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## FEED SITUATION IN CANADA

### Final Payments on 1958-59 Barley and Oats Pools

On April 1, 1960 the Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced in part that the 1958-59 Oats and Barley Pools were closed on March 4, 1960.

Producers delivered 38.7 million bushels to the 1958-59 Oats Account, and the surplus for distribution to producers is \$3,153,318.57. The average final payment on oats is 8.1381 cents per bushel.

Producers delivered 122.4 million bushels of barley to the 1958-59 Barley Pool. The final surplus in the Pool amounts to \$5,335,502.66. On producers' deliveries to the Pool, the average final barley payment will be 4.35946 cents per bushel.

### Freight Assistance Changes

According to a release issued by the Information Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, under date of May 5, 1960 freight assistance regulations on western feed grains and millfeeds have been amended effective May 9 to provide for rates of assistance on water-borne grain to the Maritime Provinces, and to adjust assistance levels due to a slight lowering of rail tariffs.

Eligible products delivered in the Maritime Provinces by boat will now receive assistance of \$11.00 per ton. The new rate follows the opening of the St. Lawrence seaway which enabled large boats to carry grain from the lakehead directly to points in the Maritimes at a reduced freight cost.

As a result of an order of the Board of Transport Commissioners railway tariffs will be further reduced by approximately 2 per cent. This required adjustments in the scale of freight assistance payments. These adjustments, effective May 9, provide a reduction in freight costs to farmers in Eastern Canada equivalent to the railway tariff reduction.

### Commercial Supplies

Deliveries of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed by farmers in the Prairie Provinces during the period August 1, 1959 to May 18, 1960 amounted to 92.3 million bushels compared with the 1958-59 figure of 126.0 million and the ten-year (1948-49-1957-58) average for the period of 159.4 million. Marketings of each of the four grains to May 18 of the current crop year with comparable totals for 1958-59 and the ten-year average for the period, respectively, in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: oats, 15.1 (26.0, 61.8); barley, 62.9 (83.0, 79.5); rye, 2.4 (2.4, 8.1); and flaxseed, 11.9 (14.6, 9.9).

Total supplies (excluding stocks on farms) of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed at May 18 this year amounted to 78.4 million bushels, considerably below both the 1959 comparable total of 102.8 million and the 1958 figure of 104.9 million bushels, respectively. Stocks of barley, at 49.2 million bushels, represented some 63 per cent of the current total of the four grains in all commercial positions. The bulk of the remainder was accounted for by 20.3 million bushels of oats while commercial supplies of rye and flaxseed at May 18 of the current crop year amounted to 3.4 million and 5.6 million bushels, respectively. Total stocks of the four grains in country elevators amounted to 44.5 million bushels as against 55.0 million a year ago and 56.9 million two years ago. "In transit rail" (Western Division) accounted for some 3.2 million bushels of the four grains at May 18 this year compared with 4.1 million in 1959 and 3.6 million in 1958. Stocks in Lakehead position, at 14.5 million bushels, were rather sharply reduced from both the 1959 total of 26.6 million and the 1958 figure of 22.1 million bushels. Some 2.4 million



bushels were "in transit lake" at May 18 this year compared with 3.5 million a year ago and 5.4 million two years ago. The 2.9 million bushels of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were below the 1959 total of 3.7 million and sharply reduced from the 1958 total of 5.9 million bushels. Supplies of the four grains in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports amounted to 3.9 million bushels, more than double the 1.9 million a year ago but slightly below the 4.0 million bushels of two years ago. Supplies in West-Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert) at May 18, 1960 totalled 3.7 million bushels compared with the 1959 total of 4.3 million and the 1958 figure of 3.2 million bushels.

Exports of Oats,  
Barley, Rye and  
Flaxseed

Total exports of oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and their products in terms of grain equivalent during the August-April period of the 1959-60 crop year amounted to 59.3 million bushels, compared with the 68.9 million exported during the same period of 1958-59 and the ten-year (1948-49—1957-58) August-April average of 81.0 million bushels. Current crop year exports of the four grains and products to April 30, 1960, in millions of bushels, with figures for the corresponding period of 1958-59 and the ten-year August-April averages, respectively, in brackets, were as follows: oats, 5.2 (6.2, 24.4); barley, 43.4 (50.6, 45.3); rye, 2.6 (1.2, 5.3); and flaxseed, 8.2 (10.8, 5.9).

During August-April of the 1959-60 crop year the Federal Republic of Germany and the Netherlands were the principal markets for Canadian oats, accounting for shipments totalling some 2.2 million and 1.1 million bushels, or 48 and 24 per cent, respectively, of the nine-month total. The bulk of the remainder was accounted for by shipments to the United States (0.8 million) and Belgium (0.4 million bushels). Other relatively smaller shipments went to United Kingdom, Venezuela, Panama and Jamaica. In addition to the 4.8 million bushels of oats exported in the form of grain, the equivalent of some 337 thousand bushels was exported as rolled oats during August 1959-April 1960. Exports of Canadian barley as grain during the period under review went to thirteen different countries with shipments to the United Kingdom and the United States amounting to 15.8 million and 1.1 million bushels, respectively. Other relatively large shipments went to Poland, 5.3 million bushels; the Federal Republic of Germany, 3.2 million; Netherlands, 1.2 million; Switzerland, 0.8 million; and Syria, 0.7 million. Smaller shipments of Canadian barley went to Denmark, Belgium, Italy, Peru, Union of South Africa and Venezuela. The equivalent of an additional 4.3 million bushels of barley was exported in the form of malt.

The leading market for the 2.6 million bushels of Canadian rye exported during the first nine months of the current crop year was the United States with 2.2 million while smaller shipments went to the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany. Of the 8.2 million bushels of flaxseed exported up to April 30, 1960 some 3.7 million was shipped to the United Kingdom and 2.0 million bushels to Japan. The remainder was accounted for by relatively smaller shipments to Netherlands, Federal Republic of Germany, Belgium, France, Norway, Portugal, Greece, Denmark and Spain.

Crop and Weather  
Conditions in the  
Prairie Provinces

According to a report published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics under date of June 8, 1960 wheat seeding is practically completed in the Prairie Provinces, but up to 15 to 20 per cent of the coarse grains and 30 to 50 per cent of flaxseed remain to be seeded in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Delays have been occasioned by wet weather in some areas and postponements to obtain kills of wild oats. Moisture reserves are generally adequate, but high winds have dried surface soils in some areas of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Crops are germinating well and growth on the whole has been satisfactory. Pastures and hay lands are good to excellent in most areas.

General Quota By May 30, 1960 out of a total of 2,009 shipping points in the  
Position Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 2 points on  
a quota of 7 bushels per specified acre and 541 points were on a  
6-bushel quota. The largest number, 1,128 points were on a 5-bushel quota while  
335 points were on a 4-bushel quota and 3 points were on a 3-bushel quota.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division  
as at May 30, 1960

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre					Total
	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	
Ontario .....	-	-	-	2	-	2
Manitoba .....	3	84	237	47	-	371
Saskatchewan .....	-	180	630	272	-	1,082
Alberta .....	-	71	261	217	-	549
British Columbia .....	-	-	-	3	2	5
All Provinces .....	3	335	1,128	541	2	2,009

MILLFEEDS

Supply and Distribution of Millfeeds, August-April 1959-60 and 1958-59

Month	Production				Imports	Exports	Apparent Domestic Disappear- ance <u>1/</u>
	Bran	Shorts	Middlings	Total			
- tons -							
August, 1959.	22,602	26,348	7,588	56,538	238	2,591	56,848
September ...	22,727	26,543	7,103	56,373	107	3,882	51,467
October .....	27,898	27,549	9,084	64,531	252	3,184	60,518
November ....	28,186	27,090	9,020	64,296	122	6,113	58,513
December ....	23,898	24,548	7,668	56,114	95	7,070	51,031
January, 1960	20,571	23,071	5,685	49,327	102	5,219	43,774
February ....	23,405	23,711	6,551	53,667	93	3,800	49,488
March .....	26,445	25,115	6,492	58,052	<u>2/</u>	6,936	52,701
April .....	23,996	23,323	5,618	52,937	<u>2/</u>	5,844	46,182
Totals ..	219,728	227,298	64,809	511,835	1,009	44,639	470,522
Same Period 1958-59:							
(revised) .	211,292	225,487	60,975	497,754	2,640	43,385	456,294

1/ Adjusted for change in mill stocks.

2/ Not available.



INTENDED ACREAGE OF PRINCIPAL GRAIN CROPS AND SUMMERFALLOW IN CANADA\* 1960

On the basis of the intentions at March 1, Canadian farmers plan no change in total wheat acreage this year. Acreage increases are indicated for oats, flaxseed, mixed grains, corn for grain, soybeans and rapeseed. These intended acreage increases are partially offset by prospective decreases in the acreage to be sown to barley and rye and a decrease in summerfallow acreage. The largest individual change in the use of Canadian crop land in 1960 is the intended increase of 472,800 acres in flaxseed, followed by rapeseed which may increase by 350,400 acres and oats for grain with an increase of 349,100 acres. The largest offsetting decreases are prospective reductions of 319,900 acres for barley and 310,000 in the acreage devoted to summerfallow. 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.

On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 23.1 million acres, unchanged from 1959 seedings, but 0.5 million acres or 2 per cent above the 1954-1958 average. Durum wheat included in this year's all wheat total may decline by 101,500 acres and spring bread wheat by 37,400 acres but these decreases will be offset by an increase of 138,000 acres in the acreage seeded to winter wheat.

