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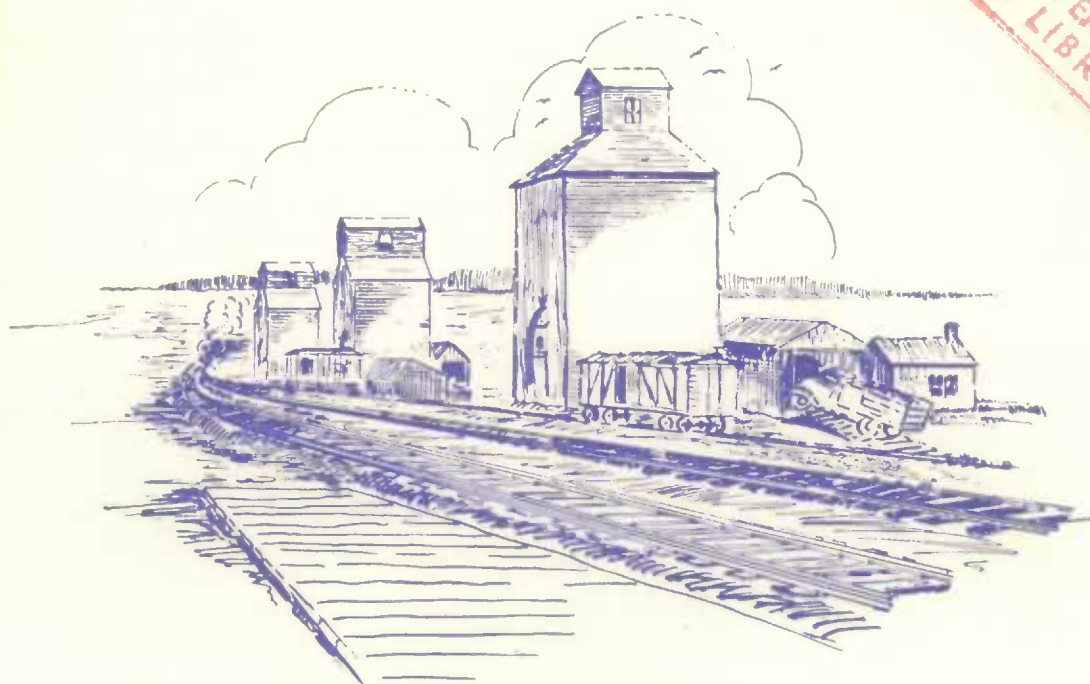
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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about October 1, 1955 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,240.9 million bushels, some 5 per cent greater than the 2,125.2 million a year ago. Supplies at October 1, 1955, (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 1,244.2 (1,236.4); Canada, 786.3 (696.7); Australia, 108.7 (109.2); and Argentina, 101.7 (82.9). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

Exports Total exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries for the months of August and September, 1955, at 119.1 million bushels, are up 3 per cent from the shipments of 115.5 million during the comparable period of 1954. Shipments from each of the four countries during August-September of the current and five preceding years are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August—September, 1955 with Comparisons

August—September	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950 .....	31.6	31.8	11.6	21.5	96.5
1951 .....	82.4	44.0	12.3	21.2	159.9
1952 .....	52.4	62.1	-	12.6	127.1
1953 .....	41.9	53.2	19.2	9.0	123.3
1954 <u>1/</u> .....	33.1	48.8	22.5	11.1	115.5
1955 <u>2/</u> .....	45.1	41.5	19.6	12.9	119.1

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

According to the October 31 issue of "The Wheat Situation" published by the United States Department of Agriculture, world trade in wheat, including products, in 1954-55 (U.S. crop-year July—June) amounted to some 943 million bushels, 7 per cent more than the 879 million exported in the previous crop year and 3 per cent above the 1945-53 average of 912 million bushels. "The Wheat Situation" also expresses the opinion that the higher economic activity and greater purchasing power in importing countries should result in maintaining world imports in 1955-56 at about the 1954-55 level.

