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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about February 1, 1953 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,480.1 million bushels, some 54 per cent greater than the 959.4 million available a year ago. Supplies at February 1, 1953 (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 684.4 (455.9); Canada, 550.2 (413.9); Argentina, 147.2 (2.8), and Australia, 98.3 (86.8). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

World Breadgrain Production According to a report on the 'World Food Situation, 1953' issued by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations of the United States Department of Agriculture, "World breadgrain (wheat and rye) production in 1952-53 is now estimated at 262 million short tons. The current estimate compares with the previous record crop of 248 million tons in 1938-39, with last season's production of 241 million tons, and with the prewar (1935-1939) average of 229 million tons. Wheat always represents around 80 per cent of the world's breadgrain crop. While rye accounts for only about 20 per cent of the total, it is, nevertheless, of considerable importance in the food supply of many countries in Northern and Eastern Europe where, for various reasons, sufficient supplies of wheat cannot be produced domestically or made available from outside areas to meet the total breadgrain requirements at prices people are willing and able to pay."

Breadgrain: World Production, 1952 with Comparisons 1/

Year	North America	Europe	U.S.S.R.	Asia	Africa	South America	Oceania	World Total
- thousand short tons -								
<u>Average:</u>								
1935-39	34,090	69,420	61,980	45,360	4,320	8,735	5,310	229,215
1945-49	48,530	53,710	51,495	46,170	4,020	8,335	5,490	217,750
<u>Annual:</u>								
1946	48,185	53,580	43,400	48,025	4,315	8,565	3,690	209,760
1947	52,840	43,925	52,100	46,230	3,870	10,215	6,780	215,960
1948	53,000	62,100	56,790	47,695	4,530	8,585	5,910	238,610
1949	45,480	65,020	59,600	42,635	4,770	8,135	6,720	232,360
1950	46,010	64,820	58,780	46,580	5,010	9,430	5,730	236,360
1951	47,590	66,730	62,700	49,000	4,860	4,790	4,920	240,590
1952 <u>2/</u>	61,090	68,540	61,430	49,300	5,220	11,650	5,100	262,330

1/ Estimated production of wheat and rye.

2/ Preliminary estimates.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1952-53

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Quantities	Source				Total Purchases	Remainder
		Canada 1/	Australia 2/	France 2/	U.S.A. 2/		
- thousand bushels -							
Austria	11,023	-	-	-	4,739	4,739	6,284
Belgium	20,209	12,665	-	-	3,295	15,960	4,249
Bolivia 3/	2,756	2,436	-	-	366	2,802	-
Brazil	13,228	2,546	-	-	9,341	11,887	1,341
Ceylon 3/	6,614	-	6,131	-	483	6,614	-
Costa Rica	1,213	333	-	-	553	886	327
Cuba	7,422	1,533	-	-	2,907	4,440	2,982
Denmark	1,617	812	-	-	533	1,345	272
Dominican Republic	876	190	-	-	564	754	122
Ecuador	1,286	599	-	-	666	1,256	21
Egypt 3/	14,697	7,183	-	-	7,514	14,697	-
El Salvador	404	111	-	-	281	392	12
Germany	66,139	4,964	2,364	1,837	30,942	40,107	26,032
Greece	15,726	12	-	-	5,879	5,891	9,835
Guatemala	919	220	-	-	411	631	288
Haiti	1,029	88	-	-	701	789	240
Honduras Republic 3/ ...	367	68	-	-	303	371	-
Iceland	404	23	-	-	152	175	229
India	55,116	11,200	15,483	-	14,031	40,714	14,402
Indonesia 4/	3,674	54	2,360	-	1,076	3,490	184
Ireland	10,104	5,917	2,563	-	1,163	9,643	461
Israel	5,879	2,163	-	-	3,527	5,690	189
Italy	40,418	11,023	2,156	-	8,722	21,901	18,517
Japan	18,372	3,674	2,519	-	7,335	13,528	4,844
Lebanon	2,388	372	-	-	1,734	2,106	282
Liberia 3/	37	21	-	-	17	38	-
Mexico	12,860	-	-	-	6,198	6,198	6,662
Netherlands	24,802	7,939	1,928	-	11,663	21,530	3,272
New Zealand	4,593	-	4,568	-	-	4,568	25
Nicaragua	331	127	-	-	158	285	46
Norway	7,716	2,987	611	-	3,313	6,911	805
Panama 4/	625	487	-	-	107	594	31
Peru 3/	5,512	2,344	-	-	3,260	5,604	-
Philippines	7,202	2,987	1	-	2,554	5,542	1,660
Portugal	5,626	715	16	-	4,589	5,320	306
Saudi Arabia 4/	1,837	-	85	-	1,150	1,235	602
Spain	4,373	-	-	-	2,724	2,724	1,649
Sweden 3/	2,756	-	948	-	1,659	2,607	-
Switzerland	6,430	3,674	-	-	1,761	5,435	995
Union of South Africa ..	11,023	7,280	-	-	2,389	9,669	1,354
United Kingdom	177,068	54,645	38,337	-	21,373	114,355	62,713
Venezuela	6,246	2,100	-	-	1,784	3,884	2,362
Totals	580,917	153,492	80,070	1,837	171,917	407,316	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries) ..		235,000	88,700	4,089	253,128	580,917	
Balance		81,508	8,630	2,252	81,211	173,601	

1/ Canadian Sales through February 24th, 1953.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through February 20th, 1953.

3/ Quota filled.

4/ Sales may not be made until further notice.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Increase in Initial Payment on Western Canadian Wheat

In the course of a statement to the House of Commons on February 18 on the marketing of western wheat, oats and barley, the Right Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced increases in the initial payments for wheat and barley. Those parts of the Minister's statement concerning the increases in initial payments for wheat were as follows:

" ... Having regard to the present sales position, the Government has approved an increase in the initial price of all grades of wheat, excepting Durums, from \$1.40 per bushel to \$1.60 per bushel basis No. 1 Northern in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver. The increase will become effective on March 2nd, 1953. This means that an adjustment payment of 20 cents per bushel will be made to producers covering their deliveries of all grades of wheat other than Durums to the Board between August 1st, 1952 and February 28th, 1953.

In the case of Durum wheat, there has been an exceptionally strong demand during the present crop year and actually the production of Durum wheat is not now sufficient to meet the demand for this type of grain. Therefore, the initial prices of all grades of Durum wheat will be increased by 25 cents per bushel and an adjustment payment in this amount will be made to all producers delivering Durum wheat to the Board between August 1st, 1952 and February 28th, 1953. This will bring the initial prices of Durum grades from their present level of \$1.40 per bushel for No. 1 Amber Durum in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver to \$1.65 per bushel effective on March 2nd, 1953. There appears to be a growing market for Durum varieties of wheat and it is my hope that this increase in the initial payment for this variety of wheat will serve to encourage additional Durum production in 1953.

The adjustment payments which I have mentioned are, of course, subject to the one per cent levy under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

The wheat adjustment payment will commence on April 1st and will be followed immediately by the barley adjustment payment. If the present rate of producers' deliveries continue until the end of February, the adjustment payments on wheat and barley will amount to about \$80,000,000."

Supply Position

Deliveries of wheat by Western Canadian farmers have continued in relatively heavy volume throughout the winter, with weekly marketings averaging 8.7 million bushels in the ten-week period ending February 12, 1953. Marketings from the beginning of the current crop year to February 12 amounted to 301.7 million bushels, an increase of 16 per cent over the 259.2 million marketed during the comparable period of 1951-52. Saskatchewan farmers marketed 185.4 million bushels of the current crop-year total to date while those in Alberta and Manitoba delivered 85.1 million and 31.1 million bushels, respectively.

