

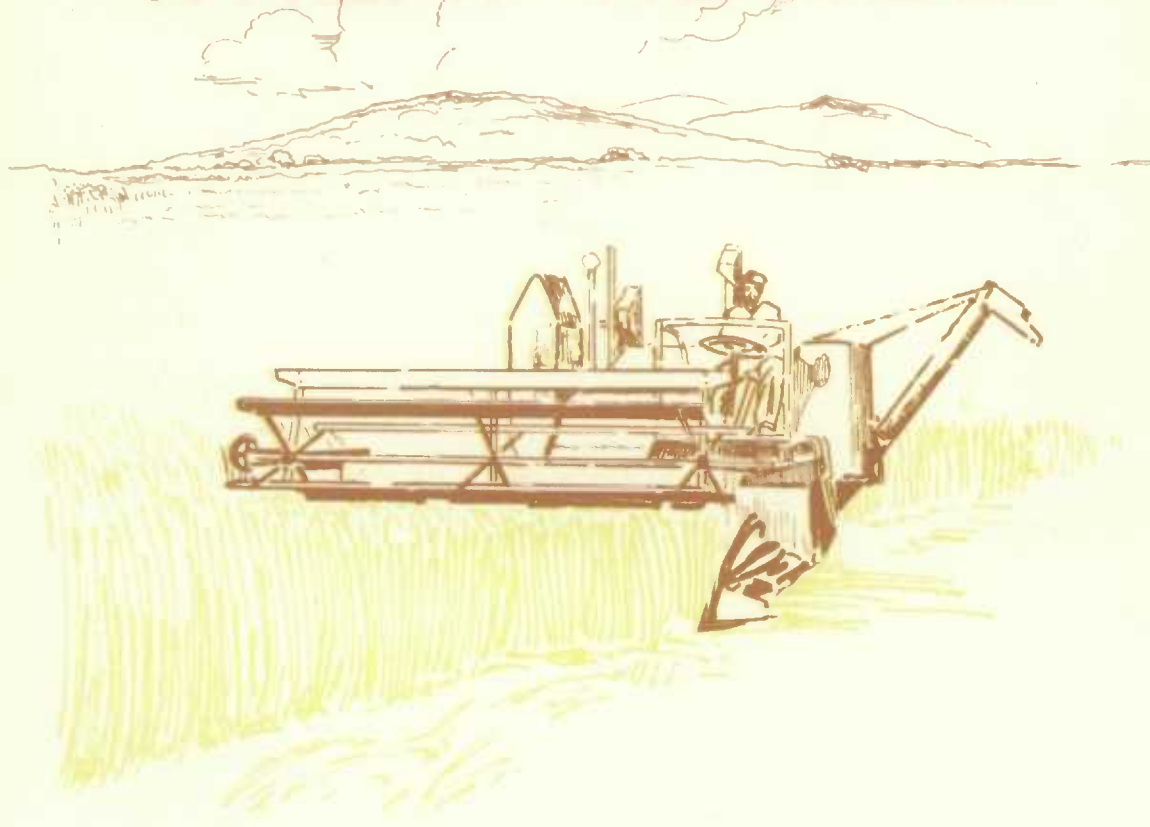
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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about July 1, 1952 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 595.3 million bushels, some 17 per cent below the 720.0 million available a year ago. Supplies this year (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: Canada, 288.2 (221.1); United States, 253.9 (396.2); Australia, 49.7 (63.8), and Argentina, 3.5 (38.9). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

New Crops Based on conditions at July 1, the United States wheat crop is officially forecast at 1,249 million bushels, the third largest crop of record in that country. The winter wheat crop is placed at 1,048 million bushels which is 62 per cent above the 645 million bushel outturn in 1951. Production of all spring wheat is now forecast at 201 million bushels, some 65 million less than at June 1. Drought conditions during June in the northern spring wheat states occasioned the decline. According to some sources, however, more favourable weather prevailed during July and final yields may be higher than were indicated in the official July 1 estimate.

The first official estimate of Canada's 1952 wheat crop will not be released until August 15, but generally favourable conditions prevail throughout the major spring-wheat areas. The Bureau of Statistics' telegraphic crop report of August 6 states that "all indications now point to above-average grain yields in the Prairie Provinces. Moisture is in sufficient supply to mature early-seeded crops in nearly all areas. Some further rain, however, would benefit late-seeded crops, particularly in southern parts of Saskatchewan and in some eastern and northern sections of Alberta. Damage from insects has been light this season to date and hail losses have been generally moderate. With warmer weather, extensive rust damage is not anticipated". The latest official estimate places Canada's 1952 wheat acreage at just under 26 million acres, an increase of 3 per cent over the 1951 level.

Prospects in the Southern Hemisphere are rather less optimistic. A preliminary estimate places the next Australian wheat crop at 150 million bushels which would be the smallest outturn since 1946-47. Weather has favoured early-season operations in the Argentine and trade sources believe that a fair increase has been realized in the wheat area compared with last year's extremely small plantings. It is thought, however, that the acreage achieved will be below the goal set by the Government.

Trade reports indicate favourable wheat crop prospects in most European countries with Broomhall estimating the 1952 European wheat crop at 1,588 million bushels as against 1,489 million in 1951.



## 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	10,192	10,948	75
Belgium .....	20,209	11,297	-	-	8,777	20,074	135
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	709	-	-	435	1,144	-
Cuba 3/ .....	7,422	3,415	-	-	4,016	7,431	-
Denmark 3/ .....	1,617	538	-	-	1,100	1,638	-
Dominican Republic 3/ ..	876	496	-	-	383	879	-
Ecuador 3/ .....	1,286	174	-	-	1,151	1,325	-
Egypt .....	14,697	2,633	477	-	8,045	11,155	3,542
El Salvador .....	404	66	-	-	326	392	12
Germany .....	66,139	11,027	2,904	3,590	48,198	65,719	420
Greece .....	15,726	1,423	-	-	14,194	15,617	109
Guatemala 3/ .....	919	239	-	-	684	923	-
Haiti 3/ .....	1,029	419	-	-	684	1,103	-
Honduras Republic 3/ ..	367	170	-	-	197	367	-
Iceland .....	404	114	-	-	264	378	26
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	7,041	1,950	-	1,145	10,136	-
Israel 3/ .....	5,879	1,536	-	-	4,351	5,887	-
Italy .....	40,418	13,729	3,879	-	18,292	35,900	4,518
Japan .....	18,372	3,728	-	-	13,601	17,329	1,043
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	6,804	2,856	-	15,278	24,938	-
New Zealand .....	4,593	-	4,589	-	-	4,589	4
Nicaragua 3/ .....	331	195	-	-	132	327	-
Norway 3/ .....	7,716	2,996	-	-	4,729	7,725	-
Panama 3/ .....	625	303	-	-	321	624	-
Peru 3/ .....	5,512	3,173	-	-	2,477	5,650	-
Philippines 3/ .....	7,202	3,895	3	-	3,303	7,201	-
Portugal 3/ .....	5,626	955	144	-	4,508	5,607	-
Saudi Arabia 3/ .....	1,837	-	52	-	1,782	1,834	-
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 S. Africa ...	11,023	5,600	-	-	4,368	9,968	1,055
United Kingdom .....	177,068	124,638	35,664	-	16,673	176,975	93
Venezuela .....	6,246	4,033	-	-	1,899	5,932	314
Totals .....	580,917	238,255	71,137	4,086	254,415	567,893	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries).		238,490	72,000	4,089	255,149	569,728	
Balance .....		235	863	3	734	1,835	

1/ Canadian Sales through July 22nd, 1952.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through July 18th, 1952.

3/ Quota filled.

## CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Deliveries of wheat to western country elevators have been coming forward in good volume and by July 17 the crop-year total to date amounted to 429.1 million bushels. Deliveries for the comparable period of 1950-51 were 347.7 million. Farmers may be expected to make fairly heavy deliveries during the final two weeks of the crop year in order to clear farm storage capacity for new-crop grain and also to take advantage of the current initial price of \$1.60 per bushel (basis No. 1 Northern in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver). On August 1, the beginning of the new crop year, the initial payment drops to \$1.40 per bushel.

### Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <u>1/</u>	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-May 31 .....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	751.6	573.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	150.0	143.7
Available for export and carryover .....	601.6	430.2
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain,		
August 1-June 30 .....	231.6	139.1
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S.,		
August 1-June 30 .....	<u>34.9</u>	<u>18.2</u>
Total exports of wheat .....	266.5	157.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat,		
August 1-June 30 .....	<u>46.9 <u>3/</u></u>	<u>51.8 <u>3/</u></u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	313.4	209.1
Balance on July 1 for export and carryover .....	288.2	221.1

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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

Reflecting heavy commercial disappearance in recent weeks, visible Canadian wheat supplies in all positions dropped from 207.5 million bushels on June 19 to 190.8 million on July 17, bringing commercial stocks to a level only 30 million greater than at the same time a year ago. Some 97.8 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 July 17 visible supplies in

million of bushels, were held at Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports (30.8), in transit rail (14.9), Lakehead terminals (9.6) in transit lake (7.4) and Vancouver-New Westminster terminals (7.3).

Combined exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat during June 1952 amounted to 44.3 million bushels, the highest monthly total since July 1945. Exports of wheat as grain, at 38.3 million bushels, were practically unchanged from the May figure but were sharply above the June, 1951 level of 25.5 million bushels. Total exports of wheat as grain for the first eleven months of the crop year amounted to 266.4 million bushels, 69 per cent above the 157.3 million exported during the August-June period of 1950-51. Some 96.0 million bushels, representing 36 per cent of this year's August-June exports 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, 34.9 (of which 6.8 million were for milling in bond); Japan, 15.8; Belgium, 14.4; India, 14.0; Germany, 11.2; the Netherlands, 10.5; Italy, 9.9; Ireland, 7.5 and Switzerland, 7.0.

Preliminary customs returns indicate that exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat during June amounted to 5,942,000 bushels as compared with 5,391,000 during the previous month and 4,813,000 in June, 1951. Total exports of wheat flour, in wheat equivalent, for the August-June period of the current crop year, at 46.9 million bushels, were about 9 per cent lower than the 51.8 million bushels exported during the first eleven 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 17.4 million bushels in wheat equivalent in the eleven months ending June 30, 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, Italy, Lebanon, Jamaica, and Hong Kong.

The amount of Canadian wheat in all positions remaining on July 1 for export and carryover was estimated at 288.2 million bushels, compared with 221.1 million a year ago.

Initial Delivery  
Quotas Announced

On July 24, the Canadian Wheat Board announced initial delivery quotas for the new crop year. The Board stated that "present favourable crop prospects indicate that producers will again harvest more grain than can be delivered at country elevators during the fall months, with the result that country elevator congestion may be anticipated and it will therefore again be necessary to institute the quota system of deliveries." The quotas are as follows:

1. No delivery quota on flaxseed during the 1952-53 crop year.
  2. Effective August 1, 1952, the delivery quota on rye will be five bushels per seeded acre at all points in the designated area.
  3. Effective August 1, 1952 the delivery quota on wheat will be five bushels, oats four bushels, and barley four bushels per seeded acre at all points in the designated area except for certain stations where the present open quota for these grains remains in effect pending further notice from the Board.
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Canadian Wheat Acreage  
Above 1951 Level

Canada's total wheat acreage in 1952 is placed at 26.0 million bushels as compared with 25.3 million in 1951. The wheat acreage estimate, together with those for other major grain crops as set out in the table below, is based on returns from the Bureau of Statistics' annual June survey of field crops. The comparable acreages for 1951 are rounded from the 1951 Census of Agriculture.

Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,  
Canada and Prairie Provinces, 1952

Province and Crop	1951 Area	Per Cent of 1951	1952 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres
<u>CANADA</u>			
Winter wheat .....	703,000	92	649,000
Spring wheat 1/ .....	24,551,400	103	25,345,000
All wheat .....	25,254,400	103	25,994,000
Oats for grain .....	11,896,600	93	11,062,400
Barley .....	7,839,800	108	8,475,300
Fall rye 2/ .....	711,600	106	757,700
Spring rye .....	415,000	120	499,600
All rye .....	1,126,600	112	1,257,300
Flaxseed .....	1,158,500	104	1,206,500
Summerfallow .....	21,569,000	98	21,245,000
<u>MANITOBA</u>			
Spring wheat .....	2,326,000	102	2,368,000
Oats for grain .....	1,643,000	98	1,611,000
Barley .....	2,040,000	106	2,165,000
Fall rye .....	41,800	106	44,100
Spring rye .....	11,000	96	10,600
All rye .....	52,800	104	54,700
Flaxseed .....	655,000	91	593,000
Summerfallow .....	2,519,000	106	2,669,000
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>			
Spring wheat .....	15,635,000	105	16,432,000
Oats for grain .....	3,815,000	88	3,362,000
Barley .....	2,449,000	108	2,644,000
Fall rye .....	404,000	94	379,000
Spring rye .....	306,000	119	363,000
All rye .....	710,000	104	742,000
Flaxseed .....	296,000	128	380,000
Summerfallow .....	12,855,000	97	12,430,000
<u>ALBERTA</u>			
Spring wheat .....	6,424,000 3/	100	6,404,000
Oats for grain .....	2,854,000	91	2,587,000
Barley .....	3,041,000	110	3,336,000
Fall rye .....	186,000	137	254,000
Spring rye .....	98,000	129	126,000
All rye .....	284,000	134	380,000
Flaxseed .....	135,000	112	151,000
Summerfallow .....	6,195,000	99	6,146,000

1/ Includes relatively small acreages of winter wheat in all provinces other than Ontario.

2/ Includes small acreages of spring rye in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

3/ Harvested area.

Condition of Wheat  
by Crop Districts in  
the Prairie Provinces

The two charts on the opposite page show the condition of the spring wheat crop within crop districts of the Prairie Provinces as it existed at June 30, for 1952 and 1951.

Crop district condition figures are based on the more important weather factors affecting the growth of the wheat plant, including precipitation during the preceding autumn, and precipitation and temperatures during the months of April, May and June. For all three provinces the charts are directly comparable as between the two years.

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

The condition of wheat in Manitoba at June 30, 1952, was estimated at 95 per cent of the long-time provincial average, the same as last year and 4 points lower than in 1950. This year's crop district condition figures equalled or exceeded the provincial long-time average in crop districts 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13 and 14 and were below the average in the seven remaining districts. Only two districts, 13 and 14, exceeded the provincial average by 20 per cent or more while only one district, No. 1, was more than 20 per cent below the long-time average. Compared with last year at this time, condition figures were at approximately the same levels in crop districts 1, 4, 5, 12 and 13; lower in districts 7, 9, 10 and 11; and higher in districts 2, 3, 6, 8 and 14.

The Saskatchewan wheat condition at June 30 this year was 130 per cent of the long-time provincial average compared with 106 and 91 per cent, respectively, on the same date in the two preceding years. In only three crop districts, 1A, 3AN and 3BS were condition figures below the provincial long-time average. All of the remaining districts were at least 10 per cent above the provincial long-time average, with three districts, 1B, 5B and 8A, exceeding it by at least 50 per cent. Compared with last year, condition figures equalled or exceeded those of all crop districts except 5A, 8B and 9B.

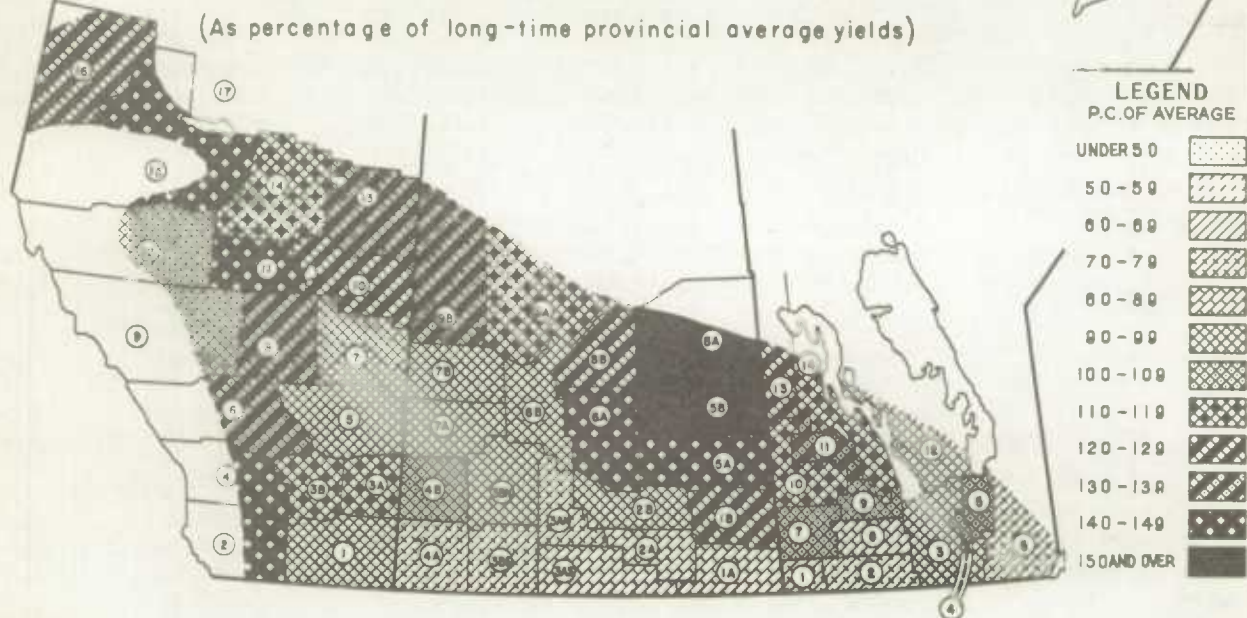
In Alberta, the June 30 condition of wheat was estimated at 125 per cent of the provincial normal, only slightly higher than last year's level of 123 but more than double the 1950 figure of 59. Condition figures in all districts except 5 and 7, in the east-central part of the province, were above the provincial long-time average. Improvement over last year's levels was registered by crop districts in the extreme southeastern, central, west-central and north-central sections of the province.



