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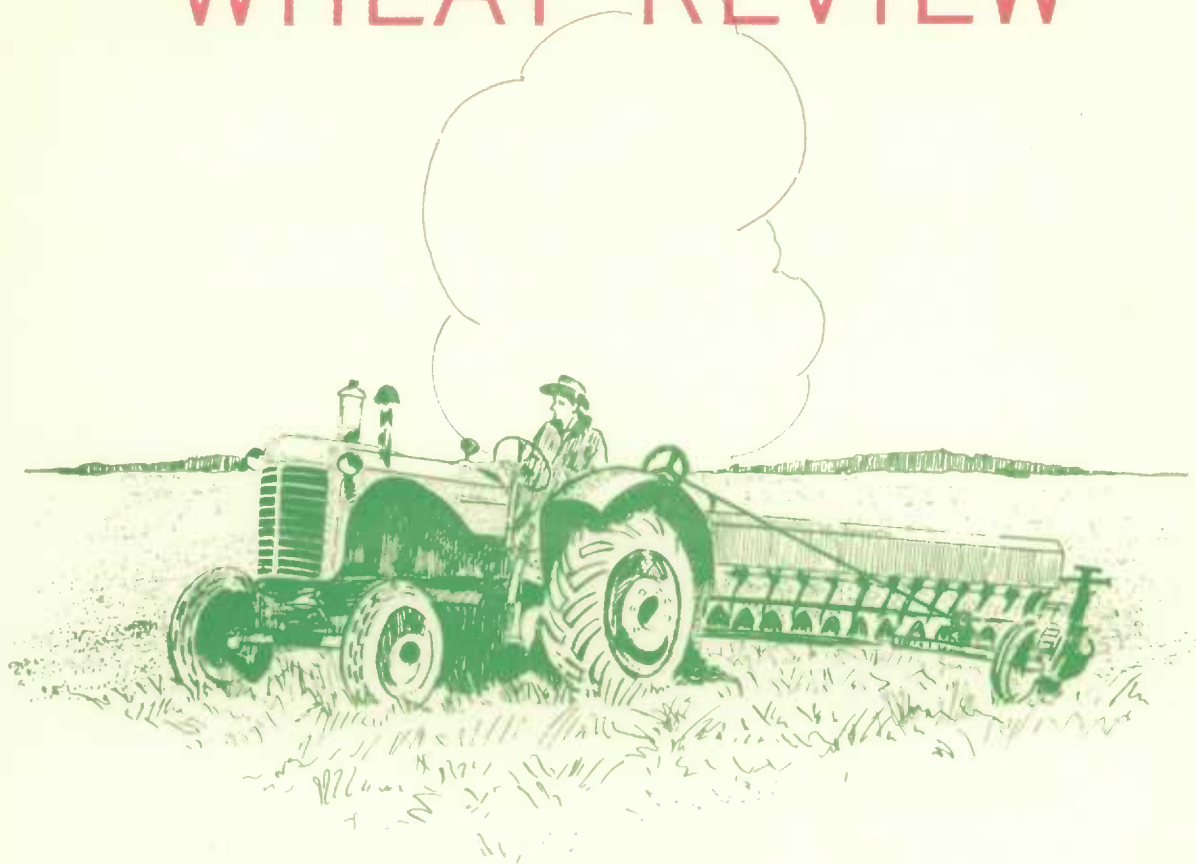
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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about June 1, 1952 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 658.9 million bushels, some 19 per cent below the 809.6 million available a year ago. Supplies this year (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: Canada, 332.8 (251.5); United States, 267.5 (436.4); Australia, 55.1 (71.1), and Argentina 3.5 (50.6). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

Outlook for New Crops Prospects for the 1952 wheat crop are good in most parts of the world from which reports are available. The outlook in North America is particularly bright. The latest official forecast of the United States wheat crop, as released by the Crop Reporting Board on June 10, places the 1952 production of all wheat at 1,326 million bushels, second only to the record crop of 1947 of 1,359 million bushels. Winter wheat production is estimated at a record 1,060 million bushels with the total spring wheat crop forecast being placed at 266 million.

Quantitative estimates are not yet available for Canada's new wheat crop but conditions to date have been generally favourable in the major wheat-growing areas. The Bureau of Statistics' telegraphic crop report of July 3rd states that "recent general rains have maintained and, in some areas, greatly improved the outlook for practically all crops in the Prairie Provinces. Many districts now have sufficient moisture reserves to carry crops for another two weeks. Relatively little damage has been reported from any source and, despite cool weather, growth is well advanced for this time of year. Correspondents in nearly all districts consider crop prospects to be good to excellent." It is also observed that according to the 'Intentions to Plant' report issued on May 20, Canada's 1952 wheat acreage was expected to be about 25 million acres, up some two per cent from the 1951 level.

According to 'Foreign Crops and Markets' "Prospects for Australia's 1952-53 wheat crop now vary widely with most favourable conditions reported for New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland and less favourable conditions in South Australia and Western Australia. Seeding of the crop is now being completed in most areas and no significant increase over last season's small harvested wheat acreage is expected. The 1951-52 wheat acreage harvested was 10.4 million acres in contrast with the Government's 5 year goal of 14 million acres." In the Argentine moisture conditions throughout the major grain zones are described as good to excellent and an increase in wheat acreage is anticipated.

Trade reports indicate generally good crop prospects throughout most of western Europe although recent hot weather may have caused some deterioration. China, normally the world's third largest producer of wheat, is reported to be obtaining a large harvest of that grain. In India, the harvest of principal grains is expected to show a moderate increase over last year while rains have improved prospects for the wheat crop in the Union of South Africa.

## International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1951-52

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Quantities	Source				Total Purchases	Remainder
		Canada 1/	Australia 2/	France 2/	U.S.A. 2/		
- thousand bushels -							
Austria .....	11,023	260	-	496	10,180	10,936	87
Belgium .....	20,209	11,232	-	-	8,779	20,011	198
Bolivia 3/ .....	2,756	2,050	-	-	782	2,832	-
Brazil 3/ .....	13,228	2,461	-	-	10,671	13,132	-
Ceylon 3/ .....	6,614	-	5,166	-	1,404	6,570	-
Costa Rica 3/ .....	1,213	777	-	-	435	1,212	-
Cuba 3/ .....	7,422	3,414	-	-	4,016	7,430	-
Denmark 3/ .....	1,617	538	-	-	1,100	1,638	-
Dominican Republic 3/...	876	496	-	-	383	879	-
Ecuador 3/ .....	1,286	174	-	-	1,152	1,326	-
Egypt .....	14,697	1,519	477	-	8,045	10,041	4,656
El Salvador .....	404	66	-	-	284	350	54
Germany .....	66,139	11,027	2,904	3,590	48,198	65,719	420
Greece .....	15,726	30	-	-	14,194	14,224	1,502
Guatemala 3/ .....	919	239	-	-	684	923	-
Haiti 3/ .....	1,029	419	-	-	684	1,103	-
Honduras Republic 3/...	367	170	-	-	197	367	-
Iceland .....	404	101	-	-	262	363	41
India .....	55,116	16,651	10,014	-	28,376	55,041	75
Indonesia 3/ .....	3,674	29	1,946	-	1,825	3,800	-
Ireland 3/ .....	10,104	7,022	1,950	-	1,145	10,117	-
Israel 3/ .....	5,879	1,536	-	-	4,351	5,887	-
Italy .....	40,418	13,697	3,879	-	18,291	35,867	4,551
Japan .....	18,372	3,730	-	-	13,601	17,331	1,041
Lebanon 3/ .....	2,388	8	-	-	2,457	2,465	-
Liberia 3/ .....	37	25	-	-	11	36	-
Mexico 3/ .....	12,860	-	-	-	12,860	12,860	-
Netherlands 3/ .....	24,802	6,800	2,856	-	15,278	24,934	-
New Zealand .....	4,593	-	4,569	-	-	4,569	24
Nicaragua 4/ .....	331	195	-	-	127	322	9
Norway 3/ .....	7,716	2,987	-	-	4,729	7,716	-
Panama 3/ .....	625	303	-	-	321	624	-
Peru 3/ .....	5,512	3,173	-	-	2,464	5,637	-
Philippines .....	7,202	3,874	3	-	3,219	7,096	106
Portugal 3/ .....	5,626	945	144	-	4,508	5,597	-
Saudi Arabia 3/ .....	1,837	-	52	-	1,796	1,848	-
Spain .....	4,373	1,102	-	-	1,102	2,204	2,169
Sweden 3/ .....	2,756	-	1,493	-	1,315	2,808	-
Switzerland 3/ .....	6,430	4,323	-	-	2,107	6,430	-
Union of South Africa ..	11,023	5,600	-	-	4,368	9,968	1,055
United Kingdom .....	177,068	124,581	35,617	-	16,641	176,839	229
Venezuela .....	6,246	3,705	-	-	1,684	5,389	857
Totals .....	580,917	235,259	71,070	4,086	254,026	564,441	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries) ..		238,490	72,000	4,089	255,149	569,728	
Balance .....		3,231	930	3	1,123	5,287	

1/ Canadian sales through June 17th, 1952.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through June 13th, 1952.