The intended acreage of oats for grain, at 11.7 million acres is 3 per cent above that of last year and 7 per cent greater than the 1954-1958 average. Prospective barley acreage is placed at 8.0 million acres, down 4 per cent from a year earlier and 12 per cent smaller than the 1954-1958 average. Mixed grains acreage intentions of 1.5 million acres are 2 per cent above last year but 2 per cent less than the five-year average. Corn for grain, grown mainly in Ontario, but including small commercial acreages in Manitoba, may be sown on 501,700 acres, an increase of 3 per cent from 1959.

The area intended for spring rye in 1960 is placed at 121,600 acres, 10 per cent above last year's level. However, with the acreage seeded to fall rye last autumn, at 374,800 acres, representing a decline of 8 per cent from the previous year, the combined acreage of fall and spring rye is placed at 496,400 acres, 4 per cent less than last season and 21 per cent below the five-year average. Flaxseed acreage, at 2.9 million acres this year, indicates an increase of 20 per cent from 1959 and 18 per cent from the 1954-1958 average of 2.4 million. Indicated acreage of rapeseed, grown mainly in the Prairie Provinces, is estimated at 568,200 acres an increase of 161 per cent from 1959 and 60 per cent above the 1954-1958 average of 354,320 acres. This year's intended acreage of soybeans, grown mainly in Ontario is placed at 258,000 acres, 3 per cent more than last year's total of 251,000 acres.

Intended Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow, Canada\*  
at March 1, 1960 Compared with Estimated Acreages 1957-1959

Crop	Seeded Area 1/			Intended Area, 1960	
	1957	1958	1959	Area	as % of 1959
	acres	acres	acres	acres	per cent
<b>CANADA</b>					
Winter wheat 2/ ....	590,000	580,000	425,000	563,000	132
Spring wheat 3/ ....	20,526,800	20,319,100	22,639,900	22,501,000	99
All wheat ..... 21,116,800		20,899,100	23,064,900	23,064,000	100
Oats for grain ..... 11,017,000		11,039,200	11,391,300	11,740,400	103
Barley ..... 9,403,200		9,548,000	8,288,600	7,968,700	96
Fall rye 4/ ..... 439,500		409,900	405,700	374,800	92
Spring rye ..... 111,100		111,500	110,900	121,600	110
All rye ..... 550,600		521,400	516,600	496,400	96
Flaxseed ..... 3,485,600		2,622,700	2,388,700	2,861,500	120
Mixed grains ..... 1,452,200		1,421,800	1,500,500	1,531,700	102
Corn for grain 5/ .. 514,500		498,500	488,900	501,700	103
Soybeans 6/ ..... 256,000		263,000	251,000	258,000	103
Rapeseed 7/ ..... 617,500		626,000	217,800	568,200	261
Summerfallow 7/ .... 24,723,000		25,304,000	24,525,000	24,215,000	99

\* Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

1/ Except for summerfallow. 2/ Seeded in the fall of the preceding year; Ontario only. 3/ All spring wheat including durum, as well as 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/ Ontario only; estimate for Manitoba not available. 7/ Prairie Provinces only.

FARM STOCKS AT MARCH 31, 1960

Stocks of the principal grains held on farms in Canada, (excluding Newfoundland) at March 31, 1960 were estimated at 681.4 million bushels compared with 721.2 million in 1959 and the record of 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957 according to a survey conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Average farm stocks for the 1950-1959 period were 710.1 million bushels. Farm stocks of wheat, oats and rye declined from both their respective 1959 levels and ten-year averages while those of barley and flaxseed were higher. 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, are estimated as follows: wheat, 317.9 (357.2, 339.4); oats, 196.5 (205.4, 226.0); barley, 151.2 (142.5, 129.8); rye, 6.9 (7.8, 10.6); and flaxseed, 9.0 (8.3, 4.3). The highest level of farm stocks at March 31, in millions of bushels, with the year of the record in brackets, was as follows: wheat, 533.0 (1957); oats, 362.1 (1943); barley, 169.8 (1954); rye, 19.5 (1954); and flaxseed, 10.0 (1957).

The Prairie Provinces, Canada's major grain producing area, accounted for the bulk of this year's March 31 farm stocks ranging from 69 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, 312.0 (98 p.c.); oats, 135.0 (69 p.c.); barley, 146.0 (97 p.c.); rye, 6.6 (96 p.c.); and flaxseed, 8.9 (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 1960 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, 1960 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
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 .....	410,000	195,000	164,000	19,200	2,900
Average 1950-1954 .....	249,800	173,940	111,500	8,626	2,252
1955 .....	314,500	128,000	114,000	14,400	2,850
1956 .....	435,000	173,000	143,000	16,800	4,300
1957 .....	524,000	261,000	155,000	11,000	9,850
1958 .....	442,000	201,000	148,000	9,800	6,080
1959 .....	347,000 <sup>1/</sup>	135,000	137,000	7,300	8,300
Average 1955-1959 .....	412,500	179,600	139,400	11,860	6,276
1960 .....	312,000	135,000	146,000	6,600	8,900

<sup>1/</sup> 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 18 amounted to 92.3 million bushels compared with 126.0 million marketed during the corresponding period of 1958-59 and the ten-year (1948-49—1957-58) average of 159.4 million bushels. Some 68 per cent of the August 1, 1959-May 18, 1960 total was accounted for by deliveries of barley with the remainder consisting of oats, 16 per cent; flaxseed, 13 per cent; and rye, 3 per cent.

Farmers' Marketings of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed in the Prairie Provinces, 1959-60  
with Comparisons

Period or week ending	Oats				Barley			
	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August 1, 1959 -								
February 17, 1960 ...	4,009	3,967	3,281	11,257	6,852	17,318	22,052	46,222
24 .....	34	56	98	189	105	234	489	828
March 2 .....	24	74	112	210	158	241	369	767
9 .....	29	35	75	140	103	165	342	610
16 .....	30	37	70	137	164	322	475	960
23 .....	51	37	112	200	222	488	731	1,440
30 .....	51	66	142	259	224	474	543	1,241
April 6 .....	53	52	145	250	286	388	497	1,172
13 .....	33	32	89	154	250	302	485	1,037
20 .....	9	57	153	220	44	244	639	927
27 .....	46	64	358	468	306	324	1,087	1,718
May 4 .....	57	137	392	586	160	540	1,056	1,757
11 .....	128	167	316	610	493	864	1,207	2,565
18 .....	98	122	163	384	399	528	723	1,650
Totals .....	4,653	4,904	5,506	15,063	9,766	22,432	30,696	62,895
Similar Period 1958-59	9,124	9,610	7,256	25,990	12,937	32,316	37,751	83,004
Average Similar Period 1948-49—1957-58 ..	14,881	28,851	18,107	61,840	22,204	28,902	28,412	79,518
- thousand bushels -								
August 1, 1959-								
February 17, 1960 ...	546	857	444	1,848	2,604	3,685	3,710	10,000
24 .....	5	6	7	17	7	30	50	87
March 2 .....	3	7	4	14	9	10	19	38
9 .....	2	5	5	12	9	4	23	35
16 .....	4	2	8	14	12	14	37	63
23 .....	12	15	13	40	16	26	59	102
30 .....	10	15	11	36	28	53	106	187
April 6 .....	12	17	16	45	18	59	160	237
13 .....	6	26	11	43	21	92	102	214
20 .....	4	18	11	33	7	62	49	118
27 .....	11	29	16	56	31	127	50	208
May 4 .....	8	57	16	82	18	72	24	115
11 .....	27	69	14	109	61	111	123	295
18 .....	17	35	7	59	137	45	47	229
Totals .....	667	1,158	584	2,409	2,977	4,390	4,560	11,928
Similar Period 1958-59	550	1,062	806	2,418	3,152	7,230	4,176	14,558
Average Similar Period 1948-49—1957-58 ..	837	4,518	2,785	8,141	3,544	4,429	1,946	9,919



Visible Supply of Canadian Oats May 18, 1960 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date 1958 and 1959

Position	1958	1959	1960
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	4,654	6,097	1,914
Saskatchewan .....	9,284	10,231	5,008
Alberta .....	14,959	6,370	5,076
Totals .....	28,897	22,699	11,997
Interior private and mill .....	542	605	720
Interior terminals .....	72	58	144
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	311	365	114
Victoria .....	-	14	1/
Churchill .....	183	40	34
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	7,451	7,609	3,591
In transit rail (Western Division) ....	1,005	1,155	870
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports.	2,289	1,490	1,063
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .	848	442	1,483
In transit lake .....	1,200	1,113	244
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ....	-	21	2
Totals .....	42,797	35,612	20,264

Visible Supply of Canadian Barley May 18, 1960 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date 1958 and 1959

Position	1958	1959	1960
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	2,158	3,758	5,132
Saskatchewan .....	6,732	7,401	8,468
Alberta .....	16,664	17,932	15,713
Totals .....	25,554	29,091	29,313
Interior private and mill .....	2,098	1,654	2,099
Interior terminals .....	683	847	387
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	987	2,614	2,297
Victoria .....	6	3	1
Prince Rupert .....	845	520	294
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	9,871	15,543	7,716
In transit rail (Western Division) ....	2,207	2,000	1,497
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports.	3,172	1,872	1,661
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .	2,506	1,380	2,064
In transit lake .....	3,263	2,182	1,887
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ....	-	121	-
Totals .....	51,191	57,828	49,216

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

Visible Supply of Canadian Rye May 18, 1960 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date 1958 and 1959

Position	1958	1959	1960
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	180	244	243
Saskatchewan .....	614	788	817
Alberta .....	416	465	480
Totals .....	1,210	1,497	1,539
Interior private and mill .....	26	23	17
Interior terminals .....	1/	-	-
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	172	1/	74
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	2,485	1,597	1,187
In transit rail (Western Division) ....	221	601	355
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports.	236	119	103
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .	337	19	90
In transit lake .....	546	166	-
United States ports .....	137	392	-
Totals .....	5,371	4,413	3,365

Visible Supply of Canadian Flaxseed May 18, 1960 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date 1958 and 1959

Position	1958	1959	1960
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	196	245	301
Saskatchewan .....	700	916	709
Alberta .....	336	506	602
Totals .....	1,232	1,667	1,611
Interior private and mill .....	62	65	42
Interior terminals .....	9	1/	1/
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	868	772	885
Victoria .....	57	36	76
Churchill .....	-	1/	-
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	2,251	1,821	1,963
In transit rail (Western Division) ....	167	355	450
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports.	247	173	48
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .	302	87	272
In transit lake .....	388	-	237
Totals .....	5,583	4,977	5,584

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

# GRADING OF CROPS, 1959-60

The total number of cars of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed inspected by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada during August-April of the 1959-60 crop year amounted to 55,130 representing a decrease of 8 per cent from the 60,073 cars of these grains inspected during the same period of 1958-59. Inspections of barley, at 36,815 cars accounted for 67 per cent of the August 1959-April 1960 total, with the remainder consisting of 10,298 cars of oats; 6,762 cars of flaxseed; and 1,255 cars of rye.

