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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about January 1, 1954 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,923.7 million bushels, some 22 per cent greater than the 1,583.2 million available a year ago. Supplies at January 1, 1954 (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 923.2 (715.9); Canada, 696.1 (580.2); Argentina, 163.2 (154.6), and Australia, 141.2 (132.5). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

The newly-harvested 1953-54 crops in the Argentine and Australia are taken into consideration in the above estimates. It is observed that supplies in all four countries are at higher levels than existed a year ago, the two North American countries accounting for most of the increase.

World Wheat Trade A bulletin entitled 'World Agricultural Situation 1954' and released on January 11 by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the United States Department of Agriculture includes useful references to both historical and current situations in world wheat trade. A part of this report beginning with a table on exports by countries is reproduced below:

(Editor's Note: It may be observed that certain data, e.g. production and trade estimates referred to in the U.S. report do not appear to agree exactly with figures appearing elsewhere in this publication. These differences may be accounted for by the estimates having been made at earlier or later dates or by the statistics being set up according to the United States, July-June, crop year as against the Canadian, August-July season).

### "Wheat and Flour Exports by Major Exporting Countries, 1952-53 (July-June) with Comparisons

Countries	1934-38 average	1945-49 average	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
- million bushels -					
United States .....	45	405	365	475	317
Canada .....	175	278	221	350	392
Australia .....	106	93	127	100	100
Argentina .....	122	67	103	30	29
Others .....	101	62	104	105	97*
Total .....	549	902	920	1,060	935*

\*Preliminary.

Import Requirements: While larger quantities of wheat are available for export this year, the total import requirements are less than last season, as a result of a better supply position in most of the major importing countries, notably in the world's major importing area of Western Europe. Large crops were reported from practically all countries in this area in 1953-54, except Spain and the Netherlands. Asia, the second most important outlet for the world's wheat exports, has had its third consecutive large crop. Although the estimate for Asia of over 1,600 million bushels is above the postwar (1945-49) average, import requirements



are rather large in some Asiatic countries. Japan's requirements for 1954 amount to about 75 million bushels principally because of the poor rice crop. Pakistan's requirements in 1954 are likely to be very small in comparison with 1953 when about 27 million bushels of United States wheat were shipped or programmed to that country under an aid program.

In view of the better supply position in most importing areas, it appears that the total world exports of wheat this season may be some 10 per cent or so below the approximate 935 million total of last season. United States exports are expected to be substantially below last season when they totalled about 317 million bushels. Canadian exports this season are likewise expected to be below the 1952-53 exports of nearly 400 million bushels.

Argentina's 1953-54 (July-June) exports will be considerably above the 29 million bushels exported during this period a year earlier. The current crop now estimated at about 225 million bushels, is below earlier expectations and about 20 per cent below the bumper 1952 crop. Including shipments made since July 1953 from the old crop wheat, however, supplies should be sufficient to provide exports in excess of 100 million bushels.

Australia's total exports may be about the same as last season's shipments of 100 million bushels, although production of 176 million bushels is somewhat lower.

World Wheat and Flour Exports by Specified Geographic Areas,  
1952-53 (July-June) with Comparisons

Period (July—June)	Destination of World Exports								
	Europe		North, Central and South America		Asia <u>1</u> /		Africa		Total  Quant- ity
	% of Total	Quantity	% of Total	Quantity	% of Total	Quantity	% of Total	Quantity	
- million bushels -									
1934-38 av. <u>2</u> / <u>3</u> /	73	400	15	84	10	54	2	11	549
1945-49 av. ....	61	547	13	116	21	191	5	48	902
1950-51 .....	55	505	16	143	23	210	6	57	920 <u>4</u> /
1951-52 .....	50	527	16	168	27	281	7	74	1,060 <u>4</u> /
1952-53 <u>5</u> /.....	54	505	16	150	23	215	7	65	935 <u>4</u> /

1/ Includes shipments to Oceania.

2/ Calendar year.

3/ Does not include small quantities to "unspecified destinations".

4/ Includes small quantities to "unspecified destinations".

5/ Preliminary. "

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1953-54

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Quantities	Source				Total Purchases	Remainder 2/
		Canada 1/	Australia 2/	France 2/	U.S.A. 2/		
- thousand bushels -							
Austria .....	9,186	-	-	-	-	-	9,186
Belgium .....	23,883	7,818	-	-	646	8,464	15,419
Bolivia .....	4,042	695	-	-	309	1,004	3,038
Brazil .....	13,228	-	-	-	-	-	13,228
Ceylon .....	10,288	103	6,793	-	-	6,896	3,392
Costa Rica .....	1,286	399	-	-	466	865	421
Cuba .....	7,422	965	-	-	1,847	2,812	4,610
Denmark .....	1,837	-	-	-	-	-	1,837
Dominican Republic ....	955	145	-	-	203	348	607
Ecuador .....	2,388	703	-	-	308	1,011	1,377
Egypt .....	14,697	-	-	-	1,888	1,888	12,809
El Salvador .....	735	139	-	-	291	430	305
Germany .....	55,116	6,657	1,780	-	5,714	14,151	40,965
Greece .....	12,860	-	-	-	-	-	12,860
Guatemala .....	1,286	116	-	-	474	590	696
Haiti .....	1,837	346	-	-	593	939	898
Honduras Republic ....	551	51	-	-	291	342	209
Iceland .....	404	111	-	-	49	160	244
India .....	36,744	-	345	-	-	345	36,399
Indonesia .....	6,246	5	1,983	-	282	2,270	3,976
Ireland .....	10,105	1,551	653	-	-	2,204	7,901
Israel .....	8,267	2,579	-	-	-	2,579	5,688
Italy .....	31,232	-	-	-	-	-	31,232
Japan .....	36,744	9,129	-	-	18,612	27,741	9,003
Jordan .....	2,940	-	-	-	-	-	2,940
Korea .....	1,470	-	-	-	-	-	1,470
Lebanon .....	2,756	-	-	-	-	-	2,756
Liberia .....	73	18	-	-	6	24	49
Mexico .....	14,697	-	-	-	947	947	13,750
Netherlands .....	24,802	4,603	-	-	6,310	10,913	13,889
New Zealand .....	5,879	-	2,337	-	-	2,337	3,542
Nicaragua .....	367	108	-	-	195	303	64
Norway .....	8,451	2,240	-	-	2,009	4,249	4,202
Panama .....	735	233	-	-	248	481	254
Peru .....	7,349	110	-	-	561	671	6,678
Philippines .....	8,672	2,210	1	-	1,414	3,625	5,047
Portugal .....	7,349	719	336	-	2,235	3,290	4,059
Saudi Arabia .....	2,572	-	-	-	1,102	1,102	1,470
Spain 4/ .....	9,186	-	-	-	8,316	8,316	-
Sweden .....	919	-	-	-	-	-	919
Switzerland .....	7,900	6,098	-	-	-	6,098	1,802
Union of South Africa .	13,228	5,600	-	-	2,053	7,653	5,575
Vatican City 4/ .....	551	-	-	-	536	536	-
Venezuela .....	6,247	1,795	-	-	1,349	3,144	3,103
Yugoslavia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Totals .....	421,156	55,246	14,228	-	59,254	128,728	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		163,231	48,000	367	209,558	421,156	
Balance .....		107,985	33,772	367	150,304	292,428	

1/ Canadian sales through January 19th, 1954.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through January 15th, 1954.

3/ The quantities are the unfulfilled balances of the total guaranteed quantities for the year.

4/ Quota filled.

### CANADIAN SITUATION

Delivery Quotas In answer to a question asked in the House of Commons, the Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce), on January 25, summarized the quota situation as follows:

"The over-all quota is five bushels per cultivated acre with the proviso that every producer is entitled to deliver a minimum of 1,000 bushels of grain. There is a supplementary quota on oats of twelve bushels per acre seeded to oats. Special quotas on malting barley can be obtained on application. They are being issued freely. Of course there is no quota on flax or durum wheat and these grains can be delivered in unlimited quantities.

It is estimated that the five-bushel quota with the minimum of 1,000 bushels represents 391 million bushels of grain. Deliveries up to Saturday last had totalled 356 million bushels of grain but of that amount some 40 million bushels were delivered ex five bushel quota, so that deliveries against the five bushel quota were 314 million bushels. While it is probable that the present quota may be reached before the opening of navigation, it is unlikely that any additional quota will be authorized until the opening of navigation and until there is space to take further deliveries at Fort William."

