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## FEED SITUATION IN CANADA

### Final Payment on 1956-57 Barley Pool

On May 26, 1958, the Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that the 1956-57 barley pool was closed on May 9 and the final accounting has now been completed by the Canadian wheat board. The surplus in the pool for distribution to producers is \$7,570,416.35. Producers delivered a total of 120.6 million bushels of barley to this pool. The average final payment will be 6.28 cents per bushel. The principal grades of barley delivered to the 1956-57 pool were No. 3 Canada western, six row, No. 1 feed and No. 2 feed. The final payments to producers on these grades will be 6.011 cents per bushel, 5.153 cents per bushel and 6.830 cents per bushel, respectively, these payments being prior to deduction of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy. The wheat board will commence mailing final payment barley cheques to producers on May 28, and this distribution will be completed by June 12.

### Mr. W.C. McNamara Appointed Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board

The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on June 9, 1958 that Mr. W. C. McNamara has been appointed Chief Commissioner of The Canadian Wheat Board, in succession to Mr. George McIvor, who resigned last April to

enter private industry.

Mr. McNamara has been associated with the Canadian Wheat Board since 1942, when he was appointed Supervisor of Car Supply and was involved in wartime transportation problems of the Board. He was appointed special representative of the Board in Washington, D.C., in 1944, and served as an alternative member for the Canadian Government on the Cereals Committee of the Combined Food Board. While in Washington, he worked closely with the International Emergency Food Council in the world-wide distribution of cereals, when urgent demands had to be met. He had an opportunity of meeting many government officials and representatives of the grain trade throughout the world.

Mr. McNamara was appointed a Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board in 1945, and has been Assistant Chief Commissioner since 1947. He has travelled extensively in Europe and Asia, and accompanied Mr. Churchill on a mission to Europe last September, when they discussed marketing problems with members of the grain trade and milling interests.

He has been a member on three occasions of the Canadian delegation that negotiated successive international wheat agreements, and has taken an active interest in the work of the International Wheat Council, which has its headquarters in London, England.

### Commercial Supplies

Deliveries of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed by farmers in the Prairie Provinces during the period August 1, 1957 to May 14, 1958 amounted to 129.6 million bushels compared with the 1956-57 figure of 166.8 million and the ten-year (1946-47-1955-56) average for the period of 156.6 million. Marketings of each of the four grains to May 14 of the current crop year with comparable totals for 1956-57 in brackets were as follows, in millions of bushels: oats, 37.8 (45.9); barley, 74.0 (93.9); rye, 4.5 (2.9); and flaxseed, 13.3 (24.1).

Total supplies (excluding stocks on farms) of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed at May 14 this year amounted to 109.1 million



bushels below the 1957 comparable total of 119.9 million but well above the comparable 1956 figure of 82.3 million. Stocks of barley, at 54.1 million bushels accounted for virtually half of the current total of the four grains in all commercial positions. The bulk of the remainder was accounted for by 43.5 million bushels of oats while commercial supplies of rye and flaxseed at May 14 of the current crop year amounted to 5.6 million and 5.9 million bushels, respectively. Total stocks of the four grains in country elevators amounted to 58.1 million bushels, below the 65.8 million in this position a year ago and above the 44.6 million of two years ago. "In transit rail" (Western Division) accounted for some 4.8 million bushels of the four grains at May 14 this year compared with 4.3 million in 1957 and 6.9 million in 1956. Stocks in Lakehead position, at 23.4 million bushels, were somewhat lower than the 1957 total of 25.3 million but double the 1956 figure of 11.7 million. Some 5.6 million bushels were "in transit lake" at May 14 this year compared with 3.2 million a year ago and 5.6 million two years ago. The 6.4 million bushels of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports were down from the 7.7 million in this position at mid-May last year but above the 1956 total of 5.0 million. Supplies of the four grains in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports at May 14, 1958 amounted to 4.0 million bushels, compared with 4.3 million in 1957 and 3.1 million in 1956. Supplies of these same grains in West Coast Ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert) at May 14, 1958 totalled 3.1 million bushels as against the 1957 total of 4.7 million and the 1956 figure of 2.0 million.

Exports of Oats,  
Barley, Rye and  
Flaxseed

Total exports of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed during the first three quarters of the 1957-58 crop year amounted to 71.3 million bushels representing a decline of 19 per cent from the 1956-57 comparable total of 88.0 million and 27 per cent less

than the five-year (1951-52-1955-56) average for the period of 98.3 million bushels. Current crop year exports of the four grains to April 30, 1958, in millions of bushels, with figures for the corresponding period of 1956-57 and the five-year August - April averages, respectively, in brackets, were as follows: oats, 17.7 (9.6, 31.9); barley, 42.2 (60.5, 55.9); rye, 1.1 (1.9, 5.8); and flaxseed, 10.2 (16.0, 4.7).

During the first nine months of the 1957-58 crop year the United States was the leading market for Canadian oats, accounting for shipments totalling 15.6 million bushels. Shipments to the United Kingdom accounted for some 2.0 million bushels with smaller amounts going to Ireland, Belgium, Panama, Venezuela, British Guiana and Barbados. Exports of Canadian barley during the period under review went to eight different countries with shipments to the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan accounting for 17.1 million, 11.5 million and 9.8 million bushels, respectively. Shipments to the U.S.S.R. (Russia) amounted to 3.2 million bushels with the remainder accounted for by relatively smaller shipments to the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. The 1.1 million bushels of rye exported during the period consisted of shipments to the Netherlands, Norway, the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom.

The bulk of the 10.2 million bushels of Canadian flaxseed exported during the August - April period of the current crop year was accounted for by shipments to the United Kingdom, (3.2 million bushels); Japan, (2.3 million); the Netherlands, (1.7 million); France, (1.1 million) and Belgium, (1.1 million). The remainder was shipped in smaller amounts to the Federal Republic of Germany, Norway, Italy, Greece and Ireland.

Delivery Policy      Malting, Pot and Pearling Barley The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas No. 49, under date of March 31, 1958 announced in part as follows: "Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 1 of July 15, 1957, is hereby amended to provide for permission to deliver during Season 1957-58, in excess of the established quota, a second carlot of barley, a representative sample of which has been submitted to and accepted by a maltster or shipper as suitable for malting, pot or pearling on a premium basis."

Supplementary Quota on Rye The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas No. 66, under date of June 5, 1958 announced in part as follows: "In order to place additional stocks of rye in a marketable position the supplementary quota of ten (10) bushels per acre seeded to rye, as authorized in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 34 of January 9, 1958, will be increased to fifteen (15) bushels per acre seeded to rye, as indicated in producers' delivery permit books, effective on Monday, June 9, 1958 at all delivery points in the designated area.