The extremely adverse conditions which prevailed during much of the 1959 harvesting season has, with the exception of flaxseed, resulted in only a moderate lowering of quality in the August-April current crop year deliveries. The general quality of barley and rye deliveries, although reduced from that of 1958-59, still exceeded their respective averages for the period 1953-54-1957-58. The only marked decline occurred in the quality of flaxseed while gradings of oats were below the 1958-59 level but almost equal to the recent five-year average. Percentages of the four grains falling into the higher grades (excluding "Toughs" and "Damps") during the August-April period of 1959-60 with comparable data for the entire 1958-59 crop year and the five-year (1953-54-1957-58) averages, respectively, in brackets, were as follows: oats, 1 Feed or higher, 89.6 (94.5, 89.8); barley, 1 Feed or higher, 78.2 (80.4, 65.9); rye, 3 C.W. or higher, 92.2 (89.8, 78.0); and flaxseed, 1 C.W. and 2 C.W., 71.2 (94.8, 91.9).

## Grading of Oats, Barley, Rye and Flaxseed Inspected\*, August 1959-April 1960 with Comparisons

Grain and Grade	Crop Year		August-April		Grain and Grade	Crop Year		August-April	
	Average		1959-60			Average		1959-60	
	1953-54- 1957-58	1958-59				1953-54- 1957-58	1958-59		
<b>OATS</b>					<b>BARLEY</b>				
	- per cent -		cars	per cent		- per cent -		cars	per cent
1 C.W. ....	1/	-	-	-	1 C.W. Six-Row	1/	0.3	15	1/
2 C.W. ....	0.3	0.1	27	0.3	2 C.W. Six-Row	2.8	9.9	1,838	5.0
Ex. 3 C.W. ..	2.1	1.2	193	1.9	3 C.W. Six-Row	27.0	16.0	10,164	27.6
3 C.W. ....	17.7	10.5	1,398	13.6	4 C.W. Six-Row	3.5	4.4	2,878	7.8
Ex. 1 Feed ..	18.1	20.2	1,297	12.6	1 C.W. Two-Row	1/	0.1	26	0.1
1 Feed .....	51.6	62.5	6,304	61.2	2 C.W. Two-Row	0.3	3.0	635	1.7
2 Feed .....	4.7	1.9	201	2.0	3 C.W. Two-Row	5.5	10.1	2,884	7.8
3 Feed .....	0.8	0.4	37	0.4	1 Feed .....	26.8	36.6	10,389	28.2
Mixed Feed 2/	1/	0.9	104	1.0	Ex. 2 Feed ...	5.9	-	-	-
Toughs 2/ 3/	3.9	1.5	448	4.4	2 Feed .....	12.7	9.0	2,567	7.0
Damps 2/ 4/	1/	1/	175	1.7	3 Feed .....	2.6	0.9	264	0.7
Rejected 2/	0.4	0.4	50	0.5	Toughs 2/ 5/	11.9	7.5	3,742	10.2
All others ..	0.3	0.5	64	0.6	Damps 2/ 6/	0.2	0.9	1,083	2.9
					Rejected .....	0.5	1.2	311	0.8
					All others ...	0.2	0.1	19	0.1
Totals .. 100.0 100.0 10,298 100.0					Totals .. 100.0 100.0 36,815 100.0				
Bushel equivalent (approximately) 29,205,000					Bushel equivalent (approximately) 81,853,000				
<b>RYE</b>					<b>FLAXSEED</b>				
1 C.W. ....	0.3	0.5	7	0.6	1 C.W. ....	69.4	89.0	4,540	67.1
2 C.W. ....	26.8	55.0	890	70.9	2 C.W. ....	22.5	5.8	277	4.1
3 C.W. ....	50.9	34.3	260	20.7	3 C.W. ....	2.9	0.8	64	0.9
4 C.W. ....	6.6	4.8	38	3.0	4 C.W. ....	0.1	0.1	7	0.1
Ergoty .....	5.7	2.2	15	1.2	Toughs 2/ 7/	4.3	3.6	1,148	17.0
Toughs 2/ 3/	9.0	2.8	34	2.7	Damp 2/ 8/	0.2	0.2	712	10.5
Damp 2/ 4/	1/	0.1	9	0.7	Rejected 2/	0.5	0.4	7	0.1
Rejected 2/	0.5	0.3	2	0.2	All others ..	0.1	0.3	7	0.1
All others ..	0.1	0.1	-	-					
Totals .. 100.0 100.0 1,255 100.0					Totals .. 100.0 100.0 6,762 100.0				
Bushel equivalent (approximately) 2,428,000					Bushel equivalent (approximately) 12,459,000				

\* Both old and new crop.

- 1/ Less than .05 per cent. 2/ All grades. 3/ Moisture content 14.1 per cent to 16.5 per cent.  
4/ Moisture content over 16.5 per cent. 5/ Moisture content 14.9 per cent to 17 per cent.  
6/ Moisture content over 17 per cent. 7/ Moisture content 10.6 per cent to 13.5 per cent.  
8/ 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 18 this year amounted to 56.9 million bushels, 36 per cent greater than the 41.7 million shipped during the comparable period of 1959. In 1960, the season of navigation opened on April 10 while the 1959 season opened on April 20. A heavier movement of wheat accounted for virtually all of the increase. Shipments of barley and flaxseed were slightly higher than those of last year, while shipments of oats and rye were below the comparable 1959 levels.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to May 18, 1960  
and to Approximately the Same Date 1950 to 1959\*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1950 .....	21,847	2,155	4,024	662	69	28,757
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 .....	66,674	18,188	25,412	3,146	1,183	114,604
1954 .....	4,988	12,771	11,196	1,223	1,123	31,301
1955 .....	35,343	6,330	16,271	4,481	1,381	63,807
1956 .....	44,706	5,096	16,483	3,385	687	70,357
1957 .....	38,783	6,125	10,278	207	2,559	57,953
1958 .....	53,137	10,145	20,516	1,647	1,215	86,660
1959 .....	27,425	4,130	8,819	663	677	41,714
1960 .....	42,619	3,265	9,788	458	750	56,880

\* Shipments from opening of navigation to May 18, 1950; May 17, 1951; May 15, 1952; May 21, 1953; May 17, 1954; May 18, 1955; May 16, 1956; May 15, 1957; May 21, 1958; and May 20, 1959.

RAIL SHIPMENTS FROM FORT WILLIAM-PORT ARTHUR

Rail movement of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed from the Lakehead during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 2,764 thousand bushels, sharply below the comparable 1958-59 total of 10,134 thousand bushels.

Rail Shipments of Canadian Grain from Fort William-Port Arthur  
August-April 1959-60 and 1958-59

Month	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
August, 1959 .....	34	90	23	-	2	149
September .....	32	83	23	-	-	137
October .....	31	93	43	-	-	167
November .....	8	126	34	-	8	177
December .....	25	201	31	10	73	340
January, 1960 .....	103	174	32	20	238	567
February .....	24	210	15	-	246	494
March .....	19	237	84	20	-	360
April .....	64	229	42	-	38	373
Totals .....	341	1,442	327	50	605	2,764
Same Period 1958-59.	1,919	3,096	3,705	61	1,352	10,134

# FREIGHT ASSISTANCE SHIPMENTS

Claims field for payment up to April 30, 1960 represent the movement of 56.4 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 current crop year. During the same months of 1958-59 claims had been filed for a total of 59.5 million bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and the preceding crop years that the 1959-60 August-March shipments under the policy were running about five per cent below those of 1958-59. Revised data on shipments of the four grains during the first eight months of the 1958-59 crop year, based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1960 place the total at 60.4 million bushels. Based on preliminary data, barley was the only one of the four grains moving in larger volume this year than last.

Preliminary data indicate that the movement of screenings under the freight assistance policy amounted to 53,194 tons during the August-March period of the current crop year, 11 per cent less than the preliminary August 1958-March 1959 total of 60,063 tons. Shipments of millfeeds amounted to 396,999 tons and exceeded by 4 per cent the revised total of 382,805 tons shipped during the first eight months of the 1958-59 crop year. As with wheat, oats, barley and rye, these totals are based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1960 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 74 per cent of the wheat, 81 per cent of the oats, 85 per cent of the barley, 100 per cent of the rye, 75 per cent of the screenings and 78 per cent of the millfeeds.

## Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Shipments August-March 1959-60 and 1958-59

Province	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Screenings	Millfeeds
	- thousand bushels -				- tons -	
Newfoundland .....	108	262	117	-	667	2,968
Prince Edward Island .	144	147	302	-	1,027	6,060
Nova Scotia .....	973	1,170	907	-	3,840	22,861
New Brunswick .....	492	756	591	-	1,914	23,215
Quebec .....	4,623	9,358	9,833	6	17,738	202,336
Ontario .....	5,480	7,444	8,757	2	22,772	107,345
British Columbia .....	1,834	1,700	1,386	-	5,236	32,214
Totals <u>1/</u> .....	13,652	20,837	21,893	8	53,194	396,999
Same period 1958-59:						
Preliminary <u>2/</u> .....	15,399	23,369	20,688	67	60,063	372,537
Revised <u>1/</u> .....	15,694	23,689	20,933	69	61,669	382,805

1/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1960.

2/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1959.

Exports of Canadian Oats and Barley 1959-60

Destination	February	March	April	August-April
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>			<u>OATS 1/</u>	
United Kingdom .....	-	-	-	185,570
<u>North America</u>				
Jamaica .....	-	-	-	1,765
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	-	-	-	187,335
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	-	181,012	415,273
Germany, Federal Republic .....	355,923	841,021	50,532	2,226,502
Netherlands .....	-	-	-	1,137,633
<u>North America</u>				
Panama .....	-	-	-	2,941
United States				
For domestic use 2/ .....	121,323	77,239	81,140	843,452
<u>South America</u>				
Venezuela .....	-	-	3,838	23,280
Totals, Foreign Countries ..	477,246	918,260	316,522	4,649,081
Totals, All Countries .....	477,246	918,260	316,522	4,836,416
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>			<u>BARLEY 1/</u>	
United Kingdom .....	1,176,802	2,124,165	1,591,280	15,780,000
<u>Africa</u>				
Union of South Africa .....	-	2,500	2,500	5,000
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	1,176,802	2,126,665	1,593,780	15,785,000
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Asia</u>				
Syria .....	-	-	-	661,500
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	-	-	360,873
Denmark .....	-	396,667	-	396,667
Germany, Federal Republic .....	268,314	1,264,666	34,443	3,231,118
Italy .....	-	-	144,667	238,001
Netherlands .....	-	177,800	350,233	1,217,203
Poland .....	2,379,369	106,167	-	5,301,605
Switzerland .....	-	-	31,033	788,339
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
For domestic use 2/ .....	399,050	1,222,663	809,520	11,078,294
<u>South America</u>				
Peru .....	-	-	-	91,666
Venezuela .....	-	-	-	458
Totals, Foreign Countries ..	3,046,733	3,167,963	1,369,896	23,365,724
Totals, All Countries .....	4,223,535	5,294,628	2,963,676	39,150,724



Exports of Canadian Rye and Flaxseed 1959-60

Destination	February	March	April	August-April
- bushels -				
<u>RYE 1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	31,967	19,969	101,800	273,579
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Europe</u>				
Germany, Federal Republic .....	71,690	-	-	71,690
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
For domestic use <u>2/</u> .....	-	-	382,994	2,224,088
Totals, Foreign Countries ..	71,690	-	382,994	2,295,778
Totals, All Countries .....	103,657	19,969	484,794	2,569,357

<u>FLAXSEED 1/</u>				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	110,000	470,039	183,784	3,717,683
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Asia</u>				
Japan .....	429,715	263,463	186,923	2,026,463
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	50,720	236,984	-	424,504
Denmark .....	-	-	-	28,294
France .....	78,000	148,438	113,200	389,220
Germany, Federal Republic .....	201,312	-	133,400	502,266
Greece .....	-	-	-	35,978
Netherlands .....	159,616	155,789	85,501	919,227
Norway .....	-	61,300	-	61,300
Portugal .....	-	-	-	60,000
Spain .....	20,160	-	-	20,160
Totals, Foreign Countries ..	939,523	865,974	519,024	4,467,412
Totals, All Countries .....	1,049,523	1,336,013	702,808	8,185,095

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/ 1959-60

Destination	February	March	April	August-April
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Africa</u>				
Mauritius and Seychelles .....	-	-	-	1,032
Nigeria .....	-	-	-	1,099
<u>Asia</u>				
Ceylon .....	-	1,236	-	4,017
Hong Kong .....	5,566	4,528	3,214	25,967
Malaya and Singapore .....	16,813	566	17,022	99,813
Pakistan .....	-	-	-	77
<u>North America</u>				
Bahamas .....	-	66	-	330
Barbados .....	-	-	-	1,225
Bermuda .....	143	132	340	3,115
Jamaica .....	2,242	1,731	3,385	34,006
Leeward and Windward Is. ....	758	681	836	6,237
Trinidad and Tobago .....	605	285	-	3,560
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	-	33	-	115
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	26,127	9,258	24,797	180,593
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Africa</u>				
Belgian Congo .....	-	105	-	105
<u>Asia</u>				
Indochina .....	494	1,028	610	5,033
Japan .....	-	-	-	44
Philippine Islands .....	-	-	-	44,841
Thailand .....	-	841	1,115	5,939
<u>North America</u>				
Costa Rica .....	-	-	66	220
Cuba .....	-	-	390	6,901
Guatemala .....	-	-	-	549
Honduras .....	-	274	352	901
Nicaragua .....	-	-	368	615
Panama .....	319	1,291	1,148	8,027
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	28	-	302	940
United States .....	-	439	-	10,165
<u>Oceania</u>				
French Oceania .....	-	-	-	28
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia .....	-	934	-	3,286
Ecuador .....	-	-	-	247
Peru .....	-	-	236	862
Surinam .....	-	-	-	55
Venezuela .....	4,203	6,533	11,105	67,698
Totals, Foreign Countries ....	5,044	11,445	15,692	156,456
Totals, All Countries .....	31,171	20,703	40,489	337,049

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

Customs Exports of Canadian Malt 1/ 1959-60

Destination	February	March	April	August-April
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Africa</u>				
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	10,264	-	17,915	61,956
<u>Asia</u>				
Ceylon .....	2,178	-	-	6,533
Hong Kong .....	6,111	-	-	6,111
<u>North America</u>				
Jamaica .....	23,220	-	9,288	105,778
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	-	2,261	-	8,924
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .	41,773	2,261	27,203	189,302
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Asia</u>				
Korea .....	6,124	-	-	9,470
Philippine Islands .....	24,667	24,444	27,500	138,976
<u>North America</u>				
Costa Rica .....	3,056	3,056	3,055	16,499
Cuba .....	4,582	135,762	24,440	618,411
Dominican Republic .....	3,776	3,776	-	20,768
El Salvador .....	9,167	-	12,222	36,665
Guatemala .....	12,222	-	13,723	92,283
Honduras .....	-	4,442	2,221	19,989
Nicaragua .....	-	-	3,056	12,313
Panama .....	6,112	3,056	6,111	33,612
Puerto Rico .....	25,966	42,483	14,164	212,734
United States .....	202,749	285,611	245,338	2,001,332
<u>South America</u>				
Brazil .....	1,900	16,044	16,955	162,345
Colombia .....	-	18,328	18,328	180,284
Peru .....	27,500	27,500	18,333	304,848
Venezuela .....	40,364	34,366	17,257	201,020
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	368,185	598,868	422,703	4,061,549
Totals, All Countries .....	409,958	601,129	449,906	4,250,851

1/ Conversion rate: 1 bushel of malt (36 lb.) equals 1 bushel of barley (48 lb.).



# HOG-BARLEY RATIO

The hog-barley ratio remained at relatively low levels during the February-April period of 1960. Moderate changes occurred in the price of hogs with returns, basis B-1 dressed weight at Winnipeg, averaging \$18.12 per hundredweight in February, \$17.57 per hundredweight in March and \$18.85 per hundredweight in April. The cost of a bushel of barley during the same months, basis No. 1 Feed in store Fort William-Port Arthur, moved only from 93 cents per bushel in February to 93 1/4 cents per bushel in March and then increased to 95 5/8 cents per bushel in April. The index moved from 15.8 points in February to 15.5 points in March and 16.4 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 1955-1960  
(Long-time average 1913-1949, with 1930 omitted due to extreme abnormality, is 18.3)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January .....	16.2	16.3	23.0	22.7	18.2	16.9
February .....	15.3	16.3	25.8	25.0	18.1	15.8
March .....	16.0	15.2	24.7	26.2	17.9	15.5
April .....	15.9	14.3	24.3	26.4	18.3	16.4
May .....	17.0	14.7	25.1	28.1	18.5	
June .....	19.7	18.8	28.3	27.5	19.6	
July .....	19.0	19.8	29.1	25.2	20.0	
August .....	19.4	19.6	29.8	24.4	19.5	
September .....	19.7	20.6	28.5	20.6	19.3	
October .....	16.4	21.9	23.3	18.9	17.9	
November .....	16.3	21.5	21.6	18.4	17.8	
December .....	16.4	22.4	22.9	18.4	17.8	

NOTE: The above data reflects market prices and quality premiums for hogs.

# FEED AND LIVESTOCK PRICE INDICES

The monthly index of feed prices showed only relatively minor movement during the February-April period of the current crop year. With hog prices remaining unchanged and prices for most commodities included in the index registering declines in March and increases in April, the index moved only from a level of 223.1 points in February to 221.8 points in March and returned to 223.1 points in April.

The index of prices of farm animal and animal products registered a slight increase during the February-April period of 1960. Average market returns from steers, lambs, chickens and eggs increased somewhat while returns from calves declined. Hog prices, although registering declines in March generally recovered in April. As a result of these composite changes, the index increased from 252.0 points in February to 252.2 points in March and a level of 256.2 points in April.

