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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies - The latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about July 1, 1951 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 691 million bushels. At the same time in 1950, 688 million bushels were available. Supplies this year (to nearest million bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 395 (427); Canada, 210 (129); Australia, 67 (92); and Argentina, 19 (40). It should be noted that data for all countries include both commercial and on-farm stocks and that, in the case of Canada, particularly, this year's supplies contain substantial quantities of non-millable wheat. The changes in supplies from those estimated at June 1 are due to the normal reduction for exports and adjustments necessitated by a downward revision of the Argentine wheat crop and the release of preliminary data on the United States 1950-51 crop year.

New Crops - Based on conditions at June 1, the eighth consecutive billion-bushel wheat crop was forecast in the United States. Production of all wheat was placed at 1,070 million bushels, consisting of 707 million bushels of winter wheat and 363 million bushels of spring wheat. Unusually heavy abandonment of winter wheat acreage largely accounts for the smallest winter wheat crop since 1943. Harvesting of the crop has been proceeding under adverse conditions in the central states and, while some effect was given to damage by hail, rains and floods in the June 1 estimate, the full extent of the loss is not yet known.

In Canada, cutting of the winter wheat crop is well advanced, with an estimated 911,300 acres to be harvested in Ontario. While no official estimate of yields will be available until August 15, it is evident that some reduction from earlier expectations will result from rather extensive damage by the Hessian fly. Prospects for the western wheat crop continue to be generally favourable despite localized hail damage in Alberta and Saskatchewan and low moisture reserves in southern sections of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The lateness of the season, however, is causing some concern over the possibility of frost damage to late-seeded crops.

Current indications are for some reduction in the Australian and, possibly, in the Argentine wheat crops. In Australia growing conditions are generally satisfactory although some reduction in acreage appears to have taken place. A preliminary estimate places this year's crop at 171 million bushels, given average growing conditions. In Argentina, on the other hand, moisture reserves have been seriously depleted, especially in Cordoba and Santa Fe, and as a result acreage reductions in these areas have been estimated by the trade at around 40 per cent. Favourable weather in Europe has caused considerable improvement in the outlook for most grains, with the Balkans expected to harvest the best wheat crop since the war. In western Europe and the United Kingdom, however, the wheat crop is expected to be below the 1950 outturns.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases - Transactions under the provisions of the I.W.A. for the 1951-52 year are already well under way, with sales and purchases amounting to 53.1 million bushels recorded by the International Wheat Council up to July 13, 1951. As of that date, Australia had sold 32.9 million bushels, the United States 18.2 million, and Canada 2.0 million. The agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom for the sale and purchase of some 95 million bushels of wheat and 350,000 tons of flour had not been announced in time to be included in the above totals.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases, August 1, 1950 to July 13, 1951  
Together with Annual Quantities Guaranteed, Crop Year 1950-51

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	-	10,567	20,261
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	-	793	-	388	1,180
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	57,531	59,372
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 1/ .....	55,116	16,056	11,403	-	27,794	55,253
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	3,660	5,869
Italy .....	40,418	205	15,254	-	14,391	29,850
Lebanon 1/ .....	2,388	-	261	551	1,590	2,402
Liberia 1/ .....	37	-	27	-	10	37
Mexico 1/ .....	12,860	-	-	-	12,862	12,862
Netherlands .....	24,802	1,904	538	-	20,496	22,938
New Zealand .....	4,593	4,563	-	-	-	4,563
Nicaragua 1/ .....	331	-	135	-	196	331
Norway 1/.....	7,716	1,120	1,818	-	4,770	7,708
Panama 1/ .....	625	-	422	-	204	626
Peru .....	5,512	902	116	-	4,298	5,316
Philippines 1/.....	7,202	-	3,673	-	3,528	7,201
Portugal .....	5,626	172	439	-	4,763	5,375
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	37,897	114,695	92	24,217	176,900
Venezuela .....	6,246	-	3,874	-	1,930	5,804
Totals .....	562,545	87,402	190,608	3,885	248,932	530,827
Guaranteed Sales ...		88,700	221,592	4,089	248,163	562,545
Balance .....		1,298	30,984	204	- 769	31,718

1/ Guaranteed quantity fulfilled.



## CANADIAN SITUATION

United Kingdom to Purchase 113 Million Bushels of Canadian Wheat and Flour in 1951-52 - The Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce announced on July 24 that the United Kingdom would purchase 95 million bushels of wheat from Canada under the terms of the International Wheat Agreement for registration in 1951-52. In addition, the United Kingdom will purchase from Canada 350,000 tons of flour, which is equivalent to 18 million bushels of wheat.

Following a meeting in London, England, of the International Wheat Council, discussions took place between the United Kingdom Ministry of Food and the Canadian Wheat Board in regard to the quantities of wheat and flour which the United Kingdom would purchase from Canada during the crop year commencing August 1, 1951. These discussions have resulted in the signing of a memorandum of agreement for the sale and purchase of wheat and flour, as well as covering a number of technical matters pertaining to the wheat trade of the two countries, including general shipping arrangements for the crop year 1951-52.

Mr. Howe also announced that the United Kingdom had expressed an interest in purchasing further quantities of wheat from Canada on a Class II basis, if additional quantities of wheat were available for shipment from Canada. It has been agreed that the two countries will, on September 30, 1951, consider a further purchase and sale of 250,000 long tons (9.3 million bushels) of wheat on a Class II basis.

Supply Position - Visible supplies of Canadian wheat have remained at a fairly stable level during recent weeks, with farmers' marketings almost offsetting disappearance into domestic and export channels. For the ten-week period ending July 5, 1951, supplies of wheat in commercial positions stood at approximately 170 million bushels, the totals at weekly intervals ranging from a high of 171.4 million bushels on May 3 to a low of 167.3 million on July 5. Since the latter date, however, there has been a slight tapering off in commercial supplies, with the total on July 19 amounting to 160.9 million bushels. Comparable stocks in 1950 and 1949 were 96.7 million and 53.6 million bushels, respectively.

Of this year's July 19 stocks, 75.0 million bushels were still in country elevators, in sharp contrast to the 25.2 million in that position a year ago and the 13.0 million bushels in 1949. Stocks in most other interior positions were also considerably above those of the preceding two years. At Fort William-Port Arthur this year's July 19 stocks amounted to 30.3 million bushels, compared with 13.5 million and 4.8 million bushels on approximately the same date in 1950 and 1949, respectively.

Stocks in forward positions, on the other hand, were at relatively low levels due to the heavy export movement and the fact that transportation difficulties earlier in the year prevented the building of adequate reserves in seaboard positions. This year's July 19 stocks in St. Lawrence and eastern seaboard ports totalled 4.6 million bushels as against 15.3 million a year ago, while stocks in store at Vancouver-New Westminster amounted to 3.6 million, also down sharply from last year's level of 12.7 million.

The combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during June amounted to 29.9 million bushels, the highest monthly total since November, 1945. Exports of wheat and flour for the August-June period of the current crop

year were 208.8 million bushels, slightly above the total of 208.2 million for the first eleven months of 1949-50. The balance in commercial and farm positions remaining on July 1, 1951 for export and carryover was estimated at 210.1 million bushels as against 129.1 million a year ago.

#### 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-May 31 .....	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	573.9	473.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	155.0	136.5
Available for export and carryover .....	418.9	337.3
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August 1-June 30 ...	139.1	153.2
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August 1-June 30 .....	18.2	12.8
Total exports of wheat .....	157.3	166.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August 1-June 30 ..	51.5	42.2 <sup>2/</sup>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	208.8	208.2
Balance on July 1 for export and carryover .....	210.1	129.1

1/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

2/ Adjusted for time lag in the returns made by Customs.

Exports of wheat as grain during June 1951 amounted to 25.5 million bushels bringing the total for the eleven months ending June 30 to 157.3 million. Of this amount 65.5 million bushels or 42 per cent of the total, went to the United Kingdom. The next largest amount, 18.2 million bushels (of which 5.5 million were for milling in bond), was exported to the United States. Other countries receiving in excess of ten million bushels during the period under review were Belgium (15.4 million), India (11.4 million) and Japan (10.2 million).

