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THE FEED SITUATION IN CANADA

Feed Grain and Fodder Supplies in 1955-56

After declining somewhat in 1954-55, supplies of feed grains and fodder crops increased in 1955-56. Not only was production of the individual feed grains, (oats, barley, mixed grains and grain corn) above levels of the preceding year but harvesting conditions were also generally excellent, especially in the Prairie provinces. The increase in 1955-56 supplies resulted largely from substantially greater outturns of oats and barley which more than offset decreases of 41.8 million and 54.4 million bushels, respectively in July 31 carryover stocks of these two grains between 1954 and 1955.

Supply and Disposition of Canadian Oats, 1945-46 to 1955-56 and Estimated Supply, 1956-57

Crop Year	Supply		Disposition			
	Carryover at Beginning	Production	Total	Exports	Domestic Disappearance	Carryover at End
			Supply			
			<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>3/</u>	
- million bushels -						
1945-46	98.3	351.2	449.5	43.9	328.1	77.5
1946-47	77.5	360.9	438.4	29.8	339.1	69.5
1947-48	69.5	270.2	339.7	10.2	281.6	47.9
1948-49	47.9	345.3	393.4	23.2	309.6	60.5
1949-50	60.5	304.6	365.5	20.5	300.1	44.9
1950-51	44.9	401.8	447.7	35.4	317.1	95.2
1951-52	95.2	488.1	583.3	70.6	404.3	108.4
1952-53	108.4	466.8	575.2	65.4	365.4	144.4
1953-54	144.4	407.0	551.4	70.7	354.9	125.8
1954-55	125.8	306.8	432.6	22.2	326.4	84.0
10-year average .	87.2	370.3	457.7	39.2	332.7	85.8
1955-56 <u>4/</u>	84.0	403.8	487.8	4.1	367.6	116.0
1956-57 <u>4/</u>	116.0	514.7 <u>5/</u>	630.7			

1/ Includes imports which are normally quite small.

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

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

4/ Subject to revision.

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

Total supplies of oats, in the 1955-56 crop year amounting to 487.8 million bushels, were 13 per cent above those of 1954-55 while supplies of barley at 343.7 million were 7 per cent greater. In addition, grain corn production in 1955, amounting to a record 31.5 million bushels, and a next-to-record crop of mixed grains at 65.4 million were other factors contributing to larger 1955-56 supplies.

Despite increased domestic disappearance of both oats and barley the larger available supplies of these two grains coupled with lower levels of exports resulted in July-end carryovers exceeding their respective 1955 totals. The July 31, 1956 carryover of oats, at 116.0 million bushels was well above both the 1955 figure of 84.0 million and the ten-year (1945-46 - 1954-55) average of 85.8 million bushels. Carryover stocks of barley amounted to 107.5 million bushels compared with 91.5 million a year ago and the ten-year average of 62.2 million bushels.

Supply and Disposition of Canadian Barley, 1945-46 to 1955-56
and Estimated Supply, 1956-57

Crop Year	Supply			Disposition		
	Carryover at Beginning	Production	Total Supply 1/	Exports 2/	Domestic Disappearance 3/	Carryover at End
- million bushels -						
1945-46	28.9	148.8	179.0	5.1	144.0	29.9
1946-47	29.9	146.9	177.0	7.7	140.6	28.8
1947-48	28.8	139.9	168.7	4.3	132.9	31.4
1948-49	31.4	152.3	183.7	24.6	129.5	29.7
1949-50	29.7	118.0	147.8	20.8	106.6	20.4
1950-51	20.4	167.5	187.9	27.4	107.0	53.5
1951-52	53.5	245.2	298.7	73.5	145.7	79.5
1952-53	79.5	291.4	370.9	122.1	137.2	111.7
1953-54	111.7	262.1	373.7	93.7	134.1	145.9
1954-55	145.9	175.5	321.4	80.9	149.1	91.5
10-year average..	56.0	184.8	240.9	46.0	132.7	62.2
1955-56 <u>4/</u>	91.5	252.2	343.7	68.7	167.5	107.5
1956-57 <u>4/</u>	107.5	281.6	<u>5/</u> 389.2			

- 1/ Includes imports of malt and beginning with 1949-50 pot and pearl barley in terms of barley.
- 2/ Includes malt and beginning with 1947-48, includes pot and pearl barley in terms of barley; for the crop year 1947-48, data available for January-July only.
- 3/ Includes human food, animal feed, seed, waste, and industrial use.
- 4/ Subject to revision.
- 5/ Preliminary; based on yields indicated on or about August 15.

As in 1954-55, fodder supplies were generally adequate. Production of tame hay, estimated at 19.9 million tons was greater than in 1954 in all provinces except Ontario. In addition production of silage corn, at 3.3 million tons was also above the 1954 level of 3.0 million tons.

1955-56 Exports
of Oats, Barley,
Rye and Flaxseed

Combined exports of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed during the crop year 1955-56 amounted to 92.4 million bushels, below the comparable 1954-55 total of 114.4 million, but relatively unchanged from the ten-year (1944-45-1953-54) average of 93.4

million bushels. Exports of rye and flaxseed were above 1954-55 levels while those of oats and barley were down.

Canada's 1955-56 oats exports dropped to their lowest level since 1929-30 with only 3.7 million bushels exported during the past crop year. United States imports accounted for 1.9 million bushels compared with 14.8 million during 1954-55. Overseas clearances were also noticeably reduced amounting to only 1.8 million bushels compared with 6.8 million in 1954-55. Canadian exports of rolled oats and oatmeal continued their decline of recent years and total shipments during 1955-56 amounted to only 0.5 million bushels.

Exports of Canadian barley in 1955-56 totalled 64.4 million bushels, a decline of 12.8 million bushels from the preceding crop year's export level. The major factor in this decline was the partial loss of the United Kingdom market for Canadian feed barley. Exports to the United Kingdom dropped from 48.5 million bushels in 1954-55 to 22.7 million in 1955-56. United States imports of Canadian barley (principally malting) were up from 19.1 million to 28.9 million bushels. Shipments to Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany, at 7.0 million and 3.2 million bushels, respectively, were also above 1954-55 levels.

Exports of Canadian rye during the past crop year amounted to 12.9 million bushels. Overseas clearances totalled 8.9 million bushels compared with 7.5 million during 1954-55 while United States imports over the period advanced from 1.8 million to 4.0 million bushels. However, since the United States market is still restricted by a quota, a portion of the 1956-57 allotment moved during July and therefore fell within the 1955-56 Canadian crop year. Additional quantities of Canadian, rye, with amounts in millions of bushels, went to the following: Federal Republic of Germany, 4.0; Poland, 1.2; and Norway, 1.1. Flaxseed exports of 11.6 million bushels during 1955-56 were nearly double the 1954-55 total of 6.3 million. Major markets for this crop during the past crop year, with quantities exported in millions of bushels, were as follows: the United Kingdom, 4.3; Netherlands, 2.4; Japan, 1.4; and Belgium 1.2.

The Feed Outlook For 1956-57

Supplies of feed grains in 1956-57 are expected to be considerably greater than those of both 1955-56 and the ten-year (1945-46 - 1954-55) average. August 1 carryover stocks of oats at 116.0 million bushels, and barley at 107.5 million, exceeded their comparable 1955 levels by some 38 per cent and 17 per cent, respectively. Added to these carryover stocks will be the crops now being harvested, which on the basis of conditions on or about August 15 were forecast at 514.7 million bushels for oats and 281.6 million bushels for barley. Realization of these outturns would place supplies of oats for 1956-57 at 630.7 million bushels as against 487.8 million in 1955-56, and supplies of barley at 389.2 million compared with 343.7 million in the past crop year. However, realization of the 1956 production forecasts will be dependent upon weather and other developments affecting the crops between August 15 and completion of harvesting.

Canada's 1956 hay crop, forecast at 19.4 million tons is slightly lower than last year's 19.9 million but 10 per cent above the 1946-1955 average of 17.7 million tons. Higher production of tame hay was indicated in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island. However, many farmers experienced difficulty in harvesting the crop in top condition. Production estimates for other forage crops will be available October 3, when the Dominion Bureau of Statistics releases the September Forecast of Principal Field Crops.

DELIVERY QUOTA POLICY

Delivery Quota Policy, 1956-57

In its Instructions to the Trade, No. 1 re Quotas, under date of July 27, 1956 the Canadian Wheat Board announced in part that "The Board wishes to advise that, in accordance with its previously announced policy, all delivery quotas in effect for the 1955-56 Crop Season, including specified acreage quotas, supplementary quotas on oats, barley and rye, open quotas on Durum Wheat and Flaxseed and special permit authorizations, will automatically expire as at the close of business on July 31, 1956.

Effective on and after August 1, 1956 the quota policy of the Board for the 1956-57 Crop Season will be as follows:

Durum Wheat.- Due to the large increase in the seeded acreage of this grain this year, and pending information on the outcome of the crop, a delivery quota of five (5) bushels per seeded acre of Durum Wheat, as shown on the individual producer's delivery permit book, is hereby authorized effective on and after August 1, 1956.....

