — | 778 | — | 926 |
| Nigeria | 582 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,827 | — | 2,409 |
| Norway | 1,665 | 37 | 2,950 | 51 | — | — | 3,307 | 1,518 | 1,128 | 10,656 |
| Peru | 22 | 8,844 | 4,798 | — | — | — | — | 7,338 | — | 21,002 |
| Portugal | 15 | 737 | — | 1,361 | 3 | 3,307 | — | 599 | — | 6,022 |
| Portuguese Territories | 164 | — | 928 | 1,361 | 21 | — | — | 720 | — | 3,194 |
| Saudi Arabia | 152 | — | 1,780 | 369 | — | — | — | 4,948 | — | 7,249 |
| Sierra Leone | 8 | — | — | 82 | — | — | — | 522 | — | 612 |
| South Africa | 902 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 902 |
| Southern Rhodesia | — | — | 2,442 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2,442 |
| Switzerland | 1,584 | 7 | 9 | 4,648 | — | — | — | 2,105 | — | 8,353 |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 381 | — | — | 119 | — | — | — | 2,239 | — | 2,739 |
| Tunisia | — | — | — | 1,328 | — | — | — | 4,669 | — | 5,997 |
| United Arab Republic | — | — | — | 11,362 | 680 | — | 2,572 | 864 | — | 15,478 |
| United Kingdom | 52,774 | 1,574 | 23,281 | 5,850 | — | — | 1,507 | 6,251 | 3,674 | 94,911 |
| U.K. Territories | 2,112 | — | 4,747 | 950 | — | — | — | 1,048 | — | 8,857 |
| Venezuela | 2,661 | — | — | 147 | — | — | — | 17,672 | — | 20,480 |
| Western Samoa | 3 | — | 119 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 122 |
| To orders | — | 2,011 | — | — | — | — | 2,756 | — | — | 4,767 |
| Totals | 120,984 | 28,886 | 87,257 | 41,714 | 1,565 | 7,110 | 12,128 | 211,242 | 10,655 | 521,541 |
| Percentage of total sales by exporting countries | 23.20 | 5.54 | 16.73 | 8.00 | 0.30 | 1.36 | 2.33 | 40.50 | 2.04 | 100.00 |

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Note: Argentina — quantities cover period ending April 13, 1968.
France — quantities over period ending February 28, 1968.
Italy — quantities cover period ending April 6, 1968.
Mexico & Spain — Report only when purchases are made.

## CANADIAN SITUATION

**Wheat Supplies 6 Per Cent Below Record Level of Previous Year**

Reflecting a sharp drop in production, which more than offset a substantial rise in carryover stocks, the 1967 wheat crop in Canada is placed at 592.9 million bushels, representing a decline of 28 per cent from the record outturn of 827.3 million in 1966. At the same time, carryover stocks climbed by 37 per cent from 420.1 million at July 31, 1966 to 576.8 million in 1967. After deducting 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, estimated supplies available for export and for carryover during 1967-68 amount to 1,009.7 million bushels, 8 per cent less than the 1,092.1 million available in 1966-67.

**August — April Exports Decline from Previous Year**

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent amounted to 205.4 million bushels during the August — April period of the current crop year compared with the previous year's corresponding total of 369.4 million and the ten-year (1956-57 — 1965-66) average for the period of 270.7 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 185.6 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 723 thousand of bagged seed and 19.1 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 343.1 million of wheat in bulk, 684 thousand of bagged seed and 25.5 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on May 1, 1968 for export and for carryover amounted to 804.3 million bushels, 11 per cent above the May 1, 1967 total of 722.8 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1966-67[r] | 1967-68[P] |
|---|---|---|
| | million bushels | |
| Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) | 420.1 | 576.8 |
| Production | 827.3 | 592.9 |
| Imports of wheat for domestic use, August — April | (1) | (2) |
| Total estimated supplies | 1,247.5 | 1,169.7 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year | 155.4 | 160.0 |
| Available for export and carryover | 1,092.1 | 1,009.7 |
| Deduct | | |
| Exports of wheat in bulk, August - April (3) | 343.1 | 185.6 |
| Exports of bagged seed wheat, August - April (4) | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Total exports of wheat as grain | 343.7 | 186.3 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August — April (4) | 25.5 | 19.1 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 369.3 | 205.4 |
| Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover | 722.8 | 804.3 |

(1) Less than 50,000 bushels. (2) Not available. (3) As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (4) Customs returns, 1966-67 adjusted for time lag.
P Preliminary figures. [r] Revised figures.

Marketings, Disappearance and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to May 22 of the current crop year have amounted to 345.3 million bushels in contrast to the 455.5 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 19.6 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks April 25 to May 22, 1968. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 39.5 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 450.1 million at April 24 to a level of 430.1 million at May 22, 1968.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at May 22 this year represented an increase of 43 per cent and 54 per cent, respectively, over their comparable levels of 300.4 million bushels in 1967 and the 279.0 million in 1966. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 245.0 million bushels, were considerably above both the 1967 comparable total of 169.9 million and the 1966 figure of 154.5 million. Wheat stocks at interior terminals, at May 22, 1968 totalled 13.7 million bushels, compared with the 13.5 million of the previous year and in sharp contrast to the 1966 total of 1.1 million. Wheat stocks "in transit rail" (western division) amounted to 17.9 million bushels, 59 per cent above the 11.3 million of a year ago and 5 per cent more than the 17.0 million of two years ago. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead, totalling some 51.5 million bushels, were above both the 35.1 million at May 24, 1967 and the 31.4 million in 1966. The 9.2 million bushels "in transit lake" at May 22, 1968 were 17 per cent lower than the comparable 11.1 million of 1967 and 30 per cent less than the 13.2 million of two years ago. The 27.8 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports, were higher than both the 17.5 million of 1967 and the 13.5 million of 1966. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports this year, at 43.6 million bushels, were substantially higher than both the 23.5 million of 1967 and the 27.2 million of 1966. The 11.1 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) registered an increase over the 9.5 million of the previous year but was lower than the 11.6 million in this position in 1966.

April 1968 Exports of Wheat and Flour Total 29.3 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, amounted to 29.3 million bushels during April 1968. This volume, while above last month's total of 23.6 million was below both the 30.4 million of April 1967 and the ten-year (1957-66) average for the month of April of 30.7 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during April 1968 totalled 26.7 million bushels, 25 per cent above the March 1968 total of 21.4 million but 4 per cent lower than the April 1967 figure of 27.8 million and only slightly less than the ten-year average of 26.8 million. Based on Canadian Customs returns, the equivalent of 2.5 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during April 1968, registering an increase of 23 per cent over the previous month's figure of 2.0 million and fractionally above the adjusted April 1967 total of 2.5 million but 28 per cent below the ten-year average of 3.5 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 185.6 million bushels, representing decreases from the 1966-67 comparable figure of 343.1 million, and the ten-year average for the period of 239.3 million. This year's shipment of wheat to Britain totalled some 49.6 million bushels and accounted for 27 per cent of the nine-month total exports of wheat in bulk form, while during August-April 1966-67 shipments amounted to 46.3 million and accounted for 13 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first nine-months of the current crop year, with

figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 28.4 (43.5); U.S.S.R. (Russia), 27.1 (71.7); Communist China, 26.8 (75.6); Federal Republic of Germany, 13.2 (13.5); Belgium and Luxembourg, 7.3 (11.6); Italy, 5.9 (6.4); and the Netherlands, 5.1 (1.8).

Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-April of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 723 thousand bushels compared with last year's corresponding total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 684 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first nine months of the 1967-68 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 19.1 million bushels, a decrease of 25 per cent from the adjusted August 1966-April 1967 total of 25.5 million. The major market for wheat flour during the period under review was Cuba with purchases amounting to 8.6 million bushels and accounted for 45 per cent of the first nine-month total. During the comparable period of 1966-67 shipments to Cuba amounted to 10.1 million and accounted for 40 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-April period of the 1967-68 crop year, with revised data for the same months of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Britain, 2,451 (4,375); Jamaica, 1,189 (1,183); Ghana, 1,113 (956); Ceylon, 860 (1,049; Leeward and Windward Islands, 614 (754); and Israel, 544 (nil).

General Quota Position

By May 27, 1968 out of a total of 1,880 shipping points in the Western division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 766 points on a delivery quota of 6 bushels per specified acre, 799 points on a 5-bushel quota and 285 points were on a 4-bushel quota. Of the remainder only one point was on a 3-bushel quota and 29 stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at May 27, 1968

| Province | General quota in bushels per specified acre | | | | Closed | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Three | Four | Five | Six | | |
| Ontario ..... | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Manitoba ..... | — | 50 | 194 | 81 | 6 | 331 |
| Saskatchewan ..... | 1 | 235 | 515 | 255 | 14 | 1,020 |
| Alberta..... | — | — | 90 | 423 | 9 | 522 |
| British Columbia . | — | — | — | 6 | — | 6 |
| All provinces .. | 1 | 285 | 799 | 766 | 29 | 1,880 |

Lake shipments of Canadian grain

Total shipments of the six major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to May 22 this year amounted to 50.4 million bushels, 45 per cent below the 91.3 million shipped during the same period in 1967. In 1968 the season of navigation opened on April 10 while the 1967 season opened on April 13. Shipments of wheat, at 41.7 million were also below the previous year's total of 63.6 million and accounted for 83 per cent of the total compared to 70 per cent last year.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to May 22, 1968 and to Approximately the Same Date 1957-67

| Year | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | Rapeseed | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | thousand bushels | | | | |
| 1957 ..... | 44,845 | 7,881 | 12,037 | 572 | 2,850 | — | 68,185 |
| 1958 ..... | 53,137 | 10,145 | 20,516 | 1,647 | 1,215 | — | 86,660 |
| 1959 ..... | 27,425 | 4,130 | 8,819 | 663 | 677 | — | 41,714 |
| 1960 ..... | 48,802 | 4,790 | 11,915 | 458 | 978 | — | 66,943 |
| 1961 ..... | 60,891 | 5,787 | 9,189 | 882 | 1,448 | — | 78,196 |
| 1962 ..... | 30,156 | 3,171 | 5,533 | 81 | 623 | — | 39,564 |
| 1963 ..... | 28,490 | 10,857 | 4,491 | 516 | 1,441 | — | 45,795 |
| 1964 ..... | 60,724 | 6,028 | 6,869 | 996 | 1,663 | — | 76,280 |
| 1965 ..... | 37,702 | 6,918 | 5,639 | 603 | 1,850 | 383 | 53,094 |
| 1966 ..... | 83,976 | 6,616 | 8,486 | 2,959 | 3,081 | 472 | 105,589 |
| 1967 ..... | 63,563 | 8,600 | 14,918 | 1,531 | 2,203 | 530 | 91,345 |
| 1968 ..... | 41,723 | 3,070 | 3,183 | 344 | 1,945 | 174 | 50,439 |

Crop Conditions in the Prairie Provinces

According to the Telegraphic Crop Report published under date of June 19, 1968, crop conditions in each of the Prairie Provinces were summarized as follows:

Good conditions prevail throughout Manitoba and the crop outlook is excellent. Moisture supplies are adequate, except for the area lying between Shoal Lake and Russell. Delays due to excess moisture are evident in the Morris and Arnaud districts Wild oats are a general problem in most areas, but spraying operations are well under way. Fall rye is now heading and the crop looks promising. Sugar beet thinning has started. Hay prospects range from fair to very good.

In most districts of Saskatchewan conditions are generally good. Wheat averages 6 inches in height and coarse grains 5 inches. At Regina, Weyburn and south-central parts of the province there have been local rains. Spring precipitation, however, was only one-half to two-thirds of normal. As a result growth has been slow but cool temperatures have prevented any decline in crop conditions.

Throughout most of Alberta crop conditions are good resulting from recent general rains and warm weather. However, in the north-central districts conditions are generally dry and crop prospects are fair to poor. In much of this area pastures are short and it is probable that hay yields will be light. Spraying for weeds is general in all areas with above normal activity expected due to heavy weed infestation. Excellent crop conditions exist in the Peace River area due to good recent rains. Livestock are in good condition in all areas but will begin to suffer in the dry districts if moisture is not soon received.

Farmers' Marketings

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to May 22 of the current crop year amounted to 338.8 million bushels, 25 per cent less than the comparable 1966-67 total of 450.9 million but 18 per cent larger than the ten-year (1956-57 — 1965-66) average for the period of 287.1 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings(1) of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1967-68

| Week ending | | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | Total | Last year[r] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | bushels | | |
| August | 9, 1967 | 419,070 | 2,254,674 | 100,523 | 2,774,267 | 2,382,182 |
| | 16 | 47,536 | 164,146 | 198,795 | 410,477 | 7,100,270 |
| | 23 | 387,096 | 1,563,697 | 377,834 | 2,328,627 | 19,177,019 |
| | 30 | 1,411,474 | 3,905,746 | 576,513 | 5,893,733 | 5,202,246 |
| September | 6 | 2,737,126 | 8,975,599 | 2,792,553 | 14,505,278 | 4,161,392 |
| | 13 | 2,942,073 | 11,237,586 | 4,987,198 | 19,166,857 | 11,624,476 |
| | 20 | 1,420,455 | 6,273,227 | 4,308,564 | 12,002,246 | 15,701,357 |
| | 27 | 1,213,339 | 8,347,053 | 2,701,990 | 12,262,382 | 21,021,677 |
| October | 4 | 850,438 | 6,371,203 | 1,765,606 | 8,987,247 | 14,761,929 |
| | 11 | 665,118 | 3,354,294 | 1,332,517 | 5,351,929 | 10,606,303 |
| | 18 | 587,720 | 5,250,020 | 1,410,018 | 7,247,758 | 12,437,630 |
| | 25 | 1,006,615 | 4,689,191 | 1,866,696 | 7,562,502 | 14,096,983 |
| November | 1 | 1,393,296 | 5,883,585 | 1,985,761 | 9,262,642 | 17,760,722 |
| | 8 | 1,750,186 | 5,823,860 | 2,143,755 | 9,717,801 | 13,972,335 |
| | 15 | 1,883,245 | 4,603,356 | 2,354,197 | 8,840,798 | 10,157,118 |
| | 22 | 1,765,680 | 6,805,735 | 2,645,966 | 11,217,381 | 12,010,273 |
| | 29 | 1,901,542 | 6,236,697 | 1,893,780 | 10,032,019 | 16,912,035 |
| December | 6 | 2,558,884 | 8,137,172 | 2,574,242 | 13,270,298 | 11,262,378 |
| | 13 | 2,193,095 | 11,249,740 | 2,394,102 | 15,836,937 | 12,265,994 |
| | 20 | 1,773,952 | 5,495,637 | 2,042,302 | 9,311,891 | 29,808,981 |
| | 27 | 1,743,755 | 3,666,455 | 1,332,779 | 6,742,989 | 17,903,608 |
| January | 3, 1968 | 744,651 | 4,672,339 | 2,155,464 | 7,572,454 | 11,799,491 |
| | 10 | 418,511 | 3,088,609 | 1,461,202 | 4,968,322 | 12,721,482 |
| | 17 | 961,044 | 3,105,862 | 1,488,093 | 5,554,999 | 14,221,147 |
| | 24 | 2,448,722 | 10,807,721 | 5,155,548 | 18,411,991 | 3,408,298 |
| | 31 | 1,191,018 | 6,161,312 | 3,198,513 | 10,550,843 | 1,957,218 |
| February | 7 | 595,546 | 2,412,539 | 2,540,604 | 5,548,689 | 6,563,035 |
| | 14 | 961,874 | 5,986,375 | 3,370,936 | 10,319,185 | 6,365,074 |
| | 21 | 664,114 | 3,649,454 | 3,909,193 | 8,222,761 | 2,928,158 |
| | 28 | 517,409 | 2,169,072 | 2,102,892 | 4,789,373 | 4,546,969 |
| March | 6 | 835,952 | 3,289,360 | 3,327,359 | 7,452,671 | 11,003,603 |
| | 13 | 1,103,822 | 3,125,885 | 2,295,572 | 6,525,279 | 5,304,639 |
| | 20 | 918,586 | 4,267,763 | 3,068,046 | 8,254,395 | 4,390,079 |
| | 27 | 849,809 | 3,950,866 | 3,013,994 | 7,814,669 | 8,919,372 |
| April | 3 | 824,649 | 2,580,885 | 1,802,851 | 5,208,385 | 7,536,032 |
| | 10 | 701,429 | 3,053,452 | 1,385,038 | 5,139,919 | 8,395,003 |
| | 17 | 545,746 | 2,145,571 | 1,296,114 | 3,987,431 | 6,276,161 |
| | 24 | 925,425 | 3,400,185 | 1,799,007 | 6,124,617 | 6,864,471 |
| May | 1 | 903,174 | 4,022,272 | 1,792,922 | 6,718,368 | 8,649,786 |
| | 8 | 569,977 | 2,697,733 | 1,628,287 | 4,895,997 | 15,719,794 |
| | 15 | 470,988 | 2,244,835 | 1,361,104 | 4,076,927 | 16,070,946 |
| | 22 | 669,529 | 2,365,299 | 867,646 | 3,902,474 | 6,918,720 |
| Totals | | 48,473,670 | 199,486,062 | 90,806,076 | 338,765,808 | 450,886,386 |
| Average similar period 1956-57 — 1965-66 | | 34,635,444 | 176,264,227 | 76,165,531 | 287,065,203 | |

(1) Includes receipts at country, interior private and mill elevators, interior semi-public terminals and platform loadings.

