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THE FEED SITUATION IN CANADA

Fodder Supplies

Feed Grain and After having remained at relatively high levels for the past few years, supplies of feed grain and fodder crops were down in 1954-55. The 1954 crop suffered losses during the growing season from rust, hail, wind and excessive moisture. Yields

were further reduced by a prolonged period of adverse harvesting conditions, while frosts in the latter part of September also seriously damaged immature crops in the Prairie Provinces. The full effect of reduced yields for most grain crops was offset to some extent by substantial carryover stocks at July 31, 1954 of oats and barley.

Supply and Disposition of Canadian Oats, 1944-45 to 1954-55 and Estimated Supply, 1955-56

| | | Supply | | Disposition | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Crop Year | Carryover at Beginning | Production | Total Supply | Exports 2/ | Domestic Disappearance | Carry over at End | |
| | | | - millio | n bushels | | | |
| 1944-45 | 108.5 98.3 77.5 69.5 47.9 60.5 44.9 95.2 108.4 | 418.1 351.2 360.9 270.2 345.3 304.6 401.8 488.1 466.8 | 526.6 449.5 438.4 339.7 393.4 365.5 447.7 583.3 575.2 551.4 | 85.8 43.9 29.8 10.2 23.2 20.5 35.4 70.6 65.4 70.7 | 342.6 328.1 339.1 281.6 309.6 300.1 317.1 404.3 365.4 354.9 | 98.3 77.5 69.5 47.9 60.5 44.9 95.2 108.4 144.4 | |
| 10-year average | 85.5 | 381.4 | 467.1 | 45.6 | 334.3 | 87.2 | |
| 1954-55 <u>4</u> / 1955-56 <u>4</u> / | 125.8 | 306.8 435.9 <u>5</u> / | 432.6 517.0 | 22.2 | 329.2 | 81.1 | |

^{1/} Includes imports which are normally quite small.

2/ Includes oatmeal and rolled oats in terms of oats.

Subject to revision.

Supplies of oats, amounting to 432.6 million bushels, were the lowest since 1949-50 and below the ten-year 1944-45-1953-54 average of 467.1 million. Barley supplies, totalling 321.4 million bushels, were the smallest since 1951-52 but were above the ten-year average of 231.9 million. Production of mixed grains in 1954 at 61.5 million bushels, although down only slightly from the preceding year, was the smallest crop since 1949. Shelled corn production in 1954 was estimated at 22.3 million bushels, about 1.5 million greater than in 1953.

With exports as well as domestic disappearance showing declines in 1954-55, the drop in this year's July-end carryover of oats was entirely attributable to the lower level of supplies during the crop year. Stocks of oats

^{3/} Includes human food, animal feed, seed, waste, and industrial use.

Preliminary; based on yields indicated on or about August 15.

at July 31, 1955, at 81.1 million bushels, were the lowest since 1950 and also below the ten-year (1945-1954) average of 87.2 million.

Although export movement of Canadian barley declined by almost 13.0 million bushels during 1954-55, the reduction in total supplies along with an increase in domestic disappearance resulted in the lowest July-end carryover in three years. This year's July 31 barley stocks at 87.2 million bushels were, however, well above the ten-year average of 56.0 million.

Supply and Disposition of Canadian Barley, 1944-45 to 1954-55 and Estimated Supply, 1955-56

| | | Supply | | | Disposition | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Crop Year | Carryover at Beginning | Production | Total Supply 1/ | Exports | Domestic Disappearance 2/ | Carryover at End |
| | | | - million | bushels . | - | |
| 1944-45 | 45.9 | 187.3 | 233.3 | 39 . 4 | 164.9 | 28.9 |
| 1945-46 | 28.9 | 148.8 | 177.7 | 4.4 | 143.4 | 29.9 |
| 1946-47 | 29.9 | 146.9 | 176.8 | 6.9 | 141.1 | 28.8 |
| 1947-48 | 28.8 | 139.9 | 168.7 | 2.7 | 134.5 | 31.4 |
| 1948-49 | 31.4 | 152.3 | 183.7 | 21.7 | 132.3 | 29.7 |
| 1949-50 | 29.7 | 118.0 | 147.8 | 17.5 | 110.0 | 20.4 |
| 1950-51 | 20.4 | 167.5 | 187.9 | 23.1 | 111.3 | 53.5 |
| 1951-52 | 53.5 | 245.2 | 298.7 | 69.9 | 149.3 | 79.5 |
| 1952-53 | 79.5 | 291.4 | 370.9 | 118.9 | 140.4 | 111.7 |
| 1953-54 | 111.7 | 262.1 | 373.7 | 90.0 | 137.8 | 145.9 |
| 10-year average. | 46.0 | 185.9 | 231.9 | 39.5 | 136.5 | 56.0 |
| 1954-55 <u>3</u> / 1955-56 <u>3</u> / | 145.9 | 175.5 268.8 <u>4</u> / | 321.4 356.0 | 77.1 | 157.1 | 87.2 |

^{1/} Includes imports which are normally small.

3/ Subject to revision.

Supplies of hay during the past crop year were relatively unchanged from those of 1953-54. Production of tame hay (including clover and alfalfa) was estimated at 19.5 million tons, compared with 19.7 million in 1953. Additional forage supplies were provided by the fodder corn crop of 3.0 million tons, the bulk of which was produced in Eastern Canada, and by considerable quantities of grain hay, most of which is harvested in Western Canada.

Combined exports of oats, barley, rye, and flaxseed during the crop year 1954-55 amounted to 114.4 million bushels, below the comparable 1953-54 total of 182.0 million but above both the ten-year (1943-44-1952-53) average of 87.8 million and the 30-year (1923-24-1952-53) average of 54.9 million bushels. With the exception of flaxseed, exports of each of the four grains were down from their 1953-54 levels.

^{2/} Includes human food, animal feed, seed, waste, and industrial use.

^{4/} Preliminary; based on yields indicated on or about August 15.

Canada's 1954-55 cats exports totalling 21.6 million bushels, reflected the major decline in Canadian export grain shipments. For three consecutive years (1951-52-1953-54) Canadian exports of oats exceeded 60.0 million bushels, with the major portion going each year to the United States. In 1954-55 exports of this grain to the United States amounted to only 14.8 million bushels, as against 65.9 million in 1953-54. The sharply reduced total oats exports were also below the 30-year average of 24.7 million bushels and were the only one of the four coarse grains to drop below this long-term average. In addition, some 0.6 million bushels of Canadian oats were exported in the form of rolled oats and oatmeal, compared with 0.8 million in 1953-54.

Exports of Canadian barley in 1954-55 amounted to 77.1 million bushels, a decline of about 13.0 million bushels from the 1953-54 level, but more than double the ten-year (1943-44-1952-53) average of 34.1 million and more than three times as great as the thirty-year average of 22.8 million. The United Kingdom increased its total purchases of Canadian barley to 48.5 million bushels in 1954-55 as against 19.6 million in 1953-54 and thereby became the leading market for this crop.

Exports of Canadian rye during the past crop year totalled 9.3 million bushels compared with 16.8 million during 1953-54 and the ten-year average of 7.8 million. The Federal Republic of Germany and the Netherlands were the principal markets for Canadian rye during 1954-55, taking some 3.3 million and 2.2 million bushels, respectively. Flaxseed exports during 1954-55 amounted to 6.3 million bushels, exceeding both the 1953-54 total of 5.2 million bushels and the ten-year average of 3.5 million. Principal markets for Canadian flaxseed in the past crop year were, with quantities in millions of bushels: Japan, 1.5; France, 1.2; the United Kingdom, 1.1; and Belgium, 1.1.

The Feed Outlook

Supplies of feed grains in 1955-56 are expected to be up substantially from 1954-55 levels and also exceed by considerable margins average supplies for the ten-year (1944-45-1953-54) period. August 1 stocks of oats at 81.1 million bushels were well below those of the last four years while stocks of barley, amounting to 87.2 million bushels were the smallest since 1952. However, the 1955 crops which will be added to these relatively small carryover stocks are well above levels of a year ago. Production of these crops forecast on the basis of conditions at August 15, were: Oats, 435.9 million bushels, and barley, 268.8 million, representing increases over 1954 outturns of 42 per cent and 53 per cent, respectively.

Realization of these estimates would place supplies of oats at 517.0 million bushels and barley at 356.0 million, up considerably from comparable levels for both the preceding crop year and the ten-year averages. In addition, current supplies of oats and barley will be augmented by substantial quantities of feed wheat carried over from the 1954 crop and an estimated 64.1 million bushels of mixed grains, the bulk of which is produced in Eastern Canada. It is emphasized, however, that realization of the 1955 production forecasts will be dependent upon weather and other developments affecting the crops between August 15 and completion of harvesting.

This year's all-Canada hay crop is placed at 19.4 million tons, virtually unchanged from last year's harvest of 19.5 million. Weather conditions in Ontario and Quebec, where more than half the Canadian hay crop is grown, retarded growth in many regions during the spring but enabled farmers to harvest the crop in

generally excellent condition. Production estimates for other forage crops will be available September 30, when the Dominion Bureau of Statistics releases the September Production of Principal Field Crops.

Provisional Pricing System
Established for Domestic
Sales of Western Feed Grains
in Eastern Canada

On September 6, the Canadian Wheat Board announced a new pricing system for western feed grains moving into eastern Canada. Under the new system, shippers may buy oats, barley and feed wheat at the Lakehead at a "provisional price" for sale in eastern Canada

and make settlement with the Board (at the time the sale is booked) for the difference between the provisional price and the Board's selling price at the time of final booking.

In the case of wheat, the provisional price per bushel for No. 5 Wheat will be the Canadian Wheat Board's initial price to producers for No. 5 Wheat in store Fort William—Port Arthur. The provisional price for feeding grades of wheat other than No. 5 will be based on the Board's selling spread for the grade concerned in relation to its selling price for No. 5 Wheat at that time. Similarly, the provisional prices per bushel for No. 1 Feed Oats and No. 1 Feed Barley will be the Board's initial payment price to producers for these grades basis in store Fort William—Port Arthur. The provisional price for grades of oats other than No. 1 Feed will be based on the Board's selling spread for the grade concerned in relation to its selling price for No. 1 Feed Oats at that time; the provisional price for grades of barley other than No. 1 Feed will be based on the Board's selling spread for the grade concerned in relation to its selling price for No. 1 Feed Barley at that time.

