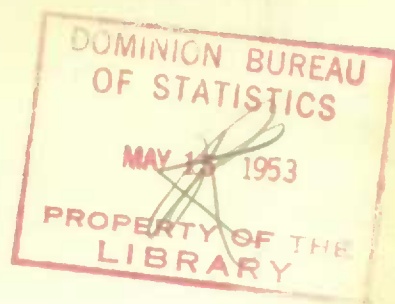


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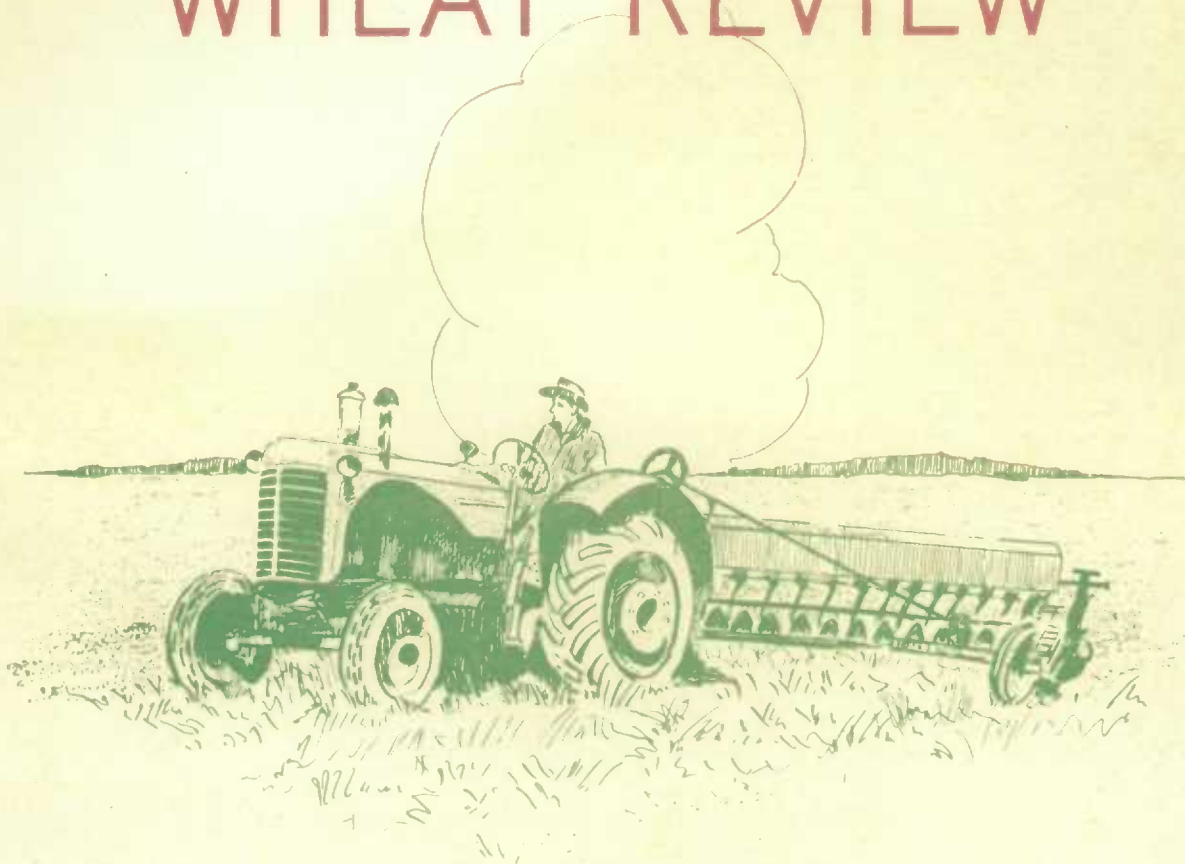


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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about April 1, 1953 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,411.6 million bushels, some 74 per cent greater than the 809.0 million available a year ago. Supplies at April 1, 1953 (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 637.5 (360.0); Canada, 521.0 (372.9); Argentina, 157.5 (2.0), and Australia, 95.6 (74.1). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

International
Wheat Agreement On April 9, the Chairman of the International Wheat Council issued the following press release:

"The International Wheat Council decided by a substantial majority today to recommend to member governments that the International Wheat Agreement, which was due to expire on July 31 of this year, be extended for a further three-year period at a new price range of \$2.05 maximum and \$1.55 minimum to replace the present range of \$1.80 maximum and \$1.20 minimum.

The United Kingdom delegate informed the Council, however, that while his government desired a renewal of the Agreement it was not prepared to accept a maximum price above \$2 per bushel.

Details with regard to the guaranteed imports and exports that would apply under the new Agreement have not yet been decided. These will be announced as soon as this question has been settled.

In the course of the negotiations which began at the end of January, the Council has also agreed to recommend to governments a number of textual amendments to be incorporated in the new Agreement. These are being introduced largely on the basis of the experience gained in the operation of the Wheat Agreement since 1949 and are intended to clarify certain parts of the Agreement and to improve its operation. None of these recommended changes, however, alter the basic principles on which the Agreement was originally established.

A provision of the new Agreement will permit the Council, under certain conditions, to select an expert advisory panel to give the Council an advisory opinion before taking a decision on any dispute arising on the application or interpretation of the Agreement. The present position under which the Council is the final arbiter on all disputes is unaffected.

Arrangements are being made for a formal signing ceremony which will be held within the next few days, after which the Agreement will remain open for signature for a period of fourteen days. Copies of the new Agreement will be made available to the press at that time."

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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	-	-	-	7,930	7,930	3,093
Belgium	20,209	13,615	-	-	5,926	19,541	668
Bolivia 3/	2,756	2,436	-	-	366	2,802	-
Brazil	13,228	2,546	-	-	9,340	11,886	1,342
Ceylon 3/	6,614	-	6,131	-	483	6,614	-
Costa Rica	1,213	395	-	-	631	1,026	187
Cuba	7,422	1,711	-	-	4,827	6,538	884
Denmark 3/	1,617	812	-	-	809	1,621	-
Dominican Republic	876	200	-	-	602	802	74
Ecuador 3/	1,286	599	-	-	688	1,287	-
Egypt 3/	14,697	7,330	-	-	7,514	14,844	-
El Salvador	404	114	-	-	286	400	4
Germany	66,139	9,391	3,148	2,756	35,478	50,773	15,366
Greece	15,726	14	-	-	5,879	5,893	9,833
Guatemala	919	243	-	-	513	756	163
Haiti	1,029	101	-	-	785	886	143
Honduras Republic 3/ ...	367	68	-	-	303	371	-
Iceland	404	30	-	-	209	239	165
India	55,116	13,067	16,790	-	18,327	48,184	6,932
Indonesia 3/	3,674	54	2,360	-	1,076	3,490	184
Ireland	10,104	5,917	2,563	-	1,166	9,646	458
Israel 3/	5,879	2,163	-	-	3,729	5,892	-
Italy	40,418	11,023	2,896	-	14,762	28,681	11,737
Japan 3/	18,372	3,674	2,519	-	12,350	18,543	-
Lebanon	2,388	372	-	-	1,734	2,106	282
Liberia 3/	37	21	-	-	17	38	-
Mexico	12,860	-	-	-	8,244	8,244	4,616
Netherlands	24,802	7,940	1,928	367	13,770	24,005	797
New Zealand	4,593	-	4,573	-	-	4,573	20
Nicaragua	331	135	-	-	173	308	23
Norway 3/	7,716	2,987	611	-	4,112	7,710	-
Panama 4/	625	487	-	-	107	594	31
Peru 3/	5,512	2,344	-	-	3,278	5,622	-
Philippines	7,202	3,701	1	-	3,002	6,704	498
Portugal	5,626	733	18	-	4,819	5,570	56
Saudi Arabia	1,837	15	94	-	1,149	1,258	579
Spain 3/	4,373	-	-	-	4,391	4,391	-
Sweden 3/	2,756	-	1,095	-	1,659	2,754	-
Switzerland	6,430	4,608	-	-	1,761	6,369	61
Union of South Africa ..	11,023	7,280	-	-	2,389	9,669	1,354
United Kingdom	177,068	90,943	39,180	-	24,512	154,635	22,433
Venezuela	6,246	2,627	-	-	2,175	4,802	1,444
Totals	580,917	199,696	83,907	3,123	211,271	497,997	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		235,000	88,700	4,089	253,128	580,917	
Balance		35,304	4,793	966	41,857	82,920	

1/ Canadian Sales through April 21st, 1953.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through April 17th, 1953.