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

JUNE 30, 1951

(As percentage of long-time provincial average yields)

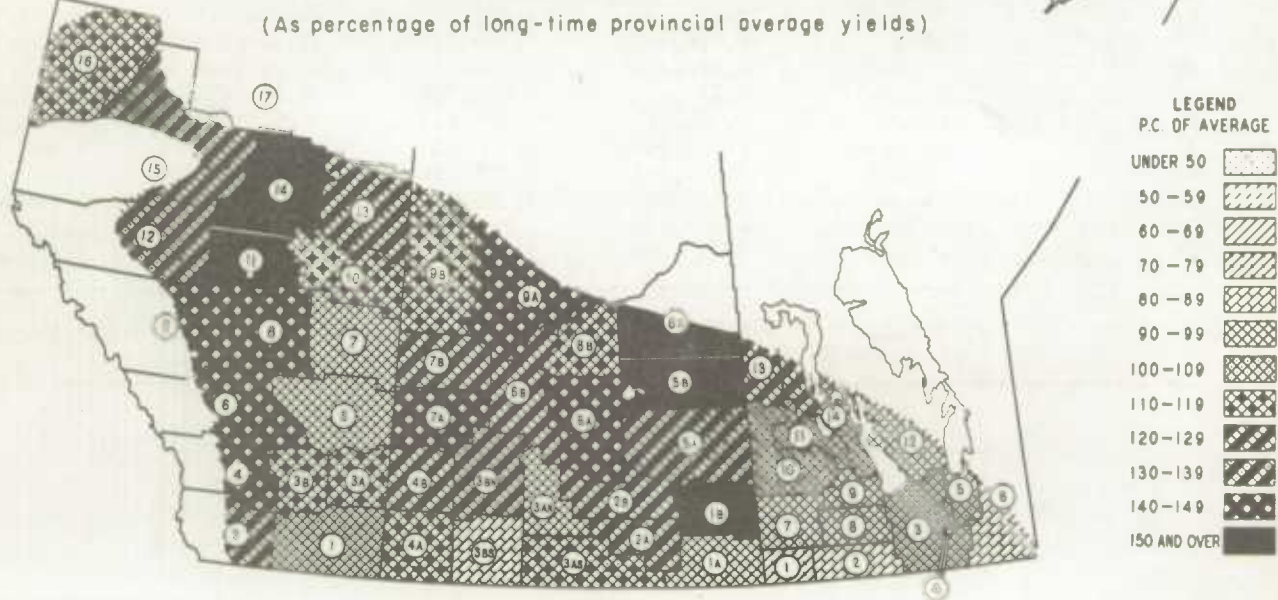


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# CONDITION OF SPRING WHEAT IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES, BY CROP DISTRICTS

JUNE 30, 1952

(As percentage of long-time provincial average yields)



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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
July	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
	26	392,137	5,025,031	2,398,194	7,815,362	7,131,036
	3	368,496	5,361,061	1,595,979	7,325,536	4,862,404
July	10	243,471	4,028,169	1,838,975	6,110,615	4,669,861
	17	259,740	3,795,936	1,914,196	5,969,872	5,595,487
Totals		43,315,432	259,331,937	126,440,608	429,087,977	347,732,175



Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, July 17, 1952, Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1951 and 1950

Position	1952	1951	1950
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	4,019	3,033	1,993
Saskatchewan .....	59,236	50,910	10,150
Alberta .....	34,569	21,072	13,098
Totals .....	97,823	75,015	25,241
Interior private and mill elevators .....	4,703	3,812	3,904
Interior terminals .....	5,515	9,780	8
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	7,313	3,572	12,694
Prince Rupert .....	6	-	-
Churchill .....	2,429	2,317	2,262
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	9,615	30,306	13,516
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	11,596	10,346	4,804
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ...	30,758	12,826	16,861
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ....	6,162	4,626	15,343
In transit lake .....	7,356	5,042	1,800
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	3,291	1,806	283
United States ports .....	4,241	965	-
In transit U.S.A. ....	-	459	4
Totals .....	190,809	160,874	96,718