Harvesting Conditions Reporting on the harvest in the Soviet Union, the United States Department of Agriculture states that a serious drought reduced crop yields drastically in the eastern regions, where a large expansion of acreage took place--mostly in spring wheat. Weather conditions were also unfavourable in some of the northwestern regions. In the southern regions, however, where there was serious drought last year, good yields were obtained.

Emergency Grain Reserves for India The Indian Information Service reports that the Minister of Food and Agriculture recently stated that the government had decided to have a reserve stock of 750,000 to 1,000,000 tons of wheat (28-37 million bushels), and an equal amount of rice to meet any emergency.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1955-56

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Quantities	S O U R C E				Total Purchases	Remainder 3/
		Canada 1/	Australia 2/	France 2/	U.S.A. 2/		
- thousand bushels -							
Austria .....	9,186	582	-	-	-	582	8,604
Belgium .....	23,883	1,937	2	-	394	2,333	21,550
Bolivia .....	4,042	-	-	-	-	-	4,042
Brazil .....	13,228	-	-	-	-	-	13,228
Ceylon .....	10,288	-	3,370	353	-	3,723	6,565
Costa Rica .....	1,286	155	-	-	216	371	915
Cuba .....	7,422	429	-	-	1,163	1,592	5,830
Denmark .....	1,837	-	-	-	-	-	1,837
Dominican Republic .	1,102	123	-	-	65	188	914
Ecuador .....	2,388	183	-	-	-	183	2,205
Egypt .....	14,697	-	-	-	-	-	14,697
El Salvador .....	735	57	-	-	211	268	467
Germany .....	55,116	6,305	-	-	6,541	12,846	42,270
Greece .....	12,860	-	-	-	-	-	12,860
Guatemala .....	1,286	-	-	-	-	-	1,286
Haiti .....	1,837	176	-	-	347	523	1,314
Honduras Republic ..	735	12	-	-	107	119	616
Iceland .....	404	2	-	-	4	6	398
India .....	36,744	-	-	-	-	-	36,744
Indonesia .....	6,246	-	468	-	42	510	5,736
Ireland .....	10,105	1,385	433	-	-	1,818	8,287
Israel .....	8,267	355	-	-	75	430	7,837
Italy .....	3,674	-	-	-	1,122	1,122	2,552
Japan .....	36,744	-	-	-	-	-	36,744
Jordan .....	2,940	-	-	-	3	3	2,937
Korea .....	1,470	-	-	-	-	-	1,470
Lebanon .....	2,756	-	-	-	235	235	2,521
Liberia .....	73	3	-	-	10	13	60
Mexico .....	14,697	-	-	-	457	457	14,240
Netherlands .....	24,802	745	95	-	2,414	3,254	21,548
New Zealand .....	5,879	-	2,246	-	-	2,246	3,633
Nicaragua .....	367	92	-	-	150	242	125
Norway .....	8,451	2,684	-	-	390	3,074	5,377
Panama .....	845	47	-	-	119	166	679
Peru .....	7,349	-	-	-	3	3	7,346
Philippines .....	8,672	1,743	108	-	1,102	2,953	5,719
Portugal .....	7,349	100	358	-	1,325	1,783	5,566
Saudi Arabia .....	4,409	-	-	-	33	33	4,376
Spain .....	9,186	-	-	-	336	336	8,850
Switzerland .....	7,900	915	-	-	-	915	6,985
Union of S. Africa .	13,228	5,040	-	-	1,045	6,085	7,143
Vatican City .....	551	-	-	-	314	314	237
Venezuela .....	6,247	1,108	-	-	1,035	2,143	4,104
Yugoslavia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Totals .....	394,957	24,178	7,080	353	19,258	50,869	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		153,077	45,013	344	196,523	394,957	
Balance .....		128,899	37,933	(9)	177,265	344,088	

1/ Canadian sales through October 25, 1955.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through October 21, 1955.