3/ Quota filled.

4/ Sales may not be made until further notice.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Canadian Parliament

Approves New International Wheat Agreement

Approval of the proposed International Wheat Agreement, covering the three crop years following the expiration of the present Agreement on July 31, 1953, was given by the House of Commons on

April 27 and by the Senate on the following day. Under the proposed Agreement, Canada was assigned an annual export quota of 250 million bushels out of the total guaranteed quantities of 595.5 million bushels. Although the proposed quota of 250 million bushels represents an increase of 15 million bushels over Canada's 1952-53 guaranteed export quantities, the final quota will be subject to revision pending ratification of the Agreement by the governments of the participating countries.

Initial Payments on Western Canadian Wheat in 1953-54

Speaking in the House of Commons on April 27, the Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, stated that the initial payments on Western Canadian wheat for 1953-54 would be at least equal to those in effect at the beginning of the 1952-53 crop year. In the case of No. 1 Northern wheat, the initial payment will be no lower than \$1.40 per bushel, basis in store Fort William-Port Arthur. As an incentive to greater production of Durum varieties, an initial payment of \$1.50 per bushel for No. 1 Amber Durum was announced. Mr. Howe indicated that it might be possible to increase these payments moderately when more is known about the final outcome of the International Wheat Agreement and the marketing outlook.

New Wheat Variety Resistant to 15B Rust

According to Dr. C. H. Goulden, Dominion Cerealists, there is considerable interest in the Prairie Provinces in the new variety of wheat known at present as C.T. 186. This variety was developed at the Laboratory of Cereal Breeding in Winnipeg in order to combat damage from the new race of stem rust known as 15B. Work was begun on producing a 15B resistant variety as soon as the race was reported in 1938 in the Eastern United States.

The parentage of C.T. 186 is rather complex but it has 15B resistance from the variety known as McMurachy and leaf rust resistance from Exchange. Its quality and good agronomic performance come from Redman. In order to speed up the multiplication of this variety, 150 acres were grown in California during the past winter. This resulted in a yield of about 6,000 bushels which will be multiplied on government land and with seed growers under contract this summer. If it continues to perform well it will be licensed this fall and by that time it is hoped that a good supply of seed will be available for distribution. Since new rust races may appear at any time, C.T. 186 is regarded as a stop-gap variety only. Further work is under way towards the development of still more resistant wheat.

Chinook, New Sawfly-Resistant Wheat Variety

Some 10,000 bushels of Chinook, the new sawfly-resistant wheat variety discussed in the April 1952 issue of this publication, have been distributed in small quantities to growers in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The new variety possesses sawfly resistance, ability to perform well under dry conditions, and has milling and baking qualities equal to those of Marquis. In recent years, Rescue has been grown in sawfly-infested areas but its milling and baking qualities are inferior to those of Marquis and for this reason it has never been recommended for grades above No. 3 Northern.

Supply Position Revision of carryover stocks of Canadian wheat at July 31, 1952 by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada has resulted in an increase of 4.2 million bushels in the statistical supply position of Canadian wheat for the current crop year. Total estimated supplies for 1952-53 are now placed at 905.1 million bushels, comprised of the revised carryover of 217.2 million and the 1952 crop estimated at 687.9 million. Estimated domestic requirements remain unchanged at 160.0 million bushels as against the revised total of 168.9 million for 1951-52. Total available supplies for export and carryover during the current crop year now stand at 745.1 million, an increase of 172.1 million over 1951-52.

Emphasizing the size of Canadian wheat supplies, an official estimate of stocks in all positions as at the end of March placed the total at 606.3 million bushels, compared with 465.9 million on the same date in 1952. March-end stocks were also well above the ten-year average of 380.9 million bushels but were below the record 762.4 million set in 1943. The first official estimate of farm-held grain stocks since the harvest of the 1952 crop placed total farm supplies of wheat as of March 31 at a record 329 million bushels, an increase of 77.1 million over the preceding year.

Although marketings at points normally shipping to the Lakehead may be expected to show an increase with the greater availability of Lakehead terminal space following the opening of navigation, movement of wheat from Alberta farms continues to be slow as a result of the strike of grain handlers at the major West Coast terminals. Total marketings of wheat by farmers in Western Canada from the beginning of the current crop year to April 16 amounted to 352.9 million bushels, well above the 297.2 million marketed in the comparable period of the preceding crop year.

With the official opening of navigation at the Lakehead on April 1, the earliest date since 1902, an excellent start has been made on what may prove to be a record lake movement of grain. Up to April 16 some 24.6 million bushels of wheat had been shipped from Lakehead terminals. Stocks in this position on April 16 amounted to 23.5 million bushels, compared with 30.4 million and 29.5 million on the comparable date in 1952 and 1951, respectively. Total visible supplies on the same date amounted to 270.4 million bushels, an increase of 74.0 million over the same date in 1952. Supplies in country elevators, at 140.7 million bushels, exceeded those of 1952 and 1951 by some 60.4 million and 33.4 million bushels, respectively.

Exports of wheat as grain during March continued the downward trend from last November's peak but exports of wheat flour were up sharply. March exports of wheat as grain amounted to 12.1 million bushels and although 1.8 million below February's exports and 5.0 million below those of March 1952, they were one million greater than in March 1951.

Preliminary data indicate that the equivalent of an additional 4.3 million bushels were exported in the form of wheat flour during the same period as against adjusted totals of 5.4 million bushels and 5.2 million bushels for the comparable periods of 1951-52 and 1950-51, respectively. Total exports of wheat as grain for the first eight months of the current crop year amounted to 187.7 million bushels, exceeding by 10.6 per cent the 169.8 million bushels exported during the comparable period of the preceding crop year. The United Kingdom received one-quarter, or 47.0 million bushels, of this season's

August—March exports of wheat as grain. Other major markets for Canadian wheat during the period, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: the United States, 18.3 (of which 3.2 million were for milling in bond); Germany, 14.1; Belgium, 13.3; Brazil, 10.4; Yugoslavia, 8.7; Pakistan, 8.4; Japan, 8.0; India, 7.8; the Netherlands, 7.5; Egypt, 6.4; Italy 6.1; and Switzerland, 5.1.

Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat were also well above those for the same period of 1951-52. Preliminary Customs returns indicate the export of 36.3 million bushels during the August—March period of the current crop year as against last year's adjusted figure of 30.2 million bushels. Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of wheat for the first eight months of the current crop year, at 224.1 million bushels, exceed by 24 million the comparable figure of 200.1 million bushels exported during the same period of 1951-52. The balance remaining on April 1 for export and carryover was estimated at 521.0 million bushels, some 148.1 million greater than the 372.9 million available on the same date a year ago.

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)	217.2 <u>3/</u>	189.2
New crop	687.9	552.7
Imports of wheat, August—February	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total estimated supplies	905.1	741.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	160.0	168.9 <u>3/</u>
Available for export and carryover	745.1	573.0
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August—March	169.4	145.6
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August—March	18.3	24.2
Total exports of wheat	187.7	169.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August—March	36.3	30.2 <u>5/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	224.1	200.1
Balance on April 1 for export and carryover	521.0	372.9

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision. 3/ Revised. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.
5/ Adjusted for time lag in returns made by Customs.

Canadian Wheat Stocks at March 31, 1953 Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at March 31, 1953 were estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 606.3 million bushels, compared with 465.9 million in 1952 and the ten-year (1943—1952) average of 380.9 million. Data for the estimates were obtained from the Bureau's annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from returns by mill operators, and from information supplied by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. Although this year's March 31 wheat stocks were substantially above those of recent years, they were well below the record 762.4 million bushels in store on March 31, 1943.

Stocks of Canadian wheat in United States positions at the end of March this year amounted to 2.0 million bushels as against 5.1 million bushels at March 31, 1952. At that time, however, stocks in United States positions were larger than usual as a result of arrangements for drying wheat in bond in Duluth elevators. Stocks of wheat on farms were placed at 329 million bushels, with all but 8 million of this total in the Prairie Provinces. Farm-held stocks in Saskatchewan were placed at 220 million bushels while those in Alberta and Manitoba were placed at 79 million and 22 million bushels, respectively. Of the 275.3 million bushels of wheat in Canadian off-farm positions, some 144.6 million bushels were in country elevators in the Prairie Provinces. Stocks in Lakehead elevators, at 33.8 million bushels, were lower than at the end of March in the two previous years but stocks in eastern elevators and in rail transit, accounting for the next greatest amounts, showed substantial increases.