Reflecting the steady movement of wheat from farms, stocks in country elevators on February 12 had increased to 141.0 million bushels, the highest since December 23, 1952. This year's country elevator stocks on February 12 were well above the 107.4 million and 127.9 million in store in these positions on approximately the same date in 1952 and 1951, respectively, and accounted for 53 per cent of the current year's total visible supply of 266.4 million bushels. Although

most of the increase in this year's February 12 visible supply over the 1952 level of 220.0 million bushels was accounted for by larger stocks in country elevators, sizable increases were also registered in stocks at Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports and in rail transit in the Western Division. The greater activity in rail movement this year is indicated by the fact that some 19.2 million bushels of wheat were in rail transit in the Western Division on February 12 this year, compared with 9.5 million and 4.5 million at the same time in 1952 and 1951, respectively. Lakehead stocks, at 34.0 million bushels, were somewhat below the comparable totals of 36.6 million and 36.1 million in the preceding two years.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 <u>1/</u>	1951-52 <u>2/</u>
- million bushels -		
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	213.0	189.2
New crop	687.9	552.7
Imports of wheat, August—December	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies	900.9	741.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	<u>160.0</u>	<u>173.1</u>
Available for export and carryover	740.9	568.8
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August—January	145.0	113.7
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August—January	<u>16.6</u>	<u>20.5</u>
Total exports of wheat	161.6	134.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August—January	<u>29.1</u>	<u>20.7 <u>4/</u></u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	190.7	154.9
Balance on February 1 for export and carryover ...	550.2	413.9

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision. 3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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

Following the usual seasonal pattern, exports of wheat as grain during January 1953 declined to 18.7 million bushels, a decrease of 5.9 million from the December total. This year's January wheat exports, however, were above those for the same month in 1952 and 1951 when the totals were 16.0 million and 11.8 million bushels, respectively. Preliminary data indicate that the equivalent of an additional 3.7 million bushels was exported in the form of wheat flour during January 1953 as against adjusted totals of 3.4 million in January 1952 and 5.7 million bushels in January 1951. Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during the month amounted to 22.4 million bushels.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during the first half of 1952-53 amounted to 190.7 million bushels, an increase of 23 per cent over the 154.9 million exported during the August-January period of 1951-52. Of the current crop year's total to date, exports of wheat as grain accounted for 161.6 million bushels, an increase of 20.5 per cent over the 134.2 million bushels of wheat exported during the first half of 1951-52.

The United Kingdom provided the major market for exports of Canadian wheat as grain, accounting for 39.1 million bushels or almost one-quarter of the total for the first half of the current crop year. Other principal export outlets for Canadian wheat as grain for the period under review, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: the United States, 16.6 (of which 3.2 million were for milling in bond); Federal Republic of Germany, 13.7; Belgium, 13.3; Yugoslavia, 8.7; Japan, 7.5; the Netherlands, 6.9; Brazil, 6.9; and Italy, 6.1. Altogether, shipments of Canadian wheat as grain went to forty countries and colonies during the six months ending January 31, 1953. Preliminary data indicate that exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat for the same period amounted to 29.1 million bushels, compared with an adjusted total of 20.7 million for the first six months of 1951-52.

The balance remaining on February 1, 1953 for export and carryover was estimated at 550.2 million bushels, an increase of 33 per cent over the 413.9 million bushels available a year ago.

Acadia Wheat
Licensed for Use
in Eastern Canada*

A new hard red spring wheat variety called Acadia, developed by the Experimental Farms System, was licensed in the spring of 1951 for use in Eastern Canada.

This is a bearded, medium length, strong strawed variety with hard red kernels and mid-season maturity. It is resistant to bunt and black chaff, moderately resistant to prevailing forms of leaf and stem rust, semi-resistant to loose smut and root rot. Over a period of years, it has been a consistently high yielder at most of the Eastern Farms and Stations and is recommended only for use in Eastern Canada. It is not equal to Marquis wheat in quality but makes satisfactory bread and will be very useful as a feed wheat.

There will be certified and commercial seed available for sowing this coming spring. Growers in the area for which the variety is recommended, who wish to purchase seed should obtain the necessary application forms from the Superintendent of the Experimental Farm in their province or enquire of the Cereal Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Reasonable prices for certified and commercial seed have been set and not more than four bushels per person will be permitted.

Applications should be sent to the following Experimental Stations: Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Nappan, N.S.; Fredericton, N.B.; Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, Que., and the Cereal Division, Ottawa, Ont.

* Press Release, Information Service, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada.

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1952-53

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -						
August	7, 1952	204,790	1,154,774	1,579,863	2,939,427	2,018,886
	14	236,286	600,836	311,610	1,148,732	829,250
	21	1,814,726	1,015,243	435,602	3,265,571	851,986
	28	4,057,987	8,725,185	2,110,058	14,893,230	1,318,203
September	4	1,516,658	10,508,053	2,238,480	14,263,191	805,779
	11	1,382,648	9,691,272	3,199,088	14,273,008	4,239,842
	18	1,604,993	7,466,642	3,424,495	12,496,130	13,846,465
	25	1,888,528	7,633,260	4,582,277	14,104,065	20,099,662
October	2	2,007,184	15,352,866	7,653,604	25,013,654	7,532,902
	9	1,125,450	11,640,224	6,890,852	19,656,526	16,554,874
	16	882,818	7,868,908	4,578,098	13,329,824	43,684,161
	23	916,507	7,180,359	3,662,333	11,759,199	27,209,381
	30	917,626	5,150,812	2,563,512	8,631,950	13,773,440
November	6	2,318,994	6,420,954	2,935,288	11,675,236	9,465,279
	13	1,905,372	7,571,378	2,969,211	12,445,961	7,645,329
	20	1,829,784	7,621,546	2,858,916	12,310,246	8,024,765
	27	1,542,787	8,128,934	2,773,031	12,444,752	8,167,976
December	4	1,071,012	6,433,981	2,435,503	9,940,496	10,343,181
	11	1,012,732	7,353,877	2,633,921	11,000,530	10,603,977
	18	1,005,219	7,315,274	2,673,219	10,993,712	6,950,882
	23	164,834	4,772,645	850,954	5,788,433	6,405,705
	30	613,133	4,513,146	3,046,483	8,172,762	5,333,677
January	8, 1953	300,981	6,204,482	3,019,209	9,524,672	8,472,260
	15	203,139	5,342,144	1,622,507	7,167,790	7,365,497
	22	138,245	5,114,767	3,416,473	8,669,485	3,237,709
	29	178,574	6,651,710	3,682,523	10,512,807	2,995,225
February	5	141,927	3,898,839	2,802,089	6,842,855	6,209,169
	12	133,253	4,083,520	4,199,324	8,416,097	5,227,821
Totals		31,116,187	185,415,631	85,148,523	301,680,341	259,213,283

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group
for Wheat in the Western Division as at February 12, 1953

Province	Quota in Bushels Per Seeded Acre				Open	Total
	8	10	12	15		
Ontario	-	-	-	-	2	2
Manitoba	-	-	-	380	-	380
Saskatchewan	4	324	511	270	-	1,109
Alberta	-	-	-	583	-	583
British Columbia .	-	-	-	2	2	4
Totals	4	324	511	1,235	4	2,078

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, February 12, 1953, Compared with
Approximately the same Date, 1952 and 1951

