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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

**Current Supplies** The latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about January 1, 1952 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,021 million bushels. Supplies of 1,211 million bushels at the same time one year ago were 19 per cent above the current level. Supplies available this year for export and carryover (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, last year's figures in brackets: Canada, 464 (340); United States, 456 (639); Australia, 101 (134), and Argentina, nil (98).

The newly harvested 1951-52 crops in Australia and the Argentine are taken into consideration in the above estimates. It is observed in connection with the Argentine situation that, should current crop estimates prove correct, there will be no exportable wheat surplus in that country during the present crop year. Any Argentine wheat exported this year could accordingly be obtained only by reducing domestic consumption below the estimated level or by importing wheat to offset the 'deficit'.

**World Wheat Trade** After a decline in 1949-50, world wheat shipments in 1950-51 reached a very high level exceeded only in two previous years. A Commodity Report on Grain, issued by the Food and Agriculture Organization on December 1, 1951, covers recent developments in the world wheat situation. Included in this bulletin is the following table which concisely summarizes world wheat movements during the past four FAO crop years. Note: The FAO crop year coincides with that of the United States, i.e., it extends from July 1 to June 30.

World Shipments of Wheat and Wheat Flour <sup>1/</sup>

Region	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
- million metric tons, wheat equivalent -				
<b>Source</b>				
Argentina .....	2.77	1.65	2.42	2.81
Australia .....	2.83	3.42	3.13	3.46
Canada .....	5.68	6.04	6.43	6.14
United States <sup>2/</sup> .....	13.20	13.80	8.65	10.25
Others .....	1.26	2.09	2.39	2.73
Total .....	25.74	27.00	23.02	25.39
<b>Destination</b>				
Europe .....	18.54	17.18	12.81	13.90
Nor. & Cen. America .....	1.00	1.11	1.56	1.73
S. America .....	1.18	1.39	1.59	2.35
Asia .....	3.95	5.86	5.66	5.44
Africa .....	0.86	1.17	1.16	1.59
Oceania .....	0.19	0.28	0.22	0.20
Unspecified .....	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.18
Total .....	25.74	27.00	23.02	25.39

<sup>1/</sup> Based mainly on trade data of exporting countries and partly estimated from trade data of importing countries and other indications.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes estimates of shipments to U.S. Territories and Possessions.

## 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	-	-	73	7,665	7,738	3,285
Belgium .....	20,209	10,961	-	-	8,747	19,708	501
Bolivia 3/ .....	2,756	2,033	-	-	782	2,815	-
Brazil 3/ .....	13,228	2,461	-	-	10,741	13,202	-
Ceylon 3/ .....	6,614	-	5,166	-	1,448	6,614	-
Costa Rica 3/ .....	1,213	777	-	-	430	1,207	-
Cuba .....	7,422	3,935	-	-	3,463	7,398	24
Denmark 3/ .....	1,617	538	-	-	1,103	1,641	-
Dominican 3/ .....	876	475	-	-	333	808	-
Ecuador 3/ .....	1,286	470	-	-	831	1,301	-
Egypt .....	14,697	-	-	-	7,557	7,557	7,140
El Salvador 3/ .....	404	173	-	-	234	407	-
Germany .....	66,139	4	2,904	1,286	44,298	48,492	17,647
Greece .....	15,726	30	-	-	10,927	10,957	4,769
Guatemala .....	919	228	-	-	301	529	390
Haiti 3/ .....	1,029	419	-	-	684	1,103	-
Honduras Republic 3/..	367	170	-	-	197	367	-
Iceland .....	404	70	-	-	112	182	222
India .....	55,116	14,933	10,014	-	28,423	53,370	1,746
Indonesia 3/ .....	3,674	23	1,946	-	1,759	3,728	-
Ireland .....	10,104	6,347	1,628	-	1,111	9,086	1,018
Israel .....	5,879	965	-	-	3,899	4,864	1,015
Italy .....	40,418	9,027	3,879	-	12,142	25,048	15,370
Japan .....	18,372	3,418	-	-	4,161	7,579	10,793
Lebanon 3/ .....	2,388	8	-	-	2,457	2,465	-
Liberia 3/ .....	37	25	-	-	11	36	-
Mexico .....	12,860	-	-	-	12,772	12,772	88
Netherlands .....	24,802	6,806	2,856	-	14,207	23,869	933
New Zealand .....	4,593	-	4,542	-	-	4,542	51
Nicaragua 3/ .....	331	195	-	-	127	322	-
Norway 3/ .....	7,716	2,987	-	-	4,724	7,711	-
Panama 3/ .....	625	303	-	-	321	624	-
Peru 3/.....	5,512	3,186	-	-	2,465	5,651	-
Philippines .....	7,202	4,400	3	-	2,284	6,687	515
Portugal .....	5,626	275	139	-	3,620	4,034	1,592
Saudi Arabia .....	1,837	-	52	-	702	754	1,083
Spain .....	4,373	-	-	-	1,102	1,102	3,271
Sweden 3/ .....	2,756	-	1,493	-	1,291	2,784	-
Switzerland .....	6,430	3,024	-	-	2,106	5,130	1,300
Union of South Africa.	11,023	5,600	-	-	2,053	7,653	3,370
United Kingdom .....	177,068	42,358	29,196	-	16,211	87,765	89,303
Venezuela 3/.....	6,246	4,679	-	-	1,421	6,100	-
Totals .....	580,917	131,303	63,818	1,359	219,222	415,702	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		232,979	88,700	4,089	255,149	580,917	
Balance .....		101,676	24,882	2,730	35,927	165,215	

1/ Canadian Sales through January 22nd, 1952.

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

3/ Quota filled.



## CANADIAN SITUATION

### Initial Price of Western Wheat Increased by 20 Cents Per Bushel

The Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on January 26 that the initial price of Western wheat would be increased by 20 cents per bushel, effective February 1, 1952.

For the first half of the crop year the initial price of wheat has been \$1.40 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern wheat in store at Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver. This price will now be increased to \$1.60 per bushel, effective February 1, 1952.

Mr. Howe stated that, commencing about March 1, the Canadian Wheat Board would make an adjustment payment of 20 cents per bushel on all wheat delivered by producers between August 1, 1951, and January 31, 1952. Between August 1, 1951, and January 17, 1952, producers had delivered about 242 million bushels of wheat, and by the end of January these deliveries may amount to as much as 250 million bushels. It is estimated that the adjustment payment will involve a distribution of about \$50 million. Producers will receive the higher initial price on all deliveries at country elevators on and after the first of February.

Mr. Howe pointed out that the increase in the initial price was justified by the volume of sales made by the Canadian Wheat Board during the present crop year, and the large commitments which the Board had on its books for the delivery of wheat during the balance of the crop year. The increase in the initial price will, of course, apply on all grades of wheat.

Before the completion of the adjustment payment on wheat, the government will announce its intention with regard to initial prices of oats and barley.

### Over One-quarter of Western Wheat Crop Still to be Harvested

According to surveys conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, an estimated 150 million bushels or 28 per cent of the 1951 Western Canadian wheat crop had not been harvested by December 31. The largest part of this total, some 91 million bushels, was located in Saskatchewan where an estimated 26 per cent of the acreage and 28 per cent of the crop remained for harvest. Quantities remaining for harvest in Manitoba and Alberta were placed at 3 million and 56 million bushels, respectively.

On a provincial basis, harvesting progress varied from an estimated 4 per cent of the area and 6 per cent of the crop remaining in Manitoba to an estimated 37 per cent of both area and production in Alberta. For the Prairie Provinces as a whole the estimated area remaining for harvest at December 31 was 6.6 million acres or 27 per cent of the area seeded to wheat in 1951.

It is not possible to forecast at this time how much of the unharvested crop will be recovered in the spring. The proportion of this grain eventually saved will depend on the extent to which the unthreshed crop escapes injury from lengthy exposure and on the development of weather conditions suitable for spring harvesting.

Estimated Proportion of 1951 Wheat Crop Remaining for Harvest  
in the Prairie Provinces as of December 31, 1951

Province	Seeded Area <u>1/</u>	Area not Harvested		Produc- tion <u>1/2/</u>	Amount not Harvested <u>2/</u>	
	000 acres	p.c.	000 acres	000 bu.	p.c.	000 bu.
Manitoba .....	2,400	4	100	52,000	6	3,000
Saskatchewan ..	15,810	26	4,099	329,000	28	91,000
Alberta .....	6,364	37	2,386	150,000	37	56,000
Totals .....	24,574	27	6,585	531,000	28	150,000

1/ As published in previous official estimates.