Stocks of Canadian Wheat at March 31, 1951—1953 1/

Position	1951	1952	1953
- thousand bushels -			
<u>In Canada</u>			
On farms	161,450	251,915	329,050
Country elevators	119,368	91,733	144,638
Interior private and mill elevators	3,910	5,846	6,168
Interior terminal elevators	9,476	10,446	14,279
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	3,506	11,340	6,184
Victoria elevator	-	-	148
Prince Rupert elevator	-	487	-
Churchill elevator	461	1,997	2,048
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	35,732	42,757	33,849
In transit - lake	-	-	6,262
In transit - rail	5,160	20,493	28,997
Eastern elevators	10,692	19,271	29,977
Storage afloat	76	1,699	-
Eastern mills	2,323	2,446 <u>2/</u>	2,332
Western mills	353	334 <u>2/</u>	375
Totals, in Canada	352,506	460,764 <u>2/</u>	604,307
<u>In United States</u>	370	5,099	2,038
Totals, in Canada and United States ..	352,876	465,863 <u>2/</u>	606,345

1/ Stocks other than on farms and in mills compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, as at the close of business on March 29, 1951, March 27, 1952 and April 1, 1953. 2/ Revised.

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
	19	173,694	3,209,800	2,822,378	6,205,872	5,546,923
	26	115,965	3,392,568	1,650,577	5,159,110	4,473,456
March	5	71,803	3,004,757	1,247,568	4,324,128	5,986,720
	12	120,900	8,149,505	1,342,009	9,612,414	5,835,038
	19	176,091	7,543,296	1,584,003	9,303,390	4,683,505
	26	134,462	4,034,422	1,224,020	5,392,904	4,462,515
April	2	238,215	1,759,555	692,324	2,690,094	3,568,659
	9	203,728	2,181,258	464,861	2,849,847	1,408,871
	16	364,469	4,424,469	882,646	5,671,584	1,991,542
Totals		32,715,514	223,115,261	97,058,909	352,889,684	297,170,512

Farmers' Marketings by Crop Districts 1951-52 Farmers in the Prairie Provinces and certain areas of British Columbia and Ontario marketed 455.4 million bushels of wheat during the 1951-52 crop year according to revised figures compiled by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners.

In the following tables, farmers' deliveries are shown by the marketing channel employed, i.e., through country elevators, directly to interior private and mill elevators, etc. Deliveries to country elevators are, in turn, broken down by provinces and crop districts.

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Western Division, 1951-52

Marketing Channel	Total Wheat
	- bushels -
Country elevators	448,705,948
Platform loadings	542,052
Interior public and semi-public terminals	26,902
Interior private and mill elevators	6,067,002
From farms direct to U.S.A. by truck 1/	20,188
Total	455,362,092

1/ Customs returns, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Farmers' Marketings through Country Elevators, 1951-52

Province and District	Wheat (Other than Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat
		- bushels -	
<u>Manitoba</u>			
Crop District 1	2,177,585	214,436	2,392,021
2	4,973,895	258,318	5,232,213
3	9,414,513	1,649,543	11,064,056
4	1,526,796	98,828	1,625,624
5	1,585,503	2,237	1,587,740
6	186,178	1,309	187,487
7	5,018,040	49,320	5,067,360
8	2,949,770	65,569	3,015,339
9	2,712,822	49,546	2,762,368
10	4,240,623	151	4,240,774
11	3,326,244	986	3,327,230
12	1,174,058	-	1,174,058
13	2,032,546	-	2,032,546
14	587,249	-	587,249
Totals	41,905,822	2,390,243	44,296,065

Ontario

Country elevators in the Western Division	2,499	-	2,499
Totals	41,908,321	2,390,243	44,298,564

Farmers Marketings through Country Elevators, 1951-52

Province and District	Wheat (Other than Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat	
- bushels -				
<u>Saskatchewan</u>				
Crop District	1A	6,135,886	183,802	6,319,688
	1B.....	6,562,152	22,502	6,584,654
	2A	8,685,014	135,922	8,820,936
	2B	20,401,469	1,502,037	21,903,506
	3AN	8,496,168	710,410	9,206,578
	3AS	12,759,470	911,746	13,671,216
	3BN	17,960,403	988,525	18,948,928
	3BS	8,661,172	661,795	9,322,967
	4A	2,232,494	83,891	2,316,385
	4B	8,478,484	742,528	9,221,012
	5A	17,268,754	46,495	17,315,249
	5B	19,105,431	2,264	19,107,695
	6A	24,611,929	792,799	25,404,728
	6B	19,403,117	164,849	19,567,966
	7A	22,075,507	312,042	22,387,549
	7B	10,772,049	17,961	10,790,010
	8A	10,219,007	668	10,219,675
	8B	17,055,657	915	17,056,572
	9A	15,256,563	662	15,257,225
	9B	13,333,483	2,260	13,335,743
Totals	269,474,209	7,284,073	276,758,282	
<u>Alberta</u>				
Crop District	1	16,419,631	485,775	16,905,406
	2	9,392,140	2,358	9,394,498
	3	4,749,421	154,836	4,904,257
	4	14,743,640	173,009	14,916,649
	5	9,401,539	8,966	9,410,505
	6	17,447,223	3,236	17,450,459
	7	11,252,767	166	11,252,933
	8	7,673,601	-	7,673,601
	9	412,390	114	412,504
	10	13,346,408	-	13,346,408
	11	3,440,923	179	3,441,102
	12	461,207	-	461,207
	13	3,435,207	-	3,435,207
	14	4,796,859	-	4,796,859
	15	1,392,891	-	1,392,891
	16	6,596,243	-	6,596,243
Totals	124,962,090	828,639	125,790,729	
<u>British Columbia</u>	1,858,373	-	1,858,373	
Totals Marketed	438,202,993	10,502,955	448,705,948	

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, April 16, 1953, Compared with
Approximately the same Date, 1952 and 1951

Position	1953	1952	1951
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	8,797	7,931	10,217
Saskatchewan	82,465	47,857	61,673
Alberta	49,403	24,506	35,365
Totals	140,664	80,294	107,256
Interior private and mill	6,351	5,935	4,454
Interior terminals	14,891	9,401	9,612
Vancouver-New Westminster	6,224	10,763	3,919
Victoria	18	-	-
Prince Rupert	462	65	-
Churchill	2,094	1,997	461
Fort William-Port Arthur	23,523	30,438	29,547
In transit rail (Western Division)	22,387	16,066	6,914
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	19,639	10,087	6,298
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports	16,868	11,450	2,645
Storage afloat	-	1,038	-
In transit lake	11,700	7,160	4,195
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	4,503	3,117	608
United States ports	656	8,593	2,939
In transit U.S.A.	430	-	42
Totals	270,413	196,403	178,889

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August—March, 1952-53 with Comparison

Grade	August—March				Average
	1952-53		1951-52		1946-47—
					1950-51
	cars	per cent	cars	per cent	per cent
1 Hard	49	1/	-	-	1/
1 Northern	12,026	7.1	850	0.5	14.8
2 Northern	46,279	27.3	8,056	5.0	37.6
3 Northern	31,074	18.3	23,032	14.3	13.0
4 Northern	18,939	11.2	13,263	8.2	4.4
5 Wheat	18,273	10.8	10,805	6.7	3.7
6 Wheat	6,270	3.7	8,476	5.3	2.2
Feed Wheat	999	0.6	1,196	0.7	0.4
Garnet	903	0.5	490	0.3	0.9
Amber Durum	3,685	2.2	2,122	1.3	3.5
Alberta Winter	227	0.1	265	0.2	0.7
Toughs 2/ 3/	28,360	16.7	61,141	37.9	15.6
Damps 2/ 4/	281	0.2	30,303	18.8	1.3
Rejected 2/	1,673	1.0	680	0.4	-
All Others	753	0.4	530	0.3	1.9
Totals	169,791	100.0	161,209	100.0	100.0