All storage, interest, insurance and forwarding charges, etc. from in store Lakehead position are to be for the shippers' account from agreed date of delivery of grain at the Lakehead.

For details of the operation of the new pricing arrangement the reader is referred to the Canadian Wheat Board's Instructions to the Trade (Shippers and Exporters) Nos. 4 and 5, dated September 6, 1955.

In its "Instructions to the Trade" dated July 19, 1955, the Delivery Quota Canadian Wheat Board indicated that its 1955-56 delivery quota Policy, 1955-56 policy would be essentially the same as in 1954-55. Effective on dates to be announced, producers may make deliveries under the unit system introduced in 1954-55 and later, as conditions permit, the Board will establish general quotas, at individual stations, based on bushels per "specified" acre. Under the unit system, producers may deliver 100 units of grain, each unit being the equivalent of 3 bushels of wheat or 8 bushels of oats or 5 bushels of barley or 5 bushels of rye. General quotas, when established, permit producers to deliver a certain number of bushels per "specified" acre, the "specified" acreage consisting of the permit holder's acreage seeded to wheat (other than Durum), oats, barley and rye plus his acreage in summerfallow. As in 1954-55, deliveries of durum wheat and flaxseed are not subject to quota control in 1955-56. Such deliveries may be made on and after August 1, 1955 at any delivery point where space is available.

On August 9, shortly after the beginning of the 1955-56 crop year, the Board announced that some adjustment in its original instructions was required in order to permit producers to complete delivery of the 8-bushel quota established

in 1954-55. According to the Board's instructions, "At many delivery points in the Prairie Provinces estimates of the quantity of grain deliverable under the 8-bushel general quota-the final quota for 1954-55-have increased sharply. These increased estimates had the effect of materially increasing car requirements for this quota and widening the area from which shipments were necessary, with the result that it will be some weeks before the necessary transportation can be supplied. Under the circumstances and for the time being, the Board is giving first preference in the new crop year to deliveries of old crop grain to the extent that individual permit holders have not completed their deliveries under the final 1954-55 general quota of 8 bushels per specified acre."

The Board also announced that all deliveries made under the extended 8-bushel quota must be made for 1955-56 pool accounts and settlement made on the basis of 1955-56 initial payments. However, deliveries of old crop grain in the new crop year against the balance of the 8-bushel quota will not affect the producer's delivery privileges as outlined above for the 1955-56 initial or general quotas.

MILLFEEDS
Supply and Distribution of Millfeeds, August - July, 1954-55 and 1953-54

| | | Production | | | | | Apparent |
|---------------------|---------|------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| Month | Bran | Shorts | Shorts Middlings | | Imports | Exports | Domestic Disappearance |
| | | | | - tons | ents | | |
| August, 1954 | 24,389 | 26,593 | 8,790 | 59,772 | 177 | 12,571 | 46,204 |
| September | 26,456 | 27,266 | 10,155 | 63,877 | 402 | 11,254 | 49,449 |
| October | 25,907 | 27,050 | 10,267 | 63,224 | 474 | 11,235 | 53,114 |
| November | 26,023 | 26,696 | 9,374 | 62,093 | 181 | 13,873 | 48,966 |
| December | 23,412 | 24,703 | 8,018 | 56,133 | 433 | 5,357 | 48,056 |
| January, 1955 | 22,360 | 22,651 | 6,639 | 51,650 | 122 | 2,761 | 51,829 |
| February | 23,901 | 21,756 | | 54,224 | 198 | 8,316 | 41,859 |
| March | 27,961 | 25,624 | 10,724 | 64,309 | 439 | 9,661 | 56,284 |
| April | 24,192 | 24,182 | 8,708 | 57,082 | 608 | 13,480 | 51,488 |
| May | 22,935 | 24,346 | 10,386 | 57,667 | 683 | 14,272 | 42,136 |
| Tune | 22,673 | 23,912 | | 56,187 | 190 | 10,570 | 43,301 |
| July | 20,037 | 21,566 | | 49,756 | 2/ | 15,960 | 34,766 |
| Totals | 290,246 | 296,345 | 109,383 | 695,974 | 3,907 | 129,310 | 567,452 |
| Same period 1953-54 | | | | | | | abde Brits |
| (revised) | 294,206 | 291,884 | 92,366 | 678,456 | 1,457 | 186,214 | 494,522 |

^{1/} Adjusted for change in mill stocks.

^{2/} Not available.

ACREAGE AND FIRST FORECAST OF 1955 PRODUCTION OF CANADA'S PRINCIPAL GRAIN CROPS

Based on conditions at August 15, production of most of Canada's principal grain crops will be substantially above last year's relatively low levels. Current indicated average yields per acre for the eight crops in the table below either equal or exceed those of 1954 and, with the exception of mixed grains, also exceed the ten-year (1945—1954) averages. Production of all except winter wheat and fall rye is expected to surpass that of 1954, while all except winter wheat and spring rye are expected to exceed the ten-year averages.

It is emphasized that realization of the 1955 yield and production forecasts in the accompanying table is dependent on the continuation of favourable weather conditions throughout the remainder of the growing and hervesting season, particularly in the Prairie Provinces. For the third successive year, seeding was unduly prolonged throughout much of Western Canada, resulting in a substantial proportion of the crop being seeded late. Although unusually favourable growing and harvesting conditions were experienced during July and August over most of the Prairies, late-seeded crops which have not yet reached maturity must be considered vulnerable to frost damage.

Canada's 1955 wheat crop, currently forecast at 500.6 million bushels, will, if realized, be the fourth crop in five years to equal or exceed 500 million bushels. Production of the size indicated would, in addition, be 67 per cent greater than last year's unusually low outturn and about 13 per cent above the ten-year average of 443.5 million.

Production of oats for grain in 1955 was forecast at 435.9 million bushels, representing increases of 42 per cent over last year's total of 306.8 million and 18 per cent over the ten-year average of 370.3 million. The indicated higher production resulted from the combination of a 10 per cent increase in seeded area and a 29 per cent increase in average yield, currently placed at 39 bushels per acre. The 1955 barley crop was forecast at 268.8 million bushels. A crop of this size would be second only to the 291.4 million bushels harvested in 1952. Despite a decrease of about 9 per cent in the total area seeded to fall and spring rye, the combined production of these two crops was forecast at 15.4 million bushels, 9 per cent above the 1954 outturn of 14.2 million. This year's flaxseed crop, currently forecast at 22.3 million bushels, is almost twice as large as last year's 11.2 million. Production of mixed grains, grown chiefly in Eastern Canada, was forecast at 64.1 million bushels compared with 61.5 million in 1954.

The current forecast for all crops must be interpreted in the light of conditions affecting growth and harvesting subsequent to August 15, especially in view of the variation in crop development and harvesting progress, potential loss from frost and possible unfavourable harvesting weather. The second forecast of production, to be released September 30, will give greater effect to actual harvesting conditions and outturns.

August Forecast of the 1955 Production of Principal Grain Crops,

| | Aı | ea | Yield : | Per Acre | Pro du | ction |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Crop | 1954 | 1955 | 1954 | 1955* | 1954 | 1955* |
| | acres | acres | bu. | bu. | bu. | bu. |
| CANADA | | | | | | |
| Winter wheat | 710,000 | 582,000 | 34.0 | 34.1 | 24,140,000 | 19,873,000 |
| Spring wheat | 23,556,800 | 20,922,400 | 11.7 | 23.0 | 274,769,000 | 480,714,000 |
| All wheat | 24,266,800 | 21,504,400 | 12.3 | 23-3 | 298,909,000 | 500,587,000 |
| Oats | 10,160,600 | 11,178,000 | 30.2 | 39.0 | 306,793,000 | 435,880,000 |
| Barley | 7,855,900 | 9,912,300 | 22.3 | 27.1 | 175,509,000 | 268,798,000 |
| Fall rye | 672,500 | 566,700 | 17.7 | 20.9 | 11,922,000 | 11,867,000 |
| Spring rye | 178,000 | 211,300 | 12.7 | 16.9 | 2,254,000 | 3,565,000 |
| All rye | 850,500 | 778,000 | 16.7 | 19.8 | 14,176,000 | 15,432,000 |
| Flaxseed | 1,206,000 | 1,988,400 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 11,238,000 | 22,253,000 |
| Mixed grains | 1,632,600 | 1,705,200 | 37.6 | 37.6 | 61,454,000 | 64,084,000 |
| PRAIRIE PROVINCES | | | | | | |
| Wheat | 23,437,000 | 20,812,000 | 11.6 | 23.0 | 272,000,000 | 478,000,000 |
| Oats | 6,715,000 | 7,788,000 | 29.2 | 41.1 | 196,000,000 | 320,000,000 |
| Barley | 7,568,000 | 9,638,000 | 22.1 | 27.0 | 167,000,000 | 260,000,000 |
| Rye | 752,700 | 707,000 | 16.2 | 19.9 | 12,179,000 | 14,100,000 |
| Flaxseed | 1,177,000 | 1,959,000 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 10,950,000 | 21,900,000 |

^{*}As indicated on basis of conditions on or about August 15.

Stocks on Farms Farm-held stocks of each of the five grains at July 31, 1955 were well below last year's record or near-record levels but, except for oats and flaxseed, were above the ten-year (1945—1954) averages. Although this year's farm-held stocks of wheat, estimated at 100.9 million bushels, were the third largest on record, they were little more than half of either the 1954 record of 195.9 million bushels or the 190.2 million on farms in 1943.

Stocks of oats remaining on farms were estimated at 53.4 million bushels as against 97.2 million at July 31 a year ago and the ten-year average of 59.3 million bushels. Farm-held stocks of barley, at 42.3 million bushels were less than half the 96.8 million bushels in 1954 but were above the ten-year average of 27.0 million bushels. Farm stocks of rye amounting to 10.2 million bushels were second only to the record 1954 total of 12.9 million while flaxseed stocks in this position amounted to only 0.3 million bushels.

