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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies - The latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about April 1, 1951 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 969 million bushels. At the same time in 1950, 873 million bushels were available. Supplies this year (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, last year's figures in brackets: United States 514 (490); Canada 283 (191); Australia 107 (126), and Argentina 65 (66). In both Canada and Australia unusually large proportions of the current supplies consist of low-grade wheat.

Notes on New Crops - Current reports indicate that prospects for the new wheat crop in several important producing areas of the Northern Hemisphere are not too favourable. It must be emphasized, however, that 'forecasts' this early in the season are based largely on the area and condition of winter wheat, as spring wheat seeding is just getting under way in most northern countries. Winter wheat varieties normally account for some 95 per cent of the total wheat crop in continental Europe and in China, and for about 75 per cent of the United States total. In the Soviet Union the proportion of winter wheat runs from 30 to 35 per cent while in Canada less than 5 per cent of the wheat acreage is of winter varieties.

Trade reports indicate that field work is backward in many sections of central and western Europe with acreages expected to fall below the 1950 level. Winter grain crop conditions are spotty and for the continent as a whole are less favourable than last year. Prospects in North Africa are also reported to be inferior to last year.

In the United States the winter wheat crop, based on an appraisal of April 1 prospects, is estimated at 727 million bushels as against last year's crop of 751 million and the ten-year average of 792 million bushels. Reports during April indicate that further deterioration has occurred due to drought and insects in several important producing areas. The season is not far enough advanced in Canada to permit of a **reasoned** appraisal of the situation. A telegraphic crop report covering seeding conditions and general outlook will be issued on May 8.

Field work in the Argentine and Australia is just getting under way and no definite indications of probable acreage are yet available. Moisture conditions are considered satisfactory in Argentina but rain would be welcome in Australia.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases - According to the International Wheat Council, purchases of wheat recorded under the I.W.A. from August 1, 1950 to April 13, 1951 amounted to 523.6 million bushels or about 93 per cent of the total guaranteed quantities. Leading purchasers under the Agreement, with quantities in millions of bushels, were: The United Kingdom 174.3; Germany 59.4; India 54.6; Italy 28.9; the Netherlands 22.7; Belgium 20.3; Greece 15.2; Egypt 13.6; Mexico 12.9, and Austria, 11.0. Sales recorded to April 13 by the four exporting countries were (in millions of bushels) the United States 248.3 (quota fulfilled); Canada 185.2; Australia 86.4 and France 3.8.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases, August 1, 1950 to April 13, 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	10,417	10,997
Belgium 1/ .....	20,209	-	9,693	-	10,569	20,262
Bolivia 1/ .....	2,756	-	730	-	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	-	761	-	388	1,149
Cuba 1/ .....	7,422	-	4,722	-	2,706	7,428
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	-	-	3,033	13,576
El Salvador 1/ .....	404	-	80	-	373	453
Germany .....	66,139	1,400	2	441	57,545	59,388
Greece .....	15,726	-	-	-	15,206	15,206
Guatemala .....	919	-	344	-	567	911
Haiti 1/ .....	1,029	-	837	-	225	1,062
Honduras Republic ...	367	-	35	-	189	224
Iceland .....	404	-	21	-	-	21
India .....	55,116	15,589	11,200	-	27,773	54,561
Indonesia 1/ .....	3,674	2,379	63	-	1,292	3,734
Ireland .....	10,105	1,867	4,780	-	1,673	8,320
Israel .....	5,879	320	1,648	184	3,670	5,822
Italy .....	40,418	-	14,752	-	14,121	28,873
Lebanon 1/ .....	2,388	-	261	551	1,566	2,379
Liberia .....	37	-	21	-	10	31
Mexico 1/.....	12,860	-	-	-	12,862	12,862
Netherlands .....	24,802	1,904	538	-	20,250	22,692
New Zealand .....	4,593	4,542	-	-	-	4,542
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	114	-	4,302	5,318
Philippines .....	7,202	-	3,668	-	3,529	7,197
Portugal .....	5,626	172	241	-	4,744	5,157
Saudi Arabia .....	1,837	154	45	-	754	953
Spain .....	4,373	-	287	367	3,024	3,679
Sweden .....	2,756	1,232	-	-	896	2,128
Switzerland 1/ .....	6,430	-	2,050	-	4,429	6,479
Union of S. Africa ..	11,023	-	8,213	-	-	8,213
United Kingdom .....	177,068	37,676	112,486	-	24,159	174,321
Venezuela .....	6,246	-	3,601	-	1,932	5,533
Totals .....	562,545	86,414	185,151	3,793	248,264	523,622
Guaranteed Sales .....		88,700	221,592	4,089	248,163	562,545
Balance .....		2,286	36,441	296	- 101	38,923

1/ Guaranteed quantity

Supply Position -

Availability of Canadian wheat for export and carryover during the current crop year remains at an estimated 418.9 million bushels as against 337.3 million in 1949-50. Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for the first eight months of 1950-51 amounted to 135.6 million, a decrease of 10.2 million from the August-March total of 1949-50. All of this decrease was accounted for by reduced exports of wheat as grain, since exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat increased from 29.7 million to 34.2 million bushels. The balance remaining on April 1, 1951 for export and carryover was estimated at 283.3 million bushels, compared with 191.5 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-February 28 .....	<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-March 31	91.0	108.7
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August 1-March 31 ...	10.4	7.4
Total exports of wheat .....	101.4	116.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Aug. 1-Mar. 31.	34.2 <sup>2/</sup>	29.7 <sup>2/</sup>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	135.6	145.8
Balance on April 1 for export and carryover .....	283.3	191.5

1/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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

While the above table sets out the statistical position of Canadian wheat supplies certain factors with respect to marketings, position of supplies, quality, and transportation have more than usual significance this year. Marketings were delayed initially by the late harvest and later by the tight transportation situation which retarded movement of grain to forward positions. Severe weather conditions over most of the Prairie Provinces in March further delayed rail movement and deliveries from farms. Despite the much larger western wheat crop (427 million bushels in 1950 as against 341 million in 1949) marketings up to April 12 of the current crop year, at 269.4 million bushels, were only 5.9 million greater than for the comparable period of 1949-50. In this connection it may be noted that at March 31, 1951, an estimated 152 million bushels remained on farms in the Prairie Provinces as against 106 million at March 31, 1950.

The visible supply position as of April 12, points up the problem created by the transportation situation. This year's April 12 commercial supplies totalled 181.2 million bushels as against 131.8 million a year ago and 124.8 million in 1949. By far the largest part of this year's visible supplies, some 111.3 million bushels, was still in country elevators and another 9.5 million were in store in interior terminal elevators. Supplies in country elevators on approximately the same date in 1950 and 1949 were 46.8 million and 41.4 million bushels, respectively, while stocks in interior terminals were only 64,000 and 138,000 bushels.

The relatively heavy concentration of wheat in interior positions this year has resulted in correspondingly low supplies in seaboard positions. However, there are indications that, with an increasing supply of box cars, stocks in country elevators will move to the Lakehead in greater volume. As has been indicated previously, certain priorities have been given to the movement of damp grain to terminals for drying. The opening of navigation at Fort William-Port Arthur in the second week of April, almost three weeks earlier than last year, will also contribute to an improvement in the position of exportable supplies.

Exports of wheat as grain during March 1951, amounted to 11.1 million bushels, bringing the total for the eight-month period ending March 31 to 101.4 million. Of this amount 40.7 million, or about 40 per cent of the total, went to the United Kingdom. The balance went to some 30 countries and colonies, with the larger shipments, in millions of bushels, going to Belgium (10.8), the United States (10.4, of which 5.2 was for milling in bond), India (10.4), Switzerland (4.9), and the Union of South Africa (4.2).

#### Payments Under The Prairie Farm Assistance Act -

Based on awards made to March 31, 1951, some \$8 million has been disbursed under provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act to farmers living in areas of the Prairie Provinces where wheat yields were unduly low in 1950. It has been estimated that total payments on the 1950 crop may amount to some \$10 million. For the first time since the Act became operative, awards were made to farmers in British Columbia. Payments in this province were limited to the Peace River block where frosts and unseasonable harvesting weather adversely affected crops. On a provincial basis, approximately 61 per cent of the payments to date on the 1950 crop has gone to Saskatchewan, 35 per cent to Alberta, 2 per cent to Manitoba, and 2 per cent to British Columbia. The provincial distribution of the \$22 million paid on the 1949 crop was approximately 70 per cent to Saskatchewan, 29 per cent to Alberta, and 1 per cent to Manitoba.