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

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Due to a downward revision of some 4.2 million bushels in the 1955 wheat crop estimate, total supplies of wheat for 1955-56 are now estimated at 987.8 million bushels, consisting of the July 31 carryover of 493.7 million and the 1955 production currently placed at 494.1 million. Supplies of the size indicated would be the second largest on record, exceeded only by the 1953-54 total of 997.6 million. Assuming realization of the November estimate of production and with anticipated domestic requirements placed at 160.0 million bushels, some 827.8 million are available for export and for carryover during 1955-56 as against 745.5 million in 1954-55.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-September period of 1955 have amounted to 41.5 million bushels compared with 48.8 million during the same months of 1954. Subject to realization of current production and utilization estimates, the balance remaining on October 1 for export and for carryover amounted to 786.3 million bushels, about 13 per cent greater than the October 1, 1954 total of 696.7 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1954-55 <u>1/</u>	1955-56 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	601.7	493.7
New crop .....	308.9	494.1 <u>3/</u>
Imports of wheat, August .....	0.1	<u>4/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	910.7	987.8 <u>3/</u>
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	165.2	160.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	745.5	827.8 <u>3/</u>
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August-September	41.4	34.7
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August-September ...	0.4	0.8
Total exports of wheat .....	41.8	35.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-September	7.0 <u>5/</u>	6.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	48.8	41.5
Balance on October 1 for export and for carryover .....	696.7	786.3

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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



September Exports  
of Wheat and  
Flour Total 18.6  
Million Bushels

Total exports of Canadian wheat and wheat flour during September 1955 amounted to 18.6 million bushels, below both the August 1955 total of 22.9 million and the September 1954 level of 29.7 million bushels. The ten-year (1944-1953) average for September was 21.3 million bushels. Exports of wheat as grain totalled 15.2 million bushels as against 20.2 million during the preceding month and 26.0 million during September 1954. Preliminary Customs returns, however, indicate that the equivalent of 3.5 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during September 1955, well above the 2.7 million exported during August and only slightly below the adjusted September 1954 figure of 3.7 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat as grain during the August-September period of the current crop year amounted to 35.4 million bushels, about 15 per cent below the comparable 1954-55 total of 41.8 million. The United Kingdom, as the leading purchaser of Canadian wheat as grain received shipments amounting to some 17.8 million bushels, or 50 per cent of the August-September total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat as grain during the period, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: Japan, 5.1; Federal Republic of Germany, 3.4; and Belgium, 2.5.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first two months of the 1955-56 crop year, based on preliminary Customs returns, were the equivalent of 0.1 million bushels of wheat. This total is about 13 per cent below the adjusted figure of 7.0 million bushels exported during the corresponding period of the 1954-55 crop year. As with wheat as grain, the United Kingdom was the principal market for Canadian wheat flour, taking the equivalent of 1.9 million bushels or 31 per cent of the current August-September shipments. Other major markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with quantities in thousands of bushels, were as follows: Philippine Islands, 708; Venezuela, 598; Trinidad and Tobago, 324; Jamaica, 212; Leeward and Windward Islands, 194; Belgian Congo, 173; Gold Coast, 154; United States, 136; Hong Kong, 133; Costa Rica, 117; Guatemala, 115; Germany, 109; and Nicaragua, 100.

Canada's 1955 Wheat  
Crop Estimated at  
494.1 Million Bushels

Based on conditions at October 15, Canada's 1955 wheat crop, now estimated at 494.1 million bushels, is 60 per cent above last year's relatively low outturn of 308.9 million and 11 per cent above the ten-year (1945-54) average of 445.9 million. While this year's crop is the fifth in six years to exceed 450 million bushels and is the eighth largest on record, it is 30 per cent below the record 701.9 million bushels harvested in 1952. The sharp increase over last year's crop occurred despite an 11 per cent decrease in the combined acreage of winter and spring wheat (21.5 million acres in 1955 as against 24.3 million in 1954) and lower average yields of spring wheat in all provinces except the Prairies. However, the increase of 89 per cent in average yields over those of 1954 in the Prairies was the major factor in accounting for this year's considerably larger outturn.