It should be noted that, beginning with 1953, estimated stocks on farms in Eastern Canada and British Columbia are not strictly comparable with those of preceding years. Prior to 1953 farm stocks in those areas represented only that part of the locally-produced grain remaining on farms at July 31; since 1953, estimated farm stocks include, in addition to locally-produced grain, allowances for grain obtained from other sources including that moving under the Freight Assistance Policy.

Estimated Farm Stocks of Grain in Canada, July 31, 1955 and 1954

| Province | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|------------------|--|--|--|
| | | - th | ousand bushels | - | a Louis Property | | | |
| Prince Edward Island | 10 | 300 | 20 | - | _ | | | |
| Nova Scotia | 20 | 200 | 40 | | | | | |
| New Brunswick | 25 | 500 | 50 | | | | | |
| Quebec | 300 | 5,000 | 600 | 10 | - | | | |
| Ontario | 3,000 | 7,000 | 1,300 | 150 | 20 | | | |
| Manitoba | 2,000 | 5,000 | 8,000 | 500 | 100 | | | |
| Saskatchewan | 55,000 | 20,000 | 14,000 | 6,000 | 100 | | | |
| Alberta | 40,000 | 15,000 | 18,000 | 3,500 | 100 | | | |
| British Columbia | 500 | 400 | 300 | 20 | 5 | | | |
| Totals, July 31, 1955 1/ | 100,855 | 53,400 | 42,310 | 10,180 | 325 | | | |
| Totals, July 31, 1954 2/ | 195,860 | 97,250 | 96,810 | 12,860 | 1,030 | | | |

Since the bulk of farm stocks of grain is held in Western Canada, stocks in the Prairie Provinces have been segregated from the above table for ease in comparison with last year's totals.

Estimated Farm Stocks in the Prairie Provinces, July 31, 1955 and 1954

| Province | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|----------|
| | | - th | ousand bushels | - | |
| Manitoba | 2,000 | 5,000 | 8,000 | 500 | 100 |
| Saskatchewan | 55,000 | 20,000 | 14,000 | 6,000 | 100 |
| Alberta | 40,000 | 15,000 | 18,000 | 3,500 | 100 |
| Totals, July 31, 1955 1/ | 97,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 10,000 | 300 |
| Totals, July 31, 1954 2/ | 192,000 | 85,000 | 95,000 | 12,700 | 1,000 |

^{1/} Subject to revision.

^{2/} Revised.

CARRYOVER STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1955

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions as at July 31, 1955 were estimated at 668.8 million bushels, about 24 per cent below last year's record 876.2 million but some 86 per cent above the ten-year (1945—1954) average of 360.4 million. July-end carryover stocks of Canadian wheat were placed at 481.4 million bushels, compared with the July 31, 1954 total of 582.7 million and the record 594.6 million in 1943. Current carryover stocks of oats were estimated at 81.1 million bushels, well below those of the last four years and also below the ten-year average of 87.2 million. Barley stocks, placed at 87.2 million bushels, were the lowest in three years but remained well above the ten-year average of 56.0 million. Rye stocks, estimated at 17.9 million bushels were exceeded only by last year's record of 19.3 million. Stocks of flax-seed, estimated at 1.2 million bushels, were the lowest since 1951 and only about one-third of the ten-year average of 3.4 million.

Position of Canadian Grain Stocks, July 31, 1955 1/

| Position | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | | - the | usand bus | shels - | |
| In Canada | | | | | |
| On farms | 100,855 | 53,400 | 42,310 | 10,180 | 325 |
| Country elevators | 212,230 | 13,770 | 28,912 | 2,542 | 89 |
| Interior private and mill elevators | 6,801 | 527 | 1,529 | 26 | 7 |
| Interior terminal elevators | 15,728 | 9 | 17 | 17 | 2 |
| Pacific Coast terminals | 8,279 | 232 | 1,257 | - | 2/ |
| Churchill elevator | 2,266 | - | - | - | De la Tra |
| Fort William-Port Arthur elevators | 40,332 | 6,804 | 7,916 | 3,229 | 243 |
| Storage Afloat | 177 | - | - | | - |
| In transit - lake | 8,729 | 831 | 1,486 | 171 | 323 |
| In transit - rail | 15,906 | 1,888 | 1,327 | 657 | 58 |
| Eastern elevators | 68,317 | 3,414 | 2,377 | 911 | 177 |
| Eastern mills (mill bins only) | 2,146 | 218 | 101 | 4 | |
| Western mills (mill bins only) | 185 | 34 | 7 | 44 | - 0 |
| Totals in Canada | 480,952 | 81,127 | 87,238 | 17,781 | 1,225 |
| In United States | 411 | alde | do | 91 | - |
| Cotal in Canada and United States | 481,363 | 81,127 | 87,238 | 17,871 | 1,225 |
| Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1954 3/ | | | | | |
| in Canada | 582,568 | 125,769 | 145,910 | 19,285 | 2,578 |
| In United States | 107 | - | - | - | - |
| Cotal in Canada and United States | 582,675 | 125,769 | 145,910 | 19,285 | 2,578 |
| verage stocks, July 31, 1945-1954 | 206,838 | 87,225 | 55,967 | 6,967 | 3,422 |

^{1/} Subject to revision.

^{2/} Less than 500 bushels.

^{3/} Revised.

CARRYOVER OF CANADIAN OATS, BARLEY, RYE AND FLAXSEED, 1925-1955

Total carryover stocks of Canadian oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in all positions at July 31, 1955 amounted to 187.5 million bushels, about 36 per cent below the comparable 1954 total of 293.5 million but some 22 per cent above the tem-year (1945—1954) average of 153.6 million bushels. Carryover stocks of oats at the end of the 1954-55 crop year were estimated at 81.1 million bushels, down considerably from those of the last four years and also below the tem-year average of 87.2 million. Stocks of barley, placed at 87.2 million bushels, were the smallest in three years but still exceeded by a wide margin the tem-year average of 56.0 million.

July-end stocks of rye, at 17.9 million bushels were exceeded only by the record 19.3 million bushels a year ago. Flaxseed stocks, estimated at 1.2 million bushels, were the lowest since 1951 and amounted to only about one-third of the 1945—1954 average.

In the table below, grain afloat to United States ports was not reported from 1925 to 1931 but has been included since 1932. Stocks of Canadian grain in United States, lake and seaboard ports from 1925 to 1931 are for the week-end nearest July 31 for each of those years. Stocks on farms are included in the totals for all years.

Carryover of Canadian Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed, July 31, 1925-1955

| Year | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------|----------|--|--|--|
| | - thousand bushels - | | | | | | |
| 1925 | 35,371 | 4,606 | 1,322 | 1,540 | | | |
| 1926 | 46,140 | 8,563 | 1,355 | 2,604 | | | |
| 1927 | 23,079 | 5,685 | 1,307 | 2,069 | | | |
| 1928 | 28,665 | 6,590 | 2,089 | 1,296 | | | |
| 1929 | 45,301 | 13,272 | 4,295 | 524 | | | |
| 1930 | 21,723 | 24,638 | 9,796 | 538 | | | |
| 1931 | 63,445 | 29,580 | 14,420 | | | | |
| 1932 | 29,849 | 7,196 | 5,766 | 834 | | | |
| | 42,045 | 11,338 | | 1,321 | | | |
| 1933 | 31,060 | 11,093 | 6,006 4,050 | 1,180 | | | |
| 17.24 | 31,000 | 11,095 | 4.050 | 471 | | | |
| 10-year average 1925-1934 | 36,668 | 12,256 | 5,041 | 1,238 | | | |
| 1935 | 26,471 | 6,019 | 3,166 | 313 | | | |
| 1936 | 40,380 | 10,234 | 3,685 | 269 | | | |
| 1937 | 18,266 | 4,796 | 409 | 465 | | | |
| 1938 | 19.499 | 6,631 | 1.001 | 219 | | | |
| 1939 | 48,887 | 12,804 | 2,921 | 119 | | | |
| 1940 | 46,931 | 12,654 | 5,352 | 583 | | | |
| 1941 | 41,563 | 10,908 | 4,919 | 620 | | | |
| 1942 | 28,607 | 10,821 | 3,353 | 1,027 | | | |
| 1943 | 149,341 | 69,279 | 15,268 | 3,740 | | | |
| | 108,479 | 45,949 | 5,594 | | | | |
| 1944 | | | | 3,649 | | | |
| 10-year average 1935-1944 | 52,842 | 19,010 | 4,567 | 1,100 | | | |
| 1945 | 98,255 | 28,919 | 2,024 | 2,932 | | | |
| 1946 | 77,492 | 29,937 | 768 | 1,649 | | | |
| 1947 | 69,484 | 28,764 | 755 | 797 | | | |
| 1948 | 47,891 | 31.449 | 904 | 3,371 | | | |
| 1949 | 60,507 | 29,669 | 11.918 | 10,692 | | | |
| 1950 | 44,905 | 20,355 | 6,431 | 4,468 | | | |
| 1951 | 95,177 | 53,496 | 3,299 | 1,204 | | | |
| 1952 | 108,358 | 79,504 | 8,094 | 2,589 | | | |
| 1953 | 144,409 | 111,667 | 16,191 | 3,939 | | | |
| 1954 1/ | 125,769 | 145,910 | 19,285 | 2,578 | | | |
| 10-year average 1945—1954 | 87,225 | 55,967 | 6,967 | 3,422 | | | |
| 1955 2/ | 81,127 | 87,238 | 17,871 | 1,225 | | | |

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Preliminary.