Flaxseed.- For similar reasons a delivery quota of five (5) bushels per seeded acre of Flaxseed, as shown on the individual producer's delivery permit book, is hereby authorized effective on and after August 1, 1956

Malting, Pot and Pearling Barley.- The Board will again consider applications on behalf of producers of malting, pot and/or pearling barley, for permission to deliver, in excess of the established quotas, one carlot of such barley providing:

(a) A representative sample of such carlot has been submitted to and accepted by a maltster or shipper as suitable for malting, pot and/or pearling: and

(b) A premium is to be paid to the producer for the carlot of barley so accepted.

Full details under the above provisions will be announced in a separate instruction.

<u>Initial Delivery Quota</u>	<u>Wheat, (other than Durum), Oats, Barley and Rye.-</u>
<u>Crop Year 1956-57</u>	<u>Effective at all delivery points on and after August 1,</u>
	<u>1956, the following initial quota is hereby authorized in</u>

respect of the above grains:

An initial delivery quota applicable to all permit holders regardless of the acreage shown on their 1955 Permit Books of the equivalent of one hundred (100) units. Each such unit shall be the equivalent of three (3) bushels of Wheat or eight (8) bushels of Oats or five (5) bushels of Barley or five (5) bushels of Rye.

As space becomes available each permit holder will be entitled to deliver at his option any of the above grains or any combination of the above grains calculated on the unit basis, but his total deliveries under the initial quota must not exceed the equivalent of one hundred (100) units.

Under the above policy a permit holder will be entitled to deliver a maximum of 300 bushels of Wheat or 800 bushels of Oats or 500 bushels of Barley or 500 bushels of Rye, or any combination of these grains which, when calculated on the unit basis outlined above, does not exceed one hundred (100) units.....

It will be noted that the initial quota is similar to the initial quota introduced at the start of the 1954-55 crop year and also effective last year. The initial quota takes into consideration the monetary relationship between the various grains in the quantities of each kind of grain which may be delivered against the initial quota. Also, that each permit holder, regardless of his acreage, is given the same quota to assure him approximately the same cash return as other producers and, particularly, an equal opportunity of obtaining a share of the limited space which will be available at most delivery points pending further outward shipments.

General Delivery Quotas
Crop Year 1956-57

Following the initial quota, the Board will again establish general quotas at individual stations, based upon bushels per "specified" acre. The "specified" acreage upon which general delivery quotas will be based will again consist of each permit holder's acreage seeded to wheat (other than Durums), oats, barley and rye plus his acreage in summerfallow in 1956 as recorded in the space reserved for Sub-Total in the declaration page of his 1956-57 Permit Book."

Supplementary Quotas - 1956-57 Crop Season

In its Instructions to the Trade No. 7, re Quotas, dated August 23, 1956 the Canadian Wheat Board announced that:

"In the event that the Board finds it necessary during the present crop year to authorize supplementary quotas to obtain required supplies of particular kinds or grades of grain, it wishes to advise for the information of producers that such quotas will be based on producers' seeded or specified acreage rather than for specific quantities as has been the case in previous seasons. It is felt by the Board that the above will provide a more equitable basis of delivery among producers than the former method."

Commercial Seed Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed

In its Instructions to the Trade No 8, re Quotas, dated August 28, 1956 The Canadian Wheat Board announced in part that:

"In an effort to facilitate the sale and use of commercial seed, the Board will give consideration to applications from agents of the Board on behalf of producers who wish to deliver in excess of the quota commercial graded seed oats, barley, rye or flaxseed, or oats, barley, rye and flaxseed suitable for commercial seed after cleaning, a sample of which has been submitted to and accepted by a recognized seed cleaning plant located in the designated area (within the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba) subject to certain regulations.

A producer will be entitled to deliver only one car of commercial seed oats, commercial seed barley, commercial seed rye or commercial seed flaxseed under this special delivery authority. The overdelivery privilege will apply to only one car of oats, barley, rye or flaxseed, not one car of each kind of grain." (For details see the above noted Instruction).

Deliveries of Flaxseed

In its Instructions to the Trade No. 10, re Quotas, dated August 31, 1956 The Canadian Wheat Board announced in part that:

"Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 1 of July 27th, 1956, specified that deliveries of Flaxseed within the authorized quota of five (5) bushels per seeded acre were restricted to the delivery point designated in the producer's permit book. In the subsequent Instruction No. 4 of August 8th, 1956, certain processing plants were named as alternate delivery points to which producers were authorized to deliver Flaxseed within the quota.

By reason of the fact that many producers are located at a considerable distance from the processing plants mentioned and are unable to take advantage of the alternate delivery privileges, and that there also appears to be local problems of handling Flaxseed, particularly where acreages are small, the Board reviewed the Flaxseed delivery situation at a recent meeting with the Handling Companies. As a result of the discussions it has now been decided to allow producers to deliver their Flaxseed to any station selected by them, thus removing the restriction referred to in the first paragraph hereof.

Effective immediately, therefore, Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 1 is hereby amended and producers may now deliver Flaxseed within the quota authorized at their regular delivery point to any station selected by them at which space for Flaxseed is available.

As indicated in Instructions to Trade re Quotas No. 1, the delivery quota on Flaxseed is five (5) bushels per seeded acre of Flaxseed. Based on estimated seeded acreage this quota is sufficient to permit delivery of a volume equal to the total deliveries of Flaxseed during the past season. It will be the intention of the Board, however, to increase the quota from time to time as market requirement warrants and to facilitate the movement to the greatest extent possible in order that full advantage may be taken of both export and domestic demand."

General Quota Position

By September 12, 1956, out of a total of 2,080 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 22 on a quota of 2 bushels per specified acre while an additional 206 were on a 1-bushel quota. Of the remainder, 1,832 were on the Initial Unit Quota. Twenty stations were reported as closed.

MILLFEEDS

Supply and Distribution of Millfeeds, August—July, 1955-56 and 1954-55

Month	Production						Apparent Domestic Disappearance <u>1/</u>
	Bran	Shorts	Middlings	Total	Imports	Exports	
August, 1955	24,007	24,776	9,846	58,629	557	8,366	51,014
September	25,255	26,753	9,036	61,044	523	15,078	47,378
October	27,019	24,301	10,079	61,399	614	10,213	52,664
November	27,594	25,516	10,710	63,820	336	12,405	48,869
December	24,223	21,877	10,871	56,971	219	7,993	47,566
January, 1956	22,619	22,234	9,455	54,308	348	9,115	47,965
February	23,855	21,521	8,756	54,132	378	5,482	48,120
March	25,720	22,976	8,807	57,503	873	7,206	52,754
April	24,735	22,841	9,031	56,607	1,527	7,567	51,227
May	24,394	24,372	10,007	58,773	2,133	10,785	50,020
June	24,398	25,599	9,306	59,303	<u>2/</u>	5,651	48,080
July	24,262	25,118	11,546	60,926	<u>2/</u>	11,797	50,378
Totals	298,081	287,884	117,450	703,415	7,508	111,660	596,035
Same period 1954-55 (revised)	290,589	296,409	109,452	696,450	4,363	129,310	568,384

1/ Adjusted for change in mill stocks.

2/ Not available.

ACREAGE AND FIRST FORECAST OF 1956 PRODUCTION OF CANADA'S
PRINCIPAL GRAIN CROPS

Based on conditions at August 15, production of most of Canada's principal grain crops will be higher than last year's levels. With the exception of fall rye and winter wheat, indicated average yields per acre for the eight crops in the table below exceed those of 1955. Production of all but spring and fall rye is expected to surpass that of 1955 while production of all except winter wheat, spring and fall rye is expected to exceed the ten-year (1946-1955) average.

It is emphasized however, that realization of the 1956 yield and production forecasts in the accompanying table will be dependent upon now weather and other developments affect the crop between August 15 (date of the survey) and completion of harvesting. Frost damage was experienced during the last half of August and the first week in September at many points in the Prairie Provinces. In addition, cool wet weather has delayed ripening of late crops and harvesting operations generally. The effect of these and other developments up to September 15 will be reflected in the second official forecast of production to be released on October 3.

Canada's 1956 wheat crop, currently forecast at 512.2 million bushels, will if realized, be 4 per cent greater than last year's crop and 10 per cent greater than the ten-year average of 463.7 million. The increase over 1955 production is entirely attributable to the prospects of increased average yields per acre, since the total acreage seeded to wheat estimated at 21.3 million acres, is 1 per cent below that of 1955.

Production of oats for grain in 1956 is forecast at 514.7 million bushels, representing an increase of 27 per cent over last year's total of 403.8 million and 37 per cent over the ten-year average of 375.5 million. The indicated higher production resulted from the combination of a 7 per cent increase in seeded area and a 19 per cent increase in average yield, currently placed at 43.0 bushels per acre. The 1956 barley crop was forecast at 281.6 million bushels, 12 per cent above last year's 252.2 million and 44 per cent above the ten-year average of 195.1 million. A crop of this size would be the second largest on record, exceeded only by the 291.4 million bushels harvested in 1952. Although the area seeded to barley, at 8.7 million acres is 12 per cent lower than last year, the indicated yield is 27 per cent higher.