Supply Position Deliveries of wheat (both old and new crop) by farmers in Western Canada, from August 1 to January 13 of the current crop year, amounted to 239.3 million bushels, compared with 267.2 million marketed during the corresponding period of the preceding crop year. Farmers in Saskatchewan accounted for 62 per cent of the total, with marketings of 147.2 million bushels, while Alberta and Manitoba farmers delivered 67.0 million and 25.1 million bushels, respectively. Weekly marketings for the period December 23, 1953 to January 13, 1954 varied considerably, ranging from a high of 25.5 million bushels for the week ending December 23 (record for that time of year) to a low of 5.0 million bushels for the week ending January 6. Total marketings for the four-week period under review, at 48.6 million bushels, exceeded by some 58 per cent deliveries of 30.7 million bushels for the comparable period of 1952-53.

Visible supplies of wheat at January 13 had risen to 379.6 million bushels as against 258.6 million and 228.8 million at approximately the same date in 1953 and 1952, respectively. Stocks in country elevators represented about 54 per cent of supplies in all commercial positions, compared with approximately 52 per cent in 1953 and 49 per cent in 1952. This year's country elevators stocks, at 205.3 million bushels, exceeded 1953 stocks in the same position by 70.3 million bushels and those of 1952 by 93.7 million bushels. With the lake shipping season having closed on December 14, stocks of wheat at Fort William-Port Arthur at January 13, 1954 had increased to 49.1 million bushels. Comparable figures for 1953 and 1952 were 24.5 million and 31.0 million bushels, respectively. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports, amounting to 17.5 million bushels, exceeded by wide margins stocks of 8.0 million in these positions in 1953 and 7.3 million in 1952. Some 16.5 million bushels of wheat were in storage afloat at January 13, compared with stocks of 10.0 million and 7.3 million bushels at approximately the same date in 1953 and 1952, respectively.



Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 <sup>1/</sup>	1953-54 <sup>2/</sup>
- million bushels -		
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	217.2	362.7
New crop .....	687.9	614.0
Imports of wheat, August—November .....	<sup>3/</sup>	<sup>3/</sup>
Total estimated supplies .....	905.1	976.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	156.8	160.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	748.3	816.7
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August—December	127.5	98.6
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August—December .	15.4	3.4
Total exports of wheat .....	142.9	101.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August—December .....	25.2 <sup>4/</sup>	18.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	168.1	120.6
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover ....	580.2	696.1

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

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

December Exports of  
Wheat and Flour  
Slightly Below the  
Ten-year December Average

Total exports of Canadian wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during December, 1953 amounted to 17.8 million bushels, a considerable decline from the November total of 24.4 million bushels but only 6 per cent below the 1943-44—1952-53 average of 19.0

million bushels. Exports of wheat as grain during the fifth month of the current crop year totalled 13.7 million bushels, a decrease of one-third from those of the previous month. Total exports of wheat as grain during the August—December period of the 1953-54 crop year amounted to 101.9 million bushels as against 143.0 million for the same period of 1952-53. Shipments to the United Kingdom, at some 32.5 million bushels, represented 32 per cent of the total export movement of wheat as grain during the five months ending December 31, 1953. Other major markets for Canadian wheat during the period, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: Japan, 20.1; The Federal Republic of Germany, 8.9; Belgium, 7.0; Switzerland, 4.3; India, 4.3; The Netherlands, 3.4; Spain, 3.4; United States 3.4 (of which 1.4 was for milling in bond); Israel, 2.2; Union of South Africa, 2.2; Ireland, 1.8, and Peru 1.1. Preliminary Customs returns indicate that an additional 4.1 million bushels of wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent were exported during December, 1953. Exports of wheat flour (continued on page 28)

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1953-54

Week ending	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -					
August 6, 1953	336,520	3,254,655	2,117,720	5,708,895	2,939,427
13 .....	82,359	4,495,064	2,153,632	6,731,055	1,148,732
20 .....	640,737	6,490,324	2,129,349	9,260,410	3,265,571
27 .....	3,048,079	4,727,218	942,142	8,717,439	14,893,230
September 3 .....	2,627,036	4,252,468	1,061,372	7,940,876	14,263,191
10 .....	1,035,827	3,688,233	1,449,063	6,173,123	14,273,008
17 .....	845,786	6,361,789	2,446,556	9,654,131	12,496,130
24 .....	1,055,854	8,743,712	3,935,369	13,734,935	14,104,065
30 .....	1,149,984	7,782,544	3,568,464	12,500,992	25,013,654
October 7 .....	1,299,454	8,630,744	4,756,932	14,687,130	19,656,526
14 .....	853,501	6,932,138	4,630,282	12,415,921	13,329,824
21 .....	765,769	5,808,367	3,267,906	9,842,042	11,759,199
28 .....	812,735	4,992,187	2,361,514	8,166,436	8,631,950
November 4 .....	836,330	4,377,068	2,296,868	7,510,266	11,675,236
11 .....	826,645	4,844,511	2,904,327	8,575,483	12,445,961
18 .....	955,562	6,521,873	2,744,250	10,221,685	12,310,246
25 .....	701,283	6,585,799	2,132,679	9,419,761	12,444,752
December 2 .....	580,429	6,454,635	2,314,873	9,349,937	9,940,496
9 .....	482,876	5,846,150	1,636,500	7,965,526	11,000,530
16 .....	1,980,889	6,824,131	3,313,827	12,118,847	10,993,712
23 .....	2,531,916	16,102,080	6,888,148	25,522,144	5,788,433
30 .....	1,038,834	7,734,987	3,556,955	12,330,776	8,172,762
January 6, 1954	379,564	3,075,407	1,536,246	4,991,217	9,524,672
13 .....	243,394	2,671,407	2,824,975	5,739,776	7,167,790
Totals .....	25,111,363	147,197,491	66,969,949	239,278,803	267,239,097

Special Arrangements for Purchase of Registered or Certified Seed On January 7, the Canadian Wheat Board announced arrangements which may be utilized by producers in acquiring registered or certified seed wheat, oats, or barley for seeding purposes.

Effective January 7 and until June 1, a producer desiring to purchase up to one hundred bushels of Registered or Certified Seed Wheat and/or oats and/or barley through the Crop Improvement Associations or the Crop Testing Plan, to be used for seeding purposes on his farm, may deliver and sell to an elevator company for Board account, in payment or in part payment for such seed, a quantity of commercial grain not exceeding two hundred bushels of the same kind of grain in excess of present or future delivery quotas in effect at the delivery point designated in the producer's permit book, provided that:

1. The proceeds of the commercial grain delivered by the producer do not exceed the cost to the producer of the Registered or Certified Seed purchased through the Crop Improvement Associations or the Crop Testing Plan.

2. On or before delivery of the commercial grain the producer signs an order with the elevator agent for the seed required on forms provided for this purpose.

3. In all cases proper entries covering the grain delivered by the producer must be made in the producer's delivery permit book in the space provided for supplementary quotas with the notation "Seed Grain Purchase".

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, January 13, 1954, Compared with  
Approximately the same Date, 1952 and 1953

Position	1952	1953	1954
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	7,391	9,570	21,138
Saskatchewan .....	70,501	78,842	117,837
Alberta .....	33,686	46,549	66,281
Totals .....	111,578	134,961	205,255
Interior private and mill .....	4,825	5,848	6,922
Interior terminals .....	10,465	6,755	14,100
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	9,461	7,318	8,820
Victoria .....	-	-	371
Prince Rupert .....	621	-	49
Churchil .....	1,997	2,048	2,516
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	31,018	24,482	49,050
Storage Afloat .....	-	1,186	195
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	12,723	24,602	15,366
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .....	21,576	27,564	37,915
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .....	7,268	7,961	17,532
Storage Afloat .....	7,314	10,038	16,463
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	4,121	2,405	4,048
United States ports .....	5,286	3,393	1,042
In transit U.S.A. ....	541	-	-
Totals .....	228,792	258,561	379,644

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August—December, 1953 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		August—December			
	Average					
	1947-48— 1951-52	1952-53	1952		1953	
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Hard .....	1/	1/	49	1/	-	-
1 Northern .....	12.2	7.1	8,726	7.2	9,403	9.3
2 Northern .....	29.9	31.7	30,578	25.2	43,835	43.1
3 Northern .....	13.7	17.4	23,152	19.0	19,319	19.0
4 Northern .....	6.0	9.6	14,369	11.8	5,611	5.5
5 Wheat .....	5.7	10.4	14,701	12.1	6,677	6.7
6 Wheat .....	3.3	2.8	5,584	4.6	1,361	1.3
Feed Wheat .....	0.6	0.4	850	0.7	163	0.2
Garnet .....	0.9	0.5	507	0.4	473	0.5
Amber Durum .....	3.2	1.7	3,197	2.6	3,524	3.5
Alberta Winter .....	0.5	0.1	206	0.2	149	0.1
Toughs 2/ 3/ .....	18.4	16.7	17,776	14.6	9,337	9.2
Damps 2/ 4/ .....	3.8	0.1	84	0.1	23	1/
Rejected 2/ .....	0.6	1.0	1,229	1.0	1,229	1.2
All Others .....	1.1	0.4	544	0.4	516	0.5
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	121,552	100.0	101,620	100.0