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, BARLEY, RYE AND FLAXSKED

Total marketings of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed by farmers in the Prairie Provinces during the crop year 1954-55 amounted to 196.2 million bushels, about 7 per cent below both the 1953-54 total of 211.4 million and the 1943-44-1952-53 average marketings of 210.9 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed in the Prairie Provinces, 1954-55 with Comparisons

| Period or week ending | | 0 A ! | r s | | | BARI | LEY | |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------|------------|-----------|---------|
| refrod of week ending | Man. | Sesk. | Alta. | Total | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | Total |
| August 1, 1954 - | | - thousan | d bushels | - | | - thousand | d bushels | - |
| May 18, 1955 | 9,701 | 26,445 | 13,768 | 49,914 | 25,291 | 32,690 | 29,075 | 87,057 |
| 25 | 62 | 182 | 108 | 352 | 362 | 319 | 284 | 966 |
| June 1 | 109 | 195 | 184 | 488 | 428 | 322 | 348 | 1,098 |
| 8 | 455 | 764 | 430 | 1,649 | 634 | 564 | 399 | 1,597 |
| 15 | 665 | 1,714 | 736 | 3,116 | 741 | 861 | 616 | 2,218 |
| 22 | 547 | 1,465 | 653 | 2,665 | 855 | 1,070 | 658 | 2,583 |
| 29 | 447 | 1,162 | 440 | 2,049 | 998 | 1,130 | 661 | 2,790 |
| July 6 | 455 | 878 | 234 | 1,567 | 943 | 759 | 388 | 2,090 |
| 13 | 142 | 525 | 223 | 890 | 504 | 547 | 356 | 1,407 |
| 20 | 161 | 593 | 292 | 1,046 | 417 | 664 | 566 | 1,648 |
| 31 | 787 | 1,504 | 949 | 3,240 | 1,803 | 1,528 | 1,796 | 5,127 |
| Totals | 13,531 | 35,427 | 18,017 | 66,976 | 32,976 | 40,454 | 35,147 | 108,579 |
| Adjusted Totals* | 13,562 | 35,932 | 17,481 | 66,976 | 32,990 | 40,662 | 34,927 | 108,579 |
| Similar Period 1953-54 | 17,654 | 43,176 | 29,537 | 90,367 | 30,345 | 35,719 | 35, 333 | 101,397 |
| | -14-24 | 42,-1 | -,,,,,, | , , , , , , , | 2-12-12 | 2777 | | |
| Average Similar Period 1943-44-1952-53 | 20,872 | 56,519 | 30,730 | 108,122 | 28,923 | 32,916 | 24,506 | 86,344 |
| 1747-44-1772-77 | 20,012 | ,0,,,,, | 70,170 | 100,24 | 201717 | J.,, | | |
| | RYE | | | FLAXSEED | | | | |
| | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | Total | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | Total |
| | - | thousand | bushels | - | | - thousand | bushels | - |
| August 1, 1954 - | | | | | | | | |
| May 18, 1955 | 931 | 4,419 | 2,862 | 8,211 | 3,131 | 3,370 | 1,710 | 8,211 |
| 25 | 13 | 54 | 24 | 91 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 34 |
| June 1 | 24 | 86 | 45 | 154 | 19 | 36 | 12 | 68 |
| 8 | 35 | 146 | 55 | 236 | 12 | 40 | 17 | 68 |
| 15 | 43 | 235 | 83 | 361 | 21 | 37 | 15 | 73 |
| 22 | 50 | 252 | 100 | 402 | 18 | 37 | 6 | 61 |
| 29 | 45 | 220 | 108 | 372 | 18 | 39 | 12 | 69 |
| July 6 | 64 | 168 | 57 | 288 | 26 | 35 | 5 | 66 |
| 13 | 13 | 161 | 74 | 249 | 13 | 24 | 11 | 48 |
| 20 | 17 | 284 | 114 | 415 | 9 | 22 | 10 | 41 |
| 31 | 129 | 653 | 334 | 1,116 | 11 | 15 | 4 | 30 |
| Totals | 1,364 | 6,678 | 3,856 | 11,896 | 3,291 | 3,670 | 1,808 | 8,769 |
| Adjusted Totals* | 1,365 | 6,696 | 3,834 | 11,896 | 3,308 | 3,754 | 1,706 | 8,769 |
| Similar Period 1953-54 | 1,828 | 6,878 | 3,503 | 12,209 | 3,069 | 2,538 | 1,795 | 7,403 |
| Average Similar Period 1943-44-1952-53 | 761 | 5,199 | 2,931 | 8,891 | 2,965 | 3,382 | 1,240 | 7,587 |
| | | | | | | | | |

^{*}Details of adjustments not available by weeks.

Visible Supply of Canadian Oats, August 24, 1955, Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1953 and 1954

| Position | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|--|--------|----------------------|----------|
| | | - thousand bushels - | |
| Country elevators - Manitoba | 7,423 | 2,866 | 2,983 |
| Saskatchewan | 15,419 | 9,402 | 7,731 |
| Alberta | 11,788 | 9,365 | 4,550 |
| Totals | 34,631 | 21,632 | 15,264 |
| Interior private and mill | 781 | 495 | 488 |
| Interior terminals | 41 | 12 | 3 |
| Vancouver-New Westminster | 441 | 414 | 96 |
| Victoria | - | - | 1/ |
| Prince Rupert | 2 | | _ |
| Churchill | 5 | 1 | 1/ |
| Fort William-Port Arthur | 7,048 | 2,923 | 5,539 |
| In transit rail (Western Division) | 6,448 | 3,636 | 1,224 |
| Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports | 2,069 | 1,922 | 2,507 |
| Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports. | 1,074 | 490 | 1,117 |
| In transit lake | 493 | 459 | 788 |
| In transit rail (Eastern Division) | 80 | 15 | 35 |
| United States ports | 147 | 49 | CES OF T |
| Totals | 53,258 | 31,999 | 27,061 |

Visible Supply of Canadian Barley, August 24, 1955 Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1953 and 1954

| Position | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | - thousand bushels - | |
| Country elevators - Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta | 8,316 14,443 20,578 | 5,567 11,868 22,893 | 6,618 7,046 17,078 |
| Totals | 43,336 | 40,327 | 30,741 |
| Interior private and mill Interior terminals Vancouver—New Westminster Victoria Prince Rupert Fort William—Port Arthur In transit rail (Western Division) Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports. In transit lake In transit rail (Eastern Division) United States ports | 2,244 378 331 169 3 10,077 5,529 1,598 3,567 3,006 23 163 | 1,968 557 360 1 310 9,382 6,658 812 1,188 1,819 | 1,303 14 747 1/ 504 7,931 835 1,528 1,721 197 |
| Totals | 70,425 | 63,392 | 45,531 |

^{1/} Less than 500 bushels.

Visible Supply of Canadian Rye, August 24, 1955 Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1953 and 1954

| Position | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|--|---------|--------------------|-------|
| | | - thousand bushels | - |
| Country elevators - Manitoba | 716 | 422 | 498 |
| Saskatchewan | 2,119 | 1,780 | 1,704 |
| Alberta | 1,247 | 944 | 718 |
| Totals | 4,082 | 3,146 | 2,921 |
| Interior private and mill | 55 | 20 | 30 |
| Interior terminals | - | 1/ | 33 |
| Vancouver-New Westminster | 23 | _ | - |
| Fort William-Port Arthur | 6,117 | 2,007 | 3,320 |
| In transit rail (Western Division) | 612 | 489 | 308 |
| Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports | 201 | 142 | 432 |
| Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports | 1,242 | 575 | 641 |
| In transit lake | 478 | - | 421 |
| United States ports | 831 | - | - |
| In transit U.S.A | - E III | | 91 |
| Totals | 13,641 | 6,379 | 8,196 |

Visible Supply of Canadian Flaxseed, August 24, 1955 Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1953 and 1954

| Position | | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|------|
| | | - | - | |
| Country elevators | - Manitoba | 401 | 154 | 56 |
| | Saskatchewan | 289 | 100 | 47 |
| | Alberta | 237 | 70 | 26 |
| | Totals | 928 | 324 | 128 |
| Interior private and mill | | 34 | 23 | 9 |
| Interior terminals | | 1/ | 1/ | 2 |
| Vancouver-New Wes | stminster | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| Fort William-Port | Arthur | 486 | 401 | 160 |
| In transit rail () | Western Division) | 240 | 134 | 31 |
| Bay, Lake and Uppe | er St. Lawrence ports | 119 | 65 | 30 |
| Lower St. Lawrence | e and Maritime ports | 243 | 100 | 135 |
| | | 160 | 235 | 45 |
| | Eastern Division) | - | | - |
| Totals | | 2,210 | 1,283 | 541 |

^{1/} Less than 500 bushels.

GRADING OF CROPS, 1954-55

The total number of cars of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed (both old and new crop) inspected by the Board of Grain Commissioners during the crop year 1954-55 amounted to 99,480, indicating a decline of about 8 per cent from the 1953-54 total of 107,825. Inspections of barley, at 56,633 cars accounted for about 57 per cent of the 1954-55 total. Inspections of oats amounting to 29,420 cars made up some 29 per cent of the remainder, while the 7,593 cars of rye and 5,834 cars of flaxseed accounted for 8 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively.

Although the quality of the 1954 Western grain was relatively low, the proportion of deliveries entering the higher grades during the 1954-55 crop year indicated that marketings during the period were drawn to a considerable extent from stocks carried over from the high-quality 1953 crop. Percentages of the four grains falling into the higher grades (excluding "Toughs" and "Damps") during the crop year ending July 31, 1955 with the 1953-54 and five-year averages, respectively, in brackets were as follows: oats, 1 Feed or higher, 75.5 (91.5, 74.5); barley, 1 Feed or higher, 43.8 (66.6, 53.1); rye, 3 C.W. or higher, 72.4 (79.0, 74.9); and flaxseed, 1 C.W. and 2 C.W. 77.0 (95.5, 70.5).