Index Numbers of Feed Prices and Prices of Farm Animals and Farm Animal Products  
by Months 1957-1960 (1935-1939 = 100)

Month	1957		1958		1959		1960	
	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal	Feed	Animal
January .....	208.2	257.3	199.4	259.6	212.8	278.7	225.3	257.7
February .....	205.2	259.0	201.5	268.4	214.0	274.0	223.1	252.0
March .....	205.6	253.4	196.7	272.9	214.1	269.5	221.8	252.2
April .....	201.5	255.1	198.2	279.9	217.6	271.0	223.1	256.2
May .....	200.0	255.3	196.8	288.3	215.8	271.0		
June .....	196.6	262.2	201.1	286.4	214.6	270.6		
July .....	194.8	270.2	217.6	279.3	215.4	272.8		
August .....	192.0	271.3	212.1	275.2	209.7	274.9		
September .....	194.4	263.8	211.3	266.9	207.3	277.0		
October .....	192.3	248.6	206.5	269.3	209.0	267.9		
November .....	194.4	245.7	206.7	269.1	218.1	269.1		
December .....	197.6	253.7	209.7	278.7	223.4	263.1		

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

Grain and Grade	February 1 9 6 0	March 1 9 6 0	April 1 9 6 0
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OATS - cents and eighths per bushel -

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. ....	82/4	82/4	83/3
Ex. 3 C.W. ....	79/4	79/4	80/3
3 C.W. ....	77	77/1	78/1
Ex. 1 Feed ....	77	77/1	78/1
1 Feed ....	75/4	75/4	76/4
2 Feed ....	72/4	72/4	73/4
3 Feed ....	69/4	69/4	70/4

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 ....	110/5	110	111/2
2 C.W. Six-Row ....	110/5	110	111/2
3 C.W. Six-Row ....	108/5	108	109/2
4 C.W. Six-Row ....	97/7	97/2	98/4
1 C.W. Two-Row ....	108/5	108	109/2
2 C.W. Two-Row ....	108/5	108	109/2
3 C.W. Two-Row ....	99/5	99	100/2
1 Feed ....	95/7	95/2	96/4
2 Feed ....	94/5	94/1	95/6
3 Feed ....	91/5	91/1	92/6

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 1 9 6 0	March 1 9 6 0	April 1 9 6 0
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OATS

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Domestic and Export

2 C.W. ....	79	80/6	83/1
Ex. 3 C.W. ....	77/4	78/2	79/4
3 C.W. ....	75/2	76	77/3
Ex. 1 Feed ....	75/2	76	77/5
1 Feed ....	72/6	73/4	75/5
2 Feed ....	69/6	70/4	72/5
3 Feed ....	66/6	67/4	69/5

BARLEY

Domestic and Export

1 C.W. Six-Row ....	102/2	101/5	103
2 C.W. Six-Row ....	102/2	101/5	103
3 C.W. Six-Row ....	95/5	96/4	99/2
4 C.W. Six-Row ....	93	93/2	95/5
1 C.W. Two-Row ....	97/6	97/1	99/6
2 C.W. Two-Row ....	97/6	97/1	99/6
3 C.W. Two-Row ....	93	93/2	95/5
1 Feed ....	93	93/2	95/5
2 Feed ....	90/4	91/2	94/6
3 Feed ....	87/4	88/2	91/6

RYE

Producers', Domestic and Export Prices

2 C.W. ....	108/6	106/3	108/2
3 C.W. ....	104/2	102	104/2
4 C.W. ....	92/3	90/2	93/5
Ergoty ....	90/3	87/5	87/7

FLAXSEED

Producers', Domestic and Export Prices

1 C.W. ....	314/4	317	327/2
2 C.W. ....	308/5	312	322/2
3 C.W. ....	269/6	277/1	293/3



## UNITED STATES FEED SITUATION

The following summary of the feed situation in the United States has been taken from the May 24, 1960 issue of The Feed Situation published by the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

Total disappearance of feed grains was at a record rate during the first half of the 1959-60 feeding year, 6 per cent over the heavy use in October-March last year. Disappearance is expected to continue heavy in the last half of the feeding year, but the increase over a year earlier will be reduced by the fewer hogs and poultry now on farms. For the entire year, total use of feed grains is expected to be around 7 million tons above the 150 million tons consumed last year. Even this high rate of disappearance would fall somewhat below the record 1959 crop of 166 million tons. The carryover into 1960-61 is expected to increase to around 77 million tons, 9 million more than in 1959-60.

Disappearance of corn during October-March totalled 2,485 million bushels, up 207 million bushels or 9 per cent from 1958-59. The total for the entire 1959-60 marketing year is now expected to be around 4 billion bushels. This would leave a carryover into 1960-61 of about 1.9 billion bushels, a new high and nearly a fourth larger than last year. The October 1 sorghum grain carryover also is expected to increase to a record level, but smaller July 1 stocks of oats and barley are in prospect.

Domestic demand for protein feeds in the first half of 1959-60 has been weaker than a year earlier, reflecting reduced poultry production and lower livestock prices. The index of high-protein feed prices averaged about 5 per cent lower during October-March this year than last. The total quantity fed to livestock and poultry was slightly below a year earlier, while exports were up sharply as a result of increased demand from Northern European countries.

Prospects were generally good for feed crops in early May, though wet fields have delayed preparation of the soil and planting feed grains. Oats and barley seeding was much behind schedule in large areas of the mid-West. Farmers probably will shift some of the acreage planned for oats to corn, soybeans and other later planted crops. Preparation of the soil and planting of corn also is lagging, but with more favourable weather in May, planting may be completed by the usual time. Soil moisture is ample in most areas, favouring early growth of feed grains and forages. May 1 condition of pastures and hay crops was better than a year ago and also above average in most areas of the country.

Feed grain prices have advanced since March, but the mid-April index of average prices received by farmers was 5 per cent lower than a year earlier. The average price received for corn rose from \$1.00 per bushel in March to \$1.05 in April, when it was 8 cents lower than a year earlier and 7 cents below the national average support. Corn prices may strengthen seasonally during the next few months, though the large stocks of "free" corn will tend to limit the extent of further advances.

Through April, farmers had placed 17.3 million tons of feed grains under price support, 4.1 million less than a year earlier. The 463 million bushels of corn placed under support through April of the October-May loan period was 114 million more than in the same period of 1958-59. Much smaller quantities of 1959 crop oats, barley and sorghum grain were placed under price support during the 1959-60 loan period which ended February 1.

NOTES ON FOREIGN CROPS

Argentina The following information relative to Argentine crop conditions and grain sales is extracted from a report provided by Mr. G.E. Blackstock, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada, Buenos Aires, under date of May 20, 1960 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 83.50 pesos per U.S. dollar less 20 per cent retention.

Weather and Crops The weather continues to be excellent both for late harvesting and for preparation of the soil for sowing the new crops as well as for early development of some mixed grains and wheat already sown. There were seasonal light rains last week over most of the crop growing area of Argentina and the weather is once again fine.

The corn harvest this year has been carried out under excellent conditions. In contrast to last year's heavy rains and widespread flooding at harvest time, this year's generally fine weather has seen an almost complete harvest, now all but completed, with no losses of any consequence having been reported. The Government's first official estimate of production of corn at 3,870,000 metric tons (152.4 million bushels) is still thought to be too low. The crop, both in quality and moisture content, is generally of high quality.

Early seedings of wheat are reported to be doing well, and the same is true of dual purpose and mixed forage grains, although it is still too early to make any prediction on the basis of sowings so far of whether this year's seeded areas will show any substantial change from last year's totals.

Corn With the corn harvest for all practical purposes complete, and with the almost unanimous opinion in the grain trade that the actual harvest was considerably higher than the Government had officially estimated it to be, there has been fairly sustained activity in the market with an abundance of offerings. In Rosario some recent export prices for corn going to Continental Europe have been between 58 and 59 U.S. dollars per ton (\$1.47 and \$1.50 per bushel), and for corn sold to the United Kingdom, 425 to 426 shillings (US\$59.29 to US\$59.43 (\$1.51 per bushel), calculated with exchange rates of 233 Argentine pesos to the £ sterling and 83.50 Argentine pesos to the U.S. dollar.)

Within the last few days a truckers' strike has begun in protest against a new series of Government regulations dealing with transport of grains and other agricultural products. The effects of the strike, in sharply diminished grain deliveries to the ports, were not long in being felt. It is not known how long the strike is expected to last.

Oats, Barley and Rye There has recently been some increased interest on the part of European buyers of these grains. Most sales which have taken place recently have been for shipment from southern ports. Producer prices of oats sold to exporters during the last week were around 292 to 295 pesos per 100 kilos (54 cents per bushel). For barley exporters bought at 265 pesos per 100 kilos (69 cents per bushel), and recent prices for rye were around 225 pesos per 100 kilos (68 cents per bushel).

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 17, 1960 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade

and Commerce.

Weather and Crops The month of April was marked by lower than average rainfall and relatively cool weather, which slowed down plant growth and impeded field operations, according to the Ministry of Agriculture crop report as of May 1. The end of April brought sharp frosts which caused damage to orchards and vineyards but merely retarded grain crops. The first half of May has witnessed more seasonable temperatures but lack of rainfall is causing concern.

Fall-sown wheat had a good start during the relatively mild winter and continues to develop well. Spring-sown grains, mainly the coarse grains, have developed slowly due to lack of soil moisture. While the appearance of grainfields is not considered on a par with last year at the same period, it should be borne in mind that 1959 was an exceptionally good year.

The total area sown to grain on May 1 was on much the same level as in 1959. There is a very small reduction of 0.7 per cent for wheat but more substantial for rye and oats. The area to barley shows a gain of 2.9 per cent over 1959; spring sowings are 7 per cent higher.