Up to March 31 the number of awards made on the 1950 crop in all four provinces totalled 41,425 as against 85,138 on the 1949 crop, with the number of townships involved being 1,811 and 3,086 respectively. However, the 1950 totals are subject to revision as additional awards are made. (For details of payments on the 1949 and 1950 crops see table on page 29).

Canadian Wheat Stocks at March 31, 1951 - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at March 31, 1951 were estimated at 353 million bushels, some 103 million bushels more than last year's total. Only 370 thousand bushels of this year's March 31 stocks of Canadian wheat were held in the United States. The estimated amount held on Canadian farms at March 31 this year was 161 million bushels as against 112 million a year ago. Of the 191 million bushels in Canadian commercial positions 133 million, or 70 per cent, were held in country elevators, interior private and mill elevators, and interior terminal elevators. Stocks at Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver-New Westminster were 36 million and 3.5 million bushels respectively. The remaining 19 million bushels were either in transit or held in mill bins, in eastern elevators and at Churchill.

The estimated quantity of wheat remaining on farms in the Prairie Provinces at March 31 amounted to 152 million bushels, with the provincial distribution as follows: Manitoba, 17 million; Saskatchewan, 100 million; and Alberta, 35 million bushels. From these stocks will be taken seed for the 1951 crop and such amounts as may be required for live stock and poultry feed during the remaining one-third of the crop year, leaving the balance to be divided between deliveries until July 31 and carryover stocks at that date.

Stocks of Canadian Wheat at March 31, 1951 <sup>1/</sup>

Position	Quantity
	bushels
<u>In Canada</u>	
On Farms .....	161,450,000
Country Elevators .....	119,367,579
Interior Private and Mill Elevators .....	3,909,510
Interior Terminal Elevators .....	9,475,571
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators .....	3,506,329
Churchill Elevator .....	460,556
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators .....	35,732,319
In Transit - Rail .....	5,160,020
Eastern Elevators .....	10,768,335 <sup>2/</sup>
Eastern Mills .....	2,275,000
Western Mills .....	347,000
Total in Canada .....	352,452,219
Total Canadian Wheat in United States .....	370,204
Total Canadian Wheat in Canada and United States, March 31, 1951	352,822,423
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1950 <sup>3/</sup></u>	
In Canada .....	250,089,451
In United States .....	81,298
Total in Canada and United States .....	250,170,749

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks other than on farms and in mills compiled by the Board of Grain Commissioners as at March 29.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes 76,075 bushels in storage afloat.

<sup>3/</sup> Revised.

# Grain and Summerfallow Acreages in the Prairie Provinces, 1949 and 1950 -

As the seeding season gets under way in Western Canada the usual interest is being displayed relative to the acreages which will be sown this spring. The first official indication of the 1951 acreages will not be available until May 17, when the Dominion Bureau of Statistics will publish its report on "Intentions to Plant Field Crops". Meanwhile, for purposes of comparison, the acreages seeded to the three principal grain crops and summerfallow acreages in the Prairie Provinces in the past two years are set out in the accompanying tables. Revisions to date have been included.

## Seeded Acreages of Wheat, Oats and Barley and Summerfallow Acreages, Prairie Provinces, 1949 and 1950

Province	Wheat		Oats		Barley		Summerfallow	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
- thousand acres -								
Manitoba ...	2,887	2,382	1,703	1,610	1,699	1,717	2,156	2,560
Saskatchewan	15,737	16,203	3,381	3,381	1,800	1,954	12,686	12,488
Alberta ....	7,900	7,251	2,255	2,455	2,118	2,534	6,116	5,950
Totals ...	26,524	25,836	7,339	7,446	5,617	6,205	20,958	20,998

## Seeded Acreages of Wheat, Oats and Barley and Summerfallow Acreages, by Crop Districts, Manitoba, 1949 and 1950

Crop District	Wheat		Oats		Barley		Summerfallow	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
- thousand acres -								
1	251	255	101	85	38	35	155	190
2	401	372	173	178	195	185	310	310
3	768	520	450	395	502	500	419	650
4	36	15	23	15	26	25	21	25
5	133	90	90	75	112	115	69	75
6	43	18	41	35	21	20	20	25
7	342	322	190	190	150	155	325	355
8	223	196	140	128	119	115	200	215
9	164	130	117	129	110	125	130	155
10	219	220	151	159	180	190	227	255
11	137	100	100	99	95	95	130	135
12	47	37	42	40	50	45	33	45
13	82	75	45	43	75	80	67	70
14	41	32	40	39	26	32	50	55
Totals	2,887	2,382	1,703	1,610	1,699	1,717	2,156	2,560

Seeded Acreages of Wheat, Oats and Barley and Summerfallow Acreages,  
by Crop Districts, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 1949 and 1950

Province and Crop District	Wheat		Oats		Barley		Summerfallow	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
- thousand acres -								
Saskatchewan								
1A	588	541	200	212	75	79	483	493
1B	356	349	240	230	74	70	339	336
2A	582	547	126	118	70	55	523	607
2B	1,269	1,244	120	126	38	28	782	813
3AS	1,036	1,077	116	105	97	89	791	799
3AN	564	598	75	67	127	116	490	470
3BS	693	735	57	56	86	75	762	739
3BN	1,035	1,097	66	71	83	91	931	857
4A	362	405	28	31	45	35	402	370
4B	722	801	10	10	19	16	424	416
5A	860	869	288	305	136	148	752	760
5B	774	774	345	355	224	287	833	841
6A	1,311	1,390	248	253	94	112	1,070	1,038
6B	1,124	1,191	208	212	74	80	821	755
7A	1,371	1,330	76	77	39	64	689	717
7B	659	659	323	320	47	54	578	566
8A	452	452	168	154	174	198	441	437
8B	677	711	196	192	114	147	603	567
9A	739	791	283	289	123	139	638	600
9B	563	642	208	198	61	71	334	307
Totals	15,737	16,203	3,381	3,381	1,800	1,954	12,686	12,488
Alberta								
1	876	833	23	22	53	95	765	796
2	575	464	45	55	52	72	425	467
3A	156	148	3	3	3	3	132	140
3B	205	167	25	31	20	25	60	62
4	827	738	75	84	65	92	667	700
5	643	592	89	105	30	44	457	480
6	980	988	186	221	225	274	907	825
7	769	723	221	234	76	94	545	507
8	683	656	309	352	338	412	625	519
9	118	105	66	78	196	192	163	165
10	746	644	376	395	239	378	508	447
11	200	194	231	259	289	309	274	247
12	28	20	32	43	23	24	40	39
13	159	144	89	90	102	115	106	99
14	303	282	159	172	293	293	171	178
15	110	93	82	75	38	41	39	53
16	487	431	235	228	74	69	213	204
17	35	29	9	8	2	2	19	22
Totals	7,900	7,251	2,255	2,455	2,118	2,534	6,116	5,950

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

Week ending	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year <sup>1/</sup>
- 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
Totals	33,245,149	157,930,458	78,200,125	269,375,732	263,464,395

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, April 12, 1951 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1950 and 1949

Position	1951	1950	1949
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	10,487	2,596	3,182
Saskatchewan .....	63,774	19,892	16,012
Alberta .....	37,014	24,289	22,231
Totals .....	111,275	46,777	41,425
Interior private and mill elevators .....	4,251	3,776	4,468
Interior terminals .....	9,544	64	138
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	3,036	7,877	7,601
Churchill .....	461	126	100
Fort William and Port Arthur .....	33,790	50,304	36,211
Storage afloat .....	-	347	-
In transit rail (western division) .....	6,212	8,964	13,697
Eastern elevators lake ports .....	4,947	5,849	6,309
St. Lawrence and seaboard ports .....	3,849	6,813	4,892
Storage afloat .....	65	227	-
In transit lake .....	3,278	-	8,337
In transit rail (eastern division) .....	295	636	1,392
United States ports .....	51	-	253
In transit U.S.A. ....	123	5	-
Totals .....	181,177	131,765	124,823

Grading of Wheat Inspected - Inspections of wheat during the August-March period of the current crop year amounted to 104,639 cars, compared with 128,345 cars for the first eight months of 1949-50. This year's March inspections, at 6,525 cars, were down rather sharply from the March 1950 total of 11,517 cars and had practically no effect on the proportional distribution of grades established earlier in the crop year. Approximately 49 per cent of the 1950-51 inspections to date graded No. 4 Northern or better (excluding "Toughs" in these grades) as against 87 per cent for the comparable period of 1949-50, while 20 per cent of all varieties and grades was classified as "Tough".