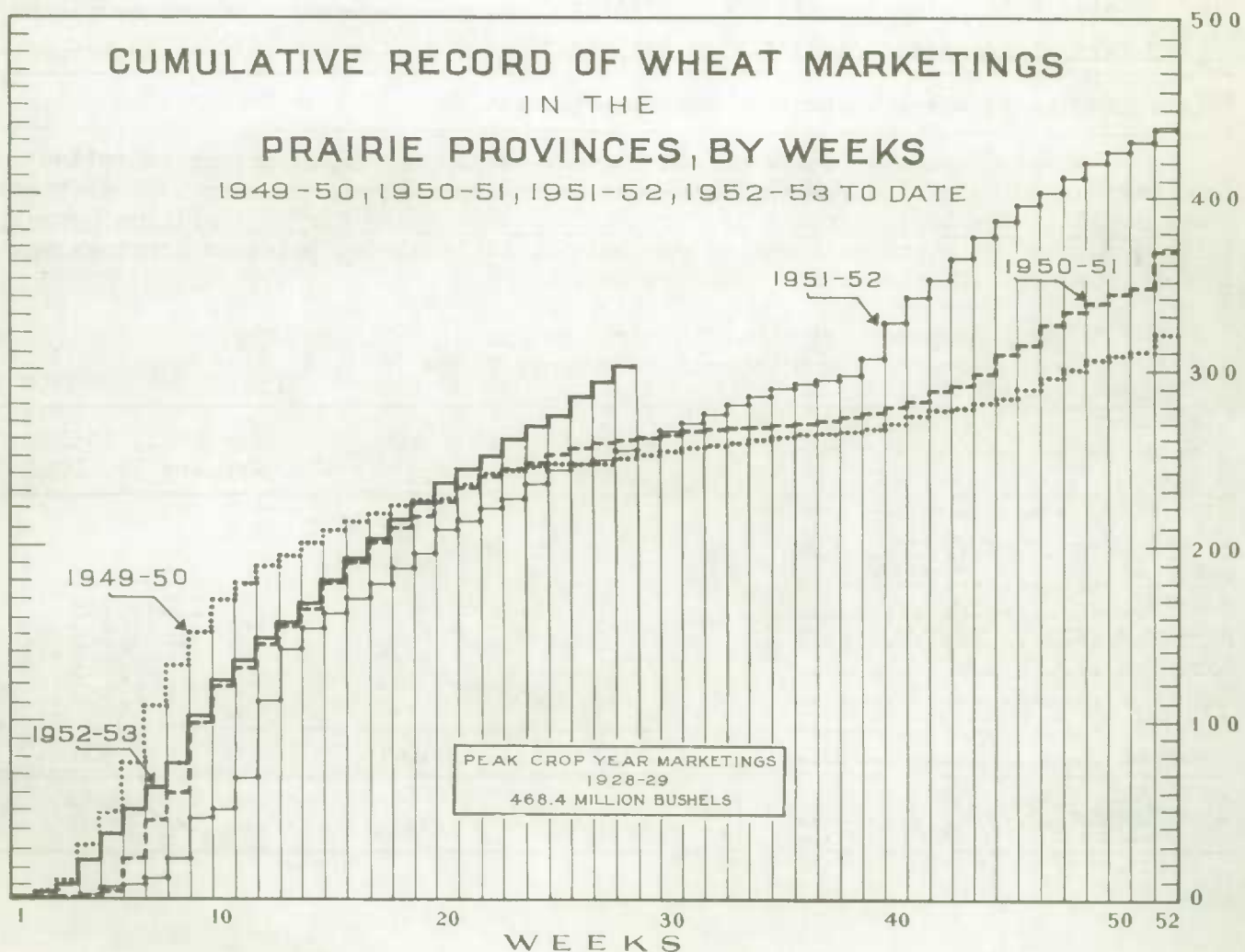
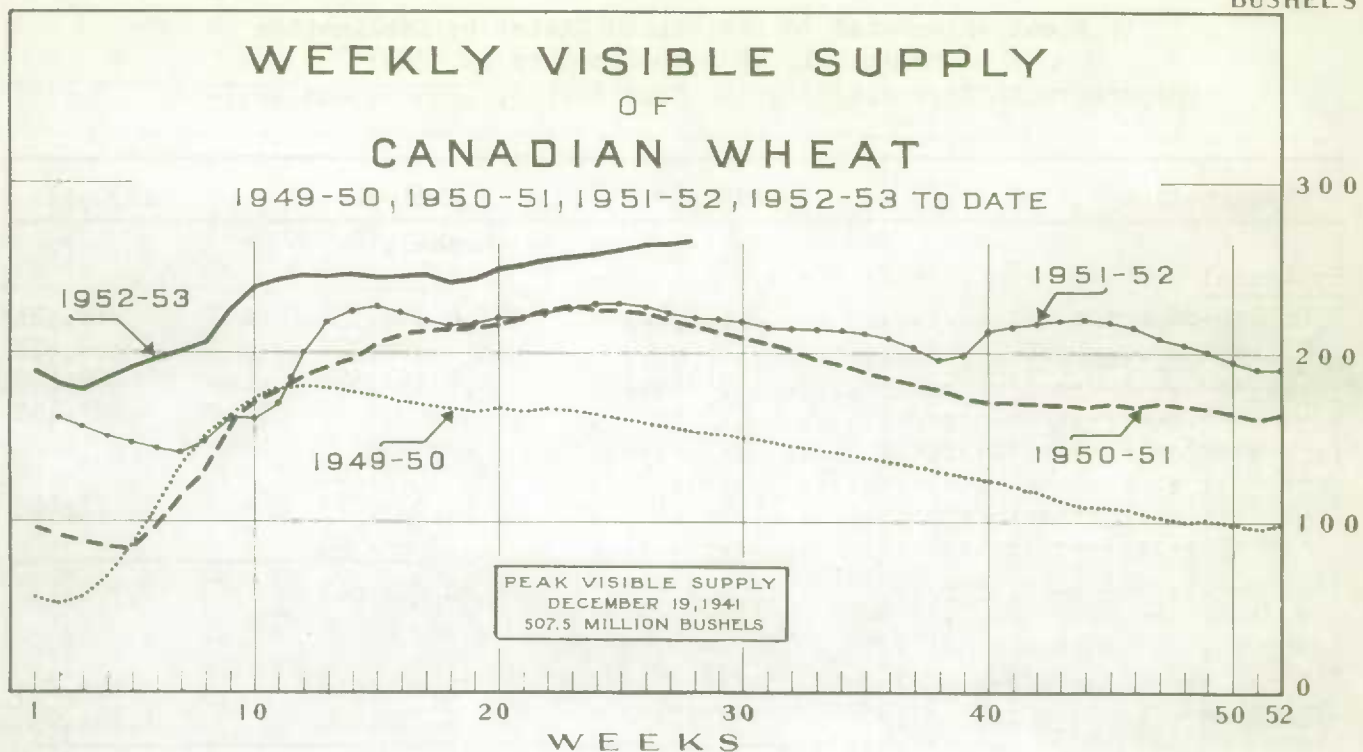
Position	1953	1952	1951
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	9,807	8,005	11,527
Saskatchewan	81,418	66,692	71,211
Alberta	49,820	32,739	45,210
Totals	141,044	107,436	127,948
Interior private and mill elevators	6,294	5,810	4,668
Interior terminals	9,731	11,068	8,710
Vancouver-New Westminster	6,999	7,547	6,127
Prince Rupert	-	469	-
Churchill	2,048	1,997	461
Fort William-Port Arthur	33,987	36,602	36,063
Storage afloat	1,186	-	-
In transit rail (Western Division)	19,163	9,490	4,509
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	25,748	18,539	13,364
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports	5,859	8,450	4,542
Storage afloat	7,347	4,378	1,677
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	3,810	3,837	2,164
United States ports	3,234	3,623	1,269
In transit U.S.A.	-	757	65
Totals	266,449	220,003	211,567

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August—January, 1952-53 with Comparisons

Grade	August—January				Average
	1952-53		1951-52		1946-47— 1950-51
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent	per cent
1 Hard	49	4/	-	-	4/
1 Northern	10,135	7.2	836	0.7	14.8
2 Northern	37,030	26.2	7,154	5.7	37.6
3 Northern	26,365	18.6	18,883	15.1	13.0
4 Northern	16,249	11.5	11,453	9.2	4.4
5 Wheat	16,254	11.5	10,409	8.3	3.7
6 Wheat	5,980	4.2	8,379	6.7	2.2
Feed Wheat	940	0.7	1,185	0.9	0.4
Garnet	679	0.5	444	0.4	0.9
Amber Durum	3,499	2.5	2,086	1.7	3.5
Alberta Winter	212	0.1	255	0.2	0.7
Toughs <u>1/ 2/</u>	21,920	15.5	45,566	36.4	15.6
Damps <u>1/ 3/</u>	149	0.1	17,318	13.8	1.3
Rejected <u>1/</u>	1,469	1.0	641	0.5	-
All Others	645	0.5	467	0.4	1.9
Totals	141,575	100.0	125,076	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.