Total exports of flour in terms of wheat equivalent during June were 4.4 million bushels, well below the 6.8 million exported in May. Total flour exports for the eleven months ending June 30, 1951 were 51.5 million bushels of wheat equivalent. The United Kingdom was the principal market for Canadian flour during the period, taking the equivalent of 23.1 million bushels or approximately 45 per cent of the total. Other countries taking in excess of one million bushels were the Philippine Islands (4.1 million), Italy (2.9 million), Venezuela (2.6 million), Cuba (2.3 million), Trinidad and Tobago (2.0 million), Jamaica (1.3 million) and Hong Kong (1.2 million).



# Canadian Wheat Acreage Reduced from 1950 Level -

The annual June survey of field crops conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicates that there has been some shift from wheat and summerfallow acreage into coarse grains and flaxseed. This year's wheat acreage is placed at 25.7 million acres, about 5 per cent below last year's level of 27.0 million. Decreases were greatest in Alberta where the wheat acreage dropped from 7.3 million acres in 1950 to 6.4 million this year and in Saskatchewan where this year's acreage of 15.8 million was 0.4 million lower than in 1950. Manitoba's 1951 wheat acreage, at 2.4 million, was practically unchanged from last year. Slight decreases in acreage were registered in Ontario winter wheat and in spring wheat in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. All three Maritime Provinces indicated increases in the area seeded to spring wheat but there, as elsewhere outside the Prairie Provinces, spring wheat is of relatively minor importance.

Offsetting the decreases in wheat acreages were fairly substantial increases in the areas seeded to coarse grains and flaxseed, details of which may be found in the accompanying table. It should be noted that all 1951 estimates are preliminary only and are subject to revision in the light of marketing and other check data which will become available after the close of the 1951-52 crop year.

## Preliminary Estimate of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, Canada and Prairie Provinces, 1951

Province and Crop	1950 Area	Per Cent of 1950	1951 Area	Province and Crop	1950 Area	Per Cent of 1950	1951 Area
	000 acres	p.c.	000 acres		000 acres	p.c.	000 acres
<u>CANADA</u>				<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>			
Winter wheat <sup>1/</sup>	928	98	911	Spring wheat	16,203	98	15,810
Spring wheat	26,093	95	24,820	Oats .....	3,381	106	3,575
All wheat .	27,021	95	25,731	Barley .....	1,954	131	2,561
Oats .....	11,575	104	12,065	Fall rye ...	518	88	456
Barley .....	6,625	121	8,036	Spring rye .	150	144	216
Fall rye ...	830	93	770	All rye ...	668	101	672
Spring rye .	338	106	357	Flaxseed ...	177	199	352
All rye ...	1,168	96	1,127	Summerfallow	12,488	98	12,198
Flaxseed ...	560 <sup>2/</sup>	199	1,112				
Summerfallow	20,998	97	20,312				
<u>MANITOBA</u>				<u>ALBERTA</u>			
Spring wheat	2,382	100	2,400	Spring wheat	7,251	88	6,364
Oats .....	1,610	108	1,740	Oats .....	2,455	107	2,639
Barley .....	1,717	119	2,040	Barley .....	2,534	119	3,011
Fall rye ...	69	48	33	Fall rye ...	152	135	205
Spring rye .	13	69	9	Spring rye .	160	72	115
All rye ...	82	51	42	All rye ...	312	103	320
Flaxseed ...	300	198	594	Flaxseed ...	48	226	109
Summerfallow	2,560	81	2,063	Summerfallow	5,950	102	6,051

<sup>1/</sup> Acreages shown apply to Ontario only. Winter wheat is also seeded to some extent in Alberta and Saskatchewan but official estimates for these seedings are not currently available. Acreages for all western wheat have been included under spring wheat in the above estimates.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.

Condition of Wheat by Crop Districts in the Prairie Provinces - The two

charts on the opposite page show the condition of the spring wheat crop within crop districts of the Prairie Provinces as it existed at June 30, for 1951 and 1950. Crop district condition figures are based on the more important weather factors affecting the growth of the wheat plant, including precipitation during the preceding autumn period, and precipitation and temperatures during the months of April, May and June. For all three provinces the charts are directly comparable as between the two years.

The sharp difference in wheat condition between adjacent crop districts as shown on the charts is an inherent characteristic where crop district averages of condition are employed, and the true gradations of condition must be inferred. The condition figures are expressed as percentages of the long-time average yields of wheat for each province, and therefore the condition of wheat as shown in the charts is not directly comparable as between provinces. It should also be noted that while condition in any crop district may be low or high relative to the long-time provincial average, this does not necessarily represent an abnormal situation. A low (or high) condition in any crop district relative to the long-time provincial average may represent a high (or low) condition relative to the long-time crop district average.

The condition of wheat in Manitoba at June 30, 1951, was estimated at 95 as against 99 and 108 on the same date in 1950 and 1949, respectively. This year's crop district condition figures were above the provincial normal in all areas except crop districts 3 and 12 which were only slightly below normal and crop districts 1, 2, 6 and 8 which were significantly lower. Below-normal seasonal precipitation throughout the province and below-normal temperatures in all crop districts except 13 are largely responsible for this year's provincial condition figure falling below the long-time average. Compared with last year at this time condition figures were at approximately the same levels except crop districts 11 and 13 where the 1951 figures were higher and in 2, 6 and 12 where this year's figures were lower than at June 30, 1950.

The Saskatchewan wheat condition at June 30 was 106 per cent of the long-time provincial average compared with 91 and 70 per cent, respectively, on the same date in the two preceding years. Except for the extreme southeastern, south-central, southwestern and west-central areas, crop district condition figures were above the provincial normal. Districts with below-normal condition ratings generally suffered from deficiencies in both preseasonal and seasonal rainfall and exceptionally low June temperatures. Compared with last year, condition figures equalled or exceeded those of all crop districts except 1A in the southeast and 9A in the north.

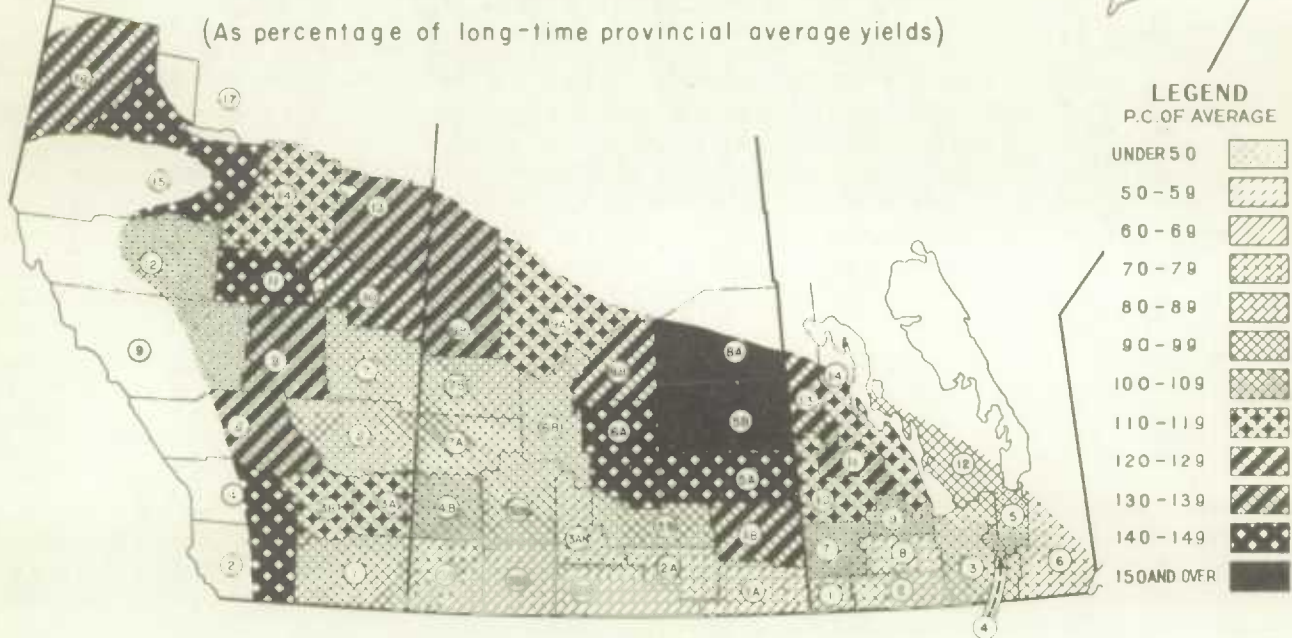
The June 30 condition of wheat in Alberta was 123 per cent of the provincial normal, sharply above last year's figure of 59 and the 1949 figure of 61. Condition figures in all districts except 1, 5 and 7 were above normal and were significantly higher than a year ago for all areas of the province. While preseasonal rainfall for the province as a whole was about normal, precipitation during May and June was more than 40 per cent above normal, with only one crop district, 14, receiving less than normal rainfall during those months. The full effect of the above-average rainfall was offset to some extent, however, by unseasonably low temperatures, especially during June.