Grading of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed Inspected, August-July, 1954-55 with Comparisons

| Grain | | Year | August- | -July | Grain | | Year | August | t-July |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| and Grade | Average 1948-49- 1952-53 | 1953-54 | 1954 | 4-55 | | Average 1948-49- 1952-53 | 1953-54 | 19 | 54-55 |
| | - per | cent - | cars | per | | - per | cent - | cars | per |
| OATS | | | | cent | BARLEY | | | | cent |
| 1 C.W | 1/ | 400 | - | _ | 1 C.W. Six-Row | 1/ | 1/ | 3 | 1/ |
| 2 C.W | 1.0 | 0.6 | 47 | 0.2 | 2 C.W. Six-Row | | 2.1 | 307 | 0. |
| Ex. 3 C.W | 5.5 | 4.0 | 390 | 1.3 | 3 C.W. Six-Row | 20.7 | 33.3 | 9,646 | 17.0 |
| 3 C.W | 16.3 | 20.9 | 3,285 | 11.2 | 4 C.W. Six-Row | 1.4 | 3.1 | 570 | 1.0 |
| Ex. 1 Feed | 13.9 | 17.5 | 4,010 | 13.6 | 1 and 2 C.W.Two-Row | 0.3 | 0.4 | 38 | 0.1 |
| 1 Feed | 37.8 | 48.5 | 14,469 | 49.2 | 3 C.W. Two-Row | 0.8 | 3.6 | 1,474 | 2.6 |
| 2 Feed | 6.1 | 5.1 | 2,485 | 8.4 | 2 C.W. Yellow | 1/ | _ | - | - |
| 3 Feed | 1.3 | 0.9 | 401 | 1.4 | 3 C.W. Yellow | | | - | - |
| Mixed Feed | 1/ | 0.1 | 10 | 1/ | 1 Feed | 24.5 | 24.1 | 12,787 | 22.6 |
| Toughs 2/ 3/ | 13.8 | 1.9 | 3,996 | 13.6 | 2 Feed | 19.0 | 17.9 | 9,728 | 17.2 |
| Damps 27 47 | 3.1 | 1/ | 13 | 1/ | 3 Feed | 5.8 | 4.3 | 1,732 | 3.1 |
| Rejected 2/ | 0.5 | 0.3 | 196 | 0.7 | Toughs 2/ 5/ | 16.5 | 10.6 | 19,583 | 34.6 |
| All others | 0.5 | 0.3 | 118 | 0.4 | Damps 27 47 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 580 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | Rejected 2/ | 0.3 | 0.3 | 155 | 0.3 |
| | | | | | All others | 0.2 | 0.2 | 30 | 0.1 |
| Totals | 100.0 | 100.0 | 29,420 | 100.0 | Totals | 100.0 | 100.0 | 56,633 | 100.0 |
| Bushel equivalent | (approxima | tely) | 70,271, | 000 | Bushel equivalent (| approxime | tely) | 112,02 | 29,000 |
| RYE | | | | | FLAXSEED | | | | |
| 1 C.W | 0.5 | 0.2 | 9 | 0.1 | 1 C.W | 62.5 | 84.7 | 3,198 | 54.8 |
| 2 C.W | 38.7 | 21.5 | 1,458 | 19.2 | 2 C.W | 8.0 | 10.8 | 1,297 | 22.2 |
| 3 C.W | 35.7 | 57.3 | 4,033 | 53.1 | 3 C.W | 3.2 | 2.3 | 240 | 4.1 |
| 4 C.W | 5.2 | 3.6 | 190 | 2.5 | 4 C.W | 0.6 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 |
| Ergoty | 4.7 | 6.5 | 179 | 2.4 | Toughs 2/ 6/ | 21.0 | 1.4 | 1,032 | 17.7 |
| Toughs 2/ 3/ | 13.3 | 10.2 | 1,697 | 22.3 | Damps 27 77 | 3.9 | 1/ | 48 | 0.8 |
| Damps 27 47 | 1.4 | 1/ | 6 | 0.1 | Rejected 2/ | 1/ | = | - | - |
| Rejected 2/ | 0.3 | 0.4 | 16 | 0.2 | All others | 0.7 | 0.7 | 13 | 0.2 |
| All others | 0.1 | 0.1 | 5 | 0.1 | | | | | |
| Totals Bushel equivalent | 100.0 (approxim | 100.0 atelv) 1 | 7,593 3,168,00 | | Totals Bushel equivalent (| | 100.0 | 5,834 | 100.0 |

^{1/} Less than .05 per cent.

^{2/} All grades.

^{3/} Moisture content 14.1 per cent to 17 per cent.

^{4/} Moisture content over 17 per cent.

^{5/} Moisture content 14.9 per cent to 17 per cent.

^{6/} Moisture content 10.6 per cent to 13.5 per cent.

^{7/} Moisture content over 13.5 per cent.

LAKE SHIPMENTS FROM FORT WILLIAM-PORT ARTHUR

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to July 31, 1955 amounted to 142.1 million bushels, as against 124.8 million shipped during the corresponding period of 1953-54. Shipments of wheat, amounting to 84.1 million bushels, accounted for most of the increase, while cats was the only one of the five grains moving in smaller volume this year than last.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to July 31, 1955 and to Approximately the Same Date, 1944 to 1954*

| Year | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | Total |
|------------------------|---------|--------|------------|----------|----------|---------|
| VIII III EII PLEADININ | | - | thousand b | ushels - | | |
| 1944 | 142,503 | 31,784 | 21,725 | 5,262 | 3,625 | 204,899 |
| 1945 | 162,672 | 51,016 | 20,942 | 2,770 | 1,921 | 239,322 |
| 1946 | 49,247 | 28,414 | 9,731 | 696 | 872 | 88,960 |
| 1947 | 77,890 | 22,376 | 10,216 | 1,662 | 28 | 112,172 |
| 1948 | 44,022 | 9,853 | 8,620 | 302 | 3,372 | 66,170 |
| 1949 | 71,626 | 12,406 | 13,056 | 5,814 | 4,767 | 107,670 |
| 1950 | 73,456 | 9.804 | 11,519 | 2,918 | 558 | 98,255 |
| 1951 | 78,059 | 27,694 | 19,734 | 4,595 | 686 | 130,767 |
| 1952 | 128,743 | 51,324 | 44.344 | 4,534 | 2,564 | 231,508 |
| 1953 | 134,458 | 39,752 | 56,577 | 6,123 | 2,550 | 239,459 |
| 1954 | 60,039 | 28,521 | 30.263 | 4.186 | 1,765 | 124,774 |
| 1955 | 84,068 | 16,376 | 32,060 | 6,488 | 3,134 | 142,126 |

Shipments from opening of navigation to July 31, 1944 through 1947. Shipments for subsequent years to the following dates: July 29, 1948; July 31, 1949; August 3, 1950; August 2, 1951; July 31, 1952; July 31, 1953; and July 31, 1954.

RAIL SHIPMENTS FROM FORT WILLIAM -- PORT ARTHUR

Rail movement of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed from the Lakehead during the 1954-55 crop year amounted to 18.4 million bushels, only slightly below the total of 19.9 million for the corresponding period of 1953-54.

Rail Shipments of Canadian Grain from Fort William—Port Arthur August—July 1954-55 and 1953-54

| Month | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | Total |
|---------------------|-------|--------|----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| | | - | thousand | bushels . | To Other City | 10451-10 |
| August, 1954 | 61 | 220 | 97 | 3 | - | 381 |
| September | 51 | 161 | 83 | 2 | - | 296 |
| October | 46 | 96 | 85 | -00 | 2 | 229 |
| November | 81 | 236 | 73 | 2 | 10 | 401 |
| December | 179 | 788 | 1,204 | 8 | 964 | 3,143 |
| January, 1955 | 352 | 1,352 | 2,055 | 10 | 911 | 4,681 |
| February | 318 | 1,269 | 1,126 | 29 | 643 | 3,385 |
| March | 246 | 1,706 | 692 | 12 | 658 | 3,315 |
| April | 169 | 1,109 | 410 | 13 | 57 | 1,758 |
| May | 69 | 273 | 58 | 3 | - | 402 |
| June | 58 | 142 | 37 | | | 223 |
| July | 58 | 122 | 29 | 1 | - | 211 |
| Totals | 1,674 | 7,475 | 5,950 | 82 | 3,244 | 18,425 |
| Same period 1953-54 | 3,265 | 10,117 | 4,590 | 73 | 1,880 | 19,925 |

FREICHT ASSISTANCE SHIPMENTS

Claims filed for payment up to July 31, 1955 indicate the movement of some 70.6 million bushels of wheat, oats, barley and rye from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August—June period of the 1954-55 crop year. This preliminary total, subject to upward revision with the filing of additional claims, already exceeds by a small margin the revised total of 68.2 million bushels for the corresponding period of 1953-54. Of the four grains, oats was the only crop moving in smaller volume this year than last, with most of the increase accounted for by larger shipments of barley.

Preliminary data on the movement of screenings and millfeeds under the freight assistance plan, indicate that 59,436 tons and 463,267 tons, respectively, were shipped during the August—June period of 1954-55. On the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years, indications are that this year's shipments of screenings have been running somewhat below the comparable level of 1953-54. Shipments of millfeeds, however, are already about 7 per cent above the revised total of 434,443 tons moved during the August—June period of the preceding crop year. As with wheat, oats, barley and rye, these totals are based on claims submitted up to July 31, 1955 and will likely be subject to considerable upward revision with the filing of additional claims.

The bulk of all freight-assisted shipments went to Ontario and Quebec, with the two provinces accounting for 72 per cent of the wheat, 83 per cent of the oats, 85 per cent of the barley, 96 per cent of the rye, 84 per cent of the screenings, and 77 per cent of the millfeeds.

| Provincial | Distribution | of Freight-Assisted | Shipments, |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| | August-June | 1954-55 and 1953-54 | |

| Province | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Screenings | Millfeeds |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | thousand | bushels - | | - tor | ns - |
| Newfoundland | 68 | 471 | 114 | 1/ | 543 | 2,937 |
| Prince Edward Island. Nova Scotia | 134 768 | 198 2,036 | 1,020 | 6 | 490 3,261 | 6,499 |
| New Brunswick | 428 | 1,083 | 666 | 4 | 2,303 | 27,397 |
| Quebec | 4,706 | 15,059 | 11,149 | 197 | 24,185 | 229,126 |
| Ontario | 4,115 2,092 | 15,807 2,554 | 6,584 948 | 84 | 25,452 3,202 | 127,248 |
| Totals 2/ | 12,312 | 37,208 | 20,752 | 292 | 59,436 | 463,267 |
| Same Period 1953-54 | | | | | | |
| Preliminary 3/ Revised 2/ | 11,725 12,183 | 37,227 38,050 | 17,403 17,801 | 128 128 | 71,822 73,049 | 417,179 434,443 |

^{1/} Less than 500 bushels.

^{2/} Based on claims filed up to July 31, 1955.

^{3/} Based on claims filed up to July 31, 1954.