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

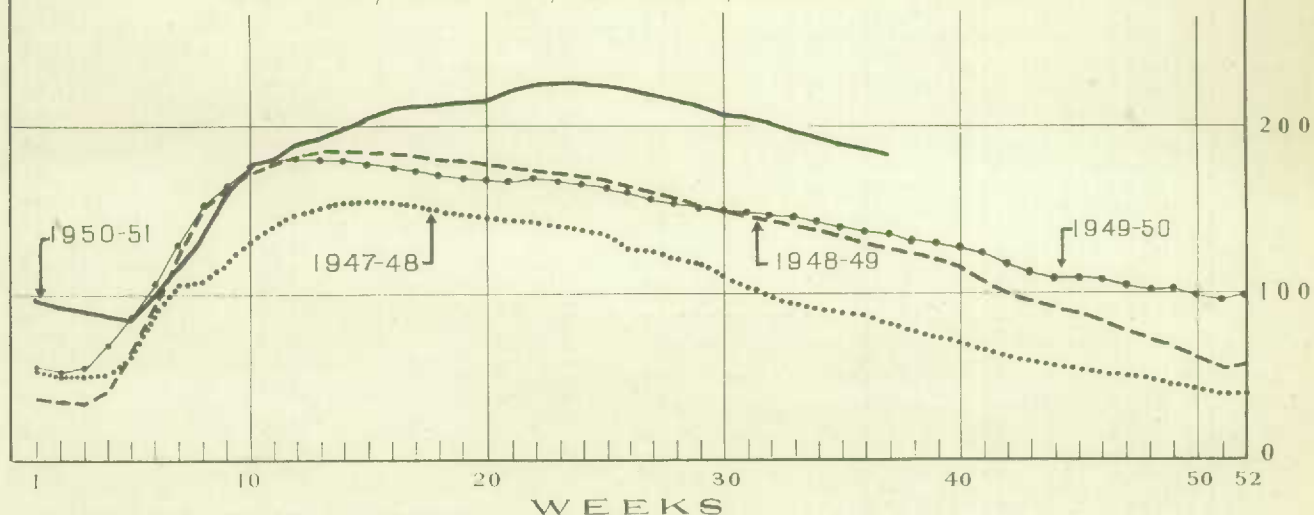
Grade	Inspections			
	1950-51		1949-50	
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Northern .....	4,794	4.6	20,418	15.9
2 Northern .....	18,015	17.2	72,600	56.6
3 Northern .....	16,704	16.0	14,751	11.5
4 Northern .....	12,051	11.5	3,504	2.7
5 Wheat .....	10,481	10.0	3,088	2.4
6 Wheat .....	6,985	6.7	650	0.5
Feed Wheat .....	1,758	1.7	51	1/
Garnet .....	1,191	1.1	2,269	1.8
Amber Durum .....	4,864	4.6	4,918	3.8
Alberta Winter .....	416	0.4	815	0.6
Toughs - All Varieties and Grades ...	20,921	20.0	3,716	2.9
All Others .....	6,459	6.2	1,565	1.2
Totals .....	104,639	100.0	128,345	100.0

1/ Less than 0.1 per cent.

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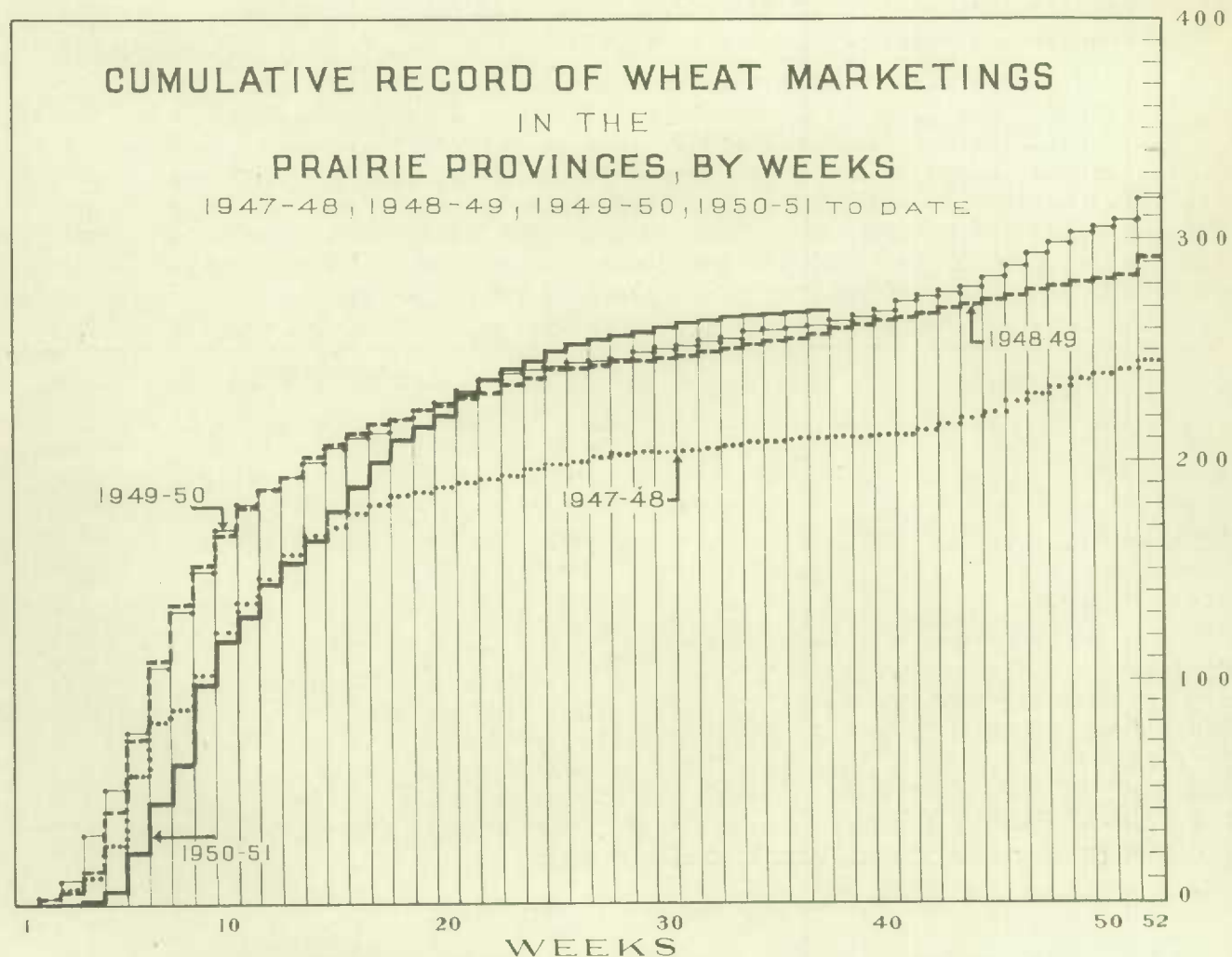
# WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

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 April 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 .....	7,985,718	6,738,682	7,835,808
Oswego .....	-	-	737,500
Erie .....	-	-	1,575,567
Duluth-Superior .....	978,121	-	-
Chicago .....	269,510	192,766	-
Detroit .....	287,165	-	-
Milwaukee .....	140,673	-	-
Toledo .....	-	-	325,053
Totals, Vessel Shipments .....	9,661,187	6,931,448	10,473,928
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	362,087	76,740	-
Other U.S.A. Points .....	2,378,785	715,180	86,000
Totals, Rail Shipments .....	2,740,872	791,920	86,000
Grand Totals .....	12,402,059	7,723,368	10,559,928

Wheat shipments to the United States, either for re-export or domestic use, from August 1 to April 12 of the current crop year totalled 12.4 million bushels, compared with 7.7 million and 10.6 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods of the two preceding crop years. Approximately 864,000 bushels had been shipped by vessel to Buffalo from the opening of the current navigation season up to April 12.