Rye production, reflecting decreases in both seeded acreage and average yield per acre, was forecast at 8.7 million bushels. This year's indicated outturn would be 41 per cent smaller than last year's harvest of 14.7 million bushels, little more than half of the ten-year average of 17.3 million, and the smallest since 1945. This year's flaxseed crop, currently forecast at 37.3 million bushels is almost double the 1955 production of 19.7 million bushels, more than three times the ten-year average of 10.9 million and an all-time record harvest for Canada. The sharp indicated increase over last year's outturn is due to the combination of a 71 per cent increase in seeded area and an 11 per cent increase in average yield per acre. Production of mixed grains, grown chiefly in Eastern Canada, was forecast at 67.0 million bushels, compared with last year's total of 65.4 million and the ten-year average of 56.3 million bushels.

August Forecast of the 1956 Production of Principal Grain Crops,
Canada and Prairie Provinces, Compared with 1955

Crop	Area		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1955	1956	1955	1956*	1955	1956*
	acres	acres	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
CANADA						
Winter wheat.....	582,000	620,000	34.3	32.2	19,903,000	19,904,000
Spring wheat.....	20,923,800	20,720,400	22.7	23.8	474,153,000	492,280,000
All wheat.....	21,505,800	21,340,400	23.0	24.0	494,116,000	512,250,000
Oats for grain.....	11,172,000	11,972,500	30.1	43.0	403,835,000	514,657,000
Barley.....	9,932,500	8,722,300	25.4	32.3	252,225,000	281,639,000
Fall rye.....	562,900	395,100	19.9	15.1	11,334,000	5,951,000
Spring rye.....	211,300	161,900	10.1	17.0	3,410,000	2,747,000
All rye.....	780,200	557,000	18.9	15.0	14,744,000	8,698,000
Flaxseed.....	1,839,400	3,141,000	10.7	11.9	19,748,000	37,299,000
Mixed grains.....	1,705,200	1,634,700	32.3	41.0	65,353,000	60,976,000
PRAIRIE PROVINCES						
Wheat.....	20,812,000	20,630,000	22.7	23.8	472,000,000	490,000,000
Oats.....	7,788,000	8,005,000	37.2	44.6	290,000,000	384,000,000
Barley.....	9,038,000	8,402,000	25.3	32.3	241,000,000	273,000,000
Rye.....	707,000	477,300	18.9	14.0	13,350,000	6,947,000
Flaxseed.....	1,809,000	3,097,000	10.8	11.9	19,450,000	36,700,000

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

CARRYOVER STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1956

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains, in all North American positions (excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available) at July 31, 1956, were estimated at 768.4 million bushels, exceeding by 11 per cent the comparable 1955 total of 694.9 million and almost double the ten-year (1946-1955) average of 394.2 million bushels. July-end carryover stocks of wheat totalled 527.5 million bushels compared with last year's 499.7 million and the record 601.7 million in 1954. Stocks of oats were estimated at 116.0 million bushels, well above both the 1955 figure of 84.0 million bushels and the ten-year average of 85.8 million. Barley stocks, amounting to 107.5 million bushels were some 18 per cent greater than the 91.5 million bushels of a year ago and exceeded by a wide margin the ten-year average of 62.2 million. Carryover stocks of rye estimated at 15.0 million bushels were down by 19 per cent from the 1955 total of 18.5 million but were well above the ten-year average stocks of 8.6 million bushels. July-end carryover stocks of flaxseed, at 2.3 million bushels were above last year's total of 1.2 million, but below the ten-year average of 3.3 million bushels.

Position of Canadian Grain Stocks, July 31, 1956 1/

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
In Canada	-thousand bushels-				
On farms.....	165,205	71,200	50,465	9,105	440
Country elevators.....	226,371	23,927	29,649	3,135	164
Interior private and mill elevators.	5,775	640	2,012	45	24
Interior terminal elevators.....	13,330	17	178	27	2/
Pacific Coast terminals.....	9,903	136	2,306	-	4
Churchill elevator.....	4,975	30	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators..	25,460	6,558	12,216	1,263	1,047
In transit - lake.....	5,576	2,309	3,069	-	248
In transit - rail.....	17,253	5,605	2,964	593	123
Eastern elevators.....	51,218	4,539	4,536	737	228
Eastern mills (mill bins only).....	2,041	201	125	5	-
Western mills (mill bins only).....	221	66	25	15	-
Totals in Canada.....	527,329	115,228	107,546	14,926	2,278
In United States.....	152	821	-	74	-
Totals in Canada and United States...	527,481	116,049	107,546	14,999	2,278
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1955 <u>3/</u></u>					
In Canada.....	499,302	83,967	91,488	18,394	1,234
In United States.....	446	-	-	91	-
Totals in Canada and United States...	499,748	83,967	91,488	18,485	1,234
Average stocks, July 31, 1946-1955...	234,305	85,796	62,224	8,613	3,252

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Less than 500 bushels.

3/ Revised.

STOCKS ON FARMS

Farm-held stocks of wheat, oats, barley and flaxseed at July 31, 1956 were above those of last year, while stocks of rye remaining on farms were down from 1955. This year's farm-held stocks of wheat, at 165.2 million bushels were the third largest on record and exceeded by a wide margin the July 31, 1955 total of 100.9 million.

Stocks of oats remaining on farms were estimated at 71.2 million bushels, well above the 1955 comparable figure of 53.4 million. Farm stocks of barley were the second highest on record, increasing from 42.3 million bushels at July 31, 1955 to 50.5 million in 1956. Stocks of flaxseed held on farms were also larger than in 1955, 440 thousand bushels in 1956 as against 325 thousand a year ago. Rye stocks in this position, in contrast to the other four grains were down from the 1955 level, amounting to 9.1 million bushels at July 31, 1956 compared with 10.2 million at the same date last year.

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, 1956 and 1955

Province	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
-thousand bushels-					
Prince Edward Island.....	15	300	15	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	20	200	20	-	-
New Brunswick.....	20	400	30	-	-
Quebec.....	200	3,500	600	5	-
Ontario.....	1,800	6,500	500	80	-
Manitoba.....	3,000	8,000	4,000	400	40
Saskatchewan.....	100,000	32,000	25,000	5,800	300
Alberta.....	60,000	20,000	20,000	2,800	100
British Columbia.....	150	300	300	20	-
Totals, July 31, 1956 1/.....	165,205	71,200	50,465	9,105	440
Totals, July 31, 1955.....	100,855	53,400	42,310	10,180	325

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, 1956 and 1955

Province	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
-thousand bushels-					
Manitoba.....	3,000	8,000	4,000	400	40
Saskatchewan.....	100,000	32,000	25,000	5,800	300
Alberta.....	60,000	20,000	20,000	2,800	100
Totals, July 31, 1956 1/.....	163,000	60,000	49,000	9,000	440
Totals, July 31, 1955.....	97,000	40,000	40,000	10,000	300

1/ Subject to revision.

CARRYOVER OF CANADIAN OATS, BARLEY, RYE AND FLAXSEED, 1926-1956

Total carryover stocks of Canadian oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in all North American positions, (excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available) at July 31, 1956 amounted to some 240.9 million bushels, exceeding by about 23 per cent the comparable 1955 total of 195.2 million and 51 per cent greater than the ten-year (1946-1955) average of 159.9 million bushels. Carryover stocks of oats at the end of the 1955-56 crop year were estimated at 116.0 million bushels, well above both the 1955 total of 84.0 million and the ten-year average of 85.8 million bushels. Stocks of barley placed at 107.5 million bushels, were 18 per cent above last year's July-end figure of 91.5 million and exceeded by a wide margin the ten-year average of 62.2 million bushels. Rye stocks, at 15.0 million bushels were some 19 per cent below the 18.5 million of a year ago but were well above the ten-year average of 8.6 million. Flaxseed stocks, estimated at 2.3 million bushels, were above last year's July 31 total of 1.2 million but were lower than the 1946-1955 average of 3.3 million bushels.

In the table below, grain afloat to United States ports was not reported from 1926 to 1931 but has been included since 1932. Stocks of Canadian grain in United States, lake and seaboard ports from 1926 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, 1926-1956

Year	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
	-thousand bushels-			
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	834
1932.....	29,849	7,196	5,766	1,321
1933.....	42,045	11,338	6,006	1,180
1934.....	31,060	11,093	4,050	471
1935.....	26,471	6,019	3,166	313
10-year average 1926-1935....	35,778	12,397	5,225	1,115
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
1944.....	108,479	45,949	5,594	3,649
1945.....	98,255	28,919	2,024	2,932
10-year average 1936-1945....	60,021	21,300	4,453	1,362
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.....	125,769	145,910	19,285	2,578
1955 <u>1/</u>	83,967	91,488	18,485	1,234
10-year average 1946-1955....	85,796	62,224	8,613	3,252
1956 <u>2/</u>	116,049	107,546	14,999	2,278

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, BARLEY, RYE AND FLAXSEED

Total marketings of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed by farmers in the Prairie Provinces during the crop year 1955-56 amounted to 203.6 million bushels, almost equal to the 1954-55 total of 204.8 million, and 2 per cent below the ten-year (1944-45—1953-54) average of 207.2 million.