Exports of Canadian Oats and Barley, 1954-55

| Destination | May | June | July | August-July |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| | | - | bushels - | |
| COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES | | | OATS 1/ | |
| United Kingdom | 476,534 | 195,537 | 576,649 | 2,494,159 |
| North America | | | | N. 181 Sept 5-1 |
| Jamaica | - | - | 583 | 3,764 2,936 |
| Totals, Commonwealth Countries | 476,534 | 195,537 | 577,232 | 2,500,859 |
| POREIGN COUNTRIES | | | | |
| Europe | | | | |
| Belgium | 229,047 | 293,681 | 71,058 | 3,212,240 |
| Ireland | (0.0(0 | 103,765 | - | 103,765 |
| Netherlands | 68,362 | 180,395 | 32,941 | 635,792 |
| | - | _ | 32,941 | 289,485 |
| North America Panama United States | 9,411 | 9,412 | 1,765 | 60,881 |
| For domestic use 2/ | 1,036,474 | 681,421 | 486,605 | 14,810,535 |
| Oceania Hawaii | - | - | - 2 | 6,177 |
| South America Colombia | esb | - | | 15,327 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 1,343,294 | 1,268,674 | 625,310 | 19,134,202 |
| Totals, All Countries | 1,819,828 | 1,464,211 | 1,202,542 | 21,635,061 |
| | | Р | ARLEY 1/ | |
| COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES | (001 051 | | | 10 527 005 |
| United Kingdom | 6,924,954 | 3,900,754 | 4,633,193 | 48,537,885 |
| North America Trinidad and Tobago | ** | - | 495 | 495 |
| Totals, Commonwealth Countries | 6,924,954 | 3,900,754 | 4,633,688 | 48,538,380 |
| FOREIGN COUNTRIES | | | | |
| Asia | | | | |
| Japan | 721,556 | 847,669 | 459,292 | 4,356,455 |
| Europe | | | | |
| Belgium | 409,519 | 296,594 | 47,316 | 1,794,174 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | 217,000 | 426,000 | - | 1,190,334 |
| Netherlands | 626,758 | 401,040 | 36,000 | 1,189,630 |
| Norway | - | 93,161 | - | 312,261 |
| Switzerland | 48,333 | - | 13,780 | 619,593 |
| North America Costa Rica United States | - | 1,250 | | 3,750 |
| For domestic use 2/ | 1,569,445 | 1,225,307 | 286,899 | 19,085,619 |
| South America Venezuela | 2,083 | - | 2.4.4 | 2,083 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 3,594,694 | 3,291,021 | 843,287 | 28,553,899 |
| Totals, All Countries | 10,519,648 | 7,191,775 | 5,476,975 | 77,092,279 |

^{1/} Subject to revision.
2/ Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.

Exports of Canadian Rye and Flaxseed, 1954-55

| Destination | May | June | July | August—Jul |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|
| | | - bus | hels - | |
| | | RY | E 1/ | |
| COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES | | | | |
| United Kingdom | M-0 I | - | 47,375 | 239,875 |
| North America Trinidad and Tobago | | - 63140 | 1,290 | 1,290 |
| | | | | |
| Totals, Commonwealth Countries | | 140 | 48,665 | 241,165 |
| POREIGN COUNTRIES | | | | |
| Europe | | | | |
| Belgium | 444,246 | 60,021 | | 650,820 |
| Denmark | | 147,000 | - | 284,300 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | 1,451,040 | 14,000 | 335,314 | 3,349,839 |
| Netherlands | 1,188,133 | 332,657 | 30 3, 526 | 2,197,122 |
| Sweden | - | 152,236 | | 575,747 |
| Switzerland | - | | | 173,584 |
| North America United States | | | | |
| For domestic use 2/ | - | - | 1,711,132 | 1,838,833 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 3,083,419 | 705,914 | 2,349,972 | 9,070,245 |
| Totals, All Countries | 3,083,419 | 705,914 | 2,398,637 | 9,311,410 |
| | | | | |
| | | FLAXS | SEED 1/ | |
| COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 93,570 | 20,378 | 40,000 | 1,069,034 |
| POREIGN COUNTRIES | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Asia | 00 500 | 307 000 | 52 277 | 1,519,547 |
| Japan | 93,587 | 104,028 | 52,371 | 1,717,747 |
| Europe | | | | |
| Belgium | 132,218 | 121,272 | - | 1,057,932 |
| France | 285,486 | - | 122,037 | 1,238,408 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | - 1011 | 20,000 | 33,117 | 74,303 |
| Greece | 20,087 | - | | 70,419 |
| Italy | | 40 | 90,216 | 130,039 |
| Netherlands | 363,875 | 41,508 | 126,061 | 871,055 |
| Norway | 142,703 | 90,403 | - | 314,640 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 1,037,956 | 377,211 | 423,802 | 5,276,343 |
| Totals, All Countries | 1,131,526 | 397,589 | 463,802 | 6,345,377 |

^{1/} Subject to revision.

^{2/} Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.

Customs Exports of Canadian Rolled Oats, 1/ 1954-55

| Destination | Мау | June | July | August—July |
|--|-------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| ANTONIO DEL CASA DE CASA DE LA CASA DE | | - 1 | oushels - | |
| OMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES | | | | |
| United Kingdom | | 3,692 | 1,846 | 5,538 |
| PARTY HAS A LOND OF THE PARTY O | | | | |
| Asia | 210 | 00/ | / 03 | - A |
| Hong Kong | 319 | 896 | 621 | 5,857 |
| India | | 1,401 | 1,104 | 5,099 |
| Malaya and Singapore | al Full III | - | | 2,324 |
| North America | | | | |
| Bahamas | 99 | - | 22 | 577 |
| Barbados | 148 | 286 | - | 1,599 |
| Bermuda | 187 | 170 | 72 | 5,110 |
| Jamaica | 10,395 | 8,022 | 3,187 | 48,682 |
| Leeward and Windward Islands | 852 | 918 | 862 | 8,791 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 692 | 280 | 154 | 2,599 |
| South America | | | 1000000 | - Addition |
| British Guiana | 121 | 22 | 214 | 582 |
| Totals, Commonwealth Countries. | 12,813 | 15,687 | 8,082 | 86,978 |
| OREIGN COUNTRIES | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Africa | | | | |
| Belgian Congo | - | - | - | 247 |
| Portuguese West Africa | | - 1- | - | 33 |
| Asia | | | | |
| Philippine Islands | - | - | 148 | 923 |
| Thailand | - | - | 49 | 55 |
| Europe | | | | |
| Iceland | - | - | - | 7,582 |
| Switzerland | 7,252 | - | | 34,192 |
| North America | | | | |
| Costa Rica | - | 549 | 275 | 1,753 |
| Guatemala | 5,731 | 9,093 | 3,296 | 48,725 |
| Nicaragua | 126 | - | - | 395 |
| Panama | - | - | 100 | 275 |
| St. Pierre and Miquelon | - | - | - | 445 |
| United States | - | 110 | 110 | 12,511 2 |
| South America | | | | |
| Chile | - | 1 | 550 | 550 |
| Colombia | 2,786 | - 00 | - | 34,5273 |
| Ecuador | ath | 99 | 10.020 | 198 |
| Venezuela | 25,006 | 9,984 | 49,039 18,769 | 88,198 294,841 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 40,901 | 46,879 | 72,236 | 525,450 4 |
| ALC MANAGEMENT OF THE PARTY OF | | | | 612,428 4 |
| Totals, All Countries | 53,714 | 62,566 | 80,318 | 012,428 |

^{1/} In terms of cats equivalent. Conversion rate: 1 bushel of cats equals 18.2 pounds of catmeal and rolled oats.

^{2/} Includes 110 bushels of catmeal.
3/ Includes 549 bushels of catmeal.
4/ Includes 659 bushels of catmeal.

HOG-BARLEY RATIO

As a result of generally increased hog prices and lower prices of feed barley, the hogbarley ratio showed a net increase of 3.1 points during the May—July period of 1955. The average price of hogs, basis B-1 dressed weight at Winnipeg increased from \$20.55 per hundredweight in April to \$22.00 per hundredweight in May and \$25.05 per hundredweight in June. However, in July the average price declined to \$23.96 per hundredweight. The average price of No. 1 Feed barley, basis in store Fort William—Port Arthur showed only a slight decline from \$1.07 1/8 per bushel in April to \$1.04 1/2 in July. As a result of these price movements, the ratio increased from 15.9 in April to 17.0 points in May and 19.7 points in June. In July, however, the index declined by 0.7 points, reflecting a decrease in hog prices which more than offset the decrease in the price of feed barley.

Number of Bushels of No. 1 Feed Barley Equivalent in Price to 100 Pounds of B-1 (Live) Hog at Winnipeg, by Months, 1950-1955 (Long-time average 1913-1949, with 1930 omitted due to extreme abnormality, is 18.3)

| Month | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| January | 16.3 | 17.0 | 14.6 | 15.1 | 28.1 | 16.2 |
| February | 17.3 | 17.2 | 14.7 | 16.1 | 28.9 | 15.3 |
| March | 16.4 | 17.4 | 15.4 | 17.0 | 30.7 | 16.0 |
| April | 14.6 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 30.6 | 15.9 |
| May | 15.0 | 20.2 | 17.4 | 19.0 | 31.7 | 17.0 |
| June | 16.5 | 24.3 | 17.2 | 20.7 | 28.3 | 19.7 |
| July | 17.3 | 26.1 | 17.5 | 21.4 | 23.6 | 19.0 |
| August | 18.6 | 25.1 | 15.9 | 23.2 | 18.4 | |
| September | 17.8 | 21.2 | 15.2 | 23.8 | 16.3 | |
| October | 16.7 | 17.0 | 14.4 | 26.5 | 15.8 | |
| November | 16.1 | 15.2 | 14.2 | 24.8 | 16.0 | |
| December | 17.4 | 15.8 | 16.3 | 27.4 | 17.1 | |

Note: The above data include the effect of subsidies on hogs.

FEED AND LIVE-STOCK PRICE INDICES

Although the index of feed prices showed a slight increase in May, it dropped sharply to 199.5 in July, the lowest level since December, 1953. This trend reflected a lowering of prices for virtually all components of the index, particularly oats and barley, as well as hay, bran, shorts, corn, rye and wheat.

Reflecting a general rise in price for most of the components, the index of farm animals and animal products showed a small upward movement during the final quarter of the 1954-55 crop year. Although prices for steers and calves declined somewhat, increased prices for hogs as well as such other commodities as lambs, dressed poultry and eggs, were sufficient to move the index from an April level of 238.7 points to a crop-year high of 250.0 points in June.