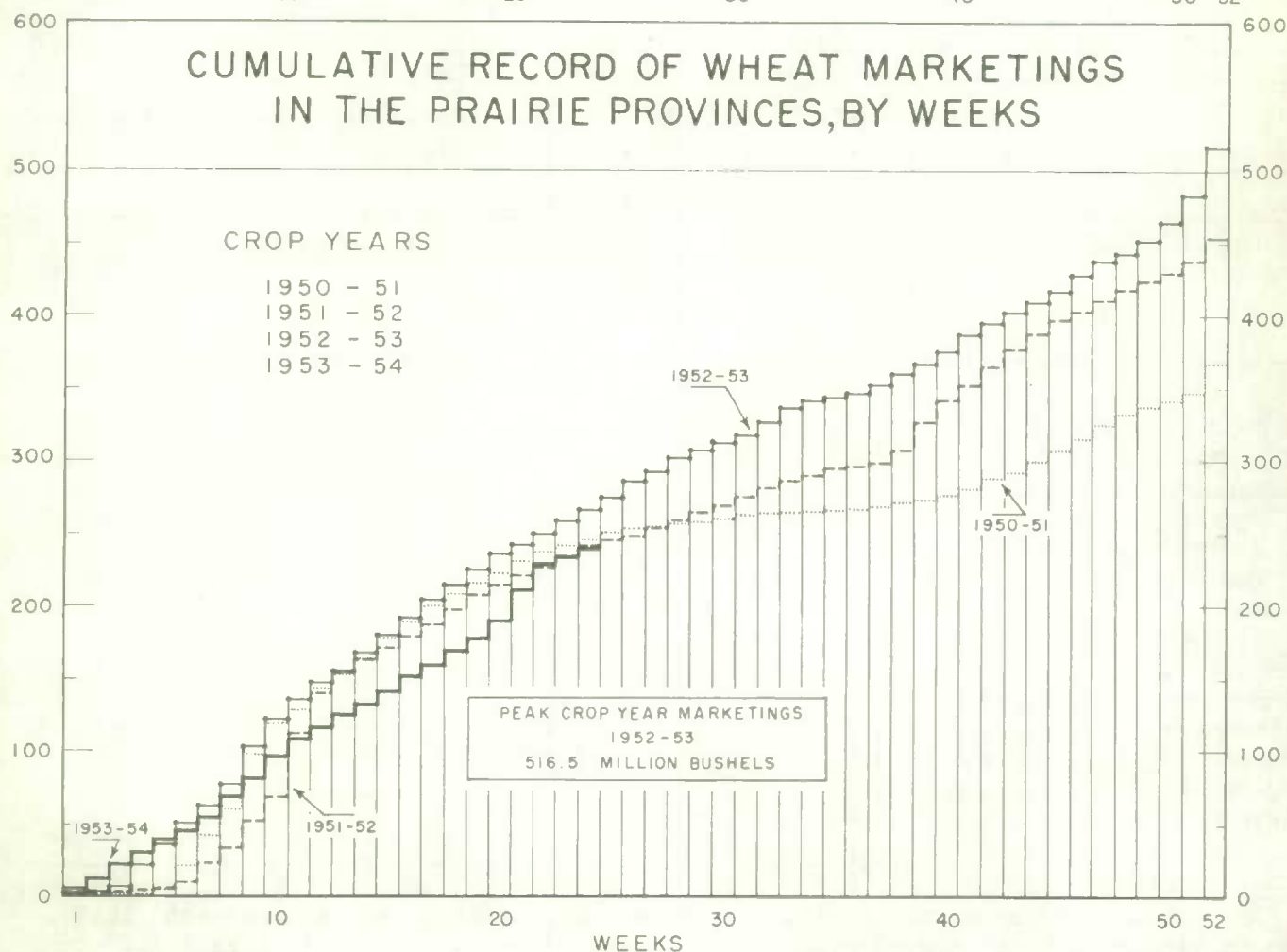
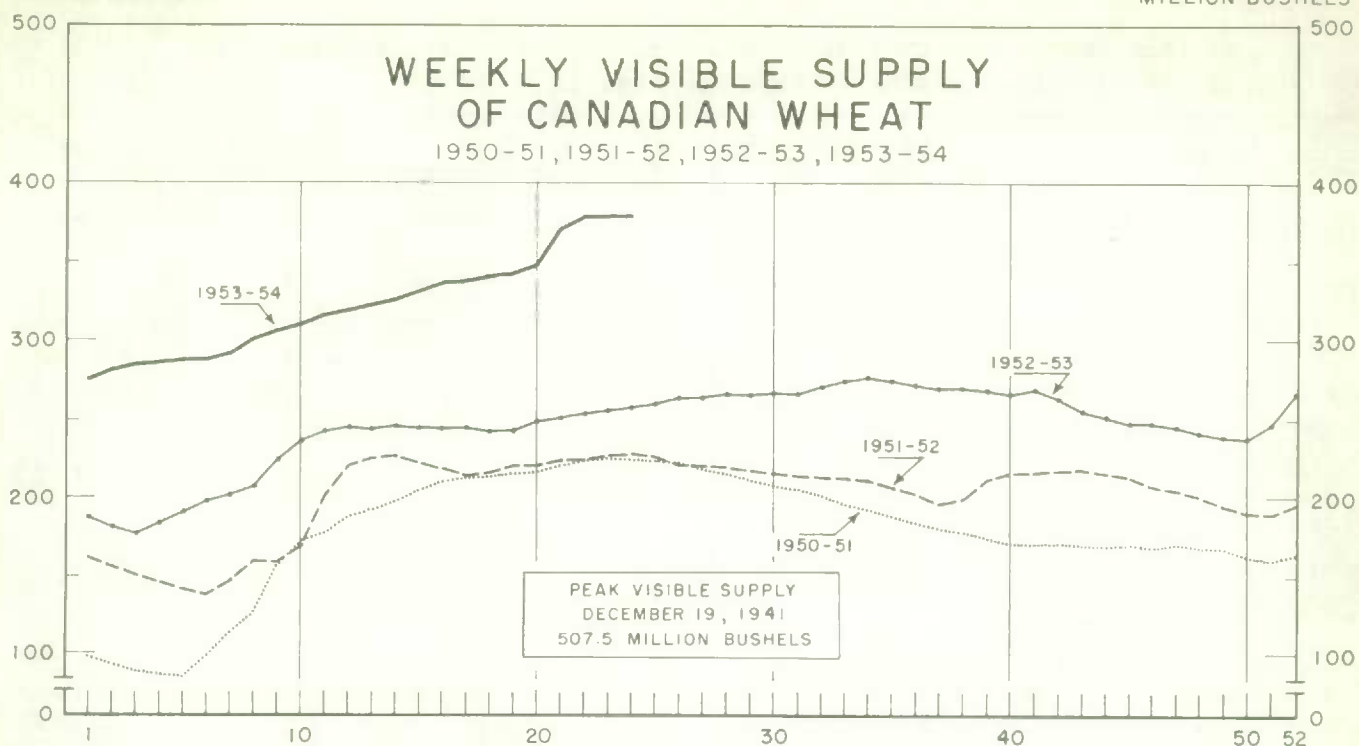
1/ Less than .05 per cent. 2/ All varieties and grades. 3/ Moisture content 14.9 to 17 per cent for durum, 14.6 to 17 per cent for all other varieties.

4/ Moisture content over 17 per cent.



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



Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1953 to January 13, 1954  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1951-52 and 1952-53

Destination	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Duluth-Superior .....	4,264,331	2,643,223	26,541
Milwaukee .....	298,326	-	15,940
Chicago .....	1,161,571	313,443	-
Huron .....	-	320,734	-
Erie .....	93,107	276,567	-
Buffalo .....	14,635,273	11,446,101	2,684,191
Oswego .....	514,005	1,102,391	-
Totals, Vessel .....	20,966,613	16,102,459	2,726,672
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	1,143,066	-	7,348
Other U.S.A. Points .....	2,685,210	3,028,555	1,209,451
Totals, Rail .....	3,828,276	3,028,555	1,216,799
Totals, Shipments .....	24,794,889	19,131,014	3,943,471

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

Total shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to January 13, amounted to 3.9 million bushels representing only a minor increase from the August 1-December 16 total of 3.8 million bushels. Shipments for the comparable period of 1952-53 and 1951-52 were 19.1 million and 24.8 million bushels, respectively. Of the 1.2 million bushels of wheat, shown as shipped by rail to other U.S.A. points during the period under review, the greater portion was shipped direct from Eastern Canadian farms to Buffalo. Some 31 per cent of this season's total to date has been shipped by rail, with almost the entire vessel shipments of 2.7 million bushels going to Buffalo.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1, to December 31, 1952	August 1, to December 31, 1953
- bushels -		
Collingwood .....	120,996	155,120
Port McNicoll .....	2,211,204	1,101,278
Midland .....	3,374,983	752,831
Owen Sound .....	304,310	-
Sarnia .....	255,327	-
Walkerville .....	-	45,082
Toronto .....	111,687	-
Totals .....	6,378,507	2,054,311

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports to December 31 of the current crop year amounted to 2.1 million bushels, as against 6.4 million shipped during the same period of the preceding crop year.