The May 1 official estimate of sowings compared with the previous year is as follows:

#### Area Seeded to Grain May 1

Grain	May 1, 1959	May 1, 1960	Comparison May 1 1960 with 1959
	- thousand acres -		- per cent -
Wheat .....	10,843	10,767	- 0.7
Wheat and rye ..	52	43	- 17.3
Rye .....	842	768	- 8.8
Barley .....	4,627	4,762	+ 2.9
Oats .....	3,636	3,470	- 4.6
Mixed grains ...	176	148	- 15.9
Totals .....	20,175	19,959	- 1.1

#### CALENDAR OF COARSE GRAIN EVENTS

- March 16 Based on farmers' intentions at March 1, the indicated acreage of Canada's major grain crops for 1960, in millions of acres, with 1959 acreages in brackets, were as follows: spring wheat, 22.5 (22.6); oats for grain, 11.7 (11.4); barley, 8.0 (8.3); spring rye, 0.1 (0.1); mixed grains, 1.5 (1.5); corn for grain, 0.5 (0.5); and flaxseed, 2.9 (2.4).
- April 1 The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced final payments on the 1958-59 oats and barley pools.
- 10 The 1960 grain shipping season opened at the Canadian Lakehead with the arrival of the first upbound vessel, the Capt. C.D. Secord.
- May 5 The Canada Department of Agriculture announced that freight assistance regulations on Western feed grains and millfeeds had been amended effective May 9.



# FARMERS MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

MILLION BUSHELS

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

PEAK MARKETINGS  
1952-53 CROP YEAR  
536.0 MILLION BUSHELS

JULY

JUNE

MAY

A

M

F

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

26 year average 10 year average  
1932-33 1948-49  
1957-58 1957-58

1954-55

1955-56

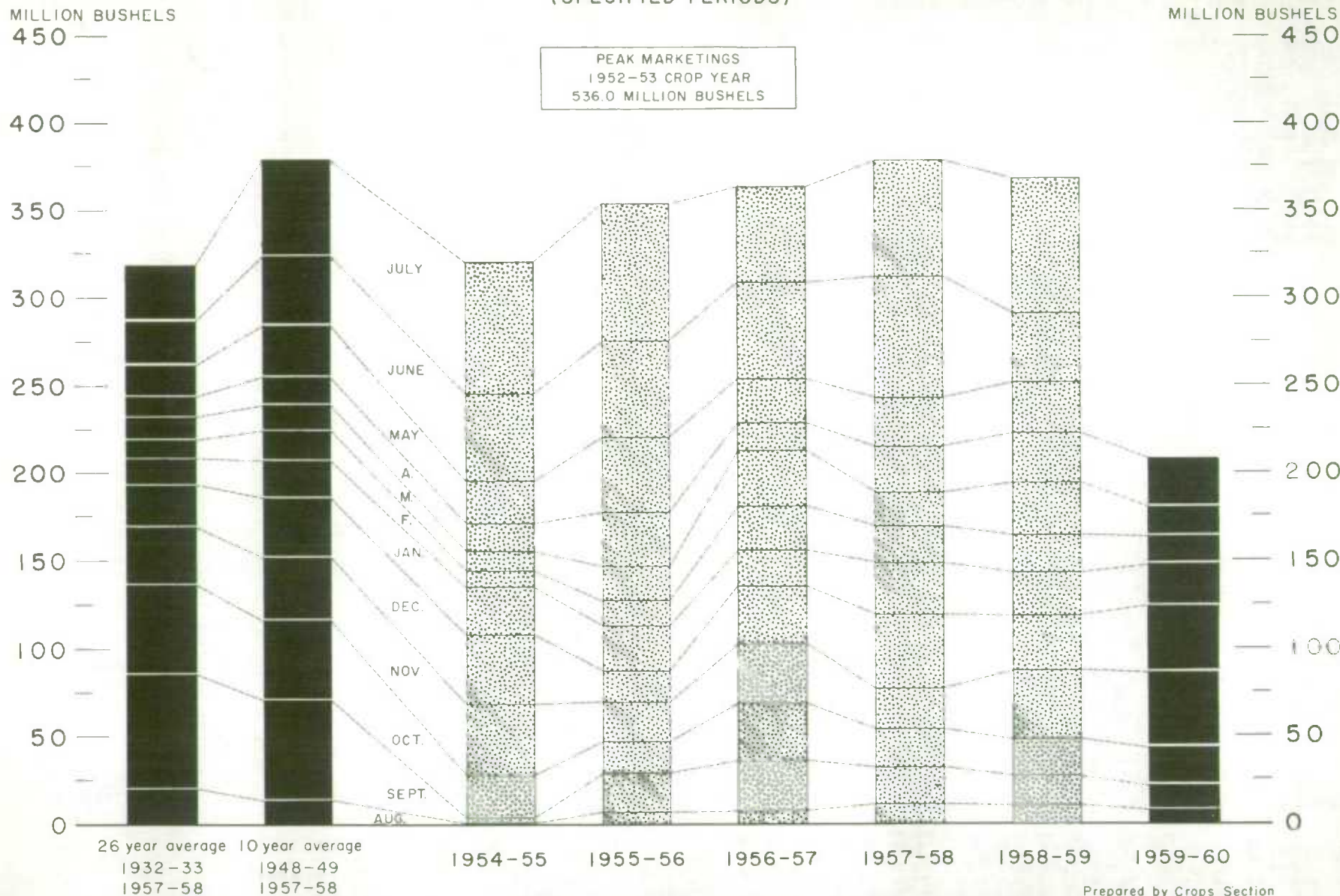
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# CANADIAN WHEAT\* AND WHEAT FLOUR\*\* EXPORTS

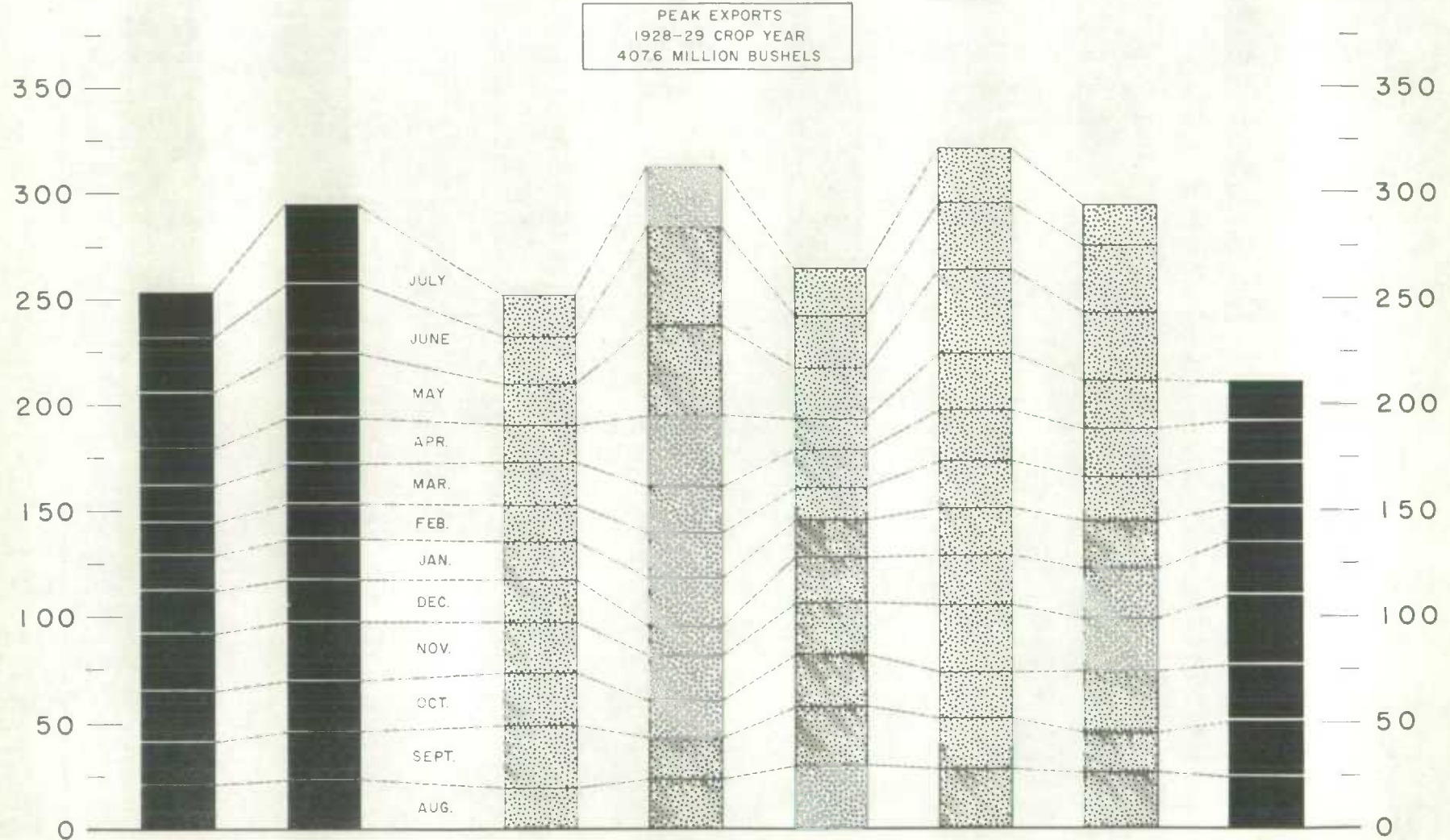
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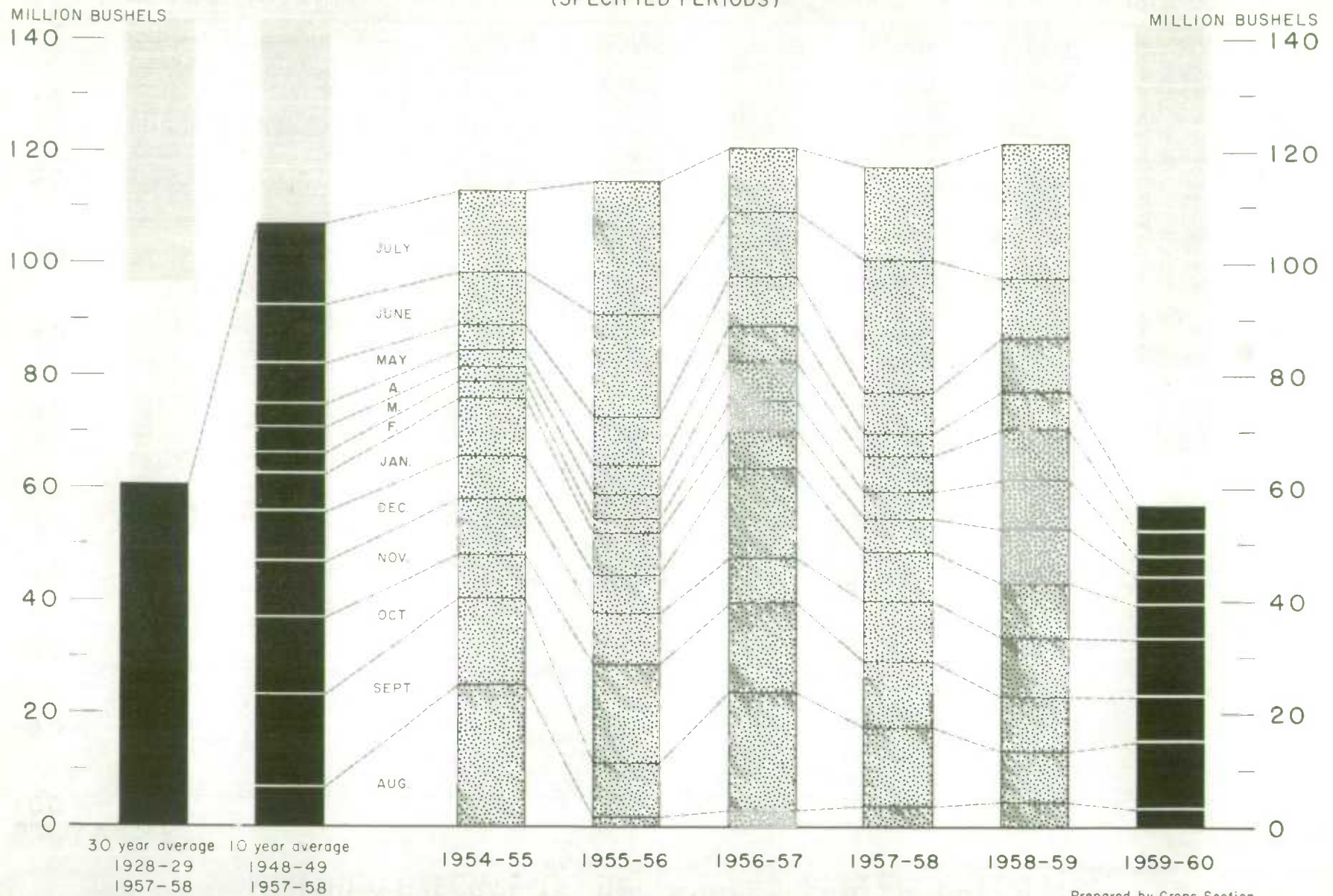