The 1955 all-Canada crop of spring wheat, including durum, is placed at 474.1 million bushels, compared with the 1954 crop of 284.8 million and the ten-year average of 425.3 million. The indicated average yield per acre is 22.7 as against 12.1 bushels in 1954 and the ten-year average of 17.3 bushels. Ontario's winter wheat crop is estimated at 20.0 million bushels, a decrease of 4.1 million from the 1954 crop.



November Estimate of the 1955 Production of Spring and Winter Wheat in Canada,  
Compared with 1954

	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1954	1955	1954	1955 1/	1954	1955 1/
	- acres -		- bushels -		- bushels -	
Canada						
Spring wheat 2/.	710,000	582,000	34.0	34.3	24,140,000	19,963,000
Winter wheat ...	23,556,800	20,922,400	12.1	22.7	284,769,000	474,127,000
All wheat ....	24,266,800	21,504,400	12.7	23.0	308,909,000	494,090,000
Prairie Provinces						
Manitoba .....	2,035,000	1,950,000	12.8	21.0	26,000,000	41,000,000
Saskatchewan ...	15,540,000	13,148,000	9.7	22.7	151,000,000	298,000,000
Alberta .....	5,862,000	5,714,000	17.9	23.3	105,000,000	133,000,000
Totals .....	23,437,000	20,812,000	12.0	22.7	282,000,000	472,000,000

1/ As indicated on basis of conditions on or about October 15.

2/ Includes relatively small quantities of winter wheat in all provinces except Ontario. Also includes durum wheat.

In the Prairie Provinces the 1955 wheat crop is now estimated at 472.0 million bushels, representing increases of 67 per cent over last year's outturn of 282.0 million and 12 per cent over the ten-year average of 421.8 million. The current estimate remains the same as that based on conditions at mid-September in Manitoba but is 2.0 million bushels lower in both Saskatchewan and Alberta. Production in Saskatchewan, which accounts for about 60 per cent of this year's total wheat crop, is estimated at 298.0 million bushels, almost double last year's 151.0 million. This year's crop is also sharply higher than that of 1954 in Alberta and Manitoba where production is estimated at 133.0 million and 41.0 million bushels, respectively, compared with 105.0 million and 26.0 million last year. The indicated average yield per seeded acre in the Prairie Provinces as a whole is 22.7 bushels per acre, with Manitoba averaging 21.0, Saskatchewan 22.7, and Alberta 23.3 bushels. Current estimates of production in the Prairies include relatively small quantities of winter wheat, principally in Alberta, and an estimated 17.2 million bushels of durum wheat.

November Estimate of the 1955 Production of Durum Wheat  
in the Prairie Provinces, Compared with 1954

Province	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1954	1955	1954	1955 1/	1954	1955 1/
	- acres -		- bushels -		- bushels -	
Manitoba .....	65,000	20,000	6.2	15.0	400,000	300,000
Saskatchewan ...	600,000	475,000	7.7	23.8	4,600,000	11,300,000
Alberta .....	80,000	200,000	20.0	28.0	1,600,000	5,600,000
Total .....	745,000	695,000	8.9	24.7	6,600,000	17,200,000

1/ As indicated on basis of conditions on or about October 15.

Production of durum wheat in the Prairie Provinces is estimated at 17.2 million bushels, unchanged from the September forecast. The sharp increase over the 1954 crop of 6.6 million bushels is due entirely to higher average yields per acre since seeded acreage decreased from 745,000 in 1954 to 695,000 in 1955. Estimated production by provinces, in millions of bushels, is as follows: Saskatchewan, 11.3; Alberta, 5.6; and Manitoba, 0.3. The estimated average yield for the Prairies as a whole is 24.7 bushels per acre, with Saskatchewan averaging 23.8; Alberta, 28.0; and Manitoba, 15.0 bushels. Average yields of durum were 1.1 bushels higher than for all wheat in Saskatchewan, 4.7 bushels higher in Alberta, but 6.0 bushels lower in Manitoba.