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1950-51—1953-54

Month	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
- bushels -				
August .....	122,532	283,914	191,711	191,317
September .....	123,256	435,068	1,181,046	236,030
October .....	73,543	159,667	936,757	173,043
November .....	133,847	465,193	651,957	138,440
December .....	1,517,624	1,387,828	464,914	347,824
January .....	4,394,047	5,839,567	6,550,958	
February .....	3,303,248	3,618,007	9,566,151	
March .....	3,476,161	1,564,586	6,285,944	
April .....	1,196,236	107,061	189,339	
May .....	462,676	132,496	216,046	
June .....	356,443	196,083	136,014	
July .....	199,603	113,827	223,687	
Totals .....	15,359,216	14,303,297	26,594,524	

Rail shipments of wheat during December 1953 amounted to 347,824 bushels as against 138,440 bushels in November and 464,914 bushels in December 1952. This relatively large increase in rail shipments over those of the preceding month is in keeping with the normal seasonal pattern following the closing of the 1953 lake navigation season on December 14. Substantially larger eastward rail movements are anticipated during the January—March period of 1954.

Distribution of the December 1953 rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead, by grade and destination is shown in the table below. The bulk of the shipments, 260,212 bushels, went to destinations in Ontario, while shipments to Quebec accounted for an additional 54,989 bushels. Relatively small quantities went to the Maritime Provinces and the United States. Some 38 per cent of the total shipments consisted of No. 1 Northern, all of which went to various Ontario points.

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

Grade	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	U.S.A.
- bushels -						
1 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	130,535	-
2 Northern .....	-	-	-	6,032	56,429	-
3 Northern .....	-	-	-	-	13,416	-
4 Northern .....	-	-	-	8,996	-	-
5 Wheat .....	-	-	-	6,833	3,000	-
6 Wheat .....	-	-	-	-	1,500	-
Rejected 5 Wheat ....	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	-
Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	4,911	10,000	-
All others .....	1,333	10,459	16,331	28,217	45,332	1,500
Totals .....	1,333	11,959	17,831	54,989	260,212	1,500

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to December 31, 1953 indicate shipments of 4.0 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance plan during the first four months of the current crop year. During the same period of 1952 claims had been filed for some 4.9 million bushels indicating, on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years, that the 1953 August—November wheat shipments under the plan were somewhat below those in 1952. Revised data on shipments during the first four months of 1952-53, based on claims submitted up to December 31, 1953, place the total at 5.7 million bushels. The bulk of the 1953 August—November shipments went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Wheat Shipments,  
1953-54 and 1952-53

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1953 .....	6	21	61	41	391	403	237	1,159
September .....	6	8	63	41	452	292	214	1,077
October .....	7	6	56	36	348	453	164	1,070
November .....	5	2	43	28	303	294	35	708
Totals 1/ .....	23	37	223	146	1,494	1,442	650	4,015
Same period 1952:								
Preliminary 2/...	34	81	258	188	1,981	1,867	485	4,895
Revised 1/ .....	40	85	281	200	2,130	1,989	931	5,656

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance plan represent shipments of 122,195 tons during the August—November period of 1953. This total, based on claims filed up to December 31, 1953, will likely be subject to considerable upward revision with the filing of additional claims. An indication of the possible extent of the revision is given by the fact that by December 31, 1952 claims had been filed for only 153,112 tons out of a total of 185,600 tons shipped during the first four months of the 1952-53 crop year. As with freight-assisted wheat shipments, the bulk of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Millfeed Shipments,  
1953-54 and 1952-53

Province	August—November		
	1952		1953
	Preliminary 2/	Revised 1/	Preliminary 1/
- tons -			
Newfoundland .....	1,124	1,407	869
Prince Edward Island .....	2,422	2,750	1,413
Nova Scotia .....	10,921	12,858	9,389
New Brunswick .....	10,880	12,421	8,228
Quebec .....	78,552	89,735	58,475
Ontario .....	41,181	49,911	32,026
British Columbia .....	8,032	16,518	11,795
Totals .....	153,112	185,600	122,195

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

2/ Based on claims filed up to December 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 <u>1/</u>	Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Milling in Bond <u>2/</u>	Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour <u>3/</u>	Total	Customs <u>4/</u> Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1951-52</u>					
August .....	16,921	2,240	2,581	21,742	27,182
September .....	16,726	2,376	3,151	22,253	22,161
October .....	23,764	3,830	3,851	31,445	24,212
November .....	29,830	5,687	4,033	39,550	34,671
December .....	12,075	4,701	3,683	20,459	37,347
January .....	14,382	1,620	3,407	19,409	18,523
February .....	16,010	2,574	4,180	22,764	18,472
March .....	15,876	1,215	5,354	22,445	21,904
April .....	16,657	3,342	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
<u>1952-53</u>					
August .....	26,089	2,559	4,031	32,679	38,946
September .....	21,208	3,312	4,891	29,411	27,326
October .....	24,106	2,950	5,474	32,530	35,611
November .....	34,339	3,677	5,647	43,663	36,052
December .....	21,777	2,883	5,146	29,806	44,468
January .....	17,518	1,206	3,443	22,167	23,562
February .....	13,135	847	3,603	17,585	18,220
March .....	11,220	915	4,724	16,858	15,466
April .....	19,019	1,341	4,508	24,867	20,061
May .....	40,179	1,476	6,247	47,902	35,963
June .....	37,390	1,617	4,880	43,887	51,752
July .....	40,149	115	3,906	44,170	41,498
Totals .....	306,129	22,897	56,501	385,527	388,926
<u>1953-54 <u>5/</u></u>					
August .....	24,152	569	3,724	28,445	34,113
September .....	20,672	198	3,365	24,235	22,736
October .....	22,072	258	3,371	25,701	29,731
November .....	18,815	1,549	4,052	24,417	23,696
December .....	12,857	795	4,103	17,755	23,423
Totals .....	98,569	3,369	18,615	120,553	133,698

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 1951-52 and 1952-53 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, 1953-54

Destination	September	December		August—December	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
			- bushels -		
<b>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</b>					
United Kingdom .....	975,227	1,439,789	3,182,168	5,695,362	32,497,695
<b>Africa</b>					
Gambia .....	2,763	459	-	10,197	-
Gold Coast .....	47,754	118,476	-	466,839	-
Nigeria .....	23,584	45,828	-	238,586	-
Sierra Leone .....	8,397	7,114	-	48,622	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	-	-	2,206,400
<b>Asia</b>					
Hong Kong .....	152,784	76,918	-	543,033	-
India .....	-	-	-	-	4,272,138
Malaya and Singapore .....	49,234	18,491	-	165,285	-
<b>Europe</b>					
Gibraltar .....	12,861	12,848	-	62,442	-
Malta .....	-	-	-	-	748,533
<b>North America</b>					
Bahamas .....	18,635	30,802	-	114,421	-
Barbados .....	25,092	41,103	-	195,534	833
Bermuda .....	6,228	7,056	-	45,342	-
British Honduras .....	2,871	5,247	-	26,568	-
Jamaica .....	183,631	343,854	-	995,611	1,490
Leeward and Windward Islands....	57,186	87,223	-	376,861	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	144,612	213,894	-	684,536	-
<b>South America</b>					
British Guiana .....	117,828	54,918	-	493,079	-
<b>Totals, Commonwealth Countries</b>	<b>1,828,687</b>	<b>2,504,020</b>	<b>3,182,168</b>	<b>10,162,318</b>	<b>39,727,089</b>
<b>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</b>					
<b>Africa</b>					
Azores and Madeira .....	1,962	-	-	21,672	-
Belgian Congo .....	62,820	47,457	-	351,725	-
Canary Islands .....	-	-	-	918	-
Egypt .....	-	-	-	4,599	-
French Africa .....	-	1,026	-	4,401	-
Liberia .....	554	891	-	3,474	-
Libya .....	-	-	-	-	205,333
Morocco .....	71,325	41,845	-	249,273	-
Portuguese Africa .....	-	4,473	-	10,606	113,493
Spanish Africa .....	8,842	-	-	8,842	-
<b>Asia</b>					
Arabia .....	6,003	11,142	-	94,819	-
Indonesia .....	-	2,250	-	42,656	-
Israel .....	-	1,516	740,133	3,060	2,238,531
Japan .....	127,904	72,572	4,250,282	573,350	20,114,529
Korea .....	411,768	-	-	953,046	-
Lebanon .....	7,596	20,502	-	64,449	-
Philippine Islands .....	435,330	397,521	-	2,134,926	-
Portuguese Asia .....	-	2,295	-	11,237	-
Syria .....	-	-	-	81	-
Thailand .....	36,554	9,342	-	135,513	-
<b>Europe</b>					
Austria .....	-	-	-	-	350,000
Belgium .....	-	-	1,235,753	-	7,036,351