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BUSHELS



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

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1952 to February 12, 1953
Compared with Approximately the Same Period, 1950-51 and 1951-52

Destination	1952-53	1951-52	1950-51
	- bushels -		
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Duluth-Superior	2,643,223	4,264,331	978,121
Milwaukee	-	298,326	140,673
Chicago	313,443	1,161,571	269,510
Detroit	-	-	287,165
Huron	320,734	-	-
Erie	276,567	93,107	-
Buffalo	11,446,101	14,635,273	7,121,643
Oswego	1,102,391	514,005	-
Totals, Vessel	16,102,459	20,966,613	8,797,112
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports	281,300	1,903,416	76,835
Other U.S.A. Points	3,355,526	3,252,604	1,251,934
Totals, Rail	3,636,826	5,156,020	1,328,769
Totals, Shipments	19,739,285	26,122,633	10,125,881

*Either for re-export or retention for domestic use.

Wheat Shipments to the United States, either for re-export or retention from the beginning of the current crop year to February 12 amounted to 19.7 million bushels. Although this quantity is about 25 per cent below the 26.1 million bushels shipped during the comparable period of 1951-52, it is almost twice as great as the 1950-51 movement for the period under review.

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

Ports	August 1, 1952 to January 31, 1953	August 1, 1951 to January 31, 1952
	- bushels -	
Collingwood	120,996	-
Midland	4,088,774	3,230,821
Owen Sound	386,428	1,089,765
Port McNicoll	2,295,116	2,061,713
Goderich	-	123,745
Sarnia	325,590	157,750
Toronto	454,143	-
Prescott	-	1,500
Totals	7,671,047	6,665,294

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1949-50—1952-53

Month	1952-53	1951-52	1950-51	1949-50
- bushels -				
August	191,711	283,914	122,532	158,893
September	1,181,046	435,068	123,256	131,711
October	936,757	159,667	73,543	122,482
November	651,957	465,193	133,847	92,334
December	464,914	1,387,828	1,517,624	342,946
January	6,550,958	5,839,567	4,394,047	277,502
February		3,618,007	3,303,248	240,087
March		1,564,586	3,476,161	423,774
April		107,061	1,196,236	2,305,727
May		132,496	462,676	124,533
June		196,083	356,443	96,626
July		113,827	199,603	52,122
Totals		14,303,297	15,359,216	4,368,737

In keeping with the usual seasonal pattern, rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead during January, the first full month following the close of lake navigation, were up sharply over those of the preceding months. The January 1953 shipments amounted to 6.6 million bushels, the highest monthly total in recent years. Comparable figures for the same month in the preceding three crop years were 5.8 million, 4.4 million, and 0.3 million bushels, respectively. Total rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead for the six months ending January 31, 1953 amounted to 10.0 million bushels as against 8.6 million and 6.4 million, respectively, for the first half of the 1951-52 and 1950-51 crop years.

Distribution of the January 1953 wheat shipments by grade and destination is shown in the table below. Some 5.7 million bushels, the bulk of which was No. 2 Northern, went to seaboard destinations in the Maritime Provinces.

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur January, 1953

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	U.S.A.
- bushels -						
1 Northern	-	-	276,500	5,500	84,100	-
2 Northern	-	2,093,500	2,694,000	29,500	47,300	-
3 Northern	-	-	92,500	11,000	50,500	-
4 Northern	-	196,000	127,500	1,500	7,500	-
5 Wheat	-	-	-	132,500	130,333	-
6 Wheat	-	500	-	36,566	8,167	-
Amber Durum	-	27,000	139,901	113,100	22,808	-
Alberta Winter	-	-	-	-	4,992	-
Toughs	-	-	-	10,554	28,760	-
All Others	4,333	12,867	20,797	30,767	108,780	1,333
Totals	4,333	2,329,867	3,351,198	370,987	493,240	1,333

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to January 31, 1953 reflect the movement of some 6.4 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance plan during the first five months of the current crop year. The comparable preliminary figure for last season was 6.5 million bushels indicating that current shipments may be running slightly below last year's levels. Revised data on claims submitted up to January 31, 1953 place the August—December 1952 total at 7.3 million bushels.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Wheat Shipments,
August—December, 1952-53 and 1951-52

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1952	11	32	70	63	536	486	239	1,436
September	12	21	68	48	534	471	262	1,416
October	11	12	72	50	518	479	234	1,377
November	5	19	65	38	519	538	116	1,300
December	4	15	56	30	308	432	45	891
Totals <u>1/</u>	45	99	331	228	2,415	2,406	896	6,419
Same period 1951-52:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u>	24	98	316	231	2,611	2,459	784	6,522
Revised <u>1/</u>	30	102	344	243	2,804	2,584	1,204	7,310

Preliminary data on millfeeds moving under the freight assistance plan represent shipments of 197,641 tons during the August—December period of the current crop year. This total, based on claims filed up to January 31, 1953, is slightly above the preliminary total for the comparable period of 1951-52. As with wheat, data on freight assisted millfeed shipments are subject to upward revision as additional claims are filed for payment.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Millfeed Shipments,
August—December, 1952-53 and 1951-52

Province	1952-53	1951-52	
	Preliminary <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland	1,557	1,228	1,511
Prince Edward Island	3,000	2,533	2,848
Nova Scotia	14,599	15,689	18,159
New Brunswick	14,106	13,254	14,541
Quebec	95,264	94,786	107,944
Ontario	53,952	54,333	63,614
British Columbia	15,163	14,650	22,596
Totals	197,641	196,473	231,213

1/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1953.

2/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1952.