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# FARMERS MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

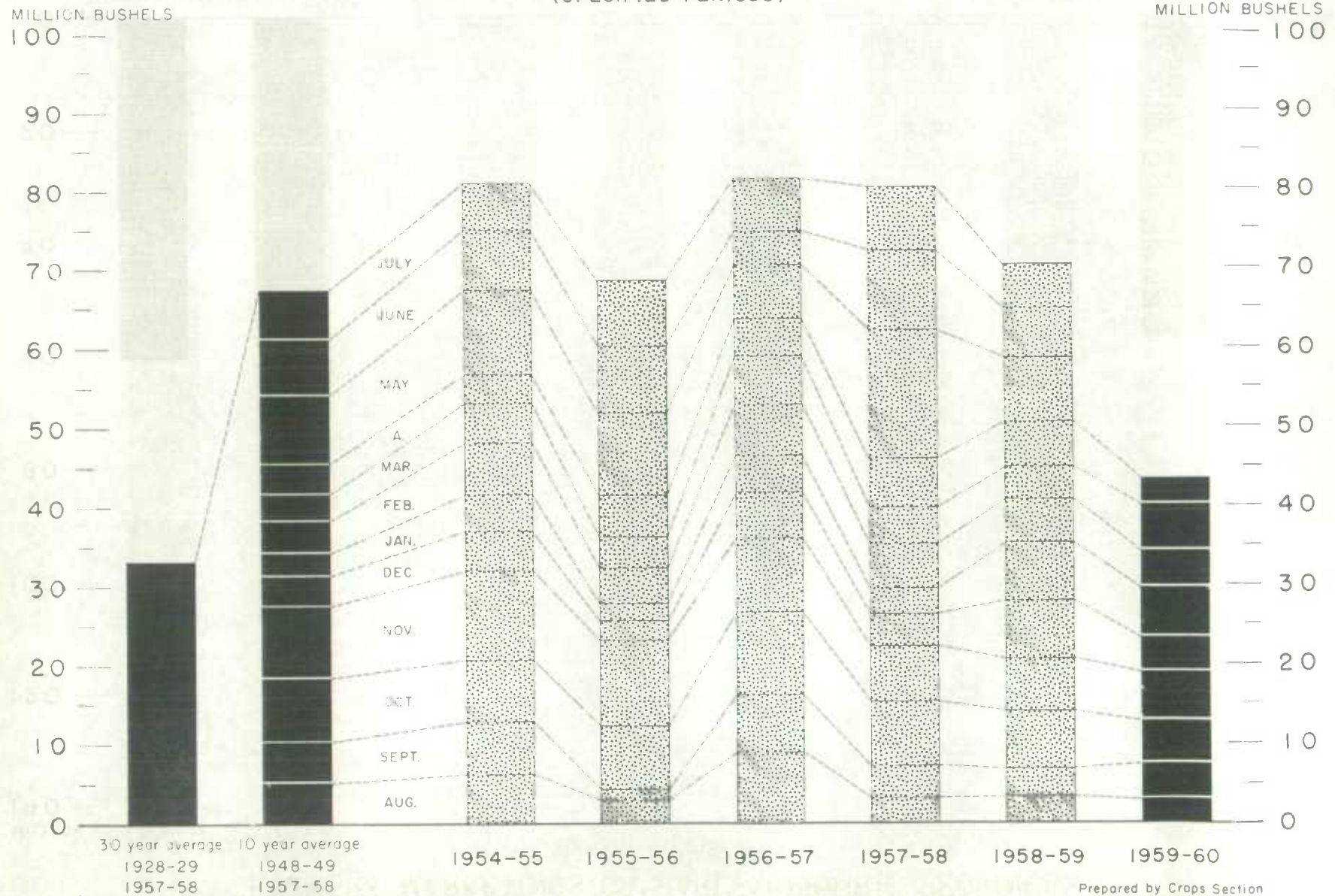


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# MONTHLY EXPORTS OF BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS\*

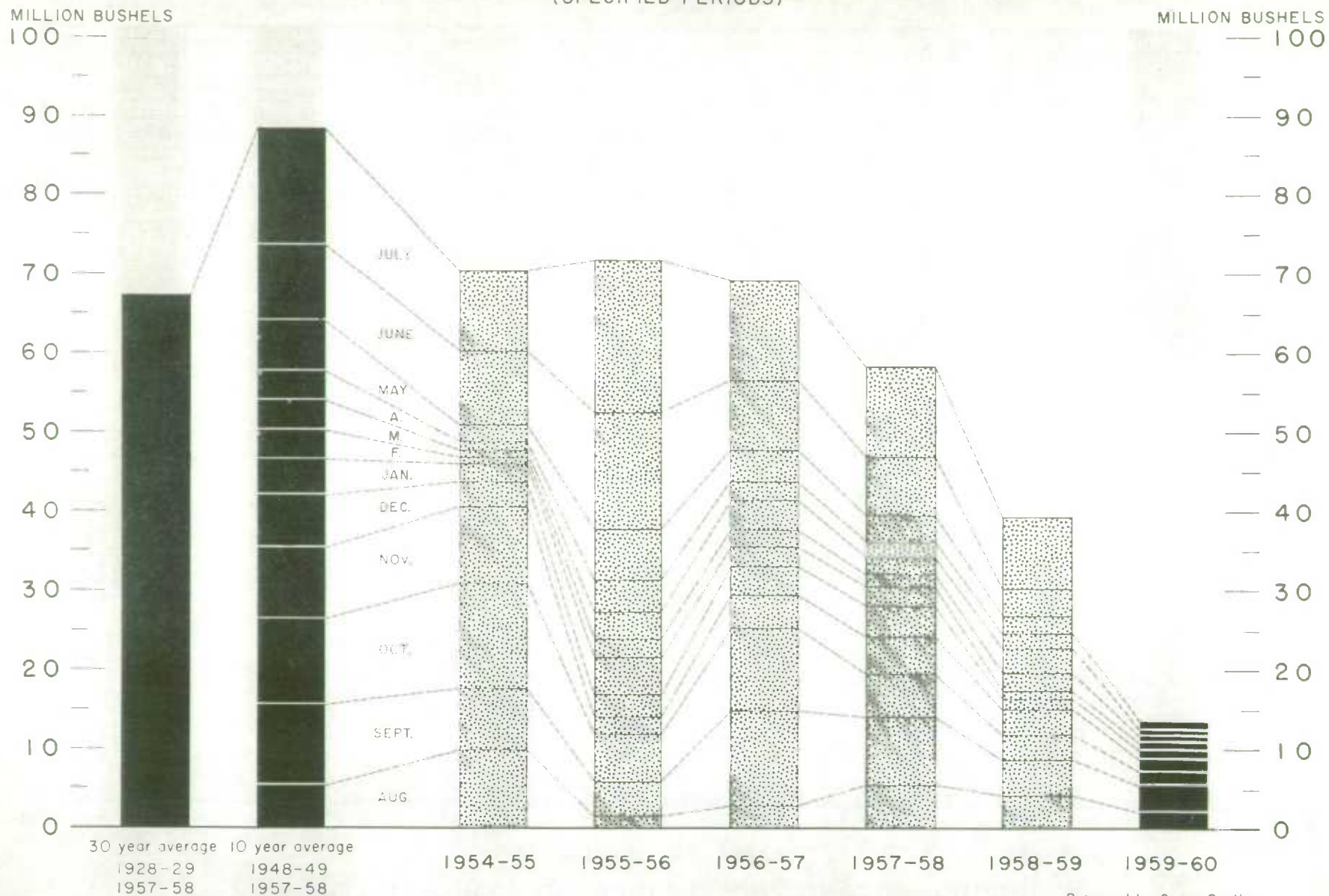
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# FARMERS MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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# MONTHLY EXPORTS OF OATS AND OAT PRODUCTS\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