Farmers' Marketings of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed in the Prairie Provinces, 1955-56
with Comparisons

Period or week ending	O A T S				B A R L E Y			
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total
August 1, 1955 -	-thousand bushels-				-thousand bushels-			
May 16, 1956.....	7,042	18,983	8,700	34,725	14,170	28,803	25,363	68,337
23.....	253	891	307	1,451	537	1,095	560	2,192
30.....	181	937	343	1,462	470	1,064	565	2,099
June 6.....	322	1,285	530	2,137	571	1,197	738	2,506
13.....	542	3,535	676	4,753	720	1,576	785	3,081
20.....	769	3,142	551	4,462	1,549	3,551	758	5,858
27.....	568	2,396	585	3,549	1,292	4,659	775	6,726
July 4.....	456	1,338	439	2,233	920	2,262	582	3,765
11.....	244	1,430	492	2,166	575	2,296	670	3,542
18.....	261	1,413	541	2,215	683	1,861	772	3,316
25.....	525	1,687	687	2,899	882	1,864	1,002	3,748
31.....	1,044	2,610	802	4,456	985	2,318	1,260	4,563
Totals 1/	12,205	39,649	14,653	66,507	23,353	52,545	33,832	109,730
Crop Year 1954-55 ^{2/}	14,077	37,470	18,674	70,221	34,543	41,367	36,658	112,568
Average, 1944-45— 1953-54 ^{2/}	20,318	52,456	29,956	102,731	28,766	32,387	26,777	87,929
	R Y E				F L A X S E E D			
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total
August 1, 1955 -	-thousand bushels-				-thousand bushels-			
May 16, 1956.....	991	4,381	2,301	7,673	3,818	8,571	2,316	14,705
23.....	43	308	104	455	9	37	8	54
30.....	43	272	98	413	6	42	13	61
June 6.....	41	277	83	402	9	71	21	101
13.....	44	239	56	339	13	57	12	82
20.....	64	206	53	323	23	53	9	86
27.....	47	158	71	276	27	41	14	82
July 4.....	42	155	58	255	21	50	9	80
11.....	20	157	70	247	9	49	10	68
18.....	34	231	94	360	6	34	9	49
25.....	70	325	154	549	5	36	7	48
31.....	78	368	172	618	9	30	13	52
Totals 1/.....	1,518	7,076	3,315	11,909	3,956	9,071	2,441	15,468
Crop Year 1954-55 ^{2/}	1,533	7,457	4,200	13,191	3,282	3,738	1,771	8,792
Average, 1944-45— 1953-54 ^{2/}	881	5,554	3,207	9,643	3,114	2,638	1,150	6,903

1/ Unrevised.

2/ Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Oats, August 22, 1956, Compared with
Approximately the Same Date, 1954 and 1955

Position	1954	1955	1956
	-thousand bushels-		
Country elevators-Manitoba.....	2,866	2,983	2,853
Saskatchewan.....	9,402	7,731	11,215
Alberta.....	9,365	4,550	7,066
Totals.....	21,632	15,264	21,134
Interior private and mill.....	495	488	620
Interior terminals.....	12	3	2
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	414	96	150
Victoria.....	-	1/	-
Prince Rupert.....	-	-	-
Churchill.....	1	1/	30
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	2,923	5,539	13,137
In transit rail (Western Division)....	3,636	1,224	2,915
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports..	1,922	2,507	3,780
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports...	490	1,117	1,617
In transit Lake.....	459	788	722
In transit rail (Eastern Division)....	15	35	30
United States ports.....	-	-	578
Totals.....	31,999	27,061	44,716

Visible Supply of Canadian Barley, August 22, 1956, Compared with
Approximately the Same Date, 1954 and 1955

Position	1954	1955	1956
	-thousand bushels-		
Country elevators-Manitoba.....	5,567	6,618	3,523
Saskatchewan.....	11,868	7,046	9,297
Alberta.....	22,893	17,078	17,421
Totals.....	40,327	30,741	30,240
Interior private and mill.....	1,968	1,303	1,767
Interior terminals.....	557	14	46
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	360	747	963
Victoria.....	1	1/	1
Prince Rupert.....	310	504	506
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	9,382	7,931	9,345
In transit rail (Western Division)....	6,658	835	2,602
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports..	812	1,528	2,838
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports...	1,188	1,721	3,370
In transit lake.....	1,819	197	1,282
In transit rail (Eastern Division)....	10	10	-
United States ports.....	-	-	-
Totals.....	63,392	45,531	52,962

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

Visible Supply of Canadian Rye, August 22, 1956, Compared with
Approximately the Same Date, 1954 and 1955

Position	1954	1955	1956
		-thousand bushels-	
Country elevators- Manitoba.....	422	498	557
Saskatchewan.....	1,780	1,704	1,751
Alberta.....	944	718	910
Totals.....	3,146	2,921	3,218
Interior private and mill.....	20	30	46
Interior terminals.....	<u>1/</u>	33	23
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	2,007	3,320	1,265
In transit rail (Western Division).....	489	308	456
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports....	142	432	251
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports.....	575	641	479
In transit lake.....	-	421	-
United States ports.....	-	-	-
In transit U. S. A.....	-	91	-
Totals.....	6,379	8,196	5,738

Visible Supply of Canadian Flaxseed, August 22, 1956, Compared with
Approximately the Same Date, 1954 and 1955

Position	1954	1955	1956
		-thousand bushels-	
Country elevators- Manitoba.....	154	56	50
Saskatchewan.....	100	47	35
Alberta.....	70	26	36
Totals.....	324	123	121
Interior private and mill.....	23	9	13
Interior terminals.....	<u>1/</u>	2	<u>1/</u>
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	3
Prince Rupert.....	-	-	<u>1/</u>
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	401	160	462
In transit rail (Western Division).....	134	31	105
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports....	65	30	377
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports.....	100	135	111
In transit lake.....	235	45	152
In transit rail (Eastern Division).....	-	-	-
Totals.....	1,283	541	1,346

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

GRADING OF CROPS, 1955-56

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 1955-56 amounted to 93,347, representing a decline of about 6 per cent from the 1954-55 total of 99,480. Inspections of barley, at 54,625 cars accounted for some 59 per cent of the 1955-56 total. Inspections of oats, amounting to 21,844 cars accounted for an additional 23 per cent, while the remainder consisted of 10,248 cars of flaxseed (11 per cent of total) and 6,630 cars of rye (7 per cent).

The above average proportions of inspected grain entering the higher grades during the crop year 1955-56 resulted from the combination of a good quality 1955 crop and generally excellent weather conditions over most areas of the Prairies during the harvesting season. Percentages of the four grains falling into the higher grades (excluding "Toughs" and "Damps") during the crop year recently completed, with comparable data for the 1954-55 crop year and the five-year (1949-50 - 1953-54) averages, respectively, in brackets, were as follows: oats, 1 Feed or higher, 91.0 (75.5, 76.0); barley, 1 Feed or higher, 69.6 (43.8, 54.2); rye, 3 C.W. or higher, 78.9 (72.4, 72.7); and flaxseed, 1 C.W. and 2 C.W. 96.8 (77.0, 70.2).

Grading of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed Inspected, August-July, 1955-56 with Comparisons

Grain and Grade	Crop Year			Grain and Grade	Crop Year				
	Average				Average				
	1949-50- 1953-54	1954-55	1955-56		1949-50- 1953-54	1954-55	1955-56		
	- per cent -		cars	per cent	- per cent -		cars	per cent	
<u>OATS</u>				<u>BARLEY</u>					
1 C.W.	1/	-	2	1/	1 C.W. Six-Row ..	1/	1/	1	1/
2 C.W.	0.8	0.2	44	0.2	2 C.W. Six-Row ..	3.9	0.5	2,963	5.4
Ex. 3 C.W.	4.2	1.3	501	2.3	3 C.W. Six-Row ..	23.3	17.0	16,724	30.6
3 C.W.	15.9	11.2	4,582	21.0	4 C.W. Six-Row ..	2.0	1.0	2,792	5.1
Ex. 1 Feed	15.0	13.6	2,862	13.1	1 C.W. Two-Row ..	1/	1/	3	1/
1 Feed	40.1	49.2	11,894	54.4	2 C.W. Two-Row ..	0.3	0.1	285	0.5
2 Feed	5.3	8.4	1,148	5.3	3 C.W. Two-Row ..	1.5	2.6	2,878	5.3
3 Feed	1.0	1.4	182	0.8	1 Feed	23.2	22.6	12,389	22.7
Mixed Feed	0.1	1/	4	1/	Ex. 2 Feed	-	-	8,511	15.6
Toughs 2/ 3/	13.4	13.6	376	1.7	2 Feed	17.6	17.2	3,102	5.7
Damps 2/ 4/ ...	3.1	1/	2	1/	3 Feed	5.2	3.1	1,075	2.0
Rejected 2/ ...	0.5	0.7	146	0.7	Toughs 2/ 5/	17.5	34.6	3,187	5.8
All others	0.5	0.4	101	0.5	Damps 2/ 4/	5.0	1.0	17	1/
					Rejected	0.3	0.3	441	0.8
					All others	0.2	0.1	257	0.5
Totals	100.0	100.0	21,844	100.0	Totals	100.0	100.0	54,625	100.0
Bushel equivalent (approximately)			54,176,000		Bushel equivalent (approximately)			110,678,000	
<u>RYE</u>				<u>FLAXSEED</u>					
1 C.W.	0.2	0.1	6	0.1	1 C.W.	60.6	54.8	8,283	80.8
2 C.W.	32.4	19.2	2,144	32.3	2 C.W.	9.6	22.2	1,636	16.0
3 C.W.	40.1	53.1	3,083	46.5	3 C.W.	3.5	4.1	184	1.8
4 C.W.	5.5	2.5	495	7.5	4 C.W.	0.6	0.1	7	0.1
Ergoty	5.5	2.4	394	5.9	Toughs 2/ 6/	21.2	17.7	83	0.8
Toughs 2/ 3/ ...	14.5	22.3	463	7.0	Damp 2/ 7/	3.9	0.8	-	-
Damps 2/ 4/	1.4	0.1	-	-	Rejected 2/	1/	-	1	1/
Rejected 2/	0.3	0.2	42	0.6	All others	0.6	0.2	54	0.5
All others	0.2	0.1	3	1/					
Totals	100.0	100.0	6,630	100.0	Totals	100.0	100.0	10,248	100.0
Bushel equivalent (approximately)			11,980,000		Bushel equivalent (approximately)			14,914,000	