[r] Revised figures.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, May 22, 1968
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1966 and 1967

| Position | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | thousand bushels | | |
| Country elevators — Manitoba | 14,912 | 14,443 | 31,424 |
| Saskatchewan | 92,177 | 106,036 | 143,472 |
| Alberta | 47,410 | 49,425 | 70,089 |
| Totals | 154,499 | 169,904 | 244,985 |
| Interior private and mill | 7,450 | 6,480 | 5,407 |
| Interior terminals | 1,075 | 13,478 | 13,690 |
| Vancouver-New Westminster | 10,908 | 8,598 | 10,132 |
| Victoria | 339 | 453 | 322 |
| Prince Rupert | 306 | 481 | 673 |
| Churchill | 824 | 944 | 4,593 |
| Fort William-Port Arthur | 31,414 | 35,147 | 51,485 |
| In transit rail (western division) | 17,023 | 11,290 | 17,900 |
| Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports | 13,539 | 17,466 | 27,845 |
| Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports | 27,240 | 23,468 | 43,638 |
| In transit lake | 13,155 | 11,124 | 9,214 |
| In transit rail (eastern division) | 1,248 | 1,580 | 179 |
| Totals | 279,020 | 300,413 | 430,063 |

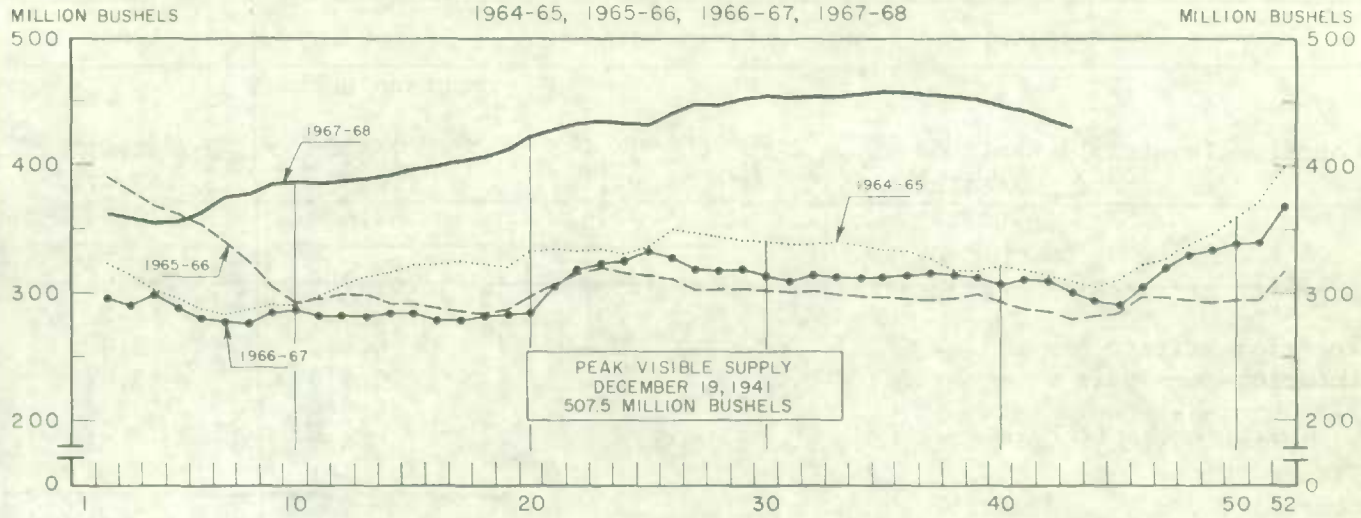
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1967 — April 1968 with Comparisons

| Grade | Crop year | | August — April | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Average 1961-62— 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1966-67 | | 1967-68 | |
| | per cent | | cars | per cent | cars | per cent |
| No. 1 Man. Northern | 8.3 | 6.8 | 9,450 | 4.1 | 31,854 | 22.9 |
| No. 2 Man. Northern | 39.2 | 35.7 | 68,191 | 29.7 | 63,322 | 45.5 |
| No. 3 Man. Northern | 20.3 | 27.7 | 68,686 | 29.9 | 20,988 | 15.1 |
| No. 4 Man. Northern | 9.7 | 7.6 | 22,890 | 10.0 | 4,953 | 3.6 |
| No. 5 Wheat | 4.1 | 2.6 | 8,166 | 3.6 | 607 | 0.4 |
| No. 6 Wheat | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1,720 | 0.7 | 248 | 0.2 |
| Feed Wheat | (1) | 0.1 | 205 | 0.1 | 33 | (1) |
| Others Red Spring | 11.5 | 12.4 | 34,364 | 15.0 | 6,450 | 4.6 |
| C.W. Garnet | 0.2 | 0.1 | 191 | 0.1 | 419 | 0.3 |
| C.W. White Spring | 0.1 | 0.1 | 300 | 0.1 | 226 | 0.2 |
| C.W. Mixed Wheat | (1) | 0.1 | 204 | 0.1 | 103 | 0.1 |
| Alberta Winter | 0.4 | 1.6 | 3,987 | 1.7 | 1,324 | 1.0 |
| Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum | 5.4 | 4.3 | 10,407 | 4.5 | 8,441 | 6.1 |
| Others C.W. Amber Durum | 0.3 | 0.3 | 872 | 0.4 | 322 | 0.2 |
| Totals | 100.0 | 100.0 | 229,633 | 100.0 | 139,290 | 100.0 |
| Gross bushels (approx.) | | | 444,090,000 | | 269,567,000 | |

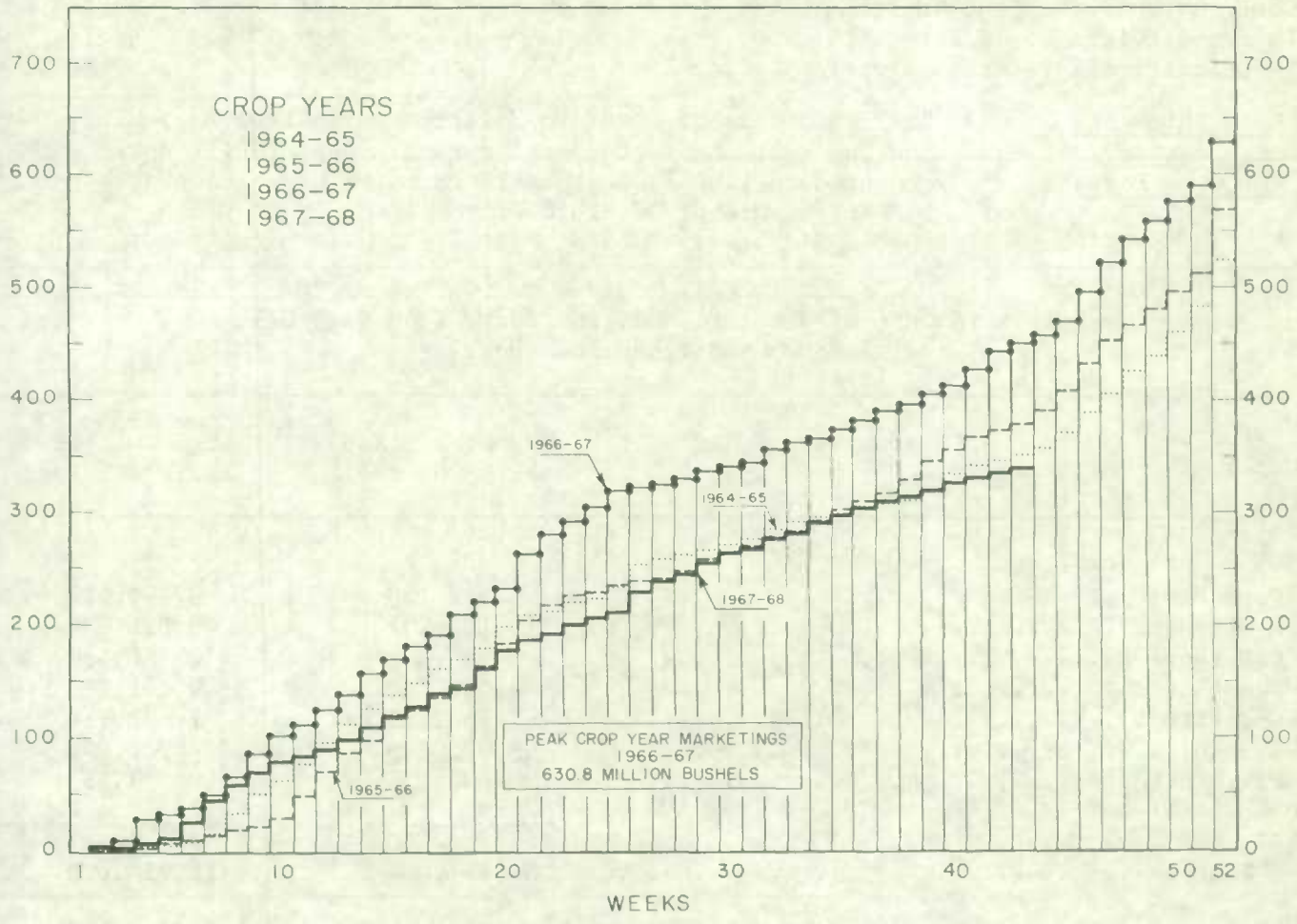
(1) Less than .05 per cent.

# WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68




# CUMULATIVE RECORD OF WHEAT MARKETINGS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES BY WEEKS




( Data in both charts for crop years beginning August 1 )

Wheat Shipments to the United States

Rail shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from August 1, 1967 to May 22, 1968 amounted to 4,357 bushels as compared to the 137,352 bushels shipped during the corresponding period of 1966-67.

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1967 - May 22, 1968 with Comparisons

| Destination | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | bushels | |
| By Rail | | | |
| U.S.A. Domestic Points | — | 137,352 | 4,357 |
| Totals, Shipments | — | 137,352 | 4,357 |

* Either for re-export or retention for domestic use. Excluding bagged seed.

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports during August 1967 - April 1968 amounted to 11,055,000 bushels compared with the August-April 1966-67 figure of 30,818,000.

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports

| Origin of Shipments | August 1, 1966-April 30, 1967 | August 1, 1967-April 30, 1968 |
|---|---|---|
| | bushels | |
| Port McNicoll | 7,922,136 | 3,940,013 |
| Midland, Tiffin | 11,140,797 | 2,371,831 |
| Collingwood | 724,477 | 366,430 |
| Owen Sound | 4,466,930 | 2,261,973 |
| Goderich | 2,657,876 | 1,378,716 |
| Sarnia | 3,075,343 | 726,274 |
| Port Colborne | 830,125 | 9,383 |
| Totals | 30,817,684 | 11,054,620 |

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1964-65 — 1967-68

| Month | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | bushels | | |
| August | 7,786 | 10,458 | 118,973 | 133,651 |
| September | 19,564 | 10,500 | 83,333 | 182,051 |
| October | 12,135 | 4,500 | 89,384 | 152,009 |
| November | 13,167 | 10,205 | 163,332 | 50,475 |
| December | 26,961 | 7,500 | 105,833 | 143,833 |
| January | 10,703 | 46,108 | 145,889 | 160,214 |
| February | 17,214 | 26,712 | 120,334 | 143,884 |
| March | 112,296 | 98,598 | 177,393 | 274,690 |
| April | 17,506 | 71,701 | 133,699 | 123,167 |
| May | 8,207 | 89,166 | 207,038 | |
| June | 4,965 | 178,183 | 154,139 | |
| July | 13,872 | 82,282 | 93,094 | |
| Totals | 264,376 | 635,913 | 1,593,441 | |

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, April 1968

| Grade | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | bushels | | |
| 5 Wheat | 4,500 | 3,333 | 14,000 | — | 1,500 |
| Tough | 4,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 | 29,000 | 7,500 |
| Rejected | — | — | — | 11,534 | 1,800 |
| Durum | — | — | — | 3,000 | 13,000 |
| Totals | 8,500 | 13,333 | 34,000 | 43,534 | 23,800 |

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1967 — May 22, 1968 with Comparisons

| Port | Wheat(1) | Durum wheat(1) | Oats(1) | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | Rapeseed |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | thousand bushels | | | | |
| Pacific Seaboard | | | | | | | |
| Van.-New West. | 90,097 | 446 | 238 | 26,476 | 2,559 | 4,433 | 10,247 |
| Victoria | 6,635 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Prince Rupert | 5,647 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Churchill | 20,639 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Lakehead direct | 9,525 | 61 | 754 | 932 | 502 | 4,221 | 113 |
| Kingston direct | 483 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| St. Lawrence | | | | | | | |
| Montreal | 19,384 | 6,613 | 313 | 111 | — | 985 | — |
| Sorel | 7,779 | 130 | — | — | 176 | — | — |
| Trois Rivières | 4,478 | — | — | 747 | — | — | — |
| Quebec | 7,586 | 362 | — | 612 | 174 | 954 | 100 |
| Baie Comeau | 6,528 | 321 | — | 38 | — | 383 | — |
| Port Cartier | 6,698 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Maritime | | | | | | | |
| West Saint John | 8,778 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Halifax | 6,124 | 462 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Totals | 200,381 | 8,395 | 1,305 | 28,916 | 3,411 | 10,976 | 10,460 |
| August 1, 1966 — May 20, 1967 | 367,639 | 20,646 | 1,809 | 25,126 | 6,815 | 13,787 | 10,927 |

(1) Excluding bagged seed.

Freight-Assisted Shipments

Claims filed for payment up to February 29, 1968 represent the movement of 6,289 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the first half of the 1967-68 crop year. During the same months last year claims had been filed for a total of 9,201 thousand bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August — January shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 32 per cent below those of 1966-67. Revised data on the August 1966 — January 1967 shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to February 29, 1968 place the six-month total at 9,518 thousand bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current six months under review went to destinations in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario with these three provinces accounting for a combined 84 per cent of the total.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August — January 1967-68 and 1966-67

| Month | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | B.C. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | thousand bushels | | | | |
| August, 1967 | 6 | 13 | 119 | 45 | 550 | 244 | 168 | 1,145 |
| September | 7 | 23 | 108 | 32 | 471 | 218 | 238 | 1,098 |
| October | 103 | 16 | 150 | 32 | 562 | 183 | 270 | 1,318 |
| November | 8 | 15 | 89 | 21 | 548 | 240 | 219 | 1,141 |
| December | 7 | 16 | 96 | 13 | 438 | 121 | 129 | 819 |
| January, 1968 | (3) | 8 | 100 | 7 | 440 | 100 | 114 | 769 |
| Totals(1) | 130 | 92 | 664 | 150 | 3,009 | 1,106 | 1,138 | 6,289 |
| Same period 1966-67 | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary(2) | 172 | 117 | 883 | 272 | 4,655 | 1,841 | 1,263 | 9,201 |
| Revised(1) | 174 | 121 | 922 | 282 | 4,735 | 1,935 | 1,349 | 9,518 |

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 227,098 tons during the August — January period of the current crop year. During the same months of 1966-67 claims had been filed for a total of 254,418 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August — January shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 11 per cent below those of 1966-67. Revised data on the first half of 1966-67, shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to February 29, 1968 place the six-month total at 272,530 tons. The greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August — January 1967-68 and 1966-67

| Province | 1966-67 | | 1967-68 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Preliminary(2) | Revised(1) | Preliminary(1) |
| | | tons | |
| Newfoundland | 2,816 | 2,994 | 2,776 |
| Prince Edward Island | 4,768 | 4,996 | 4,105 |
| Nova Scotia | 16,136 | 17,072 | 14,465 |
| New Brunswick | 13,798 | 14,337 | 12,577 |
| Quebec | 131,217 | 136,906 | 117,156 |
| Ontario | 70,614 | 80,312 | 63,264 |
| British Columbia | 15,069 | 15,913 | 12,755 |
| Totals | 254,418 | 272,530 | 227,098 |

(1) Based on claims filed up to February 29, 1968.
(2) Based on claims filed up to February 28, 1967.
(3) Less than 500 bushels.

Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

| Year and month | Wheat in bulk(1) | Bagged seed wheat(2) | Total wheat | Wheat flour(2, 3) | Total(3) wheat and wheat flour |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | thousand bushels | | |
| 1965-66 | | | | | |
| August..... | 43,377 | 81 | 43,459 | 2,548 | 46,006 |
| September.... | 64,447 | 73 | 64,521 | 2,679 | 67,199 |
| October..... | 64,517 | 84 | 64,601 | 3,674 | 68,275 |
| November..... | 55,652 | 37 | 55,690 | 2,625 | 58,314 |
| December..... | 33,201 | 64 | 33,265 | 4,261 | 37,526 |
| January..... | 23,483 | 49 | 23,532 | 3,402 | 26,933 |
| February..... | 23,502 | 74 | 23,576 | 3,924 | 27,501 |
| March..... | 32,395 | 192 | 32,587 | 3,695 | 36,282 |
| April..... | 37,794 | 88 | 37,882 | 4,431 | 42,313 |
| May..... | 44,357 | 11 | 44,367 | 1,241 | 45,608 |
| June..... | 60,245 | 5 | 60,250 | 3,325 | 63,576 |
| July..... | 63,017 | 35 | 63,053 | 2,320 | 65,373 |
| Totals..... | 545,988 | 793 | 546,781 | 38,125 | 584,906 |
| 1966-67 | | | | | |
| August..... | 64,233 | 132 | 64,365 | 2,753 | 67,118 |
| September.... | 47,357 | 103 | 47,460 | 2,122 | 49,582 |
| October..... | 51,659 | 39 | 51,698 | 3,551 | 55,250 |
| November..... | 48,942 | 53 | 48,995 | 2,471 | 51,466 |
| December..... | 33,477 | 47 | 33,523 | 3,889 | 37,412 |
| January..... | 27,719 | 48 | 27,767 | 3,004 | 30,771 |
| February..... | 20,102 | 52 | 20,154 | 1,616 | 21,771 |
| March..... | 21,718 | 128 | 21,845 | 3,663 | 25,508 |
| April..... | 27,847 | 81 | 27,928 | 2,475 | 30,403 |
| May..... | 57,134 | 11 | 57,145 | 2,502 | 59,647 |
| June..... | 47,517 | 6 | 47,522 | 2,812 | 50,334 |
| July..... | 35,033 | 18 | 35,051 | 993 | 36,044 |
| Totals..... | 482,737 | 719 | 483,456 | 31,851 | 515,307 |
| 1967-68(4) | | | | | |
| August..... | 24,424 | 48 | 24,472 | 2,286 | 26,758 |
| September.... | 20,211 | 64 | 20,275 | 2,325 | 22,600 |
| October..... | 19,851 | 66 | 19,916 | 1,832 | 21,748 |
| November..... | 21,967 | 91 | 22,057 | 1,882 | 23,940 |
| December..... | 12,921 | 40 | 12,960 | 2,166 | 15,127 |
| January..... | 19,259 | 73 | 19,332 | 1,989 | 21,321 |
| February..... | 18,903 | 49 | 18,952 | 2,111 | 21,063 |
| March..... | 21,388 | 184 | 21,572 | 2,026 | 23,598 |
| April..... | 26,661 | 109 | 26,770 | 2,483 | 29,253 |
| Totals..... | 185,586 | 723 | 186,308 | 19,098 | 205,407 |

(1) Export clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Statistics Division, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.
(2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1965-66 and 1966-67 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.
(3) In terms of wheat equivalent. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.
(4) Preliminary, subject to revision.

Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination, April 1968 and 1967

| Destination | Wheat (except durum) | Durum wheat | All wheat | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Apr. 1968 | Apr. 1967r |
| | | | bushels | |
| Western Europe: | | | | |
| EEC: | | | | |
| Belgium and Luxembourg | 508,853 | 50,207 | 559,060 | 1,021,452 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | 897,531 | 61,936 | 959,467 | 1,012,612 |
| Italy | 429,008 | — | 429,008 | 633,920 |
| Netherlands | 896,822 | — | 896,822 | 86,987 |
| Sub-totals | 2,732,214 | 112,143 | 2,844,357 | 2,754,971 |
| Other Western Europe: | | | | |
| Austria | — | 60,630 | 60,630 | 415,494 |
| Britain | 6,192,112 | — | 6,192,112 | 4,063,574 |
| Ireland | 113,326 | — | 113,326 | 149,333 |
| Norway | — | — | — | 137,200 |
| Malta and Gozo | 298,480 | 10,640 | 309,120 | — |
| Switzerland | 32,107 | — | 32,107 | 186,666 |
| Sub-totals | 6,636,025 | 71,270 | 6,707,295 | 4,952,267 |
| Totals | 9,368,239 | 183,413 | 9,551,652 | 7,707,238 |
| Eastern Europe: | | | | |
| Albania | 371,504 | — | 371,504 | 517,066 |
| Poland | — | — | — | 74,431 |
| U.S.S.R. (Russia) | 4,838,299 | — | 4,838,299 | 4,803,082 |
| Totals | 5,209,803 | — | 5,209,803 | 5,394,579 |
| Africa: | | | | |
| Republic of South Africa | — | — | — | 850,426 |
| Asia: | | | | |
| China, Communist | 6,954,700 | — | 6,954,700 | 5,065,684 |
| Hong Kong | 108,080 | — | 108,080 | 67,573 |
| India | — | — | — | 2,295,304 |
| Japan | 4,293,029 | 59,360 | 4,352,389 | 4,033,053 |
| Malaysia | 35,840 | — | 35,840 | 72,987 |
| Pakistan | — | — | — | 1,520,064 |
| Totals | 11,391,649 | 59,360 | 11,451,009 | 13,054,665 |
| Western Hemisphere: | | | | |
| Barbados | — | — | — | 40 |
| Cuba | — | — | — | 431,648 |
| Ecuador | — | — | — | 191,076 |
| Jamaica | 235,627 | — | 235,627 | 996 |
| Nicaragua | — | — | — | 38,580 |
| St. Lucia | — | — | — | 187 |
| Venezuela | 212,535 | — | 212,535 | 177,470 |
| Totals | 448,162 | — | 448,162 | 839,997 |
| Sub-totals, all countries | 26,417,853 | 242,773 | 26,660,626 | 27,846,905 |
| Bagged seed(3) | | | 109,437 | 81,450 |
| Totals, all countries | 26,417,853 | 242,773 | 26,770,063 | 27,928,355 |

See footnotes on page 18.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

| Destination | August 1967 — April 1968 | | | Total same period last year[r] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Wheat (except durum) | Durum wheat | Total wheat | |
| | bushels | | | |
| Western Europe: | | | | |
| EEC: | | | | |
| Belgium and Luxembourg ... | 6,921,502 | 423,258 | 7,344,760[r] | 11,640,893 |
| France ..... | 407,405 | 54,880 | 462,285[r] | 1,747,966 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | 10,349,919 | 2,823,255 | 13,173,174[r] | 13,512,371 |
| Italy ..... | 5,914,463 | — | 5,914,463 | 6,437,711 |
| Netherlands ..... | 4,233,313 | 843,015 | 5,076,328[r] | 1,798,698 |
| Sub-totals ..... | 27,826,602 | 4,144,408 | 31,971,010[r] | 35,137,639 |
| Other Western Europe: | | | | |
| Austria ..... | — | 464,830 | 464,830[r] | 1,565,625 |
| Britain ..... | 49,284,666 | 287,468 | 49,572,134 | 46,276,333 |
| Denmark ..... | 22,400 | — | 22,400 | 22,400 |
| Finland ..... | 651,840 | — | 651,840 | 1,052,576 |
| Ireland ..... | 1,110,898 | 11,200 | 1,122,098 | 1,215,199 |
| Malta and Gozo ..... | 561,680 | 10,640 | 572,320 | 290,528 |
| Norway ..... | 1,194,667 | — | 1,194,667 | 970,133 |
| Portugal ..... | — | — | — | 571,200 |
| Sweden ..... | — | — | — | 12,133 |
| Switzerland ..... | 277,229 | 1,126,047 | 1,403,276 | 2,588,874 |
| Sub-totals ..... | 53,103,380 | 1,900,185 | 55,003,565[r] | 54,565,001 |
| Totals ..... | 80,929,982 | 6,044,593 | 86,974,575[r] | 89,702,640 |
| Eastern Europe: | | | | |
| Albania ..... | 371,504 | — | 371,504 | 3,079,588 |
| Bulgaria ..... | — | — | - | 3,800,320 |
| Germany, East ..... | — | — | - | 1,956,607 |
| Poland ..... | 1,922,204 | 578,740 | 2,500,944 | 8,404,520 |
| U.S.S.R. (Russia) ..... | 26,633,865 | 426,496 | 27,060,361 | 71,691,933 |
| Totals ..... | 28,927,573 | 1,005,236 | 29,932,809 | 88,932,968 |
| Africa: | | | | |
| Algeria ..... | 818,577 | — | 818,577 | 716,495 |
| Ghana ..... | 136,640 | — | 136,640 | — |
| Nigeria ..... | 582,400 | — | 582,400 | 528,267 |
| Republic of South Africa ... | 901,600 | — | 901,600 | 4,333,626 |
| Sudan ..... | 36,195 | — | 36,195 | — |
| Tanzania ..... | 261,345 | — | 261,345 | — |
| Tunisia ..... | — | 461,626 | 461,626 | — |
| Totals ..... | 2,736,757 | 461,626 | 3,198,383 | 5,578,388 |

See footnotes on page 18.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

| Destination | August 1967 — April 1968 | | | Total same period last year[r] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Wheat (except durum) | Durum wheat | Total wheat | |
| | bushels | | | |
| Asia: | | | | |
| China, Communist | 26,785,418 | — | 26,785,418 | 75,556,623 |
| Hong Kong | 746,480 | — | 746,480 | 691,290 |
| India | 128,592 | — | 128,592 | 19,934,527 |
| Japan | 28,062,009 | 297,924 | 28,359,933 | 43,470,863 |
| Jordan | 12,860 | — | 12,860 | — |
| Korea, North | — | — | — | 940,426 |
| Lebanon | 8,613 | — | 8,613 | — |
| Malaysia | 330,587 | — | 330,587 | 420,934 |
| Pakistan | 875,609 | — | 875,609 | 5,577,220 |
| Philippines | 927,733 | — | 927,733 | 515,200 |
| Saudi Arabia | 146,249 | — | 146,249 | 72,749 |
| Singapore | 160,160 | — | 160,160 | — |
| Syria | 32,848 | — | 32,848 | — |
| Taiwan | 410,569 | — | 410,569 | 74,074 |
| Turkey | — | — | — | 331,034 |
| Totals | 58,627,727 | 297,924 | 58,925,651 | 147,584,940 |
| Western Hemisphere: | | | | |
| Barbados | 40 | — | 40 | 120 |
| Costa Rica | — | — | — | 138,960 |
| Cuba | 3,572,349 | 130,401 | 3,702,750 | 6,069,782 |
| Ecuador | 293,456 | — | 293,456 | 409,346 |
| El Salvador | 167,488 | — | 167,488 | 629,466 |
| Guatemala | 3,685 | — | 3,685 | 28,294 |
| Jamaica | 243,155 | — | 243,155 | 8,972 |
| Nicaragua | — | — | — | 249,579 |
| Peru | — | — | — | 39,200 |
| St. Lucia | 373 | — | 373 | 187 |
| Venezuela | 2,057,492 | 81,387 | 2,138,879 | 3,625,757 |
| United States Domestic(2) | 4,357 | — | 4,357 | 54,915 |
| Totals | 6,342,395 | 211,788 | 6,554,183 | 11,254,578 |
| Sub-totals, all countries | 177,564,434 | 8,021,167 | 185,585,601 | 343,053,514 |
| Bagged seed(3) | | | 722,794 | 683,971 |
| Totals, all countries | 177,564,434 | 8,021,167 | 186,308,395 | 343,737,485 |

(1) Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Division, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States. Excluding bagged seed. (2) Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents. (3) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1966-67 adjusted for time lag. [r] Revised figures.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

| Destination | December 1967(1) | April 1968(2) | August-April 1967-68(2) | August-April 1966-67(1) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | bushels | | | |
| **Western Europe** | | | | |
| EEC: | | | | |
| Belgium and Luxembourg | 18,979 | 12,885 | 59,943 | 66,753 |
| Italy | 1,948 | 1,955 | 14,720 | 11,730 |
| Netherlands | 3,542 | 1,734 | 14,306 | 7,719 |
| Sub-totals | 24,469 | 16,574 | 88,969 | 86,202 |
| **Other Western Europe** | | | | |
| Britain | 387,453 | 242,197 | 2,450,650[r] | 4,374,943 |
| Denmark | — | 460 | 920 | 2,070 |
| Gibraltar | 2,576 | — | 12,236[r] | 23,441 |
| Greece | — | — | 45,765 | 101,789 |
| Iceland | — | 460 | 3,851 | 4,660 |
| Ireland | 1,610 | — | 5,957[r] | 966 |
| Norway | — | — | 115 | 230 |
| Portugal | 7,038 | 7,026 | 70,932 | 51,801 |
| Spain | — | — | 1,966 | — |
| Sweden | — | — | 515 | 2,516 |
| Switzerland | — | — | 92 | — |
| Sub-totals | 398,677 | 250,143 | 2,592,999[r] | 4,562,416 |
| Totals | 423,146 | 266,717 | 2,681,968[r] | 4,648,618 |
| **Africa** | | | | |
| Algeria | 50,101 | — | 138,941 | 469,552 |
| Angola | 3,335 | 1,840 | 16,675 | 15,778 |
| Cameroun Republic | — | 1,150 | 23,285 | 32,761 |
| Congo-Kinshasa | 24,909 | 5,060 | 68,915 | 27,593 |
| Dahomey | 10,460 | 4,531 | 42,932 | 19,391 |
| French Africa nes | — | — | 6,619 | 25,519 |
| Gambia | 22,450 | 17,151 | 75,240 | 52,774 |
| Ghana | 34,567 | 182,344 | 1,113,166 | 956,232 |
| Ivory Coast | — | 3,004 | 6,224 | 1,380 |
| Liveria | 12,586 | 17,491 | 143,290 | 139,543 |
| Libya | — | — | 225 | — |
| Malawi | 6,263 | 6,240 | 56,955 | 51,692 |
| Morocco | 35,749 | — | 53,243 | 21,638 |
| Mozambique | 1,277 | 2,075 | 31,740 | 62,597 |
| Nigeria | — | — | — | 4,844 |
| Portuguese Africa nes | 2,185 | 3,910 | 26,565 | 24,152 |
| Republic of South Africa | — | 4,600 | 6,751 | — |
| Senegal | — | — | 460 | 179,480 |
| Sierra Leone | 1,304 | 2,799 | 17,020 | 410,953 |
| Tanzania | — | 7,130 | 15,102 | 6,005 |
| Togo | 18,248 | 30,199 | 126,141 | 123,625 |
| U.A.R. — Egypt | — | — | — | 43,100 |
| Zambia | 1,150 | 1,150 | 8,050 | — |
| Totals | 224,584 | 290,674 | 1,977,539 | 2,668,609 |
| **Asia** | | | | |
| Aden | — | — | 6,440 | 50,007 |
| Afghanistan | — | — | 517 | — |
| Bahrain | 101 | — | 218 | 51 |
| Ceylon | — | — | 859,627 | 1,049,260 |
| Cyprus | — | — | — | 831 |
| Hong Kong | 29,877 | 27,830 | 298,864 | 461,658 |
| India | — | 276 | 135,742 | 1,293,394 |
| Indonesia | — | — | — | 108,208 |
| Iran | — | 449 | 771 | 3,682 |
| Israel | — | — | 543,837 | — |
| Japan | 575 | 345 | 4,414[r] | 3,993 |

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

| Destination | December 1967(1) | April 1968(2) | August-April 1967-68(2) | August-April 1966-67(1) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | bushels | |
| Asia (concluded) | | | | |
| Jordan | — | — | 5,071[r] | 55,575 |
| Korea, South | 19,470 | — | 19,470[r] | 32,294 |
| Kuwait | — | — | —[r] | — |
| Lebanon | — | — | 195,265 | 47,219 |
| Malaysia | — | — | — | 2,795 |
| Philippines | 354 | — | 354 | — |
| Portuguese Asia | 506 | 4,209 | 11,546 | 26,716 |
| Qatar | — | — | 655 | 347 |
| Saudi Arabia | 14,421 | — | 150,522 | 9,423 |
| Syria | — | — | — | 7,606 |
| Thailand | 9,315 | 7,015 | 175,734 | 185,610 |
| Trucial States | — | — | 138 | 18 |
| Totals | 74,619 | 40,124 | 2,409,185[r] | 3,338,687 |
| Oceania | | | | |
| British Oceania nes | 115 | 460 | 2,185 | 920 |
| Fiji | 575 | 1,507 | 5,955 | 4,163 |
| French Oceania | — | — | — | 497 |
| New Zealand | 173 | — | 172 | — |
| United States Oceania | 4,600 | — | 34,730 | 35,650 |
| Totals | 5,463 | 1,967 | 43,042 | 41,230 |
| Western Hemisphere | | | | |
| Argentina | — | — | — | 5,120 |
| Bahamas | 29,893 | 48,194 | 227,826[r] | 243,301 |
| Barbados | 19,279 | 32,083 | 160,108[r] | 170,575 |
| Bermuda | 7,746 | 13,276 | 87,481 | 89,518 |
| Bolivia | 207 | — | 18,462 | — |
| Brazil | — | — | 110 | — |
| British Honduras | 6,555 | 10,718 | 51,545 | 51,110 |
| Chile | — | — | 205 | — |
| Colombia | — | — | 10,148 | — |
| Costa Rica | — | — | 2,350 | 775,031 |
| Cuba(3) | 1,226,137 | 1,348,810 | 8,577,616 | 10,143,278 |
| Dominican Republic | — | — | 1,194 | 828 |
| Ecuador | — | — | — | 3,105 |
| El Salvador | — | — | 483 | 317 |
| French Guiana | — | — | 920 | 1,610 |
| French West Indies | 138 | 1,612 | 7,328 | 3,379 |
| Guatemala | 1,150 | 690 | 5,267 | 24,405 |
| Guyana | 11,098 | 8,908 | 62,339 | 64,697 |
| Haiti Republic | — | — | 1,460 | 704 |
| Honduras Republic | 920 | 1,877 | 26,197 | 32,722 |
| Jamaica | 143,566 | 241,067 | 1,188,603 | 1,182,683 |
| Leeward and Windward Islands | 71,001 | 74,984 | 614,302 | 754,073 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 7,788 | 21,183 | 123,084 | 94,325 |
| Nicaragua | — | — | — | 690 |
| Panama | 11,617 | 920 | 38,603 | 30,093 |
| Peru | 2,070 | — | 19,858 | 8,685 |
| Puerto Rico | — | — | 97 | — |
| St. Pierre and Miquelon | 920 | 1,012 | 15,353[r] | 16,871 |
| Surinam | 115 | 409 | 7,130 | 8,676 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 43,226 | 21,277 | 342,649 | 735,211 |
| Venezuela | 24,150 | — | 24,380 | 403 |
| United States | 44,174 | 56,113 | 371,528 | 405,253 |
| Totals | 1,651,750 | 1,883,133 | 11,986,626[r] | 14,846,663 |
| Totals, All Countries | 2,379,562 | 2,482,615 | 19,098,360[r] | 25,543,807 |

nes - not elsewhere specified. (1) In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. (2) In terms of wheat equivalent. Preliminary and unadjusted for time lag. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. (3) Source - Canadian National Millers Association. [r] Revised figures.