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

Ports	August 1, 1950 to April 12, 1951	August 1, 1949 to April 13, 1950
	- bushels -	
Collingwood .....	1,125,020	588,474
Midland .....	2,084,048	6,667,044
Owen Sound .....	413,973	1,147,892
Port McNicoll .....	2,085,591	6,526,707
Goderich .....	248,053	208,343
Sarnia .....	166,732	1,133,829
Walkerville .....	8,000	13,329
Humberstone .....	235,670	232,900
Totals .....	6,367,087	16,518,518

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime ports from ports on the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay up to April 12 of the current crop year amounted to 6.4 million bushels, a decrease of approximately 61 per cent from the 16.5 million shipped during the comparable period of 1949-50. About two-thirds of this year's shipments to date originated at the Georgian Bay ports of Midland and Port McNicoll.

# Increase Indicated in Use of Wheat for Feed in 1950-51 -

The estimated quantities of wheat for use as feed in the provinces where it was produced during the crop year 1950-51 are up by approximately one-third from the 1949-50 level, with all provinces except Manitoba and British Columbia indicating increased feeding of home-grown wheat. Estimated quantities fed or to be fed in the Prairie Provinces are up from 17.1 million to 22.6 million bushels. For all Canada (excluding Newfoundland) the estimate of wheat fed or to be fed in the province where grown amounts to 41 million bushels as against 31 million in 1949-50. These quantities do not include wheat moved interprovincially under the Federal Freight Assistance Plan, details of which may be found on page 14 of this issue.

## Estimate of Wheat Fed <sup>1/</sup> to Live Stock and Poultry 1949-50 and 1950-51

Province	Production 1949 000 bu.	Fed Crop Year 1949-50 <sup>2/</sup>		Production 1950 000 bu.	Fed and to be Fed Crop Year 1950-51 <sup>2/</sup>	
		p.c. of 1949 Crop	Quantity		p.c. of 1950 Crop	Quantity
		p.c.	000 bu.		p.c.	000 bu.
Prince Ed. Is. . .	150	71	106	187	72	135
Nova Scotia ....	44	78	34	45	85	38
New Brunswick ..	79	80	63	90	76	68
Quebec .....	468	75	351	691	85	587
Ontario .....	25,776	49	12,630	31,233	55	17,178
Manitoba .....	52,000	8	3,900	50,000	7	3,400
Saskatchewan ...	186,000	4	7,700	260,000	4	11,400
Alberta .....	103,000	5	5,500	117,000	7	7,800
British Columbia	3,889	20	780	2,418	20	484
Canada ....	371,406	8	31,064	461,664	9	41,090

<sup>1/</sup> These figures do not include wheat shipped from one province to another and used for feed, as for example, wheat moved under the Federal Freight Assistance Plan.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.

<sup>3/</sup> Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

## 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	
May .....	154,551	884,171	124,533	
June .....	81,133	330,348	96,626	
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,

March 1951

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	U.S.A.
- bushels -						
2 Northern .....	-	-	374,000	2,000	12,500	-
3 Northern .....	-	-	848,000	2,000	45,500	-
4 Northern .....	-	-	51,500	156,500	149,500	-
Number 5 .....	-	590,000	46,000	188,834	4,667	3,000
Number 6 .....	-	-	-	-	9,595	-
Feed .....	-	-	186,000	35,834	46,000	-
Smutty 1 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	-	8,399
Smutty 2 Northern .....	-	-	4,875	-	-	39,820
Smutty 3 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	-	17,000
Tough 3 Northern .....	-	185,000	-	-	102,000	-
Tough No. 5 .....	6,000	1,500	14,833	63,292	25,667	-
Tough No. 6 .....	-	-	-	14,833	18,667	-
Tough Feed .....	-	-	-	9,500	18,067	-
Tough Rejected 2 Northern Mixed Heated ...	-	-	1,500	-	-	-
Rejected 3 Northern .....	-	-	2,000	-	-	-
Rejected 2 Northern Mixed Heated .....	-	-	4,000	-	-	-
Rejected 3 Northern Mixed Heated .....	-	-	3,500	-	-	-
Rejected 4 Northern Mixed Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,500	-
Rejected 2 Northern Mixed Gravel .....	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
Rejected 3 Northern Mixed Gravel .....	-	-	-	1,358	-	-
2 C.W. Garnet .....	-	-	1,468	-	-	-
3 C.W. Garnet .....	-	-	4,416	-	-	-
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	1,532	-	-	-
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	-	19,000	-
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	-	55,667	-
4 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	38,000	-	-	-
6 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	2,833	-	-
6 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed .....	-	-	-	1,333	-	-
Tough 5 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	1,036	1,333	-
Tough 6 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	1,500	3,000	-
Tough 6 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed .....	-	-	-	1,333	-	-
Rejected 4 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	-	1,333	-
Rejected 5 C.W. Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	-	1,529	-
Rejected 2 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .	-	-	2,000	-	-	-
Rejected 3 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .	-	-	3,500	-	-	-
Rejected 4 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .	-	-	4,000	-	12,333	-
Rejected 5 C.W. Amber Durum Mixed Heated .	-	-	-	-	6,500	-
Tough Rejected 4 C.W. Amber Durum Mxd. Htd.	1,500	-	-	-	1,406	-
Sample C.W. Amber Durum Heated .....	-	-	-	-	1,380	-
3 C.W. Soft White Spring .....	-	-	-	-	3,488	-
2 Alberta Winter .....	-	-	-	-	8,000	-
Totals .....	7,500	776,500	1,591,124	484,186	548,632	68,219
Grand Total .....	3,476,161					

# Freight Assistance Shipments -

Preliminary data indicate that movement of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance plan during the first seven months of 1950-51 was up by about 40 per cent over the total for the comparable period of 1949-50. Claims filed up to March 31, 1951 represent shipments of 7.7 million bushels during the August-February period of 1950-51 as against 5.5 million for the same period last year. On the basis of these preliminary returns, British Columbia is the only province receiving less freight-assisted wheat than in 1949-50. It should be noted, however, that the filing of additional claims for the period of the current crop year under review will increase the totals over those shown in the accompanying table.

## 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	243	1,414
September .....	4	24	78	48	575	380	200	1,309
October .....	5	6	43	26	378	292	208	958
November .....	5	12	60	37	471	438	187	1,209
December .....	2	14	61	36	467	361	185	1,126
January 1951 ..	3	11	58	35	443	359	119	1,028
February .....	-	7	30	21	265	289	15	627
Totals ....	23	106	390	240	3,162	2,595	1,156	7,672
Same period 1949-50 ...	11	78	165	130	2,021	1,624	1,446	5,475

Claims filed for payment up to March 31, 1951 represent shipments of 313,803 tons of millfeeds under the freight assistance plan during the August-February period of 1950-51, compared with 354,936 tons for the comparable period of 1949-50. On the basis of preliminary returns, all provinces except Newfoundland received less freight-assisted millfeed shipments than during the first seven months of the previous crop year.

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

Province	August 1, 1950 to February 28, 1951	August 1, 1949 to February 28, 1950
- tons -		
Newfoundland .....	1,834	1,625
Prince Edward Island .....	5,300	6,995
Nova Scotia .....	25,551	27,638
New Brunswick .....	20,747	23,093
Quebec .....	147,028	155,187
Ontario .....	91,787	111,062
British Columbia .....	21,556	29,336
Totals .....	313,803	354,936

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 <sup>4/</sup></u>					
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	5,909	17,735	16,315
February .....	9,259	929	4,315	14,503	14,180
March .....	9,969	1,097	5,180	16,246	17,663
Totals .....	91,028	10,380	34,215	135,623	138,941

<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 to December 1950 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 External Trade Division, D.B.S.

