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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

### Current Supplies -

The latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about June 1, 1951 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 773 million bushels. At the same time in 1950, 743 million bushels were available. Supplies this year (to nearest million bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 411 (443); Canada, 240 (153); Australia, 81 (100), and Argentina, 41 (48).

### Outlook for New Crops -

According to 'Foreign Crops and Markets' of June 18 "World production prospects for the 1951 wheat and rye crop point to a crop about the same as or slightly below the high level of 1950, on the basis of preliminary information available to the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations in early June. No significant change from the 1950 harvest is now indicated for North America, Europe, or Asia, but some net decline seems probable in Africa. An over-all reduction in western Europe seems offset by better prospects in eastern Europe, especially in the Balkans where crops were reduced by drought last year. It is too early to have definite indications of the outlook for the Southern Hemisphere where wheat seeding is now under way, but no significant net increase from last year's comparatively low acreage is expected.

Conditions in Europe are so varied as to make a dependable forecast of the probable harvest results difficult at this time, especially as information is still lacking for some areas. On the basis of available reports, however, the favourable outlook for some areas, especially the Balkans, the Iberian Peninsula, and Western Germany appears to offset the less favourable conditions in much of western Europe. The breadgrain outlook for western Europe appears favourable, though not up to the good 1950 crop. Excessive rains curtailed seeding of winter grain for the current season in some of the principal producing countries and the arrears could not be made up by increased spring acreage, since excessive moisture continued in many areas, making conditions unfavourable for spring seeding. Crops generally wintered well with nominal winterkill reported. Growth is still backward in many areas, but a good harvest is still expected if growing conditions are favourable. Good moisture reserves favour the development of the crop.

The fall sowing plan was reported fulfilled in the Soviet Union. Seeding was carried out earlier than usual under favourable conditions. Fall plowing was also earlier, with a substantial increase in land prepared for spring crops. Early spring favoured field work and seeding operations, which have been proceeding at a more rapid pace than last year. It was officially reported that the acreage seeded to all spring crops by May 10 on collective and state farms of the RSFSR (the Russian republic which is the largest of the 16 constituent republics of the Soviet Union) was 15 per cent above that seeded on the same date a year ago. The moisture supply in the important semi-arid eastern and southeastern regions appears to be adequate. While reports on the condition of winter and spring grain in May were generally favourable, fairly widespread cold weather during that month and early in June retarded somewhat the development of crops. The effects of the cold spell cannot be fully appraised as yet. "

Japan Accepted as I.W.A. Member - Provided the necessary instrument of ratification is deposited with the International Wheat Council by August 1 next, Japan will be admitted to the International Wheat Agreement. Her yearly quota is set at 500,000 metric tons (18.4 million bushels).

Quotas for 1951-52 - Guaranteed quantities for the I.W.A. year commencing August 1, 1951 under the Agreement have been established as follows for the four exporting country members (in millions of bushels): Australia, 88.7; Canada, 233.0; France, 4.1, and United States, 255.1. The total quantity of 580,916,690 bushels is allocated to importing countries under the I.W.A. as follows:

Country	Guaranteed Purchases in Thousand Bushels	Country	Guaranteed Purchases in Thousand Bushels
Austria .....	11,023	Israel .....	5,879
Belgium .....	20,209	Italy .....	40,418
Bolivia .....	2,756	Japan .....	18,372
Brazil .....	13,228	Lebanon .....	2,388
Ceylon .....	6,614	Liberia .....	37
Costa Rica .....	1,213	Mexico .....	12,860
Cuba .....	7,422	Netherlands .....	24,802
Denmark .....	1,617	New Zealand .....	4,593
Dominican Republic ...	876	Nicaragua .....	331
Ecuador .....	1,286	Norway .....	7,716
Egypt .....	14,697	Panama .....	625
El Salvador .....	404	Peru .....	5,512
Germany .....	66,139	Philippines .....	7,202
Greece .....	15,726	Portugal .....	5,626
Guatemala .....	919	Saudi Arabia .....	1,837
Haiti .....	1,029	Spain .....	4,373
Honduras Republic ....	367	Sweden .....	2,756
Iceland .....	404	Switzerland .....	6,430
India .....	55,116	Union of South Africa .	11,023
Indonesia .....	3,674	United Kingdom .....	177,068
Ireland .....	10,105	Venezuela .....	6,246
Total guaranteed purchases .....		580,917	

A number of sales for registration against 1951-52 crop-year allocations have already been made, with Australia being particularly active in this regard.

I.W.A. Sales and Purchases (1950-51 Crop Year) - According to the International Wheat Council, purchases of wheat recorded under the I.W.A. from August 1, 1950 to June 15, 1951 amounted to 528.8 million bushels or about 94 per cent of the total guaranteed quantities. Leading purchasers under the Agreement, with quantities in millions of bushels, were: the United Kingdom, 175.5; Germany, 59.4; India, 55.0; Italy 29.6; the Netherlands, 22.9; Belgium, 20.3; Greece, 15.2; Egypt, 13.6; Mexico, 12.9; Austria, 11.0; and Ireland, 10.1. Sales recorded to June 15 by the four exporting countries were (in millions of bushels); the United States, 248.8 (quota fulfilled); Canada, 188.8; Australia, 87.4, and France, 3.9.



International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases, August 1, 1950 to June 15, 1951  
Together with Annual Quantities Guaranteed

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Purchases	Source				Total Purchases
		Australia	Canada	France	U.S.A.	
- thousand bushels -						
Austria 1/.....	11,023	-	-	580	10,429	11,009
Belgium 1/.....	20,209	-	9,694	-	10,568	20,262
Bolivia 1/.....	2,756	-	729	-	2,012	2,742
Brazil .....	13,228	-	377	1,670	6,240	8,287
Ceylon 1/.....	6,614	6,614	-	-	-	6,614
Costa Rica .....	1,213	-	788	-	388	1,176
Cuba 1/.....	7,422	-	4,717	-	2,706	7,423
Denmark 1/.....	1,617	-	-	-	1,666	1,666
Dominican Republic 1/.....	876	-	580	-	297	878
Ecuador 1/.....	1,286	-	622	-	673	1,295
Egypt .....	14,697	10,543	51	-	3,033	13,628
El Salvador 1/.....	404	-	80	-	373	453
Germany .....	66,139	1,400	-	441	57,541	59,382
Greece .....	15,726	-	-	-	15,221	15,221
Guatemala 1/.....	919	-	352	-	567	919
Haiti 1/.....	1,029	-	837	-	225	1,062
Honduras Republic ..	367	-	41	-	189	231
Iceland .....	404	-	24	-	-	24
India .....	55,116	16,056	11,200	-	27,794	55,050
Indonesia 1/.....	3,674	2,379	63	-	1,290	3,732
Ireland 1/.....	10,105	1,867	6,571	-	1,673	10,111
Israel 1/.....	5,879	320	1,706	184	3,662	5,872
Italy .....	40,418	205	15,143	-	14,283	29,631
Lebanon 1/.....	2,388	-	261	551	1,591	2,403
Liberia .....	37	-	26	-	10	36
Mexico 1/.....	12,860	-	-	-	12,862	12,862
Netherlands .....	24,802	1,904	538	-	20,444	22,886
New Zealand .....	4,593	4,556	-	-	-	4,556
Nicaragua 1/.....	331	-	135	-	196	331
Norway 1/.....	7,716	1,120	1,821	-	4,770	7,712
Panama 1/.....	625	-	422	-	204	626
Peru .....	5,512	902	116	-	4,307	5,326
Philippines 1/.....	7,202	-	3,673	-	3,528	7,201
Portugal .....	5,626	172	431	-	4,743	5,346
Saudi Arabia .....	1,837	229	163	-	754	1,146
Spain .....	4,373	-	289	367	3,066	3,722
Sweden .....	2,756	1,232	-	-	891	2,123
Switzerland 1/.....	6,430	-	2,050	-	4,429	6,479
Union of S. Africa ..	11,023	-	8,213	-	-	8,213
United Kingdom .....	177,068	37,889	113,265	92	24,217	175,463
Venezuela .....	6,246	-	3,795	-	1,932	5,726
Totals .....	562,545	87,387	188,775	3,885	248,775	528,822
Guaranteed Sales ..		88,700	221,592	4,089	248,163	562,545
Balance .....		1,313	32,817	204	- 612	33,723

1/ Guaranteed quantity fulfilled.