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices
Basis in Store Fort William-Port Arthur

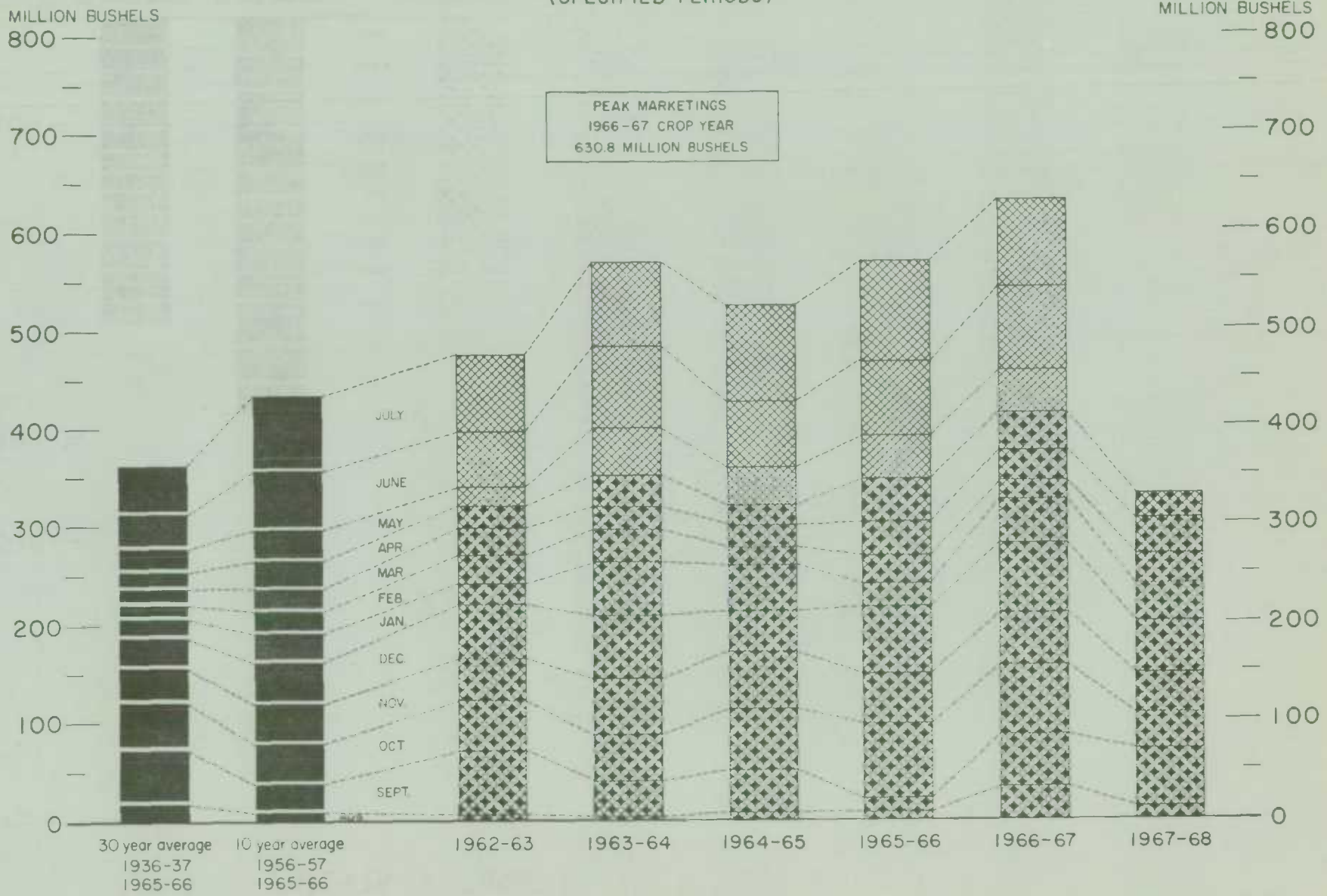
| Class and grade | Week ending | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 3 | May 10 | May 17 | May 24 | May 31 |
| | cents and eighths per bushel | | | | |
| Initial payment to producers | | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 |
| 2 Northern | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 |
| 3 Northern | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 |
| 4 Northern | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 |
| 5 Wheat | 141 | 141 | 141 | 141 | 141 |
| 6 Wheat | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 |
| Feed Wheat | 133 | 133 | 133 | 133 | 133 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 154 | 154 | 154 | 154 | 154 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 |
| International wheat agreement and domestic sales | | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 193/5 | 193/4 | 193/3 | 193/2 | 193/2 |
| 2 Northern | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 192/2 |
| 3 Northern | 191/5 | 191/4 | 191/3 | 191/2 | 191/2 |
| 4 Northern | 187/5 | 187/4 | 187/3 | 187/2 | 187/2 |
| 5 Wheat | 184/5 | 184/4 | 184/3 | 184/2 | 184/2 |
| 6 Wheat | 181/5 | 181/4 | 181/3 | 181/2 | 181/2 |
| Feed Wheat | 177/5 | 177/4 | 177/3 | 177/2 | 177/2 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 187/5 | 187/4 | 187/3 | 187/2 | 187/2 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 186/5 | 186/4 | 186/3 | 186/2 | 186/2 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 185/5 | 185/4 | 185/3 | 185/2 | 185/2 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 187/5 | 187/4 | 187/3 | 187/2 | 187/2 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 186/5 | 186/4 | 186/3 | 186/2 | 186/2 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 185/5 | 185/4 | 185/3 | 185/2 | 185/2 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 201/1 | 196 | 199/4 | 199/6 | 202/4 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 199/1 | 194 | 197/4 | 197/6 | 200/4 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 195/1 | 192 | 195/4 | 195/6 | 198/4 |
| Export — Class II | | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 193/5 | 193/4 | 193/3 | 193/2 | 193/2 |
| 2 Northern | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 192/2 |
| 3 Northern | 191/5 | 191/4 | 191/3 | 191/2 | 191/2 |
| 4 Northern | 187/5 | 187/4 | 187/3 | 187/2 | 187/2 |
| 5 Wheat | 184/5 | 184/4 | 184/3 | 184/2 | 184/2 |
| 6 Wheat | 181/5 | 181/4 | 181/3 | 181/2 | 181/2 |
| Feed Wheat | 177/5 | 177/4 | 177/3 | 177/2 | 177/2 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 187/5 | 187/4 | 187/3 | 187/2 | 187/2 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 186/5 | 186/4 | 186/3 | 186/2 | 186/2 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 185/5 | 185/4 | 185/3 | 185/2 | 185/2 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 201/1 | 196 | 199/4 | 199/6 | 202/4 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 199/1 | 194 | 197/4 | 197/6 | 200/4 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 195/1 | 192 | 195/4 | 195/6 | 198/4 |

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices
Basis in Store Vancouver

| Class and grade | Week ending | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 3 | May 10 | May 17 | May 24 | May 31 |
| | cents and eighths per bushel | | | | |
| **Initial payment to producers** | | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 |
| 2 Northern | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 |
| 3 Northern | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 |
| 4 Northern | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 |
| 5 Wheat | 141 | 141 | 141 | 141 | 141 |
| 6 Wheat | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 |
| Feed Wheat | 133 | 133 | 133 | 133 | 133 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 154 | 154 | 154 | 154 | 154 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 |
| **International wheat agreement and domestic sales** | | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 198/1 | 198 | 197/7 | 197/6 | 196/2 |
| 2 Northern | 197/5 | 197/4 | 197/3 | 197/2 | 195/6 |
| 3 Northern | 196/5 | 196/4 | 196/3 | 196/2 | 194/6 |
| 4 Northern | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 190/6 |
| 5 Wheat | 189/5 | 189/4 | 189/3 | 189/2 | 187/6 |
| 6 Wheat | 186/5 | 186/4 | 186/3 | 186/2 | 184/6 |
| Feed Wheat | 182/5 | 182/4 | 182/3 | 182/2 | 180/6 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 190/6 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 191/5 | 191/4 | 191/3 | 191/2 | 189/6 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 190/5 | 190/4 | 190/3 | 190/2 | 188/6 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 190/6 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 191/5 | 191/4 | 191/3 | 191/2 | 189/6 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 190/5 | 190/4 | 190/3 | 190/2 | 188/6 |
| **Export — Class II** | | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 198/1 | 198 | 197/7 | 197/6 | 196/2 |
| 2 Northern | 197/5 | 197/4 | 197/3 | 197/2 | 195/6 |
| 3 Northern | 196/5 | 196/4 | 196/3 | 196/2 | 194/6 |
| 4 Northern | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 190/6 |
| 5 Wheat | 189/5 | 189/4 | 189/3 | 189/2 | 187/6 |
| 6 Wheat | 186/5 | 186/4 | 186/3 | 186/2 | 184/6 |
| Feed Wheat | 182/5 | 182/4 | 182/3 | 182/2 | 180/6 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 190/6 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 191/5 | 191/4 | 191/3 | 191/2 | 189/6 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 190/5 | 190/4 | 190/3 | 190/2 | 188/6 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 192/5 | 192/4 | 192/3 | 192/2 | 190/6 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 191/5 | 191/4 | 191/3 | 191/2 | 189/6 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 190/5 | 190/4 | 190/3 | 190/2 | 188/6 |

# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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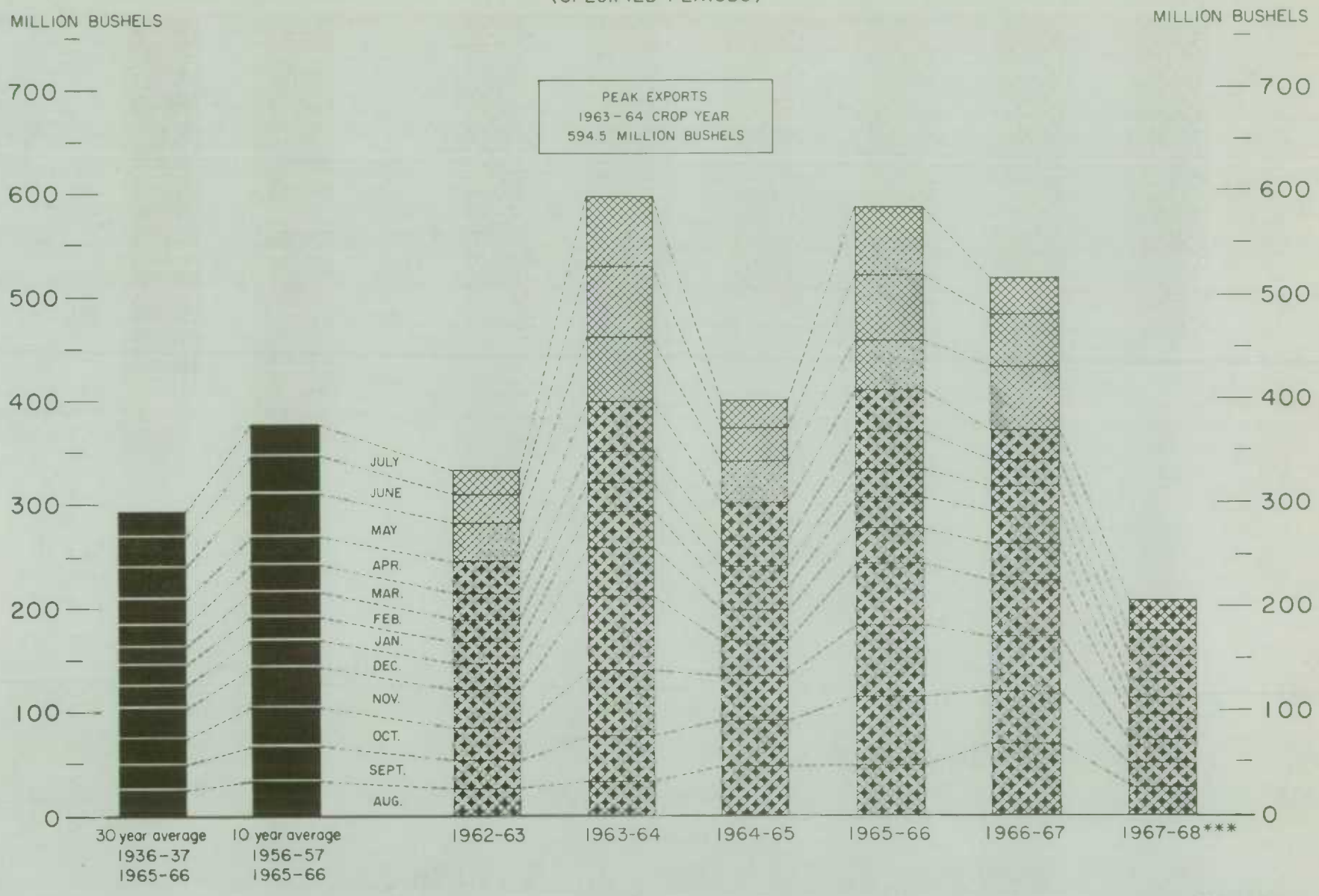
# EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)




*Beginning with 1955-56 includes bagged wheat. **In terms of wheat equivalent. ***Preliminary.

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# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

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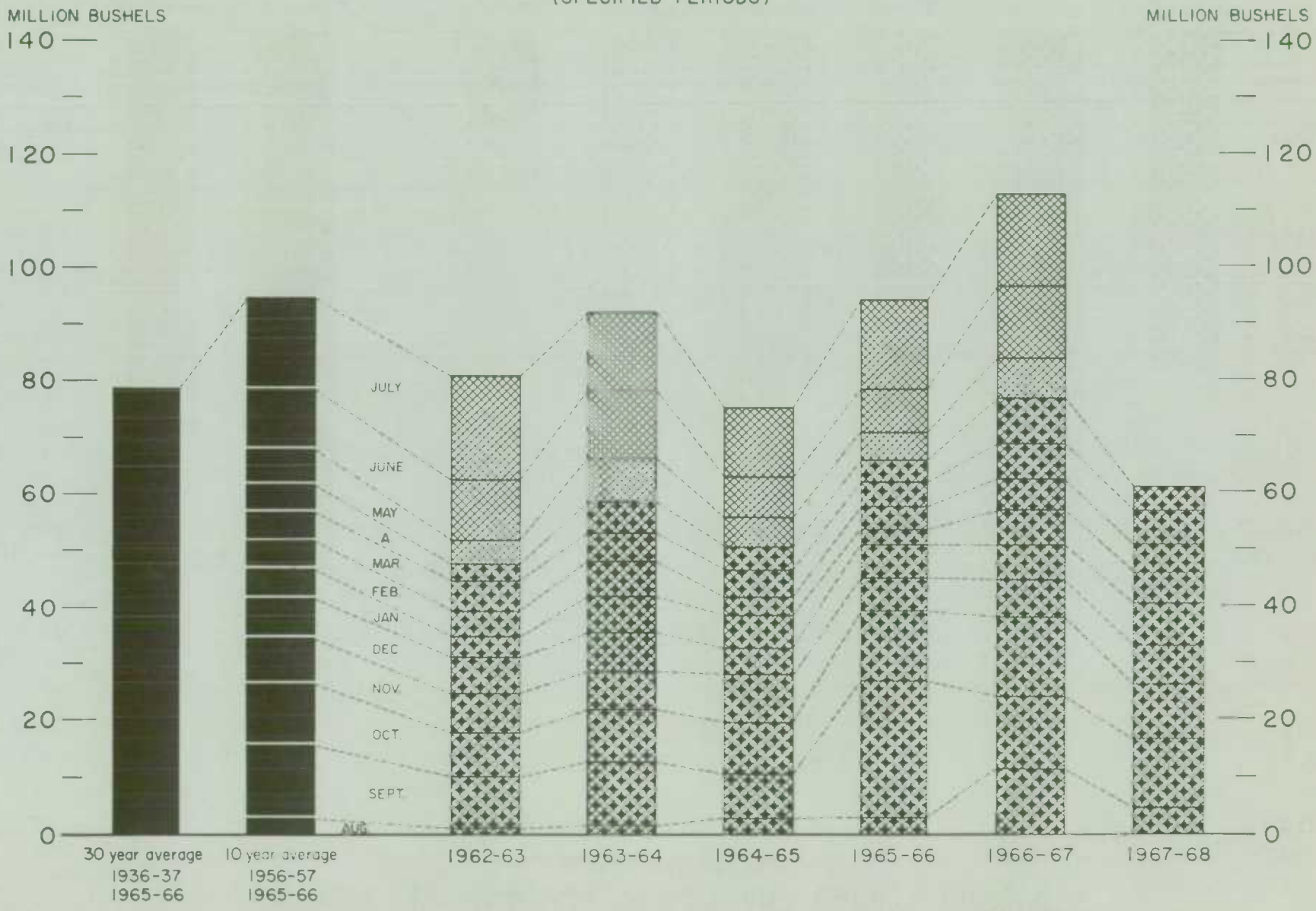