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1953-54

Destination	September	December		August—December	
	Wheat Flour 1 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Europe</u>					
Denmark .....	-	-	-	1,125	878,700
France .....	504	-	640,539	504	709,334
Germany, Federal Republic of .	51,354	50,918	651,466	209,583	8,874,874
Greece .....	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland .....	44,923	12,753	-	85,918	-
Ireland .....	-	-	218,400	-	1,801,221
Italy .....	45,513	24,394	18,667	145,440	298,012
Netherlands .....	-	-	1,031,221	16,047	3,447,217
Norway .....	-	-	112,000	-	821,334
Portugal .....	3,326	13,896	242,667	26,802	242,667
Spain .....	-	-	-	-	3,424,966
Switzerland .....	-	-	382,667	-	4,346,317
Yugoslavia .....	3,335	1,606	-	12,861	-
<u>North America</u>					
Alaska .....	-	-	-	4	-
Costa Rica .....	34,740	31,262	-	152,114	6,667
Cuba .....	8,721	104,152	-	263,736	683,533
Dominican Republic .....	35,019	37,899	-	171,252	-
El Salvador .....	13,086	33,696	-	134,672	-
French West Indies .....	342	230	-	2,489	-
Guatemala .....	55,188	32,715	-	231,993	-
Haiti .....	35,230	123,701	-	302,283	-
Honduras .....	5,162	-	-	10,098	-
Mexico .....	-	-	-	459	-
Netherlands Antilles .....	17,721	26,788	-	85,860	-
Nicaragua .....	26,892	29,808	-	122,103	-
Panama .....	20,097	18,072	-	131,575	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	-	3,704	-	9,306	-
<u>United States</u>					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	5,472	2,525	-	23,873	-
For milling in bond 4/ .....	-	-	247,717	-	1,402,244
For domestic use 4/ .....	-	-	547,141	-	1,967,191
Virgin Islands .....	2,295	-	-	4,590	-
<u>South America</u>					
Bolivia .....	1,638	3,443	-	11,637	846,120
Brazil .....	-	-	-	1,377	-
Colombia .....	56,902	46,822	60,815	282,141	560,376
Ecuador .....	459	3,407	55,290	27,045	695,018
Peru .....	688	5,733	34,907	14,449	1,141,751
Surinam .....	18,814	15,399	-	74,884	-
Venezuela .....	182,925	362,992	-	1,227,816	5,480
Totals, Foreign Countries .	1,841,004	1,598,747	10,469,665	8,452,683	62,211,259
Totals, All Countries .....	3,669,691	4,102,767	13,651,833	18,615,001	101,938,348

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. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>				
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 .....	112	112	112	112
6 Wheat .....	106	106	106	106
Feed Wheat .....	100	100	100	100
1 C.W. Garnet .....	134	134	134	134
2 C.W. Garnet .....	131	131	131	131
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	137	137	137	137
2 Alberta Winter .....	134	134	134	134
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	150	150	150	150
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	147	147	147	147
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	140	140	140	140
<u>International Wheat Agreement</u>				
<u>and Domestic Sales</u>				
1 Northern .....	188/5	188/5	188/5	188/3
2 Northern .....	184/5	184/5	184/5	184/3
3 Northern .....	180/5	180/5	180/5	180/3
4 Northern .....	175/5	175/5	175/5	175/3
5 Wheat .....	165	165	165	165
6 Wheat .....	163	163	163	163
Feed Wheat .....	161	159/3	159	159
1 C.W. Garnet .....	183/5	183/5	183/5	183/3
2 C.W. Garnet .....	179/5	179/5	179/5	179/3
3 C.W. Garnet .....	174/5	174/5	174/5	174/3
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	185/5	188/5	188/5	188/3
2 Alberta Winter .....	184/5	184/5	184/5	184/3
3 Alberta Winter .....	180/5	180/5	180/5	180/3
1 C.W. Amber Durum <u>1/</u> .....	199/5	199/5	199/5	199/3
2 C.W. Amber Durum <u>1/</u> .....	197/5	197/5	197/5	197/3
3 C.W. Amber Durum <u>1/</u> .....	196/5	196/5	196/5	196/3
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Northern .....	188/5	188/5	188/5	188/3
2 Northern .....	184/5	184/5	184/5	184/3
3 Northern .....	180/5	180/5	180/5	180/3
4 Northern .....	175/5	175/5	175/5	175/3
5 Wheat .....	165	165	165	165
6 Wheat .....	163	163	163	163
Feed Wheat .....	161	159/3	159	159
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	295	295	295	295
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	293	293	293	293
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	292	292	292	292

1/ Domestic Durums 10 cents higher.



Licensed Storage Capacity of Canadian Grain Elevators  
as at December 1, 1953

Province	Kind of Licence	Elevators, including Permanent and Temporary Annexes	Special Annexes	Totals
<u>WESTERN DIVISION</u>				- bushels -
Manitoba	Public Country .....	42,781,300	220,000	43,001,300
	Private Country .....	88,000	-	88,000
	Mill .....	1,775,000	-	1,775,000
	Private Terminal .....	3,145,500	-	3,145,500
	Semi-Public Terminal..	3,500,000	-	3,500,000
	Totals .....	51,289,800	220,000	51,509,800
Saskatchewan	Public Country .....	165,347,700	2,509,738	167,857,438
	Private Country .....	29,000	-	29,000
	Mill .....	4,976,500	-	4,976,500
	Public Terminal .....	11,000,000	-	11,000,000
	Totals .....	181,353,200	2,509,738	183,862,938
Alberta	Public Country .....	108,459,350	682,000	109,141,350
	Private Country .....	232,500	-	232,500
	Mill .....	3,994,000	-	3,994,000
	Private Terminal .....	1,640,000	-	1,640,000
	Public Terminal .....	6,100,000	-	6,100,000
	Totals .....	120,425,850	682,000	121,107,850
British Columbia	Public Country .....	1,571,000	-	1,571,000
	Mill .....	1,270,110	-	1,270,110
	Public Terminal .....	1,250,000	-	1,250,000
	Semi-Public Terminal .	20,506,500	-	20,506,500
	Totals .....	24,597,610	-	24,597,610
Ontario	Public Country .....	65,000	1,000,000	1,065,000
	Mill .....	1,480,000	-	1,480,000
	Private Terminal .....	2,435,000	-	2,435,000
	Semi-Public Terminal .	90,517,210	-	90,517,210
	Totals .....	94,497,210	1,000,000	95,497,210
Totals	Western Division .....	472,163,670	4,411,738	476,575,408
<u>EASTERN DIVISION</u>				
Ontario	.....	54,741,000	-	54,741,000
Quebec	.....	24,912,000	-	24,912,000
New Brunswick	.....	3,076,800	-	3,076,800
Nova Scotia	.....	2,200,000	-	2,200,000
Totals	Eastern Division .....	84,929,800	-	84,929,800
Totals, Licensed Storage .....		557,093,470	4,411,738	561,505,208

Source: Licence and Bonding Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.



Summary of Grain Storage Capacity as at December 1, 1953

Type of Storage	Location	Capacity
		- bushels -
Licensed Storage*	- Western Division ....	472,163,670
	Eastern Division ....	84,929,800
		557,093,470
Special Annexes	- Western Division ....	4,411,738
		4,411,738
Unlicensed Storage*	- Manitoba .....	200,000
	Saskatchewan .....	625,000
	Alberta .....	446,000
	Ontario .....	1,670,000
		2,941,000
Total Storage Capacity, Licensed and Unlicensed, Permanent, Temporary and Special Annexes .....		564,446,208

\*Including permanent and temporary annexes.

Note: For a historical series on the capacity of Canadian grain elevators at December 1, 1900—1949 see page 15 of the January 1950 issue of this publication.

Source: Licence and Bonding Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

Total licensed grain storage capacity at December 1, 1953, according to records of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, amounted to 561.5 million bushels. Some 557.1 million bushels of this total consisted of storage space in elevators, including permanent and temporary annexes, with the balance of 4.4 million bushels, located in special annexes. The latter are buildings located either on or off railway sites and suitable for the emergency storing of grain. Although they cannot qualify for licensing as country elevators under the Canada Grain Act, Order in Council P.C. 5122, dated September 26, 1951, provides for the licensing of such buildings on a temporary basis for emergency grain storage.