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

## Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

August, 1950—March, 1951

Destination	March		August—March	
	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 .....	2,892,317	3,684,708	16,171,061	40,737,865
<u>Africa</u>				
British East Africa .....	-	-	2,295	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	500,266	-	4,244,352
<u>British West Africa</u>				
Gambia .....	-	-	1,390	-
Gold Coast .....	16,146	-	138,650	-
Nigeria .....	4,009	-	20,803	-
Sierra Leone .....	6,021	-	32,090	-
<u>Asia</u>				
British Malaya .....	104,571	-	330,719	-
Ceylon .....	180,018	-	180,018	-
Hong Kong .....	7,461	-	931,810	-
India .....	-	2,191,501	-	10,365,684
<u>Europe</u>				
Gibraltar .....	17,995	-	169,983	-
Malta .....	-	16,800	-	1,068,433
<u>North America</u>				
Bahamas .....	14,589	-	168,862	-
Barbados .....	8,069	-	325,759	933
Bermuda .....	10,845	-	77,948	-
British Honduras .....	-	-	30,231	34,136
Jamaica .....	73,080	-	872,883	-
Leeward-Windward Is. ....	70,758	-	578,903	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	147,735	-	1,483,655	-
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	55,989	-	546,673	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .....	3,609,603	6,393,275	22,063,733	56,451,403

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

Destination	March		August—March	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat 2/	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat 2/
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u> - bushels -				
<u>Africa</u>				
Azores and Madeira .....	7,947	-	25,695	-
Belgian Congo .....	24,048	-	134,511	3,674
Canary Islands .....	346	-	62,787	-
French Africa .....	783	-	23,062	-
Liberia .....	572	-	7,615	-
Morocco .....	42,467	-	371,844	-
Portuguese Africa .....	6,273	-	92,592	-
Tripoli .....	-	-	-	97,066
<u>Asia</u>				
Arabia .....	513	-	24,871	45,119
China .....	-	-	46,413	-
Indonesia .....	57,384	-	128,110	-
Israel .....	97,542	-	202,703	1,280,874
Japan .....	5,324	1,300,053	440,159	3,652,376
Jordan .....	12,852	-	25,704	-
Philippine Islands .....	324,068	-	3,094,524	-
Siam .....	29,264	-	159,282	-
Syria .....	96,601	-	598,176	-
<u>Europe</u>				
Belgium .....	-	614,600	738	10,762,441
France .....	787	-	994	-
Germany .....	104,918	-	180,432	-
Greece .....	-	-	5,139	-
Iceland .....	6,160	-	129,478	-
Ireland .....	-	933,954	-	3,630,263
Italy .....	18,540	156,991	77,652	2,880,595
Netherlands .....	-	-	1,130	29,307
Norway .....	-	184,240	74,300	1,553,983
Portugal .....	2,295	-	3,212	-
Spain .....	-	-	-	976,064
Switzerland .....	-	252,267	-	4,867,255
Yugoslavia .....	4,819	-	46,066	-
<u>North America</u>				
Alaska .....	-	-	2,299	-
Costa Rica .....	36,261	-	301,207	93,334
Cuba .....	190,607	-	1,567,989	5,000
Dominican Republic .....	16,002	-	171,378	7,200
El Salvador .....	14,279	-	140,936	20,000
French West Indies .....	859	-	4,482	-
Guatemala .....	22,914	-	293,710	-
Haiti .....	7,304	-	250,853	-

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

Destination	March		August—March	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat 2/	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat 2/
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>		- bushels -		
<u>North America</u>				
Honduras .....	756	-	13,522	15,380
Netherlands Antilles .....	14,040	-	135,815	-
Nicaragua .....	15,912	-	77,999	-
Panama .....	26,176	-	180,527	-
St. Pierre-Miquelon .....	1,836	-	14,053	-
<u>United States</u>				
Flour in terms of wheat ....	136,597	-	500,657	-
For grinding in bond 4/ ....	-	-	-	5,190,306
For domestic consumption 4/.	-	1,097,158	-	5,189,639
Virgin Islands .....	1,287	-	14,953	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
Guam .....	-	-	918	-
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia .....	-	-	1,148	716,167
Brazil .....	-	-	-	377,066
Chile .....	-	-	-	2,136,664
Colombia .....	20,025	133,187	424,008	1,204,183
Ecuador .....	66,568	-	236,574	141,818
Peru .....	117	-	48,379	75,627
Surinam .....	18,648	-	117,851	-
Venezuela .....	137,160	-	1,694,737	4,770
Totals,				
Foreign Countries .....	1,570,851	4,672,450	12,151,184	44,956,171
Grand Totals, Exported .....	5,180,454	11,065,725	34,214,917	101,407,574

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 to December 1950 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.

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

Grade	Week ending			
	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Apr. 14

- cents and eighths per bushel -

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD CASH PRICES

WHEAT

Initial Payment to Producers 1950-51 Pool

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

Domestic and Export

(International Wheat Agreement)

1 Hard .....	188/4	189	189/3	190/3
1 Northern .....	188/4	189	189/3	190/3
2 Northern .....	185/4	186	186/7	188/3
3 Northern .....	183/4	184	184/7	186/3
4 Northern .....	179/4	180	180/7	182/3
5 Wheat .....	175/4	176	176/7	180/3
6 Wheat .....	172/4	173	173/7	176/3
Feed Wheat .....	163/4	165	166/7	169/3
1 C.W. Garnet .....	181/4	182	182/7	185/3
2 C.W. Garnet .....	180/4	181	181/7	184/3
3 C.W. Garnet .....	175/4	176	176/7	179/6
1 Alta. Red Winter .....	188/4	189	189/3	190/3
2 Alberta Winter .....	185/4	186	186/7	188/3
3 Alberta Winter .....	180/4	181	181/7	183/3
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	188/4	189	189/3	190/3
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	186/4	187	187/3	188/3
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	184/4	185	185/3	186/3

Export - Class II

1 Hard .....	220	223/2	224/3	226/3
1 Northern .....	220	223/2	224/3	226/3
2 Northern .....	217	220/2	221/7	224/3
3 Northern .....	215	218/2	219/7	222/3
4 Northern .....	211	214/2	215/7	218/3
5 Wheat .....	175/4	176	176/7	180/3
6 Wheat .....	172/4	173	173/7	176/3
Feed Wheat .....	163/4	165	166/7	169/3
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	220	223/2	224/3	226/3
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	218	221/2	222/3	224/3
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	216	219/2	220/3	222/3

## CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production - Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for March 1951 amounted to 2.2 million barrels, the highest monthly output of the current crop year. Mills reporting operations during March had a rated capacity of 96,784 barrels per 24-hour day and, on the basis of a 24-day working period, 87.1 per cent of this was effective. Production for the August-March period of 1950-51 totalled 15.9 million barrels, an increase of about 13 per cent over the 14.0 million produced in the first eight months of 1949-50.

Exports - Customs returns indicate that exports of Canadian wheat flour during March 1951 amounted to 1,151,212 barrels, compared with the revised total of 824,930 barrels in the same month last year. About 56 per cent of this year's March exports, 642,737 barrels, went to the United Kingdom, with the balance going to more than fifty countries and colonies. Some of the larger shipments, in barrels, went to the Philippine Islands (72,015), Cuba (42,357), Ceylon (40,004), Trinidad and Tobago (32,830), Venezuela (30,480) and the United States (30,355).

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	1,313,025
February .....	1,984,659	958,882
March .....	2,192,753	1,151,212
Totals .....	15,911,379	7,603,315
Same Period 1949-50 .....	14,030,000	6,591,013

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

Based on a recent downward revision in the estimated domestic requirements for 1950-51 to 730 million bushels, the amount of United States wheat available for export and carryover is now placed at 725 million bushels out of a total supply of some 1,455 million. This latter figure includes imports of wheat up to March 31 only, and indications are that additional quantities of Canadian feed wheat will be imported before June 30, the end of the United States crop year. Exports of wheat and wheat products in terms of wheat for the July-March period of the current crop year totalled 211.3 million bushels, a decrease of 23.1 million from the comparable nine-month period of 1949-50. All but 0.6 million of this decrease was accounted for by smaller exports of wheat as grain. The balance remaining on April 1, 1951 for export and carryover at the end of the crop year was estimated at 514.1 million bushels as against 490.0 million a year ago.

It should be noted, however, that a substantial portion of the balance remaining on April 1 this year has been committed for export. The United States quota of 248.2 million bushels of guaranteed sales under the International Wheat Agreement had been filled by March 29 and current estimates of total exports for 1950-51 (including I.W.A. sales) are 310 million bushels. Efforts are being made to step up the export movement and the United States Department of Agriculture has announced plans for a record-breaking bulk grain export programme of 1.94 million long tons for May. Of this amount 1.25 million long tons (46.7 million bushels) have been allocated to wheat. Should exports and domestic requirements reach the levels currently anticipated, the carryover at June 30, 1951 will be approximately the same as the 423 million at the end of 1949-50.