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

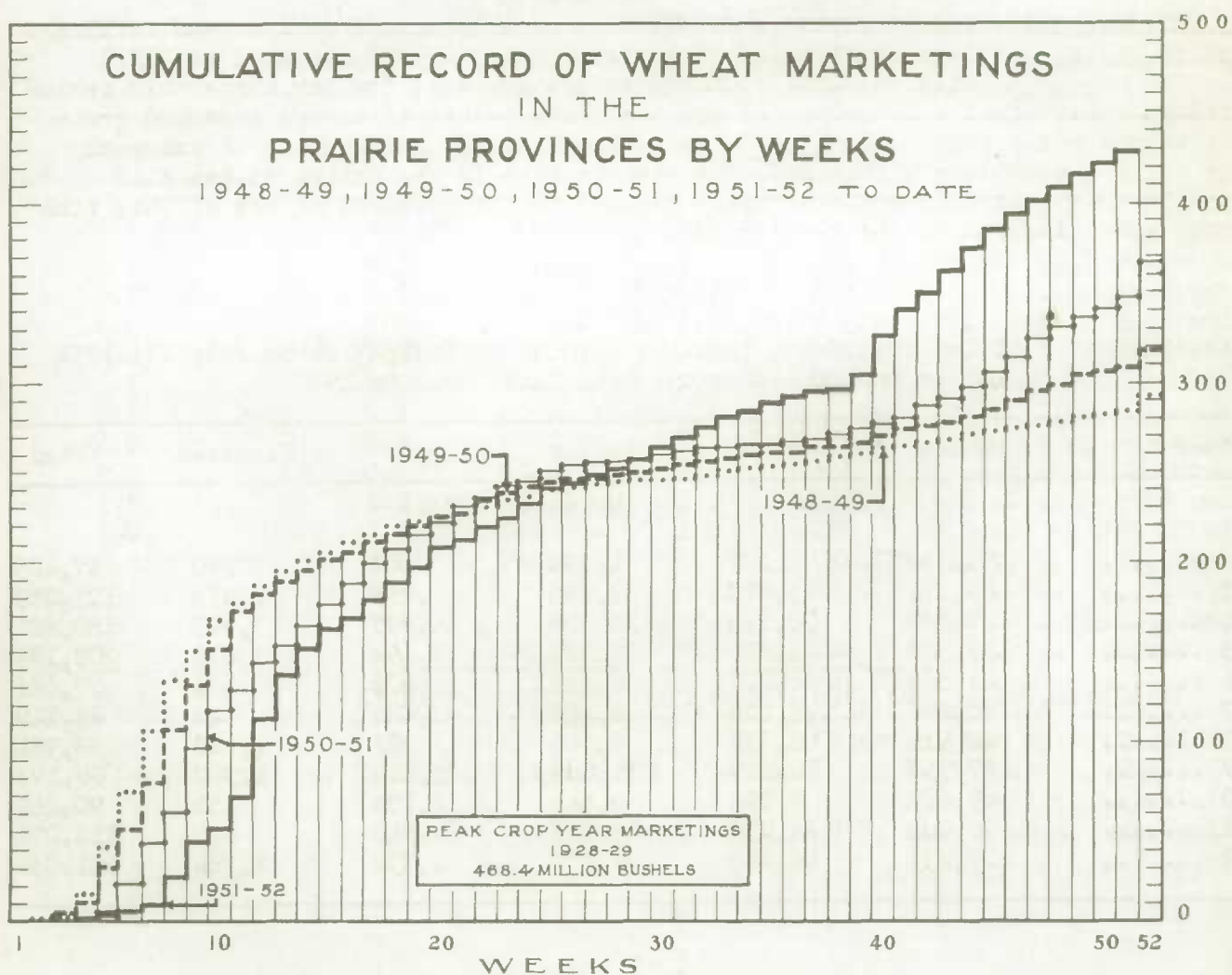
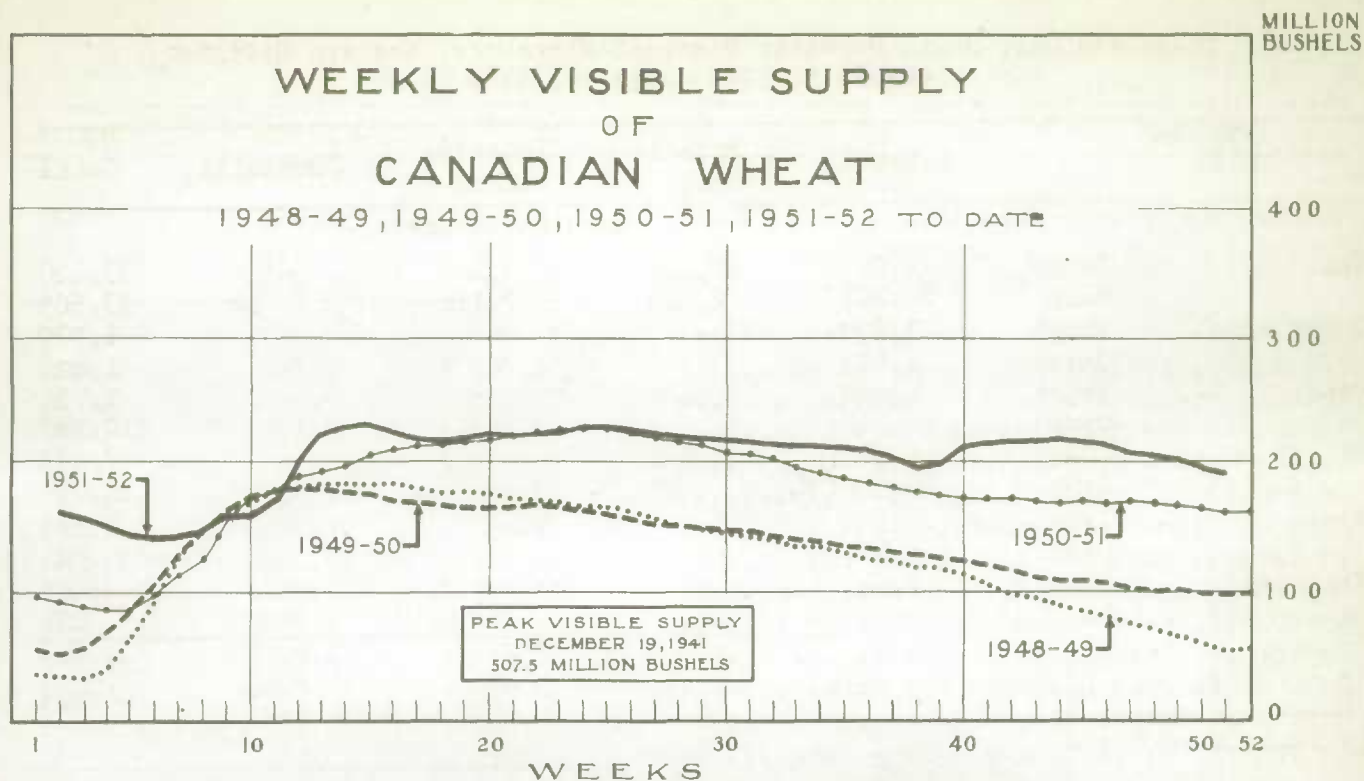
Grade	1951-52		1950-51		Average 1946-47--1950-51
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent	per cent
1 Northern .....	881	0.4	8,117	4.9	14.8
2 Northern .....	9,656	4.3	27,908	16.9	37.6
3 Northern .....	34,947	15.6	25,686	15.6	13.0
4 Northern .....	23,297	10.4	17,727	10.7	4.4
5 Wheat .....	20,589	9.2	19,668	11.9	3.7
6 Wheat .....	11,427	5.1	15,215	9.2	2.2
Feed Wheat .....	1,573	0.7	3,005	1.8	0.4
Garnet .....	556	0.2	1,647	1.0	0.9
Amber Durum .....	3,115	1.4	4,483	2.7	3.5
Alberta Winter .....	304	0.1	672	0.4	0.7
Toughs 1/ 2/ .....	82,817	37.0	31,169	18.9	15.6
Damps 1/ 3/ .....	33,110	14.8	8,284	5.0	1.3
Dried 5 Wheat.....	7	4/	-	-	-
All Others .....	1,647	0.7	1,384	0.8	1.9
Totals .....	223,926	100.0	164,965	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—July 17, 1952

Grain		Lakehead	Pacific Coast	Interior Points	Churchill	Total
- thousand bushels -						
Wheat 1/	Tough	9,017	22,119	2,315	-	33,450
	Damp	24,107	2,248	7,118	32	33,505
Durum Wheat	Tough	1,779	-	-	-	1,779
	Damp	1,622	-	2	-	1,624
Oats	Tough	1,620	108	7	-	1,734
	Damp	10,366	2	13	-	10,380
Barley	Tough	6,585	845	3	-	7,432
	Damp	10,348	70	17	-	10,435
Rye	Tough	1,323	-	-	-	1,323
	Damp	377	-	4	-	381
Flaxseed	Tough	2,441	-	2	-	2,443
	Damp	217	-	4	-	221
Totals	Tough	22,764	23,071	2,326	-	48,162
	Damp	47,036	2,320	7,157	32	56,545

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 July 17 amounted to 211.1 million bushels, the greatest movement for any comparable period on record. Last fall's late harvest and the heavy volume of spring threshed grain along with a heavy export demand were among the factors contributing to extremely large early-season lake shipments. The steel strike in the United States also helped in this regard as boats normally engaged in the movement of ore at this time of year were diverted to the grain trade.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to July 17, 1952  
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1942 to 1951

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1942 .....	93,832	1,103	1,538	662	270	97,405
1943 .....	83,374	15,870	19,285	1,259	1,475	121,263
1944 .....	123,639	30,145	18,306	4,987	3,603	180,681
1945 .....	139,883	44,620	19,327	2,494	1,874	208,199
1946 .....	41,568	26,177	8,614	676	651	77,686
1947 .....	66,069	19,626	8,392	-,634	28	95,749
1948 .....	40,411	8,339	6,965	302	2,968	58,984
1949 .....	67,955	10,029	11,088	5,814	4,307	99,193
1950 .....	69,672	7,795	9,546	2,772	456	90,242
1951 .....	70,901	24,238	15,943	4,340	654	116,076
1952 .....	119,231	46,273	38,833	4,332	2,384	211,054



Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1951 to July 17, 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 .....	6,075,393	3,178,471	-
Milwaukee .....	353,016	140,673	-
Chicago .....	1,378,340	605,693	192,766
Toledo .....	-	108,483	-
Detroit .....	62,930	346,050	-
Huron .....	79,148	-	-
Erie .....	93,107	212,606	-
Buffalo .....	23,757,678	13,406,839	11,825,741
Oswego .....	514,005	597,997	-
Totals, Vessel .....	32,313,617	18,596,814	12,018,507
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	1,903,416	400,720	135,453
Other U.S.A. Points .....	5,909,130	3,559,669	1,095,514
Totals, Rail .....	7,812,546	3,960,389	1,230,967
Totals, Shipments .....	40,126,163	22,557,203	13,249,474

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

Wheat shipments to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to July 17 amounted to 40.1 million bushels, well above the 22.6 million and 13.2 million bushels shipped during the corresponding periods of 1950-51 and 1949-50, respectively. In addition to the current crop year shipments shown in the above table, 15.4 million bushels were shipped by rail and water to terminals in 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 June 30, 1952	August 1, 1950 to June 30, 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 .....	196,082	356,443	96,626	330,348
July .....		199,603	52,122	469,797
Totals .....		15,359,216	4,368,737	13,376,558

In line with the usual seasonal trend following the opening of lake navigation, rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead dropped off sharply. While this year's June shipments, at 196,082 bushels, were somewhat higher than those of the previous month, they were well below the June, 1951 shipments of 356,443 bushels. Total rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead during the eleven months ending June 30, 1952 were 14.2 as against 15.2 and 4.3 million for the corresponding periods of 1950-51 and 1949-50, respectively.