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 Milling in Bond ^{2/}	Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour ^{3/}	Total	Customs ^{4/} Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<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

1951-52

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	4,389	24,387	30,516
May	35,550	2,725	5,735	44,010	38,138
June	33,770	4,554	6,101	44,425	40,894
July	34,478	3,818	4,639	42,935	44,782
Totals	266,039	38,683	51,103	355,825	358,803

1952-53 ^{5/}

August	26,089	2,559	3,364	32,011	38,946
September	21,208	3,312	4,960	29,480	27,326
October	24,106	2,950	6,277	33,332	35,611
November	34,339	3,677	5,052	43,068	36,052
December	21,777	2,883	5,693	30,354	44,468
January	17,518	1,206	3,718	22,442	23,562
Totals	145,037	16,587	29,064	190,687	205,965

^{1/} Compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

^{2/} 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 1950-51 and 1951-52 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

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

^{5/} Subject to revision.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1952-53

Destination	October	January		August—January	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>					
United Kingdom	2,247,170	1,373,724	6,324,560	10,988,469	39,124,739
<u>Africa</u>					
Gambia	-	-	-	1,053	-
Gold Coast	-	5,508	-	5,508	-
Nigeria	13,590	113	-	65,340	-
Sierra Leone	1,265	1,458	-	16,195	-
Union of South Africa	-	-	548,570	-	548,570
<u>Asia</u>					
Ceylon	-	-	-	486,491	-
Hong Kong	128,516	78,039	-	783,824	2,417
India	-	-	1,392,110	243	5,916,300
Malaya and Singapore	17,906	36,977	-	238,518	-
Pakistan	-	-	2,499,660	-	5,081,310
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar	-	15,574	-	59,548	-
Malta	-	-	354,700	-	1,078,033
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas	23,782	24,187	-	133,672	-
Barbados	44,694	42,197	-	213,093	850
Bermuda	6,678	8,550	-	55,440	-
British Honduras	1,413	1,165	-	24,979	-
Jamaica	6,178	60,714	-	337,667	-
Leeward and Windward Islands	103,590	72,009	-	515,835	-
Trinidad and Tobago	180,220	260,402	-	1,098,644	500
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana	77,094	17,356	-	477,351	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ..	2,852,096	1,997,973	11,119,600	15,501,870	51,752,719
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Africa</u>					
Azores and Madeira	8,599	-	-	16,155	-
Belgian Congo	-	29,443	-	61,987	-
Egypt	1,449,684	8,941	358,825	4,840,884	4,615,163
French Africa	1,377	-	-	14,585	-
Liberia	1,858	-	-	5,737	-
Libya	-	-	97,627	-	321,627
Morocco	48,245	44,357	-	320,225	-
Portuguese Africa	4,756	2,295	54,880	12,933	204,400
Spanish Africa	7,578	-	-	7,578	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia	26,410	49,059	-	91,463	18,372
China, except Taiwan	4,360	-	-	6,998	59,583
Indonesia	-	5,508	-	57,483	-
Israel	11,934	11,934	848,041	11,934	2,162,892
Japan	8,118	158,355	1,301,186	397,863	7,532,061
Lebanon	378,482	325,183	-	1,913,148	1,587,467
Philippine Islands	342,387	446,364	-	2,663,001	-
Portuguese Asia	-	2,295	-	52,056	-
Syria	-	-	-	49	-
Thailand	28,760	19,904	-	195,786	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Belgium	-	-	230,795	-	13,331,877
Denmark	-	-	-	-	1,112,867
France	-	-	-	-	1,287,165

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1952-53

Destination	October	January		August—January	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -	Wheat Flour 2/ - bushels -	Wheat 3/ - bushels -
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Europe</u>					
Germany, Federal Republic of	-	37,512	358,773	51,467	13,742,483
Greece	-	-	-	-	698,163
Iceland	-	1,148	-	26,793	-
Ireland	-	-	321,067	-	3,612,601
Italy	8,149	10,211	-	42,683	6,051,571
Netherlands	-	-	522,375	-	6,948,569
Norway	-	-	261,333	-	2,122,588
Portugal	-	9,243	-	27,297	336,000
Sweden	-	-	-	-	734,084
Switzerland	-	-	373,707	-	5,071,200
Yugoslavia	1,724	10,787	-	21,119	8,742,946
<u>North America</u>					
Alaska	-	-	-	9	-
Costa Rica	13,428	19,971	-	227,759	50,000
Cuba	23,620	7,736	187,413	76,212	644,626
Dominican Republic	9,284	2,182	-	45,373	-
El Salvador	22,180	50,238	-	151,902	-
French West Indies	-	571	-	4,347	-
Guatemala	26,064	20,034	-	125,514	-
Haiti	33,921	35,960	-	167,216	-
Honduras	-	-	-	459	6,667
Netherlands Antilles	11,075	16,848	-	83,403	-
Nicaragua	5,612	22,900	-	80,680	-
Panama	25,466	10,782	-	142,659	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon	2,565	1,607	-	9,036	-
<u>United States</u>					
Flour in terms of wheat	2,767	-	-	17,671	-
For milling in bond 4/	-	-	-	-	3,237,242
For domestic use 4/	-	-	1,205,946	-	13,349,275
Virgin Islands	2,295	-	-	4,936	-
<u>Oceania</u>					
Hawaii	-	-	-	117	-
<u>South America</u>					
Argentina	-	-	-	4	-
Bolivia	2,295	-	418,603	2,295	1,304,820
Brazil	-	135,045	648,193	320,445	6,896,565
Chile	-	-	-	-	1,477,534
Colombia	11,282	17,100	-	90,815	82,605
Ecuador	2,754	3,856	20,208	55,606	103,613
Peru	9,184	16,074	364,000	40,180	2,388,232
Surinam	12,573	11,601	-	80,586	-
Venezuela	73,440	175,216	31,196	995,310	36,000
Totals, Foreign Countries	2,622,226	1,720,260	7,604,168	13,561,758	109,870,858
Totals, Exported	5,474,322	3,718,233	18,723,768	29,063,628	161,623,577

1/ Adjusted 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, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States. Subject to revision.

4/ 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			
	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers 1952-53 Pool</u>				
1 Hard	140	140	140	140
1 Northern	140	140	140	140
2 Northern	137	137	137	137
3 Northern	134	134	134	134
4 Northern	126	126	126	126
5 Wheat	116	116	116	116
6 Wheat	106	106	106	106
Feed Wheat	100	100	100	100
<u>Domestic and Export 1/</u>				
(International Wheat Agreement)				
1 Hard	174/5	175/2	175/5	176/1
1 Northern	174/5	175/2	175/5	176/1
2 Northern	172/5	173/2	173/5	174/1
3 Northern	170/5	171/2	171/5	172/1
4 Northern	164/5	165/2	165/5	166/1
5 Wheat	158/5	161/2	161/5	162/1
6 Wheat	154/5	155/2	155/5	156/1
Feed Wheat	149/5	150/2	150/5	151/1
1 C.W. Garnet	172/5	173/2	173/5	174/1
2 C.W. Garnet	171/5	172/2	172/5	173/1
3 C.W. Garnet	168/5	169/2	169/5	170/1
1 Alberta Red Winter	174/5	175/2	175/5	176/1
2 Alberta Winter	172/5	173/2	173/5	174/1
3 Alberta Winter	170/5	171/2	171/5	172/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum	174/5	175/2	175/5	176/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum	172/5	173/2	173/5	174/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum	171/5	172/2	172/5	173/1
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Hard	216/7	217/7	216/5	218/1
1 Northern	216/7	217/7	216/5	218/1
2 Northern	214/7	215/7	214/5	216/1
3 Northern	212/7	213/7	212/5	214/1
4 Northern	206/7	207/7	206/5	208/1
5 Wheat	164/5	167/2	167/5	168/1
6 Wheat	160/5	161/2	161/5	162/1
Feed Wheat	155/5	156/2	156/5	157/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum	275/3	280/7	279/5	280/3
2 C.W. Amber Durum	273/3	278/7	277/5	278/3
3 C.W. Amber Durum	272/3	277/7	276/5	277/3

1/ Plus 6 cents carrying charge.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for January 1953 amounted to some 1,772,000 barrels, the lowest monthly output for the current crop year to date. Production in January this year was about three per cent below the January 1952 total of 1,836,000 barrels and about nine per cent below the ten-year (1943-1952) average of 1,956,000. However, the total output for the first six months of the current crop year, at 12,156,000 barrels, was well above the comparable total of 10,969,000 barrels for the first half of 1951-52. Mills reporting operations during January 1953 had a total rated capacity of 97,195 barrels and, on the basis of a 26-day working period, 70.1 per cent of the rated capacity was effective.