### 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-March 31 ....	5.3	0.4
Total estimated supplies .....	1,455.4	1,449.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>1/</u> ..	730.0 <sup>2/</sup>	725.0
Available for export and carryover .....	725.4 <sup>2/</sup>	724.4
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July 1-March 31 .....	181.4	203.9
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July 1-March 31 .....	29.9	30.5
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni ..	211.3	234.4
Balance on April 1 for export and carryover .....	514.1	490.0

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.

1951 Winter Wheat Crop Estimated at 727 Million Bushels - In a report released on April 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimated the 1951 winter wheat crop at 727 million bushels. This estimate is based upon appraisal of April 1 crop prospects as reported by individual growers, moisture supplies, and other factors affecting prospective production. Indicated production is slightly smaller than last year's winter wheat crop of 751 million bushels and also below the 10-year average of 792 million bushels.

The substantial decline in production prospects since last December 1 amounts to about 173 million bushels--nearly a fifth lower than the earlier estimate. This decline, in a large part, is due to deterioration of prospects in the central and southern Great Plains where continued dryness, severe winter weather, aphids and other insect infestations have combined to bring about unusually high acreage abandonment and generally low prospective yields for acreage remaining for harvest. In the 5-State area of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico, these conditions have reduced the wheat land intended for grain harvest more than 7 million acres below the 27 1/2 million acres indicated for harvest last December. Thus, total acreage loss in these States since planting is currently estimated at 11 million acres. The total abandonment and diversion to uses other than grain for the Nation currently expected exceeds 13 million acres. The indicated abandonment or diversion to uses other than grain, at 23.4 per cent of the seeded acreage, is the highest since the 1936 crop. The estimated yield of 12.9 bushels per seeded acre for the current crop is more than a bushel lower than in 1949 and 1950 and is the lowest since 1939. Last year the yield per seeded acre was 14.2 bushels and the portion of the crop not harvested for grain was 17.2 per cent of the seeded acreage.

Wheat Stocks on Farms at April 1, 1951 - According to the April 10 crop report, stocks of wheat on United States farms at April 1, 1951 totalled 217,261,000 bushels compared with 199,175,000 bushels a year ago, and the 10-year average of 222,565,000 bushels. April 1 wheat stocks on farms were 21.2 per cent of the previous year's wheat crop compared with 17.5 per cent on April 1 last year and the 10-year average of 22.1 per cent.

During the January-March quarter of 1951, the disappearance of wheat from farms was 118,409,000 bushels compared with 127,767,000 bushels during the corresponding period last year and the 10-year average disappearance for the quarter of 145,408,000 bushels. Between July 1, 1950 and April 1, 1951, total disappearance of wheat from farms was 877 million bushels compared with 1,009 million bushels during the same period a year earlier.

In the North Central States farm stocks of wheat on April 1 amounted to 136,316,000 bushels. In the Western States farm stocks were 68,476,000 bushels. North Dakota, with farm stocks of 63,984,000 bushels, held almost one-half the stocks in the North Central States. The 34,764,000 bushels held on Montana farms were slightly more than one-half the farm holdings in the 11 Western States. The combined stocks in North Dakota and Montana were 45 per cent of the April 1 farm holdings in the United States. Kansas with 19 1/2 million bushels of wheat on farms, Nebraska with over 16 million bushels, and South Dakota with over 14 million bushels were next in order. These five States had 68 per cent of the April 1 farm stocks of the Nation.

### Price Support Programme for 1951 Crop Wheat -

As announced by

Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan, on August 21, 1950, a national average price support of 90 per cent of parity at the beginning of the 1951-52 crop year would be established for wheat harvested in 1951. Details of Mr. Brannan's announcement, made prior to the seeding of the winter wheat crop, may be found on page 26 of the August 1950 issue of this publication.

The Secretary also stated that the 1951 support price would not be less than the \$1.99 per bushel set as the support level for the 1950 crop. Details of the computation of this support price, published in the March-April issue of The Wheat Situation, may be of interest to Canadian readers. As will be the case for 1951 crop wheat, the current support price is 90 per cent of parity. Parity for the 1950 crop was determined by multiplying the base price of 88.4 cents per bushel (average of 60 months from August 1909 to July 1914) by the index of prices paid, interest and taxes (1910-14 = 100), which as of July 1, 1950 was 250 per cent. The support price at 90 per cent of the resulting \$2.21 parity equalled \$1.99 for the 1950 crop at the national farm level.

By March 15, 1951 the index of prices paid, interest and taxes had advanced to 271, resulting in a parity of \$2.40 per bushel ( $88.4 \times 271$ ). Should the parity at July 1 be the same as at March 15, then the support level for the 1951 crop would be 90 per cent of \$2.40, or about \$2.16 per bushel. Any change in the index will, of course, affect the 1951 support price but, in any event, the support price will not fall below the \$1.99 currently in effect.

### February Flour Production -

According to a report released by the Bureau of the Census on April 12, production of wheat flour by United States mills during February 1951 amounted to 18.8 million sacks or an average of 938,000 sacks per working day. This year's February output was about 6 per cent above the February 1950 production of 17.7 million sacks but was 16 per cent below the January total of 22.2 million sacks. The declines in production from the previous month was common to all states and varied from 12 per cent in Texas to 20 per cent in Illinois.

Flour mills reporting operations in February 1951 operated at 82.3 per cent of capacity, based on a five-day work week, compared with 88.4 per cent in January. Wheat grindings amounted to 43.6 million bushels in February compared with 51.5 million in January. Production of wheat offal was 372,000 tons compared with 442,000 tons in the previous month.

### Total Wheat Stocks at April 1 -

A reserve of 709 million bushels of wheat remained in all storage positions on April 1, 1951, according to reports assembled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Only twice have April 1 stocks been larger - the 810 million bushels in 1942 and 896 million in 1943. Disappearance from the stocks of nearly a billion bushels on January 1 is thus indicated at about 291 million bushels, slightly less than the 1946-50 average for the January-March quarter. Largest disappearance for the quarter was 350 million bushels in 1946.

Chicago and Minneapolis Cash Wheat - The Chicago wheat market continued relatively inactive throughout the March 28—April 24 period. Receipts during the three weeks ending April 19 amounted to only 189 cars and much of this was the property of the C.C.C. or was applied on futures contracts. As a result, only a limited amount was available on the cash market. However, demand from millers was small and a limited number of sales were made at 1 to 2 cents under the May futures for No. 2 Red Winter and at the May futures price for No. 2 Hard Winter. Some enquiries were received for hard winter wheat for export but little was available.

Receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were materially larger than in recent weeks, with over 13,000 cars arriving at these two markets during the three weeks ending April 19. Buyers became more selective as a result of larger offerings and prices moved downwards to \$2.39 1/2 on April 7. Later, prices firmed on steady demand, with No. 1 Dark Northern going as high as \$2.47 5/8 on April 24.

Daily Cash Wheat Prices on the Chicago and Minneapolis Markets

Date	Chicago		Minneapolis	
	Grade	Price	Grade	Price
		cents per bu.		cents per bu.
March 28, 1951	None		1 Dark Northern	241 3/8
29	None		1 Dark Northern	242 1/2
30	None		1 Dark Northern	243 5/8
31	None		1 Dark Northern	242 3/4
April 2	2 Mixed	247 3/4	1 Dark Northern	242 1/2
3	1 Hard	252	1 Dark Northern	241 7/8
4	2 Yellow Hard	250	1 Dark Northern	242
5	3 Red	246	1 Dark Northern	241 7/8
6	None		1 Dark Northern	239 5/8
7	1 Hard	246 1/4	1 Dark Northern	239 1/2
9	1 Yellow Hard	250 1/2	1 Dark Northern	243 5/8
10	Sple. Gr. Red	226	1 Dark Northern	242 3/4 - 243 3/4
11	1 Hard	246 1/4	1 Dark Northern	241 5/8
12	2 Yellow Hard	248 1/2	1 Dark Northern	243 5/8
13	1 Hard	249 1/2	1 Dark Northern	243 1/2 - 244 1/2
14	None		1 Dark Northern	243 3/4 - 244 3/4
16	2 Hard	250	1 Dark Northern	243 3/4 - 244 3/4
17	Sple. Gr. Nor. Spring	237	1 Dark Northern	244 3/8 - 245 3/8
18	1 Hard	251	1 Dark Northern	243 3/4 - 244 3/4
19	3 Red Tough	246	1 Dark Northern	244 - 246
20	3 Red	247 1/2	1 Dark Northern	243 - 245
21	None		1 Dark Northern	241 7/8 - 244 7/8
23	2 Mixed	249 1/2	1 Dark Northern	242 1/4 - 244 1/4
24	1 Yellow Hard	252	1 Dark Northern	244 5/8 - 247 5/8