Farmers' Marketings Marketings of wheat by farmers in the Prairie Provinces amounted to 39.3 million bushels during the first eleven weeks of the current crop year as against 16.8 million during the comparable period of 1954-55. Deliveries of flaxseed to October 19, 1955 were 8.9 million bushels, also up sharply from the 3.2 million delivered to October 20, 1954. On the other hand deliveries of oats, barley and rye for the first eleven weeks of the current season at 9.3, 22.0 and 0.9 million bushels were substantially below the comparable 1954-55 marketings of 26.6, 45.0, and 2.8 million, respectively.

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1955-56

Week ending	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -					
August 10, 1955 ..	-	-	-	-	4,309
17 .....	31,456	109,355	43,576	184,387	5,138
24 .....	437,746	1,472,425	450,092	2,360,263	2,609
31 .....	656,780	2,174,213	675,519	3,506,512	149,920
September 7 .....	697,862	4,984,565	983,712	6,666,139	291,945
14 .....	667,123	4,667,118	1,744,408	7,078,649	601,588
21 .....	475,731	3,309,906	1,714,465	5,500,102	765,404
28 .....	316,008	1,776,279	925,933	3,018,220	1,559,360
October 5 .....	429,775	2,345,989	1,070,864	3,846,628	2,005,274
12 .....	401,022	1,781,424	1,016,420	3,198,866	2,630,510
19 .....	504,323	2,111,378	1,348,295	3,963,996	8,744,537
Totals .....	4,617,826	24,732,652	9,973,284	39,323,762	16,760,594

Average similar  
period 1944-45—

1953-54 ..... 21,122,439 79,572,774 35,830,915 136,526,128

General Quota  
Position

By November 2, 1955 out of 2,079 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had been able to place 130 on a general quota of 1 bushel per specified acre and 96 on a general quota of 2 bushels per specified acre. The remainder, 1,853, were still on the initial unit quota (1955-56).

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group  
as at November 2, 1955

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre		Initial Unit Quota (1955-56)	Total
	One	Two		
Ontario .....	-	-	2	2
Manitoba .....	49	58	273	380
Saskatchewan .....	72	27	1,010	1,109
Alberta .....	9	11	564	584
British Columbia .....	-	-	4	4
All Provinces .....	130	96	1,853	2,079

Loans to Grain  
Producers

The Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on November 5 that arrangements have been made with the chartered banks to facilitate loans to grain producers in the

Prairie Provinces.

Loans, up to a maximum of \$1,500, will be made available to producers, in order to meet financial difficulties arising from their inability to deliver grain because of congested storage conditions. If the value of the grain the producer may become entitled to deliver in the current crop year is less than \$3,000, or if the producer has been able to deliver grain since August 31, 1955, against 1955-56 delivery quotas, loans will be correspondingly lower than the \$1,500 figure.

The rate of interest on the loans shall not exceed five per cent per annum, simple interest. The banks have been authorized to grant guaranteed loans up to an aggregate of \$50,000,000.

The liability of the Canadian Government to the banks in case of defaulted loans will not arise until October 1, 1956, and will be limited to:

- (a) guaranteed loans made on or after November 15, 1955, and before June 1, 1956;
- (b) in the case of each bank, 15 per cent of its total guaranteed loans up to an aggregate principal amount of \$100,000 and 10 per cent of the aggregate principal amount exceeding \$100,000.

Mr. Howe states that a producer receiving a loan must apply at least one-half the proceeds of each delivery of grain against repayment of the loan. This arrangement will ensure the producer of a continued income while repaying the loan.

Application forms for the loans are being mailed to banks, and it is expected that they will be available from local branches by November 15.



Quality of 1955  
Western Canadian  
Wheat\*

Canada's 1955 spring wheat crop is high in bushel weight and higher in protein content than it has been since 1951. Milling yield is good, but flour ash is higher, though flour colour is better. Gassing power and absorption are both at desirable levels, and doughs are lively and extensible. Baking strength and carrying power are normal for Canadian wheat of 13 per cent protein.