Exports Preliminary Customs returns indicate that exports of Canadian wheat flour during January 1953 amounted to 826,274 barrels (3,718,000 bushels of wheat equivalent). Flour shipments during the month were reported to forty-nine countries and colonies, with the United Kingdom again taking the largest amount, some 1.4 million bushels of wheat equivalent. Other major shipments, in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, went to the Philippine Islands (446), Lebanon (325), Trinidad and Tobago (260), Venezuela (175), Japan (158), and Brazil (135).

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports ^{1/}
	- 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	104,494,021	22,842,441	11,356,288
1952-53 ^{2/}			
August	8,809,102	1,943,274	747,518
September	9,557,709	2,120,469	1,102,225
October	10,330,803	2,302,489	1,394,807
November	9,858,945	2,182,652	1,122,627
December	8,170,237	1,835,627	1,265,133
January	7,887,271	1,771,786	826,274
Totals	54,614,067	12,156,297	6,458,584
Same period 1951-52 (Revised)	50,274,937	10,969,292	4,601,386

^{1/} Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46-1951-52 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

^{2/} Wheat milled for flour and wheat flour production subject to revision from August 1952.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position As a result of a slight downward revision in the July 1 carry-over stocks, total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for 1952-53 are now estimated at 1,547.0 million bushels, an increase of 170 million over the 1951-52 level. Domestic supplies are again being supplemented by imports of Canadian wheat, most of which is of feeding quality. Imports of wheat for all purposes from Canada during the first seven months of 1952-53 amounted to 16.7 million bushels, somewhat below the 19.6 million imported during the July--January period of 1951-52. Although domestic requirements, currently placed at 690 million bushels, are slightly higher than in 1951-52, it is evident that greater supplies and reduced exports will result in a substantial increase in carryover stocks at July 1, 1953.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 <u>1/</u>	1951-52
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	255.6 <u>2/</u>	396.2
New crop	1,291.4	980.8
Total estimated domestic supplies	1,547.0	1,377.0
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July--January	16.7	19.6
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	1,563.7	1,396.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u> .	690.0	677.7 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and carryover	873.7	718.9
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July--January	164.1	237.4
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July--January	25.2	25.6
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni .	189.3	263.0
Balance on February 1 for export and carryover	684.4	455.9

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised. 3/ Excluding imports for February--June period.

4/ 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.

Exports of wheat as grain during the July--January period of 1952-53 amounted to 164.1 million bushels, a decrease of 31 per cent from the 237.4 million exported during the first seven months of 1951-52. However, exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, at 25.2 million bushels, were practically unchanged from last crop year's comparable total of 25.6 million. Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni during the seven months ending January 31, 1953 amounted to 189.3 million bushels, 73.7 million less than in the corresponding period of 1951-52. The balance remaining on February 1, 1953 for export and carryover was estimated at 684.4 million bushels as against 455.9 million a year ago.

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	
February 2, 1953	237 3/4 - 238 1/4		February 2, 1953	236 3/8 - 238 3/8	
3	235 1/2 - 239 1/4		3	236 1/4 - 238 1/4	
4	235 1/4 - 240 1/4		4	236 7/8 - 238 7/8	
5	236 1/2 - 240 1/2		5	237 1/4 - 239 1/4	
6	232 1/4 - 237		6	235 1/4 - 237 1/4	
9	231 1/2 - 232		9	230 1/2 - 232 1/2	
10	230 - 233 3/4		10	232 3/4 - 234 3/4	
11	232 - 234		11	234 - 236	
12	Lincoln's Birthday		12	Lincoln's Birthday	
13	230 1/4 - 235 1/4		13	234 1/4 - 236 1/4	
16	233 - 236		16	235 5/8 - 237 5/8	
17	231 1/2 - 237 1/4		17	236 5/8 - 238 5/8	
18	234		18	238 7/8 - 240 7/8	
19	235 1/2 - 241 1/2		19	238 7/8 - 240 7/8	
20	238 1/4 - 244 1/4		20	239 3/4 - 241 3/4	
23	Washington's Birthday		23	Washington's Birthday	
24	236 1/2 - 244		24	238 1/4 - 240 1/4	
25	237 1/2 - 244 1/2		25	239 1/8 - 241 1/8	
26	239 1/4 - 246 3/4		26	239 7/8 - 241 7/8	
27	242 - 246		27	240 1/4 - 242 1/4	

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
February 2, 1953	227/6	230/2	229/1	231/3	235/3
3	227/3	229/6	228/7	231/1	234/6
4	228/2	230/3	229/4	231/5	235/2
5	229	231/2	230/7	233	236/4
6	225/6	228/3	228/1	230/2	233/5
9	218	222/2	222/3	224/4	229
10	220/6	224/7	224/5	226/7	230/6
11	221/5	225/4	225/1	227/4	231
12			Lincoln's Birthday		
13	223/2	226/4	226/3	228/3	232/2
16	224/1	227/5	227/5	229/5	233/3
17	224/2	227/7	228/1	230/2	234
18	225/6	229/6	230/4	233	236/6
19	225/7	229/6	230/3	232/6	236/4
20	227/5	231/5	232/4	235/6	238/4
23			Washington's Birthday		
24	226/4	230/3	232	234/1	238
25	226/4	230/4	232/5	235/1	238/6
26	226/6	230/5	233	235/4	239/3
27	227	230/6	233/2	235/6	239/5

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position The first official estimate places the current Argentine crop at 271.4 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 75.3 million bushel crop of 1951-52. A late estimate places the carryover of old wheat at some 1.8 million bushels which, with the current crop, makes available total supplies for 1952-53 of 273.2 million bushels.

Domestic requirements for the current crop year are now estimated at just under 125 million bushels, leaving some 148.3 million available for export and carryover. It is anticipated that at least 500,000 metric tons (18.4 million bushels) of this quantity will be earmarked as reserve stocks. The export movement is very slow in getting under way and for the two months, December-January, amounted to only 1.1 million bushels.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 1/	1951-52
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) ...	1.8	18.4
New crop	271.4	75.3
Total estimated domestic supplies	273.2	93.7
Imports of wheat for domestic use	-	7.9 2/
Total estimated supplies	273.2	101.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .	124.9	96.0 3/
Available for export and carryover	148.3	5.6 3/
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-January	1.1	2.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-January	4/	4/
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	1.1	2.8
Balance on February 1 for export and carryover	147.2	2.8

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Imported under barter arrangement in exchange for Argentine corn.
3/ Revised. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops Nearly all zones had a record fall of rain for the month of January. The central observatory in Buenos Aires recorded nearly fourteen inches compared with a normal rainfall for January of three and one-half inches. The heaviest rain was about the middle of the month, after the grain crops were harvested. It was too late for early sown corn, but very timely for the late plantings. Soil moisture conditions are adequate and ploughing for next season's crops is general throughout the grain and live-stock belt.

Pastures are from good to excellent in all areas, particularly for this season of the year.

Wheat - 1952-53 Crop The first official estimate of the 1952-53 wheat crop places production at 7,386,000 metric tons (271.4 million bushels), the second largest crop for Argentina, the record being 10,318,600 tons (379.1 million bushels), officially estimated for 1938-39. This estimate was based on conditions on November 30th and before the harvest commenced in the province of Buenos Aires, where 47 per cent of the acreage was sown. While the yields in this province were very good, most trade estimates are a little lower, or about 7.2 million tons (264.6 million bushels). In any event, this leaves Argentina with an exportable surplus of about 3.5 million tons (128.6 million bushels), of which to date only a fraction has actually been sold - 255,000 tons (9,370,000 bushels) to India in a barter deal for jute and about 70,000 tons (2,572,000 bushels) to Paraguay. It is understood that Brazil is interested in around one million tons (36.7 million bushels), but so far the two countries have not agreed on a price. Brazil refuses to pay the high price of 62.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$3.40 per bushels), or U\$S 125 per ton. However, I.A.P.I. recently has been offering wheat at U\$S 86 per ton for payment in freely convertible dollars. It is reported that Italy has agreed to take 300,000 tons (11,023,000 bushels) of Argentine wheat, but the price has not been made public.