Chicago Wheat Futures - The Chicago wheat futures market was sensitive to various conflicting influences in the March 31-April 27 period, causing a somewhat cautious attitude toward trading. Some uncertainty was imparted to the market by developments in Korea, particularly the change in United Nations leadership, and by what would normally be considered a bullish crop report on the condition of winter wheat. However, the release of this report on April 10, showing considerable acreage abandonment and an estimated yield of only 12.9 bushels per seeded acre, actually had a depressing effect on the market. This reaction may have been due partially to the fact that the trade was expecting a report showing even more damage to winter wheat than was indicated and also to the probability of harvesting in any event a billion-bushel wheat crop. Current indications are that carry-over stocks at June 30 will be in excess of 400 million bushels, so that ample supplies are in prospect for 1951-52. Day-to-day fluctuations were confined to fairly narrow ranges, with no noticeable trend present throughout the period under review. Trading in March futures began on April 23 at 255 1/8, about 6 cents above May futures.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
March 31, 1951	250/5	249/1	250	252/7	
April 2	251/3	249/7	251/2	254/6	
3	250	248/5	249/6	253/3	
4	249/5	248/3	249/6	253/2	
5	249	248	249/1	252/6	
6	247/4	245/6	247	250/6	
7	246/1	244/7	246/7	250/3	
9	250	249/4	251/5	255/1	
10	248/3	248	249/5	253/3	
11	247	246/6	248/5	251/7	
12	248/4	248/3	250/2	253/3	
13	248/2	248/2	249/7	252/6	
14	248/4	248/4	250/4	253/4	
16	249/7	249/5	251/4	254/7	
17	250/5	248/7	250/2	253/2	
18	249/3	248/3	249/4	252/4	
19	249/4	247/7	249	251/6	
20	248/6	248	249/4	252/4	
21	248/5	248/1	249/4	252/4	
23	249	249	250/6	253/7	255/1
24	252/5	252/3	254/3	257/1	258/5
25	252	251/6	253/3	256/2	257/3
26	251/6	251/5	253/2	256	256/6
27	251/1	251/1	252/6	255/5	256/6

## ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position - No recent changes have been indicated in the size of the 1950 Argentine wheat crop. The only official estimate, released in January, placed production at 222 million bushels. Trade sources at first placed the crop at around the 200 million bushel level but, with the completion of the harvest, have revised their estimates upwards, so that there is currently little appreciable difference between the two. Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for the December-March period of the current crop year amounted to approximately 35 million bushels, some 3 million below the total for the comparable period of 1949-50. However, forward sales have been particularly heavy and it is generally believed that most of the exportable surplus has been committed. On the basis of the official production estimate and domestic requirements similar to last year, the balance remaining on April 1 for export and carryover would amount to 65 million bushels, almost the same as a year ago. It is noted, however, that a private Argentine source has placed the balance at only 46 million bushels on the basis of a crop smaller than the official estimate and increased domestic requirements over the 1949-50 level.

### Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1950-51	1949-50
- million bushels -		
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	7	44
New crop .....	222	189
Total estimated supplies .....	229	233
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	129	129
Available for export and carryover .....	100	104
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-March 31 .....	34	38
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-March 31 .....	1	1/
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	35	38
Balance on April 1 for export and carryover .....	65	66

1/ Less than 500,000 bushels.

The following account of the Argentine situation has been extracted from a report provided by Mr. W. B. McCullough, Commercial Secretary (Agriculture) at Buenos Aires and is reproduced with the kind permission of the Trade Commissioner Service. Where practicable, conversions of Argentine measures to Canadian equivalents have been made for the convenience of our readers. Price conversions have been made in terms of the United States dollar at the rate of 5 pesos to the dollar.

Growing Conditions - Growing conditions throughout the main grain zones in Argentina remain generally satisfactory. Up until late March supplies of reserve moisture were light in some districts but on March 23rd there was a rain of varying intensity which materially improved the situation. Ploughing in some parts has been difficult due to the hard soil but, nevertheless, substantial quantities of coarse grains have been sown for winter pasture. Over the past month the temperature has been below normal and at the beginning of April there were widespread frosts. However, it is reported that little damage has been done to the sunflower crop and the corn crop is ripening satisfactorily. Pastures continue in good condition and ranchers are entering the winter months with a good supply of feed.

Wheat - The trade have revised upwards their previous estimate of the 1950-51 wheat crop and now place output at from 5.7 to 6 million metric tons (209.4 to 220.5 million bushels). The first and only official estimate published so far placed the crop at 6,032,000 tons (221,638,000 bushels). It is reported that IAPI has purchased over 4 million tons (147.0 million bushels) of wheat for milling and for export, which indicates a crop closer to 6 million tons (220.5 million bushels). These purchases included low grade wheat at the fixed price of 21.00 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.14 per bushel) as against 30.50 pesos (\$1.66 per bushel) for the standard grades.

Soil moisture is now satisfactory for ploughing throughout the grain belt and reports from various zones are that much land has been prepared for grain. Many farmers have sown and will sow coarse grains for winter pasture but in the grain belt wheat is also frequently grazed. The only information on prices for the next crop is an official intimation that the fixed prices will be higher than last year. Producers are not displaying any enthusiasm to increase sowings but it is expected that the wheat acreage will not be less than last year's 6,553,900 hectares (16,195,000 acres).

Area Harvested - Grains - The Argentine statistical office has released their estimate on the area harvested for the 1950-51 wheat, flax, oats, barley and rye crops. It will be noted that, with the exception of flax, the percentage of abandonments is less for the current season. Oats, barley and rye are sown primarily for winter pasture, so in any year the percentage of fields not harvested is high.

Grain	1950-51			1949-50		
	Area	Area	Abandon-	Area	Area	Abandon-
	Sown	Harvested	ments	Sown	Harvested	ments
	- thousand acres -		%	- thousand acres -		%
Wheat .....	16,195	13,677	15.5	14,065	11,204	20.3
Flax .....	2,680	2,045	23.6	2,663	2,372	10.8
Oats .....	3,219	1,569	51.2	3,038	1,274	58.0
Barley .....	2,222	1,447	34.9	1,984	972	51.2
Rye .....	5,375	1,752	67.4	4,603	1,154	74.9

### Subsidy on Wheat Flour -

As of April 1st, the Argentine government announced new prices for the sale of wheat and flour for domestic consumption in keeping with the higher price to growers for the 1950-51 season. Wheat is now sold by IAPI to the mills at 30.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.66 per bushel), the same as that paid to producers. Wheat flour, which is henceforth sold in only one grade in place of the previous four, will be sold by the mills to wholesale at 4.50 pesos per 10 kilos (4.1 cents per pound). The price for bread remains the same with the subsidy being paid direct to the bakeries.

The price of flour to the retailer is established at 0.475 pesos per kilo (4.3 cents per pound) and the retail price at 0.55 pesos per kilo (5 cents per pound) packaged or in bulk; the former retail price was 0.45 pesos per kilo (4.1 cents per pound). Wheat by-products will be sold for domestic consumption at the following prices per short ton at the mill, with the former prices in brackets: bran and middlings \$34.47 (\$16.33); shorts \$37.92 (\$17.24); "semitin" \$39.92 (\$19.96); feed flour \$45.36 (\$21.77).

### New Sales -

The grain market has not been particularly active recently as most of the wheat crop is already committed and corn will not be ready for export until almost July. The trade reports two small sales of wheat of about 6,000 tons (220,500 bushels) each, one at 52.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$2.86 per bushel) and the second at 57.05 pesos (\$3.11 per bushel). It is also understood that Chile has purchased from 10,000 to 20,000 tons (367,000 to 735,000 bushels) of Argentine wheat at a price of U\$S 120-125 per ton (\$3.27 to \$3.40 per bushel) for freely disposable dollars. Reports from Chile state that this country will purchase up to 140,000 tons (5.1 million bushels) of Argentine wheat.