40

36

32

28

24

20

16

12

8

4

0

MILLION BUSHEL

40

36

32

28

24

20

16

12

8

4

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J.  
JUNE  
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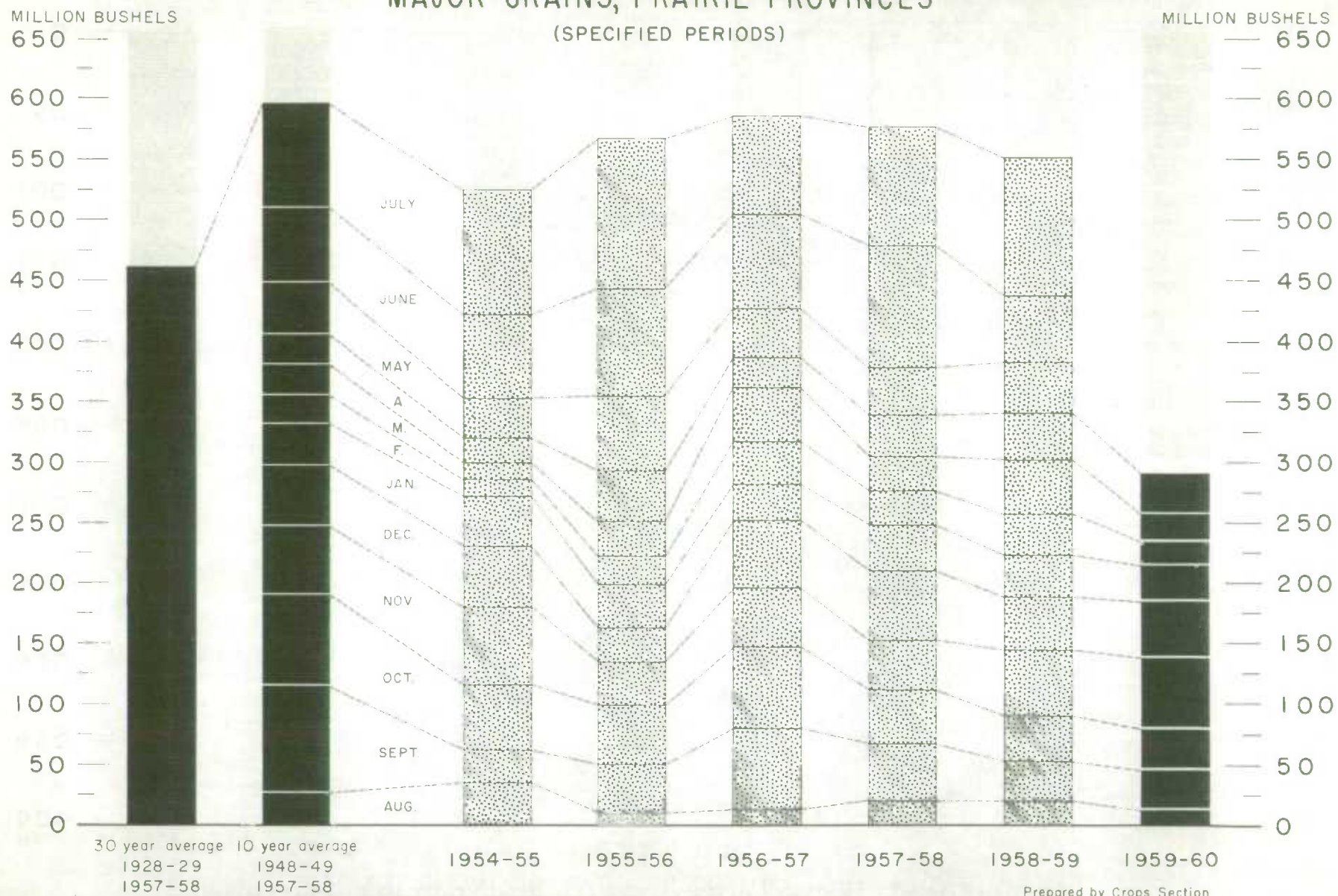
1959-60

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# MONTHLY FARMERS MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS\*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

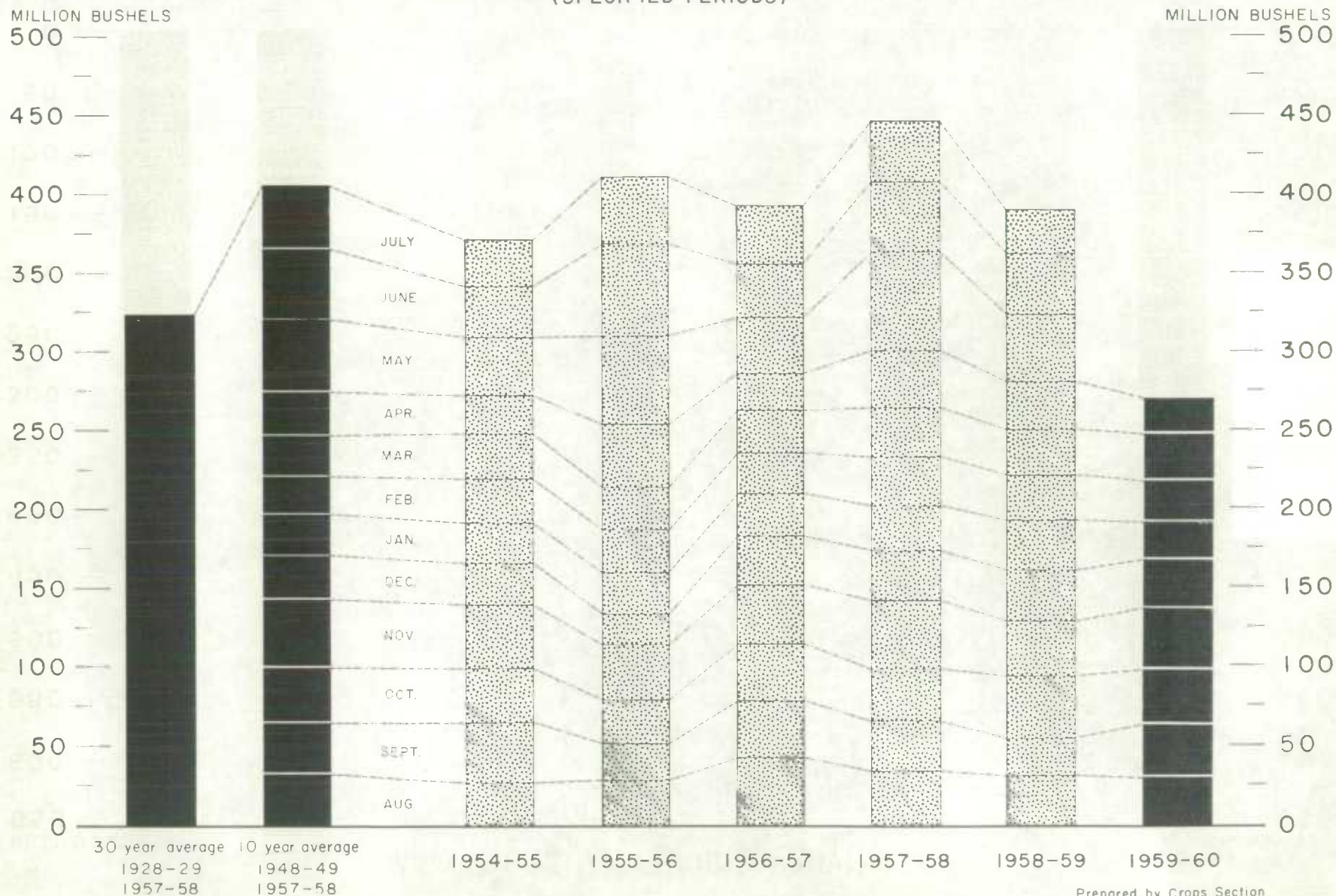


\*Wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed.

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# MONTHLY EXPORTS OF FIVE MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



\* Wheat, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour; oats, oatmeal and rolled oats; barley, malt and pot and pearl; rye and flaxseed.

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