- 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, 1956 amounted to 200.2 million bushels exceeding by a wide margin the comparable 1955 total of 142.1 million. Although each of the grains, with the exception of flaxseed, was moving in greater volume this year than last, the bulk of the increase was accounted for by a substantial increase in shipments of wheat.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to July 31, 1956 and to Approximately the Same Date, 1946 to 1955*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
-thousand bushels-						
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 1/.....	84,068	16,376	32,059	6,488	3,134	142,125
1956.....	126,164	20,038	42,326	8,904	2,785	200,217

* Shipments from opening of navigation to July 31, 1946 and 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. 1/Revised.

RAIL SHIPMENTS FROM FORT WILLIAM—PORT ARTHUR

Rail movement of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed from the Lakehead during the crop year 1955-56 amounted to 25.5 million bushels, representing an increase of some 38 per cent over the comparable 1954-55 total 18.4 million.

Rail Shipments of Canadian Grain from Fort William-Port Arthur
Crop Year 1955-56 and 1954-55

Month	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
-thousand bushels-						
August, 1955.....	57	176	36	1	-	271
September.....	64	172	138	1	3	378
October.....	64	277	75	-	20	436
November.....	149	279	101	-	259	787
December.....	478	634	216	5	1,596	2,929
January, 1956.....	2,341	1,592	620	3	1,242	5,797
February.....	1,735	2,036	765	12	615	5,162
March.....	1,600	2,871	1,063	13	60	5,607
April.....	301	1,154	449	11	35	1,950
May.....	92	924	154	2	42	1,212
June.....	91	455	68	-	6	620
July.....	103	194	19	2	-	318
Crop Year, 1955-56..	7,073	10,765	3,704	50	3,876	25,468
Crop Year, 1954-55..	1,674	7,475	5,950	82	3,244	18,425

FREIGHT ASSISTANCE SHIPMENTS

Claims filed for payment up to July 31, 1956 indicate the movement of some 78.6 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 1955-56 crop year. This preliminary total, which is subject to upward revision with the filing of additional claims, already exceeds by 8 per cent the revised total of 72.8 million bushels moved during the August-June period of the preceding crop year. Although shipments of each of the four grains were above the comparable 1954-55 levels, the bulk of the increase was accounted for by wheat and oats.

Preliminary data on the movement of screenings and millfeeds under the freight assistance plan show that 84,989 tons and 467,306 tons, respectively, were shipped during the August-June period of the 1955-56 crop year. Shipments of screenings, based on claims filed up to July 31, 1956 are already substantially above both the preliminary and the revised figures for the comparable period in 1954-55. For millfeeds, however, this year's preliminary figure is only slightly higher than last year's preliminary total. As with wheat, oats, barley and rye, these totals for screenings and millfeeds are based on claims filed up to July 31, 1956 and will likely be subject to considerable upward revision with the filing of additional claims.

The bulk of all freight-assisted shipments went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec. These two provinces accounted for some 77 per cent of the wheat, 84 per cent of the oats, 85 per cent of the barley, 97 per cent of the rye, 87 per cent of the screenings and 78 per cent of the millfeeds.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Shipments, August-June 1955-56 and 1954-55

Province	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Screenings	Millfeeds
	-thousand bushels-				-tons-	
Newfoundland.....	75	448	116	1/	758	3,156
Prince Edward Island.	223	260	322	2	1,082	6,513
Nova Scotia.....	858	1,986	1,039	3	4,084	30,620
New Brunswick.....	493	1,231	662	1	2,920	26,185
Quebec.....	6,041	15,862	10,670	218	31,085	229,671
Ontario.....	6,418	18,195	7,516	123	42,762	135,249
British Columbia.....	2,118	2,579	1,175	4	2,298	35,912
Totals 2/.....	16,226	40,561	21,501	352	84,989	467,306
Same Period 1954-55..						
Preliminary 3/.....	12,312	37,208	20,752	292	59,436	463,267
Revised 2/.....	12,966	38,286	21,222	292	61,634	467,422

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

2/ Based on claims filed up to July 31, 1956.

3/ Based on claims filed up to July 31, 1955.

Exports of Canadian Oats and Barley, 1955-56

Destination	May	June	July	August-July
- bushels -				
<u>OATS 1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom.....	-	-	39,529	412,542
<u>North America</u>				
Trinidad and Tobago.....	-	-	-	449
Totals, Commonwealth Countries..	-	-	39,529	412,991
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium.....	55,944	-	16,185	795,108
Netherlands.....	32,935	32,930	-	340,442
Switzerland.....	-	-	-	161,636
<u>North America</u>				
Panama.....	-	2,353	-	38,823
Puerto Rico.....	-	1,176	-	1,176
United States				
For domestic use 2/.....	146,589	86,907	710,954	1,866,803
<u>South America</u>				
Colombia.....	-	-	-	195
Ecuador.....	-	3,499	-	3,499
Venezuela.....	2,941	-	-	2,941
Totals, Foreign Countries.....	238,409	126,865	727,139	3,210,623
Totals, All Countries.....	238,409	126,865	766,668	3,623,614
<u>BARLEY 1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom.....	2,873,116	4,785,383	4,461,977	22,684,795
<u>North America</u>				
Trinidad and Tobago.....	-	-	-	666
Totals, Commonwealth Countries..	2,873,116	4,785,383	4,461,977	22,685,461
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Asia</u>				
Japan.....	420,000	-	-	7,037,022
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium.....	13,761	-	-	181,979
Czechoslovakia.....	808,068	592,334	-	1,400,402
Germany, Federal Republic.....	1,486,934	-	-	3,174,400
Italy.....	-	-	-	28,000
Netherlands.....	41,601	72,333	-	230,601
Norway.....	-	362,200	-	362,200
Poland.....	208,400	-	-	208,400
Switzerland.....	102,407	14,827	-	147,537
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
For domestic use 2/.....	4,065,539	2,289,781	3,543,874	28,854,835
<u>South America</u>				
Venezuela.....	-	-	-	2,646
Totals, Foreign Countries.....	7,146,710	3,331,475	3,543,874	41,628,022
Totals, All Countries.....	10,019,826	8,116,858	8,005,851	64,313,483

Exports of Canadian Rye and Flaxseed, 1955-56

Destination	May	June	July	August-July
- bushels -				
<u>RYE 1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom.....	-	-	14,000	14,000
<u>North America</u>				
Trinidad and Tobago.....	-	-	-	1,835
Totals, Commonwealth Countries...	-	-	14,000	15,835
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium.....	152,000	227,257	40,000	995,972
Denmark.....	75,000	-	100,000	526,000
Germany, Federal Republic.....	1,401,727	1,735,865	171,922	4,000,482
Italy.....	-	148,000	39,370	187,370
Netherlands.....	148,400	148,573	-	672,956
Norway.....	117,600	318,000	283,308	1,139,498
Poland.....	1,156,000	-	-	1,156,000
Sweden.....	-	-	120,680	180,680
Switzerland.....	-	40,000	-	40,000
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
For domestic use 2/.....	-	-	2,394,701	4,003,681
Totals, Foreign Countries.....	3,050,727	2,617,695	3,149,981	12,902,639
Totals, All Countries.....	3,050,727	2,617,695	3,163,981	12,918,474
<u>FLAXSEED 1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom.....	226,480	386,720	756,379	4,328,184
<u>Africa</u>				
Union of South Africa.....	-	-	-	3,967
Totals, Commonwealth Countries...	226,480	386,720	756,379	4,332,151
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Africa</u>				
Morocco.....	-	-	-	52,000
<u>Asia</u>				
Israel.....	-	-	-	19,293
Japan.....	70,471	39,969	155,984	1,448,734
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium.....	4,078	-	-	1,248,053
France.....	-	-	-	864,653
Germany, Federal Republic.....	44,864	67,168	-	289,034
Greece.....	-	-	-	76,614
Ireland.....	-	-	-	2,000
Italy.....	-	-	-	471,684
Netherlands.....	40,609	18,390	50,905	2,350,082
Norway.....	-	-	-	203,872
Portugal.....	-	-	-	172,895
Spain.....	-	-	-	48,228
<u>South America</u>				
Chile.....	-	-	-	3,695
Totals, Foreign Countries.....	160,022	125,527	206,889	7,250,837
Totals, All Countries.....	386,502	512,247	963,268	11,582,988