All available storage at the ports is filled with wheat and other grains and trade and shipping circles express the opinion that only a portion of this season's grain crop can be moved before the next harvest.

Official Grain Estimate The first official estimate of the 1952-53 grain crops as at November 30, 1952 was announced on February 6th. According to this estimate the production of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed amounted to 11,385,200 metric tons, the largest crop in the past twenty years. It is estimated that of the 11,923,900 hectares (29.5 million acres) sown, 9,452,300 (23.3 million acres) were harvested. The official figures compared to previous years are shown in the following table:

Argentine Grain

Grain	Acreage			Production		
	1952-53	1951-52	Ten-year Average ended 1951-52	1952-53	1951-52	Ten-year Average ended 1951-52
	- thousand acres -			- thousand bushels -		
Wheat	14,962	11,834	14,979	271,389	77,162	189,403
Oats	3,538	2,936	3,907	65,931	28,400	47,678
Barley ...	2,741	2,153	2,234	50,880	15,446	30,125
Rye	5,768	4,932	4,522	49,391	3,197	13,810
Flaxseed .	2,443	1,584	3,993	24,408	12,338	33,809

Grain Shipments Exports of grain from Argentina during January at 131,162 metric tons were the highest since February last year and were comprised of 25,061 tons (921,000 bushels) of wheat, 85,443 tons (3,364,000 bushels) of corn and 20,658 tons (949,000 bushels) of barley. India received 21,511 tons (790,000 bushels) of wheat, against the 255,000 tons (9,370,000 bushels) contracted under the wheat-for-jute barter deal, while Paraguay received the balance of 3,550 tons (130,000 bushels). Brazil was the chief customer for corn with 43,957 tons (1,730,000 bushels), followed by France receiving 29,545 tons (1,163,000 bushels). Shipments to the United Kingdom comprised 11,741 tons (462,000 bushels) of corn and 14,658 tons (673,000 bushels) of barley.

The following table gives Argentine grain shipments per destination during January, 1953 with comparative data for recent years:

Argentine Grain Shipments, January, 1953

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
- thousand bushels -						
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	92
Brazil	-	1,730	-	-	-	-
France	-	1,163	-	-	-	-
India	790	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	184
Italy	-	8	-	-	-	-
Paraguay	130	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	462	-	-	-	673
Totals	921	3,364	-	-	-	949
Same period:						
1952	1,272	4,196	744	501	966	1,903
1951	8,500	150	1,070	155	98	-
1950	8,010	3,529	-	1,657	69	901
1949	7,668	8,899	-	465	253	660

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position The statistical supply position of Australian wheat for both 1952-53 and 1951-52 remains substantially the same as indicated a month ago. Although adjustments have been made in the estimates of carryover stocks and domestic requirements for both crop years and in the size of the 1951-52 crop, all have been of a relatively minor nature. The most recent official estimate, issued January 20, placed the 1952-53 crop at 179.8 million bushels but a cable, dated February 23, from the Commercial Secretary for Canada indicated that the current crop may reach 185 or 190 million bushels.

Even on the basis of the lower estimate, the 1952-53 crop is some 20 million bushels greater than in 1951-52. Although the carryover at

December 1, 1952 was somewhat lower than in 1951 and current domestic requirements are expected to show an increase, the amount available for export and carryover in 1952-53 is estimated at 111.7 million bushels, an increase of 14 million over 1951-52. As a result of the improved supply position, export sales under the International Wheat Agreement have been relatively heavy. Actual export movement, however, has not yet got under way in volume. During the first two months of the current crop year exports of wheat as grain amounted to 7.3 million bushels as against 5.2 million during the December-January period of 1951-52. The equivalent of an additional 6.1 million bushels was exported in the form of wheat flour bringing total exports of wheat and wheat flour for the two months ending January 31, 1953 to 13.4 million bushels.

Subject to further revisions in production and other estimates, the balance remaining on February 1, 1953 for export and carryover was estimated at 98.3 million bushels, compared with 86.8 million on the same date in 1952.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 <u>1/</u>	1951-52 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	16.9	19.4
New crop	179.8 <u>3/</u>	159.7
Total estimated supplies	196.7	179.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	85.0	81.4
Available for export and carryover	111.7	97.7
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 to January 31.	7.3	5.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 to January 31	6.1	5.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	13.4	10.9
Balance on February 1 for export and carryover	98.3	86.8

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision.

3/ Official estimate as of January 20, 1953.

Australian Cable The following cable, dated February 23, 1953, has been received from the Agricultural Secretary for Canada in Melbourne:

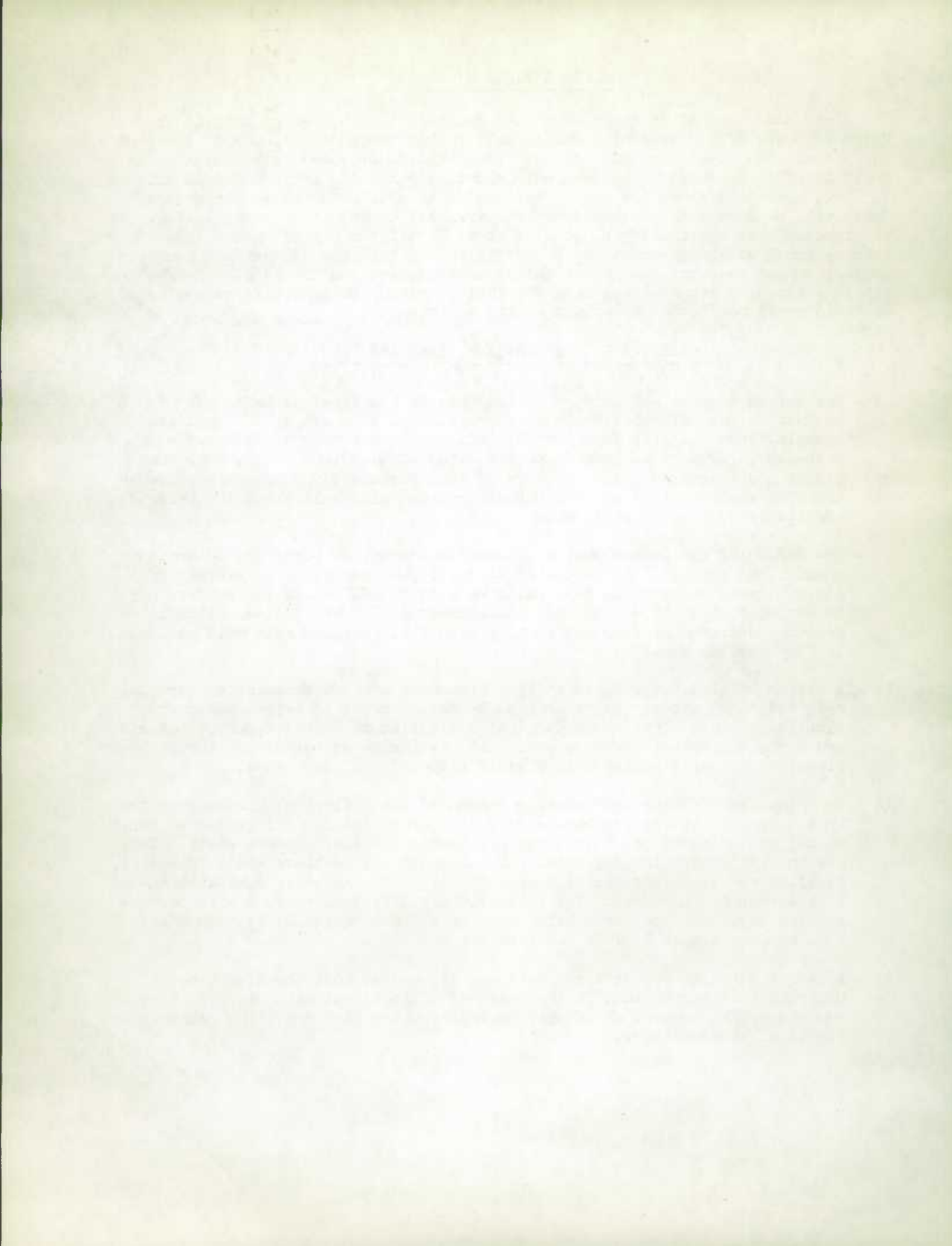
"Australian wheat stocks at February 14th totalled 169,127,000 bushels. Wheat exports from December 1st 1952 to February 14th totalled 7,928,000 bushels, with shipments during preceding six weeks mainly to the United Kingdom. Flour exports same period 157,539 long tons, with 37,832 to Ceylon, 18,241 to the United Kingdom and 18,077 to Malaya. Wheat harvest now expected to total between 185 and 190 million bushels ... ".