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

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
- bushels -					
1 Northern .....	-	-	-	6,000	6,000
2 Northern .....	-	-	-	16,500	28,400
3 Northern .....	-	-	-	2,000	16,177
4 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	4,793
5 Wheat .....	250	3,113	-	167	-
6 Wheat .....	-	-	-	1,500	-
Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	15,500	28,710
Toughs .....	-	-	-	26,563	17,988
All Others .....	1,500	-	1,500	2,000	17,421
Totals .....	1,750	3,113	1,500	70,230	119,489

Freight Assistance Shipments Since funds currently allotted under the freight assistance plan were insufficient to permit payment of all claims submitted during June, the usual statements on freight assistance shipments are not being published this month. It is expected, however, that they will appear in the August 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 1/	Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Grinding in Bond 2/	Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour 3/	Total	Customs 4/ 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 5/</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	5,354	22,445	21,904
April .....	16,657	3,342	5,355	25,354	30,516
May .....	35,550	2,725	5,391	43,666	38,138
June .....	33,770	4,554	5,942	44,266	40,894
Totals .....	231,562	34,865	46,927	313,353	314,021

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

2/ 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.

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

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

5/ Subject to revision.

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

Destination	March	June		August—June	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/4/	Wheat 3/
	- bushels -	- bushels -	- bushels -	- bushels -	- bushels -
<b>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</b>					
United Kingdom .....	2,018,678	1,928,961	14,322,885	17,379,005	96,029,952
<b>Africa</b>					
British East Africa .....	-	576	-	576	-
Gambia .....	-	-	-	3,672	-
Gold Coast .....	2,353	-	-	114,416	-
Nigeria .....	3,375	12,420	-	81,121	-
Rhodesia .....	-	-	-	-	3,733
Sierra Leone .....	2,695	2,124	-	41,071	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	1,117,300	-	4,905,230
<b>Asia</b>					
Aden .....	-	25,272	-	57,406	-
British Malaya .....	2,295	8,824	-	127,084	-
Ceylon .....	-	447,336	-	830,443	-
Hong Kong .....	250,830	42,574	-	1,201,486	-
India .....	-	-	2,695,055	90	13,966,149
<b>Europe</b>					
Gibraltar .....	25,150	-	-	218,718	-
Malta .....	-	-	22,400	-	1,209,701
<b>North America</b>					
Bahamas .....	15,534	15,503	-	215,919	-
Barbados .....	34,101	25,888	-	384,480	792
Bermuda .....	11,412	7,223	-	111,991	-
British Honduras .....	4,091	2,034	-	45,460	-
Jamaica .....	132,890	282,330	-	1,375,957	-
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	92,664	110,718	-	914,153	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	229,212	160,780	-	2,282,130	-
<b>South America</b>					
British Guiana .....	41,108	50,018	-	747,753	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .	2,866,388	3,122,581	18,157,640	26,132,931	116,115,557
<b>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</b>					
<b>Africa</b>					
Azores and Madeira .....	6,719	-	-	25,065	-
Belgian Congo .....	8,536	24,313	-	326,006	-
Canary Islands .....	-	1,827	-	46,310	-
Egypt .....	118,026	607,613	-	807,206	424,015
French Africa .....	-	1,724	-	11,911	2,589,410
Liberia .....	918	576	-	6,701	-
Morocco .....	11,515	21,812	-	405,778	-
Portuguese Africa .....	3,883	2,250	-	167,630	-
Tripoli .....	-	109,283	-	160,695	445,180
<b>Asia</b>					
Arabia .....	14,675	15,327	-	139,420	-
China .....	-	3,443	-	3,960	-
Indonesia .....	258,669	20,655	-	820,665	-
Iraq .....	-	-	-	513	-
Israel .....	257,737	3,924	337,500	938,290	1,626,380
Japan .....	67,941	43,029	2,319,473	375,912	15,799,295
Korea .....	-	9,184	-	9,184	-
Lebanon .....	453,137	8,473	-	1,456,826	-
Philippine Islands .....	216,045	314,176	-	4,005,499	-
Portuguese Asia .....	19,426	2,295	-	86,040	-
Siam .....	16,713	13,199	-	160,025	-
Syria .....	-	-	-	579,775	2,398,180
<b>Europe</b>					
Austria .....	-	-	148,400	-	658,310
Belgium .....	49,383	-	1,427,598	49,955	14,426,959
Denmark .....	-	-	-	1,147	537,600
Finland .....	-	-	74,667	-	389,667



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

Destination	March	June		August-June	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/4/	Wheat 3/
	- bushels -	- bushels -		- bushels -	
<b>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</b>					
<b>Europe</b>					
France .....	-	-	-	5,278	6,761,510
Germany .....	10,606	-	4,028,819	157,081	11,163,985
Greece .....	37,431	-	-	66,951	-
Iceland .....	1,503	9,058	-	108,449	-
Ireland .....	-	-	996,800	-	7,542,276
Italy .....	-	921,222	1,113,066	1,753,754	9,876,478
Netherlands .....	-	-	1,796,672	-	10,538,286
Norway .....	-	-	125,442	-	4,230,417
Portugal .....	-	-	345,400	26,191	606,733
Spain .....	-	-	-	-	820,333
Sweden .....	-	-	319,200	-	1,962,771
Switzerland .....	-	-	427,257	-	6,987,215
Yugoslavia .....	2,984	918	1,326,087	28,917	2,795,564
<b>North America</b>					
Alaska .....	-	112	-	112	-
Costa Rica .....	23,485	66,771	-	470,507	41,867
Cuba .....	250,259	109,471	-	2,082,208	922,734
Dominican Republic .....	39,055	20,515	-	241,681	3,800
El Salvador .....	23,418	13,878	-	270,761	-
French West Indies .....	342	1,116	-	6,155	-
Guatemala .....	8,347	18,855	-	306,405	-
Haiti .....	58,532	40,279	-	475,178	-
Honduras .....	2,295	688	-	5,507	10,000
Netherlands Antilles .....	19,805	15,129	-	175,698	-
Nicaragua .....	1,148	9,356	-	157,402	-
Panama .....	11,592	6,885	-	193,914	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	1,827	752	-	18,419	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	1,382	9,477	-	276,044	-
For grinding in bond 5/ .....	-	-	2,055,568	-	6,848,971
For domestic use 5/ .....	-	-	2,498,508	-	28,015,952
Virgin Islands .....	-	2,295	-	12,586	-
<b>Oceania</b>					
French Oceania .....	-	-	-	32,490	-
Guam .....	-	-	-	45	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	6,656	-
<b>South America</b>					
Bolivia .....	-	-	282,730	2,295	1,859,569
Brazil .....	-	-	-	-	3,824,012
Chile .....	-	-	367,821	-	2,946,387
Colombia .....	20,538	23,513	-	239,689	233,322
Ecuador .....	688	10,755	-	256,733	55,115
Peru .....	-	-	175,467	-	2,958,653
Surinam .....	9,207	8,285	-	87,305	-
Venezuela .....	459,351	326,556	-	2,745,018	9,989
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	2,487,118	2,818,989	20,166,475	20,793,942	150,310,935
Totals, Exported .....	5,353,506	5,941,570	38,324,115	46,926,873	266,426,492

1/ Exports for March, 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 March, 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			
	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers 1951-52 Pool</u>				
1 Hard .....	160	160	160	160
1 Northern .....	160	160	160	160
2 Northern .....	157	157	157	157
3 Northern .....	154	154	154	154
4 Northern .....	146	146	146	146
5 Wheat .....	136	136	136	136
6 Wheat .....	126	126	126	126
Feed Wheat .....	120	120	120	120
<u>Domestic and Export <sup>1/</sup></u>				
(International Wheat Agreement)				
1 Hard .....	174	174/6	175	174/4
1 Northern .....	174	174/6	175	174/4
2 Northern .....	172	172/6	173	172/4
3 Northern .....	170	170/6	171	170/4
4 Northern .....	164	164/6	165	164/4
5 Wheat .....	159	159/6	160	156/4
6 Wheat .....	151	151/6	152	151/4
Feed Wheat .....	145	145/6	146	145/4
1 C.W. Garnet .....	172	172/6	173	172/4
2 C.W. Garnet .....	171	171/6	172	171/4
3 C.W. Garnet .....	168	168/6	169	168/4
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	174	174/6	175	174/4
2 Alberta Winter .....	172	172/6	173	172/4
3 Alberta Winter .....	170	170/6	171	170/4
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	174	174/6	175	174/4
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	172	172/6	173	172/4
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	171	171/6	172	171/4
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Hard .....	207	209/2	210/3	214
1 Northern .....	207	209/2	210/3	214
2 Northern .....	205	207/2	208/3	212
3 Northern .....	203	205/2	206/3	210
4 Northern .....	197	199/2	200/3	204
5 Wheat .....	165	165/6	166	162/4
6 Wheat .....	157	157/6	158	157/4
Feed Wheat .....	151	151/6	152	151/4
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	214	216/2	217/3	221
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	212	214/2	215/3	219
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	211	213/3	214/3	218

<sup>1/</sup> Plus 6 cents carrying charge.

## CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for June, 1952 amounted to some 2,082,000 barrels, somewhat below the May, 1952 peak of 2,146,000 barrels but slightly greater than the June, 1951 outturn of 2,044,000 barrels. Mills reporting operations during June, 1952 had a rated capacity of 96,270 barrels and, on the basis of a 25-day working period, 86.5 per cent of this capacity was effective. Mill grindings of wheat during the month totalled 9,465,000 bushels, compared with 9,758,000 in May and 9,291,000 in June, 1951.

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during June, 1952 amounted to 1,320,349 barrels (5.9 million bushels of wheat equivalent). Flour shipments during the month were reported to 56 countries, with the largest amount, some 1.9 million bushels of wheat equivalent, going to the United Kingdom. Other major shipments, in thousand bushels of wheat equivalent, went to Italy (921), Egypt (608), Ceylon (447), Venezuela (327), Philippine Islands (314), and Jamaica (282).

### 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
1951-52 <sup>2/</sup>			
August .....	7,747,885	1,699,569	573,624
September .....	8,173,807	1,797,624	700,228
October .....	8,832,670	1,926,302	855,721
November .....	8,957,474	1,944,215	896,318
December .....	8,064,982	1,755,062	818,436
January .....	8,505,951	1,844,408	757,059
February .....	8,378,104	1,812,383	928,792
March .....	8,804,729	1,926,301	1,189,668
April .....	8,994,401	1,973,994	1,190,008
May .....	9,758,260	2,145,508	1,197,991
June .....	9,464,843	2,081,788	1,320,349
Totals .....	95,683,106	20,907,154	10,428,194

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 to 1950-51 and August, 1951 to March, 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> Wheat milled for flour and wheat flour production subject to revision.



## UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Data now available for the 1951-52 crop year indicate that exports of United States wheat were larger, and domestic disappearance somewhat smaller than had been anticipated earlier in the season. Exports of wheat and wheat products in terms of wheat for the crop year are estimated at 471.2 million bushels. Of this amount 429.8 million bushels were exported in the form of grain and 41.4 million bushels as wheat products. Comparable figures for 1950-51 were 321.8 and 44.1 million bushels respectively. The official report on carryover stocks, released on July 25, places this year's July 1 wheat stocks at 253.9 million bushels compared with 396.2 million a year ago. On the basis of preliminary disposition data, domestic disappearance for 1951-52 amounted to 688.7 million bushels, about 6.2 million bushels less than in 1950-51.

### United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <u>1/</u>	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-June 30 ...	30.1	12.9
Total estimated supplies .....	1,413.8	1,457.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>2/</u> .	688.7 <u>3/</u>	694.9 <u>3/</u>
Available for export and carryover .....	725.1	762.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July 1-June 30 .....	429.8	321.8
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July 1-June 30.....	41.4	44.1
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni .....	471.2	365.9
Balance on July 1 for export and carryover .....	253.9 <u>3/</u>	396.2

1/ Preliminary.

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

3/ Revised.

### Stocks of Wheat at July 1, 1952

According to an official report dated July 25, carryover stocks of nearly 254 million bushels of United States old-crop wheat remained in all storage positions on July 1, 1952. Current wheat stocks are one-third smaller than the 396 million bushels held in reserve a year ago and one-fourth smaller than average holdings for the date. The current carryover of wheat is the fourth smallest since 1939. July 1 stocks in all positions for 1946, 1947 and 1948 were smaller, due primarily to the

intensified export program following World War II. Disappearance of wheat from April 1 to July 1 is indicated at nearly 268 million bushels, compared with approximately 320 million bushels during that three-month period in 1951.

Among the data assembled to obtain the current total were stocks of over 64 million bushels on farms, nearly 40 million in merchant mills, and 55 million in interior mills, elevators, and warehouses, all estimated by the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial stocks of old wheat at terminals, reported at nearly 94 million bushels by the Grain Branch of Production and Marketing Administration, are the smallest in four years and nearly 64 million smaller than a year ago. Commodity Credit Corporation reported slightly over 1.1 million bushels of wheat stocks in its own bins and in transit. Other Government-owned wheat is included in the estimates by positions. Wheat in all off-farm storages totaled about 189 million bushels compared with nearly 324 million bushels in these positions a year earlier.

#### Stocks of Wheat, July 1, 1952, with Comparisons

Position	July 1 1950	July 1 1951	April 1 1952	July 1 1952
- thousand bushels -				
On farms 1/ .....	65,861	72,638	201,500	64,449
Terminals 2/ .....	168,497	157,848	124,865	93,924
Commodity Credit Corporation 3/ ..	4,900	3,002	2,037	1,144
Merchant mills 4/ .....	55,934	73,587	80,760	39,562
Int. mills, elev. & whses. 1/, 5/.	129,522	89,159	112,357	54,816
Totals .....	424,714	396,234	521,519	253,895

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

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

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

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

5/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated.

#### 1952 Wheat Crop Estimated at 1,249 Million Bushels

In a report released on July 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture estimated production of all wheat at 1,249 million bushels, the third largest crop of record—exceeded only by the crops of 1947 and 1948. The prospective 1952 crop exceeds last year's 987 million bushel crop by about 26 per cent and is 15 per cent larger than average. While the outturn of winter wheat in the earlier maturing areas exceeded June 1 expectations, production prospects to the north deteriorated due to above normal temperatures during June. The extended period of droughty conditions in North Dakota, Montana and adjacent areas throughout most of June contributed to most of the 65 million bushel decline in the prospective spring wheat crop. Overall crop prospects for all wheat declined 77 million bushels from June 1. The indicated yield per harvested acres is currently estimated at 17.7 bushels compared with 16.1 bushels per acre last year and the average of 17.2 bushels.



The total acreage for harvest this year is estimated at 70,407,000 acres, nearly 9 million acres more than harvested in 1951, and about 7 million acres above the 10-year average. The acreage seeded to wheat in the fall of 1951 and the spring of 1952, at 77,541,000 acres, is slightly smaller than the 78,059,000 acres seeded a year earlier. Growers of spring wheat failed to plant their March intended seedings by 1.3 per cent and were short of the 1951 plantings by 2.4 per cent.

The 1952 winter wheat crop of 1,048 million bushels is 62 per cent above the 645 million bushel output in 1951 and is the second largest crop of record. Current prospects are 12 million bushels lower than indicated a month ago. This is due entirely to a smaller acreage for harvest than indicated on June 1 as yields average slightly higher. Kansas is harvesting a banner crop of 301 million bushels, 15 million bushels larger than the previous record of 1947. Above normal temperatures prevailed over winter wheat producing areas of the Middle West during much of June. This accelerated harvest operations in the earlier maturing areas. Soil moisture reserves were sufficient to maintain growth and maturity of wheat in the Kansas and southern Nebraska latitudes except for extremely late maturing varieties. High temperatures and winds cut short the normal ripening process of these varieties in an area covering western Nebraska, northwest Kansas, northern Colorado, and Wyoming.

The dry, hot weather in Oklahoma and Kansas actually aided final maturity and harvest operations as a whole. Production prospects improved 19 million bushels in Oklahoma and 18 million bushels in Kansas from June 1. However, in Nebraska and Colorado where the crop was less advanced, similar weather conditions caused material reduction in crop prospects during the month—down 9 million bushels in Nebraska and 24 million bushels in Colorado. Likewise, lack of rainfall during June in Montana and Washington reduced crop prospects by 14 and 6 million bushels, respectively.

By July 1, harvest was nearly 80 per cent complete in Kansas and had advanced well into Nebraska where about 5 per cent of the crop was harvested. Weather conditions throughout the eastern half of the country have favoured the 1952 winter wheat crop. As a result, a greater portion of the seeded acreage in eastern areas is expected to be harvested for grain and generally higher than average yields have been realized, or are in prospect. For the country as a whole, the estimated yield per acre of 20.9 bushels is 4.7 bushels higher than 1951 and 3.2 bushels above average.