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/ 1955-56

Destination	May	June	July	August-July
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom.....	-	-	-	4,923
<u>Asia</u>				
Ceylon.....	698	126	225	5,791
Hong Kong.....	-	627	626	5,060
India.....	-	-	-	110
Malaya and Singapore.....	-	-	-	1,066
<u>North America</u>				
Bahamas.....	-	99	77	1,160
Barbados.....	253	-	241	1,291
Bermuda.....	71	143	77	3,961
Jamaica.....	4,121	5,478	9,187	51,797
Leeward and Windward Islands.....	1,313	418	330	8,275 ^{2/}
Trinidad and Tobago	-	247	154	1,808
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana.....	-	71	50	489
Totals, Commonwealth Countries....	6,456	7,209	10,967	85,731 ^{2/}
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Asia</u>				
Philippine Islands.....	2,593	-	-	2,593
Thailand.....	-	-	33	33
<u>Europe</u>				
Switzerland.....	-	-	-	21,758
<u>North America</u>				
Costa Rica.....	-	-	-	3,714
Guatemala.....	2,198	5,357	5,154	48,286
Nicaragua.....	-	-	-	374
Panama.....	-	483	247	3,472
St. Pierre and Miquelon.....	61	-	-	956
United States.....	286 ^{3/}	-	66	3,770 ^{4/}
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia.....	-	-	-	6,071
Colombia.....	626	-	-	12,132
Ecuador.....	247	-	-	522
Peru.....	1,522	4,836	-	123,429
Surinam.....	49	-	-	49
Venezuela.....	20,121	9,857	9,967	205,852
Totals, Foreign Countries.....	27,703 ^{3/}	20,533	15,467	433,011 ^{4/}
Totals, All Countries.....	34,159 ^{3/}	27,742	26,434	518,742 ^{5/}

1/ In terms of oats equivalent. Conversion rate: 1 bushel of oats equals 18.2 pounds of oatmeal and rolled oats.

2/ Includes 165 bushels of oatmeal.

3/ Includes 110 bushels of oatmeal.

4/ Includes 1,154 bushels of oatmeal.

5/ Includes 1,319 bushels of oatmeal.

HOG-BARLEY RATIO

During the May-July period of 1956, the hog-barley ratio showed an increase of 5.1 points, reflecting generally increased hog prices accompanied by declining prices of feed barley. Average returns from hogs, price basis B-1 dressed weight at Winnipeg, increased from \$20.52 per hundredweight in May, to \$23.65 per hundredweight in June and \$24.91 per hundredweight in July. During the same period, the cost of No. 1 Feed barley, basis in store Fort William-Port Arthur, declined from a monthly average of \$1.15 1/8 per bushel in May, to an average of \$1.04 1/4 per bushel in June and \$1.03 1/2 per bushel in July. As a result, the index increased during the period from 14.7 points in May to 19.8 points in July, the highest level in two years.

Number of Bushels of No. 1 Feed Barley
Equivalent in Price to 100 Pounds of B-1 (Live) Hog at Winnipeg, by Months, 1951-1956
(Long-time average 1913-1949, with 1930 omitted due to extreme abnormality, is 18.3)

Month	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	17.0	14.6	15.1	28.1	16.2	16.3
February	17.2	14.7	16.1	28.9	15.3	16.3
March	17.4	15.4	17.0	30.7	16.0	15.2
April	16.4	16.5	17.0	30.6	15.9	14.3
May.....	20.2	17.4	19.0	31.7	17.0	14.7
June	24.3	17.2	20.7	28.3	19.7	18.8
July	26.1	17.5	21.4	23.6	19.0	19.8
August	25.1	15.9	23.2	18.4	19.4	
September	21.2	15.2	23.8	16.3	19.7	
October	17.0	14.4	26.5	15.8	16.4	
November	15.2	14.2	24.8	16.0	16.3	
December	15.8	16.3	27.4	17.1	16.4	

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

FEED AND LIVESTOCK PRICE INDICES

After reaching its highest level in recent years in April, the index of feed prices declined, seasonally, during the May-July period of 1956. This downward movement was largely due to decreasing prices for hay, as pastures became abundant. There was also a general slight lowering in the price levels for feed barley, oats, grain corn, bran and shorts.

Primarily due to steadily increasing prices for both steers and hogs, two of the major components of the index, the index of farm animals and animal products showed a considerable upward movement during the May-July period this year. Although there were lower levels in prices for veal, lambs and poultry, these were more than offset by the higher average returns for beef and pork as well as increased prices for eggs and wool.

Index Numbers of Feed Prices and Prices of Farm Animals and Farm Animal Products
by Months, 1953-1956 (1935-1939 = 100)

Month	1953		1954		1955		1956	
	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal
January	211.3	266.4	201.6	266.3	215.7	248.3	208.2	235.0
February	210.4	263.1	202.8	264.7	218.8	245.6	212.1	232.3
March	209.8	264.3	202.2	262.0	210.7	241.3	216.2	231.1
April	207.5	255.8	204.4	260.4	215.3	238.7	225.9	232.0
May	203.7	263.2	203.3	268.0	216.6	243.4	221.8	238.0
June	200.0	268.7	202.8	267.3	212.7	250.0	216.6	251.7
July	197.0	265.3	201.1	262.1	199.7	249.5	213.0	256.4
August	196.6	269.9	201.9	248.2	198.3	250.6		
September	195.0	263.7	208.2	245.5	199.3	251.6		
October	192.5	265.3	214.1	240.5	199.3	241.9		
November	191.8	258.0	215.8	243.1	200.7	240.5		
December	192.6	261.6	215.2	245.9	202.9	239.4		

GRAIN CORN

Production of shelled corn in 1955 was estimated at a record 31.5 million bushels, 41 per cent above the 1954 outturn of 22.3 million bushels and more than double the ten-year (1945-1954) average of 14.8 million. In addition to domestic supplies, imports of corn during the first ten months of the 1955-56 crop year amounted to 3.1 million bushels as against 5.4 million imported during the corresponding period of 1954-55. Total supplies (production plus imports) during the five crop years preceding 1955-56 ranged from a high of 28.3 million bushels in 1954-55 to a low of 22.6 million in 1951-52.

Preliminary acreage estimates for 1956 indicate that the area seeded to corn for grain this year registered a decline for the first year since 1947. Grain corn acreage in Canada in 1956 is placed at 438,200 acres, a decrease of 14 per cent from the 1955 level. The overall decrease is entirely attributable to a decrease in the Ontario acreage, from 500,000 acres in 1955 to 430,000 acres in 1956. In Manitoba, the only other province where any significant acreage is seeded to corn for grain, the acreage actually increased from 7,000 to 8,200 acres. The first forecast of production of the 1955 corn crop is scheduled for release on October 3.

Canadian Production and Imports of Corn, Crop Years 1946-47-1955-56

Crop Year	Production	Imports	Crop Year	Production	Imports
	- thousand bushels -			- thousand bushels -	
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	5,949 ^{1/}
1950-51	14,103	9,828	1955-56	31,510 ^{2/}	3,126 ^{3/}

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ August 1955 - May-1956.

FLAXSEED

The August forecast of production, based on conditions at August 15, placed Canada's 1956 flaxseed outturn at a record 37.3 million bushels. A crop of the size indicated would be almost double the 1955 harvest of 19.7 million and almost four times as great as the ten-year (1945-1954) average of 9.6 million bushels. This year's sharply higher production over that of last year is due to the combination of an increase in seeded area from 1.8 million acres in 1955 to 3.1 million in 1956 and an increase in average yield per acre from 10.7 to 11.9 bushels. This year's July 31 carry-over of flaxseed at 2.3 million bushels, plus a crop of the size indicated at mid-August would provide record supplies amounting to 39.6 million bushels. Frost in late August and early September caused noticeable damage to flax crops throughout the Prairie Provinces. The extent of this and other damage cannot be assessed until results of the September survey of production is released on October 3.

Acreage, Yield and Production of Flaxseed in Canada, 1945-1956

Year	Acreage	Yield	Production
	thousand acres	bushels per acre	thousand bushels
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
1954	1,206	9.3	11,238
10-year average 1945-1954	1,087	8.8	9,578
1955 ^{1/}	1,838	10.7	19,748
1956 ^{2/}	3,141	11.9	37,299

1/ Revised
2/ Preliminary.