2/ Rounded to nearest million bushels.

Supply Position Visible supplies of Canadian wheat on January 17, 1952, amounted to 228.8 million bushels, compared with 224.8 million and 160.3 million, respectively, on approximately the same date in the preceding two years. While supplies in commercial positions are somewhat higher than a year ago, a greater proportion of this year's total is in forward positions or in transit. This year's stocks in store in country elevators, some 111.6 million bushels, represented 49 per cent of the total while last year at the same time 134.5 million bushels or approximately 60 per cent of total commercial supplies were still in that position. (continued on page 16)

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <u>1/</u>	1950-51
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at July 31 .....	186.4	112.2
New crop .....	562.4	461.7
Imports of wheat, August-November .....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	748.8	573.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ....	<u>150.0</u>	<u>146.5</u>
Available for export and carryover .....	598.8	427.4
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain,		
August 1 to December 31 .....	99.3	61.9
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S.,		
August 1 to December 31 .....	<u>18.9</u>	<u>6.4</u>
Total exports of wheat .....	118.2	68.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat,		
August 1 to December 31 .....	<u>16.9 <u>3/</u></u>	<u>18.8 <u>3/</u></u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	135.1	87.1
Balance on January 1 for export and carryover .....	<u>463.7</u>	<u>340.3</u>

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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



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	18,618,298
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	20,757,886
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	15,242,219
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	1,099,468	4,113,854	2,472,007	7,645,329	11,391,713
22	752,098	4,567,360	2,705,307	8,024,765	10,841,810
29	675,980	4,545,904	2,946,092	8,167,976	8,453,757
December 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
27	620,366	4,148,578	1,636,761	6,405,705	6,437,088
January 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
Totals	32,717,971	141,993,070	66,832,318	241,543,359	251,910,154

Deliveries of wheat by Western Canadian farmers up to January 17 of the current crop year totalled 241.5 million bushels as against 251.9 million for the corresponding period of 1950-51. Heavy rail movement from country elevators and considerable improvement in the delivery quota position, as shown below, have contributed to narrowing the gap between deliveries for the two crop years.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group  
for Wheat in Western Canada as at January 18, 1952

Province	Quota in Bushels Per Seed Acre						Open	Suspended*	Total
	6	8	10	12	15	20			
Manitoba .....	-	-	2	-	18	27	-	328	375
Saskatchewan .....	45	45	239	76	16	2	-	702	1,125
Alberta and British Columbia .	22	7	28	24	6	1	2	503	593
Totals .....	67	52	269	100	40	30	2	1,533	2,093

\* May be reinstated at any point should deliveries reach sufficient volume to necessitate such action.

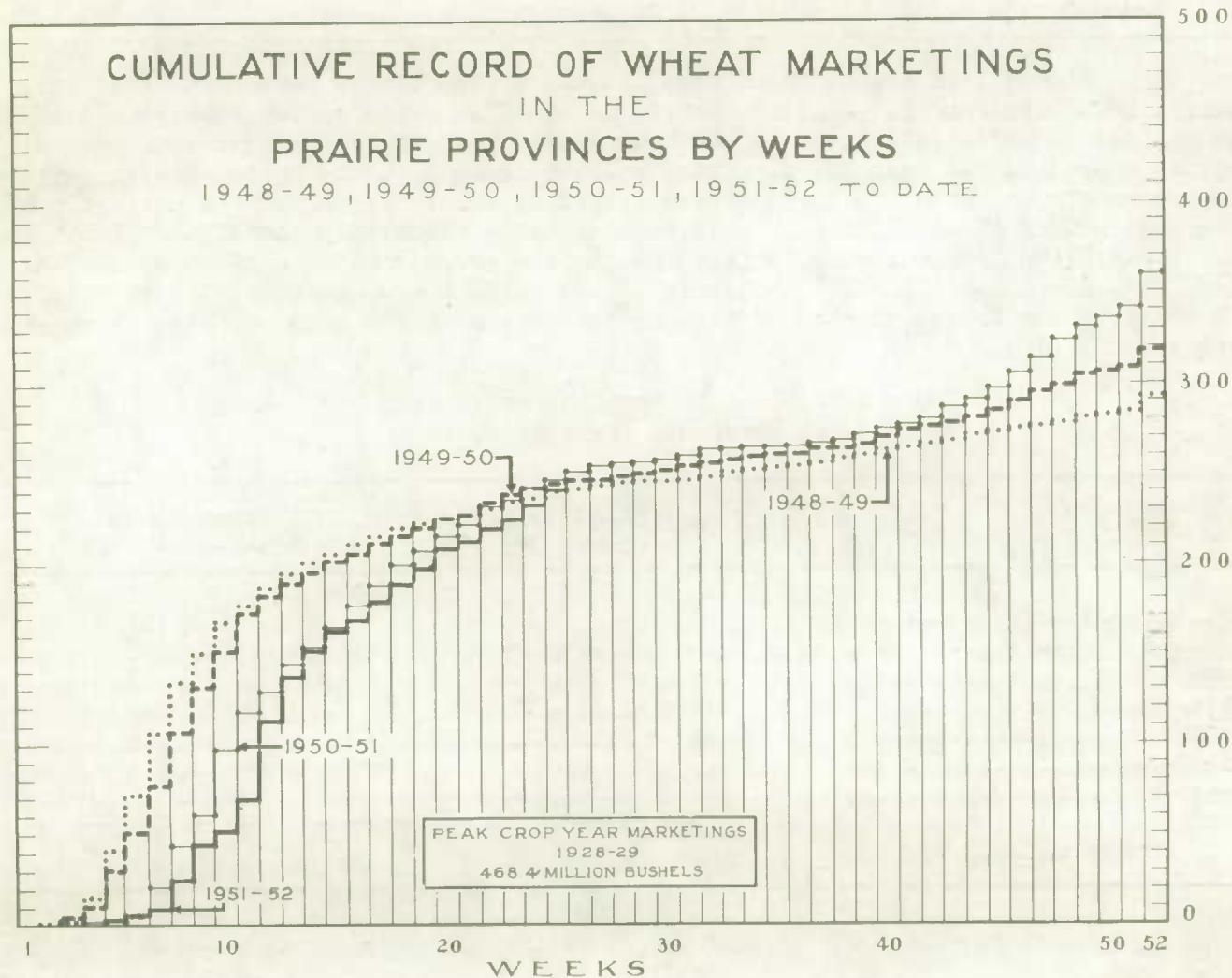
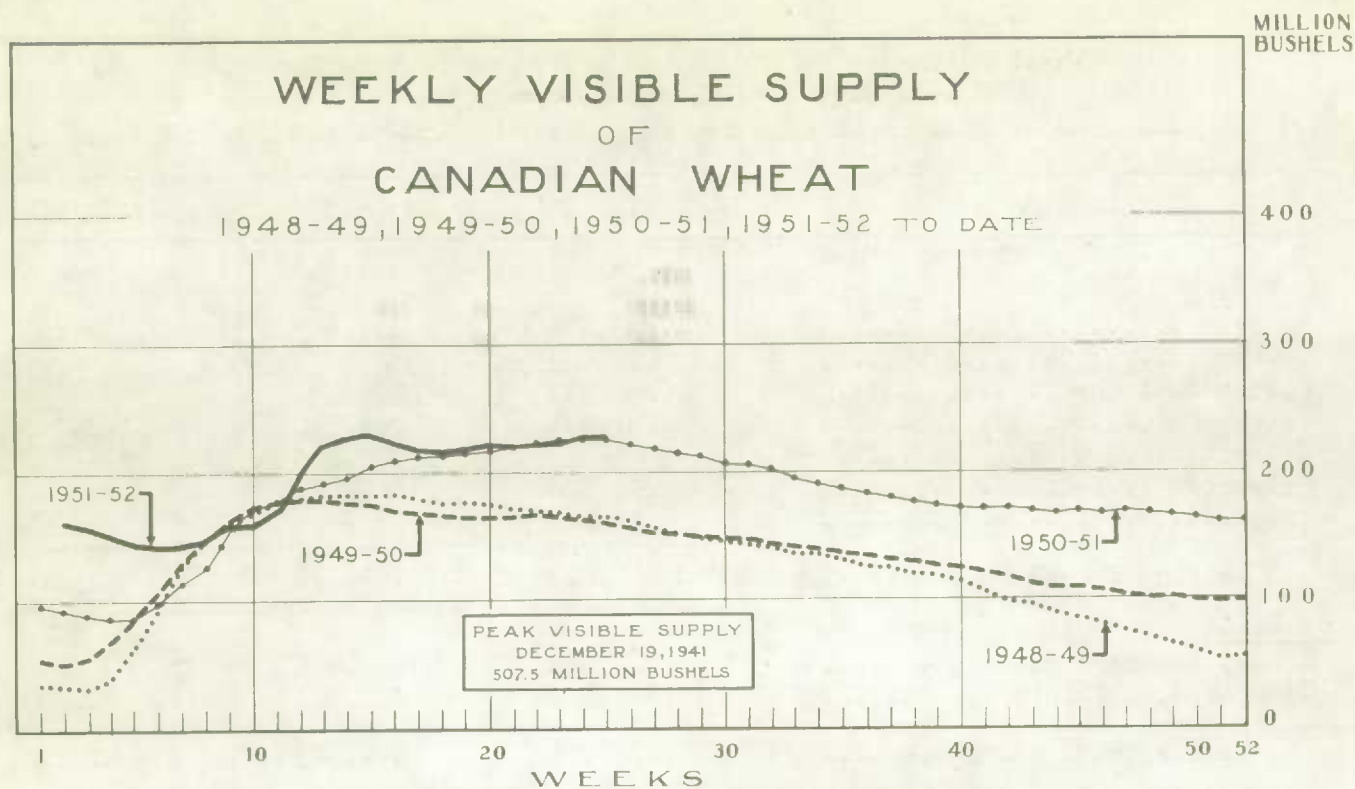
Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, January 17, 1952 Compared with  
Approximately the Same Date, 1951 and 1950