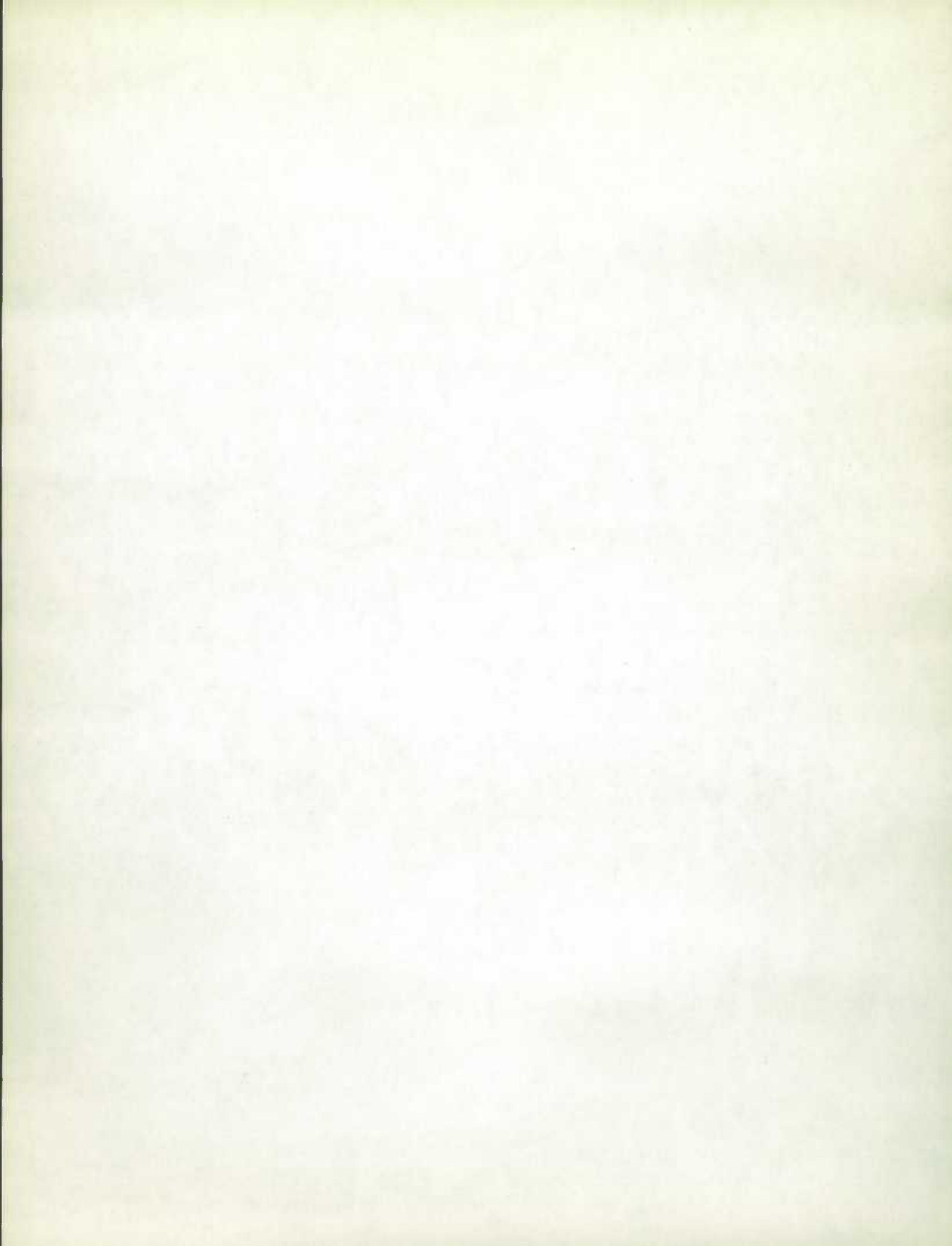
SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION

According to 'Foreign Crops and Markets' the 1952 wheat crop in the Union of South Africa is considerably smaller than the good outturns of the past two years. The wheat harvest, normally completed in December, was estimated at about 19 million bushels, compared with about 25.5 million in 1951 and 26 million in 1950, but still above the prewar average of 16 million bushels. Imports of wheat will be needed to meet domestic requirements during the current season. It is expected that the country's quota of about 11 million bushels under the International Wheat Agreement may be sufficient to fill the gap between domestic production and consumption. Wheat prices to producers for the 1952-53 season are set at a slightly higher level than the 1951-52 rates, the increase amounting to about 15 cents per bushel in United States currency.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS, FEBRUARY, 1953

- 3 - The United Kingdom Ministry of Agriculture in its final estimate of production for 1952 placed the total production of wheat at 82.8 million bushels, down slightly from the 83.5 million bushel crop of 1951. The decrease in area sown from 2,060,000 acres to 1,963,000 acres, more than offset the increased yield per acre of 42.2 bushels which not only exceeded the 1951 average yield of 40.5 bushels but was also well above the 1942-51 average of 37.0 bushels per acre.
- 12 - The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in December at 18,990,000 sacks, or an average of 863,000 sacks per working day, compared with 983,000 sacks per working day in November, and 919,000 per day in December 1951. Wheat flour mills in December operated at 79.3 per cent of capacity, compared with 88.9 per cent in the previous month.
- 16 - A strike of elevator workers at five Vancouver and New Westminster terminals resulted in an embargo being ordered on the movement of export wheat from Alberta to these elevators. Terminal facilities at Prince Rupert, Victoria and North Vancouver, however, were still available as outlets, although these elevators normally handle only a small proportion of the trade.
- 18 - The Minister of Trade and Commerce announced the following increases in the initial prices of western wheat: 25 cents per bushel for all grades of Durum wheat, and 20 cents per bushel for all grades of other Western wheat. The new initial prices for No. 1 Amber Durum and No. 1 Northern will, therefore, be \$1.65 and \$1.60 per bushel, respectively, basis in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver. The increases are effective March 2 with corresponding adjustment payments being made on all deliveries of Western wheat made between August 1, 1952 and February 28, 1953.
- 27 - A report dated at Buenos Aires February 21, states that the Argentine Department of Agriculture in their second official estimate of production now places the current wheat crop in that country at 7.8 million metric tons (286.6 million bushels).





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