Unlicensed storage capacity at December 1, 1953, amounted to 2.9 million bushels, making a combined total of 564.4 million bushels of licensed and unlicensed storage, as against a combined total of 542.6 million bushels at December 1, 1952

On a regional basis, licensed storage capacity for some 476.6 million bushels representing 85 per cent of the licensed total, was located in the Western Division. Total licensed storage capacity of elevators in the Prairie Provinces at December 1, 1953, in millions of bushels, were as follows, (comparable figures for December 1, 1952, in brackets): Saskatchewan, 183.9 (175.1); Alberta 121.1 (117.6); and Manitoba 51.5 (48.7). On the basis of type of licence, public country elevators accounted for storage capacity of 322.6 million bushels or 68 per cent of the total licensed storage capacity in the Western Division at December 1, 1953.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production The offtake of wheat flour reported by Canadian mills for December, 1953 amounted to 1,815,000 barrels, slightly below both the 1,867,000 barrels produced in November, 1953, and the December 1952 output of 1,832,000 barrels. The ten-year (1944-1953) average flour production for December was 1,932,000 barrels. Mills reporting operations during December, 1953 had a total rated capacity of 96,094 barrels, and on the basis of a 26-day working period 72.7 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during the month amounted to 8.0 million bushels, down fractionally from the 8.1 million bushels milled during the same month last year. Of the wheat milled for flour during December, 1953 some 7.2 million was Western Canadian Spring Wheat (other than Durum). Most of the balance consisted of Ontario Winter Wheat (603,000 bushels) and Durum Wheat (118,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during December, 1953 amounted to 911,726 barrels (4,103,000 bushels of wheat equivalent). Flour shipments during the month went to 52 countries and colonies, with the United Kingdom taking the largest amount, some 1.4 million bushels of wheat equivalent, representing 35 per cent of the total. Other countries receiving shipments during December in excess of one hundred thousand bushels, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Philippine Islands (398); Venezuela (363); Jamaica (344); Trinidad and Tobago (214); Haiti (124); Gold Coast (118); and Cuba (104).

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 .....	106,785,642 <u>2/</u>	23,871,020 <u>2/</u>	12,555,714
1953-54 <u>2/</u>			
August .....	6,345,959	1,423,693	827,588
September .....	7,692,345	1,742,629	747,741
October .....	8,420,739	1,909,488	749,098
November .....	8,216,541	1,866,563	900,514
December .....	8,018,819	1,815,315	911,726
Totals .....	38,694,403	8,757,688	4,136,667
Same period 1952-53 (revised) ...	46,710,908	10,382,524	5,597,614

1/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46-1952-53 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

2/ Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total domestic wheat supplies in the United States for 1953-54, currently estimated at 1,730.8 million bushels, are 183.7 million greater than in 1952-53. Imports of wheat from Canada for all purposes during the first half of the 1953-54 crop year amounted to 2.1 million bushels as against 15.5 million during the July-December period of 1952-53. With anticipated domestic requirements only slightly increased over those of the preceding crop year, some 1,032.9 million bushels are available for export and for carryover during 1953-54 compared with 870.6 million available during 1952-53.

Exports of wheat as grain during the July-December period of 1953-54 amounted to 94.1 million bushels, considerably below the 133.2 million exported during the same period of 1952-53. Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat equivalent during the first six months of the current crop year totalled 15.6 million bushels, compared with 21.4 million bushels exported during the comparable period of the preceding crop year. Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products amounted to 109.7 million bushels as against the comparable total of 154.7 million a year ago. The balance remaining on January 1 for export and for carryover was estimated at 923.2 million bushels, some 29 per cent greater than the total available at the same date in 1953.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53	1953-54 1/
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	255.7	562.3
New crop .....	1,291.4	1,168.5
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	1,547.1	1,730.8
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July-December ...	15.5	2.1
Total estimated supplies 2/ .....	1,562.6	1,732.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year 3/	692.0	700.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	870.6	1,032.9
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-December .....	133.2	94.1
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of		
wheat, July-December .....	21.4	15.6
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products	154.7	109.7
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover ...	715.9	923.2

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Excluding imports for January-June period.

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



January 1, 1954 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board,  
Wheat Stocks United States Department of Agriculture "Stocks of 1,332 million  
Set Record bushels of wheat stored in all positions on January 1, 1954 are  
the largest for that date in the comparable series beginning in  
1935. This total is 16 per cent larger than the previous record holdings of  
January 1, 1943 and 20 per cent larger than the January 1, 1953 stocks. Current  
stocks are below the October 1, 1953 stocks by 209 million bushels, or 14 per cent.  
In bushels, this is the second smallest decline for the October-December quarter  
in 12 years, while the per cent decline is the smallest of record.

Off-farm wheat stocks of 908 million bushels are the largest of  
record for January 1, while the farm stocks of 424 million bushels are the third  
largest of record. Compared with a year earlier, the off-farm stocks are 29 per  
cent larger and the farm total is 6 per cent larger.

The record large off-farm total includes 334 million bushels at  
terminals and 423 million bushels in interior mills, elevators and warehouses;  
each is the largest of record for the date in that position. Wheat held in  
merchant mills on January 1, 1954 totalled 123 million bushels, 4 per cent below  
stocks a year earlier, but about one-tenth above average for the date. The  
Commodity Credit Corporation on January 1, 1954 had 27.6 million bushels of wheat  
stored in bins under CCC control and in transit to ports. This is about 2 million  
bushels larger than the quantity thus held on October 1, 1953 and the largest for  
January 1 since 1944. Other Government-owned wheat is included in the estimates  
by positions."

U. S. Wheat Stocks by Positions, January 1, 1954 with Comparisons

Position	January 1 1952	January 1 1953	October 1 1953	January 1 1954
- thousand bushels -				
On farms <u>1/</u> .....	334,518	401,110	563,569	424,057
Terminals <u>2/</u> .....	199,947	259,257	359,213	333,815
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3/</u> .....	2,538	4,655	25,669	27,624
Merchant mills <u>1/ 5/</u> .....	113,567	128,199	134,477	123,467
Int. mills, elev. and whses. <u>1/ 4/</u> .	202,001	312,694	458,641	423,396
Totals .....	852,571	1,105,915	1,541,569	1,332,359

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Commercial stocks reported by the Grain Division, AMS, at 44 terminal markets.

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

4/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated.

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



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
January 1, 1954 .....	New Year's Day	January 1, 1954 .....	New Year's Day
4 .....	230 1/4 - 242	4 .....	237 1/8
5 .....	232 3/4 - 248 1/4	5 .....	239 5/8
6 .....	239 - 252 3/4	6 .....	240 1/8
7 .....	235 1/2 - 240 1/4	7 .....	238 3/4
8 .....	233 - 243	8 .....	237 1/2
11 .....	233 - 249 1/2	11 .....	235 1/8
12 .....	232 - 244	12 .....	235 5/8
13 .....	231 3/4 - 239	13 .....	236 3/4
14 .....	234 1/4 - 240	14 .....	237 3/8
15 .....	233 1/4 - 239 1/4	15 .....	236 1/4
18 .....	227 - 248 1/4	18 .....	237 1/2
19 .....	234 1/2 - 241 1/4	19 .....	238 1/4
20 .....	234 3/4 - 241	20 .....	238 3/8
21 .....	241	21 .....	238 3/4
22 .....	235 1/2 - 242	22 .....	238 7/8
25 .....	236 - 237	25 .....	237 3/4
26 .....	233 1/4 - 242 1/4	26 .....	242 1/4 - 245 1/4

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
January 1, 1954 .....			New Year's Day		
4 .....	205/1	205/6	199/1	201/2	
5 .....	208/1	208/4	201/2	203/4	
6 .....	209/2	209/1	200/3	202/2	
7 .....	209	208/6	200/4	202/6	
8 .....	209	208/6	200/1	202/1	
11 .....	210	209/7	201	203	
12 .....	209/1	209	200/2	202/4	
13 .....	209/1	209/2	200/4	202/6	
14 .....	210	209/6	200/6	203	
15 .....	210/6	210/2	200/6	202/6	
18 .....	212/7	211/5	201/6	203/6	
19 .....	214/2	213/2	203/7	205/7	209
20 .....	212/7	212/1	203/4	205/5	209
21 .....	213/1	212/2	204/1	206/2	209/5
22 .....	214/4	213/5	205/6	207/7	211/4
25 .....	214	213/1	205/7	208/1	212/1
26 .....	213/6	213	206/1	208/2	212
27 .....	214	213/4	207/3	209/3	213
28 .....	213	212/6	206/5	208/6	212/1

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Total available supplies of wheat for the 1953-54 crop year are currently estimated at 302.4 million bushels, consisting of a carryover of 72.8 million bushels and the new crop placed at 229.6 million bushels. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements of 128.6 million bushels, some 173.8 million remain available for export and for carryover. Exports during December 1953, amounted to 10.6 million bushels, in contrast to only 0.2 million exported during the same month in 1952, leaving a balance at January 1, 1954, of 163.2 million bushels for export and for carryover at the end of the crop year.