Position	1952	1951	1950
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	7,391	11,689	4,030
Saskatchewan .....	70,501	74,634	32,405
Alberta .....	33,686	48,195	33,127
Totals .....	111,578	134,518	69,562
Interior private and mill elevators .....	4,825	4,174	3,700
Interior terminals .....	10,465	7,916	108
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	9,461	6,768	7,042
Prince Rupert .....	621	-	-
Churchill .....	1,997	461	126
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	31,018	32,943	34,179
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	12,723	8,867	8,589
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports .....	21,576	15,027	16,754
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports .....	7,268	4,357	11,031
Storage afloat .....	7,314	4,191	6,089
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	4,121	3,567	1,627
United States ports .....	5,286	1,864	1,529
In transit U.S.A. ....	541	186	10
Totals .....	228,792	224,837	160,347

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August—December, 1951 and 1950

Grade	August—December, 1951		August—December, 1950	
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Northern .....	825	0.8	3,890	5.0
2 Northern .....	6,722	6.1	14,336	18.6
3 Northern .....	16,914	15.4	10,890	14.1
4 Northern .....	10,558	9.6	8,637	11.2
5 Wheat .....	10,240	9.3	8,750	11.3
6 Wheat .....	8,289	7.5	5,830	7.5
Feed Wheat .....	1,181	1.1	1,570	2.1
Garnet .....	401	0.4	780	1.0
Amber Durum .....	2,099	1.9	2,789	3.6
Alberta Winter .....	255	0.2	374	0.5
Toughs <u>1</u> / .....	39,282	35.7	14,062	18.2
Damps <u>1</u> / .....	12,314	11.2	4,659	6.0
All Others .....	916	0.8	698	0.9
Totals .....	109,996	100.0	77,265	100.0

1/ All varieties and grades.



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



Wheat Shipments to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1951 to January 17, 1952  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period, 1950-51 and 1949-50

Destination	1951-1952	1950-1951	1949-1950
	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo .....	14,635,273	7,121,643	6,738,682
Oswego .....	514,005	-	-
Duluth-Superior .....	4,264,331	978,121	-
Chicago .....	1,161,571	269,510	192,766
Detroit .....	-	287,165	-
Milwaukee .....	298,326	140,673	-
Erie .....	93,107	-	-
Totals, Vessel Shipments ..	20,966,613	8,797,112	6,931,448
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	1,143,066	54,835	37,210
Other U.S.A. Points .....	2,685,210	844,748	24,000
Totals, Rail Shipments ....	3,828,276	899,583	61,210
Grand Totals .....	24,794,889	9,696,695	6,992,658

Recent rail shipments of wheat to the United States have been relatively heavy, totalling some 1.7 million bushels in the five weeks ending January 17, 1952 as against 0.6 million and only 15,000 bushels in the comparable five-week periods of the preceding two crop years. Total wheat shipments to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to January 17 totalled 24.8 million bushels, considerably above the 9.7 million and 7.0 million, respectively, shipped during the corresponding periods of 1950-51 and 1949-50. Almost 21 million bushels of the current crop-year total were shipped by vessel prior to the closing of lake navigation, with the bulk of these shipments going to Buffalo.

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

Ports	August 1 to December 31, 1951	August 1 to December 31, 1950
	- bushels -	
Collingwood .....	-	345,859
Midland .....	2,403,419	1,773,682
Owen Sound .....	336,644	311,102
Port McNicoll .....	1,850,003	1,635,483
Goderich .....	123,745	246,053
Sarnia .....	66,650	72,398
Prescott .....	1,500	-
Totals .....	4,781,961	4,384,577

# 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 .....		4,394,047	277,502	3,794,391
February .....		3,303,248	240,087	3,720,733
March .....		3,476,161	423,774	1,511,072
April .....		1,196,236	2,305,727	659,467
May .....		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

Following the usual seasonal pattern, rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead have increased considerably since the closing of lake navigation. Rail shipments during December 1951 amounted to 1.4 million bushels, somewhat below the corresponding figure for December 1950, but more than the combined total for the first four months of the current crop year. Total rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead for the five months ending December 31, 1951, totalled 2.7 million bushels as against 2.0 million and 0.8 million in the corresponding five-month periods of the two preceding years.

Distribution of this year's shipments by grade and destination is shown in the table below. In contrast to the August-November period when the bulk of shipments went to Ontario and Quebec, all but some 200,000 bushels of the December total went to seaboard positions in the Maritime Provinces.

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

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	U.S.A.
- bushels -						
2 Northern .....	-	-	123,500	-	-	-
3 Northern .....	-	100,000	384,500	-	-	-
Tough 3 Northern ..	-	-	150,000	-	-	-
5 Wheat .....	-	-	-	3,000	5,667	-
6 Wheat .....	-	-	-	27,333	3,000	-
Feed Wheat .....	-	-	2,667	17,167	1,333	2,800
Amber Durum .....	1,500	418,500	-	14,651	65,522	-
All Others .....	-	-	4,497	32,079	30,111	-
Totals .....	1,500	518,500	665,164	94,230	105,633	2,800

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment under the freight assistance plan up to December 31, 1951, represent shipments of almost 5.0 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia during the August-November period of the current crop year. This year's preliminary total, subject to upward revision with the filing of additional claims, is greater than both the preliminary and final totals of 4.1 million and 4.9 million bushels, respectively, for the first four months of 1950-51. Shipments to Quebec and Ontario accounted for 41 per cent and 39 per cent, respectively, of this year's August-November preliminary total.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Wheat Shipments,  
1951-52 and 1950-51

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1951 .....	3	29	66	59	515	408	172	1,251
September .....	4	17	56	39	461	463	154	1,193
October .....	5	12	60	45	498	487	145	1,252
November .....	2	14	54	33	582	568	26	1,280
Totals <u>1/</u> .....	14	71	237	175	2,056	1,926	497	4,976
Same period 1950-51								
Preliminary <u>2/</u> ....	10	65	206	121	1,848	1,425	447	4,122
Revised <u>1/</u> .....	18	74	241	148	1,988	1,587	855	4,910

1/ Based on claims filed up to December 31, 1951.

2/ Based on claims filed up to December 31, 1950.

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments from August 1 to November 30 of the current crop year indicate a total of 143,695 tons moving under the freight assistance plan. This year's total, based on claims filed up to December 31, is slightly below the preliminary total for the corresponding period in 1950-51. Revised figures for the August-November period of 1950-51 show a total of 194,164 tons.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Millfeed Shipments,  
1951-52 and 1950-51

Province	August 1 to November 30, 1951	August 1 to November 30, 1950	
	Preliminary <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland .....	783	786	1,390
Prince Edward Island .	1,853	2,869	3,610
Nova Scotia .....	11,289	13,205	16,782
New Brunswick .....	9,945	9,353	12,526
Quebec .....	70,637	73,523	90,868
Ontario .....	39,532	41,217	53,351
British Columbia .....	9,656	7,699	15,637
Totals .....	143,695	148,652	194,164

1/ Based on claims filed up to December 31, 1951.