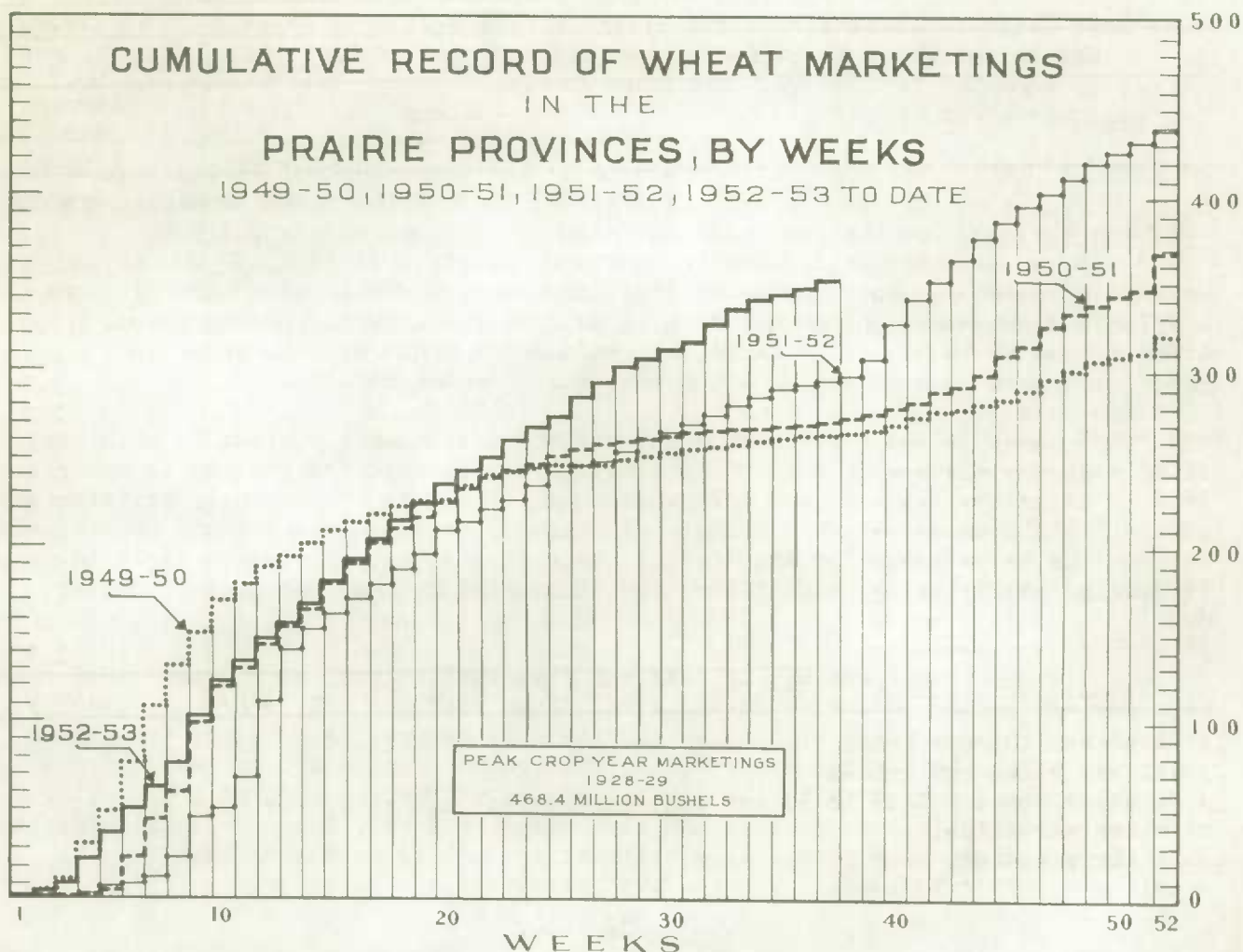
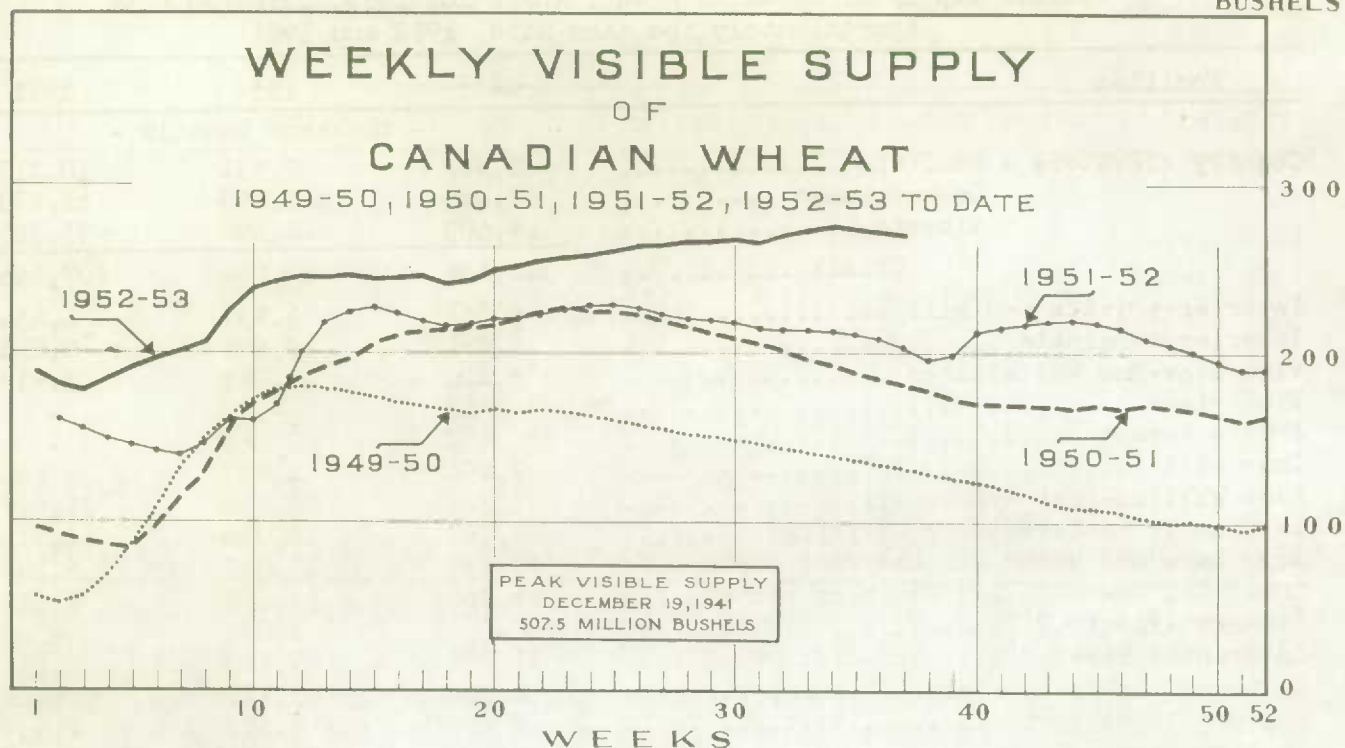
1/ Less than .05 per cent.

2/ All varieties and grades.

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

4/ Moisture content over 17 per cent.

MILLION
BUSHELS



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

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to April 16, 1953
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1943 to 1952*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1943	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	9,171	1,263	2,344	42	-	12,820
1945	20,200	9,351	4,621	345	272	34,788
1946	2,115	1,480	949	154	-	4,698
1947	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	-	-	-	-
1949	9,924	397	208	1,481	35	12,045
1950	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	9,612	2,118	1,209	441	73	13,453
1952	19,419	3,157	2,710	99	92	25,476
1953	24,609	5,331	8,785	1,265	529	40,519

*Shipments from opening of navigation to April 14, 1943 through 1947. Since 1948, shipments are to the Thursday nearest April 16.

The 1953 season of navigation at the Lakehead opened with the arrival of the Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in mid-afternoon on Friday, March 27. According to a press release, the 1953 lake navigation season was declared officially open five days later at 10 a.m. on April 1, the earliest official opening since 1902. Total lake shipments of grain from Lakehead terminals to April 16 of the current crop year amounted to some 40.5 million bushels, of which 24.6 million or 60.7 per cent was wheat.

Soft White Wheat
Production in
Southern Alberta

The Information Service of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, reports as follows, "Soft white spring wheat is one of the few important cash crops grown successfully on irrigated land in Southern Alberta. In 1952, 30,000 acres were grown under contract for several milling companies. As more water is made available for irrigation, more land will be used for growing special crops. At that time it is highly probable that soft white wheat will increase in importance says Hugh McKenzie, Lethbridge Experimental Station.