## CANADIAN SITUATION

Carrying Charges to be Added to I.W.A. and Domestic Price - On June 14, the Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce made the following announcement with regard to wheat: " ... Article VI of the international wheat agreement provides that the basic minimum and maximum prices under the agreement are exclusive of 'such carrying charges and marketing costs as may be agreed between the buyer and seller.'

The Canadian Wheat Board is of the opinion, and the government concurs in the view, that under conditions now prevailing, a carrying charge should be added to its selling price of wheat under the international wheat agreement, effective on sales which will be registered with the international wheat council for the crop year 1951-52. The international wheat council is meeting in London, England, this week, and the Canadian representatives have conveyed the Board's decision to importing countries represented at the meeting. The carrying charge which will be added to the Board's international wheat agreement selling price is six cents per bushel, and will apply on agreement sales for registration in 1951-52. The Board will today commence 1951-52 sales under the agreement.

I might add that, owing to commitments already made, the carrying charge on international wheat agreement wheat will not apply on the balance of deliveries of sales of wheat which have been or will be registered against 1950-51 agreement quantities.

It is my information that the other principal exporting countries participating in the international wheat agreement, namely, the United States and Australia, will initiate a similar policy in regard to carrying charges on wheat sold for 1951-52 under the international wheat agreement.

Since the Board's selling price for domestic consumption in Canada is the same as the price at which it sells wheat under the international wheat agreement, the six cents per bushel carrying charge will apply on domestic sales. Effective immediately, the Board will add a carrying charge of six cents per bushel to its domestic selling price."

Report of Canadian Grain Mission - Copies of the Mission's report were tabled in the House of Commons on June 1 by the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In tabling the report the Minister noted that in the autumn of 1950, the members of the Mission visited the United Kingdom and other European countries, and called upon the grain trade, millers and government authorities, with a view to facilitating trade in Canadian wheat and flour in that area. The Mission consisted of Messrs. J. B. Lawrie (Canadian Wheat Board), R. W. Milner (Board of Grain Commissioners) and C. F. Wilson (Department of Trade and Commerce). The report analyzes recent trends in the European market for Canadian wheat and flour and discusses the trade outlook by regions. In addition, certain recommendations are made relative to improving the distribution of current information on Canadian wheat and flour supplies, qualities and prices to potential buyers. These recommendations include the provision of a monthly air letter on the Canadian grain position and visits in October and November of each year by an official from the Wheat Board and one from the Board of Grain Commissioners to promote Canada's interests in European wheat and flour markets. Copies of the Mission's report are obtainable from the Wheat and Grain Division, Department of Trade and Commerce.



Supply Position - Movement of wheat through all channels of the Canadian marketing system has been heavy in recent weeks. Farmers' marketings for the week ending June 21 touched the 10 million bushel mark, the highest weekly deliveries since last November. Despite heavy rail shipments to the Lakehead, country elevator stocks on June 21 were 80.1 million bushels, only 10 per cent below the level at May 17. The supply of lake vessels has been tight for some weeks, this being reflected in an increase of Lakehead stocks to 31.4 million bushels on June 21 as against 22.8 million on May 17. The situation appears to be improving, however, with Lakehead wheat shipments exceeding 5 million bushels during the week ending June 21st, the heaviest movement recorded since that for the week ending May 10. Total visible supplies of wheat at June 21 stood at 170.9 million bushels, little changed from the 171.4 million recorded on May 17, despite estimated exports of some 34 million bushels of wheat and flour for the period between these two dates.

#### Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1950-51	1949-50
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at July 31 .....	112.2	102.4
New crop .....	461.7	371.4
Imports of wheat, August 1—April 30 .....	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	573.9	473.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	<u>155.0</u>	<u>136.5</u>
Available for export and carryover .....	418.9	337.3
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August 1-May 31.	115.8	135.2
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August 1-May 31 .....	<u>16.0</u>	<u>11.4</u>
Total exports of wheat .....	131.8	146.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Aug. 1-May 31 ..	47.1 <sup>2/</sup>	38.1 <sup>2/</sup>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	<u>178.9</u>	<u>184.7</u>
Balance on June 1 for export and carryover .....	240.0	152.6

1/ Less than 50,000 bushels. 2/ Adjusted for time lag in the returns made by Customs.

The combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during May amounted to 24.5 million bushels, the highest monthly total since May of 1950 and well above the April 1951 figure of 18.6 million. Exports of wheat and flour for the first ten months of the current crop year were 178.9 million bushels, as against 184.7 million for the comparable period of 1949-50, increased exports of flour being insufficient to offset the decline in wheat shipments. The balance remaining on June 1 for export and carryover was estimated at 240.0 million bushels compared with 152.6 million a year ago.

Exports of wheat as grain during May 1951 amounted to 17.7 million bushels, bringing the total for the ten months ending May 31 to 131.8 million. Of this amount 52.7 million bushels, or 40 per cent of the total went to the United Kingdom. The next largest amount, 16.0 million bushels (of which 5.3 million were for milling in bond), was exported to the United States. Other countries taking in excess of ten million bushels were Belgium (13.1 million) and India (11.1 million). - Concluded on page 26.

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1950-51

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -						
August	3	56,630	200,501	479,171	736,302	894,017
	10	4,974	72,619	128,912	206,505	2,695,248
	17	4,066	21,645	162,186	187,897	8,328,858
	24	4,598	144,894	735,136	884,628	19,855,343
	31	19,680	1,508,096	1,476,906	3,004,682	20,736,333
September	7	482,380	11,872,230	4,725,194	17,079,804	26,483,003
	14	1,124,925	14,528,820	5,261,905	20,915,650	28,182,569
	21	546,440	9,353,787	8,718,071	18,618,298	25,417,993
	28	5,399,449	20,640,005	10,778,034	36,817,488	19,678,814
October	5	2,242,056	13,367,828	5,148,002	20,757,886	19,330,152
	12	845,821	6,382,477	2,685,372	9,913,670	9,783,049
	19	2,719,537	9,227,407	3,295,275	15,242,219	8,042,380
	26	1,742,624	5,563,617	1,976,591	9,282,832	6,497,062
November	2	2,404,846	6,476,560	2,543,648	11,425,054	6,026,714
	9	2,055,569	8,099,070	2,951,569	13,106,208	5,428,034
	16	2,045,166	6,040,186	3,306,361	11,391,713	4,008,800
	23	2,293,679	5,709,968	2,838,163	10,841,810	4,383,594
	30	1,308,044	5,003,321	2,142,392	8,453,757	4,421,034
December	7	916,472	4,610,955	1,793,317	7,320,744	4,540,591
	14	929,170	3,709,269	1,982,368	6,620,807	3,977,303
	21	988,830	4,816,832	2,757,573	8,563,235	5,734,251
	28	759,970	3,574,122	2,102,996	6,437,088	4,881,010
January	4	472,039	2,471,371	1,616,858	4,560,268	1,900,587
	11	554,005	2,322,898	1,001,726	3,878,629	1,903,005
	18	464,659	3,272,512	1,925,809	5,662,980	1,750,154
	25	284,159	1,670,656	1,058,545	3,013,360	1,352,015
February	1	138,303	771,440	453,976	1,363,719	617,519
	8	164,465	690,459	440,589	1,295,513	1,276,903
	15	181,103	694,614	615,833	1,491,550	2,201,276
	22	221,664	1,128,927	592,344	1,942,935	2,172,283
March	1	316,485	1,288,487	725,591	2,330,563	1,943,377
	8	209,000	683,833	447,241	1,340,074	1,631,772
	15	135,006	217,865	123,532	476,403	2,076,497
	22	170,990	247,881	257,582	676,453	2,233,667
April	29	215,309	320,892	247,849	784,050	1,388,798
	5	432,698	651,427	196,485	1,280,610	909,077
	12	390,338	572,987	507,023	1,470,348	781,313
	19	486,957	948,643	899,131	2,334,731	1,431,620
May	26	584,055	1,101,326	570,180	2,255,561	2,080,524
	3	433,376	1,382,473	732,449	2,548,298	3,676,570
	10	547,015	4,043,701	536,493	5,127,209	3,628,257
	17	651,888	4,525,889	1,499,557	6,677,334	2,521,344
June	24	460,916	2,760,093	885,756	4,106,765	1,871,265
	31	626,655	4,626,787	1,392,115	6,645,557	3,038,728
	7	773,632	5,704,034	1,618,185	8,095,851	4,248,327
	14	557,032	5,350,355	1,699,547	7,606,934	4,824,126
Totals		38,366,675	188,373,759	88,033,538	314,773,972	290,785,156



Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, June 14, 1951 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1950 and 1949

Position	1951	1950	1949
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	4,328	2,199	1,841
Saskatchewan .....	49,597	12,178	7,599
Alberta .....	22,779	14,258	9,739
Totals .....	76,704	28,635	19,179
Interior private and mill elevators ....	3,557	3,664	4,127
Interior terminals .....	9,823	26	83
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	4,737	13,013	10,544
Churchill .....	1,161	369	125
Fort William and Port Arthur .....	31,111	17,675	7,027
In transit rail (western division) .....	17,762	8,355	4,636
Eastern elevators lake ports .....	10,415	16,251	16,671
St. Lawrence and seaboard ports .....	6,551	10,967	15,132
In transit lake .....	4,064	6,074	2,461
In transit rail (eastern division) .....	594	1,088	770
United States ports .....	1,499	-	126
In transit U.S.A. ....	664	5	-
Totals .....	168,643	106,121	80,881

Grading of Wheat Inspected - Inspections of wheat by the Board of Grain Commissioners during the August-May period of the current crop year amounted to 143,503 cars, some 11,000 fewer than the total inspected in the first ten months of 1949-50. However, movement to the Lakehead is now heavy and current inspections are being made at a rate well in excess of that prevailing at the same time last year.

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-May, 1950-51 and 1949-50

Grade	Inspections			
	1950-51		1949-50	
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Northern .....	6,942	4.8	25,946	16.8
2 Northern .....	24,724	17.2	86,515	56.0
3 Northern .....	22,650	15.8	18,076	11.7
4 Northern .....	15,501	10.8	4,781	3.1
5 Wheat .....	15,949	11.1	3,470	2.2
6 Wheat .....	11,563	8.1	690	0.4
Feed Wheat .....	2,389	1.7	53	1/
Garnet .....	1,560	1.1	2,731	1.8
Amber Durum .....	3,849	2.7	5,308	3.4
Alberta Winter .....	642	0.4	964	0.6
Toughs - All varieties and grades ..	28,401	19.8	4,003	2.6
Damps - All varieties and grades ..	8,168	5.7	120	0.1
All Others .....	1,165	0.8	1,852	1.2
Totals .....	143,503	100.0	154,509	100.0

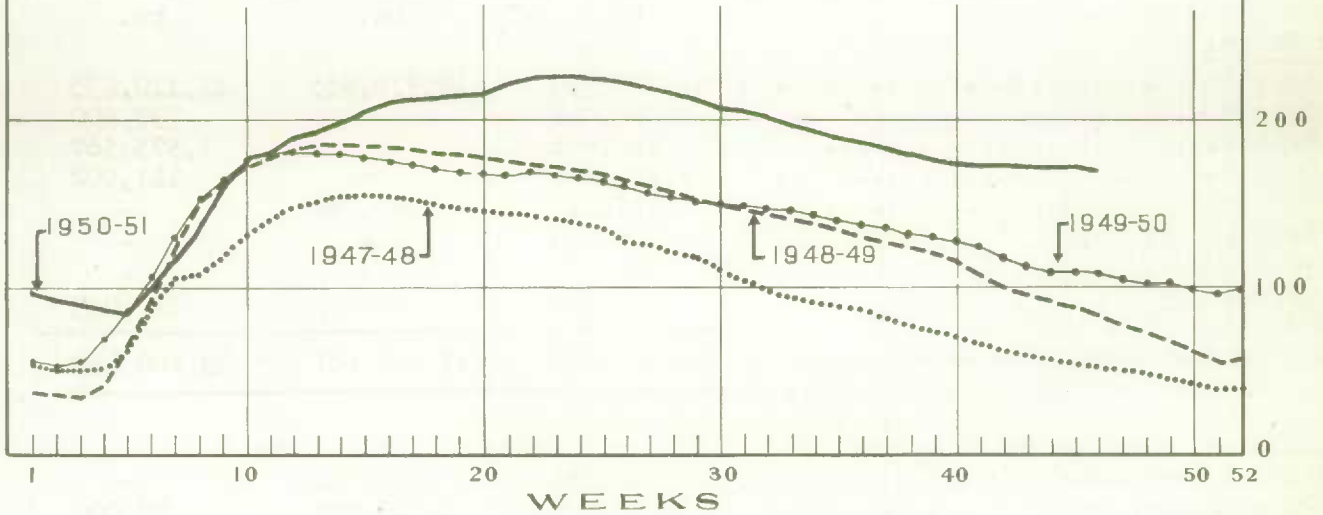
1/ Less than 0.1 per cent. Note: In previous issues of the Wheat Review Damp Amber Durum and Garnet were included under the straight grades of these varieties. In view of the large quantity of damp grain inspected in 1950-51 it is considered desirable to show a separate category covering Damps of all grades and varieties.



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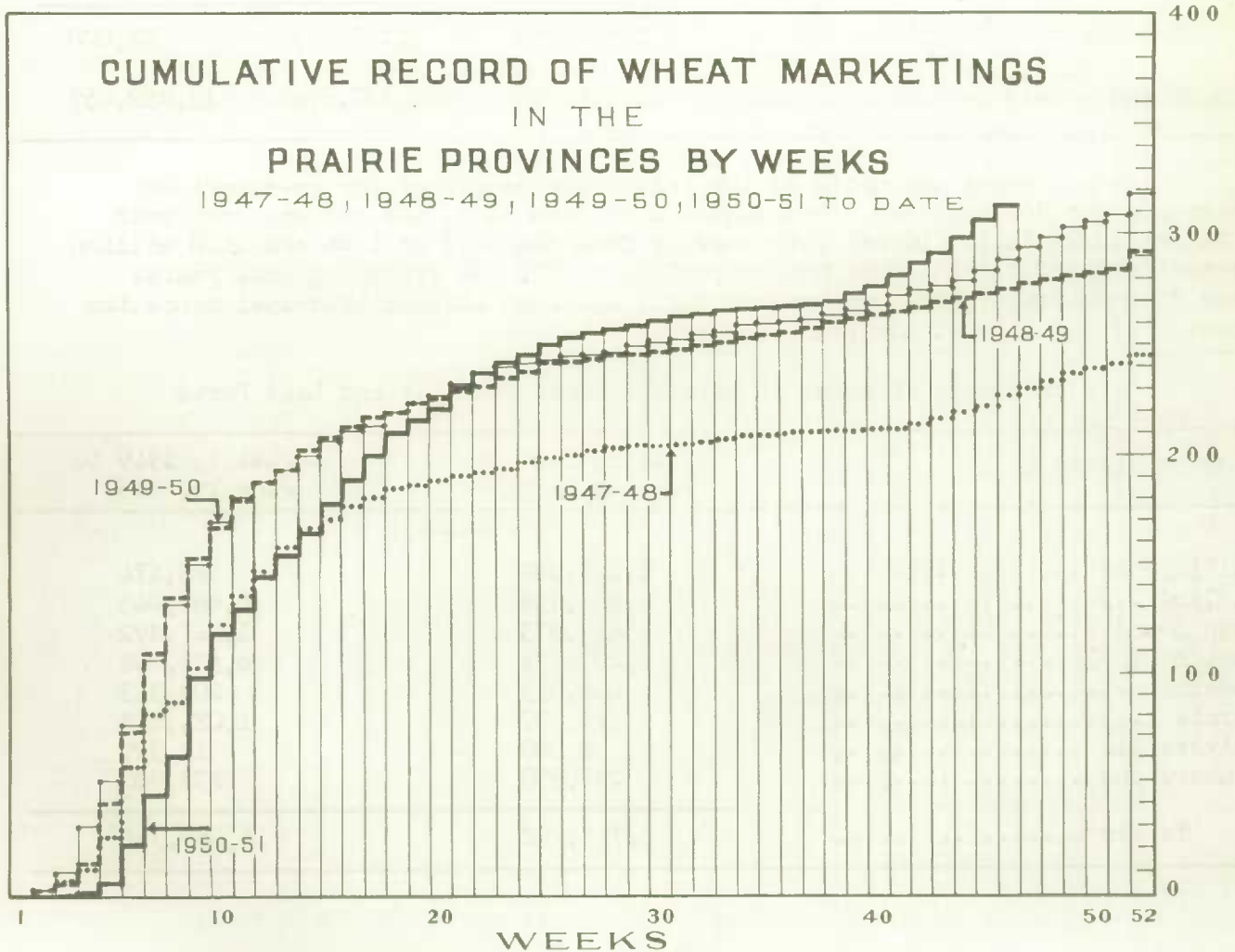
# WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 TO DATE