2/ Based on claims filed up to December 31, 1950.



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

Year and Month	Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat	U. S. Imports <sup>1/</sup> of Canadian Wheat for Domestic Use and Grinding in Bond	Customs <sup>2/</sup> Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour	Total	Customs <sup>3/</sup> Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1949-50</u>					
August .....	16,639	62	3,898	20,599	24,013
September .....	14,947	881	3,771	19,599	18,294
October .....	18,420	1,675	3,240	23,335	21,903
November .....	20,680	2,020	4,410	27,110	27,292
December .....	9,751	867	3,798	14,416	21,002
January .....	10,607	411	3,279	14,297	15,102
February .....	7,419	495	3,551	11,465	11,216
March .....	10,232	964	3,712	14,908	13,607
April .....	8,460	515	3,076	12,051	12,628
May .....	18,103	3,466	5,317	26,886	23,993
June .....	17,949	1,460	4,140	23,549	23,870
July .....	12,762	672	3,487	16,921	17,222
Totals .....	165,970	13,487	45,680	225,137	230,142
<u>1950-51 <sup>4/</sup></u>					
August .....	11,956	459	3,060	15,475	15,247
September .....	13,172	904	2,273	16,349	15,257
October .....	12,950	900	3,652	17,502	19,715
November .....	15,801	2,007	5,669	23,477	20,140
December .....	8,030	2,149	4,157	14,336	20,424
January .....	9,891	1,935	5,700	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	31,887	33,097
Totals .....	164,736	20,303	55,921	240,960	236,624
<u>1951-52 <sup>4/</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	3,893	31,487	24,212
November .....	29,830	5,687	4,070	39,587	34,671
December .....	12,075	4,701	3,249	20,025	37,347
Totals .....	99,316	18,834	16,944	135,094	145,573

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

<sup>2/</sup> Exports for crop years 1949-50, 1950-51 and August and September, 1951 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Subsequent months to be revised as data become available.

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

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

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

Destination	September	December		August—December	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/4/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>					
United Kingdom .....	1,227,330	1,072,296	5,311,667	6,112,594	39,194,809
<u>Africa</u>					
Rhodesia .....	-	-	-	-	3,733
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	-	-	416,080
<u>British West Africa</u>					
Gambia .....	-	-	-	1,377	-
Gold Coast .....	33,714	17,793	-	109,526	-
Nigeria .....	7,069	7,492	-	44,050	-
Sierra Leone .....	4,131	3,213	-	23,643	-
<u>Asia</u>					
British Malaya .....	-	4,594	-	6,889	-
Hong Kong .....	139,608	18,967	-	481,680	-
India .....	-	-	407,151	90	1,912,518
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar .....	20,583	29,358	-	102,131	-
Malta .....	-	-	-	-	429,435
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas .....	17,267	13,775	-	108,496	-
Barbados .....	28,692	42,552	-	179,154	775
Bermuda .....	10,206	9,225	-	42,664	-
British Honduras .....	2,133	2,147	-	19,071	-
Jamaica .....	39,519	69,993	-	524,651	-
Leeward-Windward Is. ....	86,836	66,146	-	355,221	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	264,091	194,490	-	1,033,811	-
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana .....	73,661	49,113	-	420,143	-
Totals					
Commonwealth Countries ...	1,954,840	1,601,154	5,718,818	9,565,191	41,957,350
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Africa</u>					
Azores and Madeira .....	-	2,448	-	13,414	-
Belgian Congo .....	38,880	20,380	-	164,182	-
Canary Islands .....	25,214	1,512	-	44,483	-
Egypt .....	-	-	-	-	424,015
French Africa .....	5,076	1,724	6,468	11,876	1,496,093
Liberia .....	918	688	-	4,990	-
Morocco .....	63,014	41,400	-	314,226	-
Portuguese Africa .....	4,743	1,678	-	120,887	-
Tripoli .....	-	-	4,643	-	445,180
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia .....	-	3,051	-	5,629	-
Indonesia .....	459	-	-	6,426	-
Iraq .....	-	-	-	513	-
Israel .....	-	-	319,200	-	965,200
Japan .....	60,813	10,098	1,474,891	164,057	5,456,245
Philippine Islands .....	396,625	615,434	-	1,951,713	-
Portuguese Asia .....	4,590	3,375	-	22,230	-
Siam .....	10,490	16,070	-	70,736	-
Syria .....	61,956	130,343	384,667	587,561	1,994,933

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

Destination	September	December		August—December	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/4/	Wheat 3/
	- bushels -	- bushels -		- bushels -	
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Europe</u>					
Belgium .....	-	-	594,039	-	8,697,223 6/
Denmark .....	-	459	-	459	537,600
France .....	1,607	-	-	5,234	1,969,931
Germany .....	1,836	3,433	429,671	5,269	6,280,666
Greece .....	-	7,574	-	7,686	-
Iceland .....	14,094	6,237	-	59,562	-
Ireland .....	-	-	374,266	-	4,301,802
Italy .....	4,590	11,434	336,000	37,471	2,735,677
Netherlands .....	-	-	817,799	-	6,551,153
Norway .....	-	-	-	-	1,686,242
Portugal .....	1,606	6,426	-	16,663	-
Spain .....	-	-	-	-	304,500
Sweden .....	-	-	39,170	-	1,254,879
Switzerland .....	-	-	826,711	-	4,740,856 6/
Yugoslavia .....	918	5,967	46,747	21,114	1,092,277
<u>North America</u>					
Costa Rica .....	40,077	12,640	-	157,208	41,867
Cuba .....	120,182	335,840	-	1,139,563	500
Dominican Republic .....	10,445	23,962	-	77,328	1,400
El Salvador .....	33,412	24,178	-	112,652	-
French West Indies .....	252	482	-	1,512	-
Guatemala .....	25,195	26,149	-	188,032	-
Haiti .....	8,838	61,106	-	167,584	-
Honduras .....	-	459	-	459	6,666
Netherlands Antilles .....	2,898	28,274	-	74,003	-
Nicaragua .....	2,475	14,940	-	76,770	-
Panama .....	19,048	16,754	-	94,865	-
St. Pierre-Miquelon .....	2,192	4,108	-	8,406	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat ....	30,852	12,852	-	235,431	-
For grinding in bond 5/ ....	-	-	920,108	-	2,907,527
For domestic use 5/ .....	-	-	3,780,799	-	15,926,733
Virgin Islands .....	437	-	-	6,688	-
<u>South America</u>					
Bolivia .....	-	-	-	-	292,694
Brazil .....	-	-	-	-	2,944,479
Chile .....	-	-	-	-	2,214,504
Colombia .....	20,650	12,947	67,132	82,867	181,212
Ecuador .....	17,208	48,280	27,558	156,150	55,115
Peru .....	-	-	317,995	-	396,768
Surinam .....	8,959	4,716	-	36,959	-
Venezuela .....	155,637	130,572	-	1,125,801	-
Unknown .....	-	-	289,333 7/	-	289,333 7/
Totals,					
Foreign Countries .....	1,196,186	1,647,990	11,057,197	7,378,659	76,193,270
Grand Totals .....	3,151,026	3,249,144	16,776,015	16,943,850	118,150,620

1/ Exports for September, 1951 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 and September, 1951 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

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

6/ For the month of November add to Switzerland and deduct from Belgium 16,000 bushels.

7/ Wheat shipped via U.S.A. Atlantic Seaboard, no destination data available to date.