# CONDITION OF SPRING WHEAT IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES, BY CROP DISTRICTS

JUNE 30 1951

(As percentage of long-time provincial average yields)

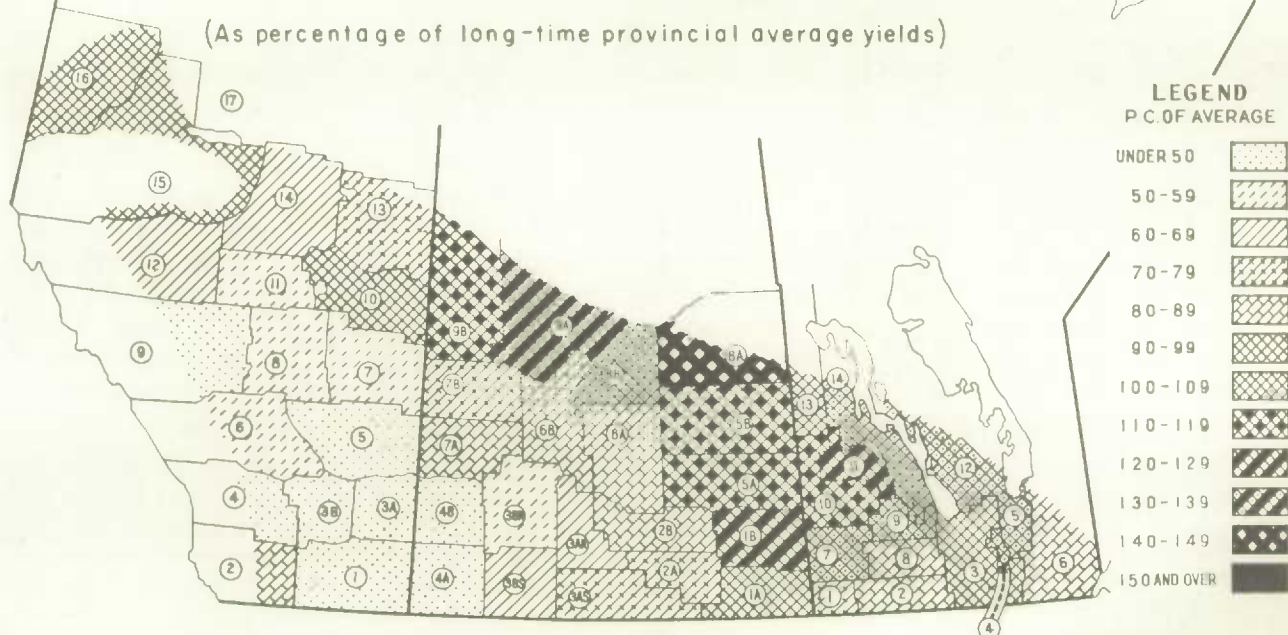


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Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1950-51

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
	29	215,309	320,892	247,849	784,050	1,388,798
April	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
	26	584,055	1,101,326	570,180	2,255,561	2,080,524
May	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
	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
June	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
	21	809,085	6,515,132	2,668,096	9,992,313	5,471,556
	28	569,815	4,712,296	1,848,925	7,131,036	4,269,763
July	5	464,940	2,944,856	1,452,608	4,862,404	3,823,430
	12	295,233	3,728,364	646,264	4,669,861	2,735,172
	19	314,215	3,649,761	1,631,511	5,595,487	2,691,326
Totals		40,819,963	209,924,168	96,280,942	347,025,073	309,776,403

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, July 19, 1951 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1950 and 1949