General Quota      By June 9, 1958 out of a total of 2,070 shipping points in the Western Division the Canadian Wheat Board had been able to place 562 on a quota of 6 bushels per specified acre, 1,051 on a 5-bushel quota and 425 on a 4-bushel quota. Thirty-two stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group as at June 9, 1958

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre			Closed Stations	Total
	Four	Five	Six		
Ontario .....	-	-	1	1	2
Manitoba .....	43	268	63	1	375
Saskatchewan .....	379	610	104	8	1,101
Alberta .....	3	173	390	22	588
British Columbia .....	-	-	4	-	4
All Provinces .....	425	1,051	562	32	2,070



INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL GRAIN CROPS AND SUMMERFALLOW IN CANADA\*, 1958

On the basis of their intentions at March 1, Canadian farmers plan a slight decrease in wheat acreage this year. The prospective acreage to be seeded to all wheat is the smallest since 1943 when a special war-time acreage reduction program was in effect. Acreage declines are also indicated for fall rye, flaxseed and corn for grain. These intended acreage reductions are offset by prospective increases in the acreage to be used for oats for grain, barley, mixed grains, spring rye and summerfallow. The largest individual increase indicated in the use of Canadian crop land in 1958 is the increase of 429,000 acres in barley while the largest offsetting decrease is a prospective reduction of 385,000 acres for all classes of wheat combined. It is emphasized that the intended acreages in this report are merely indicative of farmers' plans at March 1, and the acreages actually seeded, therefore, may vary considerably from the intentions figures, depending upon conditions before and during seeding.

According to farmers' intentions at March 1, the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 20.6 million acres, a decrease of 2 per cent from 1957 seedings of 21.0 million and 16 per cent below the 1952-1956 average of 24.7 million acres.

The intended acreage of oats for grain at 11.1 million acres is 1 per cent above last year's acreage of 11.0 million and 3 per cent above the 1952-1956 average of 10.8 million acres. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 9.8 million acres, up 5 per cent from a year earlier and only slightly below the 1955 record of 9.9 million acres. Mixed grains 'acreage' intentions of 1.5 million are 3 per cent above last year but 6 per cent below the five-year average of 1.6 million acres. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario, but including small commercial acreages in Manitoba may be sown on 507,400 acres, a decrease of 1 per cent from 1957.

The area intended for spring rye in 1958 is placed at 122,500 acres, 10 per cent above last year's level 111,100 acres. With a 13 per cent decline in the area seeded to fall rye last autumn, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 505,700 acres, down 8 per cent from the 1957 acreage of 550,600 acres and only about half the five-year average of 989,200 acres. The 1958 intended acreage for flaxseed in Canada, at 3.2 million represents a decline of 9 per cent from the 1957 acreage of 3.5 million. Flaxseed acreage may decline substantially in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, probably reflecting poor yields in these two provinces last year, although acreage in Alberta may increase.

Intended Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow, Canada\*,  
at March 1, 1958, compared with Estimated Acreages, 1955-1957

Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1958	
	1955	1956	1957	Area	as % of 1957
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent
<u>CANADA</u>					
Winter wheat 2/ .....	582,000	625,000	590,000	560,000	95
Spring wheat 3/ .....	22,078,000	22,156,100	20,440,800	20,086,200	98
All wheat .....	22,660,000	22,781,100	21,030,800	20,646,200	98
Oats for grain .....	11,178,000	11,706,800	11,017,000	11,127,000	101
Barley .....	9,932,500	8,390,400	9,403,200	9,832,100	105
Fall rye 4/ .....	568,900	368,400	439,500	383,200	87
Spring rye .....	211,300	178,900	111,100	122,500	110
All rye .....	780,200	547,300	550,600	505,700	92
Mixed grains .....	1,705,200	1,560,500	1,452,200	1,494,700	103
Flaxseed .....	1,838,400	3,040,800	3,485,600	3,187,900	91
Corn for grain 5/ .....	507,000	509,100	514,500	507,400	99
Summerfallow .....	23,965,000	24,113,000	24,723,000	24,865,000	101

\* Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

1/ Except for summerfallow.

2/ Seeded in the fall of the preceding year; Ontario only.

3/ Includes relatively small acreages of winter wheat in all provinces other than Ontario.

4/ Seeded in the fall of the preceding year; includes small acreages of spring rye in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

5/ Ontario and Manitoba only; small acreages are grown in other provinces.

6/ Prairie Provinces only.

FARM STOCKS AT MARCH 31, 1958

Stocks of the principal grains held on farms in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at March 31, 1958 were estimated at 883.4 million bushels compared with the record 1,018.3 million in 1957 and 824.3 million in 1956 according to a survey conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Average farm stocks at March 31 for the 1948-1957 period were 613.6 million bushels. Farm stocks of each of the five grains were larger than the ten-year average but in all cases were below the 1957 level. Farm stocks of wheat, at 451.1 million bushels, were well below the previous record holdings of 533.0 million in 1957. Flaxseed stocks on farms, at 6.1 million, were also well under last year's record of 10.0 million bushels. Although farm stocks of oats declined by 14 per cent, stocks of barley and rye were down only slightly from a year earlier. This year's March 31 farm stocks of grains in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages, respectively, in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 451.1 (533.0, 283.1); oats, 262.0 (306.0, 206.2); barley, 153.8 (158.0, 111.1); rye, 10.4 (11.3, 9.7); and flaxseed, 6.1 (10.0, 3.5).

The Prairie Provinces, Canada's major grain-producing area, accounted for the bulk of this year's March 31 farm-held grain stocks ranging from 77 per cent of the oats to 99 per cent of the flaxseed. Farm stocks in these provinces, in millions of bushels, and as percentages of total Canadian farm stocks, respectively, were wheat, 442.0 (98.0 p.c.); oats, 201.0 (77 p.c.); barley, 148.0 (96 p.c.); rye, 9.8 (95 p.c.); and flaxseed, 6.1 (99 p.c.).

It should be noted that farm-held grain stocks at the end of March include amounts to be used as seed for the 1958 crop as well as quantities required for livestock and poultry feed during the remaining four months of the crop year, leaving the balance to be divided between deliveries and July 31 carryover stocks.

Stocks of Principal Grains on Farms in the Prairie Provinces,  
March 31, 1958, with Comparisons

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- thousand bushels -					
Average 1935-1939 .....	45,955	61,266	13,999	1,145	168
Average 1940-1944 .....	177,650	152,527	58,696	5,274	1,663
1945 .....	149,000	164,000	54,000	1,575	1,920
1946 .....	101,700	104,600	38,600	586	1,388
1947 .....	129,000	120,000	55,000	564	1,209
1948 .....	112,000	92,000	45,000	1,600	2,500
1949 .....	122,000	114,000	60,000	7,100	3,300
Average 1945-1949 .....	122,740	118,920	50,520	2,285	2,063
1950 .....	106,000	91,000	44,000	3,600	600
1951 .....	152,000	139,000	69,000	3,630	1,360
1952 .....	246,000	224,700	141,500	6,800	2,500
1953 .....	335,000	220,000	139,000	9,900	3,900
1954 <u>1/</u> .....	410,000	195,000	164,000	19,200	2,900
Average 1950-1954 .....	249,800	173,940	111,500	8,626	2,252
1955 <u>1/</u> .....	314,500	128,000	114,000	14,400	2,850
1956 <u>1/</u> .....	435,000	173,000	143,000	16,800	4,300
1957 <u>1/</u> .....	524,000	261,000	155,000	11,000	9,850
1958 <u>1/</u> .....	442,000	201,000	148,000	9,800	6,080

1/ Revised.



FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, BARLEY, RYE AND FLAXSEED

Total marketings of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in the Prairie Provinces from the beginning of the current crop year to May 14, amounted to 129.6 million bushels, representing a decline of 22 per cent from the 1956-57 comparable total of 166.8 million and 17 per cent below the ten-year (1946-47-1955-56) average for the period of 156.6 million bushels. Deliveries of barley, at 74.0 million bushels, accounted for some 57 per cent of the August 1, 1957 - May 14, 1958 total. The remainder consisted of 37.8 million bushels of oats (29 per cent of total), 13.3 million of flaxseed (10 per cent of total), and 4.5 million of rye (4 per cent of total).

Farmers' Marketings of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed in the Prairie Provinces, 1957-58  
with Comparisons

Period or week ending	Oats				Barley			
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total
	- thousand bushels -				- thousand bushels -			
August 1, 1957 -								
February 12, 1958 .....	9,979	13,368	7,835	31,182	7,880	24,911 <sup>1/</sup>	24,244	57,036 <sup>1/</sup>
19 .....	99	78	119	295	61	294	630	986
26 .....	141	73	163	377	108	350	1,011	1,469
March 5 .....	123	105	224	453	126	316	1,007	1,449
12 .....	122	52	228	402	88	211	1,003	1,302
19 .....	139	78	155	372	155	304	675	1,134
26 .....	132	64	181	377	125	366	688	1,179
April 2 .....	167	64	183	414	115	360	596	1,071
9 .....	117	51	65	233	123	216	139	478
16 .....	253	140	25	418	186	413	143	742
23 .....	192	231	257	680	180	634	498	1,312
30 .....	215	238	285	738	208	590	875	1,673
May 7 .....	356	340	325	1,021	390	859	1,014	2,263
14 .....	310	275	256	842	360	713	857	1,930
Totals .....	12,345	15,157	10,302	37,804	10,107	30,537	33,380	74,024
Similar Period 1956-57 <sup>1/</sup>	13,600	18,690	13,646	45,935	17,455	43,503	32,894	93,851
Average Similar Period 1946-47-1955-56 .....	14,495	31,949	20,544	66,989	22,868	25,407	24,973	73,248
	Rye				Flaxseed			
	- thousand bushels -				- thousand bushels -			
August 1, 1957 -								
February 12, 1958 .....	554	1,966	990	3,510	2,405	6,796	2,853	12,054
19 .....	5	24	18	47	9	15	15	38
26 .....	7	28	21	56	5	11	21	38
March 5 .....	9	45	23	77	8	37	22	67
12 .....	10	22	19	51	17	20	24	62
19 .....	8	28	27	63	21	72	24	117
26 .....	4	35	32	71	19	70	53	141
April 2 .....	3	32	16	51	31	42	20	92
9 .....	4	17	4	24	15	27	9	52
16 .....	14	52	23	89	25	92	26	143
23 .....	6	79	50	135	17	92	75	184
30 .....	7	66	38	111	22	58	69	148
May 7 .....	20	77	29	127	17	48	21	86
14 .....	12	50	34	96	9	49	33	90
Totals .....	664	2,521	1,322	4,508	2,618	7,429	3,265	13,311
Similar Period 1956-57 <sup>1/</sup>	477	1,544	876	2,897	5,713	13,528	4,860	24,101
Average Similar Period 1946-47-1955-56 .....	866	4,891	3,044	8,801	3,335	2,884	1,330	7,549

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.



Visible Supply of Canadian Oats, May 14, 1958, Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1956 and 1957

Position	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	3,301	8,249	4,836
Saskatchewan .....	9,571	13,142	9,434
Alberta .....	5,299	12,976	14,981
Totals .....	18,171	34,367	29,251
Interior private and mill .....	780	788	537
Interior terminals .....	6	19	73
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	125	45	208
Victoria .....	-	1/	-
Churchill .....	30	-	183
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	2,177	5,420	7,965
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	1,586	1,691	1,231
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .....	1,060	3,346	2,221
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .....	305	621	835
In transit lake .....	878	528	1,043
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	77	46	-
United States ports .....	-	747	-
Totals .....	25,193	47,619	43,546

Visible Supply of Canadian Barley, May 14, 1958, Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1956 and 1957

Position	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	2,903	3,933	2,185
Saskatchewan .....	4,058	9,441	7,208
Alberta .....	15,586	14,216	16,940
Totals .....	22,547	27,590	26,334
Interior private and mill .....	1,880	2,136	2,081
Interior terminals .....	376	678	740
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	1,616	3,315	1,276
Victoria .....	1	1	6
Prince Rupert .....	250	825	437
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	5,605	15,180	10,345
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	3,988	1,207	2,893
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .....	2,644	3,919	3,680
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .....	1,834	2,840	2,317
In transit lake .....	2,917	2,062	3,926
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	5	32	-
United States ports .....	64	-	40
Totals .....	43,725	59,785	54,074

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

Visible Supply of Canadian Rye, May 14, 1958, Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1956 and 1957

Position	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	415	293	193
Saskatchewan .....	1,713	1,150	645
Alberta .....	1,028	836	406
Totals .....	3,156	2,279	1,244
Interior private and mill .....	37	25	26
Interior terminals .....	27	26	1/
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	-	-	208
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	2,149	2,755	2,599
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	1,102	508	426
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .....	1,178	150	292
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .....	801	333	300
In transit lake .....	1,588	11	446
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	111	-	-
United States ports .....	-	31	18
In transit U.S.A. ....	-	-	-
Totals .....	10,149	6,118	5,560

Visible Supply of Canadian Flaxseed, May 14, 1958, Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1956 and 1957

Position	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	198	238	214
Saskatchewan .....	436	904	721
Alberta .....	88	468	344
Totals .....	722	1,610	1,279
Interior private and mill .....	24	37	61
Interior terminals .....	1/	5	9
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	3	490	935
Victoria .....	-	7	57
Prince Rupert .....	-	1/	-
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	1,736	1,959	2,459
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	248	854	213
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .....	102	301	190
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .....	166	537	503
In transit lake .....	220	556	234
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	16	-	-
Totals .....	3,238	6,356	5,940

1/ Less than 500 bushels.



GRADING OF CROPS 1957-58

The total number of cars of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed inspected by the Board of Grain Commissioners during the first three quarters of the 1957-58 crop year amounted to 61,013 representing a decrease of 19 per cent from the 75,129 cars inspected during the August-April period of 1956-57. Inspections of barley, at 34,764 cars accounted for 57 per cent of the total, with the remainder consisting of 15,268 cars of oats (25 per cent of total), 8,821 cars of flaxseed (14 per cent of total) and 2,160 cars of rye (4 per cent of total).