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

Class and Grade	Week ending				
	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
<u>Initial Payment to Producers 1951-52 Pool</u>					
1 Hard .....	140	140	140	140	140
1 Northern .....	140	140	140	140	140
2 Northern .....	137	137	137	137	137
3 Northern .....	134	134	134	134	134
4 Northern .....	126	126	126	126	126
5 Wheat .....	116	116	116	116	116
6 Wheat .....	106	106	106	106	106
Feed Wheat .....	100	100	100	100	100
<u>Domestic and Export 1/</u> (International Wheat Agreement)					
1 Hard .....	184/2	183/6	182	181/3	181/1
1 Northern .....	184/2	183/6	182	181/3	181/1
2 Northern .....	182/2	181/6	180	179/3	179/1
3 Northern .....	180/2	179/6	178	177/3	177/1
4 Northern .....	174/2	173/6	172	171/3	171/1
5 Wheat .....	170/2	169/6	168	168/1	168/1
6 Wheat .....	159/2	158/6	157	156/3	156/1
Feed Wheat .....	153/2	152/6	151	150/3	150/1
1 C.W. Garnet .....	182/2	181/6	180	179/3	179/1
2 C.W. Garnet .....	181/2	180/6	179	178/3	178/1
3 C.W. Garnet .....	178/2	177/6	176	175/3	175/1
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	184/2	183/6	182	181/3	181/1
2 Alberta Winter .....	182/2	181/6	180	179/3	179/1
3 Alberta Winter .....	180/2	179/6	178	177/3	177/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	184/2	183/6	182	181/3	181/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	182/2	181/6	180	179/3	179/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	181/2	180/6	179	178/3	178/1
<u>Export - Class II</u>					
1 Hard .....	244/2	243/6	242/6	242/3	242/1
1 Northern .....	244/2	243/6	242/6	242/3	242/1
2 Northern .....	242/2	241/6	240/6	240/3	240/1
3 Northern .....	240/2	239/6	238/6	238/3	238/1
4 Northern .....	234/2	233/6	232/6	232/3	232/1
5 Wheat .....	176/2	175/6	174	174/1	174/1
6 Wheat .....	165/2	164/6	163	162/3	162/1
Feed Wheat .....	159/2	158/6	157	156/3	156/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	244/2	243/6	242/6	242/3	242/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	242/2	241/6	240/6	240/3	240/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	241/2	240/6	239/6	239/3	239/1

1/ Plus 6 cents carrying charge.

Licensed Storage Capacity of Canadian Grain Elevators  
as at December 1, 1951

Province	Kind of Licence	Elevators Proper and Permanent Annexes	Temporary Annexes	Total
		bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>WESTERN DIVISION</u>				
Manitoba	Public Country .....	28,558,100	8,596,000	37,154,100
	Private Country .....	88,000	-	88,000
	Mill .....	1,775,000	-	1,775,000
	Private Terminal .....	2,945,500	200,000	3,145,500
	Semi-public Terminal ..	3,500,000	-	3,500,000
	Totals .....	36,866,600	8,796,000	45,662,600
Saskatchewan	Public Country .....	113,453,700	37,125,700	150,579,400
	Private Country .....	59,000	-	59,000
	Mill .....	4,906,500	-	4,906,500
	Public Terminal .....	11,000,000	-	11,000,000
	Totals .....	129,419,200	37,125,700	166,544,900
Alberta	Public Country .....	74,676,400	26,057,450	100,733,850
	Private Country .....	207,500	-	207,500
	Mill .....	3,994,000	-	3,994,000
	Private Terminal .....	1,715,000	-	1,715,000
	Public Terminal .....	6,100,000	-	6,100,000
	Totals .....	86,692,900	26,057,450	112,750,350
British Columbia	Public Country .....	1,101,000	243,000	1,344,000
	Mill .....	1,150,110	-	1,150,110
	Semi-public Terminal ..	20,506,500	-	20,506,500
	Public Terminal .....	1,250,000	-	1,250,000
	Totals .....	24,007,610	243,000	24,250,610
Ontario	Public Country .....	65,000	-	65,000
	Mill .....	1,480,000	-	1,480,000
	Private Terminal .....	2,435,000	-	2,435,000
	Semi-public Terminal ..	90,517,210	-	90,517,210
	Totals .....	94,497,210	-	94,497,210
	Totals, Western Division ..	371,483,520	72,222,150	443,705,670
<u>EASTERN DIVISION</u>				
Ontario .....		52,341,000	-	52,341,000
Quebec .....		24,912,000	-	24,912,000
New Brunswick .....		3,076,800	-	3,076,800
Nova Scotia .....		2,200,000	-	2,200,000
	Totals, Eastern Division ..	82,529,800	-	82,529,800
	Grand Totals, Licensed Storage .....	454,013,320	72,222,150	526,235,470

Source: Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

# Summary of Storage Capacity as at December 1, 1951

Type of Storage	Location	Capacity	
		bu.	bu.
Licensed Permanent Storage	- Western Division ...		371,483,520
	Eastern Division ...		82,529,800
Licensed Temporary Storage	- Western Division ...		72,222,150
Unlicensed Permanent Storage	- Manitoba .....	265,500	
	Saskatchewan .....	914,000	
	Alberta .....	650,000	
	British Columbia ...	427,300	
	Ontario .....	<u>2,170,000</u>	<u>4,426,800</u>
Total Storage Capacity, Licensed and Unlicensed, Temporary and Permanent .....			530,662,270 <u>1/</u>

1/ Permanent storage accounted for 458,440,120 bushels of this amount. For a historical series on the capacity of Canadian grain elevators at December 1, 1900-1949 see page 15 of the January 1950 issue of this publication.

Total licensed grain storage capacity in Canada at December 1, 1951, according to records of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, amounted to 526.2 million bushels of which 454.0 million were in elevators proper and permanent annexes and 72.2 million were in temporary annexes. On the same date unlicensed storage capacity was 4.4 million bushels, making a combined total of 530.7 million bushels of licensed and unlicensed storage. On a regional basis, 84.3 per cent of the total licensed storage capacity was located in the Western Division and 15.7 per cent in the Eastern Division. Total licensed storage capacity of elevators in the Prairie Provinces was as follows (in millions of bushels): Saskatchewan, 166.5; Alberta, 112.8; and Manitoba, 45.7.

## Supply Position

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Exports of wheat as grain during December amounted to 16.8 million bushels, less than half the November total. However, total exports of wheat as grain for the first five months of the current crop year, at 118.2 million bushels, were well above the 68.3 million exported during the August-December period of 1950-51. Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat amounted to 16.9 million bushels for the five months ending December 31, 1951, as against 18.8 million for the corresponding period of 1950-51.

The chief market for Canadian wheat as grain during the first five months of the current crop year was the United Kingdom which took 39.2 million bushels or 33 per cent of the total. Other major outlets, with exports in millions of bushels, were as follows: the United States, 18.8 (of which 2.9 million were for milling in bond); Belgium 8.7; the Netherlands, 6.6; Germany, 6.3; and Japan 5.5. The balance remaining on January 1 for export and carryover was estimated at 463.7 million bushels, compared with 340.3 million a year ago.



# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for December 1951 amounted to 1.8 million barrels, about 0.2 million below the output for the previous month and for December 1950. Mills reporting operations during December 1951 had a rated capacity of 97,454 barrels and, on the basis of a 25-day working period, 72.0 per cent of this capacity was effective. Mill grindings during the month totalled 8.1 million bushels of wheat compared with 9.0 million in November and 8.9 million in December, 1950.

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns exports of Canadian wheat flour during December 1951 amounted to 722,032 barrels (3.2 million bushels of wheat equivalent). One-third of the December shipments, some 1.1 million bushels of wheat equivalent, went to the United Kingdom. Other shipments in excess of 130,000 bushels of wheat equivalent went to the Philippine Islands (615,434), Cuba (335,840), Trinidad and Tobago (194,490), Venezuela (130,572) and Syria (130,343).

Wheat Milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada,  
1935-36-1939-40 average, and 1940-41 to 1951-52

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 .....	87,819,472	19,575,833	10,288,827
1941-42 .....	89,315,195	19,905,741	10,205,778
1942-43 .....	105,010,822	23,590,516	12,575,215
1943-44 .....	107,140,749	24,303,833	13,464,371
1944-45 .....	109,236,954	24,634,905	13,923,832
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>	865,073
November .....	8,957,474 <sup>2/</sup>	1,944,215 <sup>2/</sup>	904,343
December .....	8,064,982 <sup>2/</sup>	1,755,062 <sup>2/</sup>	722,032
Totals .....	41,776,818	9,122,772	3,765,300

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 to 1950-51 and August and September, 1951 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      One of the main features of the first half of the current United States crop year has been the sustained heavy volume of wheat exports. In the six months ending December 31, 1951, exports of wheat as grain amounted to 195.0 million bushels, more than double the 95.3 million exported during the July—December period of the preceding year. Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, at 20.8 million bushels, were also up from the 17.2 million exported during the first half of 1950-51. Partially offsetting the export movement have been relatively heavy imports of feed wheat from Canada. Imports of wheat for domestic use (all purposes) for the first six months of 1951-52 amounted to some 18 million bushels, in sharp contrast to less than 2 million for the comparable period of the preceding year. The balance remaining on January 1, 1952 for export and carryover was estimated at 456.0 million bushels, as against 638.9 million a year ago.