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

1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 TO DATE



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

Wheat Shipments to the United States by Destination,  
August 1, 1950 to June 14, 1951  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period, 1949-50 and 1948-49

Destination	1950-51	1949-50	1948-49
	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo .....	12,785,344	10,976,835	11,110,435
Oswego .....	298,043	-	737,500
Erie .....	212,606	-	1,575,567
Duluth-Superior .....	2,195,619	-	111,902
Chicago .....	567,115	192,766	-
Detroit .....	346,050	-	-
Milwaukee .....	140,673	-	-
Toledo .....	108,485	-	325,053
Totals, Vessel Shipments .....	16,653,935	11,169,601	13,860,457
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	554,836	118,970	-
Other U.S.A. Points .....	3,032,017	1,048,823	92,000
Totals, Rail Shipments .....	3,586,853	1,167,793	92,000
Grand Totals .....	20,240,788	12,337,394	13,952,457

Wheat shipments to the United States either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from August 1 to June 14 of the current crop year totalled 20.2 million bushels, up sharply from the 12.3 million and 14.0 million respectively, for the corresponding periods of the two preceding crop years. Some 7.9 million of this crop year's total has been shipped by vessel since the opening of the current navigation season.

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay and Lake Ports

Ports	August 1, 1950 to June 14, 1951	August 1, 1949 to June 15, 1950
	- bushels -	
Collingwood .....	1,125,020	588,474
Midland .....	2,159,738	6,667,045
Owen Sound .....	413,973	1,147,892
Port McNicoll .....	2,207,931	6,526,708
Goderich .....	248,053	208,343
Sarnia .....	315,357	1,084,665
Walkerville .....	8,000	13,329
Humberstone .....	235,670	232,900
Totals .....	6,713,742	16,469,356

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to June 14, 1951  
and to Approximately the same Date, 1941 to 1950

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Totals
- thousand bushels -						
1941 .....	90,046	3,529	1,930	1,978	339	97,822
1942 .....	75,843	873	1,101	581	212	78,609
1943 .....	56,443	13,597	13,542	1,158	663	85,402
1944 .....	85,204	26,812	15,107	4,787	3,583	135,493
1945 .....	95,235	30,937	16,480	2,226	1,464	146,343
1946 .....	32,976	21,420	6,804	518	418	62,136
1947 .....	45,593	13,592	6,256	1,527	-	66,968
1948 .....	29,081	5,172	5,366	302	2,511	42,432
1949 .....	61,207	7,290	8,663	4,501	3,923	85,582
1950 .....	51,636	5,127	7,306	1,320	140	65,529
1951 .....	44,002	15,684	11,881	2,762	405	74,734

Approximately 75 million bushels of grain have been shipped from the Head of the Lakes since the opening of navigation this spring as compared with 65.5 million last year. Shipments of oats and barley have been relatively heavy compared with a year ago but the wheat movement at 44 million was down from the 51.6 million moved during the same period a year ago.

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1947-48 to 1950-51

Month	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
- bushels -				
August .....	90,574	51,283	158,893	122,532
September .....	91,366	30,017	131,711	123,256
October .....	131,290	46,274	122,482	73,543
November .....	100,563	138,600	92,334	133,847
December .....	691,223	1,740,405	342,946	1,517,624
January .....	3,149,421	3,794,391	277,502	4,394,047
February .....	1,851,773	3,720,733	240,087	3,303,248
March .....	3,423,684	1,511,072	423,774	3,476,161
April .....	371,950	659,467	2,305,727	1,196,236
May .....	154,551	884,171	124,533	462,676
June .....	81,133	330,348	96,626	
July .....	231,414	469,797	52,122	
Totals .....	10,368,942	13,376,558	4,368,737	

Rail shipments of wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur for the crop year 1950-51 to the end of May have been considerably higher than in 1949-50. Total shipments for the ten months were 14.8 million bushels as compared with 4.2 million for the same period a year ago. The late harvest and consequent inability to get stocks into eastern positions before the close of navigation made it necessary to move larger quantities by rail during the winter months.



Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur,  
May 1951

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
- bushels -					
4 Northern .....	-	-	-	1,500	-
Number 5 .....	-	-	333	4,167	4,740
Number 6 .....	1,333	-	-	11,833	7,750
Feed .....	-	-	3,000	1,500	-
Tough Number 5 .....	-	2,833	7,334	11,875	3,917
Tough Number 6 .....	-	-	-	1,334	83
Tough Feed .....	-	-	-	-	11,500
Rej. 3 Northern Mixed Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,486
Tough Rej. 4 Northern Mixed Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,500
Tough Rej. Number 6 Mixed Heated .....	-	-	-	-	2,927
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	-	8,500
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	6,000	6,454
4 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	338,500	-
Rej. 3 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .....	-	-	-	1,333	-
Rej. 4 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,618
Rej. 5 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,985
Tough Rej. 4 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	-	1,333
Tough Rej. 4 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .....	1,500	-	-	-	-
Sample C.W. Amber Durum Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,217
Tough Sample C.W. Amber Durum Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,600
Sample Red Spring Heated .....	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sample Red Spring Fireburnt .....	-	-	-	-	1,317
Tough Sample Red Spring Heated .....	-	-	-	1,500	6,874
Totals .....	2,833	2,833	10,667	379,542	66,801
Grand Total .....	462,676				

Rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead in May at 0.5 million bushels were down sharply from the levels reached during the winter months, the decline being attributable to the normal seasonal drop in rail shipments concurrent with the opening of navigation on the lakes.

### Freight Assistance Shipments -

Feed wheat freight assistance shipments from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia for the nine months ended this April were 9.8 million bushels or 3 million greater than in the same nine months of 1949-50. All provinces except British Columbia shared in this increase. It should be noted that the figures for 1950-51 presented in the table below cover claims filed up to May 31 only and are subject to upward revision as further claims for the August-April period are received.

### Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Wheat Shipments, 1950-51 and 1949-50

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August 1950 ...	4	31	60	37	564	476	250	1,421
September .....	4	24	78	48	575	380	200	1,309
October .....	5	6	43	26	378	292	208	958
November .....	5	12	60	37	472	439	187	1,211
December .....	2	14	62	36	478	362	187	1,142
January 1951 ..	3	18	67	41	472	391	193	1,186
February .....	2	16	43	32	342	334	142	910
March .....	3	28	56	40	365	395	124	1,010
April .....	1	12	35	28	250	329	36	692
Totals ...	29	162	504	325	3,894	3,398	1,527	9,839
Same period 1949-50 .....	13	96	210	165	2,448	2,105	1,781	6,817

Claims filed for payment up to May 31, 1951 for millfeeds under the Freight Assistance Plan cover 426,337 tons as compared with 462,360 tons in the corresponding period a year ago. The current crop year total will be increased somewhat with the filing of additional returns.

### Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Millfeed Shipments, 1950-51 and 1949-50

Province	August 1, 1950 to April 30, 1951	August 1, 1949 to April 30, 1950
- tons -		
Newfoundland .....	2,312	1,964
Prince Edward Island .....	8,228	8,747
Nova Scotia .....	32,972	35,115
New Brunswick .....	27,325	29,561
Quebec .....	202,066	204,724
Ontario .....	123,277	145,661
British Columbia .....	30,157	36,588
Totals .....	426,337	462,360

Monthly Export Clearances, Etc., In comparison with the Customs Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and Month	Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat	U. S. Imports <sup>1/</sup> of Canadian Wheat for Domestic Consumption and Grinding in Bond	Customs <sup>2/</sup> Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour	Total	Customs <sup>3/</sup> Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1948-49</u>					
August .....	9,111	1	4,244	13,356	13,829
September .....	10,555	3	3,671	14,229	11,942
October .....	11,566	1	6,509	18,076	21,913
November .....	15,604	6	5,455	21,065	20,792
December .....	12,744	8	3,803	16,555	18,205
January .....	14,431	22	3,756	18,209	18,342
February .....	12,053	43	3,082	15,178	14,214
March .....	13,806	206	3,612	17,624	13,707
April .....	13,769	869	3,368	18,006	20,303
May .....	22,483	1,381	3,780	27,644	26,683
June .....	23,297	1,899	3,225	28,421	24,850
July .....	19,561	816	3,589	23,966	23,422
Totals .....	178,980	5,255	48,094	232,329	228,202
<u>1949-50</u>					
August .....	16,639	62	3,898	20,599	24,013
September .....	14,947	881	3,771	19,599	18,294
October .....	18,420	1,675	3,240	23,335	21,903
November .....	20,680	2,020	4,410	27,110	27,292
December .....	9,751	867	3,798	14,416	21,002
January .....	10,607	411	3,279	14,297	15,102
February .....	7,419	495	3,551	11,465	11,216
March .....	10,232	964	3,712	14,908	13,607
April .....	8,460	515	3,076	12,051	12,628
May .....	18,103	3,466	5,317	26,886	23,993
June .....	17,949	1,460	4,140	23,549	23,870
July .....	12,762	672	3,487	16,921	17,222
Totals .....	165,970	13,487	45,680	225,137	230,142
<u>1950-51</u> <sup>4/</sup>					
August .....	11,956	459	3,060	15,475	15,247
September .....	13,172	904	2,273	16,349	15,257
October .....	12,950	900	3,652	17,502	19,715
November .....	15,801	2,007	5,669	23,477	20,140
December .....	8,030	2,149	4,157	14,336	20,424
January .....	9,891	1,935	5,700	17,526	16,315
February .....	9,259	929	4,727	14,915	14,180
March .....	9,969	1,097	5,180	16,246	17,663
April .....	9,604	3,105	5,868	18,577	16,870
May .....	15,140	2,558	6,785	24,483	21,748
Totals .....	115,772	16,043	47,071	178,886	177,559

<sup>1/</sup> U.S.A. official figures for 1948-49 and for imports of wheat for domestic consumption 1949-50. From August 1949 to date imports for grinding in bond, and from August 1950 to date imports for domestic consumption compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and advice from American grain correspondents.

<sup>2/</sup> Exports for crop years 1948-49, 1949-50 and August, 1950 to February 1951 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Subsequent months to be revised as data become available.

<sup>3/</sup> Unadjusted as published by the International Trade Division, D.B.S.

<sup>4/</sup> Subject to revision.



Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour  
August, 1950—May, 1951

Destination	May		August—May	
	Wheat Flour <u>1/</u>	Wheat <u>2/</u>	Wheat Flour <u>1/3/</u>	Wheat <u>2/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	2,378,421	8,146,943	21,847,006	52,726,550
<u>Africa</u>				
British East Africa .....	-	-	2,295	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	450,800	-	5,842,028
<u>British West Africa</u>				
Gambia .....	-	-	1,390	-
Gold Coast .....	33,674	-	188,249	-
Nigeria .....	7,182	-	31,315	-
Sierra Leone .....	2,691	-	38,660	-
<u>Asia</u>				
British Malaya .....	70,204	-	546,493	-
Ceylon .....	-	-	437,166	-
Hong Kong .....	101,093	-	1,061,149	-
India .....	-	-	-	11,051,419
<u>Europe</u>				
Gibraltar .....	18,324	-	212,314	-
Malta .....	-	-	-	1,068,433
<u>North America</u>				
Bahamas .....	17,919	-	202,163	-
Barbados .....	46,615	-	349,002	933
Bermuda .....	7,025	-	98,947	-
British Honduras .....	5,850	-	44,347	34,136
Jamaica .....	112,473	-	1,102,244	-
Leeward-Windward Is. ....	86,989	-	733,563	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	189,814	-	1,863,247	-
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	85,568	-	706,046	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .....	3,163,842	8,597,743	29,465,596	70,723,499

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour  
August, 1950—May, 1951 - Continued

Destination	May		August—May	
	Wheat <u>1/</u> Flour	Wheat <u>2/</u>	Wheat <u>1/3/</u> Flour	Wheat <u>2/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Africa</u>				
Azores and Madeira .....	1,962	-	27,657	-
Belgian Congo .....	25,052	-	183,780	3,674
Canary Islands .....	-	-	64,165	-
Egypt .....	-	-	36,018	-
French Africa .....	-	-	23,063	-
Liberia .....	504	-	9,379	-
Morocco .....	-	-	368,307	-
Portuguese Africa .....	53,757	-	151,919	-
Spanish Africa .....	-	-	25,254	-
Tripoli .....	-	-	-	97,066
<u>Asia</u>				
Arabia .....	56,952	-	81,873	45,119
China .....	-	-	56,525	-
Indonesia .....	208,337	-	480,403	-
Israel .....	-	-	230,243	1,652,560
Japan .....	50,301	3,291,701	552,411	8,331,036
Jordan .....	-	-	38,561	-
Philippine Islands .....	509,139	-	3,727,782	-
Siam .....	19,233	-	192,415	-
Syria .....	1,166	-	599,342	-
Turkey .....	-	-	-	367,125
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	1,714,508	877	13,074,012
France .....	-	-	994	-
Germany .....	9,567	-	382,739	-
Greece .....	-	-	5,139	-
Iceland .....	3,749	-	135,787	-
Ireland .....	-	212,112	-	4,446,847
Italy .....	1,595,151	811,561	2,044,017	3,692,156
Netherlands .....	-	-	1,130	29,307
Norway .....	-	373,333	-	2,126,116
Portugal .....	689	-	53,389	-
Spain .....	-	-	-	976,064
Switzerland .....	-	59,201	1,606	5,104,856
Yugoslavia .....	6,885	-	59,368	-
<u>North America</u>				
Alaska .....	-	-	2,299	-
Costa Rica .....	69,417	-	386,159	93,334
Cuba .....	309,371	4,924	2,114,712	9,924

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour  
August, 1950--May, 1951 - Concluded