The relatively large proportions of inspected grain entering the higher grades during the first nine months of the 1957-58 crop year continue to reflect the generally satisfactory quality of the 1957 crop combined with the above-average quality of the carryover stocks. Percentages of the four grains falling into the higher grades (excluding "Toughs" and "Damps") during the August-April period of 1957-58 with comparable data for the entire 1956-57 crop year and the five-year (1951-52-1955-56) averages, respectively, in brackets, were as follows: oats, 1 Feed or higher, 96.0 (95.3, 78.5); barley, 1 Feed or higher, 78.8 (72.7, 56.4); rye, 3 C.W. or higher, 85.7 (74.7, 71.1); and flaxseed, 1 C.W. and 2 C.W., 95.1 (95.8, 79.2).

Grading of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed Inspected\*, August-April, 1957-58 with Comparisons

Grain and Grade	Crop Year				Grain and Grade	Crop Year			
	Average		Aug.—April			Average		Aug.—April	
	1951-52- 1956-57		1957-58			1951-52- 1956-57		1957-58	
	1955-56					1955-56			
	- per cent -		cars	per cent		- per cent -		cars	per cent
<u>OATS</u>					<u>BARLEY</u>				
1 C.W. ....	1/	-	-	-	1 C.W. Six-Row ..	1/	-	14	1/
2 C.W. ....	0.3	0.1	41	0.3	2 C.W. Six-Row ..	2.3	1.6	2,313	6.7
Ex. 3 C.W. ...	2.1	2.0	129	0.8	3 C.W. Six-Row ..	24.1	28.2	11,066	31.8
3 C.W. ....	13.6	24.3	2,016	13.2	4 C.W. Six-Row ..	2.8	3.6	1,431	4.1
Ex. 1 Feed ...	14.6	20.8	4,016	26.3	1 C.W. Two-Row ..	1/	1/	4	1/
1 Feed .....	47.9	48.1	8,462	55.4	2 C.W. Two-Row ..	0.3	0.4	179	0.5
2 Feed .....	6.1	2.8	283	1.9	3 C.W. Two-Row ..	2.9	7.6	4,156	12.0
3 Feed .....	1.2	0.5	67	0.4	1 Feed .....	24.0	31.3	8,232	23.7
Mixed Feed ...	1/	1/	3	1/	Ex. 2 Feed .....	3.1	14.1	-	-
Toughs 2/ 3/ ..	10.6	1.0	156	1.0	2 Feed .....	14.4	6.1	4,757	13.7
Damps 2/ 4/ ..	2.3	1/	1	1/	3 Feed .....	3.3	2.1	444	1.3
Rejected 2/ ..	0.7	0.1	58	0.4	Toughs 2/ 5/ ....	19.3	4.5	1,705	4.9
All others ...	0.6	0.2	36	0.2	Damps 2/ 4/ .....	2.8	1/	39	0.1
					Rejected .....	0.4	0.3	391	1.1
					All others .....	0.3	0.1	33	0.1
Totals ...	100.0	100.0	15,268	100.0	Totals .....	100.0	100.0	34,764	100.0
Bushel equivalent (approximately)			45,288,000		Bushel equivalent (approximately)			77,214,000	
<u>RYE</u>					<u>FLAXSEED</u>				
1 C.W. ....	0.2	0.1	13	0.6	1 C.W. ....	64.0	69.2	5,187	58.8
2 C.W. ....	24.4	22.2	867	40.1	2 C.W. ....	15.2	26.6	3,203	36.3
3 C.W. ....	46.5	52.4	972	45.0	3 C.W. ....	3.3	2.8	255	2.9
4 C.W. ....	5.4	12.1	130	6.0	4 C.W. ....	0.3	1/	4	1/
Ergoty .....	5.3	10.1	85	3.9	Toughs 2/ 6/ ....	15.3	0.9	85	1.0
Toughs 2/ 3/ ..	16.6	2.4	82	3.8	Damps 2/ 7/ .....	1.3	0.2	2	1/
Damps 2/ 4/ ...	1.1	1/	1	1/	Rejected 2/ .....	1/	0.1	37	0.4
Rejected 2/ ..	0.3	0.6	7	0.3	All others .....	0.5	0.2	48	0.5
All others ...	0.1	0.2	3	0.1					
Totals ...	100.0	100.0	2,160	100.0	Totals .....	100.0	100.0	8,821	100.0
Bushel equivalent (approximately)			4,154,000		Bushel equivalent (approximately)			16,086,000	

\* Both old and new crop.

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 May 14 this year amounted to 72.5 million bushels, compared with 58.0 million during the comparable period of 1957 and the highest for the period since 1953. In 1958 the season of navigation opened on April 18, the 1957 season opened on April 10 and the 1953 season on March 27. Shipments of wheat at 43.7 million bushels, were 13 per cent above the 1957 comparable figure of 38.8 million and accounted for 60 per cent of the current total. Lake shipments of oats, barley, and rye during the period under review were also above comparable 1957 levels with flaxseed being 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 May 14, 1958  
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1948 to 1957\*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1948 .....	18,470	3,214	2,983	231	960	25,859
1949 .....	42,997	3,653	4,117	3,540	2,670	56,978
1950 .....	13,174	1,663	3,135	662	69	18,703
1951 .....	32,253	10,147	6,068	1,362	136	49,966
1952 .....	50,532	12,876	14,006	1,882	1,392	80,688
1953 .....	59,955	15,907	23,224	2,702	1,109	102,896
1954 .....	4,988	12,771	11,196	1,223	1,123	31,301
1955 .....	26,041	5,177	13,868	4,054	1,366	50,506
1956 .....	44,706	5,096	16,483	3,385	687	70,357
1957 .....	38,783 <sup>1/</sup>	6,125	10,278 <sup>1/</sup>	207	2,559	57,953
1958 .....	43,722	8,676	18,250	994	886	72,528

\* Shipments from opening of navigation to May 13, 1948; May 12, 1949; May 11, 1950; May 17, 1951; May 15, 1952; May 14, 1953; May 17, 1954; May 11, 1955; May 16, 1956; and May 15, 1957.  
<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

RAIL SHIPMENTS FROM FORT WILLIAM-PORT ARTHUR

The total volume of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed shipped by rail from the Lakehead during the first three quarters of the 1957-58 crop year amounted to 8.9 million bushels, some 44 per cent below the comparable 1956-57 figure of 16.0 million.

Rail Shipments of Canadian Grain from Fort William-Port Arthur  
August-April 1957-58 and 1956-57

Month	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
August, 1957 .....	33	119	22	8	-	182
September .....	42	86	22	6	-	156
October .....	35	143	26	-	-	204
November .....	68	142	43	8	-	261
December .....	232	310	126	2	557	1,227
January, 1958 .....	525	703	193	24	1,135	2,580
February .....	178	616	259	21	345	1,419
March .....	191	1,226	263	10	109	1,800
April .....	216	619	245	-	12	1,091
Totals .....	1,521	3,963	1,200	78	2,157	8,919
Same period 1956-57 .....	2,928	3,771	1,223	63	8,024	16,008



# FREIGHT ASSISTANCE SHIPMENTS

Claims filed for payment up to April 30, 1958 represent the movement of 49.4 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-March period of the 1957-58 crop year. During the same months of 1956-57 claims had been filed for a total of 56.7 million bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the 1957-58 August-March shipments under the policy were running about 13 per cent below those of 1956-57. Revised data on shipments of the four grains during the first eight months of the 1956-57 crop year, based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1958 place the total at 58.3 million bushels.