## United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <u>1/</u>	1950-51
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at July 1 .....	396.3	426.8
New crop .....	987.5	1,019.4
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	1,383.8	1,446.2
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July—December .....	18.0	1.5
Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u> .....	1,401.8	1,447.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u> ....	730.0	696.3
Available for export and carryover .....	671.8	751.4
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July—December .....	195.0	95.3
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July—December .....	20.8	17.2
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni ....	215.8	112.5
Balance on January 1 for export and carryover .....	456.0	638.9

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Excluding imports for January—June period.

3/ 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.

Wheat Stocks on Farms at January 1, 1952      According to the Crop Reporting Board's report of January 10, stocks of wheat on United States farms at January 1, 1952 were estimated at 339,336,000 bushels, approximately 4 million above the 335,439,000 bushels on farms a year ago.



Current farm stocks of wheat are approximately a tenth smaller than average for the date. The October-January disappearance at 142 million bushels was 5 million bushels smaller than for the comparable period of 1950. Current farm stocks represent 34.4 per cent of the 1951 crop compared with 32.9 per cent of the 1950 crop held on farms January 1, 1951 and the 10-year average of approximately 36 per cent.

The relative position of farm stocks throughout the country was similar to the pattern apparent on October 1, that is, a relatively larger proportion than usual of the crops produced in the Dakotas and Montana remains on farms. The increased stocks in this area result from larger production in 1951 and delayed harvest. North Dakota, with nearly 94 million bushels of wheat held on farms, accounts for over one-fourth of the wheat stored on farms in the Nation. In the Southwest plains States, wheat stocks held on farms are relatively low in comparison with recent years, primarily due to the smaller crops produced in 1951. Stocks of wheat on Kansas farms, of 22.7 million bushels, are the smallest since January 1, 1937. January 1 wheat stocks on farms in the South Central States are the third smallest of record with wheat held on farms in Oklahoma the smallest of record.

Flour Production In a report released on January 9, the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, estimated November wheat flour production at 19,876 thousand sacks. Although total production in November was about 6 per cent lower than the preceding month, the average production per working day in November was 946 thousand sacks, compared with a daily average of 915 thousand sacks in October, and 878 thousand sacks in November of 1950. Wheat flour mills operated at 84.4 per cent of capacity in November compared with 82.2 per cent in October.

Wheat grindings in November amounted to 46,684 thousand bushels; offal production was estimated at 403 thousand tons. These figures represent the production of all commercial flour mills in the United States. About 97 per cent of the totals are reported by the 375 largest mills, and the balance estimated. The estimated portion is derived from an annual survey of the smaller mills.

Crop and Weather Conditions The following extracts have been taken from the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin for the week ending January 22, 1952:

" ..... Above-normal warmth east of the Rockies stimulated growth in southern areas, with some greening of winter grains reported as far north as Nebraska and southern Illinois. This greening, especially so far north, is causing some concern since it makes the plants more vulnerable to injury from severe freezes. ....

In northwestern Texas wheat made fair to good development due to moisture from previous snows and the warmer weather of the past week, but the high winds on a day or two were detrimental. Winter grains showed much growth and are generally in good condition in Oklahoma, but more moisture is needed in the western and south-central portions of that State. Wheat also made some growth in Kansas where prospects are generally satisfactory, but the high winds emphasized the need for additional moisture in the southwestern portion."



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	
December 24, 1951 .....	Market closed		December 24, 1951 .....	Market closed	
25 .....	Christmas Day		25 .....	Christmas Day	
26 .....	251 1/4 - 254		26 .....	248 5/8 - 250 5/8	
27 .....	250 1/2 - 254		27 .....	248 7/8 - 250 7/8	
28 .....	252 1/4 - 253 1/4		28 .....	248 1/8 - 250 1/8	
29 .....	251		29 .....	246 3/8 - 248 3/8	
31 .....	250 3/4 - 253 3/4		31 .....	247 - 249	
January 1, 1952 .....	New Year's Day		January 1, 1952 .....	New Year's Day	
2 .....	250 1/2 - 257		2 .....	245 1/4 - 247 1/4	
3 .....	250 1/4 - 251 1/2		3 .....	245 3/4 - 247 3/4	
4 .....	251 1/2 - 253 1/2		4 .....	246 5/8 - 248 5/8	
5 .....	253		5 .....	247 5/8 - 249 5/8	
7 .....	251 - 253		7 .....	246 3/8 - 248 3/8	
8 .....	251 - 253		8 .....	246 - 248	
9 .....	251 1/2 - 253 1/2		9 .....	247 3/4 - 248 3/4	
10 .....	252 1/4 - 254 3/4		10 .....	247 5/8 - 248 5/8	
11 .....	251 - 252 1/2		11 .....	247 1/8 - 248 1/8	
12 .....	251 - 253 1/4		12 .....	247 1/8 - 248 1/8	
14 .....	250 1/2 - 252		14 .....	245 3/4 - 246 3/4	
15 .....	250 1/4 - 255 3/4		15 .....	246 5/8 - 247 5/8	
16 .....	251 1/4 - 252		16 .....	247 - 248	
17 .....	249 1/2 - 250 1/2		17 .....	245 - 246	
18 .....	250 1/4 - 250 3/4		18 .....	245 3/8 - 246 3/8	
19 .....	250 - 251		19 .....	245 1/2 - 246 1/2	
21 .....	250 1/2 - 251 1/4		21 .....	246 1/4 - 247 1/4	
22 .....	250 1/2 - 253 1/2		22 .....	247 3/4 - 248 3/4	
23 .....	252 1/4 - 252 3/4		23 .....	246 7/8 - 247 7/8	

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
December 24, 1951 .....			Market closed		
25 .....			Christmas Day		
26 .....	260/7	258/6	249/4	250/2	
27 .....	261/7	258/6	249/4	250	
28 .....	260/4	257/4	248/3	249/2	
29 .....	258/2	255/3	246/7	247/7	
31 .....	259/2	256/4	248/2	249/3	
January 1, 1952 .....			New Year's Day		
2 .....	256/4	254/2	246/2	247/5	
3 .....	257/1	255	248/3	248/3	
4 .....	259/1	256/2	247/7	249/3	
5 .....	260/5	257/2	248/6	250	
7 .....	258/4	255/3	247/3	248/5	
8 .....	257/4	255/1	247	248/2	
9 .....	258/5	255/7	249/1	250/3	
10 .....	258/5	256	248/3	249/5	
11 .....	258/1	256/1	248/7	250	
12 .....	258/2	255/7	248/4	249/5	
14 .....	257/2	254/4	247/2	248/3	
15 .....	258	255	247/7	249	
16 .....	258/4	255/4	248/2	249/2	
17 .....	256/7	253/5	246/2	247/2	
18 .....	256/6	253/4	246	247/2	
19 .....	257/3	254/1	246/5	247/6	
21 .....	257/7	254/7	247/7	249	251/2
22 .....	259/3	256/1	248/7	250/1	252/2
23 .....	258/6	255/3	247/7	249/1	251/1

## ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position While there have been no official estimates of the current

Argentine wheat crop, trade sources place it at about 110 million bushels (3 million metric tons), little more than half the 1950 crop of 213 million bushels. Assuming current estimates of production and domestic requirements are correct, there is no statistical surplus of wheat available in the Argentine for export in 1951-52. Therefore, the December 1951 exports of some 1.5 million bushels could only have been obtained by drawing on the quantity estimated for domestic requirements. If domestic consumption is to be maintained at the estimated level, then it will be necessary to import wheat into the Argentine at some time later in the crop year. In contrast to the present situation, some 97.5 million bushels of wheat were available a year ago for export and carryover at the end of the crop year.

### Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1951-52 <u>1/</u>	1950-51 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) ....	7.3	7.3
New crop .....	110.2	213.1
Total estimated supplies .....	117.6	220.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	117.6	117.9
Available for export and carryover .....	- <u>3/</u>	102.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December .....	1.5 <u>3/</u>	5.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December .	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	1.5 <u>3/</u>	5.0
Balance on January 1 for export and carryover .....	- <u>3/</u>	97.5

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

2/ Subject to revision.

3/ For explanation see text above table.