3/ Quota filled.

4/ Quota re-opened June 20th, 1952.

# CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position While farmers' marketings have tapered off from the unseasonably high levels following this year's spring harvesting, deliveries of wheat are still coming forward in substantial volume. Marketings during the nine weeks ending June 19, 1952 totalled 104.7 million bushels, or slightly more than one-quarter of the crop-year total of 401.9 million to date. Record marketings for a complete crop year occurred in 1928-29 when Western Canadian farmers delivered 468.4 million bushels of wheat. It is not anticipated, however, that this level will be reached during the current crop year as this would require average weekly marketings in excess of 11 million bushels during the last six weeks of 1951-52. (Marketings for the weeks ending June 5, 12 and 19 were 9.7 million, 9.6 million and 5.9 million bushels, respectively.)

## Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <sup>1/</sup>	1950-51
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at July 31 .....	189.2	112.2
New crop .....	562.4	461.7
Imports of wheat, August 1—April 30 .....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	751.6	573.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	<u>150.0</u>	<u>143.7</u>
Available for export and carryover .....	601.6	430.2
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain ,		
August 1—May 31 .....	197.8	115.8
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S.,		
August 1—May 31 .....	<u>30.3</u>	<u>16.0</u>
Total exports of wheat .....	228.1	131.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat,		
August 1—May 31 .....	<u>40.7 <sup>3/</sup></u>	<u>46.9 <sup>3/</sup></u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	268.8	178.7
Balance on June 1 for export and carryover .....	332.8	251.5

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Less than 50,000 bushels.

<sup>3/</sup> Adjusted for time lag in returns made by Customs.

Visible supplies of Canadian wheat have showed relatively little fluctuation in recent weeks, indicating that disappearance into domestic and export channels has been at a volume sufficiently large to practically offset farmers' deliveries. Supplies of wheat in commercial positions ranged from a low of 212.1 million to a high of 217.8 million bushels in the seven weeks ending June 12. On June 19 visible supplies had been reduced slightly to 207.5 million bushels, compared with 170.9 million and 102.4 million, respectively, on approximately the same date in the preceding two years. Some 105.9 million bushels, representing about 51 per cent of current visible supplies, were still in country elevators.

The bulk of the remainder of this year's June 19 visible supplies, in millions of bushels, were held in Lakehead terminals (23.4); Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports (19.3); in transit rail (14.5); Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports (9.4); and Vancouver-New Westminster terminals (8.9).

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during May 1952 amounted to 43.7 million bushels, the highest monthly total since July 1945. Exports of wheat as grain, at 38.3 million bushels, were nearly double the previous month's total of 20.0 million and more than double the May 1951 total of 17.7 million bushels. Total exports of wheat as grain for the first ten months of the current crop year amounted to 228.1 million bushels, 73 per cent above the 131.8 million exported during the August-May period of 1950-51. Some 81.7 million bushels, representing more than one-third of this year's August-May exports of wheat went to the United Kingdom. Other major markets for Canadian wheat during the period, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: the United States, 30.3 (of which 4.8 million were for milling in bond); Japan, 13.5; Belgium, 13.0; India, 11.3; Italy, 8.8; and the Netherlands, 8.7.

Preliminary Customs returns indicate that exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat during May amounted to 5,391,000 bushels, slightly higher than the previous month's total of 5,355,000 bushels but well below the May 1951 total of 6,677,000 bushels. Total exports of wheat flour, in wheat equivalent, for the August-May period of the current crop year, at 40.7 million bushels, were about 13 per cent lower than the 46.9 million bushels exported during the first ten months of 1950-51. As with wheat, the United Kingdom has been the main market for Canadian wheat flour during the current crop year, taking 15.6 million bushels in wheat equivalent in the ten months ending May 31, 1952. Other countries and colonies receiving Canadian wheat flour in excess of one million bushels of wheat equivalent during this period were the Philippine Islands, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba, Lebanon, Jamaica and Hong Kong.

The amount of Canadian wheat in all positions remaining on June 1, 1952 for export and carryover was estimated at 332.8 million bushels, compared with 251.5 million a year ago.

Crop Conditions According to the July 3 telegraphic crop report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, recent rains have maintained, and in some areas greatly improved, the outlook for practically all crops in the Prairies. Heavy general rains have been received in Manitoba in all areas except south of Dauphin. Crop prospects have greatly improved, especially along the International boundary where near-drought conditions existed. Early-seeded wheat is headed in the south, more than half is headed north to the Riding Mountains, with very little in head north of this area.

Moisture conditions in Saskatchewan are now considered adequate for present requirements in all districts of the province. Cool, unsettled weather conditions have slowed growth of grains but crops are from 10 to 14 days more advanced than at this time during the past two seasons. About 65 per cent of the wheat is in the shot blade with 11 per cent headed out.

Crop prospects in Alberta continue very good and moisture supplies, with minor exceptions, are generally excellent. Despite recent cool weather, crops are further advanced than is normal for this date. A large percentage of wheat is headed in the south, some heading has taken place in eastern areas, and about ten per cent is headed in the northeast around Bonnyville.

**Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1951-52**

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -						
August	9	59,493	620,562	1,338,831	2,018,886	942,807
	16	93,082	524,729	211,439	829,250	187,897
	23	112,590	497,186	242,210	851,986	884,628
	30	403,058	679,813	235,332	1,318,203	3,004,682
September	6	477,903	209,692	118,184	805,779	17,079,804
	13	850,575	2,122,084	1,267,183	4,239,842	20,915,650
	20	2,286,507	8,117,947	3,442,011	13,846,465	18,718,298
	27	3,990,641	12,437,527	3,671,494	20,099,662	36,817,488
October	4	1,140,960	4,811,683	1,580,259	7,532,902	20,857,886
	11	3,642,881	8,909,082	4,002,911	16,554,874	9,913,670
	18	6,829,154	25,964,251	10,890,756	43,684,161	15,342,219
	25	2,889,123	16,901,420	7,418,838	27,209,381	9,282,832
November	1	1,764,548	8,346,796	3,662,096	13,773,440	11,425,054
	8	1,233,784	5,432,322	2,799,173	9,465,279	13,106,208
	15	1,059,468	4,113,854	2,472,007	7,645,329	11,805,491
	22	752,098	4,567,360	2,705,307	8,024,765	10,841,810
December	29	675,980	4,545,904	2,946,092	8,167,976	8,453,757
	6	552,962	5,371,868	4,418,351	10,343,181	7,320,744
	13	707,055	5,969,556	3,927,366	10,603,977	6,620,807
	20	648,927	4,237,451	2,064,504	6,950,882	8,563,235
January	27	620,366	4,148,578	1,636,761	6,405,705	6,437,088
	3	228,260	3,841,896	1,263,521	5,333,677	4,560,268
	10	981,598	5,300,345	2,190,317	8,472,260	3,878,629
	17	716,958	4,321,164	2,327,375	7,365,497	5,662,980
February	24	299,222	2,068,288	870,199	3,237,709	3,013,360
	31	200,888	1,811,128	983,209	2,995,225	1,363,719
	7	343,978	3,503,572	2,361,619	6,209,169	1,295,513
	14	192,499	3,435,437	1,599,885	5,227,821	1,491,550
March	21	569,279	3,083,216	1,894,428	5,546,923	1,942,935
	28	340,702	2,780,067	1,352,687	4,473,456	2,330,563
	6	301,234	3,753,527	1,931,959	5,986,720	1,340,074
	13	349,398	3,796,031	1,689,609	5,835,038	469,727
April	20	386,576	2,984,427	1,312,502	4,683,505	676,453
	27	437,901	2,529,542	1,495,072	4,462,515	784,050
	3	473,193	2,430,048	665,418	3,568,659	1,280,610
	10	368,863	745,829	294,179	1,408,871	1,470,348
May	17	332,151	1,183,477	475,914	1,991,542	2,334,731
	24	521,172	5,936,946	3,362,652	9,820,770	2,255,561
	1	764,771	11,883,831	7,116,011	19,764,613	2,548,298
	8	691,543	8,536,073	5,291,700	14,519,316	5,127,209
June	15	484,652	5,251,486	4,483,875	10,220,013	6,677,334
	22	134,533	9,030,288	3,584,372	12,749,193	4,106,765
	29	781,025	8,266,194	3,394,427	12,441,646	6,645,557
	5	411,813	6,185,077	3,058,584	9,655,474	8,095,851
June	12	496,113	6,031,246	3,088,413	9,615,772	7,606,934
	19	452,111	3,902,940	1,554,232	5,909,283	9,992,313
Totals		42,051,588	241,121,740	118,693,264	401,866,592	325,473,387