Bushel weights of 1955 wheat cleaned for milling are 65.2, 64.5, 63.2 and 62.8 lb. for grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 Northern. Protein contents for the grades are 12.8, 12.9, 13.2 and 13.0 per cent. The average weighted protein level for all grades is 13.0 per cent compared with 12.6 per cent in 1954. It is expected that the protein level of No. 4 Northern will fall later in the season, and any drop will be accompanied by some lowering in baking strength.

Differences among grades in baking strength are small with the highest level given by No. 3 Northern; but No. 1 Northern has greater reserve baking strength and the two lower grades are poorest in this quality. All four grades continue to show their usual characteristic of improving the all-round baking quality of weaker wheats, and the more that is used the better the improvement.

Percentage absorption is the same for the first two grades, highest for No. 3 Northern, and next higher for No. 4 Northern. Absorption is about average this year, and it is not unusual for the top two grades to be below the two other grades. Flours of 72 per cent extraction go up in ash and get darker in colour as grade goes down. Gassing power also goes up quite steadily as grade goes down for the first three grades and rises more sharply for No. 4 Northern, but levels are normal for all four grades.

The new durum crop is high in bushel weight, adequate in protein content, and very good in macaroni quality. Production shifted further westward away from the rust area, and higher yields brought the largest crop in many years, about 17 million bushels. More than half of the crop is expected to grade Extra 4 C.W., and most of this will come from Saskatchewan. The rest of the crop is likely to consist of about 20 per cent No. 2 C.W., and 5 per cent each of No. 1 and No. 3 C.W., and the remainder No. 4 C.W. and lower.

No. 1 C.W. is an outstanding grade this year; bushel weight is very high, protein is adequate, lipoxidase is low, pigment is exceptionally high, and the macaroni has an unusually bright clear yellow colour. No. 2 C.W. is a little higher in bushel weight than usual and protein is a little above that of No. 1 C.W.; it is satisfactorily low in lipoxidase, a little above average in pigment, and the macaroni is very bright and clear and good in colour. No. 3 C.W. is somewhat lower than usual in bushel weight and protein because it no longer contains Pelissier and Golden Ball, but lipoxidase is now lower and macaroni colour greatly improved. Extra 4 C.W. has excellent all-round quality though the macaroni colour is not quite equal to that of higher grades. For the first time in several years No. 4 C.W. is definitely poorer in macaroni colour than the higher grades; pigment is lower and lipoxidase is higher than usual.

Some of the more important quality data for average samples of the Northern grades are given in the following table. Crop Bulletin No. 57, entitled CANADIAN WHEAT 1955, discusses the qualities of different grades of spring and durum wheat of the new crop and contains data for various sets of samples.

Property	No. 1 Northern	No. 2 Northern	No. 3 Northern	No. 4 Northern
Bushel weight, lb. ....	65.2	64.5	63.2	62.8
Wheat protein, % .....	12.8	12.9	13.2	13.0
Flour yield, % .....	72.0	72.0	71.8	71.9
Flour ash, % .....	0.48	0.50	0.51	0.52
Flour colour, units .....	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.6
Gassing power, mm. ....	390	420	435	490
Absorption, % .....	60.8	60.8	62.6	62.1
Loaf volume, cc. ....	685	700	740	725

\*Press release issued on October 28, 1955, by the Grain Research Laboratory, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, summarizing Crop Bulletin No. 57, "Canadian Wheat, 1955".

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, October 19, 1955  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1953 and 1954

Position	1953	1954	1955
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba.....	18,430	23,429	23,889
Saskatchewan.....	103,790	101,699	117,544
Alberta.....	58,848	53,209	74,931
Totals.....	181,068	178,337	216,364
Interior private and mill.....	4,976	6,414	5,143
Interior terminals.....	14,076	16,091	15,594
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	8,621	11,375	10,300
Victoria.....	239	634	307
Prince Rupert.....	331	220	392
Churchill.....	1,601	1,632	1,312
Fort William-Fort Arthur.....	28,578	31,987	44,953
Storage Afloat.....	-	-	177
In transit rail (Western Division)...	11,622	9,186	2,907
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports	42,200	38,588	40,518
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports.	17,365	23,423	23,919
In transit lake.....	6,973	8,003	7,626
In transit rail (Eastern Division)....	1,196	951	377
United States ports.....	860	33	59
In transit U. S. A. ....	7	-	-
Totals.....	319,713	326,872	369,946