Index Numbers of Feed Prices and Prices of Farm Animals and Farm Animal Products by Months, 1952—1955 (1935—1939 = 100)

| Mont h | 1952 | | 1 9 | 1953 | | 1 9 5 4 | | 1955 | |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|--|
| | Feed | Animal | Feed | Animal | Feed | Animal | Feed | Animal | |
| January | 234.8 | 318.2 | 211.3 | 266.4 | 201.6 | 266.3 | 215.7 | 248.4 | |
| February | 232.6 | 297.3 | 210.4 | 263.1 | 202.8 | 264.7 | 218.6 | 245.8 | |
| March | 230.9 | 283.3 | 209.8 | 264.3 | 202.2 | 262.0 | 210.5 | 241.3 | |
| April | 224.4 | 273.7 | 207.5 | 255.8 | 204.4 | 260.4 | 215.1 | 238.7 | |
| May | 213.7 | 265.4 | 203.7 | 263.2 | 203.3 | 268.0 | 216.4 | 243.4 | |
| June | 212.4 | 271.4 | 200.0 | 268.7 | 202.8 | 267.3 | 212.5 | 250.0 | |
| July | 208.9 | 276.8 | 197.0 | 265.3 | 201.1 | 262.1 | 199.5 | 249.5 | |
| August | 211.0 | 277.2 | 196.6 | 269.9 | 201.9 | 248.2 | | | |
| September | 211.3 | 269.1 | 195.0 | 263.7 | 208.2 | 245.5 | | | |
| October | 212.2 | 263.0 | 192.5 | 265.3 | 214.1 | 240.5 | | | |
| November | 215.7 | 266.5 | 191.8 | 258.0 | 215.8 | 243.1 | | | |
| December | 211.8 | 268.3 | 192.6 | 261.6 | 215.2 | 245.9 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

GRAIN CORN

Production of shelled corn in 1954 was estimated at 22.3 million bushels, 1.5 million greater than in 1953 and almost equal to the record crop of 22.9 million bushels harvested in 1908. In addition to larger domestic supplies, imports of corn during the first eleven months of the 1954-55 crop year amounted to 5.9 million bushels as against 5.5 million for the corresponding period of 1953-54. Total supplies (production plus imports) for the five crop years preceding 1954-55 ranged from a high of 26.5 million bushels in 1953-54 to a low of 22.6 million in 1951-52.

Preliminary acreage estimates for 1955 indicate that the area seeded to corn for grain in 1955 continued the upward trend of recent years. This year's area seeded to grain corn in Canada is placed at 514,000 acres, an increase of 23 per cent over 1954. This overall increase is entirely attributable to an increased acreage in Ontario, from 400,000 in 1954 to 500,000 in 1955. In Manitoba, the only other province where any significant acreage is seeded to corn for grain, the acreage decreased by some 22 per cent from 18,000 to 14,000 acres. The first forecast of production of the 1955 corn crop is scheduled for release on September 30.

Canadian Production and Imports of Corn, Crop Years 1945-46-1954-55

| Crop Year | Production 1/ | Imports | Crop Year | Production 1/ | Imports |
|-----------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| | - thousand bus | shels - | | - thousand b | ushels - |
| 1945-46 | 10,635 | 1,671 | 1950-51 | 14,103 | 9,828 |
| 1946-47 | 11,007 | 8,561 | 1951-52 | 15,900 | 6,705 |
| 1947-48 | 6,887 | 5,975 | 1952-53 | 19,752 | 5,382 |
| 1948-49 | 12,697 | 7,509 | 1953-54 | 20,854 | 5,657 |
| 1949-50 | 13,964 | 8,861 | 1954-55 | 22,339 2/ | 5,870 3 |

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ August, 1954-June, 1955.

FLAXSKED

The August forecast of production, based on conditions at August 15, placed Canada's 1955 flaxseed outturn at 22.3 million bushels. A crop of the size indicated would be virtually twice as large as the 1954 production of 11.2 million, more than double the ten-year (1944—1953) average of 9.3 million, and exceeded only by the 26.1 million bushels harvested in 1912. This year's sharply higher production over that of last year is due primarily to an increase in seeded area although yield per acre also exceeds that of 1954. Seeded acreage went up by some 65 per cent while the indicated average yield per acre increased by about 20 per cent. Saskatchewan is expected to produce some 13.5 million bushels or about 61 per cent of the current crop, while production in Manitoba and Alberta has been forecast at 5.3 million and 3.1 million bushels, respectively. This year's July 31 carryover of flaxseed at 1.2 million bushels, plus a crop of the size indicated would provide record supplies of 23.5 million bushels.

Acreage, Yield and Production of Flaxseed in Canada, 1944-1955 1/

| Year | Acreage | Yield | Production |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | thousand acres | bushels per acre | thousand bushels |
| 1944 | 1,217 | 7.3 | 8,882 |
| 1945 | 873 | 7.1 | 6,225 |
| 1946 | 886 | 7.6 | 6,774 |
| 1947 | 1,791 | 7.7 | 13,822 |
| 1948 | 1,958 | 9.4 | 18,449 |
| 1949 | 312 | 7.2 | 2,242 |
| 1950 | 584 | 8.5 | 4,959 |
| 1951 | 1,158 | 8.5 | 9,898 |
| 1952 | 1,130 | 10.9 | 12,261 |
| 1953 | 972 | 10.2 | 9,912 |
| 10-year average 1944-1953 | 1,088 | 8.6 | 9,342 |
| 1954 | 1,206 | 9.3 | 11,238 |
| 1955 2/ | 1,988 | 11.2 | 22,253 |

Oilseed Crushings in Canada, Crop Years 1944-45 to 1954-55

| Item | Quantity Crushed | Oil Produced | Oil Meal Produced |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Flaxseed | bu. | 1b. | tons |
| 1944-45 | 4,172,161 | 78,997,878 | 71,921 |
| 1945-46 | 5,657,940 | 107,376,990 | 96,800 |
| 1946-47 | 5,012,328 | 96,528,281 | 89,412 |
| 947-48 | 5,705,759 | 109,864,378 | 98,966 |
| 948-49 | 4,756,609 | 93,057,715 | 80,817 |
| 949-50 | 4,656,968 | 90,678,643 | 79,429 |
| 1950-51 | 3,618,497 | 68,526,244 | 60,683 |
| 951-52 | 3,638,658 | 69,447,873 | 59,975 |
| | 4,470,203 | 88,332,192 | 75,216 |
| | 3,806,508 | 75,345,687 | 64,580 |
| .953-54 | | | |
| .954-55 1/ | 3,318,553 | 65,588,486 | 56,281 |
| Soybean | | | |
| 1944-45 | 889,283 | 7,750,927 | 21,062 |
| 945-46 | 1,541,869 | 14,665,566 | 36,439 |
| 946-47 | 2,277,304 | 22,723,208 | 52,596 |
| 947-48 | 2,300,743 | 24,472,042 | 54,34 |
| .948–49 | 3,901,831 | 39,663,914 | 89,002 |
| 949-50 | 4,958,799 | 50,473,816 | 116,84 |
| 950-51 | 7,393,274 | 72,676,381 | 176,34 |
| 951-52 | 7,059,102 | 70,325,206 | 169,762 |
| 952–53 | 8,406,128 | 87,925,833 | 200,72 |
| | 8,837,753 | 93,389,955 | 213,169 |
| 1953-54 | | 105,117,779 | 241,465 |
| 954-55 1/ | 10,211,458 | 10),117,777 | z41,40) |
| Others | | | |
| 1944-45 2/ | 46,889 | 49,131,358 | 21,514 |
| 945-46 2/ | 52,132 | 49,577,591 | 22,794 |
| 946-47 3/ | 58,241 | 63,887,316 | 22,222 |
| 947-48 4/ | 65,586 | 66,034,935 | 27,835 |
| .948-49 3/ | 84,323 | 75,392,463 | 38,182 |
| 949-50 5/ | 54,748 | 54,085,893 | 20,541 |
| angel a | 35,141 | 40,660,485 | 11,842 |
| | | 39,171,638 | 11,955 |
| 951-52 7/8/ | 33,598 | | |
| 952-53 7/8/ | 24,110 | 27,575,736 | 9,454 |
| 1953-54 5/ 8/ | 34,424 | 34,800,527 | 14,666 |
| 1954-55 1/9/ | 32,276 | 30,401,488 | 13,609 |

^{1/} Preliminary. 2/ Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed, peanuts and palm kernels. 3/ Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed, peanuts and mustard seed.

^{4/} Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed and peanuts. 5/ Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed and mustard seed. 6/ Includes copra and sunflower seed. 7/ Includes copra, rapeseed and sunflower seed. 8/ Revised.

^{9/} Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed, mustard seed and safflower.

Canadian Wheat Board Monthly Average Cash Grain Prices, Basis in Store Fort William—Port Arthur

| Grain and Grade | May | June | July |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|------|
| GIGIN WIN GIRES | 1955 | 1955 | 1955 |
| | | - cents and eighths per bushel | - |
| OATS | | | |
| Initial Payment to Producers 1/ | | | |
| 2 C.W | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| Ex. 3 C.W | 69 | 69 | 69 |
| 3 C.W | 69 | 69 | 69 |
| Ex. 1 Feed | 69 | 69 | 69 |
| 1 Feed | 67 | 67 | 67 |
| 2 Feed | 62 | 62 | 62 |
| 3 Feed | 55 | 55 | 55 |
|) 100u | " | // | |
| Domestic and Export 2/ | | | |
| 2 C.W | 92/7 | 89/4 | 81/ |
| Ex. 3 C.W | 91/7 | 88 | 78/ |
| 3 C.W | 85/4 | 83/6 | 76/ |
| Ex. 1 Feed | 82/6 | 83 | 76/ |
| 1 Feed | 81/4 | 81/5 | 74/ |
| 2 Feed | 79/1 | 79/6 | 72/ |
| 3 Feed | 75/3 | 75 | 67/ |
| AVATE | | | |
| BARLEY | | | |
| Initial Payment to Producers 3/ | | | |
| 1 C.W. Six-Row | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| 2 C.W. Six-Row | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| 3 C.W. Six-Row | 106 | 106 | 106 |
| 4 C.W. Six-Row | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1 C.W. Two-Row | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| 2 C.W. Two-Row | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| 3 C.W. Two-Row | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| 1 Feed | 97 | 97 | 97 |
| 2 Feed | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| 3 Feed | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Domestic and Export 2/ | | | |
| 1 C.W. Six-Row | 124 | 121/4 | 119/ |
| 2 C.W. Six-Row | 124 | 121/4 | 119/ |
| | | 116/4 | 114/ |
| 3 C.W. Six-Row | 119 | 104/6 | 104/ |
| 4 C.W. Six-Row | 107/1 | | 118, |
| 1 C.W. Two-Row | 123 | 120/4 | |
| 2 C.W. Two-Row | 123 | 120/4 | 118, |
| 3 C.W. Two-Row | 119 | 112/7 | 107, |
| l Feed | 107/1 | 104/6 | 104, |
| 2 Feed | 106/5 | 104 | 103/ |
| 3 Feed | 104/2 | 101 | 101/ |

^{1/} Initial payments include increase of 7 cents per bushel effective March 21, 1955; increase retroactive to August 1, 1954. 2/ For local sales and for spot sales subject to confirmation. 3/ Initial payments include increase of 10 cents per bushel effective March 14, 1955; increase retroactive to August 1, 1954.