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, June 19, 1952, Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1951 and 1950

Position	1952	1951	1950
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	4,618	4,389	2,261
Saskatchewan .....	63,064	52,385	12,477
Alberta .....	38,253	23,288	14,479
Totals .....	105,936	80,062	29,216
Interior private and mill elevators .....	4,670	3,528	3,733
Interior terminals .....	5,724	9,774	26
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	8,908	4,584	12,120
Prince Rupert .....	6	-	-
Churchill .....	2,328	1,420	787
Port William-Port Arthur .....	23,370	31,412	13,830
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	11,732	14,887	7,691
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .....	19,333	11,965	18,142
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .....	9,375	5,542	10,022
In transit lake .....	7,448	4,812	5,778
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	2,770	681	1,068
United States ports .....	5,870	1,974	-
In transit U.S.A. ....	-	265	19
Totals .....	207,468	170,907	102,431

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-May, 1951-52 and 1950-51  
Compared with Averages for the Crop Years 1946-47-1950-51

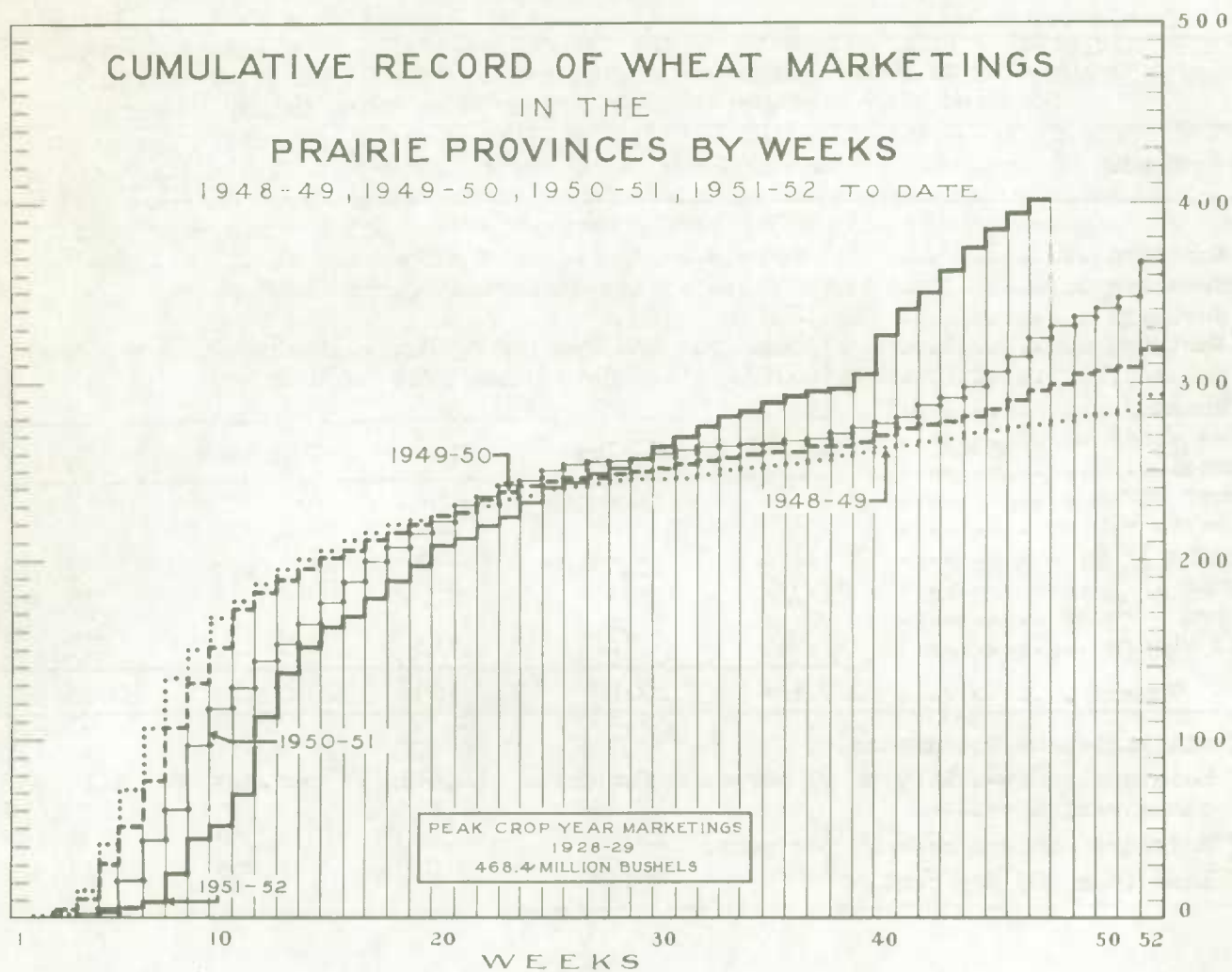
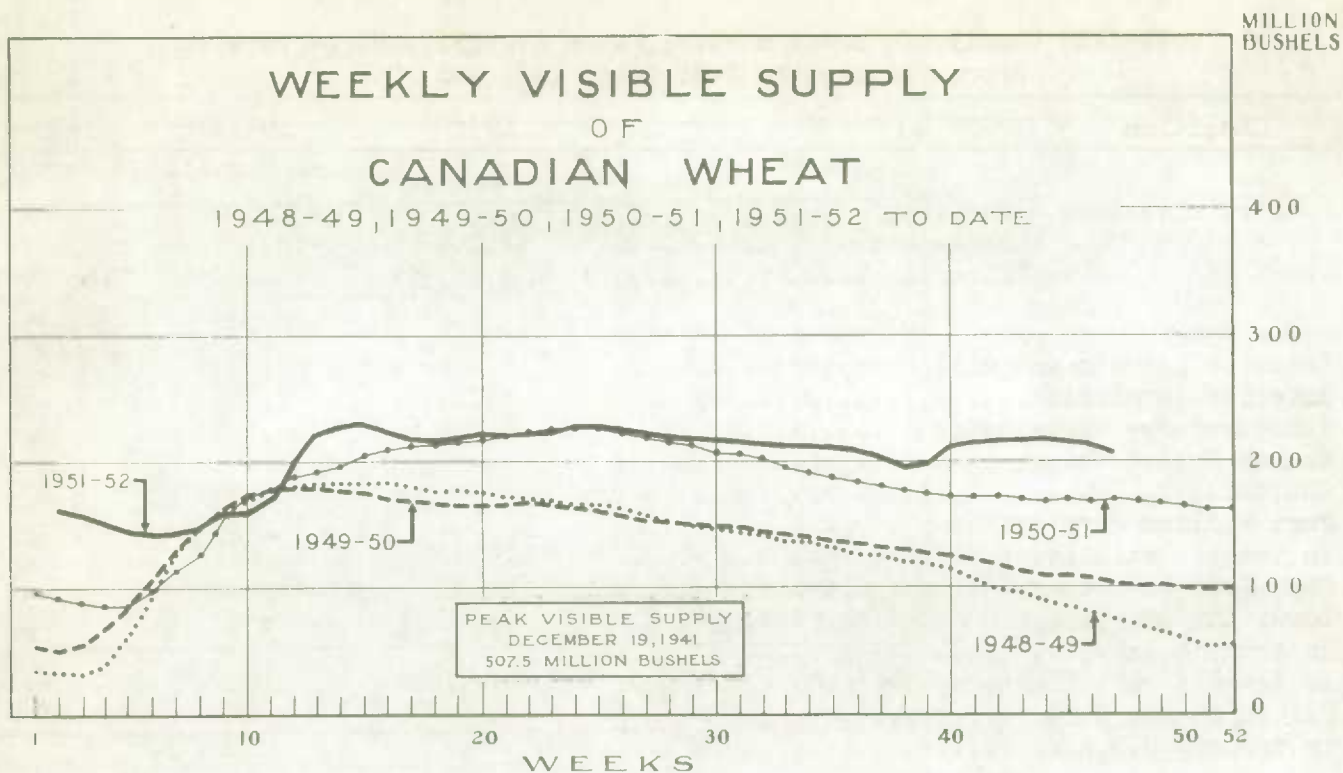
Grade	1951-52		1950-51		Average 1946-47-1950-51
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent	per cent
1 Northern .....	866	0.4	6,942	4.8	14.8
2 Northern .....	9,209	4.6	24,724	17.2	37.6
3 Northern .....	31,212	15.4	22,650	15.8	13.0
4 Northern .....	19,441	9.6	15,501	10.8	4.4
5 Wheat .....	15,667	7.8	15,949	11.1	3.7
6 Wheat .....	9,683	4.8	11,563	8.1	2.2
Feed Wheat .....	1,362	0.7	2,389	1.7	0.4
Garnet .....	533	0.3	1,560	1.1	0.9
Amber Durum .....	2,771	1.4	3,849	2.7	3.5
Alberta Winter .....	297	0.1	642	0.4	0.7
Toughs 1/ 2/ .....	76,775	38.0	28,401	19.8	15.6
Damps 1/ 3/ .....	32,953	16.3	8,168	5.7	1.3
Dried 5 Wheat .....	7	4/	-	-	-
All Others .....	1,345	0.7	1,165	0.8	1.9
Totals .....	202,121	100.0	143,503	100.0	100.0