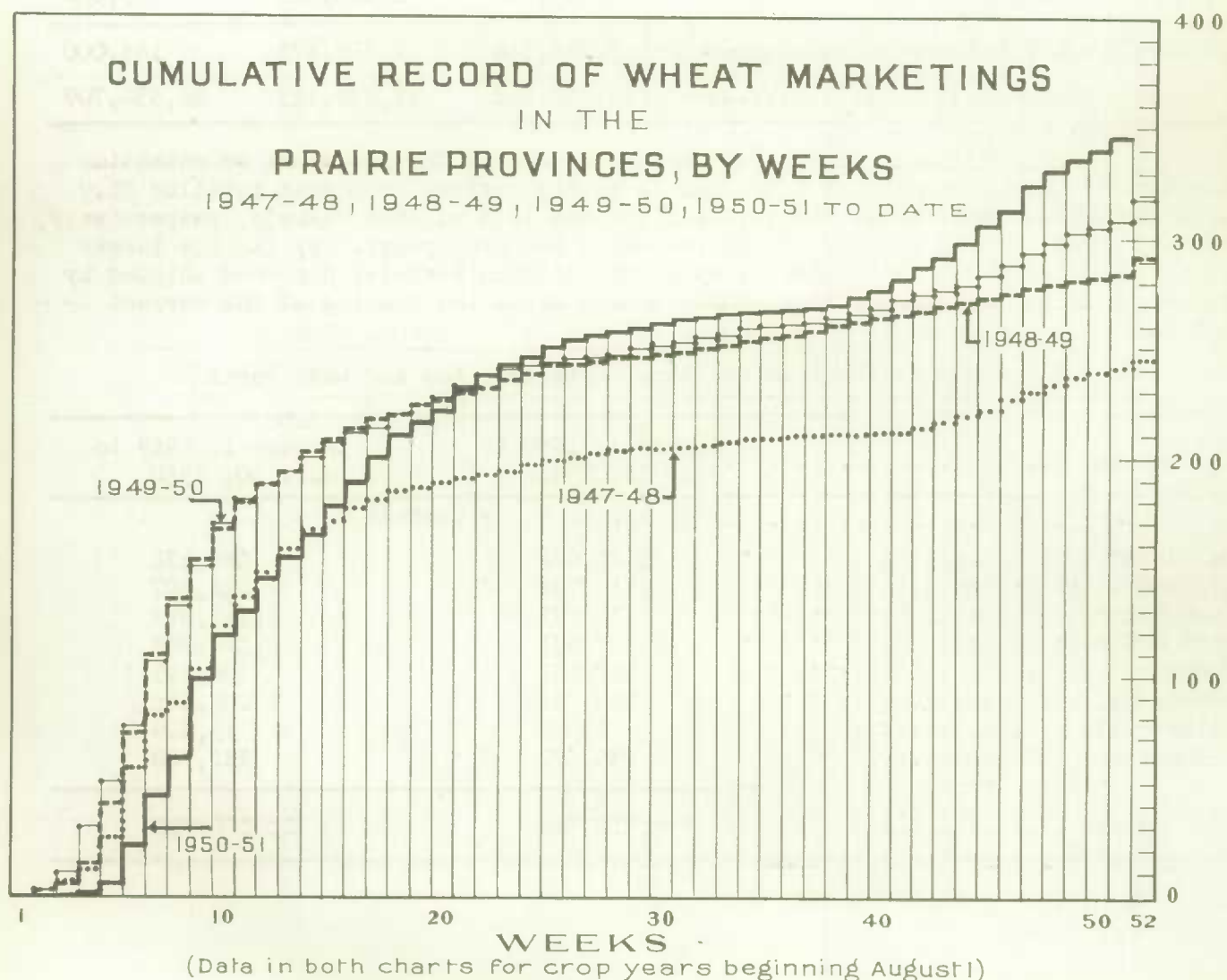
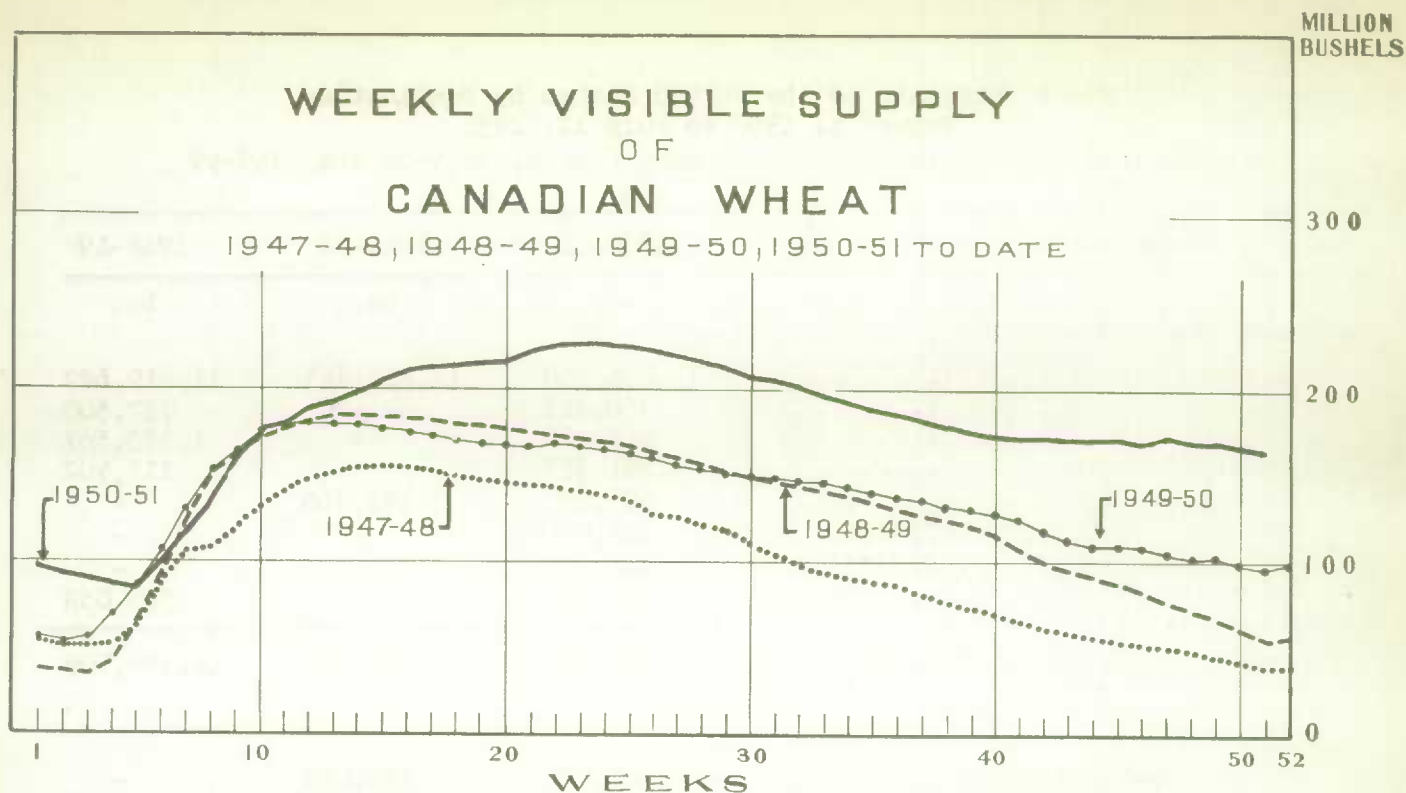
Position	1951	1950	1949
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	3,033	1,993	<u>1/</u>
Saskatchewan .....	50,910	10,150	<u>1/</u>
Alberta .....	21,072	13,098	<u>1/</u>
Totals .....	75,015	25,241	12,959
Interior private and mill elevators .....	3,812	3,904	3,405
Interior terminals .....	9,780	8	50
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	3,572	12,694	5,982
Churchill .....	2,317	2,262	974
Fort William and Port Arthur .....	30,306	13,516	4,766
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	10,346	4,804	2,955
Eastern elevators lake ports .....	12,826	16,861	11,706
St. Lawrence and seaboard ports .....	4,626	15,343	7,416
In transit lake .....	5,042	1,800	2,479
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	1,806	283	486
United States ports .....	965	-	121
In transit U.S.A. ....	459	4	-
Totals .....	160,874	96,718	53,659

1/ Details not available.

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

Grade	Inspections			
	1950-51		1949-50	
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Northern .....	8,117	4.9	28,995	17.4
2 Northern .....	27,908	16.9	93,143	55.8
3 Northern .....	25,686	15.6	19,144	11.5
4 Northern .....	17,727	10.7	5,103	3.1
5 Wheat .....	19,668	11.9	3,667	2.2
6 Wheat .....	15,215	9.2	733	0.4
Feed Wheat .....	3,005	1.8	56	<u>1/</u>
Garnet .....	1,647	1.0	2,858	1.7
Amber Durum .....	4,483	2.7	5,802	3.5
Alberta Winter .....	672	0.4	1,050	0.6
Toughs - All varieties and grades .	31,169	18.9	4,079	2.4
Dumps - All varieties and grades ..	8,284	5.0	120	0.1
All Others .....	1,384	0.8	2,038	1.2
Totals .....	164,965	100.0	166,788	100.0

1/ Less than 0.1 per cent.





Wheat Shipments to the United States by Destination,  
August 1, 1950 to July 12, 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 .....	13,406,839	11,825,741	11,619,687
Oswego .....	360,965	-	737,500
Erie .....	212,606	-	1,575,567
Duluth-Superior .....	2,881,387	-	111,902
Chicago .....	605,693	192,766	-
Detroit .....	346,050	-	-
Milwaukee .....	140,673	-	-
Toledo .....	108,485	-	325,053
Totals, Vessel Shipments .....	18,062,698	12,018,507	14,369,709
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	400,720	135,453	-
Other U.S.A. Points .....	3,445,824	1,084,423	165,000
Totals, Rail Shipments .....	3,846,544	1,219,876	165,000
Grand Totals .....	21,909,242	13,238,383	14,534,709

Wheat shipments to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from August 1 to July 12 of the current crop year totalled 21.9 million bushels, well above the 13.2 million and 14.5 million bushels, respectively, for the corresponding periods of the preceding two crop years. By far the larger part of this crop year's shipments, some 18.1 million bushels, has been shipped by vessel, with 9.3 million of this amount moving 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 July 19, 1951	August 1, 1949 to July 20, 1950
	- bushels -	
Collingwood .....	1,125,020	588,474
Midland .....	2,159,738	7,018,607
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	16,820,918

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to July 19, 1951  
and to Approximately the same Date, 1941 to 1950

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Totals
- thousand bushels -						
1941 .....	124,940	4,607	3,018	2,900	515	135,981
1942 .....	97,520	1,151	1,627	698	270	101,267
1943 .....	88,792	17,429	20,814	1,259	1,786	130,080
1944 .....	131,297	30,505	20,181	5,087	3,603	190,673
1945 .....	148,931	47,142	19,839	2,669	1,895	220,476
1946 .....	44,700	27,079	8,832	676	772	82,059
1947 .....	71,912	20,311	9,216	1,662	28	103,128
1948 .....	42,581	9,271	8,008	302	3,165	63,327
1949 .....	69,758	10,850	11,718	5,814	4,718	102,858
1950 .....	69,672	7,795	9,546	2,772	456	90,242
1951 .....	70,901	24,238	15,943	4,340	654	116,076

Lake shipments of the five major grains from Fort William-Port Arthur from the opening of the current navigation season to July 19 amounted to 116.1 million bushels, the largest volume of any corresponding period since 1945. Wheat shipments, at 70.9 million bushels, have been at practically the same level, with exception of 1948, for the past five years. Shipments of oats and barley, however, at 24.2 million and 15.9 million bushels, respectively, were up sharply from last year. Increases were also registered in the movement of both rye and flaxseed over 1950 although both were below the 1949 levels. Included in this season's wheat shipments have been successive record-breaking cargoes carried by the S.S. Scott Misener.