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# EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS*

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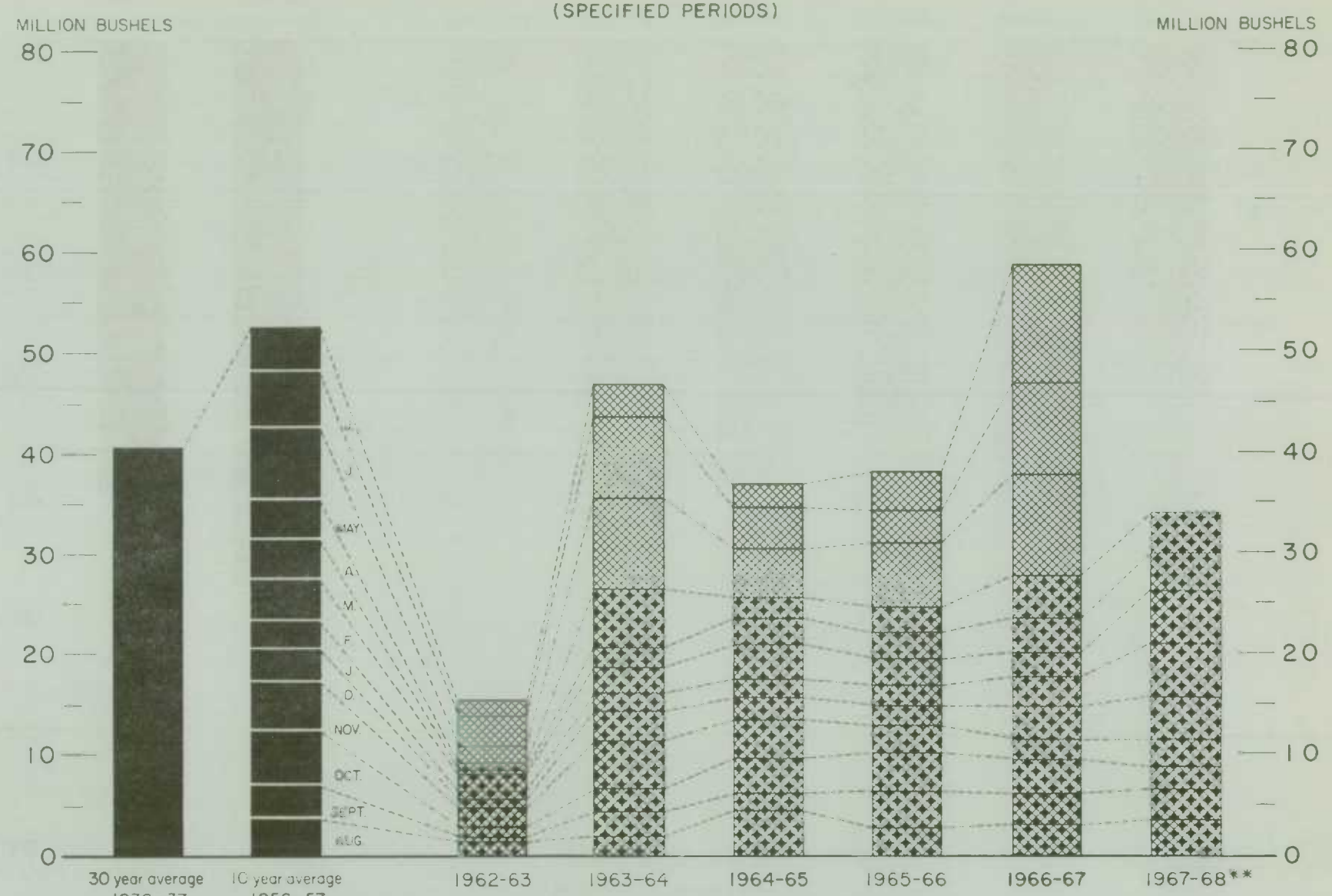


*In terms of grain equivalent

**Preliminary

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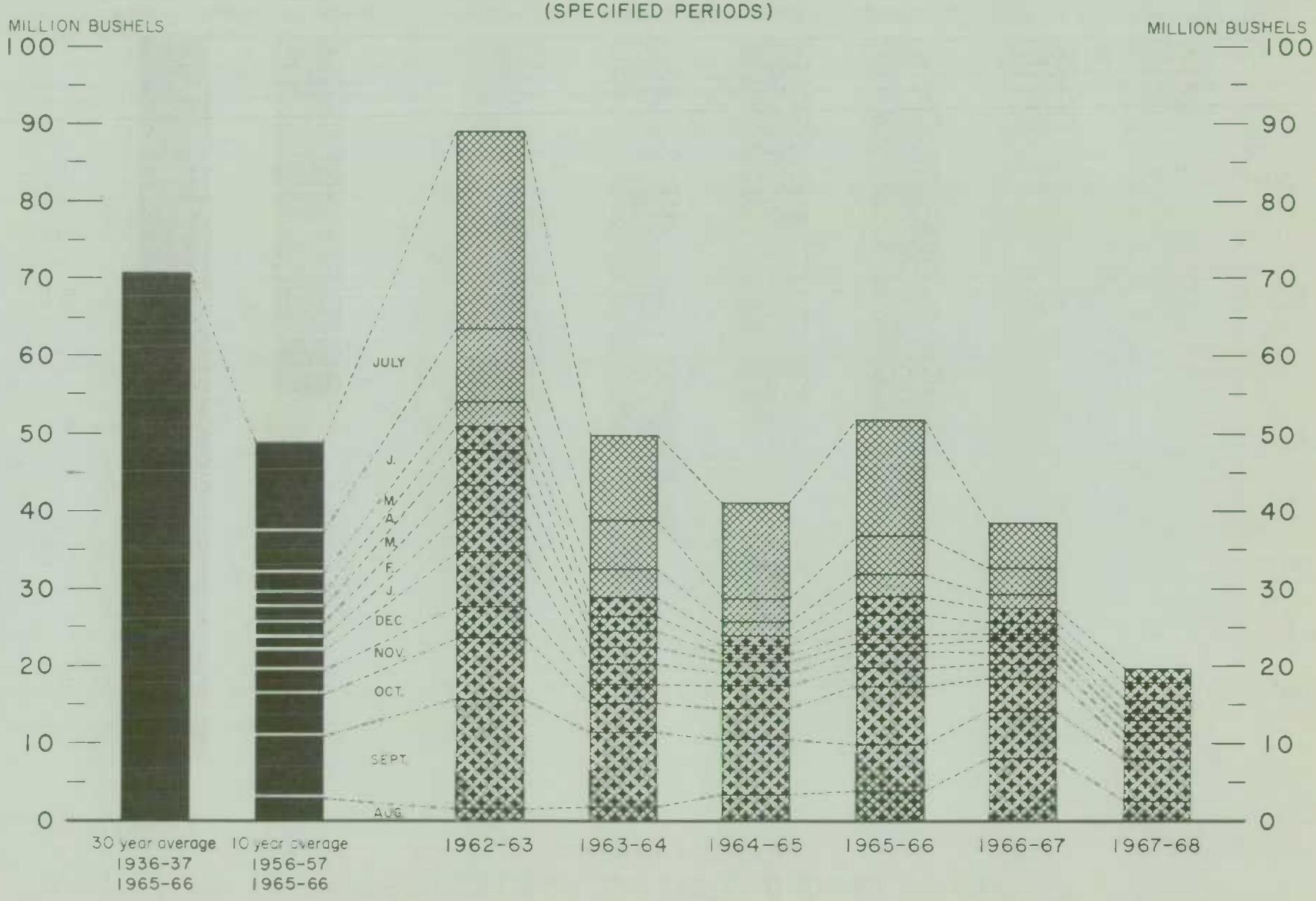
# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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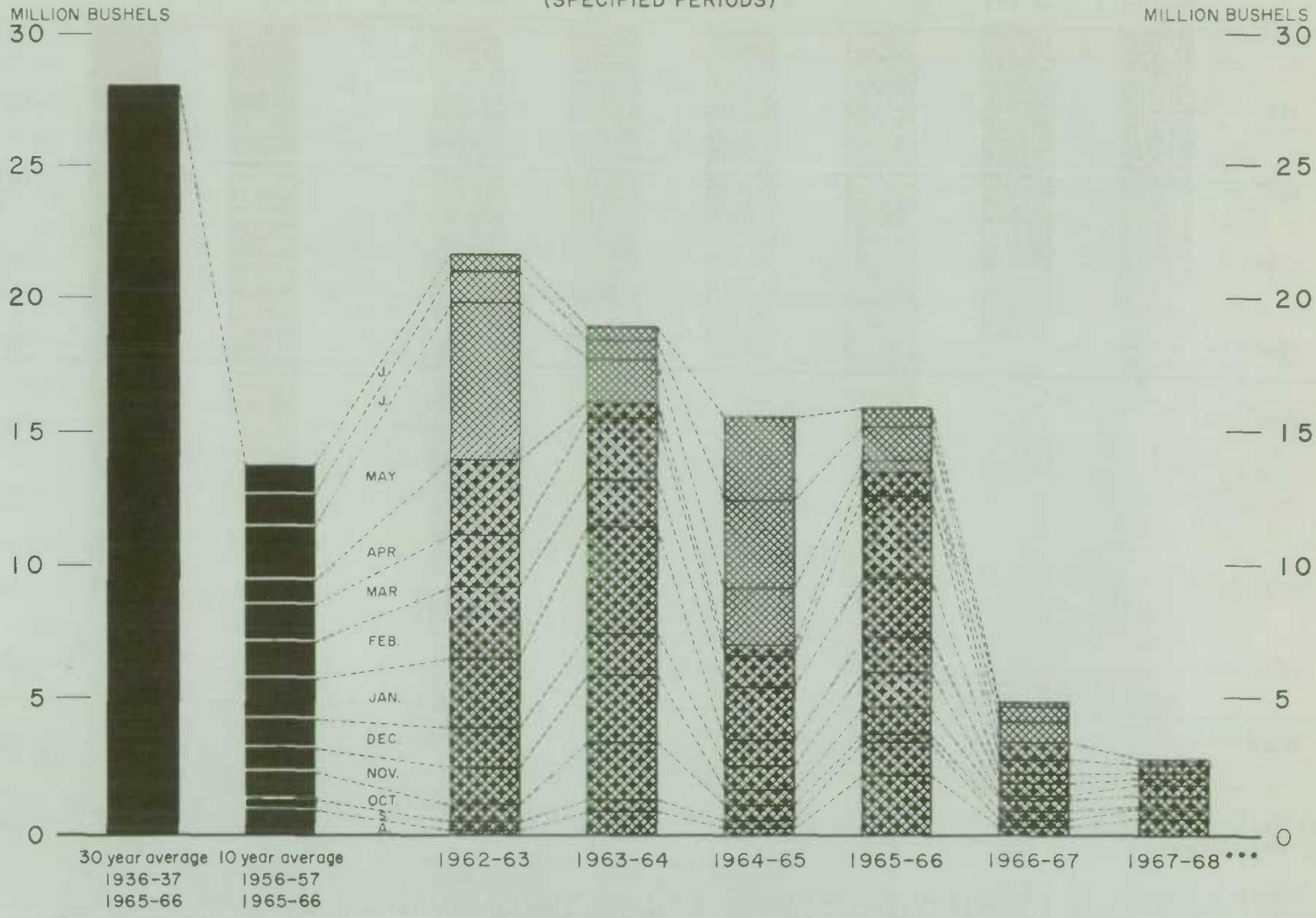
(SPECIFIED PERIODS)




*Beginning with 1960-61 includes relatively small quantity of bagged seed. **In terms of grain equivalent. ***Preliminary.

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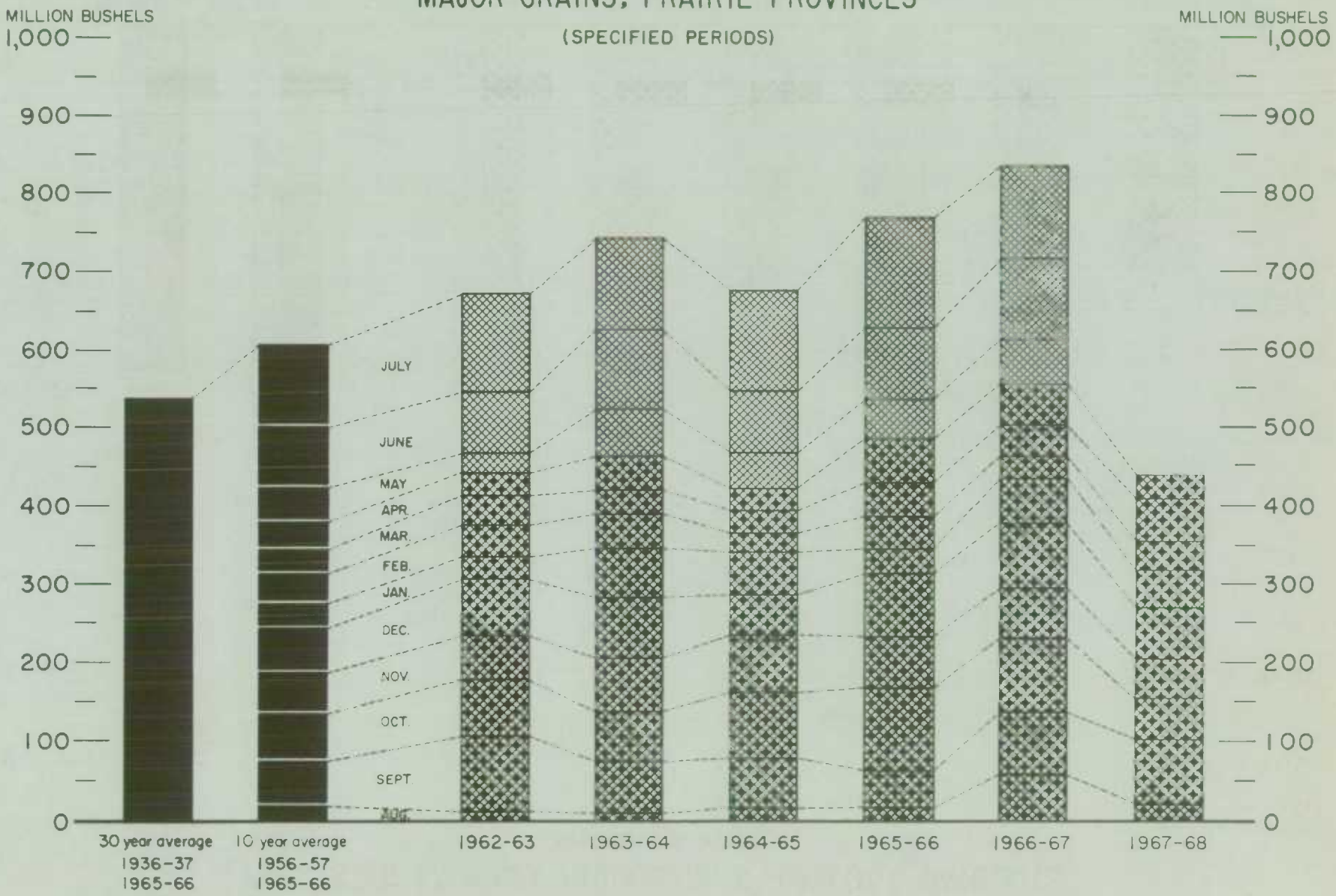
# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)




* Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

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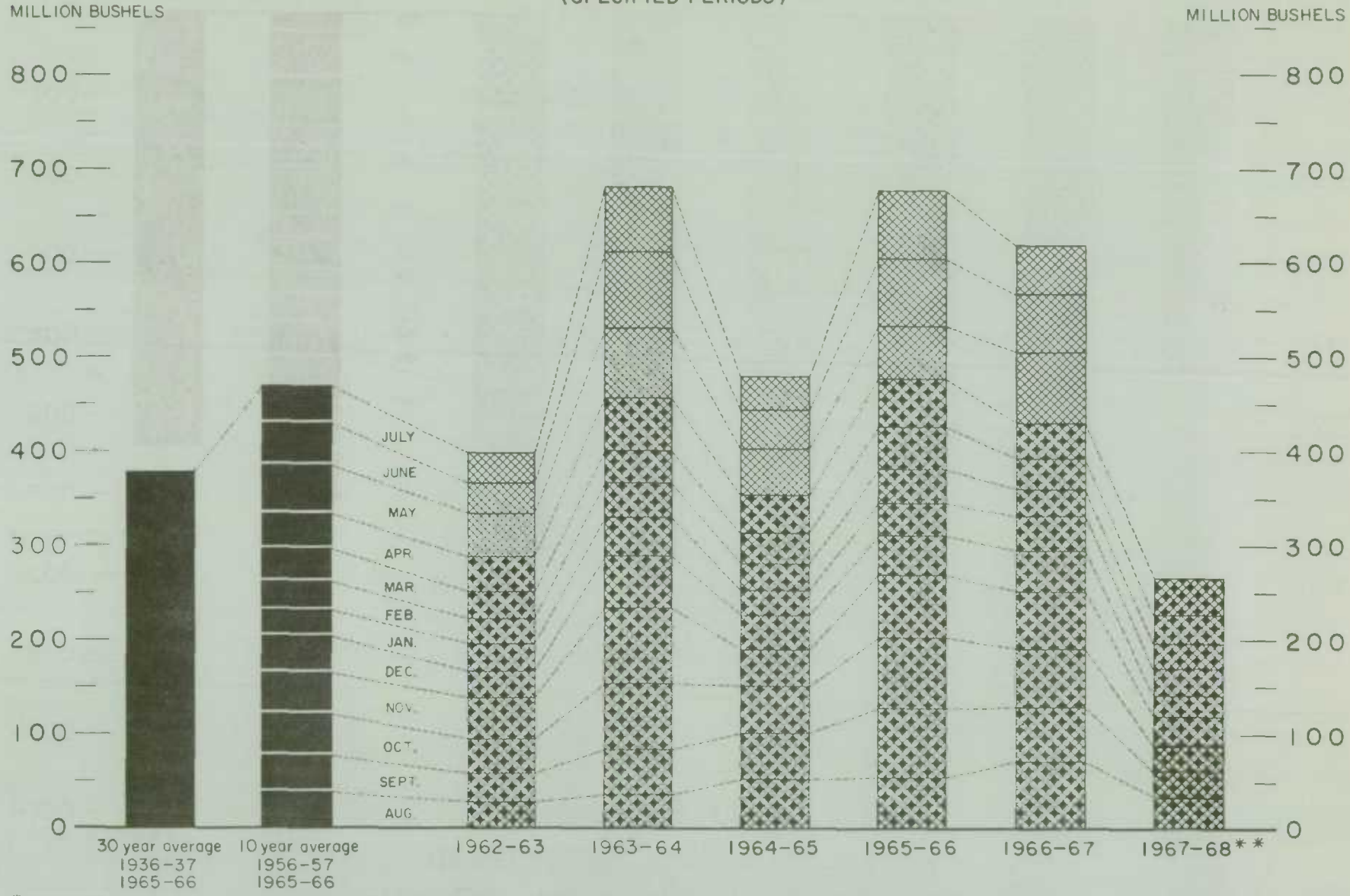
# EXPORTS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)




* Wheat, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour; oats, bagged seed oats, and oatmeal and rolled oats; barley, malt and pot and pearl; rye, and rye flour; flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

** Preliminary.

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## CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production — Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during April 1968 amounted to 2,791,000 hundredweight indicating a decrease of 16 per cent from the March 1968 total of 3,328,000 hundredweight, 5 per cent less than the adjusted April 1967 figure of 2,924,000 hundredweight, and 13 per cent lower than the ten-year (1958-67) average production for the month of April of 3,225,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during April 1968 had a total rated capacity of 150,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 74.3 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during April 1968 amounted to 6,239,000 bushels, 16 per cent below the 7,459,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 5 per cent less than the 6,573,000 bushels milled during April 1967. Of the wheat milled for flour during April 1968 some 5,339,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (534,000 bushels); durum (288,000 bushels); and all other (78,000 bushels).

Exports — According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during April 1968 amounted to 1,079,000 hundredweight (some 2,483,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) 23 per cent greater than the 2,025,000 bushels exported during the previous month and relatively unchanged from the adjusted April 1967 exports of 2,475,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-eight countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 1,349,000 bushels and accounted for 54 per cent of the April total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels were as follows: Britain, 242; Jamaica, 241; Ghana, 182; Leeward and Windward Islands, 75 and United States, 56.

Wheat Milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada

| Crop year | Wheat milled for flour | Wheat flour | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Production | Exports(1) |
| | bushels | cwt. | |
| 1935-36 — 1939-40 average | 67,845,114 | 29,405,451 | 9,603,941 |
| 1940-41 — 1944-45 " | 99,704,638 | 43,908,245 | 23,699,546 |
| 1945-46 — 1949-50 " | 107,330,372 | 47,011,540 | 25,819,721 |
| 1950-51 — 1954-55 " | 100,446,328 | 43,847,894 | 21,812,041 |
| 1955-56 — 1959-60 " | 99,148,211 | 39,752,589 | 16,349,156 |
| 1960-61 — 1964-65 " | 91,128,177 | 40,834,088 | 15,769,803 |
| 1965-66 | 97,925,995 | 43,531,263 | 16,576,117 |
| 1966-67 | 90,084,646 | 39,978,571 | 13,848,208 |
| 1967-68(2) | | | |
| August | 7,483,754 | 3,323,075 | 993,703 |
| September | 7,498,099 | 3,329,572 | 1,010,923 |
| October | 7,248,717 | 3,229,128 | 796,318 |
| November | 7,164,572 | 3,188,285 | 818,449 |
| December | 6,371,160 | 2,842,345 | 941,932 |
| January | 7,043,949 | 3,148,619 | 864,656 |
| February | 6,808,913 | 3,056,056 | 917,705 |
| March | 7,458,731 | 3,328,407 | 880,551 |
| April | 6,239,303 | 2,790,680 | 1,079,398 |
| Totals | 63,317,198 | 28,236,167 | 8,303,635 |
| Same months 1966-67[r] | 69,646,255 | 30,903,457 | 11,106,003 |

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 — 1966-67 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.
(2) Subject to revision.
r Revised figures.

## UNITED STATES SITUATION

**1967-68 Wheat Supplies 6 Per Cent Above Previous Year**

Although carryover stocks declined this decrease was more than offset by an increase in production and, as a result, total domestic wheat supplies in the United States for the current crop year are placed at 1,949.4 million bushels compared with the 1966-67 total of 1,846.9 million. The 425.0 million bushels carried over at July 1, 1967 were the lowest stocks in 15 years, while the 1967 crop, estimated at 1,524.3 million bushels, represented an increase of 16 per cent over the previous year's outturn of 1,311.7 million. Domestic disappearance during 1967-68 estimated at about 655.0 million bushels, is 4 per cent less than the 681.4 million the year before. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,295.2 million remain available for export and for carryover, an increase of 11 per cent over the 1,167.1 million in 1966-67.

**Exports Higher than Previous Year**

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period July 1967 - April 1968 amounted to 651.6 million bushels, an increase of 4 per cent over the 628.1 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on May 1, 1968 for export and for carryover was estimated at 643.6 million bushels compared with 539.0 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1966-67[r] | 1967-68[p] |
|---|---|---|
| | million bushels | |
| Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) | 535.2 | 425.0 |
| Production | 1,311.7 | 1,524.3 |
| Total estimated domestic supplies | 1,846.9 | 1,949.4 |
| Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-April | 1.6 | 0.8 |
| Total estimated supplies(1) | 1,848.5 | 1,950.2 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2). | 681.4 | 655.0 |
| Available for export and for carryover | 1,167.1 | 1,295.2 |
| Deduct | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, July-April | 571.5 | 611.0 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July-April(3) | 56.6 | 40.6 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour(4) | 628.1 | 651.6 |
| Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover | 539.0 | 643.6 |

(1) Excluding imports for May-June. (2) Includes shipments to United States Territories and wheat for military food use at home and abroad. (3) Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond". (4) Data include shipments for relief. [r] Revised figures. [p] Preliminary figures.

Winter Wheat Crop Estimated at 1,194 Million Bushels

In a report released on May 10, 1968 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that winter wheat production is forecast at 1,194 million bushels, 2 per cent below a year earlier but 23 per cent above average. Prospective production is 25 million bushels below a month earlier, mainly because of below normal rainfall in the Central Great Plains and in parts of Texas. In most other areas, April weather was favourable. The crop's development is running about average but is somewhat behind last year. Changes in the production estimate between May 1 and harvest have averaged 53 million bushels for the past decade—ranging from 8 million to 164 million bushels.

The indicated yield per harvested acre is 27.9 bushels. This is 1.3 bushels above 1967 and 1.5 bushels above average. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 42.8 million, 6 per cent less than harvested last year but 17 per cent above average. Indicated acreage for harvest is 86 per cent of the planted acreage. This percentage is average and is up from 84 per cent in 1967.

Prospects for winter wheat declined further in the Central Great Plains, mainly in western Kansas and eastern Colorado. Continued below normal rainfall and insect infestations, including cutworms and greenbugs, resulted in considerable abandonment. Late April and early May showers failed to bring substantial recovery and came too late for some acreage already abandoned. Rains during April kept wheat in the eastern half of Kansas growing well. By the end of the month, fields were in full head in the southern counties of central and eastern Kansas. Nebraska's winter wheat prospects improved during the month, but insects caused trouble in some local areas.

Oklahoma wheat did well during the month and prospects are above average, except for part of the Panhandle and other northwestern counties. In those areas, inadequate soil moisture and greenbug infestations reduced prospects and caused some abandonment. Texas wheat prospects declined substantially from last month because of inadequate soil moisture for dryland wheat acreage in the northern High Plains. Elsewhere in the State, the crop is making excellent progress. Harvest is expected to start in Texas and Oklahoma in late May. Some rust was reported in both States.

Precipitation during April was below average over much of Montana and the Pacific Northwest. But prospective wheat production for the area is about the same as on April 1. Below normal temperatures slowed the growth and helped offset moisture deficiencies, but local freezes in Washington and strong winds over much of the area hampered the crop.

Wheat in the Corn Belt and Northeast was in generally excellent condition, and prospective production was above a month earlier. In the Southeast, late April rains were expected to aid in filling heads.

Flour production. — According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in April 1968 amounted to 20,348,000 hundredweight, an average of 969,000 hundredweight per working day. Wheat flour mills in April operated at 87.8 per cent of capacity.

Flour mills in April ground 45,742,000 bushels of wheat compared with 45,542,000 in the previous month and 42,692,000 a year ago.

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

| Date | No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City | Date | No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Price | | Price |
| | cents per bushel | | cents per bushel |
| May 1, 1968 | 154 3/4 | May 1, 1968 | 159 1/2 — 191 1/2 |
| 2 | 153 3/4 — 156 3/4 | 2 | 157 1/4 — 188 1/4 |
| 3 | 155 3/4 — 156 1/4 | 3 | 155 7/8 — 186 7/8 |
| 6 | 151 3/4 — 159 1/4(1) | 6 | 155 1/2 — 186 1/2 |
| 7 | 151 3/4 — 159(1) | 7 | 155 7/8 — 186 7/8 |
| 8 | 151 3/4 — 159(1) | 8 | 157 1/2 — 188 1/2 |
| 9 | 152 3/4 — 160(1) | 9 | 158 3/8 — 189 3/8 |
| 10 | N.A. | 10 | 158 5/8 — 189 5/8 |
| 13 | 154 1/2 — 158 1/4 | 13 | 160 5/8 — 191 5/8 |
| 14 | 153 — 155 | 14 | 160 1/2 — 192 1/2 |
| 15 | 151 3/4 — 159(1) | 15 | 160 3/8 — 192 3/8 |
| 16 | 153 3/4 — 155 | 16 | 160 1/2 — 192 1/2 |
| 17 | 152 — 159 1/4 | 17 | 157 1/2 — 190 1/2 |
| 20 | 152 1/4 — 154 | 20 | 156 1/2 — 189 1/2 |
| 21 | 156 1/2 | 21 | 156 3/4 — 190 3/4 |
| 22 | 150 1/4 — 157 3/4(1) | 22 | 157 1/8 — 191 1/8 |
| 23 | 156 1/4 — 156 3/4 | 23 | 157 3/8 — 191 3/8 |
| 24 | 154 1/4 — 156 3/4 | 24 | 156 5/8 — 193 5/8 |
| 27 | 150 — 154 | 27 | 156 3/8 — 193 3/8 |
| 28 | 154 3/4 — 155 1/4 | 28 | 154 3/4 — 191 3/4 |
| 29 | 152 | 29 | 153 1/2 — 190 1/2 |
| 30 | Memorial Day | 30 | Memorial Day |
| 31 | 156 1/4 | 31 | 152 1/2 — 189 1/2 |

(1) Nominal.
N.A. — Not available.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

| Date | May | July | September | December | March |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | cents and eighths per bushel | | | | |
| May 1, 1968 | 133/7 | 137/5 | 140/6 | 146/6 | 151 |
| 2 | 134/3 | 138/1 | 141/4 | 147/1 | 151/4 |
| 3 | 135 | 138/5 | 142 | 147/6 | 152 |
| 6 | 133/6 | 137/4 | 141/2 | 146/6 | 151/2 |
| 7 | 134/3 | 137/6 | 141/2 | 147/1 | 151/4 |
| 8 | 136 | 139/3 | 142/6 | 148/7 | 153 |
| 9 | 136/4 | 139/7 | 143/4 | 149/3 | 153/4 |
| 10 | 136/1 | 139/5 | 143/1 | 149/1 | 153/2 |
| 13 | 136/2 | 139/3 | 143 | 149 | 153/2 |
| 14 | 137/1 | 140/1 | 143/6 | 150 | 154/2 |
| 15 | 136/5 | 139/3 | 143/3 | 149/4 | 153/6 |
| 16 | 137/2 | 140/1 | 144/2 | 150/2 | 154/6 |
| 17 | 137/4 | 139/7 | 143/6 | 149/5 | 154 |
| 20 | 136/3 | 138/3 | 142/4 | 148 | 152/4 |
| 21 | 136/6 | 137/7 | 141/6 | 147/5 | 152/2 |
| 22 | | 138/5 | 142/4 | 148 | 152/4 |
| 23 | | 139/5 | 143/4 | 149/3 | 153/7 |
| 24 | | 138/6 | 142/4 | 148/5 | 153/4 |
| 27 | | 138 | 142 | 148 | 153/6 |
| 28 | | 138/1 | 141/6 | 147/5 | 152/2 |
| 29 | | 137/6 | 141/5 | 147/5 | 152/2 |
| 30 | | | Memorial Day | | |
| 31 | | 137/6 | 141/4 | 147/3 | 152 |

## AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

**Wheat Supplies Lower than Previous Year** Reflecting the effect of a sharp decline in production, which more than offset a substantial increase in carryover stocks, total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1967-68 crop year are estimated at 357.8 million bushels as against 483.2 million in 1966-67. The current harvest, now estimated at 277.4 million bushels, is 41 per cent below the previous record of 466.6 million bushels harvested in 1966-67. Carryover stocks, at a record 80.4 million bushels, exceeded by a wide margin the 16.6 million at December 1, 1966. After deducting some 108.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 249.8 million are available for export and for carryover during 1967-68, some 37 per cent below the 393.7 million in 1966-67.

**Exports Below Previous Year** Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 — April 20 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 86.3 million bushels, 33 per cent smaller than the 128.0 million exported during the corresponding five months of the 1966-67 crop year. The balance remaining on April 21, 1968 for export and for carryover, at 163.5 million bushels, was in sharp contrast to the comparable 1967 total of 265.7 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1966-67[r] | 1967-68[p] |
|---|---|---|
| | million bushels | |
| Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) | 16.6 | 80.4 |
| Production | 466.6 | 277.4 |
| Total estimated domestic supplies | 483.2 | 357.8 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year | 89.5 | 108.0[r] |
| Available for export and for carryover | 393.7 | 249.8 |
| Deduct | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - April 20 | 121.0 | 79.9 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 — April 20 | 7.0 | 6.4 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 128.0 | 86.3 |
| Balance on April 21 for export and for carryover | 265.7 | 163.5 |

[p] Preliminary figures.
[r] Revised figures.

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Production — Sowing of the 1968-69 wheat crop is now under way throughout Australia. Since our last report useful rains have continued to fall in most wheat-growing areas and while, as a result of last year's drought, soil conditions are not absolutely ideal, they are sufficiently good and another record planting seems likely. It may be expected that at least 22 million acres will be sown to wheat throughout Australia this year.

In the meantime, Australian Wheat Board Chairman Dr. A.R. Callaghan has cautioned against a rapid increase in wheat production in this country. He recently stated that it would be 'a normal act of prudency' to exercise restraint in the light of the present world wheat situation. Pointing out that world demand and supply are presently in a better equilibrium than they have been for several years, Dr. Callaghan stated that successive large Australian crops of 400 million bushels could, in the short run present problems of transport, storage and marketing.

Dr. Callaghan is evidently concerned with recent indications that wheat cultivation in Australia has been extending into less reliable rainfall areas and he has pointed out that Australia should also take precautions against too great a dependence on wheat cropping, thus neglecting the agricultural significance of livestock on its farms. He also stated: There is no reason why we should not go on producing to keep pace with world demand, as long as the qualifying factors are understood. Therefore, with the need for immediate restraint borne in mind, the long-term outlook favours steady expansion.

Standards — The Australian Wheat Board and the Board Research Institute of Australia recently released an analysis of the standard wheat samples from each State of Australia for the 1967-68 crop. As a matter of interest the following analyses covering the major types are set out below:

New South Wales. — Prime Hard: A uniformly hard grain, bright in appearance. The protein content of 16.3 per cent is 2.3 per cent higher than the previous year. Dough qualities are strong and extensible and water absorption is high.