Winnipeg Grain Exchange Monthly Average Cash Grain Prices, Basis in Store Fort William—Port Arthur

| | 1955 | | 3000 |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | | 1955 ents and eighths per bus | 1955 hel - |
| OATS | | | |
| | | | |
| Domestic and Export | | X 11 | |
| 2 C.W | 91/2 | 87/4 | 80/2 |
| Ex. 3 C.W | 88/7 | 85 | 77/ |
| 3 C.W | 84/3 | 82/7 | 75/ |
| Ex. 1 Feed | 82/3 | 82/4 | 75/ |
| 1 Feed | 81/1 | 80/7 | 73/ |
| 2 Feed | 78/7 | 78/7 | 70/ |
| 3 Feed | 74/6 | 74 | 66/ |
| BARLEY | | | |
| Oomestic and Export | | | |
| 1 C.W. Six-Row | 119 | 116/4 | 116/ |
| 2 C.W. Six-Row | 119 | 116/4 | 116/ |
| 3 C.W. Six-Row | 110/1 | 106/7 | 106/ |
| 4 C.W. Six-Row | 106 | 104/2 | 103/ |
| 1 C.W. Two-Row | 117 | 114/4 | 114/ |
| 2 C.W. Two-Row | 117 | 114/4 | 114/ |
| 3 C.W. Two-Row | 114/3 | 109/1 | 105/ |
| 1 Feed | 106 | 104/2 | 103/ |
| 2 Feed | 105/5 | 103/3 | 102/ |
| 3 Feed | 102/7 | 100/2 | 99/ |
| RYB | | | |
| | | | |
| Producers', Domestic, and Export Prices | | | |
| 2 C.W | 102 | 99/6 | 92/ |
| 3 C.W | 98/1 | 95/3 | 89/2 |
| 4 C.W | 92 | 88/7 | 80/ |
| Ergoty | 90 | 86/7 | 78/ |
| FLAXSKED | | | |
| ARCI | | | |
| Producers', Domestic, and Export Prices | | | |
| 1 C.W | 333/2 | 355 | 341/ |
| 2 C.W. | 326 | 350/6 | 340/ |
| | 300/6 | | |
| 3 C.W | 300/6 | 318/7 | 300/2 |

UNITED STATES FEED SITUATION

The following summary of the feed situation in the United States has been taken from the July 29, 1955 issue of The Feed Situation, published by the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

A very large supply of feed grains and other concentrates, totalling around 200 million tons, is in prospect for 1955-56, exceeding last year's record by about 12 per cent. Livestock numbers are expected to increase, but the prospective supplies per animal unit also would exceed those of any past year. The big supply for 1955-56 is the result of favourable growing conditions over most of the country, a further moderate increase in total feed grain acreage, and record carryover stocks from previous years.

The 136 million ton crop of feed grains, as indicated on July 1, would be sufficient to meet 1955-56 requirements and result in a further increase in carryover stocks at the close of the season. The corn supply will total about 4.5 billion bushels if July 1 prospects are realized, about 10 per cent above the previous record of 1949-50. Supplies of oats, barley and sorghum grains are all expected to set new records and to be somewhat above the high levels of last year.

The 1955 hay supply also is larger than in any past year. But after allowing for increases in hay-consuming livestock the supply per animal unit is about equal to the 1949-53 average. Supplies of high protein feeds may be a little larger than in 1954-55. An increased supply of soybean meal is in prospect, but this probably will be at least partly offset by reduced production of cotton-seed meal.

Prices of most feeds in early July were moderately to substantially lower than a year ago. They probably will continue lower this summer and fall if production is as large as currently expected. Cash corn prices have remained comparatively stable in recent months, while oats and barley have declined seasonally. As was the case last summer, oats and barley have become cheap relative to corn, especially in some areas of the country. Prices of high protein feeds have dropped substantially during the past year. The greatest decline has been in prices of soybean meal, tankage and meet scraps, which in June were more than a third lower than a year earlier.

NOTES ON AUSTRALIAN CROPS

The following account of the Australian coarse grains and flaxseed situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. R. W. Blake, Commercial Secretary for Canada, under date of September 9, 1955 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of £1 equals \$2.1965 (Canadian), the quotation in effect on August 19, 1955.

Coarse Grains. - Australian production of coarse grains in 1954-55 was 30 per cent lower than in both the previous seasons, according to a report issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The grains covered by the review are barley, oats, maize and sorghum. The Bureau states that total output of these grains in 1952-53 and 1953-54 exceeded 1.7 million tons, compared with 1.2 million tons in 1954-55. The fall in production was due mainly to lower yields, the acreage being reduced only slightly. The area planted was now more than 40 per cent of the wheat acreage, compared with 20 per cent before the war.

Oat crops in New South Wales are doing well, although wet weather prevented some from being grazed, and these will now be cut for hay or grain. Good yields of oats as grain are expected, despite some frost damage to early-sown crops.

The maize harvest in New South Wales was about 75,000 bushels below last year, and should total approximately 1,650,000 bushels.

Production of barley in Queensland is increasing, and it is estimated that the barley crop in that State may reach 3 million bushels this year, for the first time. Production in 1953-54 was 1.1 million bushels, and 1.5 million bushels in 1954-55. Eighty thousand acres have been sown this year compared with 60,000 acres last year.

Flaxseed. The findings of the Australian Tariff Board in connection with its enquiry into what form of assistance should be given to the flaxseed growing industry in Australia have been welcomed in Queensland. The vice-president of the Queensland Grain Growers' Association, who gave evidence before the Tariff Board, stated that if the Board's recommendations were adopted the future of the flaxseed industry was assured.

The Tariff Board had recommended that the price for flaxseed be fixed in relation to the price for wheat. The Board said it believed that a price ratio of three to one (flaxseed to wheat) was a fair one considering the relationship between flaxseed and wheat yields, and the increased cultivation costs incurred by the grower when flaxseed is grown instead of wheat.

The Board has recommended a current price of £80 per ton (\$4.39 per bushel) for Australian flaxseed, based on the most recent price obtained for wheat, $15/5\frac{1}{2}$ d. (\$1.70) per bushel f.o.r. ports. In view of the frequent changes in the price of wheat, the Board said it was desirable that the flaxseed price be reviewed each October.

Other recommendations made by the Board were: that the duty rate on flaxseed be £15 per long ton (82 cents per bushel); that flaxseed for the manufacture of oil and cake be admitted free only on condition that importers during a crop year nave purchased, or given security that they will purchase, their proper proportions of the crop at £80 per long ton (\$4.39 per bushel) f.o.r. capital city, provided the proportion to be taken by importers need not exceed one-third of the whole Australian requirements.



reliminary Data on Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed Crop Year 1954-55, with Comparisons

| Item | Grain | 1952-53 | 1953-54 1/ | 1954-55 2/ |
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| Marketings 3/ | Oats Barley | 119,750 165,036 | 90,367 | 66,976 |
| | Rye Flaxseed | 15,926 8,155 | 12,209 7,403 | 11,896 8,769 |
| Exports | Oats Barley | 64,857 | 69,914 | 21,635 |
| | Rye Flaxseed | 8,993 | 16,835 5,172 | 9,311 6,345 |
| Carryover at end of Crop Year | Oats Barley | 144,409 | 125,769 145,910 | 81,127 87,238 |
| | Rye Flaxseed | 16,191 3,939 | 19,285 2,578 | 17,871 |

1/ Marketings and carryover revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Western Canadian grain only.

CALENDAR OF COARSE GRAIN EVENTS

- July 4 Speaking in reply to a question in the House of Commons, the Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that the United States import quota on Canadian rye would remain at 3,350,000 bushels for both the 1955-56 and 1956-57 crop years.
 - 19 The Canadian Wheat Board announced that its delivery quota policy for 1955-56 would be similar to that of 1954-55, with an initial quota of 100 units to be followed by general quotas based on the producer's specified acreages.
- August 5 The preliminary estimate of the area seeded to Canada's principal grain crops in 1955, in millions of acres, with the 1954 acreages in brackets, was as follows: All wheat, 21.5 (24.3); oats, 11.2 (10.2); barley, 9.9 (7.9); mixed grains, 1.7 (1.6); rye 0.8 (0.8); and flaxseed, 2.0 (1.2).
 - 30 The first forecast of production of Canada's 1955 field crops, based on yields indicated at August 15, placed the outturns of the major grains, in millions of bushels, as follows (1954 figures in brackets): All wheat, 500.6 (298.9); oats, 435.9 (306.8); barley, 268.8 (175.5); mixed grains, 64.1 (61.5); all rye, 15.4 (14.2); and flaxseed 22.3 (11.2).
- September 7 A new pricing system designed to facilitate the movement of western feed grain (wheat, oats and barley) to Eastern Canada was inaugurated by the Canadian Wheat Board.
 - 10 It has been reported in Washington that the restrictions on the imports of Canadian oats and barley into the United States will not be renewed. The restrictions currently in force are due to expire September 30, 1955.