Lemhi is the soft white wheat variety most commonly grown in this area. It is a high yielder with tall, relatively strong straw. The variety is moderately late in maturity. It has good soft wheat quality but is not entirely satisfactory to the biscuit trade, where a variety with lower protein content would be preferred. If Lemhi is to be grown for the biscuit trade it should be irrigated early to keep it growing prolifically, and at the time of heading to keep the protein content down.

Lemhi is susceptible to leaf and stem rust as well as mildew. Leaf rust is a serious menace in the irrigated area. Stem rust and mildew are not usually serious but in some years will cause considerable damage. A breeding program is under way at the Lethbridge Experimental Station to produce a disease-resistant soft white wheat variety with the desired quality. Certain hybrids are showing a high degree of resistance to leaf and stem rust. However, there is no information on their yielding ability or soft wheat quality. It is necessary that they be equal or superior to Lemhi for these two characters."

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1952 to April 16, 1953
Compared with Approximately the Same Period, 1951-52 and 1950-51

Destination	1952-53	1951-52	1950-51
- bushels -			
By Vessel			
Duluth-Superior	2,643,223	4,361,258	978,121
Milwaukee	-	298,326	140,673
Chicago	313,443	1,161,571	269,510
Toledo	-	-	108,570
Detroit	-	-	375,080
Huron	320,734	-	-
Erie	276,567	93,107	212,605
Buffalo	12,227,378	15,831,770	10,290,106
Oswego	1,418,950	514,005	-
Totals, Vessel	17,200,295	22,260,037	12,374,665
By Rail			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports	633,765	1,903,416	362,087
Other U.S.A. Points	3,943,589	4,486,551	2,505,626
Totals, Rail	4,577,354	6,389,967	2,867,713
Totals, Shipments	21,777,649	28,650,004	15,242,378

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

Wheat shipments to the United States, either for re-export or domestic use from the beginning of the current crop year to April 16 amounted to 21.8 million bushels. Although this quantity is about 24 per cent below the 28.7 million bushels shipped during the comparable period of 1951-52 it is some 43 per cent greater than the 1950-51 movement for the period under review.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime ports from Bay, Lake, and Upper St. Lawrence ports totalled 10.3 million bushels during the August-March period of the current crop year, 5.0 per cent greater than the 9.3 million shipped during the corresponding period of 1951-52.

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

Ports	August 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953	August 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952
- bushels -		
Collingwood	226,996	301,000
Midland	4,590,991	4,106,376
Owen Sound	971,338	1,426,039
Port McNicoll	3,147,409	3,528,654
Goderich	99,760	123,745
Sarnia	630,857	287,788
Walkerville	-	1,786
Humberstone	30,000	-
Toronto	550,643	5,672
Prescott	26,650	1,500
Totals	10,274,644	9,782,560

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	9,566,151	3,618,007	3,303,248	240,087
March	6,285,944	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

Rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead during March 1953 at 6.3 million bushels declined sharply from the 9.6 million shipped during the preceding month, but were still well above the comparable figures of 1.6 million, 3.5 million and 0.4 million bushels, respectively for March in each of the three preceding crop years. Total rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead during the August-March period of the current crop year totalled 25.8 million bushels as against 13.8 million and 13.1 million bushels, respectively, for the comparable periods in 1951-52 and 1950-51.

Distribution of the March 1953 wheat shipments by grade and destination is shown in the table below. Some 4.9 million bushels, representing about 78 per cent of the total, went to destinations in the Maritime provinces.

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

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.
- bushels -					
1 Hard	-	-	15,425	-	-
1 Northern	-	1,626,000	1,652,500	-	1,500
2 Northern	-	502,000	881,500	16,000	113,500
3 Northern	-	-	1,500	9,000	28,500
4 Northern	-	-	-	7,000	1,500
5 Wheat	-	5,500	-	134,500	210,975
6 Wheat	1,501	1,500	6,617	34,313	6,000
Feed wheat	-	-	-	-	2,666
Amber Durum	-	183,404	3,000	633,530	32,873
Toughs	-	-	-	14,900	46,954
All Others	-	11,125	2,833	16,362	81,466
Totals	1,501	2,329,529	2,563,375	865,605	525,934

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to March 31, 1953 represent shipments of 8.4 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance plan during the first seven months of 1952-53. Shipments during the same period of 1951-52 amounted to 10.3 million bushels. However, the filing of late claims will necessitate upward revisions in August—February shipments for the current crop year, thus narrowing the difference in shipments between the two years.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Wheat Shipments,
August—February, 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	240	1,437
September	12	21	68	48	534	471	262	1,417
October	11	12	72	50	518	479	234	1,377
November	5	20	70	39	539	540	187	1,400
December	11	18	71	42	441	533	211	1,328
January, 1953	4	16	74	40	332	405	99	969
February	1	10	43	26	203	211	11	506
Totals <u>1/</u>	56	129	469	308	3,103	3,125	1,245	8,434
Same period 1951-52:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u>	not available for period							
Revised <u>1/</u>	41	145	471	328	3,934	3,701	1,660	10,279

Preliminary data on millfeeds moving under the freight assistance plan represent shipments of 286,225 tons during the first seven months of the current crop year. Revised figures for the August—February period of 1951-52 show a total of 324,628 tons shipped under the plan. As with wheat, data on freight assisted millfeed shipments are subject to upward revision as additional claims are filed and total movements for the current period may, therefore, be expected to approach very closely the 1951-52 level.

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

Province	1952-53	1951-52	
	Preliminary <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland	2,047		1,967
Prince Edward Island ...	4,218	not	4,191
Nova Scotia	22,098		25,187
New Brunswick	19,962	available	20,945
Quebec	138,399		150,524
Ontario	77,787	for period	90,758
British Columbia	21,714		31,056
Totals	286,225		324,628

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

2/ Based on claims filed up to March 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
February	13,135	847	2,969	16,951	18,220
March	11,220	915	4,303	16,437	15,466
Totals	169,392	18,348	36,336	224,076	239,651

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	December	March		August—March	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 2/
- bushels -					
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>					
United Kingdom	1,921,613	1,052,613	4,128,957	13,202,122	47,018,803
<u>Africa</u>					
Gambia	-	976	-	2,029	-
Gold Coast	-	69,822	-	88,857	-
Nigeria	3,177	7,407	-	76,023	-
Sierra Leone	4,437	16,133	-	37,440	-
Union of South Africa	-	-	-	-	734,346
<u>Asia</u>					
Aden	-	1,800	-	1,800	-
Ceylon	-	490,729	-	977,220	-
Hong Kong	60,021	94,540	-	984,474	2,417
India	153	-	399,467	243	7,831,364
Malaya and Singapore	51,435	30,974	-	307,521	-
Pakistan	-	-	1,536,027	-	8,356,317
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar	15,574	12,209	-	88,646	-
Malta	-	-	-	-	1,078,033
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas	16,731	12,137	-	163,760	-
Barbados	37,872	4,460	-	238,910	850
Bermuda	10,764	12,402	-	76,428	-
British Honduras	5,602	6,205	-	36,544	-
Jamaica	59,742	113,602	-	569,106	-
Leeward and Windward Islands	74,781	82,404	-	675,315	-
Trinidad and Tobago	151,695	275,233	-	1,421,973	500
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana	80,541	56,984	-	621,594	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ...	2,494,138	2,340,630	6,064,451	19,570,005	65,022,630
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Africa</u>					
Azores and Madeira	-	7,123	-	25,240	-
Belgian Congo	13,820	37,791	-	131,062	-
Egypt	714,155	194,121	498,656	5,035,005	6,350,902
French Africa	5,265	-	-	14,585	-
Liberia	1,017	1,400	-	7,704	-
Libya	-	-	-	-	504,000
Morocco	51,259	44,091	-	395,946	-
Portuguese Africa	2,295	90	-	14,566	204,400
Spanish Africa	-	-	-	7,578	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia	16,767	10,116	-	113,594	36,747
Formosa (Taiwan)	572	-	-	6,998	59,583
Indonesia	8,262	16,528	-	74,011	-
Israel	-	-	-	11,934	2,162,892
Japan	127,948	92,165	-	596,093	7,954,555
Lebanon	624,982	446,760	276,267	2,570,027	2,013,067
Philippine Islands	423,585	400,698	-	3,408,044	-
Portuguese Asia	5,346	15,683	-	75,348	-
Syria	-	-	-	49	-
Thailand	25,456	15,799	-	225,918	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Belgian	3,213	-	-	-	13,767,643
Denmark	-	-	-	-	1,112,867