Destination	May		August—May	
	Wheat <u>1/</u> Flour	Wheat <u>2/</u>	Wheat <u>1/3/</u> Flour	Wheat <u>2/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>North America</u>				
Dominican Republic .....	19,876	-	215,027	7,200
El Salvador .....	12,096	-	166,671	20,000
French West Indies .....	1,089	-	6,853	-
Guatemala .....	14,112	-	324,940	-
Haiti .....	7,619	-	289,278	-
Honduras .....	2,358	-	17,263	15,380
Netherlands Antilles .....	15,520	-	173,655	-
Nicaragua .....	7,668	-	90,369	-
Panama .....	24,970	-	211,630	-
St. Pierre-Miquelon .....	-	-	16,591	-
<u>United States</u>				
Flour in terms of wheat .	113,989	-	726,848	-
For grinding in bond <u>4/</u> .	-	35,039	-	5,322,053
For domestic use <u>4/</u> .....	-	2,523,299	-	10,721,233
Virgin Islands .....	1,093	-	16,185	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
Guam .....	-	-	918	-
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia .....	-	-	1,148	716,167
Brazil .....	-	-	-	377,066
Chile .....	-	-	-	2,136,664
Colombia .....	12,658	74,725	461,457	1,504,126
Ecuador .....	44,968	-	338,976	141,818
Peru .....	918	-	49,298	75,627
Surinam .....	17,343	-	152,420	-
Venezuela .....	403,826	-	2,308,442	4,770
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	3,621,335	9,100,403	17,605,282	61,091,300
Grand Totals, Exported ....	6,785,177	17,698,146	47,070,878	131,814,799

- 1/ Canadian Customs returns - conversion rate 4 1/2 wheat bushels equal 1 barrel.
- 2/ Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners. Subject to revision.
- 3/ Exports for August, 1950 to February, 1951 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.
- 4/ Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and advice from American grain correspondents.



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

Class and Grade	Week ending			
	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers 1950-51 Pool</u>				
1 Hard .....	160	160	160	160
1 Northern .....	160	160	160	160
2 Northern .....	157	157	157	157
3 Northern .....	150	150	150	150
4 Northern .....	142	142	142	142
5 Wheat .....	132	132	132	132
6 Wheat .....	126	126	126	126
Feed Wheat .....	120	120	120	120
<u>Domestic 1/and Export</u>				
(International Wheat Agreement)				
1 Hard .....	191/7	192/2	192/4	192/7
1 Northern .....	191/7	192/2	192/4	192/7
2 Northern .....	189/7	190/2	190/4	190/7
3 Northern .....	187/7	188/2	188/4	188/7
4 Northern .....	183/7	184/2	184/4	184/7
5 Wheat .....	181/7	182/2	182/4	182/7
6 Wheat .....	174/7	172/2	171/4	168/7
Feed Wheat .....	166/7	165/6	165/4	162/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	188/7	189/2	189/4	189/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	187/7	188/2	188/4	188/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	183/7	184/2	184/4	184/7
1 Alta. Red Winter .....	191/7	192/2	192/4	192/7
2 Alberta Winter .....	189/7	190/2	190/4	190/7
3 Alberta Winter .....	184/7	185/2	185/4	185/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	191/7	192/2	192/4	192/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	189/7	190/2	190/4	190/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	187/7	188/2	188/4	188/7
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Hard .....	230/5	231/2	231/7	232/7
1 Northern .....	230/5	231/2	231/7	232/7
2 Northern .....	228/5	229/2	229/7	230/7
3 Northern .....	226/5	227/2	227/7	228/7
4 Northern .....	222/5	223/2	223/7	224/7
5 Wheat .....	181/7	182/2	182/4	185/7
6 Wheat .....	174/7	172/2	171/4	171/7
Feed Wheat .....	166/7	165/6	165/4	165/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	230/5	231/2	231/7	232/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	228/5	229/2	229/7	230/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	226/5	227/2	227/7	228/7

1/ Effective June 15, six cents per bushel carrying charges to be added to all Domestic Sales.

# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production - Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for May, 1951 amounted to 2.1 million barrels, up slightly from that of the previous month and well above the May, 1950 output of 1.7 million. Mills reporting operations during May this year had a rated capacity of 97,044 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>barrels per 24 hour working day</sub>, and on the basis of a 26-day working period 83.7 per cent of this was effective. Production for the August-May period of 1950-51 totalled 20.1 million barrels, an increase of about 16 per cent over the 17.3 million produced in the first ten months of 1949-50.

Exports - Customs returns indicate that exports of Canadian wheat flour during May, 1951 amounted to 1,507,817 barrels, compared with the revised total of 1,181,510 barrels in the same month last year.

<sup>1</sup>/ In the May issue of the Wheat Review, rated capacity of mills in April was reported in error as 79,019 barrels. The correct figure for April is 97,019 barrels.

Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada,  
1935-36—1939-40 average, and 1940-41 to 1950-51

Crop Year	Production	Exports <sup>1</sup> / <sub></sub>
	- barrels of 196 pounds -	
1935-36—1939-40 average .....	15,002,781	4,899,970
1940-41 .....	19,575,833	10,288,827
1941-42 .....	19,905,741	10,205,778
1942-43 .....	23,590,516	12,575,215
1943-44 .....	24,303,833	13,464,371
1944-45 .....	24,634,905	13,923,832
1945-46 .....	26,435,341	14,470,177
1946-47 .....	28,588,456	16,896,233
1947-48 .....	24,159,696	13,661,573
1948-49 .....	20,379,997	10,687,561
1949-50 .....	20,259,200	10,151,090
1950-51		
August .....	1,713,860	680,010
September .....	1,859,762	505,125
October .....	2,107,612	811,504
November .....	2,104,476	1,259,820
December .....	1,974,903	923,737
January .....	1,973,354	1,266,586
February .....	1,984,659	1,050,490
March .....	2,192,753	1,151,212
April .....	2,095,493	1,303,894
May .....	2,112,981	1,507,817
Totals .....	20,119,853	10,460,195
Same Period 1949-50 .....	17,317,336	8,456,098

<sup>1</sup>/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 to 1949-50, and August, 1950 to February, 1951 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Subsequent months to be revised as data become available.

# UNITED STATES SITUATION

## Supply Position -

Exports of wheat and wheat products continued to move in large volume during May with shipments for the second month in succession approaching the 60 million bushel level. Total exports of wheat and wheat products for the eleven months ending May 31 amounted to 329.6 million bushels, well above the 278.1 million moved out during the corresponding period of 1949-50. The balance remaining on June 1, 1951 for export and carryover was estimated at 411.2 million bushels, compared with 443.1 a year ago. While export data for June are not yet available, it is apparent that sufficient wheat will have been moved by the end of the month to bring the U.S. crop-year-end carryover well below the 400 million bushel mark.

## United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1950-51	1949-50
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at July 1 .....	423.3	307.8
New crop .....	1,026.8	1,141.2
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July 1-May 31 .....	10.7	1.2
Total estimated supplies .....	1,460.8	1,450.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year 1/..	720.0 <sup>2/</sup>	729.0 <sup>2/</sup>
Available for export and carryover .....	740.8 <sup>2/</sup>	721.2 <sup>2/</sup>
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July 1-May 31 .....	286.8	240.9
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July 1-May 31 .....	42.8	37.2
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni	329.6	278.1
Balance on June 1 for export and carryover .....	411.2	443.1

1/ Includes allowances for shipments of United States wheat and wheat products to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands. These shipments are not included in exports as set out in the table.

2/ Revised.