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	356,443
July .....	231,414	469,797	52,122	
Totals .....	10,368,942	13,376,558	4,368,737	

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

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
- bushels -					
2 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	8,500
3 Northern .....	-	-	-	20,000	14,500
4 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	14,000
Rejected 2 Nor. Mixed Heated ..	-	-	-	1,415	-
Rejected 3 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	1,500
Rejected 3 Nor. Mixed Heated ..	1,500	-	-	1,989	3,500
Rejected 4 Nor. Mixed Heated ..	-	-	-	1,970	1,608
Tough Rej. 4 Nor. Mxd. Htd. ...	-	-	-	2,833	-
No. 5 .....	-	-	-	3,000	-
No. 6 .....	-	1,500	15,000	27,933	6,000
No. 6 Mixed .....	-	-	-	-	2,000
Rejected No. 5 Mxd. Htd. ....	-	-	-	-	1,459
Rejected No. 6 Mxd. Htd. ....	-	-	-	-	1,388
Tough No. 5 .....	-	-	-	6,000	1,667
Tough No. 6 .....	-	-	-	4,500	1,833
Tough Rej. No. 6 Mxd. Htd. ....	-	-	-	-	3,000
Rejected Feed Mxd. Htd. ....	-	-	-	-	274
Tough Feed .....	-	-	-	1,333	1,500
2 C.W. Mixed .....	-	-	-	4,167	10,500
4 C.W. Mixed .....	-	1,500	-	4,844	4,500
Tough 2 C.W. Mixed .....	-	-	-	2,735	6,020
Tough 4 C.W. Mixed .....	-	-	-	10,500	8,706
Tough Rej. 4 C.W. Mixed Htd. ..	-	-	-	1,500	-
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	2,000	3,000
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	6,000	13,500
4 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	95,500	-
Rejected 2 C.W.A.D. Mxd. Htd. .	-	-	3,500	1,408	-
Rejected 3 C.W.A.D. Mxd. Htd. .	-	-	-	4,204	2,270
Rejected 4 C.W.A.D. Mxd. Htd. .	-	-	-	1,426	2,570
Tough Rej. 3 C.W.A.D. Mxd. Htd.	-	-	-	1,334	-
Tough 4 C.W.A.D. Mxd. Htd. ....	-	-	-	-	1,500
Tough 5 C.W.A.D. ....	-	-	-	-	1,387
Sample Red Spring Heated .....	-	-	-	-	2,681
Sample Red Spring Htd.	-	-	-	-	-
Rotten Kernels .....	-	-	-	-	271
Tough Sample Red Spring Htd. ..	-	-	-	1,938	3,713
Smutty Sample Red Spring Htd. .	-	-	-	-	1,567
Totals .....	1,500	3,000	18,500	208,529	124,914

Grand Total - 356,443



# Freight Assistance Shipments -

Movement of feed wheat under the freight assistance plan from the Prairie Provinces to eastern Canada and British Columbia for the first ten months of the current crop year amounted to 10.8 million bushels as compared with 7.7 million in the August-May period of 1949-50. Current crop-year totals are based on claims filed up to June 30 and are subject to upward revision as additional claims are filed for the period under review. On the basis of these preliminary returns, Quebec and Ontario received 39 per cent and 35 per cent, respectively, of this year's August-May shipments:

## 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	261	1,432
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	473	391	193	1,188
February .....	2	16	45	34	342	341	142	922
March .....	3	28	57	40	366	405	176	1,075
April .....	2	13	45	37	297	369	108	870
May .....	3	11	49	22	231	323	7	646
Totals .....	32	175	566	357	4,174	3,779	1,669	10,753
Same period 1949-50 .....	13	113	239	185	2,707	2,445	1,975	7,678

Claims filed for payment up to June 30, 1951, under the freight assistance plan represent shipments of 472,289 tons of millfeeds during the first ten months of 1950-51, a decrease of some 37,000 tons from the corresponding period last year. The decrease from last year is shared by all provinces except Newfoundland but it should be noted that this year's totals are subject to revision with the filing of additional claims.

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

Province	August 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	August 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950
- tons -		
Newfoundland .....	2,431	2,035
Prince Edward Island .....	8,652	9,576
Nova Scotia .....	35,978	38,464
New Brunswick .....	30,022	32,300
Quebec .....	224,370	225,790
Ontario .....	136,920	160,439
British Columbia .....	33,916	40,627
Totals .....	472,289	509,231

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	5,221	16,287	17,663
April .....	9,604	3,105	5,868	18,577	16,870
May .....	15,140	2,558	6,785	24,483	21,748
June .....	23,302	2,198	4,382	29,882	25,968
Totals .....	139,074	18,241	51,494	208,809	203,527

<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 March 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—June, 1951

Destination	June		August—June	
	Wheat Flour <u>1/</u>	Wheat <u>2/</u>	Wheat Flour <u>1/2/</u>	Wheat <u>2/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
United Kingdom .....	1,417,639	12,750,936	23,064,278	65,477,486
<u>Africa</u>				
British East Africa ...	-	-	2,295	-
Union of South Africa .	-	953,867	-	6,795,895
<u>British West Africa</u>				
Gambia .....	1,386	-	2,776	-
Gold Coast .....	50,251	-	238,500	-
Nigeria .....	5,319	-	36,634	-
Sierra Leone .....	20,804	-	59,923	-
<u>Asia</u>				
British Malaya .....	50,274	-	616,221	-
Ceylon .....	-	-	334,278	-
Hong Kong .....	85,315	-	1,156,220	-
India .....	-	351,866	-	11,403,285
<u>Europe</u>				
Gibraltar .....	15,359	-	225,842	-
Malta .....	-	37,333	-	1,105,766
<u>North America</u>				
Bahamas .....	20,007	-	233,712	-
Barbados .....	34,366	-	388,885	933
Bermuda .....	10,305	-	103,087	-
British Honduras .....	21,299	-	70,002	34,136
Jamaica .....	217,674	-	1,310,301	-
Leeward-Windward Is. ..	69,107	-	791,703	-
Trinidad and Tobago ...	126,765	-	2,045,371	-
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	63,117	-	768,268	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ..	2,208,987	14,094,002	31,448,296	84,817,501



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

Destination	June		August—June	
	Wheat Flour <u>1/</u> -	Wheat <u>2/</u>	Wheat Flour <u>1/3/</u>	Wheat <u>2/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Africa</u>				
Azores and Madeira ...	5,445	-	33,102	-
Belgian Congo .....	34,884	-	215,334	3,674
Canary Islands .....	-	-	64,165	-
Egypt .....	51,444	-	123,480	-
French Africa .....	-	-	23,063	-
Liberia .....	1,804	-	11,182	-
Morocco .....	-	-	379,930	-
Portuguese Africa ....	1,715	-	155,074	-
Spanish Africa .....	-	-	50,508	-
Tripoli .....	-	222,740	-	319,806
<u>Asia</u>				
Arabia .....	11,070	-	92,943	45,119
China .....	-	-	56,525	-
Indonesia .....	26,622	-	520,016	-
Israel .....	37,656	-	274,554	1,652,560
Japan .....	35,577	1,866,674	616,450	10,197,710
Jordan .....	-	-	38,561	-
Philippine Islands ...	329,036	-	4,134,114	-
Siam .....	8,586	-	171,737	-
Syria .....	6,426	-	605,768	-
Turkey .....	-	-	-	367,125
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	2,562,605	877	15,640,292 <sup>4/</sup>
France .....	-	-	995	-
Germany .....	1,606	-	308,727	-
Greece .....	-	-	5,139	-
Iceland .....	5,049	-	139,068	-
Ireland .....	-	155,970	-	4,602,817
Italy .....	761,526	2,095,800	2,904,971	5,787,956
Netherlands .....	-	-	1,130	29,307
Norway .....	120,501	750,757	120,501	2,876,973
Portugal .....	6,885	105,840	60,274	105,840
Spain .....	-	355,043	-	1,331,107
Switzerland .....	-	726,134	1,606	5,827,315 <sup>4/</sup>
Yugoslavia .....	-	-	59,369	-
<u>North America</u>				
Alaska .....	302	-	2,601	-
Costa Rica .....	28,345	-	414,504	93,334
Cuba .....	146,254	3,000	2,285,590	12,924
Dominican Republic ...	32,193	-	246,316	7,200