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

Destination	December	March		August—March	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Europe</u>					
France	-	-	-	-	1,287,165
Germany, Federal Republic of ..	-	45,000	352,800	171,365	14,095,283
Greece	-	8,042	-	13,784	698,163
Iceland	2,871	15,264	-	42,057	-
Ireland	-	-	438,318	-	4,394,386
Italy	11,106	7,803	-	56,187	6,051,571
Netherlands	4,036	-	-	-	7,456,713
Norway	-	-	681,900	-	3,518,456
Portugal	10,670	8,527	-	35,824	660,000
Sweden	-	-	-	-	734,084
Switzerland	-	-	18,667	-	5,089,867
Yugoslavia	4,590	5,850	-	33,165	8,742,946
<u>North America</u>					
Alaska	-	-	-	9	-
Costa Rica	19,512	26,050	-	279,081	50,000
Cuba	18,099	1,836	-	78,048	726,573
Dominican Republic	3,442	13,302	-	60,741	-
El Salvador	25,556	21,690	-	176,693	-
French West Indies	661	913	-	5,548	-
Guatemala	13,239	6,529	-	136,098	-
Haiti	50,247	12,101	-	181,130	-
Honduras	-	459	-	1,377	6,667
Mexico	-	-	-	229	-
Netherlands Antilles	16,187	15,993	-	111,654	-
Nicaragua	9,553	13,725	-	108,198	-
Panama	12,447	23,238	-	194,643	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon	-	2,273	-	13,347	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat	72	243	-	17,914	-
For milling in bond 4/	-	-	-	-	3,237,242
For domestic use 4/	-	-	914,599	-	15,111,208
Virgin Islands	-	2,871	-	7,866	-
<u>Oceania</u>					
Hawaii	-	-	-	117	-
<u>South America</u>					
Argentina	-	-	-	4	-
Bolivia	-	-	15,918	2,295	1,604,076
Brazil	251,775	-	2,387,334	320,445	10,376,812
Chile	-	-	-	-	1,477,534
Colombia	19,967	33,822	-	147,303	82,605
Ecuador	230	10,467	-	84,937	147,705
Peru	9,185	1,377	485,277	43,852	2,965,638
Surinam	20,029	15,224	-	109,607	-
Venezuela	124,043	387,675	-	1,618,439	36,000
Totals, Foreign Countries ..	2,651,459	1,962,639	6,069,736	16,765,659	122,717,350
Totals, All Countries	5,145,597	4,303,269	12,134,187	36,335,664	187,739,980

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			
	March 28	April 4	April 11	April 18
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers 1952-53 Pool</u>				
1 Hard	160	160	160	160
1 Northern	160	160	160	160
2 Northern	157	157	157	157
3 Northern	154	154	154	154
4 Northern	146	146	146	146
5 Wheat	136	136	136	136
6 Wheat	126	126	126	126
Feed Wheat	120	120	120	120
<u>Domestic and Export 1/</u>				
(International Wheat Agreement)				
1 Hard	176/5	176/5	176/7	177/1
1 Northern	176/5	176/5	176/7	177/1
2 Northern	174/5	174/5	174/7	175/1
3 Northern	172/5	172/5	172/7	173/1
4 Northern	166/5	166/5	166/7	167/1
5 Wheat	163/5	163/5	163/7	164/1
6 Wheat	158/5	158/5	158/7	159/1
Feed Wheat	153/5	153/5	153/7	154/1
1 C.W. Garnet	174/5	174/5	174/7	175/1
2 C.W. Garnet	173/5	173/5	173/7	174/1
3 C.W. Garnet	170/5	170/5	170/7	171/1
1 Alberta Red Winter	176/5	176/5	176/7	177/1
2 Alberta Winter	174/5	174/5	174/7	175/1
3 Alberta Winter	172/5	172/5	172/7	173/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum	176/5	176/5	176/7	177/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum	174/5	174/5	174/7	175/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum	173/5	173/5	173/7	174/1
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Hard	220	217/5	216/7	214/7
1 Northern	220	217/5	216/7	214/7
2 Northern	218	215/5	214/7	212/7
3 Northern	216	213/5	212/7	210/7
4 Northern	210	207/5	206/7	204/7
5 Wheat	169/5	169/5	169/7	170/1
6 Wheat	164/5	164/5	164/7	165/1
Feed Wheat	159/5	159/5	159/7	160/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum	291	288/5	287/7	285/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum	289	286/5	285/7	283/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum	288	285/5	284/7	282/7

1/ Plus 6 cents carrying charge.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for March 1953 amounted to some 1,972,000 barrels, 9.7 per cent above the February output of 1,797,000 barrels. Production in March this year was practically unchanged from the March 1952 total of 1,939,000 barrels but was 6.2 per cent below the ten-year (1943-1952) average for March of 2,103,000. Total output for the first eight months of 1952-53 at 15,926,000 barrels was some 8.3 per cent above the total of 14,709,000 barrels for the comparable period of August--March 1951-52. Mills reporting operations during March 1953 had a total rated capacity of 97,835 barrels and, on the basis of a 26-day working period, 77.5 per cent of the rated capacity was effective.

Exports Preliminary Customs returns indicate that exports of Canadian wheat flour during March 1953 amounted to 956,282 barrels (4,303,000 bushels of wheat equivalent). Flour shipments during the month went to 56 countries and colonies, with the United Kingdom taking the largest amount, some 1.1 million bushels of wheat equivalent. Other major shipments, in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, went to Ceylon (491); Lebanon (447); Philippine Islands (401); Venezuela (388); Trinidad and Tobago (275); Egypt (194); and Japan (114).

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <u>1/</u>
	- 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 <u>2/</u>			
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
February	7,951,654	1,797,376	659,726
March	8,802,652	1,972,109	956,282
Totals	71,368,373	15,925,782	8,074,592
Same period 1951-52 (Revised) ...	67,461,488	14,708,509	6,719,846

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 - The April 23 issue of "The Wheat Situation" now estimates total domestic disappearance of wheat for the 1952-53 crop year at 673 million bushels. This includes civilian and military food (including territorial use), about 495 million; seed, 88 million; and feed, 90 million bushels. The estimate for feed has been lowered from the previous estimate of 100 million bushels. In 1951-52 about 95 million bushels were fed.

Exports for the first nine months (July-March) of the current marketing year totalled 255 million bushels and if this rate is maintained through June, exports for the 1952-53 year are expected to total about 325 million bushels. Much will depend, however, on continuation of sales of wheat outside of the International Wheat Agreement, since only 41 million bushels remain to be filled out of the United States quota of 253 million bushels.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 <u>1/</u>	1951-52
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	255.6	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-March	18.3	23.0
Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u>	1,565.3	1,400.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u>	673.0 <u>4/</u>	677.7
Available for export and carryover	892.3	722.3
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-March	223.1	328.6
Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat, July-March	31.7	33.7
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni	254.8	362.3
Balance on April 1 for export and carryover	637.5	360.0

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Excluding imports for April-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. 4/ Revised.

"The Wheat Situation" estimates total supplies for the 1952-53 marketing year at 1,572 million bushels, consisting of the carryover July 1, 1952, of 256 million bushels, production of 1,291 million and probable imports of about 25 million (of which 18.3 million had been received in the July-March period, see table above). With total disappearance estimated at 998 million bushels the carryover at July 1, 1953 would be some 575 million bushels, about 9 per cent

below the record level of 631 million on July 1, 1942, but well above the 1942-51 average of 335 million bushels.

Preliminary data on exports of wheat as grain in the July—March period of the current crop year place shipments at 223.1 million bushels, some 32 per cent below the 328.6 million exported in the same period of 1951-52. Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat amounted to 31.7 million bushels, slightly below the 33.7 million exported during the first nine months of the 1951-52 season. Total exports of wheat, wheat flour, and macaroni during the nine months ending March 31, 1953 totalled 254.8 million bushels, a decline of 30 per cent from the 362.3 million shipped in the corresponding period of 1951-52. The balance remaining for export and carryover on April 1, 1953 was estimated at 637.5 million bushels, some 77 per cent greater than the 360.0 million for the same date a year ago.