1/ All varieties and grades.

2/ Moisture content 14.9 to 17 per cent for durum, 14.6 to 17 per cent for all other varieties.

3/ Moisture content over 17 per cent.

4/ Less than .05 per cent.



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

Tough and Damp Grain Dried at Terminal Elevators, Western Division  
August 1, 1951—June 19, 1952

Grain		Lakehead	Pacific Coast	Interior Points	Churchill	Total
- thousand bushels -						
Wheat <u>1/</u>	Tough	7,699	20,693	2,307	-	30,699
	Damp	23,249	2,207	7,060	30	32,546
Durum Wheat	Tough	1,698	-	-	-	1,698
	Damp	1,551	-	2	-	1,553
Oats	Tough	1,488	62	7	-	1,557
	Damp	10,042	2	13	-	10,057
Barley	Tough	6,085	745	3	-	6,833
	Damp	9,929	70	17	-	10,016
Rye	Tough	1,301	-	-	-	1,301
	Damp	358	-	4	-	361
Flaxseed	Tough	2,309	-	-	-	2,309
	Damp	213	-	4	-	216
Totals	Tough	20,581	21,500	2,316	-	44,397
	Damp	45,341	2,279	7,099	30	54,749

1/ Other than durum.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain Total shipments of the five major grains from Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to June 19 amounted to 146.5 million bushels, sharply higher than those of any comparable period since 1945. Wheat shipments, at 83.2 million bushels, accounted for about 57 per cent of the total while shipments of oats and barley, at 31.8 million and 26.7 million bushels, respectively, made up most of the remainder. Shipments of rye, the only one of the five major grains moving in less volume this year than last, amounted to 3.1 million bushels while flaxseed shipments, at 1.7 million bushels, were almost four times those of the comparable period last year.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to June 19, 1952  
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1942 to 1951

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1942 .....	82,133	898	1,131	601	237	84,999
1943 .....	62,548	14,499	15,347	1,158	663	94,215
1944 .....	92,206	28,499	15,847	4,865	3,583	144,999
1945 .....	105,929	34,234	16,813	2,379	1,575	160,932
1946 .....	36,121	23,448	7,489	616	418	68,091
1947 .....	51,412	15,350	6,853	1,597	28	75,239
1948 .....	29,081	5,172	5,366	302	2,511	42,432
1949 .....	61,207	7,290	8,663	4,501	3,923	85,582
1950 .....	58,104	5,263	7,690	1,815	158	73,029
1951 .....	49,833	16,277	12,882	3,683	458	83,132
1952 .....	83,172	31,841	26,712	3,080	1,743	146,548

Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1951 to June 19, 1952  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period, 1950-51 and 1949-50

Destination	1951-52	1950-51	1949-50
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Duluth-Superior .....	4,784,760	2,415,695	-
Milwaukee .....	353,016	140,673	-
Chicago .....	1,161,571	605,693	192,766
Detroit .....	-	346,050	-
Toledo .....	-	108,485	-
Erie .....	93,107	212,606	-
Buffalo .....	21,426,145	13,198,729	11,292,610
Oswego .....	514,005	298,043	-
Totals, Vessel .....	28,332,604	17,325,974	11,485,376
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	1,903,416	554,836	118,970
Other U.S.A. Points .....	5,487,220	3,083,384	1,079,423
Totals, Rail .....	7,390,636	3,638,220	1,198,393
Totals, Shipments .....	35,723,240	20,964,194	12,683,769

\*Does not include shipments of wheat to Duluth or Buffalo for drying in bond.

Total shipments of Canadian wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to June 19 amounted to 35.7 million bushels, sharply higher than the 21.0 million and 12.7 million bushels shipped during the corresponding periods of 1950-51 and 1949-50, respectively. In addition to current crop year shipments shown in the above table, 15.4 million bushels have been shipped by rail and water to terminals at Duluth and Buffalo for drying in bond.

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake,  
and Upper St. Lawrence Ports

Ports	August 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952	August 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951
- bushels -		
Collingwood .....	301,000	1,185,896
Midland .....	4,106,376	2,413,538
Owen Sound .....	1,426,039	413,975
Port McNicoll .....	3,528,654	2,085,592
Goderich .....	123,745	246,053
Sarnia .....	287,788	169,733
Walkerville .....	1,786	8,000
Humberstone .....	-	205,671
Toronto .....	5,672	124,154
Prescott .....	1,500	-
Totals .....	9,782,560	6,852,612

# Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1948-49 to 1951-52

Month	1951-52	1950-51	1949-50	1948-49
- bushels -				
August .....	283,914	122,532	158,893	51,283
September .....	435,068	123,256	131,711	30,017
October .....	159,667	73,543	122,482	46,274
November .....	465,193	133,847	92,334	138,600
December .....	1,387,827	1,517,624	342,946	1,740,405
January .....	5,839,567	4,394,047	277,502	3,794,391
February .....	3,618,007	3,303,248	240,087	3,720,733
March .....	1,564,586	3,476,161	423,774	1,511,072
April .....	107,061	1,196,236	2,305,727	659,467
May .....	132,496	462,676	124,533	884,171
June .....		356,443	96,626	330,348
July .....		199,603	52,122	469,797
Totals .....		15,359,216	4,368,737	13,376,558

In keeping with the usual seasonal trend, rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead have dropped sharply following the opening of navigation. While this year's May shipments, at 132,496 bushels, were somewhat higher than those of the previous month, they were well below the May 1951 shipments of 462,676 bushels. Total rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead during the ten months ending May 31, 1952 were 14.0 million bushels as against 14.8 million and 4.2 million for the corresponding periods of 1950-51 and 1949-50, respectively.

## Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur May, 1952

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
- bushels -					
2 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	4,600
4 Northern .....	-	-	-	4,000	9,754
5 Wheat .....	-	3,114	-	-	-
6 Wheat .....	-	750	-	1,375	833
Amber Durum .....	1,500	1,500	-	22,389	28,254
Toughs .....	542	-	667	41,424	3,833
All Others .....	1,500	-	1,500	1,849	3,112
Totals .....	3,542	5,364	2,167	71,037	50,386

### Freight Assistance Shipments

Since funds currently allotted under the freight assistance plan were insufficient to permit payment of all claims submitted during May, the usual statements on freight assistance shipments are not being published this month. They will, however, appear as usual in the July issue when data on payments of claims will more accurately reflect the movement of grains and feeds under the plan.