Northern F.A.Q.: A hard well-filled grain, which mills freely. Water absorption is high and dough qualities are strong and well balanced.

South Western F.A.Q.: This is a predominantly soft grain and at a high protein level of 13.9 per cent has good colour and an attractive appearance. Dough qualities and baking quality are also improved.

Victoria. — F.A.Q.: A soft well coloured grain of bright appearance. The protein content of 12.3 per cent is unusually high. Dough qualities are extensible and baking quality is improved at this protein level.

Western Australia. — F.A.Q.: A plump well filled sample with some admixture of hard grain. The increase in protein is less than other States. Dough qualities are soft and extensible.

Queensland. — Prime Hard: The southern and central zone samples are both a uniformly hard grain. The central sample has a high protein content, dough qualities of both are strong and baking quality good.

F.A.Q. Southern: A hard grain with strong extensible dough qualities. Protein content and water absorption are higher and baking quality improved on 1966-67 sample.

F.A.Q. Central: This sample is a predominantly hard grain. Dough qualities are strong and well balanced and baking quality good.

South Australia. — Hard: A uniformly hard bright grain. The protein content at 13.7 per cent is high compared with 12.3 per cent in the 1966-67 sample. Dough qualities are strong and extensible and baking quality is good.

F.A.Q.: A soft grain. The protein content at 13.1 per cent compares with 10.7 per cent in the 1966-67 sample. Dough qualities are extensible and baking quality good. A high viscogram is also a good feature of this wheat.

Marketing The Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board Dr. Allan R. Callaghan recently forecast a 'tremendous growth' in the future use of wheat for human consumption in Asia. Even assuming that Asia substantially increases its production of wheat this will not likely keep pace with consumption.

Dr. Callaghan said that the growing Asian demand is of considerable importance to Australia which has an advantage in freight rates and is able to offer suitable types of wheat for the diversive needs of the area. Dr. Callaghan has estimated that this year approximately 70 per cent of Australia's wheat exports will go to Asia (including Mainland China). He has forecast substantial increases in exports to Japan, India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. He has particularly pin-pointed Japan as an important market in the future.

According to Dr. Callaghan present world demand for wheat falls into three separate and well defined categories:

1. Affluent communities in which the per capita consumption of bread and bread products is stationary or still giving way to high protein and other protective foods, the two most important to Australia being Europe and Britain.

Dr. Callaghan says that the first group comprises a highly sophisticated and quality-discerning market, requiring the utmost attention from the selling point of view.

2. Countries where bread and bread products still have a high and (in some cases) a growing status, the most important being Japan, Africa and Middle East.

The second group represents the area where commercial markets are growing most rapidly and they are of extreme importance to Australia. Competition in these markets is very strong, and they call for careful study and attention to meet quality needs.

3. Countries short of food where wheat, as a readily available and easily handled commodity, is finding increased demand and is successfully substituting for other energy foods including rice, which in recent years has been less readily available and relatively more expensive.

In this category important Australian markets are China, India and Pakistan.

In the third category the demand is for large quantities of clean, sound, easily milled wheat at reasonably low prices and in some cases on concessional terms. While factors relating to quality in this group are of comparatively less importance, they exert a strong competitive influence.

If we are to retain a substantial share of these markets we must maintain existing standards and not get the idea that quantity is all that matters, Dr. Callaghan adds.

We should aim to build up, and maintain, a reputation for our wheat. This calls for strict attention to the quality and soundness of all we export, whether on commercial or concessional terms.

## ARGENTINE SITUATION

**1967-68 Wheat Supplies Above Previous Year**

Total estimated supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1967-68 (December-November) crop year are placed at some 288.3 million bushels some 18 per cent above the previous season's total of 243.3 million. Current crop year supplies consist of the December 1 carryover of 16.4 million compared with 13.8 million the year before, while the 1967 production, at 271.9 million, registered an increase over the 229.5 million harvested in 1966. After making an allowance of 153.1 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 135.2 million are available for export and for carryover in 1967-68, some 36 per cent more than the 99.1 million the previous year.

**Exports Sharply Below Last Year**

Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1967 - April 1968 amounted to 24.5 million bushels, in contrast to the 60.6 million exported during the same five months in 1966-67. The balance remaining on May 1, 1968 for export and for carryover was estimated at 110.7 million bushels, compared with the May 1, 1967 total of 38.6 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1966-67[r] | 1967-68[p] |
|---|---|---|
| | million bushels | |
| Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1)(1).. | 13.8 | 16.4 |
| Production..... | 229.5 | 271.9 |
| Total estimated domestic supplies ..... | 243.3 | 288.3 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .. | 144.2 | 153.1[r] |
| Available for export and for carryover ..... | 99.1 | 135.2 |
| Deduct | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, December-April ..... | 60.3 | 24.3 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-April ..... | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour ..... | 60.6 | 24.5 |
| Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover ..... | 38.6 | 110.7 |

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.
r Revised figures.
p Preliminary figures.

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The month of April was the driest in 60 years in Argentina and the weather has continued dry throughout May. This has greatly affected pastures and soil conditions for winter crops. Rain is needed soon or only average crops at best will be harvested during the coming year.

Argentina continues to have approximately a million tons (36,743,000 bushels) of wheat available for export. The National Grain Board estimates that there are some 650,000 tons (23,883,000 bushels) of stock it has acquired which is unplaced either in the export or domestic markets. Total Grain Board purchases have so far during the crop year totalled 2,100,000 metric tons (77,161,000 bushels). One million tons (36,743,000 bushels) has been set aside for the Brazilian contract and some 400,000 metric tons (14,697,000 bushels) have been earmarked or shipped to neighbouring countries as well as overseas. It is estimated that the uncommitted lots in private hands (millers and exporters) amount to 400,000 to 500,000 metric tons (14,697,000 to 18,372,000 bushels). Thus, by considering both Board and private availabilities, the million-ton estimate (36,743,000 bushels) mentioned above is obtained.

Throughout the month of April the wheat market remained firm, particularly in the northern belt where supplies were at times scarce as shipments to the Grain Board and ports had reduced availabilities. By end-April Millers were paying spot Rosario 1,625 pesos per 100 kilos ($1.38 per bushel), at Bahia Blanca the price averaged 1,480 pesos per 100 kilos ($1.26 per bushel). During the second half of April, 1,610 pesos ($1.37 per bushel) were paid for May delivery, 1,640 pesos ($1.39 per bushel) for June, 1,680 ($1.43 per bushel) for July and 1,725 ($1.47 per bushel) for August. By mid-May, June delivery was quoted on Buenos Aires Futures Market at 1,690 pesos per 100 kilos ($1.44 per bushel), 1,718 pesos ($1.46 per bushel) for July, 1,737 pesos ($1.48 per bushel) for August and 1,775 ($1.51 per bushel) for September. Practically all sales were made to millers with purchases for export almost non-existent.

The price for durum f.o.r. Buenos Aires averaged 1,850 pesos per 100 kilos ($1.57 per bushel) at end-April; again most purchases were those of the milling industry. In southern ports exporters were paying 1,770 pesos ($1.51 per bushel), an increase of some 7 per cent over prices of the previous month. Export sales of durums were confined almost exclusively to Italy, which paid U$S 70.00 metric ton f.o.b. ($2.06 per bushel) Necochea, June-July shipment. Some offers were also received for U$S 81.25 ($2.39 per bushel) and as high as to U$S 82.60 c.i.f. ($2.43 per bushel) Italy, June-August shipment. While official data are unavailable, exports during April were estimated at 130,000 metric tons (4,77,000 bushels); during the past few weeks there had been no export contracts reported either by the Grain Board or private trade. The new support and minimum prices have now been announced by the Secretary of Agriculture for 1968-69 crops and for wheat the prices are reported below:

| | Minimum Prices | | Support Prices | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1967-68 | 1968-69 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
| | dollars per bushel | | | |
| Hard wheat, Grade 1, 80 kilos per hectolitre (64 pounds per bushel).. | 1.11 | 1.23 | 1.28 | 1.40 |
| Semi-hard wheat, Grade 1, 80 kilos per hectolitre (64 pounds per bushel) ..... | 1.07 | 1.19 | 1.24 | 1.36 |
| Durums (candeal or taganrock)..... | 1.11 | 1.23 | 1.28 | 1.40 |

It will be noted from the above that price increases granted by the Argentine Government this year are less than those of the past few crop years. The increase to producers is in fact less than that listed above because administration expenses, which previously were refunded to producers by the Grain Board, will during 1968-69 be considered as included in the quoted price and no refunds will be made. In fact, the Grain Board this year was returning to producers approximately 1,580 pesos per 100 kilos ($1.34 per bushel) as against the basic support price of 1,500 pesos ($1.28 per bushel) for hard wheat. When comparing the new actual price, the increase to producers-from 1,580 to 1,650 ($1.34 to $1.40 per bushel) - is less than 5 per cent Grower associations have already protested against the size of increase indicating that inflation and costs had not been sufficiently controlled to warrant such a minimum adjustment in prices. The National Grain Board has been authorized to operate at higher than the support price level; while this was previously possible, the Government appears to be emphasizing the fact in an attempt to encourage greater production and placate producers' demands. It is the Government's hope that 7 million hectares (17.3 million acres) will be sown this year. As mentioned earlier in this report, however, to have a good crop a sizeable rainfall will be needed in both of the major grain growing regions.

Argentine Wheat Exports December-March 1967-68 and 1966-67

| Destination | March | | December-March | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1967 | 1968 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 |
| | thousand bushels | | | |
| Western Europe | | | | |
| EEC: | | | | |
| Belgium | 207 | — | 711 | 176 |
| France | 740 | — | 1,723 | 1,148 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | 37 | — | 799 | 18 |
| Italy | 616 | 1,452 | 7,665 | 10,003 |
| Netherlands | 1,126 | 370 | 5,197 | 853 |
| Sub-totals | 2,726 | 1,822 | 16,095 | 12,198 |
| Other Western Europe | | | | |
| Britain | 1,082 | 221 | 6,528 | 1,609 |
| Denmark | — | 16 | — | 16 |
| Norway | 271 | — | 498 | 37 |
| Portugal | — | — | 785 | 376 |
| Switzerland | 147 | — | 364 | 7 |
| Sub-totals | 1,500 | 237 | 8,175 | 2,045 |
| Totals | 4,226 | 2,059 | 24,270 | 14,243 |
| Eastern Europe | | | | |
| Hungary | — | — | 480 | 22 |
| Africa | | | | |
| Algeria | 437 | — | 795 | 351 |
| Angola | 459 | — | 459 | — |
| Totals | 896 | — | 1,254 | 351 |

Argentine Wheat Exports December-March 1967-68 and 1966-67

| Destination | March | | December-March | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1967 | 1968 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 |
| | thousand bushels | | | |
| Asia | | | | |
| Cyprus | — | — | 381 | — |
| India | 184 | — | 184 | — |
| Totals | 184 | — | 565 | — |
| Western Hemisphere | | | | |
| Bolivia | 129 | 94 | 129 | 292 |
| Brazil | 4,092 | 756 | 15,895 | 984 |
| Chile | — | 238 | — | 293 |
| Colombia | 139 | 960 | 942 | 1,495 |
| Paraguay | 268 | 229 | 505 | 1,092 |
| Peru | 1,634 | 1,847 | 4,950 | 5,096 |
| Uruguay | — | 169 | — | 513 |
| Totals | 6,262 | 4,293 | 22,421 | 9,765 |
| Totals, all countries | 11,567 | 6,353 | 48,989 | 24,382 |

## GRAIN SITUATION IN BRITAIN

The following account of the current crop situation in Britain has been extracted from a report by Mr. F.G. Beaudette, Assistant Commercial Secretary, London, under date of May 15, 1968, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Weather and crops. - Weather in the first two weeks of April was generally cold, with night frosts and snow in some places. The remainder of the month was very unsettled, with rain on most days and sunny spells bringing above normal temperatures. Autumn-sown crops looked vigorous and healthy, and made rapid progress. Drilling of spring cereals was completed in most areas in excellent seed beds. The rain and warmth of the latter part of the month has given the crops a good start with rapid and uniform germination.

Crops acreage forecast. — From the March 1968 agricultural returns for England and Wales, it is expected that the total cereals area (excluding rye) will be down by about 30,000 acres compared with March 1967. The forecast for barley shows a decrease of 142,000 acres, 2.7 per cent; for wheat an increase of 107,000 acres, 4.9 per cent; and for oats and mixed cereals an increase of 4,000 acres, 0.7 per cent. However, differences between March forecasts and June returns fluctuate from year to year, as farmers' intentions are affected by various factors, particularly the weather.

Requirements and supplies. — The HGCA has this month made no changes in the estimates of requirements and consumption for 1967-68.

However the HGCA has provided the following details on consumption in the nine months from July 1967 to March 1968 as compared with the same period for the previous cereal year.

| | thousand bushels |
|---|---|
| **Barley** | |
| Intake by maltsters & distillers..... | − 4,900 |
| Intake by other processors (mainly compounders) ..... | +12,367 |
| Estimated consumption on farms of origin | − 6,533 |
| Exports ..... | −14,933 |
| **Wheat** | |
| Intake by millers ..... | + 1,680 |
| Intake by other processors (mainly compounders) ..... | + 3,547 |
| **Oats** | |
| Intake by other processors (mainly compounders) ..... | + 3,294 |
| Exports ..... | + 3,624 |
| Estimated consumption on farms of origin | + 2,965 |

Wheat imports. — The figure for July 1967 - March 1968 is 3.1 million long tons (115,733,000 bushels), or 60,000 tons (2,240,000 bushels), less than for the same 9 months of the previous cereal year. Forward purchases notified are 135,000 tons (5,040,000 bushels), higher so that the end of March 1968 position is 75,000 tons (2,800,000 bushels), higher than the end of March 1967.

Stocks of grains on farms. — According to MAFF, total stocks of grain on farms at the end of March were estimated at 3.27 million long tons, comprising wheat 1.13 million (42,187,000 bushels), barley 1.82 million (84,933,000 bushels) and oats 320,000 (21,082,000 bushels), as compared with 0.88 million (32,853,000 bushels), 1.45 million (67,667,000 bushels) and 230,000 long tons (15,153,000 bushels), respectively, for the previous March.

Grain market. — The ample world wheat supply situation continues to have a depressing influence on prices and uncertainty still exists in the U.K. concerning establishment of new minimum import prices. Consequently values of home grown grain on the domestic market have been barely held in quiet trade. In London, June deliveries of soft milling wheat were bought at 22/ per cwt. ($1.54 per bus.) with July old and September new crop at 22/6 ($1.57). In Liverpool, English milling was bought at £22-10-0 per ton ($1.56 per bushel), with feed wheat offered at £22-2-6 ($1.54 per bushel), both for May delivery.

English feed barley values remained unchanged in London at 21/6 per cwt. ($1.17 per bushel) for prompt to August deliveries. Malting types ranged from 22/ to 23/6 per cwt. delivered ($1.20 - 1.28). In Liverpool, business in May delivery feed barley ranged down to £21-15-0 per ton ($1.21 per bushel) and in June down to £22 ($1.23), while sellers were asking £22-2-6 per ton ($1.24) for July and not over £21-5-0 ($1.18) for September delivery new crop.

Dealings in British feed barley for export were somewhat busier with May delivery to east coast ports traded at £21-5-0 ($1.18) and June at £21-7-6 ($1.19 per bushel). Business in new crop feed barley was also reported at £21-17-6 per ton ($1.22 per bushel) for January delivery and at £22 ($1.23) fob east coast for January-March deliveries.

The H.G.C.A.'s ex-farm guide prices for May-June deliveries are now £21 per long ton for both millable wheat ($1.46 per bushel) and feeding barley ($1.17).

## GRAIN SITUATION IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The following account of the current grain situation in the Federal Republic of Germany has been extracted from a report received from Mr. G.H. Musgrove, Acting Commercial Secretary (Agriculture) Canadian Embassy, Bad Godesberg, Germany, under date of May 9, 1968 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Weather and crops. — The period under review — February, March, April — was characterized by exceptional conditions. While in mid-March temperatures were down at approximately minus 15° C (5° F), they rose to more than 20° C (68° F) on March 25. After a cold spell at the beginning of April with temperatures at freezing point and below during the night, a large zone of high pressure slowly moving east, caused temperatures of up to 30° C (86° F) in the second half of April. At that time, temperatures hardly dropped below 10 — 15° C (50° F). Only at the end of April were relatively normal temperatures registered, and general weather conditions during the first days of May are back to normal too.

On some of the warmest days direct solar radiation continued uninterrupted for 14 hours.

Precipitation figures were almost the reverse of those of the three month period before in North Germany, while those in South Germany added to the former surplus.

| | North Germany | South Germany |
|---|---|---|
| February ..... | 64 per cent | 130 per cent of normal |
| March ..... | 107 " | 96 " " |
| April ..... | 43 " | 129 " " |

Winter damage was exceptionally small this year. Until the beginning of April, only 0.5 per cent of the area sown to winter wheat and winter mixed grains, and 0.3 per cent of the winter rye and winter barley acreage had to be resown or used for other crops. During the last five years, the comparable figures were: winter wheat, 2.2 per cent; winter rye, 1.2 per cent; winter barley, 2.5 per cent. Considerably below the long term average were also the figures for winter rape, 1.0 per cent; winter rapeseed, 0.6 per cent; clover, 1.7 per cent, and alfalfa, 0.6 per cent.