4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

The following account of the Argentine grain situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. W. B. McCullough, Commercial Secretary (Agricultural) at Buenos Aires, under date of January 15, 1952, and is reproduced with the kind permission of the Trade Commissioner Service. 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 Climatic conditions in the grain belt were generally more favourable during the latter half of December and over the past four weeks the west of the provinces of Buenos Aires and La Pampa had a good rainfall as well as several other districts. However, the heavy rains early in December caused serious difficulties in harvesting particularly in the northern grain belt and the north of the province of Buenos Aires. In the southeast of the province of Buenos Aires frequent rain delayed harvesting of wheat and already losses in yield have occurred. On the night of January 9/10 gales in the Berisso, Bahia Blanca zones and throughout large areas of the provinces of Santa Fé and Entre Rios caused additional damage to the crops, and on January 12th heavy rainfall was reported in the north of the province of Santa Fe.

Very welcome and extremely profitable rain fell in districts of the corn belt in early January although it was not widespread nor sufficient in quantity. As about 50 per cent of the corn is in flower rain at this time is vital and on it depends the crop. Heavy rainfall in the Chaco has enhanced the prospects for the current cotton crop.

Pastures up to the present are generally very good as a result of earlier rain but more is required. The temperature during early January has been seasonally high, reaching 99.7° fahrenheit on January 3rd, and with drying winds most of the country requires more rain.

1951-52 Wheat Crop Harvesting of the meagre crop in the northern grain zone in the provinces of Santa Fé and Córdoba is completed with yields reported from 400 to 1,100 kilos per hectare (5.9 to 16.4 bushels per acre). The straw was short and following the improved moisture conditions in October there was an excessive growth of weeds and many gave up harvesting owing to the difficulty in gathering the crop which contained a high percentage of foreign green material. In the southwest of the province of Buenos Aires, in the zone around Bahia Blanca, the crop is yielding an average of around 1,050 kilos per hectare (15.6 bushels per acre), the output having been adversely affected by an invasion of locusts immediately prior to the harvest. In the southeast of the province of Buenos Aires, where the prospects were comparatively better, frequent rain has prevented harvesting, and it is reported that there is considerable deterioration in yields.

With regard to the Argentine wheat crop, the trade estimate the total output at around 3 million tons (110.2 million bushels). Some are of the opinion that it may be substantially less. In any case it is one of the poorest crops for Argentina and with a small carryover of about 200,000 tons (7.3 million bushels) the total supplies will barely meet domestic requirements of 3.2 million tons (117.6 million bushels).

Supply Position Recent measures have been enforced to cut down domestic consumption and at this time it is difficult to calculate by what amount this will reduce milling requirements, nor the amount that will thus be made available to export against commitments. The flour mills have been instructed to produce only one grade of flour, 000, which is second grade. In reality this means the elimination of all other grades and whatever is produced will be labelled 000 regardless of quality. The extraction rate is to be about 82 per cent on the basis of uncleaned wheat. The fact is that Argentina has no exportable surplus of wheat and that any quantities shipped this year will mean a corresponding deficit and a shortage before the new crop is harvested in December.



Producer Prices - 1951-52 Crops - A Confederation of Rural Associations, comprising 132 rural societies, has addressed a petition to the President of the Economic Council asking for upward revision of the prices established for the 1951-52 grain and oilseed crops.

In the appeal it is pointed out that the fixed prices at which the Government would purchase these crops were announced by President Perón on June 5, when he declared that the prices would not be lowered by any means, thus assuring the producer of an adequate profit. In its note the Confederation states that since that time the cost of sacks has risen from 1.81 pesos to 2.46 pesos (36 to 49 cents), the cost of labour has gone up by about 30 per cent, freight rates have increased, as has the cost of agricultural implements. In view of the high prices prevailing on the international market for grains and oilseeds it was urged that the producer prices for these crops be improved to help offset the increased costs.

Grain Shipments During the calendar year 1951 Argentine grain and flax shipments at 3.38 million tons were 22 per cent less than the total for 1950. These exports may be contrasted with shipments of 4.7 million metric tons for the five-year average 1946-1950 and to 6.4 million tons in 1938 and reflects Argentina's deteriorating position in grain production. During the last quarter of 1951 total shipments were only 556,433 metric tons, the lowest for any quarter in the last two years.

Shipments of corn during 1951 were 299,202 metric tons (11.8 million bushels) as compared with 796,427 tons (31.4 million bushels) in 1950 which figures may be contrasted with exports of 8 and 9 million tons (314.9 and 354.3 million bushels) in 1936 and 1937 respectively. Shipments of wheat during the calendar year 1951 were 2,450,840 tons (90.1 million bushels) as compared with 2,747,218 tons (100.9 million bushels) in 1950. Brazil, Argentina's principal customer for wheat received 897,845 tons (33 million bushels) during 1951, whilst India took 490,698 tons (18.0 million bushels) and Italy 414,595 tons (15.2 million bushels). Exports of wheat to Germany totalled 122,746 tons (4.5 million bushels).

A comparison of grain shipments by quarters as compiled from trade sources is shown in the following table:

Argentine Grain Shipments

	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
<u>1950</u>	- thousand bushels -					
1st quarter .....	34,994	13,792	-	4,207	1,270	2,051
2nd quarter .....	25,111	12,423	961	7,680	3,552	931
3rd quarter .....	26,366	4,313	813	8,741	1,029	450
4th quarter .....	14,471	826	3,386	5,314	923	849
Totals .....	100,943	31,354	5,160	25,942	6,774	4,281
<u>1951</u>						
1st quarter .....	29,261	369	3,278	1,310	1,677	276
2nd quarter .....	33,075	704	2,437	791	5,147	46
3rd quarter .....	18,589	4,473	763	2,432	161	2,860
4th quarter .....	9,128	6,233	705	2,340	674	3,608
Totals .....	90,053	11,779	7,183	6,873	7,659	6,790

With the sharply reduced export surpluses of all grain except perhaps corn, shipments next year will be even lower than they were during 1951 and Argentina's traditional wheat customers, in particular Brazil, will have to seek other sources of supply.

The following table sets out the shipments of grain from the Argentine during the period January—December, 1951 according to destination:

Argentine Grain Shipments, January—December, 1951

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
- thousand bushels -						
Austria .....	-	79	-	-	606	533
Belgium .....	1,733	1,001	744	663	699	964
Brazil .....	32,990	-	-	110	-	46
Chile .....	1,213	-	73	-	-	-
Czechoslovakia .....	-	-	-	-	390	-
Denmark .....	-	-	-	-	574	-
Egypt .....	563	-	-	-	-	-
Finland .....	-	131	37	-	1,449	-
France .....	1,571	7,804	2,575	-	-	-
French Africa .....	3,088	39	-	-	-	-
Germany .....	4,510	632	196	1,662	1,872	3,971
Holland .....	1,579	454	985	1,899	1,740	405
India .....	18,030	-	-	-	-	-
Italy .....	15,234	-	260	-	-	231
Norway .....	-	-	480	195	-	-
Paraguay .....	1,988	-	-	-	-	-
Peru .....	2,757	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal .....	-	-	236	-	-	-
Spain .....	-	-	154	-	-	-
Sweden .....	1,102	306	167	529	288	-
Switzerland .....	1,931	1,170	217	1,062	39	211
United Kingdom .....	1,764	162	1,060	529	4	-
Uruguay .....	-	-	-	223	-	-
Yugoslavia .....	-	-	-	-	-	429
Totals .....	90,053	11,779	7,183	6,873	7,659	6,790

#### AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position - With decreases in both carryover stocks and new crop from 1950-51 levels, Australia enters the 1951-52 crop year with total estimated wheat supplies of 186.2 million bushels, almost 42 million less than in the previous crop year. Carryover stocks at November 30, 1951, at 19.5 million bushels, were less than half the 43.9 million on hand a year earlier, while the crop now being harvested is placed at 166.7 million bushels as against 184.2 million in 1950-51. Assuming domestic requirements of some 80 million bushels, the quantity available for export and carryover during the current crop year will be 106.2 million bushels. If the Australian export quota of 87.3 million bushels under the International Wheat Agreement is to be met, then the carryover at November 30, 1952 will



be even lower than at the end of the 1950-51 crop year. Since forecasts of production were based on conditions about the end of November, the statistical position of the 1951-52 crop year as outlined in the accompanying table will be subject to revision with the publication of later estimates of the size of this year's crop.