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

Destination	June		August—June	
	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>				
El Salvador .....	19,395	-	186,066	20,000
French West Indies ....	356	-	8,127	-
Guatemala .....	16,407	-	343,174	-
Haiti .....	15,952	-	306,283	-
Honduras .....	3,006	-	20,269	15,380
Netherlands Antilles ..	24,381	-	198,693	-
Nicaragua .....	-	-	90,369	-
Panama .....	16,992	-	235,440	-
St. Pierre-Miquelon ...	1,661	-	16,416	-
United States				
Flour in terms of wheat	104,782	-	818,090	-
For grinding in bond <u>5/</u> .	-	139,783	-	5,461,836
For domestic use <u>5/</u> ....	-	2,057,962	-	12,779,195
Virgin Islands .....	171	-	16,356	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
Guam .....	-	-	918	-
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia .....	-	-	1,148	716,167
Brazil .....	-	-	-	377,066
Chile .....	-	363,780	-	2,500,444
Colombia .....	9,189	-	468,918	1,504,126
Ecuador .....	60,084	-	385,587	141,818
Peru .....	6,885	-	56,183	75,627
Surinam .....	14,369	-	165,835	-
Venezuela .....	226,444	-	2,609,379	4,770
Totals,				
Foreign Countries .....	2,173,000	11,406,088	20,045,425	72,497,388
Grand Totals, Exported ..	4,381,987	25,500,090	51,493,721	157,314,889

- 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 March, 1951 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.
- 4/ Add to Belgium and deduct from Switzerland 3,675 bushels of wheat for May 1951.
- 5/ 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				
	June 23	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21
Initial Payment to Producers 1950-51 Pool - cents and eighths per bushel -					
1 Hard .....	160	160	160	160	160
1 Northern .....	160	160	160	160	160
2 Northern .....	157	157	157	157	157
3 Northern .....	150	150	150	150	150
4 Northern .....	142	142	142	142	142
5 Wheat .....	132	132	132	132	132
6 Wheat .....	126	126	126	126	126
Feed Wheat .....	120	120	120	120	120
Domestic <u>1/</u> and Export					
(International Wheat Agreement)					
1 Hard .....	192/2	192/2	191/5	190/7	190/7
1 Northern .....	192/2	192/2	191/5	190/7	190/7
2 Northern .....	190/2	190/2	189/5	188/7	188/7
3 Northern .....	188/2	188/2	187/5	186/7	186/7
4 Northern .....	184/2	184/2	183/5	182/7	182/7
5 Wheat .....	182/2	182/2	181/5	180/7	180/7
6 Wheat .....	163/2	161/3	157/5	153/2	152/7
Feed Wheat .....	157/2	155/3	151/5	147/2	146/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	189/2	189/2	188/5	187/7	187/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	188/2	188/2	187/5	186/7	186/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	184/2	184/2	183/5	182/7	182/7
1 Alta. Red Winter .....	192/2	192/2	191/5	190/7	190/7
2 Alberta Winter .....	190/2	190/2	189/5	188/7	188/7
3 Alberta Winter .....	185/2	185/2	184/5	183/7	183/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	192/2	192/2	191/5	190/7	190/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	190/2	190/2	189/5	188/7	188/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	188/2	188/2	187/5	186/7	186/7
Export - Class II					
1 Hard .....	232/2	232/2	231/5	234/3	235/7
1 Northern .....	232/2	232/2	231/5	234/3	235/7
2 Northern .....	230/2	230/2	229/5	232/3	233/7
3 Northern .....	228/2	228/2	227/5	230/3	231/7
4 Northern .....	224/2	224/2	223/5	226/3	227/7
5 Wheat .....	188/2	188/2	187/5	186/7	186/7
6 Wheat .....	169/2	167/3	163/5	159/2	158/7
Feed Wheat .....	163/2	161/3	157/5	153/2	152/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	232/2	232/2	231/5	234/3	235/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	230/2	230/2	229/5	232/3	233/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	228/2	228/2	227/5	230/3	231/7

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 June 1951 amounted to 2.1 million barrels, slightly below that of the previous month but well above the June 1950 total of 1.6 million. Mills reporting operations during June this year had a rated capacity of 98,979 barrels and, on the basis of a 26-day working period, 81.4 per cent of this was effective. Production for the first eleven months of the current crop year totalled 22.2 million barrels, an increase of about 17 per cent over the corresponding period of 1949-50.

Exports - Customs returns indicate that exports of Canadian wheat flour during June 1951 amounted to 973,775 barrels (4.4 million bushels of wheat equivalent) compared with the revised total of 920,033 barrels (4.1 million bushels of wheat equivalent) in the same month last year. About one-third of this year's June exports, 315,031 barrels, went to the United Kingdom. Some of the other larger shipments, in barrels, during the month went to Italy (169,228), the Philippine Islands (73,119), Venezuela (50,321), Jamaica (48,372), and Cuba (32,501).

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>
	- 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
<u>1950-51</u> 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	1,160,291
April .....	2,095,493	1,303,894
May .....	2,112,981	1,507,817
June .....	2,095,661	973,775
Totals .....	22,215,514	11,443,049
Same Period 1949-50 .....	18,965,204	9,376,131

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 to 1949-50, and August, 1950 to March, 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 -

Data now available for the 1950-51 crop year indicate that exports of United States wheat were larger, and domestic disappearance and carryover stocks somewhat smaller, than had been anticipated. Exports were particularly heavy during the last quarter of 1950-51 and the preliminary total for the crop year is estimated at 362.6 million bushels. Of this amount, 317.2 million bushels were exported in the form of grain and 45.4 million bushels as wheat products. Comparable figures for 1949-50 were 258.5 million and 40.1 million bushels, respectively. The official report on carryover stocks, released on July 25, places this year's July 1 wheat stocks at 395.0 million bushels compared with 426.8 million a year ago. On the basis of preliminary disposition data, domestic disappearance for 1950-51 amounted to 709.0 million bushels, about 17 million less than in 1949-50.

### United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1950-51	1949-50
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at July 1 .....	426.8 <sup>1/</sup>	307.8
New crop .....	1,026.8	1,141.2
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July 1-June 30 ....	13.0	2.2
Total estimated supplies .....	1,466.6 <sup>1/</sup>	1,451.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <sup>2/</sup> ..	709.0 <sup>1/</sup>	725.7 <sup>1/</sup>
Available for export and carryover .....	757.6 <sup>1/</sup>	725.5 <sup>1/</sup>
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July 1--June 30 .....	317.2 <sup>3/</sup>	258.5
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July 1-June 30 .....	45.4 <sup>3/</sup>	40.1
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni .	362.6 <sup>3/</sup>	298.7
Balance on July 1 for carryover .....	395.0	426.8

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

<sup>3/</sup> Preliminary.

### Stocks of Wheat at July 1, 1951 -

According to an official report dated July 25, carryover stocks of 395 million bushels of United States old-crop wheat remained in all storage positions on July 1, 1951. Current wheat stocks are about 32 million bushels or 7 per cent smaller than on July 1, 1950 and much smaller than carryovers in 1942 and 1943. They are, however, larger than in any

year of record other than these three years and nearly five times as large as on July 1, 1947. From the supply of 1,454 million bushels on July 1, 1950, the computed disappearance is 1,058 million bushels. This compares with 1,022 million in the 1949-50 season, 1,202 million in the 1948-49 season and the record disappearance of 1,287 million bushels in the 1945-46 season.