It should be emphasized that estimates of carryover, production and domestic requirements in the accompanying table for the current crop year are subject to revision as additional information becomes available.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53	1953-54 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	1.8	72.8
New crop .....	277.9	229.6
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	279.7	302.4
Imports of wheat for domestic use .....	-	-
Total estimated supplies .....	279.7	302.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	124.9	128.6
Available for export and for carryover .....	154.8	173.8 <u>2/</u>
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December .....	0.2	10.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December ..	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	0.2	10.6
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover ....	154.6	163.2

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Includes 400,000 metric tons (14.7 million bushels) of wheat stored to constitute a reserve.

3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops Continuing regular rains in most areas of the grain zone through the past four weeks, especially in December, have given a further boost to the growing corn crop and have from a moisture standpoint assured a good yield in most areas. Warm weather and some further rain could give an outstanding crop. These rains hindered harvesting and were the cause of considerable damp and tough grain especially in the northern zones. At the same time, however, they were a real boon to the pastures which are now regarded as good to excellent throughout almost the entire country.

Results of harvesting of wheat, oats and barley, now approaching completion, are much superior to those expected a few months or even a few weeks ago. Although flaxseed harvesting is not so far advanced yields in the northern, more important, zone have been unsatisfactory at 450 to 500 kilos per hectare (7 to 8 bushels per acre). The condition of the sunflower crop is considered to be good.

1953-54 Wheat Crop Harvesting of this crop has been almost completed and reports to date indicate general high quality grain with specific weights ranging from 78 to 86 kilos per hectolitre (62 to 69 pounds per bushel) and probably averaging 81 to 82 (65 to 66 pounds per bushel). Rains during harvesting in the northern zone reduced yields in some areas and were responsible for some tough and damp grain but ample quantities of high grade grain exist to meet all commitments if they can be delivered to port and loaded. Shortage of dock labour and rail facilities has been causing troublesome delays for several months.

A very recent tour through important sections of the southern wheat crescent produced the following observations. 1. Due to excellent warm weather with sufficient rain during November and early December the crops in the area progressed very rapidly and in most sections overcame the handicap of the late spring. 2. Harvesting was, therefore, almost completed except in the western section of the area covered and yields were surprisingly high. 3. Although there was some disagreement as to the actual size of the crops everyone questioned admitted that they would be much better than had been expected and many compared them with last year's bumper production. 4. As far as could be ascertained damage from green bug, frost and drought was localized in the first case and not as serious as anticipated in the latter two.

These observations plus confirmation that yields in the northern and central zones were noticeably higher than were expected, even immediately prior to harvesting, have led me to increase my private estimate of wheat production from approximately 6 (220.5) to approximately 6.25 million metric tons (229.6 million bushels).

Wheat Sales Sales of wheat in December totalled 225,100 tons (8,271,000 bushels) of which 174,500 tons (6,412,000 bushels) comprised sales to Western Germany. Sales to that country in the second half of December aggregated 94,500 tons (3,472,000 bushels) at 32.00 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.74 per bushel) f.o.b. On January 5 the sale of 80,145 tons (2,945,000 bushels) of wheat to Japan was effected at 41.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$2.26 per bushel) f.o.b. This is the same price at which 124,500 tons (4,575,000 bushels) were sold to that country last August, although I.A.P.I. announced at the time that the sale had been made at a higher price. A small sale was made for U.S. dollars at the beginning of January at 30.70 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.67 per bushel) and 10,150 tons (373,000 bushels) at 31.75 pesos for Belgian and Swiss francs and florins and 32.00 pesos for Danish Crowns. A part of the latter sale was for U.S. dollars at 30.75 pesos (\$1.67 per bushel).



December Grain Shipments

Grain shipments in December totalled 655,730 metric tons made up as follows:

Wheat: 288,040 metric tons (10,584,000 bushels) of which 134,256 tons (4,933,000 bushels) were destined for Brazil, 33,385 tons (1,227,000 bushels) for Peru and 28,933 tons (1,063,000 bushels) for Germany. Japan received 19,654 tons (722,000 bushels), Chile 17,136 tons (630,000 bushels) and the United Kingdom 15,598 tons (573,000 bushels) during the month. The Netherlands, Belgium and Paraguay accounted for 9,753 tons (358,000 bushels), 8,034 tons (295,000 bushels) and 7,981 tons (293,000 bushels) in that order. Switzerland and Denmark were the destinations of 6,310 tons (232,000 bushels) and 5,500 tons (202,000 bushels), respectively, and Austria received 1,500 tons (55,000 bushels) of wheat in December.

Corn: 149,751 tons (5,895,000 bushels) showing an improvement over the previous month and the highest since August. The total included 5,000 tons (197,000 bushels) to Spain, the first shipment of corn (or of any other grain except for 3,906 tons (154,000 bushels) of flax) to that country from Argentina since 1950. Germany received 56,298 tons (2,216,000 bushels) of corn in December followed by the Netherlands with 25,789 tons (1,015,000 bushels), France, the United Kingdom and Switzerland followed with 18,450 tons (726,000 bushels), 10,380 tons (409,000 bushels) and 10,052 tons (396,000 bushels), respectively. Belgium and Italy accounted for 9,612 tons (378,000 bushels) and 7,200 tons (283,000 bushels), respectively, and the balance was shipped to Norway, Sweden, Austria and Africa.

Oats: 49,610 tons (3,217,000 bushels) the United States receiving 10,327 tons (670,000 bushels) and the Netherlands 19,962 tons (1,294,000 bushels). Switzerland, Italy and Denmark followed with 6,419 tons (416,000 bushels), 5,702 tons (370,000 bushels) and 4,000 tons (259,000 bushels), respectively, and Belgium accounted for 3,200 tons (207,000 bushels).

Rye and Barley: 86,493 tons (3,405,000 bushels) and 81,836 tons (3,759,000 bushels), respectively, the principal customer for rye being Italy with 30,764 tons (1,211,000 bushels) and the United Kingdom received 30,199 tons (1,387,000 bushels) of barley.

Calendar-Year Grain Shipments Exports of wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye and flax reached the impressive total of 4,673,802 tons in 1953. This amount has not been exceeded in any year since 1948 when 5,553,403 tons were shipped. Furthermore, it exceeded total shipments of these commodities for the years 1951 and 1952 combined. While each item except flax showed a great improvement over the previous year, rye exports at 316,275 tons set an all-time record.

Brazil was the chief customer for Argentine grain in 1953 receiving 1,225,341 tons, of which wheat comprised 1,168,266 tons (42,926,000 bushels). The United Kingdom occupied second place with 896,605 tons comprised of corn 407,049 tons (16,025,000 bushels), barley 260,066 tons (11,945,000 bushels) and wheat 229,490 tons (8,432,000 bushels). Italy and the Netherlands followed with 579,103 tons and 452,305 tons, respectively, the former receiving 312,934 tons (11,498,000 bushels) of wheat, 121,775 tons (4,794,000 bushels) of rye and 104,569 tons (4,117,000 bushels) of corn and the Netherlands 130,768 tons (5,148,000 bushels) of corn and 114,664 tons (5,266,000 bushels) of barley. Belgium accounted for 307,792 tons of the year's total, of which 110,232 tons (4,340,000 bushels) were shipments of corn and India received 243,326 tons (8,941,000 bushels) of wheat from Argentina.

The following table shows shipments of all grains in the twelve months of 1953 with comparative data for recent years.