IAPI is reported to have sold 8,000 tons (315,000 bushels) of corn for June shipment at a price of 51.26 pesos (\$2.60 per bushel), and 6,000 tons (275,600 bushels) of barley to exporters at 47.25 pesos per 100 kilos (\$2.06 per bushel).

### Grain Exports -

Grain shipments during the first quarter of 1951 total 957,817 metric tons, which is considerably lower than that for previous years, due mainly to the drastic reduction in corn shipments. Wheat and rye shipments are normal for the period but oats and barley exports are lower than past years, as is shown below.

### Argentine Grain Exports, January-March, 1948-1951

Grain	1951	1950	1949	1948
- thousand bushels -				
Wheat .....	29,261	33,391	22,575	31,766
Corn .....	369	13,215	13,760	32,678
Flax .....	3,278	-	-	-
Oats .....	1,310	4,207	1,265	3,529
Rye .....	1,677	1,373	930	2,868
Barley .....	276	2,322	1,872	13,378

Grain exports by destination for the first quarter of 1951 are shown as follows:

Argentine Grain Shipments, January--March, 1951

Grain	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
- thousand bushels -						
Belgium .....	800	263	626	-	217	-
Brazil .....	7,744	-	-	13	-	-
Denmark .....	-	-	-	-	228	-
Finland .....	92	-	36	-	215	-
France .....	424	-	838	-	-	-
French Africa ....	1,297	-	-	-	-	-
Germany .....	2,422	47	-	-	260	-
India .....	7,561	-	-	-	-	-
Italy .....	6,005	-	260	-	-	139
Netherlands .....	371	59	877	1,025	757	137
Paraguay .....	454	-	-	-	-	-
Peru .....	437	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden .....	218	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland .....	952	-	169	168	-	-
United Kingdom ...	484	-	472	-	-	-
Uruguay .....	-	-	-	104	-	-
Totals .....	29,261	369	3,278	1,310	1,677	276

Payments Under The Prairie Farm Assistance Act - (continued from page 4 ). The following table shows details of payments, by provinces, on the 1949 and 1950 crops as of March 31, 1951.

Payments Under The Prairie Farm Assistance Act,  
1949 and 1950 1/

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
Net expenditure					
1949 crop .....	\$332,454	\$15,373,262	\$6,336,359	-	\$22,042,075
1950 crop .....	197,733	4,867,306	2,852,438	\$125,874	8,043,351
Number of awards					
1949 crop .....	2,069	49,651	33,418	-	85,138
1950 crop .....	1,810	21,768	17,079	768	41,425
Number of townships					
1949 crop .....	97	1,721	1,268	-	3,086
1950 crop .....	97	881	792	41	1,811

## 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 1949-50. After allowing for estimated domestic requirements of 79.2 million bushels, some 148 million are available for export and carryover. Of this latter amount 41.1 million bushels were exported as wheat or wheat flour in terms of wheat from December 1 to March 29 of the current crop year as against 33.4 million for the comparable period of 1949-50. The balance remaining on March 30 for export and carryover was placed at 107.0 million bushels, compared with 125.6 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—March 29 .....	28.7	23.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat		
December 1—March 29 .....	12.4	10.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	41.1	33.4
Balance on March 30 for export and carryover .....	107.0	125.6

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour - Exports of wheat as grain from Australia for the period December 1, 1950 to March 29, 1951 amounted to 28.7 million bushels, an increase of 5.4 million over the comparable period of 1949-50. The major outlets for Australian wheat during the period under review, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: Egypt, 7.8; the United Kingdom, 6.2; India, 5.3; Italy 3.3; New Zealand, 1.3; and Japan, 1.1.

Exports of flour up to March 29 of the current crop year amounted to 231,135 long tons (12.4 million bushels of wheat equivalent) as against 187,310 tons (10.1 million bushels of wheat equivalent) for the comparable period of 1949-50. Ceylon was the largest single market for Australian wheat flour for the first four months of 1950-51, receiving 58,219 long tons. Other large shipments (all in long tons) went to Malaya, 41,618; Egypt, 37,267; the United Kingdom 22,350; and Indonesia, 19,564.

Australian Cable - The following cable, dated April 17, 1951, has been received from the Commercial Secretary for Canada (Agricultural) in Melbourne:

"Australian wheat stocks at March 29th totalled 151,132,000 bushels. Wheat exports from December 1st 1950 to March 29th totalled 28,655,000 bushels with shipments during the preceding four weeks mainly to Italy, Egypt, and the United Kingdom. Flour exports for the same period were 231,135 long tons, with 24,002 going to Ceylon, 6,071 to Malaya, 4,623 to Egypt, and 3,445 to the United Kingdom. Wheat Board reports sales during past month of approximately 7,000,000 bushels wheat and 50,000 long tons flour to British Food Ministry and 25,000 tons wheat to Rhodesia. It is expected area sown to wheat this year will be smaller than last year's although recent rains have slightly improved soil conditions."

Proposed Extension of Wheat Price Stabilization Plan - General agreement on a five-year extension of the Wheat Price Stabilization Plan has been reached by representatives of the Australian Wheat Growers Federation and the Commonwealth Government, according to a press release dated at Melbourne on April 18, 1951. The complete text of the release follows:

"At a conference at Canberra on March 17 between John McEwen, the minister for commerce and agriculture, and representatives of the Australian Wheat Growers federation, 16 of 17 submissions prepared by the federation were agreed upon for the extension of the wheat price stabilization plan now operating for five more years, giving the plan a total currency of 10 years to the 1957-58 season.

The plan requires the approval of the state governments which fix the price of wheat for home consumption and are interested also as the governments controlling lands and agriculture.

Mr. McEwen told the conference that while he hoped the growers' organizations might accept the plan in its final form, it might be necessary first to conduct a ballot of growers to determine the popularity of the plan.

The government accepted the growers' proposal that a limit of £20,000,000 should be placed on the stabilization fund and that any deficiency arising from payment of a guaranteed price should be made good from consolidated revenue after consideration by authorities competent to estimate the appropriate amount.

The fund would be held, as now, under a trust, with interest accruing to growers, and as it exceeded the limit named, the surplus would be distributed to growers with interest by the Australian wheat board, as now. On the termination of the fund the balance standing to its credit would be distributed pro rata among those who had contributed to it under the plan.

The commonwealth government accepted the maintenance of a guaranteed price for export wheat which would provide for the cost of production plus some remuneration to the growers, the guaranteed price to be annually adjusted to variations in the cost of production. Should the government wish at any time to sell wheat for export or for use in Australia at a price lower than the prevailing export price or home price, it would make good the deficiency to the wheat board.

The conference agreed that the price of wheat for sale in Australia for stock feed or for any purpose other than human consumption was a matter for the state governments but the growers submitted that the price of such wheat should be the prevailing export price."

## CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- April 1 - Total supplies of wheat remaining in the four principal exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years were estimated at 969 million bushels compared with 873 million a year ago.
- 9 - The 1951 navigation season was opened at the Lakehead with the arrival of the S.S. Hochelaga closely followed by the S.S. Coverdale and four other grain vessels.
- 10 - The United States Department of Agriculture estimated the 1951 winter wheat crop at 727 million bushels. Based on conditions at April 1, the average yield per seeded acre was estimated at 12.9 bushels as against a yield of 14.2 bushels in 1950. The total abandonment and diversion to uses other than grain is currently expected to exceed 13 million acres, or 23.4 per cent of the seeded acreage.
- 11 - The first grain vessels to clear the Lakehead in the 1951 navigation season were the S.S. Coverdale with a cargo of 585,094 bushels of wheat and the S.S. Lemoyne with a cargo of 509,636 bushels.
- 12 - Production of wheat flour by United States mills during February totalled 18.8 million sacks, a decrease of 16 per cent from the January total.
- 16 - Trade sources report that millers in Belgium are being granted a subsidy of 115 francs per 100 kilos on any United States wheat they have to buy in the free market. Belgium's quota of 20.2 million bushels under the International Wheat Agreement has already been filled.
- 19 - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at March 31, 1951 were estimated at 353 million bushels, some 103 million more than on the same date in 1950. Stocks still on farms were estimated at 161 million bushels of which all but 9 million were in the Prairie Provinces.
- 25 - The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimated that stocks of United States wheat in all positions at April 1, 1951 amounted to 709 million bushels of which 217 million were on farms. Only twice have total stocks on April 1 been larger—in 1942 at 810 million bushels and in 1943 at 896 million.

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