Preliminary data on the movement of screenings and millfeeds under the freight-assistance policy indicate that 62,106 tons and 346,695 tons, respectively, were shipped during the August-March period of the current crop year. Shipments of screenings this year were about 14 per cent below the comparable 1956-57 figure of 72,545 tons while shipments of millfeeds were 5 per cent greater than the 329,703 tons shipped during the August-March period of the preceding crop year. As with wheat, oats, barley and rye, these totals are based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1958 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 with the two provinces accounting for a combined 77 per cent of the wheat, 84 per cent of the oats, 87 per cent of the barley, 100 per cent of the rye, 90 per cent of the screenings and 81 per cent of the millfeeds.

## Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Shipments, August-March 1957-58 and 1956-57

Province	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Screenings	Millfeeds
	- thousand bushels -				- tons -	
Newfoundland .....	71	353	73	-	428	2,465
Prince Edward Island .	110	77	174	-	421	4,832
Nova Scotia .....	737	1,438	712	-	2,342	22,160
New Brunswick .....	344	564	397	-	1,166	17,029
Quebec .....	4,111	7,838	7,326	15	21,546	173,102
Ontario .....	5,312	9,998	6,479	12	34,317	106,384
British Columbia .....	1,548	1,021	698	-	1,886	20,723
Totals 1/ .....	12,232	21,288	15,858	27	62,106	346,695
Same Period 1956-57						
Preliminary 2/ .....	13,249	26,942	16,500	42	72,545	329,703
Revised 1/ .....	13,833	27,551	16,843	42	74,169	356,045

1/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1958.

2/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1957.

Exports of Canadian Oats and Barley, 1957-58

Destination	February	March	April	Aug.-Apr.
- bushels -				
OATS 1/				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	128,726	94,344	163,353	2,035,486
<u>North America</u>				
Barbados .....	-	-	-	706
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	-	-	-	3,257
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ..	128,726	94,344	163,353	2,039,449
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	-	-	16,481
Ireland .....	98,766	-	-	98,766
<u>North America</u>				
Panama .....	-	2,941	2,941	14,117
United States				
For domestic use 2/ .....	1,368,922	962,492	1,430,796	15,574,256
<u>South America</u>				
Venezuela .....	-	-	-	5,000
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	1,467,688	965,433	1,433,737	15,708,620
Totals, All Countries .....	1,596,414	1,059,777	1,597,090	17,748,069
BARLEY 1/				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	2,448,509	1,421,522	746,292	11,504,111
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Asia</u>				
Japan .....	1,730,183	702,594	179,200	9,766,404
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	-	-	133,013
Italy .....	-	-	-	23,333
Netherlands .....	-	-	-	365,028
Switzerland .....	114,333	-	-	114,333
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	-	847,233	2,332,995	3,180,228
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
For domestic use 2/ .....	719,284	1,433,690	2,348,930	17,096,678
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	2,563,800	2,983,517	4,861,125	30,679,017
Totals, All Countries .....	5,012,309	4,405,039	5,607,417	42,183,128



Exports of Canadian Rye and Flaxseed, 1957-58

Destination	February	March	April	Aug.-Apr.
- bushels -				
RYE <u>1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	-	-	-	30,116
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Europe</u>				
Germany, Federal Republic .....	-	77,460	41,000	160,460
Netherlands .....	-	142,600	561,800	704,400
Norway .....	133,280	65,280	-	244,560
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	133,280	285,340	602,800	1,109,420
Totals, All Countries .....	133,280	285,340	602,800	1,139,536
FLAXSEED <u>1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	222,538	119,263	128,600	3,189,195
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Asia</u>				
Japan .....	155,014	129,270	158,864	2,255,798
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	9,127	105,057	58,222	1,058,132
France .....	533,092	493,227	-	1,113,085
Germany, Federal Republic .....	460,000	-	-	557,026
Greece .....	-	-	-	26,069
Ireland .....	-	-	-	10,794
Italy .....	-	-	-	136,920
Netherlands .....	130,600	455,893	237,149	1,669,916
Norway .....	-	40,609	67,000	225,209
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	1,287,833	1,224,056	521,235	7,052,949
Totals, All Countries .....	1,510,371	1,343,319	649,835	10,242,144

1/ Subject to revision.

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

Customs Exports of Canadian Oatmeal and Rolled Oats, 1/ 1957-58

Destination	February	March	April	Aug.-Apr.
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	-	3,077	1,231	4,308
<u>Africa</u>				
Ghana .....	-	-	-	1,566
Mauritius and Seychelles .....	-	-	495	495
<u>Asia</u>				
Ceylon .....	335	747	-	3,335
Hong Kong .....	-	-	-	5,720
Malaya and Singapore .....	159	-	247	560
<u>North America</u>				
Bahamas .....	-	33	-	99
Barbados .....	104	973	-	1,709
Bermuda .....	555	384	77	3,109
British Honduras .....	-	-	-	50
Jamaica .....	6,962	-	11,395	64,148
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	247	599	533	4,890
Trinidad and Tobago .....	407	-	248	1,611
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	-	-	-	154
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Totals, Commonwealth Countries ...	8,769	5,813	14,226	91,754
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<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Africa</u>				
Portuguese West Africa .....	313	-	-	313
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	-	-	6,890
<u>North America</u>				
Costa Rica .....	-	676	269	2,604
Cuba .....	2,819	945	-	12,269
Guatemala .....	-	-	-	6,594
Honduras .....	-	275	412	962
Nicaragua .....	-	-	126	917
Panama .....	-	626	-	10,533
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	-	-	110	330
United States .....	1,901	-	-	3,418
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia .....	-	275	247	681
Ecuador .....	-	-	-	533
Peru .....	-	61	627	1,885
Surinam .....	-	-	-	186
Venezuela .....	4,330	9,038	1,824	73,483
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Totals, Foreign Countries .....	9,363	11,896	3,615	121,598
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Totals, All Countries .....	18,132	17,709	17,841	213,352

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



HOG-BARLEY RATIO

The hog barley ratio increased by 1.4 points during the February - April period of 1958, reflecting higher average returns from hogs and relative stability in the cost of feed barley. In February the monthly average price of hogs, basis B-1 live weight at Winnipeg stood at \$26.72 per cwt., and increased to \$27.62 per cwt. in March and \$27.84 per cwt. in April. The cost of feed barley, basis No. 1 Feed, in store Fort William-Port Arthur, declined slightly from 89 1/4 cents per bushel in February to 88 cents per bushel in March and increased to 88 3/8 cents per bushel in April. As a result the index moved gradually upward from 25.0 points in February, to 26.2 points in March and 26.4 points in April.