Argentine Grain Shipments, January—December, 1953

Destination	Wheat	Corn	Flax	Oats	Rye	Barley
- thousand bushels -						
Austria .....	55	962	-	58	-	36
Barbados .....	-	4	-	-	-	-
Belgium .....	1,527	4,340	-	1,558	2,419	3,240
Bolivia .....	367	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil .....	42,926	1,951	-	267	-	156
Chile .....	3,251	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark .....	220	136	-	259	661	-
Finland .....	-	-	-	-	-	338
France .....	-	3,443	390	-	256	-
Germany .....	1,935	3,173	-	45	6	-
Hungary .....	-	-	-	-	-	184
India .....	8,941	-	-	-	-	-
Israel .....	-	-	-	81	-	253
Italy .....	11,498	4,117	-	1,366	4,794	861
Japan .....	2,903	-	-	-	-	-
Korea .....	-	-	-	-	-	1,259
Malta .....	370	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands .....	2,236	5,148	-	5,009	2,707	5,266
Norway .....	-	118	-	-	1,142	-
Paraguay .....	1,616	-	-	-	-	-
Peru .....	3,620	-	-	-	-	-
Spain .....	-	197	-	-	-	-
South Africa .....	641	25	-	-	-	-
Sweden .....	-	1,762	-	-	159	335
Switzerland .....	1,774	1,072	-	2,820	307	920
United Kingdom .....	8,432	16,025	-	-	-	11,945
United States .....	-	-	-	2,160	-	-
Uruguay .....	-	-	-	130	-	-
Yugoslavia .....	-	-	-	-	-	207
Totals .....	92,314	42,471	390	13,754	12,451	24,999
Same period:						
1952 .....	2,484	25,337	1,024	2,840	4,453	5,594
1951 .....	90,051	11,779	7,185	6,873	7,657	6,788
1950 .....	100,942	31,353	5,161	25,943	6,775	4,281
1949 .....	67,491	42,572	-	12,443	7,720	9,108
1948 .....	78,764	99,239	-	5,285	5,574	30,584

# AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1953-54 crop year, consisting of a carryover of 37.7 million bushels and the new crop, currently forecast at 183.0 million, amounted to 220.7 million bushels, an increase of about 4 per cent over the 212.1 million on hand at December 1, 1952. Assuming domestic requirements of some 75.0 million bushels, the quantity available for export and for carryover during the current crop year will be 145.7 million bushels compared with the 1952-53 total of 138.5 million bushels.

It should be emphasized that estimates of carryover, production and domestic requirements in the accompanying table for the current crop year are subject to revision as additional information becomes available.

Exports of wheat as grain in the period December 1 to January 2 amounted to 1.9 million bushels as against 2.9 million during the comparable period of 1952-53. Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat at 2.5 million bushels were also lower than the 3.1 million for the corresponding period of the preceding crop year. Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat amounted to 4.5 million bushels some 1.5 million below the 1952-53 level for the period under review. Subject to the qualifications noted above, the balance remaining on January 3, 1954 for export and for carryover was estimated at 141.2 million bushels, as compared with the 132.5 million on hand at the same date in 1953.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1952-53 1/	1953-54 2/
- million bushels -		
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	16.9 3/	37.7
New crop .....	195.2	183.0
Total estimated supplies .....	212.1	220.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	73.6 3/	75.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	138.5	145.7
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 to January 2 .	2.9	1.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 to January 2 .....	3.1	2.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	6.0	4.5
Balance on January 3 for export and for carryover .	132.5	141.2

1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised.

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Controversy re  
Wheat Surplus

The Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board's statement that wheat growers would be well advised to become more dependent on stock in the next year or two until world demand for wheat overtook supply, caused an outcry from all sections of the community and denunciations from religious leaders regarding the need, on moral grounds to produce as much as possible to feed a starving world.

The Chairman advised growers that three courses could be adopted with advantage - (1) place greater dependence upon animal husbandry for a year or two until demand overtakes supply; (2) longer rotation with clovers and legumes building up soil fertility and the protein content of wheat, thereby improving the loaf; (3) commencement of a depot building program by elevator authorities in every State so that the stream of wheat flowing from country silos will be maintained.

The controversy raged so fiercely that it called forth a statement from the Prime Minister that the Commonwealth Government was not a party to restriction of wheat acreages in Australia, and that it believes they should be increased, not decreased. The Prime Minister said that the world wheat situation has been made to appear weaker than the facts justify.

Wheat Board  
Seeking Overseas  
Market for Wheat

Mr. C. J. Perrett, General Manager of the Australian Wheat Board has just left Australia on a mission to Singapore, Malaya, Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines in an attempt to find markets for surplus wheat. Later on, a member of the Wheat Board and the Assistant General Manager will leave Australia on a similar mission to Africa. They will make a five weeks' tour of Mauritius, Johannesburg, Lorenzo Marques, Capetown, Beira, Salisbury, Bulawayo, Nairobi, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Singapore and Djakarta.

FRENCH SITUATION

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report provided by Miss V. F. Wightman, Office of the Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Paris, under date of January 20, and is reproduced with the kind permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Wherever possible, conversions from French to Canadian measures have been made and rounded for the convenience of our readers.

Weather Conditions The weather over the past two months has been unseasonably mild; temperatures have been well above normal and rainfall very light; with cattle remaining out on pasture, milk production has been maintained at the November level. Field work has been aided by these favourable circumstances but adequate rain is needed by early spring.

Crop Acreages As a result of this unusually mild winter, sowings to grain crops by January 1st reached 5,723,000 hectares (14.1 million acres) which is 13 per cent above the same date last year and 7 per cent above the average for 1948-1952. The most marked advance is in wheat, the acreage for which is now estimated at 4,283,000 hectares (10.6 million acres) of which 230,000 (568,000 acres) were sown in December. In some twenty of the more important wheat producing departments, sowings to winter wheat now exceed the total of both winter and spring sown over the past five years. While spring sowings will obviously be lower than normal, the total area to wheat in 1954 will be well above previous years.

Sowings to barley are likewise well above normal. There is also a small increase for oats whereas the area to rye is slightly reduced. The latest estimates are as follows:

Grain Acreage Estimates

Grain	Average January 1 1948-52	January 1, 1953	January 1, 1954
- thousand acres -			
Wheat .....	9,848	9,090	10,580
Rye .....	1,197	1,030	1,029
Barley .....	588	806	917
Oats .....	1,429	1,455	1,475
Mixed Grains .....	92	85	81

Grain crops have shown unusually good development as a result of the high temperatures. Growth is well advanced and vegetation very dense. In a few areas, however, there has been some yellowing due to lack of water, and the rapid depletion of nitrogen fertilizers.

December Exports of (Continued from page 5) during the preceding month  
Wheat and Flour were also 4.1 million bushels, while the adjusted  
Slightly Below the December 1952 total stands at 5.1 million bushels.  
Ten-year December Average Total exports of wheat flour for the August—December  
period of the current crop year amounted to 18.6  
million bushels, compared with the adjusted figure of 25.2 million for the same  
five months of the preceding crop year.

Exports of both wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent from August 1 to December 31, 1953 amounted to 120.6 million bushels as against 168.1 million for the comparable period of 1952. The balance available at January 1, 1954 for export and for carryover during the current crop year, at 696.1 million bushels exceeded by 115.9 million bushels the January 1, 1953 total of 580.2 million bushels.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- January 7 According to the Monthly Agricultural Report issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on crop conditions as of January 1, 1954 the wheat crop in Great Britain has germinated well and is progressing favourably; some damage by pests is reported from several localities.
- 7 The Canadian Wheat Board announced arrangements which may be utilized by producers in acquiring registered or certified seed wheat, oats or barley. For details see page 6 of this publication.



CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- January 11 According to a report issued by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, stocks of wheat on farms in the United States at January 1, 1954 were estimated at 424 million bushels, the third largest for that date, exceeded only in 1943 and 1948. Current stocks are 6 per cent larger than the 401 million bushels on farms a year earlier and 12 per cent larger than the 1943-1952 average of 378 million bushels.
- 12 Wheat flour production during November 1953, in the United States was estimated by the Bureau of the Census at 17,944,000 sacks, an average of 897,000 sacks per working day, compared with working-day averages of 944,000 sacks during October 1953, and 983,000 in November 1952.
- 18 An official estimate at the end of the year has increased the anticipated wheat crop in the Union of South Africa by 670,000 bushels, to 19.3 million bushels. For purposes of comparison, the December estimate in 1952 forecast a crop of 20.3 million bushels which on harvesting proved to be 19.7 million.
- 18 A report from Mr. R. W. Blake, Commercial Secretary for Canada in Australia states that Mr. C.J. Perrett, General Manager of the Australian Wheat Board has just left Australia on a mission to Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines in an attempt to establish markets for surplus wheat.
- 20 A revised official estimate of this year's wheat crop in Italy shows an increase from 321.6 million bushels to 324.0 million. This is considerably larger than last year's crop of 288.8 million bushels. The increase is accounted for by the larger use of types of plants suited to the soil environment. The largest increases in wheat production were in Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Italy.
- 21 The Commodity Stabilization Service, United States Department of Agriculture reported that cumulative sales of Commodity Credit Corporation wheat for export as wheat or wheat flour under the wheat export program announced November 19, totalled 1,294,365 bushels (485,963 bushels as wheat and 808,408 bushels as flour). Under the wheat export program CCC-owned wheat is offered for sale for export as wheat or wheat flour on the basis of allowances announced each market day. Wheat or flour exported under this program is not eligible for registry or export payment under the International Wheat Agreement.
- 22 According to a report issued by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, wheat stocks in all positions in the United States at January 1, 1954 were estimated at 1,332.4 million bushels, the largest for that date in the comparable series beginning in 1935. This total is some 16 per cent greater than the previous record holdings of January 1, 1943. Current stocks are below the October 1, 1953 stocks by 14 per cent.









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