April Winter In a report released on April 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the
Wheat Crop Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of
Estimate Agriculture, forecasts the 1953 winter wheat crop at 714 million bushels, an improvement of 103 million bushels since December 1. A production this size would be two-thirds as large as the bumper 1952 crop of 1,053 million bushels, but 10 per cent smaller than average. The current forecast is based upon an appraisal of April 1 crop conditions as reported by individual growers, soil moisture reserves, and other factors affecting crop production.

A generally mild winter and early spring, associated with improved soil moisture supplies from timely snows and rain, have materially improved the outlook for the crop over a major portion of the country. This is particularly true for the Pacific Northwest, and much of the eastern half of the country including the eastern areas of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. Wheat remains in a precarious condition in portions of western Kansas, the Oklahoma Panhandle, southeastern Colorado, New Mexico and the High Plains of Texas. In this large area, a considerable acreage has been abandoned and survival of much of the remaining crop depends upon timely rainfall. The crop in prospect is slightly smaller than indicated on December 1 in California, Arizona and Nevada. No changes from December prospects are indicated for Idaho, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and a few eastern seaboard States.

The total abandonment and diversion to uses other than grain for the Nation is now indicated at 12.2 million acres. Of this total, 9.5 million acres are in the 5-State area of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado. The total acreage abandoned and diverted was 5.6 million acres in 1952 and 16.0 million acres in 1951. The forecast of yield, at 12.9 bushels per seeded acre, compares with 18.8 bushels in 1952 and 11.6 bushels in 1951. The 10-year average yield is 15.6 bushels per seeded acre.

Wheat Stocks In the same report the Crop Reporting Board estimated that stocks
on Farms of wheat on farms at April 1, 1953 totalled 268,440,000 bushels, over one-third more than a year ago and 17.1 per cent greater than the average of 229,191,000 bushels. Current farm stocks represent 20.8 per cent of the previous year's crop compared with 20.2 per cent a year ago and the ten-year average of 21.6 per cent.

Disappearance of wheat from farms during the January—March quarter of 1953 totalled 131 million bushels compared with 137 million during the same quarter of 1952 and the average of 153 million bushels. Disappearance of wheat from farms since last July 1 totals 1,086 million bushels compared with 856 million bushels during the corresponding period a year earlier.

April 1 farm stocks of wheat in the North Central States totalled 186,787,000 bushels, nearly 70 per cent of the total United States farm stocks of wheat. Kansas, with 67,678,000 bushels, accounted for 36 per cent of the farm stocks in the region and North Dakota with 50,034,000 bushels held 27 per cent. Farm stocks of wheat in Western States totalled 65,041,000 bushels with Montana holdings comprising 51 per cent of the total for that region. Combined farm holdings of wheat in Kansas, North Dakota, and Montana accounted for 56 per cent of the total April 1 farm stocks in the Nation.

Stocks of Wheat
in All Positions
April 1, 1953

According to a report issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on April 24, stocks of 840 million bushels of wheat were stored in all positions at April 1, 1953. These stocks are second only to the 896 million bushels in 1943, in the 19-year period of comparable estimates. The report further states that

" ... Current holdings are larger by 323 million bushels, or 62 per cent, than those on April 1, 1952. Based on January 1 and April 1 stocks, net disappearance during the first three months of 1953 is indicated at 263 million bushels, one-fifth smaller than during the first quarter of 1952 and the second smallest for the January—March period in ten years.

The current large total stocks include 268 million bushels on farms and 102 million in merchant mills. These holdings are over one-third and one-fourth larger than the 198 million and 81 million bushels in these respective positions a year ago. For these two positions, current stocks are each the third largest of record. In addition, terminals accounted for 217 million bushels and interior mills, elevators and warehouses held 246 million bushels. A year ago, these positions reported 125 and 112 million bushels, respectively. Current stocks are the second largest of record for terminals and the largest of record for interior mills, elevators and warehouses. The Commodity Credit Corporation had close to 7.3 million bushels of wheat stored in bins under CCC control or in transit to port. Other CCC-owned wheat is included in the estimates by positions."

February Flour
Production Down

The Bureau of the Census Department of Commerce, estimates wheat flour production in February at 17,041 thousand sacks, the lowest monthly total recorded in recent years. The average output per working day in February amounted to 852 thousand sacks, compared with 942 thousand sacks per working day in January, and 882 thousand sacks per working day produced in February 1952. Wheat flour mills in February operated at 79.0 per cent of capacity compared with 87.3 per cent of capacity the previous month.

Wheat grindings in February were estimated at 39,435 thousand bushels compared with 45,968 thousand bushels the previous month. Wheat offal output amounted to 337 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 in 1950.

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
April 1, 1953	234 1/4 - 241	April 1, 1953	235 1/8 - 238 1/8
2	233 1/4 - 238	2	235 1/2 - 238 1/2
3	Good Friday	3	Good Friday
6	231 3/4 - 238	6	237 7/8 - 240 7/8
7	233 3/4 - 239 1/4	7	239 - 243
8	234 1/2 - 240	8	239 1/8 - 243 1/8
9	235 1/2 - 237 1/2	9	240 1/2 - 244 1/2
10	242 1/2 - 242 3/4	10	240 5/8 - 244 5/8
13	234 3/4 - 242 1/4	13	239 1/2 - 243 1/2
14	236 1/2 - 247	14	239 1/2 - 243 1/2
15	233 3/4 - 248 1/4	15	239 1/4 - 243 1/4
16	233 3/4 - 241 1/4	16	239 3/8 - 243 3/8
17	233 1/4	17	239 3/8 - 244 3/8
20	232 - 245	20	238 3/8 - 242 3/8
21	233 - 241 1/2	21	236 1/4 - 240 1/4
22	235 1/2 - 242 1/2	22	238 1/8 - 242 1/8
23	236 1/2 - 245	23	239 5/8 - 243 5/8
24	238 - 239 1/2	24	239 5/8 - 243 5/8
27	241 3/4 -	27	239 - 243
28	239 1/2 - 246 1/4	28	238 7/8 - 242 7/8
29	236 1/2 - 238 1/2	29	238 1/2 - 242 1/2
30	232 - 239	30	237 1/8 - 241 1/8

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
April 1, 1953	223/1	225/5	228/6	233	
2	223	225/7	229	233/4	
3			Good Friday		
6	222/3	225/3	228/3	232/7	
7	223/4	226/5	229/4	234	
8	224/2	227	230/2	235	
9	224	226/3	229/5	234/4	
10	224/5	227	230	235/1	
13	223/2	225/3	228/6	234	237/4
14	221/5	224/1	227/4	232/6	236/6
15	220/1	223	226/4	232	236
16	219/1	222	225/4	231/1	235/3
17	218/1	222/2	225/3	231/1	235/2
20	218/2	221/5	225/4	231/3	235/6
21	217/7	221/3	225/1	230/5	234/7
22	218/3	221/6	225/6	230/7	235
23	219/5	222/4	226/3	231/4	235/2
24	219/6	221/7	225/4	230/6	234/3
27	220/2	221/7	225/4	230/4	234/2
28	220/1	221/5	225	230/1	234
29	217/4	220	223/5	228/6	232/4
30	216	218/6	222/3	227/7	231/7

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position The statistical supply position of Argentine wheat for the current crop year remains virtually unchanged from that reported a month ago after the Ministry of Agriculture placed the second official estimate of the current wheat crop at 286.6 million bushels. Exports of wheat as grain during the December—March period of the current crop year amounted to only 6.0 million bushels, leaving a balance on April 1 for export and carryover of 157.5 million, in sharp contrast to the comparable figure of 2.0 million bushels at the same date last year.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 <u>1/</u>	1951-52
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1)	1.8	18.4
New crop	286.6 <u>2/</u>	75.3
Total estimated domestic supplies	288.4	93.7
Imports of wheat for domestic use	-	7.9 <u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies	288.4	101.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	124.9	96.0
Available for export and carryover	163.5	5.6
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December—March	6.0	3.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December—March	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	6.0	3.6
Balance on April 1 for export and carryover	157.5	2.0

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Official estimate as of February 27, 1953. 3/ Imported under barter arrangement in exchange for Argentine corn. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

Final consummation of the trade agreement with Brazil, announced recently by I.A.P.I. is expected to result in a sharp acceleration in wheat exports after a pronounced lag extending over the past four months. According to trade sources Argentina is scheduled under this agreement to ship 42,471,000 bushels to Brazil. In addition, reports indicate that Argentina has sold 12,492,000 bushels to Italy thus far this season and that sundry sales have been made to other countries including an indicated 9,369,000 bushels to India. Bulk of the clearances so far has been to India. Germany is expected to absorb important quantities of Argentine wheat while other South American countries, and possibly Japan, may account for further large quantities.