#### Wheat Crop Prospects Improve -

According to the June 1 crop report of the U.S.D.A. the prospective total 1951 U.S. wheat crop is 1,054 million bushels. Despite the generally adverse growing conditions from early fall to mid-April this year throughout most of the important hard red winter wheat producing belt, production of all wheat as now indicated will exceed slightly the 1,027 million bushel crop harvested a year ago. Thus, the combined crop of fall and spring sown wheat is expected to be the eighth successive crop to exceed a billion bushels, but is slightly smaller than the 10-year average production of 1,071 million bushels. Abandonment of winter wheat, planted on a 6 per cent larger acreage than in 1950, is the heaviest since 1935. But spring wheat was sown under most favourable conditions on an acreage a fifth larger than last year. June 1 conditions point to the largest spring wheat crop since 1915. Moderate temperatures and the occurrence of timely rains from mid-April to date over much of the winter wheat producing area of the country have been conducive to formation of additional tillers which favour additional head and grain development as the crop progresses toward maturity.

Generally improved growing conditions during May contributed to a gain of 23 million bushels in the prospective winter wheat crop from that estimated a month ago. The June 1 estimate of production is 705 million bushels. This is 6 per cent smaller than the 1950 crop of 751 million bushels and 11 per cent below the average of 792 million. Harvest has started in southern producing areas and plant development is advanced to between the "boot" and "heading" growth stages in the more northern areas.

Although rainfall during May was relatively light in some sections of the extreme northern, northwestern, and southeastern parts of the country, the main producing areas received more than normal amounts of moisture. Likewise, prevailing temperatures were generally moderate and, for the most part, were beneficial for vegetative development and "heading" of the crop. Limited early harvest of fields in the southern areas has returned yields near earlier expectations. In the southern plains area the crop is about a week late as wet fields and cloudy, cool days have tended to slow the rate of maturity.

Based on condition and probable yield reports from crop correspondents, the indicated winter wheat yield is 17.1 bushels per acre, the same as a year earlier and 0.6 bushel below average. The current yield averages 0.5 bushel higher than a month ago with prospective yields reported higher for most States. The most substantial improvement in yields was indicated for Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, Missouri, Michigan and a number of States along the Atlantic seaboard. Greenbugs and other insects, a threat a month ago, were generally under control by June 1 due to spraying, natural parasites, and higher temperatures. Stem rust has been reported in only isolated areas so far. The crop in the southern half of the country is now considered safe from rust.

Prospects on July 1 indicate a spring wheat crop of 348,650,000 bushels—the largest in 36 years—one-fourth larger than the 1950 crop and the 10-year average. A substantial increase in acreage is chiefly responsible for the large crop now forecast. Also contributing to the increase in production are the indicated yields per seeded acre, which are slightly above average in most of the important spring wheat States. Seeding was generally completed from one to three weeks earlier than in 1950. Germination was satisfactory in most areas,

and growing conditions have generally been favourable. Along the Canadian border, in Montana and North Dakota top soil was fairly dry during May until the end of the month when timely rains improved growing conditions except in a few North Dakota counties adjacent to Montana. Sub-soil moisture conditions are generally favourable in all States. In South Dakota and Minnesota, spring wheat crops are uniformly good in most important districts. Killing frosts the last week of May lowered the condition of dry-land spring wheat in the Pacific Northwest, and wire-worm damage has been quite heavy in some localities in Montana.

Durum wheat production is estimated at 43,874,000 bushels compared with the 1950 crop of 36,064,000 bushels and the 1940-49 average of 37,386,000 bushels. Dry top soil in some of the main producing counties in North Dakota has received some recent relief, but additional rainfall is needed. Stands are generally good, but wild oats are a problem in some fields.

Total production of other spring wheat is indicated at 304,776,000 bushels, the largest crop since the record began in 1919. Last year's production was 240,025,000 bushels, and the 10-year average is 242,160,000 bushels.

India Aid Bill Passed - On June 15 the President signed an act "To Furnish Emergency Food Aid to India". In his statement the President said in part "I am delighted to be able to sign this Act of Congress which will make it possible for the United States to send to the people of India up to two million tons of food grains. .... India suffered a series of terrible natural disasters last year—earthquakes, floods, droughts and locust plagues—which seriously cut down India's food production and threatened millions of the Indian people with famine.

India has bought all the food she can with the funds she has. The United States alone is already sending India about a million, five-hundred thousand tons of food grains, much of it at reduced cost. This food is flowing toward Indian ports at the rate of 250,000 tons a month. Under this Act we shall be able to supply India on special and easy credit terms the additional food which India needs but for which India does not now have funds available. These shipments of food from the United States will supply nearly two-thirds of all the food which India is buying abroad to meet its emergency. I note with particular satisfaction two provisions of the Act. The first of these is designed to strengthen Indian-American understanding and friendship by permitting the use of five million dollars of the interest to be paid by India on the loan to bring a greater number of Indian students, professors and technicians to the United States for study and to send more Americans to India. The other provision authorizes free ocean transportation for relief supplies to India given by individuals and private organizations."

According to press reports the bill created a \$190 million loan fund for the purchase of grain in the United States between the passage of the legislation and June 30, 1952. E.C.A. officials are said to have indicated that exports under the loan program probably will proceed at the rate of approximately 250,000 tons monthly since that appears to be the maximum which India's port and terminal facilities can handle in addition to other receipts. Some trade sources have surmised that if the emergency conditions in India are relieved by December 1, this year, the entire loan may not be used and that movement of grain under it will accordingly not reach the two-million ton mark. While most of the grain shipped will be wheat it is estimated that as much as 30 to 40 per cent of the total may consist of grain sorghums.



Daily Cash Wheat Prices on the Chicago and Minneapolis Markets

Date	Chicago		Minneapolis	
	Grade	Price	Grade	Price
		\$ per bu.		\$ per bu.
May 29, 1951	4 Red .....	225	1 Dark Northern .....	235 5/8 - 244 5/8
30		Memorial Day		
31	None		1 Dark Northern .....	238 3/8 - 241 3/8
June 1	1 Hard .....	238 1/2	1 Dark Northern .....	238 1/4 - 241 1/4
2	None		1 Dark Northern .....	237 1/4 - 240 1/4
4	None		1 Dark Northern .....	234 5/8 - 237 5/8
5	None		1 Dark Northern .....	235 3/4 - 238 3/4
6	2 Red .....	238 3/4	1 Dark Northern .....	236 5/8 - 239 5/8
7	2 Mixed Tough ....	233 3/4	1 Dark Northern .....	236 5/8 - 239 5/8
8	Sple. Gr. Red ....	218	1 Dark Northern .....	235 - 238
9	None		1 Dark Northern .....	233 3/4 - 236 3/4
11	3 Red .....	236 1/4	1 Dark Northern .....	234 5/8 - 237 5/8
12	None		1 Dark Northern .....	236 3/4 - 239 3/4
13	2 Mixed .....	239	1 Dark Northern .....	236 1/8 - 239 1/8
14	None		1 Dark Northern .....	235 7/8 - 238 7/8
15	1 Mixed .....	239 1/4	1 Dark Northern .....	235 1/4 - 238 1/4
16	2 Red Tough .....	237 1/2	1 Dark Northern .....	235 1/4 - 238 1/4
18	3 Red .....	236 1/2	1 Dark Northern .....	234 1/4 - 237 1/4
19	None		1 Dark Northern .....	231 1/8 - 234 1/8
20	1 Red .....	237 1/2	1 Dark Northern .....	231 7/8 - 234 7/8
21	3 Red .....	233 3/4	1 Dark Northern .....	231 1/4 - 234 1/4
22	3 Red Tough .....	234 1/4	1 Dark Northern .....	231 3/8 - 234 3/8
23		Market Closed		
25	2 Mixed .....	233	1 Dark Northern .....	228 3/4 - 231 3/4