Farm stocks were estimated by the Crop Reporting Board at nearly 73 million bushels, about one-fourth below average, though larger than on July 1 of four of the last five years. Commercial stocks of old wheat at terminals, reported at nearly 158 million bushels by the Grain Branch of Production and Marketing Administration, are relatively large, although nearly 11 million less than a year ago. Merchant mill stocks of 74 million bushels are largest for the date since 1943. Stocks of over 87 million bushels at interior mills, elevators and warehouses, while only about two-thirds as large as a year ago, have otherwise been exceeded on July 1 only in 1942 and 1943. Commodity Credit Corporation-owned wheat stored in their own bins or in transit to ports amounted to 3 million bushels. Other CCC-owned wheat is included in the estimates by positions.

#### Stocks of Wheat, July 1, 1951, with Comparisons

Position	July 1 1949	July 1 1950	April 1 1951	July 1 1951
- thousand bushels -				
On farms <u>1/</u> .....	67,172	67,907	217,261	72,738
Terminals <u>2/</u> .....	128,158	168,497	193,663	157,848
Commodity Credit Corporation <u>3/</u> .....	3,797	4,900	3,156	3,002
Merchant mills <u>1/ 4/</u> .....	32,401	55,934	101,052	74,018
Interior mills, elevators and warehouses <u>1/5/</u> .....	76,424	129,522	200,827	87,437
Totals .....	307,952	426,760	715,959	395,043

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Commercial stocks reported by the Grain Branch, P.M.A., at 43 terminal cities.

3/ Owned by CCC and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by CCC; also CCC-owned grain in transit to ports and in Canadian elevators.

4/ Mills reporting to the Bureau of the Census on millings and stocks of flour.

5/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated for each grain.

1951 Wheat Crop Estimated at 1,070 Million Bushels - In a report released on July 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture estimated production of all wheat at 1,070 million bushels, an increase of 16 million bushels over the forecast on June 1. This is 4 per cent larger than the 1950 crop of 1,027 million bushels, and virtually equal to the 10-year average of 1,071 million bushels. Overall production increased over earlier expectations despite the fact that wheat in the Central and Southern Plains area continues to be plagued by unusual conditions. Several weeks of continued rains and floods in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri have caused loss of acreage on river lowlands and delayed harvest operations materially. Cessation of rains and drying soil would enable harvesting machinery operation to become active over a wide belt from southern Oklahoma northward through Kansas. The increased acreage and favourable



progress of the spring wheat crop this year have contributed significantly to the overall prospective production. This plus an improvement in winter wheat crop prospects the past month in most States outside the Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska area more than offset the production loss of nearly 18 million bushels in the latter four States. The indicated yield per harvested acre for all wheat is 17.1 bushels, one-half bushel higher than the 1950 yield and equal to the 10-year average.

Production of winter wheat is estimated at 706,749,000 bushels—about 6 per cent below the relatively small 1950 crop of 750,666,000 bushels and 11 per cent below the average production of 791,764,000 bushels. It is the smallest winter wheat crop since 1943. Unusually heavy abandonment of acreage, particularly in the Southern Plains States, largely accounts for the smaller crop this year. The indicated yield per harvested acre of 17.3 bushels compares with 17.1 bushels in 1950, 16.2 bushels in 1949 and the 10-year average 17.7 bushels. Yields were extremely low again this year in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, parts of eastern Colorado, western counties of Kansas and Nebraska as the result of severe insect damage, winter kill and drought. Hail, continuous rains and floods further reduced per acre yields in Kansas, Oklahoma, southeastern Colorado, Missouri and parts of Nebraska as the crop approached maturity. Exceptionally high yields were produced in the Atlantic States and better than average outturns were indicated in most of the Pacific Northwest. Yields in most of the Corn Belt States were not widely different from average, the principal exceptions being Ohio and Indiana, where stands in southern districts were thinned by severe winter freezes.

Of the 56,219,000 acres of winter wheat estimated to have been seeded last fall, 26.8 per cent was abandoned for various causes, leaving an estimated 40,893,000 acres for harvest. This relatively low acreage for harvest is about 7 per cent below that harvested in 1950 and the smallest since 1943. The reduction in harvested acreage is due largely to greater than average abandonment—fall seedings having been increased about 6 per cent over the previous year.

The production of all spring wheat is now estimated at 363 million bushels, an increase of nearly 15 million bushels over the June 1 forecast. Much of this increase came in North Dakota, Washington, and other Western States. Spring wheat production last year totalled 276 million bushels, while the 10-year average was 280 million bushels. The combined influence of a 20 per cent increase in the seeded acreage and a 1.4 bushel increase in prospective yield per acre over last year has resulted in the substantial increase. The prospective yield per harvested acre is 16.8 bushels, compared with a 15.4 bushel yield last year and the average of 15.7 bushels.

The 22,288,000 acres sown to all spring wheat is about a fifth larger than that sown last spring or the average. Seeding operations in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota were completed under generally favourable conditions. In the Pacific Northwest States, seedings were substantially increased over March intentions as considerable fall sown wheat acreage, which had winterkilled, was resown to spring wheat. The acreage now estimated for harvest, at 21,683,000 acres, compares with 17,894,000 acres harvested last year and the 10-year average of 17,984,000 acres. Abandonment of all spring wheat this year is estimated at 2.7 per cent of the seeded acreage, compared with 3.3 per cent last year and the average of 3.7 per cent.

Daily Cash Wheat Prices on the Chicago and Minneapolis Markets

Date	Chicago		Minneapolis	
	Grade	Price	Grade	Price
		\$ per bu.		\$ per bu.
June 26, 1951	3 Red .....	231 1/4	1 Dark Northern .....	227 3/8 - 230 3/8
27	2 Mixed .....	233 1/2	1 Dark Northern .....	228 5/8 - 231 5/8
28	None		1 Dark Northern .....	226 1/2 - 229 1/2
29	None		1 Dark Northern .....	226 1/4 - 229 1/4
30	Market Closed		1 Dark Northern .....	228 - 230
July 2	2 Red Tough .....	232	1 Dark Northern .....	228 7/8 - 230 7/8
3	2 Red .....	234	1 Dark Northern .....	229 1/2 - 231 1/2
4		Independence Day		
5	1 Red Tough .....	222	1 Dark Northern .....	228 5/8 - 230 5/8
6	None		1 Dark Northern .....	228 5/8 - 230 5/8
7	Market Closed		1 Dark Northern .....	228 3/8 - 230 3/8
9	2 Red .....	228 1/4	1 Dark Northern .....	229 1/8 - 231 1/8
10	2 Red .....	232	1 Dark Northern .....	230 5/8 - 232 5/8
11	2 Red Tough .....	237 1/4	1 Dark Northern .....	234 1/4 - 237 1/4
12	1 Mixed .....	238	1 Dark Northern .....	235 - 238
13	1 Mixed .....	237	1 Dark Northern .....	234 3/4 - 237 3/4
14	Market Closed		1 Dark Northern .....	234 1/8 - 237 1/8
16	1 Mixed .....	235	1 Dark Northern .....	232 - 234
17	2 Yellow Hard ....	237	1 Dark Northern .....	231 1/2 - 233 1/2
18	2 Red .....	234 1/2	1 Dark Northern .....	231 - 233
19	2 Red .....	233 3/4	1 Dark Northern .....	230 7/8 - 232 7/8
20	2 Red .....	232 1/2	1 Dark Northern .....	230 1/4 - 232 1/4
21	Market Closed		1 Dark Northern .....	228 3/4 - 230 3/4
23	1 Mixed .....	230	1 Dark Northern .....	228 - 230
24	1 Red .....	232	1 Dark Northern .....	229 - 231
25	1 Yellow Hard ....	232 1/4	1 Dark Northern .....	228 1/8 - 230 1/8