The development of winter grains has followed the forecast of our last report. However, the warm weather may have caused an unfavourable acceleration which may prevent May precipitations from having their full effect on the vegetative phase of the plant growth in the area of North Germany. Some plots of winter barley and rye in our area are already heading.

Seedings of summer grains at first were delayed, but could then be done within a few days followed by the dry weather, as indicated above, which caused irregular sprouting. It remains to be seen whether, as far as North Germany is concerned, the present May rains can offset their poor start.

Farm sales. — Farm sales of breadgrains until the end of February 1968 (later figures not yet available) amounted to more than 4 million metric tons, compared with 3,238,000 metric tons during the comparable period the year before. Those of feed and industrial grains were 2,156,700 metric tons as against 1,860,700 metric tons in the July-February period 1966-67. The wheat sales during this period with 3 million metric tons (110,230,000 bushels) were approximately 0.7 million metric tons (25,720,000 bushels) or 23 per cent, larger than a year earlier.

Farm stocks. — Farm stocks of breadgrains at the end of February were 2,247,000 metric tons, or 25 per cent of the amount harvested. Thereof 1,312,000 metric tons (48,207,000 bushels) was wheat and 935,000 metric tons was rye and winter mixed grains. Those of feed and industrial grains amounted to 2,984,000 metric tons, or 34 per cent of the amount harvested. The end-February stocks of wheat were 374,000 metric tons (13,742,000 bushels), or 40 per cent, larger than the average of the period 1962-67, while those of all grains together were more than 19 per cent higher than at the same time one year earlier, but as in the previous year 29 per cent of the total amount harvested, 17,830,000 metric tons.

Market stocks. — On March 1, 1968, these were 0.6 million metric tons larger than at the same time in 1967 and reached 1.83 million metric tons (wheat products converted to grain equivalent). Market stocks of all breadgrains (products converted) with 2.29 million metric tons exceeded those of the year before by 0.74 million metric tons. This reflects the fact that a grain carryover payment will be paid to the trade. Stocks of feed and industrial grains were roughly the same as the year before: 1.18 million metric tons.

Imports of wheat. — While German imports of wheat in July-February 1967-68 were almost 22 per cent larger than the year before, Canadian supplies at 436,000 metric tons (16,020,000 bushels) remained exactly the same, and their share in the total figure dropped from 42 per cent to 33 per cent.

Bavarian wheat to be exported to the CSSR. — The Brussels Administrative Board Grains of the EEC Commission has followed a German suggestion to increase the export subsidy on wheat exports from southern Germany to the CSSR. This makes German offers competitive with supplies from other third countries, such as Rumania.

## WHEAT SITUATION IN ITALY

The following account of the current situation in Italy has been extracted from a report by Mr. R. Brookes, Commercial Assistant, Canadian Embassy, Milan, under date of May 27, 1968, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Production. — The area sown to wheat in Italy has gradually decreased in recent years, while the yield per year has steadily increased.

The table below gives details of production, area sown and yield for the last three years, and the average figures for the previous three years:

Italian Wheat Production

| Item and unit | Average 1962-64 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Area sown .....'000 acres | 10,998 | 10,592 | 10,557 | 9,909 |
| Yield per acre ..... bushels.. | 29.2 | 33.9 | 32.7 | 35.4 |
| Production | | | | |
| Wheat (except durum)--'000 bushels.. | 260,056 | 287,627 | 283,846 | 257,758 |
| Durum wheat .....'000 bushels.. | 60,909 | 71,572 | 61,527 | 93,673 |
| Totals, wheat ..... | 320,965 | 359,199 | 345,372 | 351,431 |

It is estimated that for the 1968 crop the area sown to autumn wheat is approximately 4,217,000 hectares (10.4 million acres), an increase of about 9.3 per cent.

Latest reports indicate that owing to drought which hit the Apulia region (one of Italy's important growing areas) the durum wheat crop will probably be from 200,000 to 300,000 metric tons (7,349,000 to 11,023,000 bushels) short of the 1967 crop. However,it is too soon to make any accurate forecast of what Italy's wheat crop will be this year.

Consumption. — Italy's yearly wheat consumption for food for the last few years has been:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1962 ..... | 301,403,000 bushels |
| 1963 ..... | 305,660,000 " |
| 1964 ..... | 310,135,000 " |
| 1965 ..... | 314,581,000 " |
| 1966(1) ..... | 315,992,000 " |
| 1967(1) ..... | 321,504,000 " |

The yearly per-capita consumption of wheat for food is:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 ..... | 163.3 | kilos | per capita | ..... | 360 pounds |
| 1963 ..... | 164.3 | " | " | ..... | 362 " |
| 1964 ..... | 165.1 | " | " | ..... | 364 " |
| 1965 ..... | 166.0 | " | " | ..... | 366 " |
| 1966 ..... | 166.4 | " | " | ..... | 367 " |
| 1967(1)... | 166.5 and 167 | kilos | per capita | ..... | 367 and 368 pounds. |

(1) Estimated.

Imports. — The following table gives total imports of wheat during the last three crop years:

Italian Wheat Imports - July 1 - June 30

| Product | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | thousand bushels | | |
| Wheat (except durum) ..... | 20,538 | 23,364 | 17,976 |
| Durum wheat ..... | 5,546 | 14,998 | 18,771 |
| Totals, wheat ..... | 26,084 | 38,362 | 36,747 |

With regard to the 1967-68 crop year, import certificates for a total of 747,046 metric tons (27,449,000 bushels) were issued from July 1, 1967 to February 29, 1968, compared with 829,801 metric tons (30,490,000 bushels) for the same period of the previous crop year.

Exports this year show a remarkable change from last year. Canada, U.S.A. and Argentina's exports to Italy are considerably lower than last year, while Russia's exports to Italy have risen to over 90,000 metric tons (3,307,000 bushels) this year compared with nil last year. The trade reports the Russian wheat was bought at 75-76 U.S. dollars per metric ton ($2.20 to $2.23 per bushel) in place of Canadian Manitobas which were selling at higher prices. The trade also adds that it now remains to be seen whether the Russian wheat will give as good results as the Canadian wheat. Some millers and users seem to have their doubts.

Exports. — The following table gives Italy's exports of wheat and wheat products for the recent three crop years:

Italian Wheat and Wheat Product Exports, July-June

| Product | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | metric tons | |
| Wheat | 6,255 | 12,057 | 37,077 |
| Wheat flour | 189,926 | 285,960 | 528,249 |
| Semolinas | 2,504 | 2,899 | 5,628 |
| Wheat alimentary pastes ("pasta") | 39,380 | 47,341 | 50,401 |

As regards Italy's flour exports for the 1967-68 crop year, export certificates for a total of 132,421 metric tons were issued between July 1, 1967 and February 29, 1968, as follows:

Italian Flour Exports, July 1, 1967 - February 29, 1968

| Countries | Quantities |
|---|---|
| | metric tons |
| U.A.R. - Egypt | 12,100 |
| Somali Republic | 3,076 |
| Libya | 13,416 |
| Mozambique | 150 |
| Sudan | 54,900 |
| Lebanon | 5,000 |
| Yemen | 800 |
| Philippines | 11,200 |
| Ceylon | 11,500 |
| Ships supplies | 2,165 |
| Other "free trading" Third Countries | 18,114 |
| Total | 132,421 |

Tenders. — During the months of March and April 1968 the Government Intervention Organization (A.I.M.A.) made tenders for the sale of approximately 120,000 metric tons (4,409,000 bushels) of non-durum wheat and 41,870 tons (1,538,000 bushels) of durum wheat of the 1966 crop. Results were not very favourable as only 10,000 metric tons (367,000 bushels) of non-durum and 20,000 tons (735,000 bushels) of durum were disposed of.

Stocks. — As a result of the above tenders the stock situation at the end of April 1968 may be summed up as follows in thousands of bushels:

| | Non-durum | | Durum | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Government Intervention Organization (AIMA) stocks (1966 crop) ..... | | 16,167 | | 3,858 |
| Voluntary Pools (Federconsorzi) stocks (1967 crop) | | | | |
| Deliveries to Pools ..... | 13,228 | | 7,900 | |
| Sales ..... | 3,491 | | 7,165 | |
| Balance available ..... | | 9,737 | | 735 |
| Totals ..... | | 25,904 | | 4,593 |

Target, intervention, threshold and minimum guaranteed prices. — According to latest reports the following prices have been established for all E.E.C. Countries, for trading in the 1968-69 crop, as of August 1, 1968:

| Product | Units of account | Italian lire | Dollars per bushel |
|---|---|---|---|
| Non-durum wheat: | | | |
| target basic price ..... | 106.25 | 66,406.25 | 3.11 |
| intervention basic price ..... | 98.75 | 61,718,75 | 2.89 |
| threshold price ..... | 104.38 | 65,237.50 | 3.05 |
| Durum wheat: | | | |
| target basic price ..... | 125.00 | 78,125.00 | 3.65 |
| intervention basic price ..... | 117.50 | 73,437.50 | 3.43 |
| minimum guaranteed price to farmer ..... | 145.00 | 90,625.00 | 4.24 |
| threshold price ..... | 123,13 | 76,956.25 | 3.60 |

It is believed they are identical to those established at the beginning of the 1967-68 trading period.

Levies. — Levies on imports from third countries, on May 8, 1968 were as follows in dollars per bushel:

| | |
|---|---|
| Soft wheat ..... | 1.72 |
| Durum wheat ..... | 1.76 |

OPEN MARKET PRICES - Prices of Wheat on the Milan Open Market as of May 8, 1968 (for deliveries in bulk)

| Product | Price | |
|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum |
| | dollars per bushel | |
| Domestic wheat, other than durum: | | |
| High grade | 3.25 | 3.44 |
| Good mercantile grade | 3.18 | 3.20 |
| Mercantile grade | 3.09 | 3.11 |
| Domestic durum: | | |
| Good mercantile grade | 3.93 | 4.07 |
| Foreign wheat: | | |
| Manitoba (Atlantic No. 1) | 4.16 | 4.21 |
| Plata (Argentina) | 3.74 | 3.79 |
| French | 3.32 | 3.55 |

Prospects for Canadian products. — It is not easy to forecast at this stage what will be Italy's requirements of Canadian wheat, especially durums. Indications are that Italy may be trying to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of wheat as a whole.

It must also be borne in mind that with a record 1966-67 durum crop of over 2.5 million metric tons (91.9 million bushels), coupled with 105,000 ton carryover (3.9 million bushels) of the 1966 durum crop, Italy may require less of this type in the coming months. Much will depend on Italy's 1967-68 wheat crop. Estimates at the end of 1967 and beginning of 1968 were that Italy expected another record crop of between 10 and 11 million metric tons (367.4 million and 404.2 million bushels) of both non-durum and durum.

Present estimates, however, are less optimistic since drought has hit some of Italy's major wheat producing regions, particularly Apulia's durum wheat belt.

Another key factor is the level of the EEC's total 1968-69 wheat crop. Current reports indicate the total Common Market area sown to wheat shows an increase of 10 per cent over last years'. France's total wheat area is estimated to be 5 per cent above that of 1966-67, while in particular her area sown to durum wheat this year, at 83,500 hectares (206,000 acres) is double that of 1966-67.

## WHEAT SITUATION IN JAPAN

The following account of the wheat situation in Japan has been extracted from a report from Mr. G.M. Wansbrough, Assistant Commercial Secretary (Agriculture), Canadian Embassy, Tokyo, under date of May 20, 1968 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions to Canadian measures have been made for the convenience of our readers.

Domestic Production. — According to estimates released on March 15 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the planted acreage of wheat in 1968 has again declined. The Government anticipates a drop of 11 per cent from last year's acreage of 357,300 hectares (883,000 acres) which produced 996,900 metric tons (36,629,000 bushels) of wheat. Estimates of production for 1968 have not yet been made.

The Food Agency's "Supply/Demand Plan" for wheat for staple food during the 1968 fiscal year includes the purchase of an estimated 600,000 metric tons (22,046,000 bushels) of wheat from domestic producers.

Imports. — Japan's wheat import record for the 1966 and 1967 fiscal year is as follows:

Japan's Wheat Imports

| | | April - March | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1966-67 | 1967-68 |
| For Milling: | Commodity | thousand bushels | |
| Country of Origin | | | |
| U.S.A. | Western White ..... | 27,463 | 26,553 |
| | Hard Winter Ordinary ..... | 2,961 | 2,181 |
| | Hard Winter 11.5 per cent . | 11,904 | 11,182 |
| | Hard Winter 13 per cent ... | 14,126 | 9,594 |
| | Dark Northern Spring 14 per cent ..... | 15,580 | 12,421 |
| | Durum ..... | 515 | 746 |
| | Totals ..... | 62,549 | 62,677 |
| Canada | Manitoba Northern No. 2 ... | — | 16,057 |
| | Manitoba Northern No. 3 ... | 49,915 | 16,674 |
| | Manitoba Northern No. 4 ... | 625 | — |
| | Durum ..... | 371 | 303 |
| | Totals ..... | 50,911 | 33,035 |
| Australia | South 11.5 per cent ..... | 44 | — |
| | Queensland 13 per cent .... | 44 | 1,882 |
| | New South Wales FAQ ..... | — | 3,185 |
| | Totals ..... | 88 | 5,067 |
| | Totals, all countries ... | 113,549 | 100,778 |
| For Feed: (bran extraction 55 per cent) | | | |
| U.S.A. | Hard Winter Ordinary ..... | 7,354 | 6,104 |
| | Hard winter 13 per cent ... | 5,956 | 9,312 |
| | Off-grade ..... | — | 151 |
| | Totals ..... | 13,310 | 15,567 |

Japan's Wheat Imports

| | | April-March 1966-67 | 1967-68 |
|---|---|---|---|
| For Feed: | | thousand bushels | |
| Country of Origin | Commodity | | |
| Australia | Queensland 13 per cent ..... | 548 | 1,782 |
| | West and Victorian FAQ ..... | 13,046 | 16,463 |
| | New South Wales FAQ ..... | — | 44 |
| | Off-grade ..... | 220 | 202 |
| | Totals ..... | 13,814 | 18,491 |
| Canada | Manitoba Northern No. 4 .... | 8,204 | 8,681 |
| | Totals, all countries .... | 35,328 | 42,738 |
| Milling and Feeds: | | | |
| U.S.A. ..... | | 75,859 | 78,243 |
| Canada ..... | | 59,115 | 41,716 |
| Australia ..... | | 13,902 | 23,557 |
| Totals ..... | | 148,877 | 143,516 |

In 1968 The Food Agency plans to import a total of 3,228,000 metric tons (118,607,000 bushels) of wheat for staple food; 946,000 tons (34,759,000 bushels) of soft; 372,000 tons (13,669,000 bushels) of "semi-hard"; 1,910,000 tons (70,180,000 bushels) of hard wheat; and 1,237,000 tons (45,451,000 bushels) for feed. Of the imports for feeds 113,000 metric tons (4,152,000 bushels) will be for "whole" feed and 1,124,000 tons (41,299,000 bushels) will be imported for bran milling.

Purchases of wheat by Food Agency tenders from January to March 31, 1968, are as follows:

| From U.S.A.: | thousand bushels |
|---|---|
| U.S. Western White ..... | 5,607 |
| Hard Winter 11.5 per cent protein ..... | 3,235 |
| Hard Winter 13 per cent protein ..... | 3,084 |
| Hard Winter Ordinary (for feed) ..... | 1,323 |
| Dark Northern Spring ..... | 2,779 |
| Amber Durum ..... | 257 |
| Total ..... | 16,285 |
| From Canada: | |
| Manitoba No. 2 ..... | 5,480 |
| Manitoba No. 3 ..... | 2,751 |
| Manitoba No. 4 (for feed) ..... | 2,042 |
| Amber Durum ..... | 62 |
| Total ..... | 10,336 |

From Australia:

| | |
|---|---|
| New South Wales FAQ | 1,575 |
| West & Victorian FAQ | 3,456 |
| Queensland | 1,050 |
| Total | 6,080 |
| Total, U.S.A., Canada and Australia | 32,701 |

## CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

April 24 — Wheat stocks in all positions in the United States on April 1, 1968 totalled 836 million bushels, 19 per cent more than a year earlier but the smallest April 1 holdings since 1952.

May 10 — According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, the United States winter wheat crop for harvest in 1968, based on conditions at May 1, was forecast at 1,194 million bushels, 2 per cent below a year earlier but 23 per cent above the 1962-66 average of 968 million.

According to a report from Mr. J.E.G. Gibson, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canberra, another record wheat planting seems likely in Australia this year, although the Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board has cautioned against a rapid increase in wheat production.

May 24 — According to a report from Mr. H.E. Ryan, Assistant Commercial Secretary (Agriculture) for Canada, Buenos Aires, rain is urgently required in the grain growing regions of Argentine.

June 19 — According to a telegraphic crop report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces were summarized as follows:

Crop conditions are generally good throughout most of the Prairie Provinces. Exceptions are to be found in parts of west and west-central Saskatchewan and north-central Alberta where conditions are very dry and rain is urgently needed. However, cereal crops are holding up so far in these districts. Spraying for weed control is general.

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