Exports of wheat as grain in the period December 1 to January 5 amounted to 2.3 million bushels, down sharply from the 8.6 million for the comparable period of 1950-51. Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, at 2.7 million bushels, were also down from the 3.2 million bushels exported during the corresponding period a year earlier. The balance remaining on January 6, 1952 for export and carryover was estimated at 101.2 million bushels, a decline of 33.1 million from the same date 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 .....	166.7	184.2
Total estimated supplies .....	186.2	228.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	80.0	82.0
Available for export and carryover .....	106.2	146.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-January 5 .....	2.3	8.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat		
December 1-January 5.....	2.7	3.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	5.0	11.8
Balance on January 6 for export and carryover .....	101.2	134.3

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision.

Wheat Crop Forecast at 166.7 Million Bushels According to the December 1951 issue of the Summary of the Wheat Situation: Australia the area sown to wheat for grain in Australia in the 1951-52 season is estimated at 10,246,000 acres. This is 1,417,000 acres or 12.1 per cent less than in 1950-51 and 2,734,000 acres (21.1 per cent) less than the average sowings for the five years ended 1938-39. Grain acreages have declined in each year since 1947-48 and the estimated area sown in 1951-52 is the lowest for any peace-time year since 1925-26. However, good average yields per acre are forecast for all States and will partly offset the effect of the reduction in acreage sown.

Official forecasts, based on conditions about the end of November, 1951, indicate that production of wheat grain will approximate 166.7 million bushels (16.27 bushels per acre). This is the lowest production since the drought year 1946-47 when 117.3 million bushels were recorded, and is 17.5 million bushels or 9.5 per cent less than in 1950-51, and 53.4 million bushels (24.3 per cent) less than the record 1947-48 harvest. The 1951-52 forecast production is, however, 12.4 million bushels (8.0 per cent) greater than the average production for the five



years ended 1938-39.

The forecast average yield of 16.27 bushels per acre in 1951-52 has only been exceeded on two occasions, viz. in 1949-50 (17.83 bushels per acre) and 1942-43 (16.78 bushels per acre). The 1951-52 forecast average yield per acre is 4.38 bushels or 36.8 per cent greater than the average yield per acre for the period of five years ended 1938-39.

Details of the estimated areas sown to wheat for grain, and forecast production and average yield per acre for each state and for Australia for the year 1951-52 are shown in the following table.

Estimated Area, Yield and Production of Wheat for Grain,  
Australia, 1951-52

State	Area	Yield Per Acre	Production
	000 acres	bu.	000 bu.
New South Wales .....	2,560	16.02	41,000
Victoria .....	2,550	19.22	49,000
Queensland .....	400	16.25	6,500
South Australia .....	1,530	17.97	27,500
Western Australia .....	3,200	13.31	42,600
Tasmania .....	5	20.00	100
Australian Commonwealth Territory .	1	25.00	25
Totals .....	10,246	16.27	166,725

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

"Australian wheat stocks at December 29th totalled 84,808,000 bushels. Wheat exports from December 1st, 1951 to January 5th totalled 2,346,000 bushels with shipments mainly to New Zealand and United Kingdom. Flour exports for the same period were 51,831 long tons, with 13,206 to Malaya, 8,500 to United Kingdom, 8,395 to Ceylon and 6,330 to India. The Wheat Board Chairman says that area fallowed in preparation for sowing wheat in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales in next four to five months is very much below normal. Federal Government is considering what steps can be taken to induce greater wheat plantings."

1950-51 Wheat Exports  
Total 86.8 Million Bushels

Preliminary data on Australian exports of wheat as grain indicate a total of 86.8 million bushels for the 1950-51 crop year. Three countries - the United Kingdom, Egypt and India - accounted for 53.8 million bushels or 62 per cent of the total. Details of exports by country of destination for 1950-51 with comparisons, as published in the December 1951 issue of the Summary of the Wheat Situation: Australia, are reproduced in the following table.

Exports of Australian Wheat, 1938-39 and 1947-48—1950-51

Destination	1938-39	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
- thousand bushels -					
United Kingdom .....	32,235	17,226	34,523	9,435	20,017
Aden .....	-	600	332	-	-
Africa, British East .....	19	22	7	127	19
Ceylon .....	138	-	17	7	7
India .....	6,922	21,336	16,939	35,254	16,741
Ireland, Republic of .....	2,303	2,402	1,337	321	1,897
Malta .....	559	-	-	280	33
New Zealand .....	3,096	4,401	7,395	5,756	4,863
Rhodesia, Southern .....	-	741	799	712	1,036
Union of South Africa .....	1,705	5	1,623	2,242	430
Other British Countries ...	68	1,125	2,392	988	2,400
China .....	10,621	11	1	76	122
Egypt .....	389	509	8,510	6,511	17,075
France .....	-	3,516	958	-	-
French Dependencies .....	-	2,317	337	5	4
Greece .....	1,583	-	-	-	-
Iraq .....	-	1,465	1,027	2	5
Italy .....	-	665	5	325	7,965
Japan .....	432	-	1,843	6,885	2,798
Norway .....	-	688	-	504	996
Sweden .....	-	556	746	1,029	1,342
Switzerland .....	-	682	-	-	-
Other Foreign Countries ...	3,059	1,907	4,239	7,967	9,032
Totals .....	63,129	60,174	83,030	78,426	86,782

Price of Wheat for  
Domestic Consumption

The following account of prices of Australian wheat for domestic use during recent years has been taken from the Summary of the Wheat Situation: Australia, December 1951.

From June, 1942, the monthly price of wheat sold for gristing into flour for home consumption averaged 3s. 11 1/2d. per bushel (Wheat Board Price to millers, bulk basis) until 22nd December, 1947, when the price was increased to 4s. 11 1/4d. per bushel, bulk basis. A further increase to 6s. 3d. per bushel (bulk basis) operated from 19th January, 1948. The price of wheat for human consumption other than in flour also rose to 6s. 3d. per bushel (bulk basis) on 19th January, 1948. The local consumption price was further increased to 6s. 8d. per bushel (bulk basis) as from 1st December, 1948. For the 1949-50 season the price remained at 6s. 8d. per bushel (bulk basis) but the Commonwealth Government paid a subsidy of 5d. per bushel to provide growers with the agreed return of 7s. 1d. per bushel. This subsidy was withdrawn for the 1950-51 season and the price of wheat for home consumption increased to 7s. 10d. per bushel (bulk basis). The price has been further increased to 10s. 0d. per bushel (bulk basis) for the 1951-52 season.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS, JANUARY, 1952

- 8 - The Canadian Wheat Board requested elevator companies to notify agents at an additional 68 shipping points in Saskatchewan having a freight differential of 4 cents per hundred pounds in favour of Fort William and 14 shipping points with a differential of 5 cents per hundred pounds to ship all wheat expected to grade dry No. 1, 2, 3 or 4 Northern to Vancouver.

Broomhall reports that the wheat crop in the Union of South Africa is officially estimated at 23.8 million bushels.

- 9 - The Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that the Prairie Grain Producers' Interim Financing Act, 1951, would come into force on January 15. This Act was passed at the last session of Parliament to provide short-term credit to grain producers in the Prairie Provinces who, because of congested delivery points or inability to complete harvesting of their grain, are in need of credit until their grain can be delivered.
- 10 - The first cargo of Canadian wheat, requested by the Government of India under the Colombo Plan, was loaded aboard the S.S. Houston City at Vancouver. The wheat, part of a large quantity being made available by Canada at a cost of approximately \$10,000,000, will be used to alleviate the famine now facing people in parts of India.

Stocks of wheat on United States farms at January 1 were estimated at 339.3 million bushels, approximately 4 million above the 335.4 million on farms a year ago. Current farm stocks are approximately one-tenth smaller than average for the date.

- 22 - The area seeded to wheat in France as of January 1 is reported at 9,875,000 acres, compared with 9,490,000 on the same date last year. Weather conditions have been reported as satisfactory.
- 25 - Sales recorded under the International Wheat Agreement up to January 18 amounted to 415.7 million bushels or about 72 per cent of the guaranteed quantity of 580.9 million. Sales by exporting countries, in millions of bushels, were as follows: United States, 219.2; Canada, 131.3; Australia, 63.8; and France, 1.4.
- 26 - An increase in the initial payment by 20 cents per bushel effective February 1, was announced by the Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce. The increase, applicable to all wheat delivered or to be delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board during the 1951-52 crop year, raises the initial price from \$1.40 to \$1.60 per bushel for No. 1 Northern, basis in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver. Adjustment payments covering deliveries for the first half of the crop year are expected to amount to about \$50 million.











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