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	July	September	December	March	May
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
June 26, 1951 .....	233/1	237/1	240/6	243/1	243/3
27 .....	234/1	238	242	244/3	244/7
28 .....	230/7	234/7	239/3	241/4	241/6
29 .....	230/6	234/6	239/2	242/2	241/4
30 .....		Market Closed			
July 2 .....	234/1	238	242/4	245/5	245/7
3 .....	233/2	237	241/4	244/3	244/5
4 .....		Independence Day			
5 .....	232/3	235/7	240/5	243/4	243/5
6 .....	231	234	238/6	241/5	242
7 .....		Market Closed			
9 .....	230/4	234	238/5	241/6	242/1
10 .....	233/2	236	239/7	242/5	242/5
11 .....	237/2	239/4	243/6	246	245/6
12 .....	238/2	240/3	244/3	247	246/6
13 .....	237/2	239/2	243/6	246/1	246/1
14 .....		Market Closed			
16 .....	234/4	236/3	241/2	243/7	244
17 .....	234/6	236	240/5	243/1	243/3
18 .....	235/4	235/4	239/2	241/2	241/2
19 .....	235/4	235/6	240	242/2	242/6
20 .....	230/4	234/6	239/2	241/6	242
21 .....		Market Closed			
23 .....		232/7	237	239/6	240
24 .....		233/6	237/7	240/2	240/4
25 .....		232/7	236/5	238/6	238/4
26 .....		233/3	237/4	239/5	239/1
27 .....		233/6	237/7	240/2	240
28 .....		Market Closed			



## ARGENTINE SITUATION

### Supply Position -

A reduction of over half a million metric tons in the official estimate of the 1950 Argentine wheat crop now places it at 5.5 million tons (202 million bushels), closer to the level previously estimated by trade sources. In view of the relatively heavy volume of exports to date (67 million bushels of wheat as grain during the December-June period), it appears that domestic requirements for 1950-51 may have been over-estimated and the carryover under-estimated. Consequently, pending release of official estimates of these items, domestic requirements have been reduced to approximately the same level as for 1949-50 and the carryover has been increased to 15 million bushels, the level estimated by some trade sources. These revised estimates reduce the total available for export and carryover at the end of the crop year, November 30, to 87 million bushels as against 104 million in 1949-50. The balance remaining on July 1, 1951 for export and carryover is estimated at 19 million bushels, 21 million less than on the same date last year.

### Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1950-51	1949-50
- million bushels -		
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	15 <u>1/</u>	44
New crop .....	202 <u>2/</u>	189
Total estimated supplies .....	217 <u>1/</u>	233
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	130 <u>1/</u>	129
Available for export and carryover .....	87 <u>1/</u>	104
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-June 30 .....	67 <u>3/</u>	64
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-June 30 .....	1	<u>4/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	68 <u>3/</u>	64
Balance on July 1 for export and carryover .....	19	40

1/ Revised.

2/ Official estimate.

3/ In the June issue of this publication, exports of wheat as grain and total exports of wheat and wheat flour should read 56 million and 57 million bushels, respectively.

4/ 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 - To date there has been no official estimate of the area sown to wheat in the Argentine this year. However, trade sources indicate that in all probability there will be only a moderate increase in area over the 16.2 million acres seeded in 1950 despite a rather intensive program on the part of the government to encourage increased plantings. While higher guaranteed prices have acted as an inducement to farmers to increase wheat acreage, these have been offset to some extent by uncertainty as to the cost and supply of labour and by shortages of agricultural machinery.

In addition to these general factors, continuing dry weather in northern sections of the grain-growing area threatens to reduce acreage considerably. On July 27 Broomhall reported that an official statement from Santa Fe admits that large wheat and flaxseed acreages are still unseeded due to drought. Probable wheat acreage losses in central Cordoba and Santa Fe are estimated by the trade at around 40 per cent unless rains are received shortly.

Argentine Grain Shipments, January—June, 1951

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
- thousand bushels -						
Austria .....	-	-	-	-	321	-
Belgium .....	1,570	419	626	-	542	-
Brazil .....	18,994	-	-	13	-	46
Chile .....	693	-	-	-	-	-
Czechoslovakia .....	-	-	-	-	390	-
Denmark .....	-	-	-	-	574	-
Egypt .....	367	-	-	-	-	-
Finland .....	-	131	37	-	1,220	-
France .....	736	-	2,216	-	-	-
French Africa .....	2,061	-	-	-	-	-
Germany .....	3,847	165	90	249	1,868	-
Holland .....	1,331	256	985	1,253	1,740	137
India .....	12,759	-	-	-	-	-
Italy .....	13,457	-	260	-	-	139
Norway .....	-	-	266	194	-	-
Paraguay .....	947	-	-	-	-	-
Peru .....	845	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal .....	-	-	236	-	-	-
Spain .....	-	-	75	-	-	-
Sweden .....	1,102	-	118	-	166	-
Switzerland .....	1,931	-	217	168	-	-
United Kingdom .....	1,694	102	590	-	4	-
Uruguay .....	-	-	-	223	-	-
Totals .....	62,336	1,073	5,715	2,100	6,824	321

## AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

### Supply Position -

No change has been indicated in the amount of Australian wheat available for export and carryover during the current crop year, with the total estimated at 148.1 million bushels. About 55 per cent of this amount had been exported by July 5 as wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat. Exports from December 1, 1950 to July 5, 1951 amounted to 80.9 million bushels as against 66.6 million for the comparable period of 1949-50. Of this year's total, 54.7 million bushels were exported in the form of grain and 26.2 million as wheat flour in terms of wheat. The balance remaining on July 6, 1951 for export and carryover was estimated at 67.2 million bushels, compared with 92.4 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-July 5 .....	54.7	46.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat		
December 1-July 5 .....	26.2	20.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	80.9	66.6
Balance on July 6 for export and carryover .....	67.2	92.4

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

Australian Cable - The following cable, dated July 16, 1951 has been received from the Commercial Secretary for Canada (Agricultural) in Melbourne:

"Australian wheat stocks at July 5 totalled 92,820,000 bushels. Wheat exports from December 1, 1950 to July 5 totalled 54,735,000 bushels, with shipments during the preceding four weeks mainly to Italy, Egypt and the United Kingdom. Flour exports for the same period were 487,493 long tons, with 16,278 going to Germany, 8,939 to Ceylon, 8,695 to Malaya, 6,118 to New Zealand, and 2,799 to the United Kingdom. Early forecast of coming wheat harvest by Wheat Board official is 171 million bushels, given reasonable seasonal conditions."

## CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- July 10 - Production of all wheat in the United States was estimated at 1,070 million bushels, 4 per cent larger than the 1950 crop of 1,027 million, and practically equal to the 10-year average of 1,071 million.

Stocks of old-crop wheat on United States farms on July 1 were estimated at 72.7 million bushels compared with 67.9 million on July 1, 1950.

- 18 - The Canadian Wheat Board, in a notice to the trade, reminded companies that deliveries of wheat, oats and barley to the respective 1950 pools must be made by producers by the close of business on July 31, 1951, in order to receive the Board's current delivery prices.
- 20 - The S.S. Scott Misener arrived at Port McNicoll from the Lakehead with the largest cargo of wheat, 651,664 bushels, carried to date on the Great Lakes. The Misener had already twice broken the previous record when it loaded 618,329 bushels on July 4 and 634,000 bushels on July 11.
- 24 - The Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe announced that the United Kingdom had agreed to purchase 195 million bushels of Canadian wheat and 350,000 tons of Canadian flour (18 million bushels of wheat equivalent) under the International Wheat Agreement during 1951-52, with the possibility of additional purchases outside the provisions of the agreement.
- 25 - Carryover stocks of United States wheat in all positions on July 1, 1951 were estimated at 395.0 million bushels, 7 per cent smaller than on July 1, 1950 but well above the July 1, 1949 total of 308.0 million.
- 26 - The annual June survey of field crops indicated that Canada's 1951 acreage of all wheat, at 25.7 million acres, is about 5 per cent below the 1950 level of 27.0 million. This year's wheat acreages in the Prairie Provinces, with last year's figures in brackets were (in millions of acres): Manitoba 2.4 (2.4), Saskatchewan 15.8 (16.2), and Alberta 6.4 (7.3).

The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated May wheat flour production in the United States at 18.6 million sacks, or an average of 843,000 sacks per working day.

The Canadian Wheat Board announced that delivery quotas on wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed would be left "open" after July 31, until further notice.











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