Monthly Export Clearances, Etc., in Comparison with the Customs Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and Month	Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat <sup>1/</sup>	Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Grinding in Bond <sup>2/</sup>	Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour <sup>3/</sup>	Total	Customs <sup>4/</sup> Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<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>					
August .....	11,957	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	14,335	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	5,809	18,518	16,870
May .....	15,140	2,558	6,677	24,375	21,748
June .....	23,302	2,198	4,813	30,313	25,968
July .....	25,662	2,062	4,163	31,888	33,097
Totals .....	164,736	20,303	55,921	240,961	236,624
<u>1951-52 <sup>5/</sup></u>					
August .....	16,921	2,240	2,581	21,742	27,182
September .....	16,726	2,376	3,151	22,253	22,161
October .....	23,764	3,830	3,851	31,445	24,212
November .....	29,830	5,687	4,033	39,550	34,671
December .....	12,075	4,701	3,683	20,459	37,347
January .....	14,382	1,620	3,407	19,409	18,523
February .....	16,010	2,574	4,180	22,764	18,472
March .....	15,876	1,215	5,054	22,145	21,904
April .....	16,657	3,342	5,355	25,354	30,516
May .....	35,550	2,725	5,391	43,666	38,138
Totals .....	197,792	30,311	40,686	268,788	273,127

<sup>1/</sup> As compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

<sup>2/</sup> U.S.A. official figures used for imports of Canadian wheat for domestic use 1949-50. Data on shipments for grinding in bond since August 1949 and for domestic use since August 1950 have been compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.

<sup>3/</sup> Exports for crop years 1949-50, 1950-51 and August, 1951 to February, 1952 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Subsequent months to be revised as data become available.

<sup>4/</sup> Unadjusted, as published by the International Trade Division, D.B.S.

<sup>5/</sup> Subject to revision.

## Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour, 1951-52

Destination	February	May		August—May	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/4/	Wheat 3/
	- bushels -	- bushels -		- bushels -	
<b>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</b>					
United Kingdom .....	1,621,746	2,506,014	19,238,584	15,627,326	81,707,067
<b>Africa</b>					
Rhodesia .....	-	-	-	-	3,733
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	1,570,887	-	3,787,930
<b>British West Africa</b>					
Gambia .....	689	-	-	3,672	-
Gold Coast .....	-	3,226	-	112,063	-
Nigeria .....	4,801	7,299	-	67,387	-
Sierra Leone .....	5,026	3,681	-	38,434	-
<b>Asia</b>					
Aden .....	6,421	-	-	32,134	-
British Malaya .....	4,865	71,258	-	118,260	-
Ceylon .....	-	-	-	383,107	-
Hong Kong .....	206,163	68,427	-	1,120,550	-
India .....	-	-	1,983,290	90	11,271,094
<b>Europe</b>					
Gibraltar .....	18,846	7,407	-	218,921	-
Malta .....	-	-	22,400	-	1,187,301
<b>North America</b>					
Bahamas .....	18,140	18,873	-	209,276	-
Barbados .....	31,941	44,590	-	345,119	792
Bermuda .....	13,819	16,105	-	108,575	-
British Honduras .....	4,032	5,067	-	43,794	-
Jamaica .....	96,570	84,956	-	1,143,293	-
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	86,634	107,429	-	822,902	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	213,125	183,528	-	2,086,349	-
<b>South America</b>					
British Guiana .....	77,548	53,150	-	739,022	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ...	2,410,366	3,181,010	22,815,161	23,220,274	97,957,917
<b>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</b>					
<b>Africa</b>					
Azores and Madeira .....	-	4,932	-	25,065	-
Belgian Congo .....	45,018	23,166	-	343,112	-
Canary Islands .....	-	-	-	44,483	-
Egypt .....	79,542	-	-	250,110	424,015
French Africa .....	-	3,388	-	10,187	2,589,410
Liberia .....	684	576	-	6,125	-
Morocco .....	22,828	26,208	-	379,107	-
Portuguese Africa .....	15,480	3,807	-	170,659	-
Tripoli .....	-	-	-	51,412	445,180
<b>Asia</b>					
Arabia .....	49,046	19,607	-	125,951	-
China .....	-	517	-	517	-
Indonesia .....	67,689	73,440	-	801,131	-
Iraq .....	-	-	-	513	-
Israel .....	-	342,787	112,000	676,629	1,288,880
Japan .....	1,143	48,956	783,553	328,108	13,479,822
Lebanon .....	46,503	11,385	-	1,144,990	-
Philippine Islands .....	645,399	202,919	-	3,731,954	-
Portuguese Asia .....	2,295	33,480	-	83,745	-
Siam .....	16,718	20,988	-	148,779	-
Syria .....	-	-	-	579,775	2,398,180

## Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour, 1951-52

Destination	February	May		August—May	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/4/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -
<b>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</b>					
<b>Europe</b>					
Austria .....	-	-	509,910	-	509,910
Belgium .....	572	-	803,077	572	12,999,361
Denmark .....	459	229	-	1,147	537,600
Finland .....	-	-	-	-	315,000
France .....	229	-	1,404,754	5,507	6,761,510
Germany .....	35,982	-	802,233	191,686	7,135,166
Greece .....	-	112	-	56,704	-
Iceland .....	11,677	9,819	-	101,884	-
Ireland .....	-	-	824,541	-	6,545,476
Italy .....	-	567,126	1,722,455	832,532	8,763,412
Netherlands .....	-	-	1,483,226	-	8,741,614
Norway .....	-	-	1,198,020	-	4,104,975
Portugal .....	9,068	-	261,333	26,191	261,333
Spain .....	-	-	515,833	-	820,333
Sweden .....	-	-	330,153	-	1,643,571
Switzerland .....	-	-	540,621	-	6,559,958
Yugoslavia .....	-	-	377,200	27,998	1,469,477
<b>North America</b>					
Costa Rica .....	44,757	102,519	-	411,769	41,867
Cuba .....	115,168	100,643	-	1,898,446	922,734
Dominican Republic .....	21,231	5,279	-	218,642	3,800
El Salvador .....	36,059	10,175	-	249,998	-
French West Indies .....	598	1,188	-	5,984	-
Guatemala .....	44,392	16,637	-	289,026	-
Haiti .....	20,039	39,303	-	426,704	-
Honduras .....	-	-	-	4,819	10,000
Netherlands Antilles .....	17,757	11,776	-	157,351	-
Nicaragua .....	19,521	14,337	-	148,045	-
Panama .....	9,725	23,364	-	186,570	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	1,935	3,717	-	17,662	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	12,852	5,998	-	270,239	-
For grinding in bond 5/ .....	-	-	524,842	-	4,793,403
For domestic use 5/ .....	-	-	2,199,987	-	25,517,444
Virgin Islands .....	544	-	-	10,291	-
<b>Oceania</b>					
French Oceania .....	-	5,058	-	32,490	-
Guam .....	-	-	-	45	-
Hawaii .....	6,656	-	-	6,656	-
<b>South America</b>					
Bolivia .....	-	-	494,665	27,329	1,576,839
Brazil .....	-	-	-	-	3,824,012
Chile .....	-	-	-	-	2,578,566
Colombia .....	28,521	23,585	-	195,638	233,322
Ecuador .....	30,488	13,657	-	247,702	55,115
Peru .....	-	-	571,463	-	2,783,186
Surinam .....	11,133	2,290	-	75,852	-
Venezuela .....	297,490	436,982	-	2,437,961	9,989
Totals, Foreign Countries ...	1,769,198	2,209,950	15,459,866	17,465,792	130,144,460
Totals, Exported .....	4,179,564	5,390,960	38,275,027	40,686,066	228,102,377

1/ Exports for February, 1952 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

2/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Source: Canadian Customs returns. Conversion rate: 4 1/2 bushels of wheat equal 1 barrel of 196 pounds of wheat flour.

3/ Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for all countries except the United States. Subject to revision.

4/ Exports for August, 1951 to February, 1952 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

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

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

Class and Grade	Week ending				
	May 31	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
<u>Initial Payment to Producers 1951-52 Pool</u>					
1 Hard .....	160	160	160	160	160
1 Northern .....	160	160	160	160	160
2 Northern .....	157	157	157	157	157
3 Northern .....	154	154	154	154	154
4 Northern .....	146	146	146	146	146
5 Wheat .....	136	136	136	136	136
6 Wheat .....	126	126	126	126	126
Feed Wheat .....	120	120	120	120	120
<u>Domestic and Export 1/</u>					
(International Wheat Agreement)					
1 Hard .....	177	176/7	176/3	176/2	175/5
1 Northern .....	177	176/7	176/3	176/2	175/5
2 Northern .....	175	174/7	174/3	174/2	173/5
3 Northern .....	173	172/7	172/3	172/2	171/5
4 Northern .....	167	166/7	166/3	166/2	165/5
5 Wheat .....	162	161/7	161/3	161/2	160/5
6 Wheat .....	154	153/7	153/3	153/2	152/5
Feed Wheat .....	148	147/7	147/3	147/2	146/5
1 C.W. Garnet .....	175	174/7	174/3	174/2	173/5
2 C.W. Garnet .....	174	173/7	173/3	173/2	172/5
3 C.W. Garnet .....	171	170/7	170/3	170/2	169/5
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	177	176/7	176/3	176/2	175/5
2 Alberta Winter .....	175	174/7	174/3	174/2	173/5
3 Alberta Winter .....	173	172/7	172/3	172/2	171/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	177	176/7	176/3	176/2	175/5
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	175	174/7	174/3	174/2	173/5
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	174	173/7	173/3	173/2	172/5
<u>Export - Class II</u>					
1 Hard .....	227	224/1	220/6	216/5	210/7
1 Northern .....	227	224/1	220/6	216/5	210/7
2 Northern .....	225	222/1	218/6	214/5	208/7
3 Northern .....	223	220/1	216/6	212/5	206/7
4 Northern .....	217	214/1	210/6	206/5	200/7
5 Wheat .....	168	167/7	167/3	167/2	166/5
6 Wheat .....	160	159/7	159/3	159/2	158/5
Feed Wheat .....	154	153/7	153/3	153/2	152/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	234	231/1	227/6	223/5	217/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	232	229/1	225/6	221/5	215/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	231	228/1	224/6	220/5	214/7

1/ Plus 6 cents carrying charge.

# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for May 1952 amounted to some 2,146,000 barrels, establishing the second consecutive monthly peak for the current crop year. This year's May output was 8.7 per cent higher than the April total and 2.4 per cent above the May 1951 production of 2,095,000 barrels. Mills reporting operations during May 1952 had a rated capacity of 96,035 barrels and, on the basis of a 26-day working period, 85.9 per cent of this capacity was effective. Mill grindings of wheat during the month totalled 9,758,000 bushels, compared with 8,994,000 in April and 9,563,000 in May 1951.

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during May 1952 amounted to 1,197,991 barrels (5.4 million bushels of wheat equivalent). Flour shipments during the month were reported to 51 countries and colonies, with the largest amount, some 2.5 million bushels of wheat equivalent, going to the United Kingdom. Other major shipments, in thousand bushels of wheat equivalent, went to Italy (567), Venezuela (437), Israel (343), the Philippine Islands (203), and Trinidad and Tobago (184).

## Wheat Milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <sup>1/</sup>
	- bushels -	- barrels of 196 pounds -	
1935-36-1939-40 average .....	67,845,114	15,002,781	4,899,970
1940-41-1944-45 average .....	99,704,638	22,402,166	12,091,605
1945-46 .....	118,074,774	26,435,341	14,470,177
1946-47 .....	127,775,176	28,588,456	16,896,233
1947-48 .....	109,822,011	24,159,696	13,661,573
1948-49 .....	90,896,984	20,379,997	10,687,561
1949-50 .....	90,082,917	20,259,200	10,151,090
1950-51 .....	106,748,343	23,630,180	12,426,996
<u>1951-52</u>			
August .....	7,747,885 <sup>2/</sup>	1,699,569 <sup>2/</sup>	573,624
September .....	8,173,807 <sup>2/</sup>	1,797,624 <sup>2/</sup>	700,228
October .....	8,832,670 <sup>2/</sup>	1,926,302 <sup>2/</sup>	855,721
November .....	8,957,474 <sup>2/</sup>	1,944,215 <sup>2/</sup>	896,318
December .....	8,064,982 <sup>2/</sup>	1,755,062 <sup>2/</sup>	818,436
January .....	8,505,951 <sup>2/</sup>	1,844,408 <sup>2/</sup>	757,059
February .....	8,378,104 <sup>2/</sup>	1,812,383 <sup>2/</sup>	928,792
March .....	8,804,729 <sup>2/</sup>	1,926,301 <sup>2/</sup>	1,123,171
April .....	8,994,401 <sup>2/</sup>	1,973,994 <sup>2/</sup>	1,190,008
May .....	9,758,260 <sup>2/</sup>	2,145,508 <sup>2/</sup>	1,197,991
Totals .....	91,040,025	18,825,366	9,041,348

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 to 1950-51 and August, 1951 to February, 1952 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Subsequent months to be revised as data become available.

<sup>2/</sup> Subject to revision.

## UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position      With export data now available for eleven months of the current crop year, it appears that the anticipated 1951-52 export level of 450 million bushels of wheat and wheat products will be readily realized. Preliminary data on exports of wheat as grain during the eleven months ending May 31, 1952 indicate a total of 398.9 million bushels, up sharply from the 282.1 million exported during the July-May period of 1950-51. However, exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, at 39.9 million bushels, were down 2.0 million from the corresponding period last year. Combined exports of wheat and wheat products, at 438.8 million bushels, represent an increase of about 35 per cent over the eleven-month total of 324.1 million exported in 1950-51. The balance remaining on June 1 for export and carryover at the end of the crop year was estimated at 267.5 million bushels compared with 436.4 million a year ago.

### United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 1/	1950-51
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at July 1 .....	396.2	424.7
New crop .....	987.5	1,019.4
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	1,383.7	1,444.1
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July 1-May 31 .....	27.6	10.8
Total estimated supplies 2/ .....	1,411.3	1,454.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year 3/ ..	705.0	694.4
Available for export and carryover .....	706.3	760.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July 1--May 31 .....	398.9	282.1
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July 1-May 31 .....	39.9	41.9
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni ..	438.8	324.1
Balance on June 1 for export and carryover .....	267.5	436.4

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Excluding imports for June.

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

1952 Wheat Crop      In a report issued on June 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the  
Forecast at 1,326      Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of  
Million Bushels      Agriculture, forecast the 1952 production of all wheat in the United States at 1,326 million bushels, second only to the record crop of 1,359 million bushels harvested in 1947. According to the report, "A crop of this size would be about one-third larger than the 987 million crop produced in 1951 and would exceed the 10-year average production by 241 million bushels. Winter wheat harvest is under way in earlier areas and the crop is heading and starting to fill as far north as Nebraska and areas of comparable latitude. Overall crop prospects were improved materially during May by adequate

rainfall and moderate temperatures over much of the winter wheat producing areas. Recent growth and development of spring wheat in the extreme northern plains area has been retarded by droughty conditions. The effect of the lack of rainfall over much of North Dakota and parts of South Dakota, Montana, and Minnesota was offset to some extent by the cool temperatures during late May.

A record production of 1,060 million bushels of winter wheat is currently forecast, based on crop conditions as of June 1. This exceeds the May 1 forecast by 74 million bushels and is 415 million larger than the 645 million bushel crop of 1951. The 1941-50 average production is 800 million bushels and the previous record crop was 1,059 million bushels in 1947. The 1952 crop has shown progressive improvement since emerging from the winter dormant period. Improvement was particularly marked during May as a result of favourable weather over the major portion of the winter wheat area. The yield per harvested acre for the United States is estimated at 20.8 bushels. This compares with 16.2 bushels in 1951 and the average of 17.7 bushels. In addition to higher yields contributing to a gain in production over a year ago, about 51 million acres remain for harvest this year, compared with the 39.8 million acres harvested in 1951. ....

A 1952 spring wheat crop of 265,859,000 bushels is forecast, based on the June 1 condition of the crop. This production compares with 342,005,000 bushels produced last year and the 1941-50 average of 284,687,000 bushels. Spring wheat production prospects have been sharply limited this year by droughty conditions centering in North Dakota, the heart of the spring wheat belt, and extending into northwestern Minnesota, north central South Dakota, and eastern Montana. The intended acreage of the crop this spring, while slightly less than last year, was 17 per cent above average. The lower production in prospect for this year will result from yields which are expected to average substantially lower in the main producing areas. Seeding was completed as early or earlier than usual and germination was generally satisfactory except for the latest seeded fields. Despit the protracted dry period in the main producing area, stands were generally satisfactory and the crop still had a good colour on June 1. ....

Durum wheat production is forecast at 24,304,000 bushels, compared with a 1951 crop of 35,820,000 bushels and the 10-year average of 37,950,000 bushels. A large part of the crop was planted nearly three weeks earlier than usual, following a winter of very light snowfall. Rainfall has been extremely low since seeding. Wild oats have been a problem in many durum fields and some acreage has already been plowed up and abandoned.

The production of Other Spring Wheat is forecast at 241,555,000 bushels this year, compared with 306,185,000 bushels last year and the 10-year average of 246,738,000."

No Acreage or Marketing  
Curbs on 1953 Wheat Crop

Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, announced on June 19 that there will be no acreage allotments and no marketing quotas on the 1953 United States wheat crop.

The Secretary's announcement followed a finding that the supply of wheat for the 1953-54 marketing year is indicated to be larger than the quantity that would normally require proclamation of marketing quotas, but that wheat production considerably larger than the quantity called for under acreage allotment provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act will be needed in 1953.