Number of Bushels of No. 1 Feed Barley  
Equivalent in Price to 100 Pounds of B-1 (Live) Hog at Winnipeg, by Months, 1953-1958  
(Long-time average 1913-1949, with 1930 omitted due to extreme abnormality, is 18.3)

Month	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January .....	15.1	28.1	16.2	16.3	23.0	22.7
February .....	16.1	28.9	15.3	16.3	25.8	25.0
March .....	17.0	30.7	16.0	15.2	24.7	26.2
April .....	17.0	30.6	15.9	14.3	24.3	26.4
May .....	19.0	31.7	17.0	14.7	25.1	
June .....	20.7	28.3	19.7	18.8	28.3	
July .....	21.4	23.6	19.0	19.8	29.1	
August .....	23.2	18.4	19.4	19.6	29.8	
September .....	23.8	16.3	19.7	20.6	28.5	
October .....	26.5	15.8	16.4	21.9	23.3	
November .....	24.8	16.0	16.3	21.5	21.6	
December .....	27.4	17.1	16.4	22.4	22.9	

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

FEED AND LIVESTOCK PRICE INDICES

The index of feed prices showed only a relatively small movement during the February - April period of the current crop year. Lower prices for hay, feed barley and wheat caused the index to decline from 201.5 points in February to 196.7 points in March. In April the index climbed slightly to a level of 198.2 points with higher prices prevailing for hay, barley, corn and rye.

The index of farm animals and animal products increased steadily during the February - April period of 1958 with higher returns occurring for nearly all products. Price levels increased for steers, hogs, calves, eggs, butterfat and lambs while returns from poultry and wool were somewhat lower. The April index of 279.9 points was the highest since March 1952.

Index Numbers of Feed Prices and Prices of Farm Animals and Farm Animal Products  
by Months, 1955-1958 (1935-1939 = 100)

Month	1955		1956		1957		1958	
	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal
January .....	215.7	248.3	208.2	235.0	208.2	257.2	199.4	259.3
February .....	218.8	245.6	212.1	232.3	205.2	259.0	201.5	268.4
March .....	210.7	241.3	216.2	231.1	205.6	253.4	196.7	272.9
April .....	215.3	238.7	225.9	231.9	201.5	255.1	198.2	279.9
May .....	216.6	243.4	221.8	238.0	200.0	255.3		
June .....	212.7	250.0	216.6	251.9	196.6	262.2		
July .....	199.7	249.5	213.0	256.5	194.8	270.2		
August .....	198.3	250.6	209.9	258.2	192.0	271.3		
September .....	199.3	251.6	214.0	259.6	194.4	263.8		
October .....	199.3	241.9	208.3	256.2	192.3	248.6		
November .....	200.7	240.5	209.1	255.9	194.4	245.7		
December .....	202.9	239.4	207.7	256.4	197.6	253.7		

MILLFEEDS

Supply and Distribution of Millfeeds, August-April, 1957-58 and 1956-57

Month	Production				Imports	Exports	Apparent Domestic Disappearance*
	Bran	Shorts	Middlings	Total			
- tons -							
August, 1957 .....	22,859	23,353	6,830	53,042	80	7,308	44,921
September .....	24,633	25,157	7,745	57,535	73	5,899	51,014
October .....	29,071	24,933	8,109	62,113	112	7,559	56,139
November .....	28,257	24,571	8,219	61,047	77	11,394	46,054
December .....	23,333	21,931	7,000	52,264	172	7,825	46,623
January, 1958 .....	25,102	25,749	7,538	58,389	151	12,324	48,726
February .....	23,197	22,296	6,464	51,957	133	8,127	41,484
March .....	27,141	23,409	7,140	57,690	**	8,591	49,349
April .....	28,099	26,202	8,104	62,405	**	12,598	52,381
Totals .....	231,692	217,601	67,149	516,442	798	81,625	436,691
Same period 1956-57 (revised) .....	213,934	203,339	75,258	492,531	5,592	93,766	409,053

\* Adjusted for change in mill stocks.

\*\* Not available.

CROP AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

According to a telegraphic crop report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics under date of June 11, "recent rains have improved crop prospects in northern and eastern districts of Manitoba but moisture is urgently needed over wide areas of southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan and central districts of the latter province. In Alberta moisture conditions are fair to good but a general rain would be welcome. Late-seeded crops have germinated unevenly in most regions but early-sown crops on summerfallow have withstood the drought to date. Growth of pastures has been very poor and an exceptionally light hay crop is in prospect.

Unseasonable, dry weather has predominated throughout Manitoba during the past four weeks. Crop damage might have been more pronounced had it not been for the cool weather, which helped to save moisture reserves by restricting evaporation. Rain showers were received the night of the ninth in northern and eastern parts of the province and conditions will be much improved in these areas. Seeding is completed except for a small acreage of flax, sowing of which was delayed on account of dry surface soil. Summerfallow crops have withstood the dry conditions very well, due largely to adequate subsoil moisture and cool weather. Late-sown crops show uneven germination; pastures are in poor condition and a light hay crop is expected. Wild hay will be a near failure. Thinning of sugar beets is getting under way. Grasshoppers are hatching in light soil areas and some spraying is being done.

Dry conditions continue to retard crop growth in the southeast, Regina-Weyburn, south-central, and central districts of Saskatchewan. The dry weather has resulted in slow growth and uneven germination in late-sown fields and unless immediate rains are received all crops will deteriorate rapidly. June rains have improved moisture supplies in other districts where prospects generally are satisfactory. Grasshoppers are numerous in the south-central area and extensive spraying operations are underway. Pastures are in poor condition due to lack of rain and the hay crop will likely be very light.

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

Grain and Grade	February 1958	March 1958	April 1958
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- cents and eighths per bushel -

OATS

Initial Payment to Producers

2 C.W. ....	60	60	60
Ex. 3 C.W. ....	57	57	57
3 C.W. ....	57	57	57
Ex. 1 Feed ....	57	57	57
1 Feed ....	55	55	55
2 Feed ....	50	50	50
3 Feed ....	45	45	45

Domestic and Export 1/

2 C.W. ....	76/7	77/2	77/1
Ex. 3 C.W. ....	71/7	72/2	72/1
3 C.W. ....	69	68/7	69/7
Ex. 1 Feed ....	68/7	68/2	68/2
1 Feed ....	66/5	65/4	64/7
2 Feed ....	63/5	62/4	61/7
3 Feed ....	60/5	59/4	58/7

BARLEY

Initial Payment to Producers

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 ....	88	88	88
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 ....	83	83	83
3 Feed ....	76	76	76