Oilseed Crashings in Canada, Crop Years 1945-46 to 1955-56

Item	Quantity Crushed	Oil Produced	Oil Meal Produced
	bu.	lb.	tons
<u>Flaxseed</u>			
1945-46.....	5,657,940	107,376,990	96,800
1946-47.....	5,012,328	96,528,281	89,412
1947-48.....	5,705,759	109,864,378	98,966
1948-49.....	4,756,609	93,057,715	80,817
1949-50.....	4,656,968	90,678,643	79,429
1950-51.....	3,618,497	68,526,244	60,683
1951-52.....	3,638,658	69,447,873	59,975
1952-53.....	4,470,203	88,332,192	75,216
1953-54.....	3,806,508	75,345,687	64,580
1954-55 <u>1/</u>	3,358,572	66,399,386	56,832
1955-56 <u>2/</u>	3,606,718	71,557,415	62,345
<u>Soybean</u>			
1945-46.....	1,541,869	14,665,566	36,439
1946-47.....	2,277,304	22,723,208	52,596
1947-48.....	2,300,743	24,472,042	54,343
1948-49.....	3,901,831	39,663,914	89,002
1949-50.....	4,958,799	50,473,816	116,845
1950-51.....	7,393,274	72,676,381	176,343
1951-52.....	7,059,102	70,325,206	169,762
1952-53.....	8,406,128	87,925,833	200,725
1953-54.....	8,837,753	93,389,955	213,169
1954-55.....	10,211,458	105,117,779	241,465
1955-56 <u>2/</u>	11,799,336	124,170,765	279,095
<u>Others</u>			
1945-46 <u>3/</u>	52,132	49,577,591	22,794
1946-47 <u>4/</u>	58,241	63,887,316	22,222
1947-48 <u>5/</u>	65,586	66,034,935	27,835
1948-49 <u>4/</u>	84,323	75,392,463	38,182
1949-50 <u>6/</u>	54,748	54,085,893	20,541
1950-51 <u>7/</u>	35,141	40,660,485	11,842
1951-52 <u>8/</u>	33,598	39,171,638	11,955
1952-53 <u>8/</u>	24,110	27,575,736	9,454
1953-54 <u>6/</u>	34,424	34,800,527	14,666
1954-55 <u>9/</u>	32,276	30,401,488	13,609
1955-56 <u>2/ 6/</u>	24,911	22,036,589	10,854

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed, peanuts and palm kernels. 4/ Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed, peanuts and mustard seed. 5/ Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed and peanuts. 6/ Includes copra, rapeseed, sunflower seed and mustard seed. 7/ Includes copra and sunflower seed. 8/ Includes copra, rapeseed and sunflower seed. 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 1956	June 1956	July 1956
-cents and eighths per bushel-			
<u>O A T S</u>			
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>			
2 C.W.	65	65	65
Ex. 3 C.W.	62	62	62
3 C.W.	62	62	62
Ex. 1 Feed	62	62	62
1 Feed	60	60	60
2 Feed	55	55	55
3 Feed	48	48	48
<u>Domestic and Export 1/</u>			
2 C.W.	88/5	86/7	84/5
Ex. 3 C.W.	84/5	82/7	80/6
3 C.W.	81/5	80/6	78/3
Ex. 1 Feed	81/5	80/7	78/6
1 Feed	80/5	79/7	76/6
2 Feed	78/5	77/7	74/6
3 Feed	75/5	74/7	71/6
<u>B A R L E Y</u>			
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>			
1 C.W. Six-Row	98	98	98
2 C.W. Six-Row	98	98	98
3 C.W. Six-Row	96	96	96
4 C.W. Six-Row	90	90	90
1 C.W. Two-Row	91	91	91
2 C.W. Two-Row	91	91	91
3 C.W. Two-Row	88	88	88
1 Feed	87	87	87
2 Feed	82	82	82
3 Feed	75	75	75
<u>Domestic and Export 1/</u>			
1 C.W. Six-Row	124/6	119/4	121/1
2 C.W. Six-Row	124/6	119/4	121/1
3 C.W. Six-Row	120/6	115/4	117/1
4 C.W. Six-Row	115/4	105/6	106/1
1 C.W. Two-Row	123/6	118/4	120/1
2 C.W. Two-Row	123/6	118/4	120/1
3 C.W. Two-Row	115/5	105/6	106/1
1 Feed	115/1	104/2	103/4
2 Feed	114/6	103/4	102/6
3 Feed	111/4	100/4	99/7

1/ For local sales and for spot sales subject to confirmation.

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

Grain and Grade	May 1956	June 1956	July 1956
-cents and eighth per bushel-			
<u>OATS</u>			
<u>Domestic and Export</u>			
2 C.W.	87/4	85/4	83/5
Ex. 3 C.W.	83/4	81/4	79/7
3 C.W.	81/1	80/1	78
Ex. 1 Feed	81/1	80/1	78/1
1 Feed	80/2	79/2	76/2
2 Feed	77/6	77/1	74/1
3 Feed	74/7	74/1	71/1
<u>BARLEY</u>			
<u>Domestic and Export</u>			
1 C.W. Six-Row	123/4	117/3	118/7
2 C.W. Six-Row	123/4	117/3	118/7
3 C.W. Six-Row	116/7	111	110/1
4 C.W. Six-Row	114/6	103/5	103
1 C.W. Two-Row	122/4	116/3	117/7
2 C.W. Two-Row	122/4	116/3	117/7
3 C.W. Two-Row	114/6	103/5	103
1 Feed	114/6	103/5	103
2 Feed	114/2	102/7	102/2
3 Feed	110/6	99/4	99/2
<u>RYE</u>			
<u>Producers', Domestic, and Export Prices</u>			
2 C.W.	122/4	116/4	125/5
3 C.W.	118/5	113/5	122/5
4 C.W.	106/3	104	112/4
Ergoty	104/1	102	110/1
<u>FLAXSEED</u>			
<u>Producers', Domestic, and Export Prices</u>			
1 C.W.	407/2	357/6	347/7
2 C.W.	402/2	350/3	341/1
3 C.W.	358	302/2	291/1

UNITED STATES FEED SITUATION

The following summary of the feed situation in the United States has been taken from the September 21, 1956 issue of The Feed Situation, published by the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

"Prospects for the corn crop improved materially during August, and in early September total feed grain production was estimated at 125 million tons, only 4 per cent below the big crop of last year. With larger carryover stocks on hand, the total supply of feed concentrates for the 1956-57 feeding year, including grains and byproduct feeds, is now estimated at 196 million tons, practically equal to the record supply in 1955-56. The 1956 feed grain crops, with normal feeding rates, appear fully adequate to meet our total 1956-57 requirements and leave a larger carryover into 1957-58 than the record stocks this year.

The 1956-57 corn supply is estimated at over 4.5 billion bushels, 6 per cent above the record supply last year and 17 per cent above the 1949-53 average. The 1956 crop was estimated on September 1 at 3,336 million bushels, an increase of 192 million over the August 1 estimate and second only to the bumper crop of 1948. A record carryover totaling around 1.2 billion bushels is in prospect. Supplies of the other feed grains are smaller than last year. The oats supply was estimated in September to be down 16 per cent, barley 9 per cent and sorghum grains 23 per cent.

The hay supply for 1956-57 is estimated at 125 million tons, 3 million tons less than in 1955-56, and a little below average in relation to the roughage consuming livestock on farms. Hay crops are short and pastures have been below average in much of the Great Plains and the Western Corn Belt, and in areas of the South. The bumper soybean crop is expected to provide a record supply of soybean meal, bringing the total high protein feed supply above last year's high level.

The general rise in feed grain prices during the 1955-56 season brought the mid-August index of prices received by farmers to 27 per cent above the seasonal low of last fall, and 13 per cent higher than a year earlier. Higher prices this summer reflect smaller crops and higher price supports for oats, barley and sorghum grains, and small market receipts and declining stocks of "free" corn. While corn prices are expected to decline seasonally as the 1956 crop is harvested, the general level of feed grain prices probably will be a little higher this fall and winter than a year earlier.

Prices of many of the high protein feeds have declined since July after advancing from March through June. In August and early September they were generally close to a year earlier. The price of soybean meal has been low in recent weeks relative to most other high protein feeds. Prices paid by farmers for feed purchased averaged 2.4 per cent higher in August than a year earlier and livestock-feed price ratios were generally less favorable."

NOTES ON FOREIGN CROPS

Argentina

The following information relative to Argentine crop conditions is extracted from a report provided by Mr. W. F. Hillhouse, Agricultural Secretary for Canada, Canadian Embassy, Buenos Aires, under date of August 16, 1956, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Weather and Crops Climatic conditions during the past month in the cereal zone have been generally favourable for crop development and for the cultural practices of the season. In diverse areas of the provinces of Buenos Aires, Entre Rios and Santa Fé rainfalls of varying intensity were registered. In the remainder of the zone these were scattered and light. In general, however, soil moisture was maintained and the work of soil preparation and seeding of winter grains was intensified. Several frosts registered during the period helped to cut back top growth and promote root development of the earlier planted fields.