The total of 55,823,000 acres of winter wheat now estimated to have been seeded last fall is only slightly above seedings in the fall of 1950. Abandonment of this year's crop, however, is much less than in 1951, and the 50,278,000 acres estimated for harvest exceeds the 39,762,000 acres harvested in 1951 by 26 per cent. Most of the increase in acreage is in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado where adverse weather factors and insect infestation combined to destroy a very large proportion of the 1951 crop. Due to larger acreage seeded and to less abandonment, acreage for harvest in the Pacific Northwest is also substantially above last year. Droughty conditions in northwest Texas resulted in the loss of one-third of the acreage planted in that State. For the third consecutive year the crop is a near failure in New Mexico. Although abandonment of acreage has been comparatively heavy in some areas, total abandonment at 9.9 per cent of planted acreage is just about average for the country as a whole. Last year 29 per cent of the planted acreage was not harvested for grain.

Production of all spring wheat is now forecast at 200,598,000 bushels, a decrease of about 65 million bushels from June 1. The 1951 production totaled 342,005,000 bushels and the 10-year average was 284,687,000 bushels. A continuation of dry weather until the last week of June was largely responsible for the sharp drop in production prospects. Prospective production declined 25 million bushels in North Dakota, 10 million bushels in South Dakota and 25 million bushels in Montana from June 1. Based upon July 1 crop conditions, the prospective yield per harvested acre is estimated at 10.0 bushels compared with a 15.8 bushels last year and an average of 15.9 bushels.

The 21,718,000 acres planted is 2 per cent less than 1951 and 16 per cent above average. Seeding operations progressed about on schedule early in the season but were slowed down during the last part because of dry weather. The acreage finally seeded was about 1 per cent below March intentions. The acreage remaining for harvest is estimated at 20,129,000 acres, about 7 per cent below 1951 but 11 per cent above the 10-year average of 18,110,000 acres. Abandonment this year is estimated at 7.3 per cent compared with 2.7 per cent last year and the average of 3.3 per cent.

Outlook for 1952-53 According to the July issue "The Wheat Situation" published by the United States Department of Agriculture, wheat supplies for the marketing year which began July 1, 1952 are estimated at 1,528 million bushels, the third largest in our history. This includes the July 1 carryover of 254 million bushels, the crop estimated as of July 1 at 1,249 million, and likely imports of about 25 million bushels of wheat for live-stock feeding. Out of this supply, about 700 million bushels are expected to be used in the United States. Assuming as much as 375 million bushels are exported, about 450 million bushels would be on hand July 1, 1953. This would be above the 1942-51 average carry-over of 335 million, but well below the record 631 million bushels in 1942.

In view of supply prospects, winter wheat prices probably will continue below loan rates until late fall or early winter. With a fairly strong demand in prospect, however, prices may be expected to strengthen seasonally in the fall. For the 1952-53 year as a whole, prices received by growers for all wheat may average around 5 to 7 cents below the effective loan rates.

Cash prices for the new winter wheat have advanced since the end of June, when they ended the decline that began about May 9. However, prices remained well below loan levels in late July. The rally was influenced by very large bookings of domestic bakery and family flour business, and by farmers placing large quantities of wheat in storage. Prices also received strength from the sharp decline in spring wheat prospects. On the other hand, further price advances will tend to be checked by difficulties of farmers in the winter wheat areas in finding storage space and by recent improvement in the outlook for spring wheat resulting from general rainfall which relieved the drought in parts of North and South Dakota.

A national wheat goal for 1953 of 72 million acres was announced on July 16. This is about 8 per cent below the big acreage seeded for the 1952 harvest. With average yields the 1953 goal acreage would result in a crop of about 1,080 million bushels—about 170 million bushels below this year's estimated high production. Production of this size would meet all anticipated requirements for the marketing year, both domestic and export, and probably add some to reserves.



**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	
June 27, 1952	217 3/4 - 229 1/4		June 27, 1952	239 3/4 - 243 3/4	
28	217 3/4 - 227 1/2		28	236 7/8 - 242 7/8	
30	213 3/4 - 222 1/4		30	235 3/8 - 241 3/8	
July 1, 1952	217 1/2 - 226 1/2		July 1, 1952	237 1/4 - 243 1/4	
2	220 - 242 1/4		2	238 7/8 - 244 7/8	
3	220 3/4 - 228		3	238 1/2 - 244 1/2	
4	Independence Day		4	Independence Day	
5	217 3/4 - 230 1/4		5	Market Closed	
7	216 - 231 1/2		7	236 1/2 - 242 1/2	
8	218 1/4 - 234 1/2		8	235 3/4 - 240 3/4	
9	219 1/2 - 232 1/4		9	236 1/2 - 241 1/2	
10	219 3/4 - 233 3/4		10	236 1/2 - 241 1/2	
11	220 - 233 1/2		11	236 5/8 - 241 5/8	
12	218 1/2 - 229		12	235 7/8 - 240 7/8	
14	218 3/4 - 228		14	236 5/8 - 241 5/8	
15	218 - 231 1/4		15	237 - 242	
16	219 1/4 - 225 1/4		16	237 - 242	
17	220 1/4 - 230 3/4		17	236 3/8 - 241 3/8	
18	224 1/2 - 233 1/2		18	235 3/4 - 240 3/4	
19	222 1/2 - 233 1/4		19	234 - 239	
21	221 1/4 - 232 3/4		21	235 1/4 - 238 1/4	
22	221 3/4 - 228 1/2		22	235 1/2 - 238 1/2	
23	224 - 232		23	235 1/2 - 238 1/2	
24	227 1/4 - 235 1/2		24	236 - 239	
25	227 1/2 - 233		25	236 1/8 - 239 1/8	
26	226 3/4 - 228 1/2		26	236 - 239	

**Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing**

Date	July	September	December	March	May
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
June 27, 1952	228/4	232/3	237/4	240/2	239/3
28	226/2	230	235/2	238/2	238/2
30	225/4	229/4	234/7	237/7	237/5
July 1, 1952	227/7	231/6	237	240	239/5
2	229/1	233	238/1	241/2	240/3
3	228/4	232/5	237/3	240/5	240
4			Independence Day		
5	227/7	231/3	236/3	239/6	239/3
7	228/4	231/5	236/5	239/7	239/2
8	228/6	232/1	237/1	240/4	240/1
9	230/2	233/2	238/2	241/5	240/7
10	229/1	232/5	237/5	241/1	240
11	228/4	232/1	237/2	240/7	240/1
12	227/4	231/5	236/5	240/2	240/4
14	228/2	232/1	237/2	240/5	240/4
15	228/1	232/1	237/2	240/6	240/2
16	227/2	231/1	236/3	240	239/4
17	228/3	232	237/1	240/6	240/4
18	227/3	231/4	236/5	240/4	240/2
19	227/3	231/7	237/1	240/6	240/6
21	228/2	232/6	238	242	241/6
22	228/2	232/4	238/1	242/2	242/2
23	228	233/2	238/7	243/2	243/2
24		233/7	239/5	243/5	243/2
25		233/5	239/3	243/3	243
26		234/2	240/2	244/3	244



## ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Recently published official estimates on Argentina's 1951 grain crops indicate that the wheat crop was even lower than had been estimated by trade sources. The 1951 wheat crop, officially estimated at 2,050,000 metric tons (75.3 million bushels) was only about 35 per cent of the previous year's crop and fell far short of Argentina's normal domestic requirements.

### Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 1/	1950-51 2/
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning crop year (December 1) .....	11.0	7.3
New crop .....	75.3 3/	213.1
Total estimated supplies .....	86.3 3/	220.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	79.0 4/	114.2
Available for export and carryover .....	7.3	106.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1--June 30 .....	3.8	67.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1--June 30 .....	5/	5/
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	3.8	67.3
Balance on July 1 for export and carryover .....	3.5	38.9

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision. 3/ Revised. 4/ Annual domestic disappearance in recent years has averaged approximately 135 million bushels.  
5/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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### Weather and Crops

Rains the past four weeks have maintained the generally favourable crop outlook throughout all grain zones. There is adequate soil moisture in each area and conditions are better in the west of the province of Buenos Aires than they have been at any time for several years. In their monthly report for June the Ministry of Agriculture state that good progress has been made with wheat and flax seeding, the former being completed in northern Córdoba and about 70 per cent accomplished in the rest of the province. In Santa Fé about 60 per cent of the intended acreage has been sown while in the province of

Buenos Aires the seeded area fluctuates between 20 and 80 per cent.

Flax seedings commenced in June in Córdoba and Entre Ríos. Recent rains have delayed the corn harvest and in the principal zones of central and southern Santa Fé it was estimated that 30 to 40 per cent of the crop remained to be harvested this late in the season.

Wheat Although wheat seeding is not completed, the trade forecast that the area sown this season will be between 6 and 6.5 million hectares (14.8 and 16.1 million acres). This compares with 4.7 million (11.6 million) last year and 6.5 million (16.1 million) in 1950. Recently the National Bureau of Statistics published the official estimates on the 1951-52 grain crops. As of February 1952 the official estimate on wheat is 2,050,000 tons (75.3 million bushels), slightly lower than trade estimates and the poorest crop for decades past. ....