Mr. Brannan said, "In view of the national emergency and the need to maintain reserve supplies of wheat sufficiently large to meet unpredictable situations which may develop during a continuation of the emergency, it has been determined that marketing quotas and acreage allotments will not be used for the 1953 crop of wheat.

The increased dependence since World War II of many foreign countries on the U.S. to help them meet their food needs is a condition of paramount importance in planning our wheat production programs. The export of wheat by the U.S. is an important factor in dealing with friendly countries in the common defense effort. Since the war, the shipment of wheat to these countries has averaged more than 400 million bushels a year, or a little over one-third of our annual production. And the demand for wheat by these countries is expected to continue at a high level.

Wheat being a universal grain, it may be substituted for other grains in case an emergency should arise requiring such use of wheat. For instance, during the war, around 275 million bushels of wheat were used for industrial purposes, mostly for the manufacture of synthetic rubber. During the same period of critical need, nearly a billion bushels of wheat above normal use was required to supplement our feed crops in the feeding of live stock."

1952-53 International Wheat Agreement Sales Opened

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that effective at 3:30 p.m. June 25, sales of U.S. wheat and wheat flour might be made against 1952-53

International Wheat Agreement quotas. According to the Production and Marketing Administration's press release, "All such sales must be for export during the period Aug. 1, 1952 to July 31, 1953, inclusive. At the same time the Department made the initial announcement of the export payment rates that will apply to such sales.

International Wheat Agreement quotas for all importing countries remain unchanged from those applicable to the 1951-52 program. (The quota for export from the United States under the Wheat Agreement during 1952-53 is 253 million bushels). The Department has not received specific information relating to quotas for territories of importing countries, but it may be assumed until otherwise announced that these quotas will be the same as those applicable to the preceding year. ....

The Department also announced the maximum equivalent prices which are currently applicable to sales under the IWA. These prices at East Coast and Gulf ports are equivalent to \$1.80 per bushel for No. 1 Manitoba Northern bulk wheat in store Ft. William-Port Arthur, Canada. The maximum equivalent prices in dollars per bushel are:

	Maximum Equivalent Price Per Bushel
<u>East Coast</u>	
Bulk basis, f.o.b. vessel, all destinations .....	\$2.00
<u>Gulf Coast</u>	
Bulk basis, f.o.b. vessel:	
All European countries, Middle East and all of Africa and adjacent islands .....	\$1.97
Far East and adjacent areas .....	\$1.99
Latin America and West Indies .....	\$2.02

The maximum price of \$1.80 per bushel bulk basis in store West Coast ports is as specified in the International Wheat Agreement.

The six (6) cents carrying charge announced by the CCC on June 14, 1951 continues in effect, and is to be added to the above prices to determine the maximum U.S. sales prices (exclusive of marketing costs as agreed between the buyer and seller) under the Wheat Agreement. Export payment rates on commercial sales of wheat and flour will be established on the basis of the maximum U.S. sales prices which include the six (6) cents carrying charge.

## Daily Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City			No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis		
Date	Price		Date	Price	
	cents per bushel			cents per bushel	
May 26, 1952	241 1/2	- 249	May 26, 1952	238 1/8	- 242 1/8
27	240 1/2	- 242 3/4	27	238 5/8	- 242 5/8
28	242 1/2	- 248	28	237 3/4	- 241 3/4
29	243	- 243 1/2	29	238 3/4	- 242 3/4
30	Memorial Day		30	Memorial Day	
31	Market Closed		31	Market Closed	
June 2	242 1/4	- 244 3/4	June 2	234 3/4	- 239 3/4
3	241	- 242 3/4	3	234 3/8	- 239 3/8
4	239	- 242	4	233 5/8	- 239 5/8
5	237 1/4	- 243 3/4	5	235 1/4	- 241 1/4
6	237	- 240	6	239 1/4	- 245 1/4
7	237	- 239	7	238 3/4	- 244 3/4
9	231 1/2	- 244 1/2	9	239 5/8	- 245 5/8
10	230 1/4	- 238	10	239 7/8	- 245 7/8
11	231		11	241 3/8	- 247 3/8
12	229	- 232 1/2	12	240 7/8	- 246 7/8
13	228 1/2	- 238 1/2	13	240 1/8	- 246 1/8
14	237 1/2		14	240 1/2	- 246 1/2
16	230 3/4	- 240 3/4	16	240 1/2	- 246 1/2
17	227 1/2	- 233 1/2	17	239 7/8	- 240 7/8
18	220 1/4	- 241	18	240 1/2	- 246 1/2
19	224		19	241 5/8	- 247 5/8
20	220	- 231 1/2	20	240 1/2	- 246 1/2
21	221 1/2		21	239 1/4	- 245 1/4
23	218 1/2	- 219 3/4	23	239	- 245
24	220 1/2	- 227	24	240 1/8	- 246 1/8
25	219 1/4	- 237	25	239 3/8	- 245 3/8
26	230	- 232 1/4	26	240	- 246

## Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	July	September	December	March	May
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
May 26, 1952	234	236/3	240/4	243/5	
27	234/5	237	241/2	244/1	
28	233/5	235/6	240/1	243/3	
29	235	237/2	241/7	244/6	
30	Memorial Day				
31	Market Closed				
June 2	232/3	234/5	239/5	243	
3	231/7	234/4	239/4	242/6	
4	231/7	234/2	239/2	242/4	
5	232/4	235/2	240	243/2	
6	233	235/6	240/4	243/1	
7	232/4	235	239/5	242/3	
9	233	235/5	240/3	243/4	
10	232/1	234/5	239/5	242/5	241/6
11	231/7	234/6	239/3	242/3	241
12	231/7	234/3	239/1	242	241/4
13	231/7	234/4	239/2	242/2	241/4
14	231/3	234/2	239	241/5	241
16	230/4	233/3	238	241	240/5
17	228/4	231/5	236/4	239/4	239
18	229	232/2	237/1	240/1	239/6
19	230/5	234	238/7	241/6	241/4
20	230/1	233/4	238/2	240/7	240/4
21	229/1	232/3	237/1	240	239/4
23	229/4	232/5	237/3	240/4	240
24	231	234/2	238/7	241/7	240/5
25	229/5	233	237/6	241	239/6
26	229/2	232/6	237/5	240/5	239/4

## ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position      Export movement of Argentine wheat continues to be confined to relatively small shipments against old contracts, with slightly over 100,000 bushels going to Paraguay during May. Total exports for the six months ending May 31, 1952 amounted to 3.8 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 55.6 million exported during the first half of 1950-51. The balance remaining on June 1, 1952 for export and carryover at the end of the crop year was estimated at 3.5 million bushels as against 50.6 million a year ago.

### Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <u>1/</u>	1950-51 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	11.0	7.3
New crop .....	84.5	213.1
Total estimated supplies .....	95.5	220.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	88.2	114.2
Available for export and carryover .....	7.3	106.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1—May 31 .....	3.8	55.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1—May 31 .....	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	3.8	55.6
Balance on June 1 for export and carryover .....	3.5	50.6

1/ Preliminary; based on information obtained from trade and other sources.

2/ Subject to revision.

3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

The following account of the Argentine situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. W. B. McCullough, Agricultural Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Buenos Aires, under date of June 14, 1952, and is reproduced with the kind permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where practicable, conversions from Argentine to Canadian measures have been made for the convenience of our readers. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of 5 pesos to the United States dollar.

Weather and Crops      During the latter part of May and early June there was heavy rainfall throughout all grain zones. The Western grain districts had only light rains in May but up to three inches in early June. The Bahia Blanca area received over two inches of rain to break an extended dry spell. This rainfall came at a very opportune time, particularly in these marginal areas that normally determine whether Argentina has a large crop or not.

Throughout the Northern and Southern cereal belts weather conditions in May have been satisfactory for seeding wheat and there is adequate moisture to ensure germination.

During the second week of June temperatures continued seasonally low with heavy frost reported from all districts.

Throughout all grain zones moisture conditions can be described as being from good to excellent and an increase in wheat sowings is expected.