Flaxseed In the northern zone a high percentage of this crop had already been sown and estimates of seeded area ranged up to 200 per cent above last year (these estimates did not however, refer to the province of Entre Rios, which is an extremely important producer of this crop). In the southern zone flaxseed is not sown until late August or early September but most contacts expected a substantial percentage increase over last year. On the basis of these observations, the present government's prediction of an increase of less than 50 per cent seems somewhat conservative.

Barley, Oats and Rye As usual, it was difficult to obtain estimates concerning these grains since they are so often thought of merely as pasture even though if conditions permit they may later produce a crop. There were in the north, however, a few noteworthy comments on increased sales of seed barley this year. This increase was associated with planned seeding of sunflowerseed on barley stubble. The condition of these crops was good and they were providing much feed especially in the north.

Corn With minor exceptions the corn crop had been harvested in the whole area but there was remarkably little evidence of it having been shelled. Opinions varied as to the probable increase or otherwise in corn seeding for the coming crop year. Labour shortage and mechanical problems with locally made harvesting machinery will evidently dissuade some producers from increasing or even maintaining the area sown last year although the higher producer price will stimulate others.

Australia

The following notes, relative to Australian coarse grains and oilseed crops have been extracted from a report from Mr. R. W. Blake, Commercial Secretary for Canada, Melbourne, under date of August 9, 1956 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Barley It is estimated that 150,000 acres will be planted to barley in Queensland this year, about 50,000 acres more than last season. Prospects for sales of barley are considered bright, as there were definite markets overseas for all the barley Queensland could produce.

Last year's record crop of 2.8 million bushels in Queensland had been disposed of easily, the Chairman of the Barley Marketing Board said, and 80 per cent of it was exported, mainly to Japan and Europe.

The overall barley acreage in New South Wales is expected to be considerably lower this year, but increased acreages may result in other States, if conditions improve.

Sorghum Queensland produces about 97 per cent of the grain sorghum grown in Australia. In its latest survey of the 1956 crop, the Queensland Department of Agriculture anticipated that a planted area of 180,000 acres would yield at least 4 million bushels, somewhat lower than the 1955 harvest.

The Federal Minister for Primary Industry announced in Brisbane that his department was in the process of making an investigation into the marketing of grain sorghum.

The president of the Queensland Grain Growers' Association said that sorghum could become Queensland's main grain crop if growers could be assured of a satisfactory market. A large number of growers had asked for a compulsory marketing system similar to that operating for wheat and barley, but it is reported that a larger number were in favor of no control, preferring to dispose of the crop by private trading to interstate buyers.

Flaxseed Queensland's estimated flaxseed acreage for the 1956 season would be 114,000 acres, compared with 50,000 acres for a 12,500 ton (492,000 bushels) harvest last season. Rain had delayed planting in some areas, and it is not expected that the same high average yields of last season will be obtained this year.

Terms of payment to growers for the coming season would be 50 per cent of the guaranteed price within 60 days of delivery, and the balance over two payments each of 25 per cent, total payment to be made within six months.

Maize It is now estimated that production from the 1956 Queensland maize crop will be about 3 million bushels, or about 10 per cent higher than last year's estimate of 2.75 million bushels.

France

The following information relative to crop acreages, yield, production, grain prices and policy have been extracted from a report provided by Miss V.F. Wightman, Commercial Secretariat, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of August 20, 1956, 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 one franc equals .002807 Canadian dollars, the rate in effect on August 2, 1956.

"Despite generally unfavorable weather conditions, official estimates of the chief grain crops have been revised upwards from last month. The latest official estimates are as follows:"

Grain	Production		Yield per Acre		Area Seeded	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	-thousand bushels-		- bushels -		- thousand acres -	
Wheat	380,834	178,760	33.9	26.8	11,247	6,668
Barley	122,659	232,687	37.8	41.3	3,244	5,630
Oats	235,997	267,198	43.2	47.5	5,457	5,628
Rye	17,336	17,322	18.1	19.5	957	889

Source - French Ministry of Agriculture

There will be a record barley crop this year of some 5 million tons (229.6 million bushels) which is almost twice last year's level. The area seeded has likewise doubled because much of last winter's frost killed wheat fields were re-planted to barley due, in part, to shortage of seed wheat, but also because farmers were not accustomed to spring wheat. Furthermore, the season's yield is estimated to be 10 per cent higher.

It would appear that this year France and Algeria together will have an export surplus of around 2 million metric tons (91.9 million bushels). This year, for the first time, barley producers will pay a levy to help offset the export subsidy, at the rate of 133 francs per quintal (8 cents per bushel).

New 1956 Grain Prices
For Barley, Rye, Oats
and Corn

On August 19 the French government issued a decree with the new 1956 grain prices as follows:

Barley The 1956 price for barley is set at 2,415 francs per quintal (\$1.48 per bushel) for specific weight of 68 kilos the hectolitre (54 pounds per bushel), and 2,271 francs per quintal (\$1.39 per bushel) for specific weight of 62 kilos the hectolitre (50 pounds per bushel). Brewers barley will benefit from a premium of up to 200 francs (12 cents per bushel) to be determined between buyer and seller.

In addition, barley producers will receive a premium for "exceptional difficulties" of 218 francs per quintal (13 cents per bushel), but will be levied 133 francs per quintal (8 cents per bushel) as a contribution towards the export subsidy. The actual prices will, therefore, be 2,500 and 2,186 francs per quintal (\$1.53 and \$1.34 per bushel) compared with 2,250 (\$1.38) last season.

Rye The 1956 price is set at 2,760 francs per quintal (\$1.97 per bushel) compared with 2,550 francs (\$1.82) last season.

Oats The 1956 price for oats remains outside government control except that the Grain Board may step in and steady the market by purchases at the following levels last season 1,900 francs (82 cents per bushel).

Up to October 31	82 cents per bushel
November 1 - January 31, 1957	83 cents per bushel
February 1 - April 30	85 cents per bushel
May 1 on	87 cents per bushel

Corn The official purchase price by the Grain Board remains unchanged at 3,600 francs per quintal (\$2.57 per bushel).

Subsidy on Seed Corn

In order to encourage corn production and to assist farmers who suffered losses from the frosts, the French Government has extended a subsidy of 3,000 francs per quintal (\$2.14 per bushel) on seed corn. This applies to seed acquired since February 15.

Preliminary Data on Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed
Crop Year 1955-56, with Comparisons

Item	Grain	1953-54	1954-55 <u>1/</u>	1955-56 <u>2/</u>
- thousand bushels -				
Marketings <u>3/</u>	Oats	90,367	70,221	71,457 <u>4/</u>
	Barley	101,397	112,568	114,456 <u>4/</u>
	Rye	12,209	13,191	12,484 <u>4/</u>
	Flaxseed	7,403	8,792	15,461 <u>4/</u>
Exports	Oats	69,914	21,635	3,624
	Barley	90,044	77,092	64,313
	Rye	16,835	9,311	12,918
	Flaxseed	5,172	6,345	11,583
Carryover at end of Crop Year	Oats	125,769	83,967	116,049
	Barley	145,910	91,488	107,546
	Rye	19,285	18,485	14,999
	Flaxseed	2,578	1,234	2,278

1/ Marketings and carryover revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Western Canadian grain only. 4/ Revised but subject to further revision.

CALENDAR OF COARSE GRAIN EVENTS

- July 27 - The Canadian Wheat Board, in announcing its delivery quota policy for the 1956-57 crop year, stated that in addition to wheat, oats, barley and rye, durum wheat and flaxseed would be on a delivery quota basis.
- August 10 - The preliminary estimate of the area seeded to Canada's principal grain crops in 1956, in millions of acres, with the 1955 acreages in brackets, were as follows: all wheat, 21.3 (21.5); oats, 12.0 (11.2); barley, 8.7 (9.9); mixed grains, 1.6 (1.7); rye, 0.6 (0.8) and flaxseed, 3.1 (1.8).
- 17 - Preliminary estimates place carryover stocks of Canadian coarse grains, rye and flaxseed in all North American positions at July 31, 1956 as follows, with corresponding 1955 totals in brackets, in millions of bushels: oats, 116.0 (84.0); barley, 107.5 (91.5); rye, 15.0 (18.5); and flaxseed, 2.3 (1.2).
- 20 - According to a report received from the Canadian commercial Secretariat, Paris, the 1956 barley crop in France is expected to reach a record outturn of 5 million tons (229.6 million bushels).
- 31 - The first forecast of production of Canada's 1956 field crops, based on yields indicated at August 15, placed the outturns of the major grains as follows, in millions of bushels with 1955 figures in brackets: all wheat, 512.2 (494.1); oats, 514.7 (403.8); barley, 281.6 (252.2); mixed grains, 67.0 (65.4); all rye, 8.7 (14.7); and flaxseed, 37.3 (19.7).
- September 18 - According to a report received from the Agricultural Secretary, for Canada, Buenos Aires, the 1956 acreage seeded to flaxseed in the Argentine is officially estimated at 2,668 thousand acres as against 1,665 thousand in 1955.

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