Domestic and Export 1/

1 C.W. Six-Row ....	116	116	116
2 C.W. Six-Row ....	116	116	116
3 C.W. Six-Row ....	111	111	111
4 C.W. Six-Row ....	101	101	101
1 C.W. Two-Row ....	112	112	112
2 C.W. Two-Row ....	112	112	112
3 C.W. Two-Row ....	101	101	101
1 Feed ....	89/2	88	88/3
2 Feed ....	88/2	87	87/6
3 Feed ....	84/2	83/5	84/6

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	February 1958	March 1958	April 1958
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- cents and eighths per bushel -

OATS

Domestic and Export

2 C.W. ....	76/3	76/6	76/4
Ex. 3 C.W. ....	71/3	71/4	71/2
3 C.W. ....	68/5	68/7	69/6
Ex. 1 Feed ....	68/4	68/2	68/1
1 Feed ....	66/2	65/2	64/6
2 Feed ....	63/2	62/2	61/6
3 Feed ....	60/2	59/2	58/6

BARLEY

Domestic and Export

1 C.W. Six-Row ....	105	105/1	106/2
2 C.W. Six-Row ....	105	105/1	106/2
3 C.W. Six-Row ....	91	91/1	92/4
4 C.W. Six-Row ....	86/6	87/1	88/2
1 C.W. Two-Row ....	103	103/1	104/2
2 C.W. Two-Row ....	103	103/1	104/2
3 C.W. Two-Row ....	87/6	91	93/5
1 Feed ....	86/6	87/1	88/2
2 Feed ....	84/5	84/3	87/4
3 Feed ....	79/5	79/5	83/4

RYE

Producers', Domestic and Export Prices

2 C.W. ....	100	103	105/3
3 C.W. ....	94/7	97/7	100/3
4 C.W. ....	83/7	87/2	89/6
Ergoty ....	81/7	85/2	87/6

FLAXSEED

Producers', Domestic and Export Prices

1 C.W. ....	303/5	304/1	297/3
2 C.W. ....	296/2	297/5	291/7
3 C.W. ....	268/1	272/7	267



UNITED STATES FEED SITUATION

The following summary of the feed situation in the United States has been taken from the May 21, 1958 issue of The Feed Situation published by the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

The total carryover of feed grains is expected to increase 12 to 14 million tons during the 1957-58 marketing year, boosting the carryover into 1958-59 to a new high of around 62 million tons, about double the 1952-1956 average. The corn carryover is likely to be up nearly 200 million bushels to around 1.6 billion bushels. Record carryover stocks of barley and sorghum grain also are in prospect, while the oats carryover may be second only to 1956.

Prospects for 1958 feed crops were unusually good on May 1. The condition of hay crops and pastures were good to excellent throughout the country and stocks of old hay on farms were the largest on record. Weather has been favourable in most areas for soil preparation and planting of corn and sorghums and for the early growth of oats and barley. Continuation of these favourable prospects would mean another year of record supplies of feed grains and forage crops.

Domestic utilization of feed grains during October-March was slightly greater than in the same period of 1956-57. Heavier consumption of sorghum grain a little more than offset reduced utilization of other feed grains. Although the high moisture content of corn and sorghum grains crops tended to increase feeding rates, the number of hogs and cattle being fed for market during October-March was down from the previous year and fewer chickens were on farms. Heavier feed consumption than a year earlier is in prospect for April-September since hog numbers are increasing and more cattle are expected to be grain fattened for market.

Exports of feed grains have been heavier so far this year than last and for the 1957-58 season probably will exceed last year's total of 7.3 million tons by a million tons or so.

Feed prices have advanced sharply from the low levels of January. Feed grains were up 15 per cent from January to April and high protein feed prices 18 per cent. Feed grain prices remained below a year earlier in April and early May, while protein feed prices were about 15 per cent higher. Livestock-feed price ratios continue favourable to hog and cattle feeders and dairymen.

The average price received by farmers for corn advanced from 93 cents per bushel in January to \$1.12 in April, and was above the support rate of \$1.10 per bushel to noncompliers for the first time this marketing year. The substantial quantities of corn under support at this lower level and larger "free" supplies than a year ago will tend to limit further increases in corn prices this spring and summer.

The recently announced export program for corn and other feed grains is not expected to materially influence the volume of exports during the coming year. It will, however, result in a larger share of the total coming from commercial channels. CCC has resumed sales of non-storable corn for unrestricted use, which will supplement commercial supplies of "free" corn at interior points.

Through April 15, farmers had placed 21 million tons of the 1957-

crop feed grains under price support, 43 per cent more than a year earlier. The total for the year is expected to exceed, by around 5 million tons, the previous record of 18.2 million tons in 1955-56.

#### NOTES ON FOREIGN CROPS

Argentina The following information relative to the Argentine grain situation and grain policy is taken from a report provided by Mr. C.S. Bissett, Commercial Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, Buenos Aires, under date of May 22, 1958, 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 18 pesos per United States dollar.)

Oats,  
Barley  
and Rye Sowings of these dual purpose grains have progressed steadily and the first stands are growing under normal conditions especially in the southern part of the Province of Buenos Aires and in central Santa Fé province. In the meantime seeding will soon start in those areas reserved exclusively for grain harvesting. There has been a sharp decrease in sales of these grains since our last report. All three totalled only 64,870 metric tons, a sharp decrease from the previous month. Oats showed the highest amount with 30,760 metric tons (1,995,000 bushels), all being "aforo" authorizations, 23,300 (1,511,000 bushels) being for multilateral currencies. Barley followed with 21,344 (980,000 bushels), also mostly all "aforo" authorizations, while the Board itself sold only 285 tons (13,000 bushels). Rye totalled 12,766 tons (503,000 bushels), 10,900 (429,000 bushels) being "aforo" sales and 1,866 (73,000 bushels) sold by the Grain Board at pesos 1,045 and 1,055.70 (\$1.47 and \$1.49 per bushel). As a matter of interest, the latest statistical tables released by the Grain Board show a total of 58,454 metric tons (3,790,000 bushels) of new crop oats having been bought to date.

Policy New Minimum Producers' Prices Announced for the 1958-59 Crop. Parity System Used for the First Time In Argentina. On April 24 last the new minimum producers' prices for the oncoming 1958-59 crop were announced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of the former Argentine Provisional Government. For the first time in Argentina, these have been calculated under the parity system, based on research conducted by a body of experts. The research was sponsored by the Argentine Association of Agricultural Producers, and was published in book form during March last. The first application of the parity system has not, perhaps, been entirely satisfactory, but there is widespread agreement as to its general value and to the desirability of improving its application so that eventually its use may be extended to other agricultural and livestock products. It is perhaps of interest and significance to note that the man responsible for the research on the parity system, Ing. A.J. Vilá, has just been appointed Under-Secretary of Industry by the new Government. The newly established prices are as follows:



Argentine Prices for Grains and Oilseed  
(f.o.r. Buenos Aires, in bags)

Grain	1958-59
	- dollars per bushel -
<u>Wheat</u>	
Semi-hard, Grade 2, (basis 62 lb. per bu.) .....	1.97
Candeal and/or Taganrock .....	2.12
<u>Barley</u>	
Brewers type, Grade 2, (basis 52 lb. per bu.) .....	.85
Forage type, Grade 2, (basis 47 lb. per bu.) .....	.78
<u>Oats</u>	
Yellow, Grade 2, (basis 38 lb. per bu.) .....	.51
White, Grade 2, (basis 39 lb. per bu.) .....	.53
<u>Rye</u>	
Grade 2, (basis 58 lb. per bu.) .....	.85
<u>Flaxseed</u>	
Grade 2, (basis 4% foreign matter) .....	2.61
<u>Corn</u>	
Yellow and/or red .....	1.62

Australia      The following information concerning coarse grains and grain sorghum in Australia have been extracted from a report from Mr. H.S. Hay, Acting Commercial Secretary for Canada, under date of May 13, 1958 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Oats            Reports from New South Wales indicate the likelihood of increased sowings of oats due to the scarcity of farm stored feed grain and the urgent need for growing crops to provide winter grazing. A large proportion of the intended area has already been sown and early growth and germination have generally been satisfactory though in most localities rain is urgently needed.