Wheat Seeding
Under Way

According to Broomhall, wheat seeding operations are under way in the Argentine with moisture supplies satisfactory.

Preliminary reports indicate a slight increase in wheat acreage and officials continue to stress the need for continued expansion in acreage under the new Five Year Plan. Slightly larger acreages are also held probable for oats, barley and rye.

Grain Shipments

Wheat comprised 75,885 metric tons (2,788,000 bushels) of the month's total grain shipments of 157,462 tons. India received 40,720 tons (1,496,000 bushels) of wheat, bringing the total receipts to date under the wheat-for-jute barter deal to 98,102 tons (3,605,000 bushels). Italy received an additional 29,296 tons (1,076,000 bushels) in March, with other shipments going to Peru 3,872 tons (142,000 bushels) and Paraguay 1,997 tons (73,000 bushels). The United Kingdom absorbed almost the entire March shipments of barley, taking 34,654 tons (1,592,000 bushels) of the total 35,154 tons exported during the month. The remaining 500 tons (23,000 bushels) were destined for Finland.

Of the 24,997 tons (984,000 bushels) of corn exported during March 1953, Italy received 12,430 tons (489,000 bushels) or 50 per cent of the total shipments. The United Kingdom, Sweden and France accounted for the remainder taking 7,170 tons (282,000 bushels), 4,525 tons (178,000 bushels) and 872 tons (34,000 bushels), respectively.

Oats shipments, totalling 13,962 tons (905,000 bushels), went to Switzerland 7,499 (486,000 bushels), Belgium 4,064 (264,000 bushels) and Italy 2,399 (156,000 bushels). Rye exports during March amounted to 7,464 tons (294,000 bushels), going to three countries, Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands, with 5,664 tons (223,000 bushels), 1,300 tons (51,000 bushels) and 500 tons (20,000 bushels), respectively.

Argentine Grain Shipments, January—March, 1953

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
- thousand bushels -						
Belgium	-	-	-	264	51	92
Brazil	-	1,951	-	-	-	-
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	338
France	-	2,428	-	-	39	-
India	3,605	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	253
Italy	1,578	615	-	156	-	-
Netherlands	-	7	-	-	20	-
Norway	-	-	-	-	433	-
Paraguay	412	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	142	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	-	505	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	-	-	661	-	-
United Kingdom	-	1,286	-	-	-	2,877
Totals	5,736	6,792	-	1,080	543	3,559

Grain Prices According to Foreign Crops and Markets the set prices for the
1953-54 1953-54 crop year for grain of export grade are the same as for
the present season for wheat and flaxseed, the two most
important crops. Prices for barley and oats have been reduced from the present
rate, and rye increased slightly. Prices were quoted in pesos per 100 kilograms
for bagged grain, delivered at ports. Equivalent dollars per bushel converted
at applicable rates of exchange for grain show wheat and flaxseed to continue at
the present rate of \$2.72 and \$3.30 per bushel, respectively. The price of oats
will be \$1.02 per bushel, compared with the present rate of \$1.10. The barley
rate of \$1.82 per bushel is slightly below the present price of \$1.87. The
price of rye will increase from the current rate of \$2.13 to \$2.18 per bushel.

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. The 1952-53 harvest is officially estimated at 193 million bushels,
according to the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. Estimates of the
crop have risen progressively throughout the season, with the current estimate
of 193 million bushels being well above last year's small crop of 160 million
bushels. The estimated area sown for grain, at 10.1 million acres, was the
lowest for any peace-time year since 1923-24 and was 22 per cent less than the
average sowings for the five years ended 1938-39. According to unofficial
sources the acreage seeded for next season's crop (weather permitting) is
expected to exceed by about 20 per cent the low acreage of the 1952-53 season.

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	193.0 <u>3/</u>	159.7
Total estimated supplies	209.9	179.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	85.0	81.4
Available for export and carryover	124.9	97.7
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 to March 31 ..	15.9	12.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 to March 31	13.4	10.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	29.3	23.6
Balance on April 1 for export and carryover	95.6	74.1

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision.

3/ Official estimate as of March 23, 1953.

Exports of wheat as grain during the December—March period of 1952-53 amounted to 15.9 million bushels as against 12.7 million for the comparable period a year ago. Some 13.4 million bushels of wheat flour in terms of wheat were exported from December 1 to March 31 of the current crop year as compared with 10.9 million bushels exported during the same period of 1951-52. Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat at 29.3 million bushels are some 24 per cent greater than the comparable figure of 23.6 exported during the first four months of the 1951-52 marketing year. The balance remaining on April 1 for export and carryover was estimated at 95.6 million bushels, some 21.5 million greater than last year's figure of 74.1 million.

Australian Cable The following cable, dated April 20, 1953, has been received from the Agricultural Secretary for Canada in Melbourne:

"Australian wheat stocks at April 11 totalled 144,569,000 bushels. Wheat shipments from December 1, 1952 to April 11, 1953 totalled 18,379,000 bushels with shipments during preceding four weeks mainly to the United Kingdom and India. Flour exports same period 296,542 long tons with 29,765 to Ceylon, 18,669 to the United Kingdom and 9,518 to India."

World Wheat Situation (continued from page 1)

It was announced later that the new Agreement would come into force if signed by April 27 and accepted by July 15, 1953 by importers representing 50 per cent of the guaranteed quantities, and by exporters representing 50 per cent of the guaranteed quantities. There is a provision for withdrawal by any exporting country if an important importing country fails to accept, and vice versa.

According to the Agreement as tabled in the Canadian House of Commons on April 20 the four exporting countries were assigned the following export quotas: the United States, 270.2 million bushels; Canada, 250 million; Australia, 75 million and France, 367 thousand bushels. However, these totals and proposed distribution among both exporters and importers are now subject to revision in view of the fact that the United Kingdom, which had been assigned an import quota of 177.1 million bushels, has stated that she will not participate in the new Agreement. The remaining forty-one importing countries and the four exporting countries had signed the Agreement in Washington by April 27.

Final distribution of guaranteed quotas for both exporters and importers will not be known until after July 15, the deadline for depositing notices of formal ratification of the Agreement by the governments of the participating countries. There is, however, some indication that the total quantities involved may not be reduced by the whole extent of the United Kingdom's proposed quota since several importers had applied for greater guaranteed quotas than were assigned to them in the provisional plan.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

March 27 - The 1953 season of navigation opened at the Lakehead on Friday, March 27, in mid-afternoon with the arrival at Port Arthur of the S.S. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, the same vessel which established the record early opening at 4 a.m. on March 27, 1945.

April 10 - The 1953 United States winter wheat crop is forecast at 714 million bushels, compared with the 1952 crop of 947 million and the ten-year average of 800 million bushels.

Stocks of wheat on farms in the United States were estimated at 268.4 million bushels, over one-third more than a year ago.

13 - According to a press report, railway, grain and navigation officials at Fort William-Port Arthur predict that 1953 will be the biggest grain shipping season in Lakehead history.

20 - According to "Foreign Crops and Markets" the Argentine Government has set the price for wheat of export grade at \$2.72 per bushel, the same rate as for the current season.

21 - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions as at March 31, 1953, were estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 606.3 million bushels, compared with 465.9 million on the same date last year and the record of 762.4 million in 1943.

27 - The Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that the new initial payments on Western Canadian wheat, oats and barley for 1953-54 would be at least equal to those in effect at the beginning of the 1952-53 crop year. In the case of No. 1 Northern Wheat, the initial payment will be no lower than \$1.40 per bushel, basis in store Fort William-Port Arthur.

28 - The Senate today approved the proposed International Wheat Agreement following approval of the Bill by the House of Commons yesterday.

According to a trade report a new 50,000-bushel elevator is to be erected at Port Stanley by the McLean Grain Company, St. Thomas, Ontario. A new company, Port Stanley Grain and Transit Company, has been formed in connection with this development. Eventually, it is hoped that Ontario winter wheat will be shipped directly to Europe from Port Stanley.

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