Earlier in the year the Government adopted measures to conserve supplies. The export of wheat was prohibited and the extraction rate increased to between 82 and 85 per cent; millers were required to add about 10 per cent millet. The sale of wheat for animal feed was prohibited and low grade wheat that is normally used for feeding was diverted to flour.

The following table gives the official estimates on the 1951-52 grain crops together with those for previous years:

Area and Production of Argentine Grain

Grain	Area			Production		
	1951	1950	1949	1951 1/	1950	1949
	- thousand acres -			- thousand bushels -		
Wheat .....	11,595	16,189	14,059	75,325	212,967	189,010
Flax .....	1,619	2,686	2,662	11,901	22,015	26,605
Oats .....	2,963	3,237	3,037	28,660	47,529	35,021
Barley .....	2,144	2,218	1,983	16,011	35,021	18,137
Rye .....	4,932	5,412	4,602	3,421	24,841	10,909

1/ Official estimates authorized February, 1952.

Argentina Interested in Procuring Wheat from Abroad According to trade sources the Argentine Trade Promotion Institute (I.A.P.I.) asked several grain dealers for quotations on 300,000 metric tons (11.0 million bushels) of foreign wheat. This is not intended to be a cash purchase but it was suggested that the dealers arrange a barter whereby wheat will be exchanged for corn, wool and hides, including supplies from the dollar area. So far there are no reports of any deal being concluded.

Wheat for Paraguay It is reported that Paraguay has purchased 10,000 tons (367,000 bushels) of first grade wheat from the United States at U\$S 102.50 per ton (\$2.79 per bushel) delivered in Buenos Aires, basis outturn. It is understood that wheat has also been acquired in Uruguay at U\$S 151.00 per ton (\$4.11 per bushel) quantity unspecified. These purchases have been necessitated by Argentina's inability to ship more than 17,315 tons (636,000 bushels) to Paraguay during the current year, compared with purchases by that country of up to 54,000



tons (2.0 million bushels) per annum in former years.

Grain Shipments Exports of wheat, flax, oats and barley were brought to a complete standstill in June and total shipments of grain during the month at 34,572 metric tons comprised 29,772 tons (1.2 million bushels) of corn and 4,800 tons (189,000 bushels) of rye to Finland. Corn shipments were destined chiefly for France receiving 19,164 tons (754,000 bushels) while 3,903 tons (154,000 bushels) were shipped to Belgium and 6,705 tons (264,000 bushels) cleared for Chile although it is understood that the latter quantity was actually destined for Europe.

For comparison the following table gives shipments of grain from Argentina during the month of June for the past few years.

Argentine Grain Shipments, June, 1952

Grain	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
- thousand bushels -					
Wheat .....	-	11,688	8,855	6,720	4,760
Corn .....	1,172	39	2,151	1,939	5,219
Flax .....	-	721	255	-	-
Oats .....	-	330	4,106	1,246	20
Rye .....	189	1,613	397	842	698
Barley .....	-	-	181	1,031	3,072

Cumulative grain shipments in the first half of 1952 at 677,424 tons are only one-third of those effected in the corresponding six-month period of 1951 and barely one-fifth of total grain exports in the same period of 1948.

France and Sweden, purchasing 126,943 tons (5.0 million bushels) and 85,140 tons (3.4 million bushels) respectively account for approximately two-thirds of corn shipped since the beginning of 1952, while France alone received two-thirds of flax shipments which totalled 23,930 tons (942,000 bushels). Wheat shipments were limited to Brazil, Peru and Paraguay and aggregated only 61,656 tons (2.4 million bushels). Sweden was the principal customer for both oats and rye and Germany took nearly two-thirds of the barley exported in the first six months of the year.

The following are Argentine grain shipments per destination for the first six months of 1952, together with comparative figures for recent years:



# Argentine Grain Shipments, January—June, 1952

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
- thousand bushels -						
Austria .....	-	374	-	-	-	-
Belgium .....	-	1,852	71	63	146	-
Brazil .....	1,049	-	-	6	-	-
Chile .....	-	264	9	-	-	-
Denmark .....	-	-	-	-	-	607
Finland .....	-	-	-	-	1,544	-
France .....	-	4,997	647	-	-	-
Germany .....	-	574	25	337	567	3,081
Holland .....	-	203	19	534	285	191
Norway .....	-	79	79	-	110	-
Paraguay .....	6636	-	-	-	-	-
Peru .....	580	394	-	-	-	-
Sweden .....	-	3,352	85	834	1,664	850
Switzerland .....	-	340	-	595	70	78
United Kingdom .....	-	639	7	-	-	-
Yugoslavia .....	-	289	-	-	-	-
Totals .....	2,265	13,357	942	2,368	4,385	4,806
January—June, 1951 ...	62,336	1,073	5,715	2,100	6,824	321
January—June, 1950 ...	59,759	25,979	961	11,191	4,830	3,099
January—June, 1949 ...	39,997	19,568	-	4,430	2,510	5,407

## AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position With available wheat supplies well below the 1950-51 levels, exports of wheat and wheat flour continue to lag behind those of last year. Exports of wheat as grain in the December 1—July 5 period of the current crop year amounted to 26.3 million bushels as against 54.7 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 millions of bushels, were the United Kingdom (8.3), New Zealand (6.1), India (5.1), the Netherlands (2.2), and Italy (1.5). Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat for the same period amounted to 20.9 million bushels, as against 25.3 million a year ago, with the main outlets this year being Ceylon, Malaya, India, the United Kingdom, and Indonesia. The balance remaining on July 5, 1952 for export and carryover was estimated at 49.7 million bushels, compared with 63.8 million a year ago.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <u>1/</u>	1950-51 <u>2/</u>
	- 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—July 5 .....	26.3	54.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1—July 5 .....	20.9	25.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	47.2	80.0
Balance on July 6 for export and carryover .....	49.7	63.8

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Subject to revision.

Australian Cable     The following cable, dated July 15, 1952, has been received from the Agricultural Secretary for Canada in Melbourne:

"Australian wheat stocks at July 5th totalled 77,726,000 bushels. Wheat exports from December 1st 1951 to July 5th totalled 26,299,000 bushels with shipments during preceding four weeks mainly to New Zealand and United Kingdom. Flour exports for the same period were 403,773 long tons with 16,425 to Ceylon, 15,910 to the United Kingdom, 7,377 to Malaya and 6,480 to Holland. Latest estimate of 1952-53 wheat crop is 150 million bushels from about 10 million acres."

In connection with the 1952-53 preliminary estimate of 150 million bushels, it is of interest to note that a crop of this size would be the lowest since 1946-47 when production was estimated at 117 million bushels. Australia's wheat production for each of the past five crop years is estimated as follows, in millions of bushels: 1947-48 (220), 1948-49 (191), 1949-50 (218), 1950-51 (184) and 1951-52 (161).

## CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- July 10 - The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture forecasts the 1952 U.S. wheat crop at 1,249 million bushels on the basis of conditions existing at July 1.
- 15 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' report on condition of Field Crops at June 30 places the all-Canada wheat condition at 124 as compared with 109 at June 30, 1951 and 83 on June 30, 1950.
- 15 - The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimates wheat flour production in the United States in May at 17,599,000 sacks, an average of 838,000 sacks per working day, compared with 821,000 sacks per working day in April, and 842,000 sacks per day in May, 1951. Operation of wheat flour mills in May was at 75.3 per cent of capacity, compared with 73.6 per cent the previous month.
- 24 - The Canadian Wheat Board announced initial delivery quotas for the 1952-53 crop year.
- 25 - Carryover stocks of United States wheat in all positions on July 1, 1952 were estimated at 253.9 million bushels, one-third smaller than the 396.2 million held in reserve a year ago and one-fourth smaller than average holdings for the date.
- 29 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates Canada's 1952 wheat acreage at 25,994,000 acres, an increase of 3 per cent over the 1951 level of 25,254,400 acres.
- Aug. 1 - According to Broomhall, steamers have been booked to ship American wheat in August to the Argentine in connection with a wheat-corn barter deal of 200,000 tons of U.S. wheat for 260,000 tons of Argentine corn.

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The stations are excepted since Board records indicate that some producers at these points have not and may not by August 1 have had the opportunity of delivering all the old crop grain they desired to market during the 1951-52 crop year. The Board is, therefore, leaving the present quotas on wheat, oats and barley in effect at these stations to allow such producers a further period for the delivery of old-crop grain, without such deliveries being charged against the new 1952-53 quotas.







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