In South Australia, most sowings of oats have been made dry. There has been good germination of early sown cereals in most areas but substantial rains are needed for continued growth.

Barley and Cereal Rye In New South Wales increased interest in cereal rye as a grazing crop is evident. In the last normal crop year, 1955-56, acreages sown to cereal rye were 14,580, and to barley 65,000 acres. Main sowings of barley and cereal rye have been made primarily for winter grazing and subsequent recovery for grain. Some further sowings are likely should rain fall soon.

Grain Sorghum Growing in Queensland Grain sorghum is generally grown in sub-tropical regions with an adequate summer rainfall, preferably in the vicinity of 15 inches. Large areas of Queensland and northern New South Wales are particularly suited for the production of this crop. In recent years Queensland has accounted for about 97% of the total and Queensland's potential for grain sorghum may well be greater than for most other types of grain. At present it is generally grown in areas where farmers possess machinery for the cultivation and harvesting of other crops. The grain is used mainly as poultry and stock food. The stubble can be used for grazing after harvest or the crop used as fodder in event of a failure. Since 1956, marketable supplies have been handled by the Grain Sorghum Marketing Board which operates depots at Brisbane and Gladstone. Following the trend toward bulk wheat handling, increasing interest has been shown in the use of bulk handling methods of storage and transport of grain sorghum.

The industry was very small prior to World War II but expansion in post-war years culminated in a record output of over 5 million bushels in 1954. Since then market prospects and seasonal conditions have not encouraged expansion and production has fallen to some extent.

#### Production of Grain Sorghum - Queensland

Season	Area	Yield per acre	Production
	acres	- bushels -	
1939 .....	4,000	13.2	58,000
1946 .....	69,000	18.8	1,295,000
1954 .....	203,000	25.1	5,083,000
1955 .....	156,000	25.5	3,960,000
1956 .....	160,000	23.4	3,750,000
1957 .....	140,000	22.9 <u>1/</u>	2,750,000 <u>1/</u>

1/ Estimated.

A considerable proportion of total production has been exported and in some years shipments have exceeded more than 1.5 million bushels. Overseas markets have included West Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, India and Japan, but generally the greater part of the export surplus is shipped to the U.K. Since 1954-55 the Japanese market has increased in importance absorbing 338,000 bushels in the year ending June 1957, as compared with 391,000 bushels to the U.K.

The growing period in nearly all grain sorghum districts last year was one of the driest on record with the consequence in most areas of part of the 1957 crop being fed to stock and the harvesting speeded up so that stubble would be available for grazing. Good rain falls were lacking at sowing time for

the 1958 crop as drought conditions continued. Prospects for the current crop are most unfavourable and only about one-third of the intended acreage has been sown.

Recently, the Queensland Director of Agriculture announced a breeding plan to develop hybrid grain sorghum seed to increase yields by 30% to 40% and to be available to farmers within five years. This would make Australia the first country outside the United States to grow hybrid sorghum.

France The following information relative to wheat and coarse grains in France has been extracted from a report provided by Miss V.F. Wightman, Agricultural Attaché, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of May 20, 1958 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Weather and Crops Cold, dry weather in April delayed both vegetation and field work, according to the French Ministry of Agriculture crop report on May 1. However, good moisture reserves remained from March, and warm weather in early May improved the outlook, although field crops are two to three weeks behind normal.

The area sown to grains should be almost complete by May 1, although, with the delay in April, field work may yet continue for a few weeks. The area sown to wheat, at 4,570,000 hectares (11.3 million acres) is just about on the same level as this time last year, and 20,000 hectares (49,000 acres) above that of 1955. Winter wheat shows a gain of 29,000 hectares (72,000 acres), which is offset by the decline of 50,000 hectares (124,000 acres) in spring plantings; these changes reflect the favourable conditions last fall and early winter, in contrast with the more difficult situation this spring. For the same reason, winter wheat shows better development than spring-sown fields.

The May 1 estimate of grain sowings is as follows:

Area Seeded to Grain, May 1

Grain	May 1, 1957	May 1, 1958	Comparison May 1 1958 with 1957
	- thousand acres -	- thousand acres -	- per cent -
Wheat .....	11,342	11,294	- 0.4
Wheat and Rye .....	51	52	+ 2.0
Rye .....	909	882	- 3.0
Barley .....	3,892	4,248	+ 9.1
Oats .....	4,352	3,679	- 15.5
Mixed Grains .....	189	172	- 9.0
Totals .....	20,735	20,327	- 2.0

Source: French Ministry of Agriculture.



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Moisture conditions are fair to good in all areas of Alberta. Showers have been scattered, however, and a general rain would be welcome in all regions. Late-seeded crops in central and northern districts are germinating well. There is some cutworm damage in all areas except in the southeast and considerable re-seeding has been necessary."

CALENDAR OF COARSE GRAIN EVENTS

- March 19      Based on farmers' intentions at March 1, the indicated acreage of Canada's major grain crops for 1958, in millions of acres, with 1957 acreages in brackets, were as follows: spring wheat, 20.1 (20.4); oats for grain, 11.1 (11.0); barley, 9.8 (9.4); spring rye, 0.1 (0.1); mixed grains, 1.5 (1.5); and flaxseed, 3.2 (3.5).
- April 11      The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced the resignation of Mr. George McIvor as Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board.
- 18            The 1958 grain shipping season opened at the Lakehead.
- May        2            The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced initial prices to be paid by the Canadian Wheat Board on the basic grades of wheat, oats and barley for the crop year beginning August 1, 1958.
- 26            The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that the average final payment on the 1956-57 barley pool would be 6.28 cents per bushel.
- June        9            The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that Mr. W.C. McNamara had been appointed Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board.
- 12            According to a crop report issued by the Bureau of Statistics an estimated 94 per cent of the total acreage expected to be sown to spring wheat, oats, barley, flaxseed and mixed grains in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) was seeded by May 31, exactly the same as a year ago but considerably ahead of the 1956 season when 84 per cent was seeded.



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