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	July	September	December	March	May
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
May 30, 1951 .....			Memorial Day		
31 .....	239/4	242/2	245/5	247/2	
June 1 .....	240/1	242/6	246	247/6	
2 .....	239	241/5	245/2	246/6	
4 .....	236/2	238/6	242/4	244	
5 .....	237/2	240	243/5	245/5	
6 .....	238/6	241/3	244/5	247	
7 .....	238/4	241/2	244/5	247	
8 .....	237	239/6	243/2	245/4	
9 .....	236/1	238/5	242/2	244/6	
11 .....	237	239/6	243/6	246/1	246/7
12 .....	239/1	242	246	248/2	248/7
13 .....	238/6	241/5	245/5	247/4	247/5
14 .....	239/6	242/5	246	247/7	247/7
15 .....	239/3	242/4	246	248	248
16 .....	239	242/3	245/7	248	248/2
18 .....	238/5	241/7	245/6	248	248/3
19 .....	235/4	239	243	245/2	246
20 .....	236/6	240/1	244/1	246/4	246/2
21 .....	235/7	239/5	243/4	245/5	246/3
22 .....	236/2	239/7	243/5	246	246/2
23 .....			Market Closed		
25 .....	233/2	237/2	240/6	243	243/3



## ARGENTINE SITUATION

### Supply Position -

The latest available estimates place the amount of Argentine wheat available for export and carryover during the current crop year at 93 million bushels. It is noted, however, that no official estimate of the crop has been released since January and some trade sources believe that the estimate of 222 million bushels may be too high. Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during the six months ending May 31, 1951 totalled 52 million bushels, somewhat below last year's level for the corresponding period. Brazil, India and Italy have been the chief markets for Argentine wheat during the period of the current crop year under review. The balance remaining on June 1 for export and carryover was estimated at 41 million bushels compared with 48 million a year ago. According to trade sources most of the remaining exportable surplus has already been sold.

### Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1950-51	1949-50
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	44
New crop .....	222	189
Total estimated supplies .....	229	233
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	136	129
Available for export and carryover .....	93	104
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1--May 31 .....	51	56
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1--May 31 .....	1	<sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	52	56
Balance on June 1 for export and carryover .....	41	48

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Official estimate.

<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Less than 500,000 bushels.

The usual report from the office of the Canadian Commercial Secretary (Agriculture) at Buenos Aires has not been received this month and the following comments have been derived from trade and other sources.

### Crop Conditions -

Broomhall reports that weather conditions in the Argentine recently have been somewhat unfavourable for late-planted wheat with

far-above-normal temperatures causing concern that the crop will develop rank growth and that there will be excessive weed development. There have been no estimates of wheat acreage but most reports indicate that some expansion is taking place, the new basic prices apparently having provided the necessary stimulant.

#### New Grain Prices -

New official prices payable to farmers for the 1951-52 grain crops were announced early in June. The new prices compared with those prevailing in 1950-51 and converted at the rate of 20 cents U.S. funds per peso are as follows:

Grain	1951-52	1950-51
	- U.S. \$ per bu. -	
Wheat .....	1.85	1.53
Linseed .....	2.54	2.08
Maize .....	1.52	1.07

The farmers have been assured that the above are basic or "floor" prices and will not be modified downward. Should I.A.P.I., the State export organization, obtain prices higher than those now anticipated the surplus, less the costs of administration and marketing, will be distributed pro rata among the farmers.

Grain Shipments - Grain shipments by destination for the first five months of 1951 are as follows:

#### Argentine Grain Shipments, January—May, 1951

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
	- thousand bushels -					
Austria.....	-	-	-	-	321	-
Belgium .....	1,331	380	626	-	335	-
Brazil .....	14,541	-	-	13	-	46
Chile .....	612	-	-	-	-	-
Czechoslovakia ..	-	-	-	-	352	-
Denmark .....	-	-	-	-	574	-
Egypt .....	341	-	-	-	-	-
Finland .....	-	131	37	-	720	-
France .....	562	-	1,857	-	-	-
French Africa ...	1,606	-	-	-	-	-
Germany .....	3,562	165	78	-	1,157	-
Holland .....	973	256	985	1,194	1,583	137
India .....	11,743	-	-	-	-	-
Italy .....	9,408	-	260	-	-	139
Norway .....	-	-	266	195	-	-
Paraguay .....	732	-	-	-	-	-
Peru .....	845	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal .....	-	-	79	-	-	-
Sweden .....	1,102	-	165	-	166	-
Switzerland .....	1,927	-	169	168	-	-
United Kingdom ..	1,364	102	472	-	4	-
Uruguay .....	-	-	-	201	-	-
Totals .....	50,648	1,034	4,994	1,770	5,210	321

## AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position - Total estimated wheat supplies for the current crop year are placed at 227.3 million bushels, 10 million less than in 1950. After allowing for estimated domestic requirements of 79.2 million bushels, some 148 million are available for export and carryover. More than 45 per cent of this amount had been exported by June 7 as wheat and flour in terms of wheat. Exports from December 1, 1950 to June 7, 1951 amounted to 67.6 million bushels as against 59.3 million for the period December 1--June 10, 1949-50. Of this year's total, 44.8 million bushels were exported in the form of grain and 22.8 million as wheat flour in terms of wheat. The balance remaining on June 8 for export and carryover was estimated at 80.5 million bushels, compared with 99.7 million a year ago.

### Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1950-51 <sup>1/</sup>	1949-50
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at November 30 (including flour as wheat) .....	43.9	19.1
New crop .....	183.4	218.2
Total estimated supplies .....	227.3	237.3
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	79.2	78.3
Available for export and carryover .....	148.1	159.0
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1--June 7 .....	44.8	42.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat		
December 1--June 7 .....	22.8	17.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	67.6	59.3
Balance on June 8 for export and carryover .....	80.5	99.7

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

Australian Cable - The following cable, dated June 20, 1951, has been received from the Commercial Secretary for Canada (Agricultural) in Melbourne:

"Australian wheat stocks at June 7th totalled 112,719,000 bushels. Wheat exports from December 1st 1950 to June 7th 1951 totalled 44,796,000 bushels with shipments during the preceding six weeks mainly to Egypt, Italy, Holland and Germany. Flour exports for the same period were 424,281 long tons with 21,999 going to Egypt, 19,322 to Malaya, 15,394 to Ceylon, 13,701 to United Kingdom, 10,377 to Indonesia and 10,104 to Hong Kong. Wheat Board reports following sales wheat during May: 2,000 long tons to Lourenco Marques outside IWA and 4,000 each to Mauritius and Sudan within IWA. Seeding proceeding in New South Wales after breaking of long dry spell and it is said Queensland may have record acreage this year.



Continued from page 5: Total exports of flour in terms of wheat equivalent during May were 6.8 million bushels, the largest monthly movement since October 1947. Total flour exports for the ten months ending May 31, 1951 were 47.1 million bushels. As in the case of wheat, the United Kingdom was the principal customer for Canadian flour, taking 21.8 million bushels or approximately 46 per cent of the total. Other countries taking in excess of two million bushels were the Philippines (3.7 million); Venezuela (2.3 million); Cuba (2.1 million) and Italy (2.0 million).

#### CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

June 1 - The Report of the Canadian Grain Mission to Europe was tabled today in the House of Commons.

10 - Based on June 1 conditions the United States winter wheat crop is estimated at 705.2 million bushels, spring wheat being placed at 348.7 million. If realized this would be the eighth successive U. S. wheat crop to exceed a billion bushels, while the spring wheat crop would be the largest since 1915.

14 - Canada announces that carrying charges of six cents per bushel will be added to the Wheat Board's International Wheat Agreement selling price to apply on agreement sales for registration in 1951-52. The Board will today commence 1951-52 sales under the Agreement.

Effective immediately the Wheat Board will add a carrying charge of six cents per bushel to its domestic selling price.

15 - A Reuters' dispatch from London states that the International Wheat Council agreed last night to admit Japan to the International Wheat Agreement. The new member was granted an import quota of 500,000 metric tons (18.4 million bushels).

President Truman has signed an Act "To Furnish Emergency Food Aid to India". Up to two million tons of food grains are covered by the Act and press reports state that a \$190 million loan fund has been created to provide for the purchase of grain in the United States between the passage of the legislation and June 30, 1952.

21 - Deliveries of wheat from western Canadian farms for the week ending today amounted to 10.0 million bushels, the largest marketings for any week since that ending November 23, 1950.



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