Agrarian Credits Under the agrarian credit plan the Banco de la Nación announce that the maximum loans to the producer for the purchase of seed and sowing 1952-53 grain crops are as follows:

Wheat .....	68.00 pesos per hectare (\$5.51 per acre)
Flax .....	76.00 pesos per hectare (\$6.15 per acre)
Oats .....	57.00 pesos per hectare (\$4.62 per acre)
Rye .....	59.00 pesos per hectare (\$4.78 per acre)
Barley .....	59.00 pesos per hectare (\$4.78 per acre)

I.A.P.I.'s Participation in Export Trade - 1951 The scale of the Argentine Trade Promotion Institute's (I.A.P.I.) activities in 1951 was announced recently and shows the extent of this entity's operation in the past two years. During 1951 the accounts show a profit of 97.1 million pesos (\$19.4 million) compared with 47.9 million (\$9.6 million) the previous year and 1,238.2 million (\$247.6 million) in 1947, the first complete year of I.A.P.I.'s operations.

During 1951 I.A.P.I. purchased arable farm products totalling 7.7 million metric tons compared to 5.8 million tons the previous year. Grain accounted for 6.7 million tons in 1951, compared to 4.6 million in 1950, in each case representing about 85 per cent of the total.

Export sales of agricultural products effected by I.A.P.I. in 1951 totalled 4,512 thousand tons, valued at 2,882 million pesos (\$576.4 million). Of these totals 3,207 thousand tons, valued at 1,613 million pesos (\$322.6 million) correspond to exports of grain and flax and 952 thousand tons, valued at 1,117 million pesos (\$223.4 million) to vegetable oils and by-products.

The following tables, extracted from I.A.P.I.'s preliminary report, set out that Institute's purchases, together with exports of agricultural products during 1951:

I.A.P.I. Purchases of Arable Farm Products

Products	1951		1950	
	metric tons	thousand bushels	metric tons	thousand bushels
Wheat .....	4,951,371*	181,932	4,429,493	162,756
Oats .....	169,239	10,974	76,226	4,943
Barley .....	253,795	11,657	27,657	1,270
Rye .....	372,669	14,671	40,778	1,605
Corn .....	696,417	27,416	-	-
Other grains .....	256,708		54,231	
Flour and by-products ....	95,950		259,808	
Oilseeds .....	59,570		27,034	
Oils and by-products .....	883,026		859,900	
	7,738,745		5,775,127	

\*Provisional figure.

# I.A.P.I. Sales of Arable Farm Products for Export - 1951

Product	Thousand Tons	Million Arg. Pesos
Grain (including flax) .....	3,207	1,613
Flour and by-products .....	96	33
Oils and by-products .....	952	1,117
Other agricultural products .....	257	119
	4,512	2,882

Bran and Pollards Sweden and the United Kingdom were the principal destinations for the small quantity of bran and pollards shipped in May. I.A.P.I. has stipulated that effective June 1 a special permit will be required when exporting these commodities.

Grain Shipments The export of wheat has been prohibited for several months except for some small lots to complete contracts with Paraguay. Exports of coarse grains have virtually ceased as the existing small stocks are required in the country. Therefore, with the exception of small quantities of corn, Argentina has completed her grain marketings for the remainder of the year.

During May grain shipments totalled only 56,718 metric tons of which 51,893 tons was corn destined for France. The balance of shipments comprise 3,218 tons of wheat to Paraguay, 576 tons of barley to Germany, 82 tons of rye to Finland and 949 tons of flax to France and Sweden.

May shipments bring the cumulative total of all grains exported from Argentina in the first five months of the year to 642,852 metric tons as against 1,698,187 tons shipped in the corresponding period of 1951. In 1952 corn accounted for nearly 50 per cent of the exports while of the 1951 figure wheat comprised 87 per cent of the total.

The following are Argentine grain shipments by destination for the first five months of 1952:

## Argentine Grain Shipments, January—May, 1952

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
	- thousand bushels -					
Austria .....	-	374	-	-	-	-
Belgium .....	-	1,699	71	63	146	-
Brazil .....	1,049	-	-	6	-	-
Chile .....	-	-	9	-	-	-
Denmark .....	-	-	-	-	-	606
Finland .....	-	-	-	-	1,355	-
France .....	-	4,243	647	-	-	-
Germany .....	-	574	25	337	567	3,080
Holland .....	-	203	19	534	285	190
Norway .....	-	79	79	-	110	-
Paraguay .....	636	-	-	-	-	-
Peru .....	580	394	-	-	-	-
Sweden .....	-	3,352	85	834	1,664	849
Switzerland .....	-	340	-	595	70	78
United Kingdom ....	-	639	7	-	-	-
Yugoslavia .....	-	289	-	-	-	-
Totals .....	2,265	12,185	942	2,368	4,196	4,804

## AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Exports of both wheat and wheat flour from Australia, continue to lag well behind those of last year. Exports of wheat as grain in the December 1—June 7 period of the current crop year amounted to 24.1 million bushels as against 44.8 million for the comparable period of 1950-51. The major markets for this year's Australian wheat exports for the period under review, with quantities in million bushels, were the United Kingdom (7.6), New Zealand (5.2), and India (4.7). Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat for the same period amounted to 17.8 million bushels, as against 22.0 million a year ago, with the main outlets this year being Ceylon, Malaya, Indonesia, and the United Kingdom. The balance remaining on June 8, 1952 for export and carryover was estimated at 55.0 million bushels, compared with 77.0 million a year ago.

### Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 1/	1950-51 2/
- million bushels -		
Carryover at November 30 (including flour as wheat) ...	19.5	43.9
New crop .....	161.4	184.2
Total estimated supplies .....	180.9	228.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ....	84.0	84.3
Available for export and carryover .....	96.9	143.8
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1—June 7 .....	24.1	44.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1—June 7 .....	17.8	22.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	41.9	66.8
Balance on June 8 for export and carryover .....	55.0	77.0

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Subject to revision.

Australian Cable The following cable, dated June 17, 1952, has been received from the Agricultural Secretary for Canada in Melbourne:

"Australian wheat stocks at June 7th totalled 87,429,000 bushels. Wheat exports from December 1st, 1951 to June 7th totalled 24,067,000 bushels, with shipments during preceding four weeks mainly to United Kingdom. Flour exports for the same period were 342,656 long tons, with 18,391 to Ceylon, 15,640 to India, 6,577 to Malaya and 1,919 to United Kingdom. Wheat Board reports following sales flour within IWA during past month: 16,000 tons to Ceylon, 6,000 to Mauritius and 5,000 to Sudan."

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS, JUNE, 1952

- 6 - The Canadian Wheat Board advised elevator companies that, effective immediately, the movement of high grade wheat to Vancouver from stations in Saskatchewan with a 5 cents per hundredweight freight differential in favour of Fort William was to be discontinued.
- 10 - Production of all wheat in the United States, based on conditions at June 1, was forecast at 1,326 million bushels, second only to the record crop of 1,359 million harvested in 1947. Winter wheat production was estimated at a record 1,060 million bushels, 415 million greater than last year and 260 million above the 1941-1950 average. The spring wheat crop was placed at 265.9 million bushels, compared with 342.0 million in 1951 and the ten-year average of 284.7 million.
  - The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated April wheat flour production in the United States at 18,065,000 sacks. The average output per working day amounted to 821,000 sacks, the same as in April of last year, but slightly lower than the 853,000 sacks per working day produced in March.
- 17 - The French wheat crop is officially estimated at 280 million bushels, considerably below earlier private forecasts. Last year's crop was placed at 259 million bushels.
- 18 - Proposed changes to the Canada Grain Act approved by the House of Commons Agriculture Committee included increases in salaries of the chief commissioner and commissioners, reduction of the number of assistant commissioners from four to three, provision for a new system of issuing grain tickets, and some minor changes in grain grades. The question of grain averages and handling was left over to the next session of Parliament for full investigation by the Committee.
- 24 - India's 1952 wheat crop is officially estimated at 284 million bushels compared with 260 million in 1951 and 283 million in 1950.
- 25 - The Canadian Wheat Board announced the conditions under which export sales of flour milled from Western wheat produced in the designated area might be made for shipment during the 1952-53 crop year. The conditions applying to both International Wheat Agreement and Class II (non-Agreement) sales were included in the announcement.
- 30 - A wheat support price at a national average of \$2.20 a bushel to farmers for the 1952 wheat crop was announced by the United States Department of Agriculture. The 1952 support price, set at 90 per cent of the July 1 parity of \$2.45 a bushel, is two cents higher than last year's level. Terminal market price support rates per bushel for Grade No. 1 Heavy of the class Hard Red Spring and Grade No. 1 of the classes Durum, Hard Red Winter, Soft Red Winter, and White wheat at representative markets are as follows: Kansas City, \$2.49; Seattle, \$2.44; Minneapolis, \$2.52; Chicago, \$2.53; Galveston, \$2.63; and Albany, \$2.62.







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