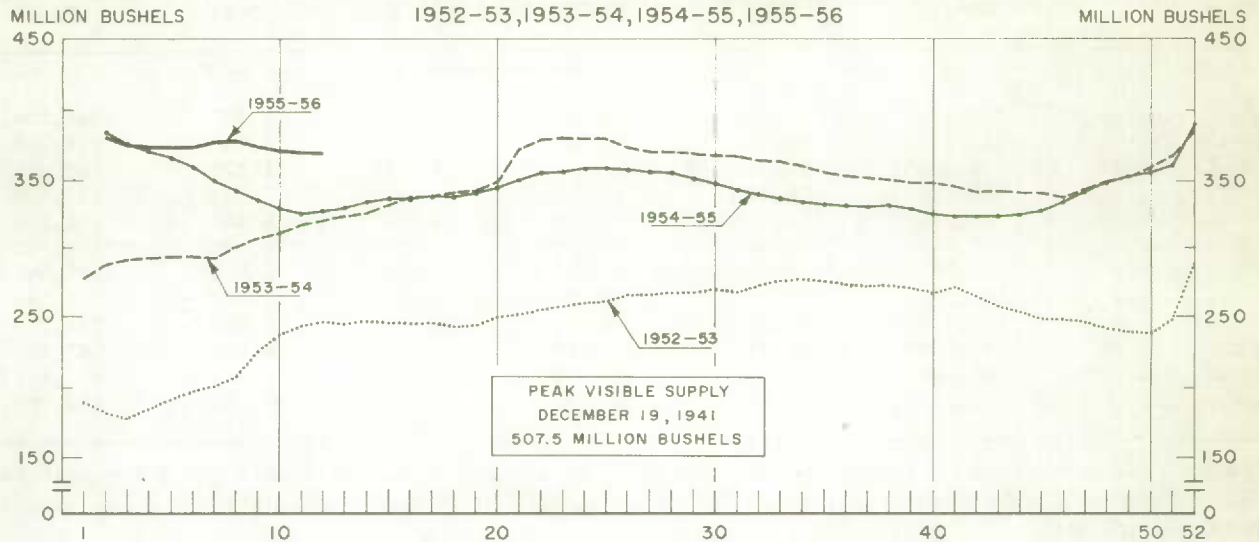
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-September, 1955 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		August - September			
	Average		1954-55		1955-56	
	1949-50- 1953-54	1954-55	1954-55	1955-56	1954-55	1955-56
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Hard.....	<u>1/</u>	-	-	-	-	-
1 Man. Northern....	7.6	4.3	1,934	8.2	765	2.8
2 Man. Northern....	30.8	35.8	14,428	60.8	8,747	32.0
3 Man. Northern....	16.1	26.4	3,476	14.7	8,085	29.6
4 Man. Northern....	8.0	8.3	903	3.8	2,390	8.7
5 Wheat.....	8.2	4.5	187	0.8	1,659	6.1
6 Wheat.....	4.2	2.2	48	0.2	529	1.9
Feed Wheat.....	0.7	1.0	8	<u>1/</u>	161	0.6
Garnet.....	0.8	0.9	252	1.1	143	0.5
Amber Durum.....	2.3	1.8	52	0.2	996	3.6
Alberta Winter.....	0.3	0.4	52	0.2	161	0.6
Toughs <u>2/ 3/</u> .....	16.2	11.9	1,992	8.4	2,370	8.7
Dumps <u>2/ 4/</u> .....	3.6	0.3	33	0.1	1	<u>1/</u>
Rejected <u>2/</u> .....	0.7	2.1	261	1.1	1,269	4.6
All others.....	0.5	0.4	89	0.4	49	0.2
Totals.....	100.0	100.0	23,715	100.0	27,325	100.0

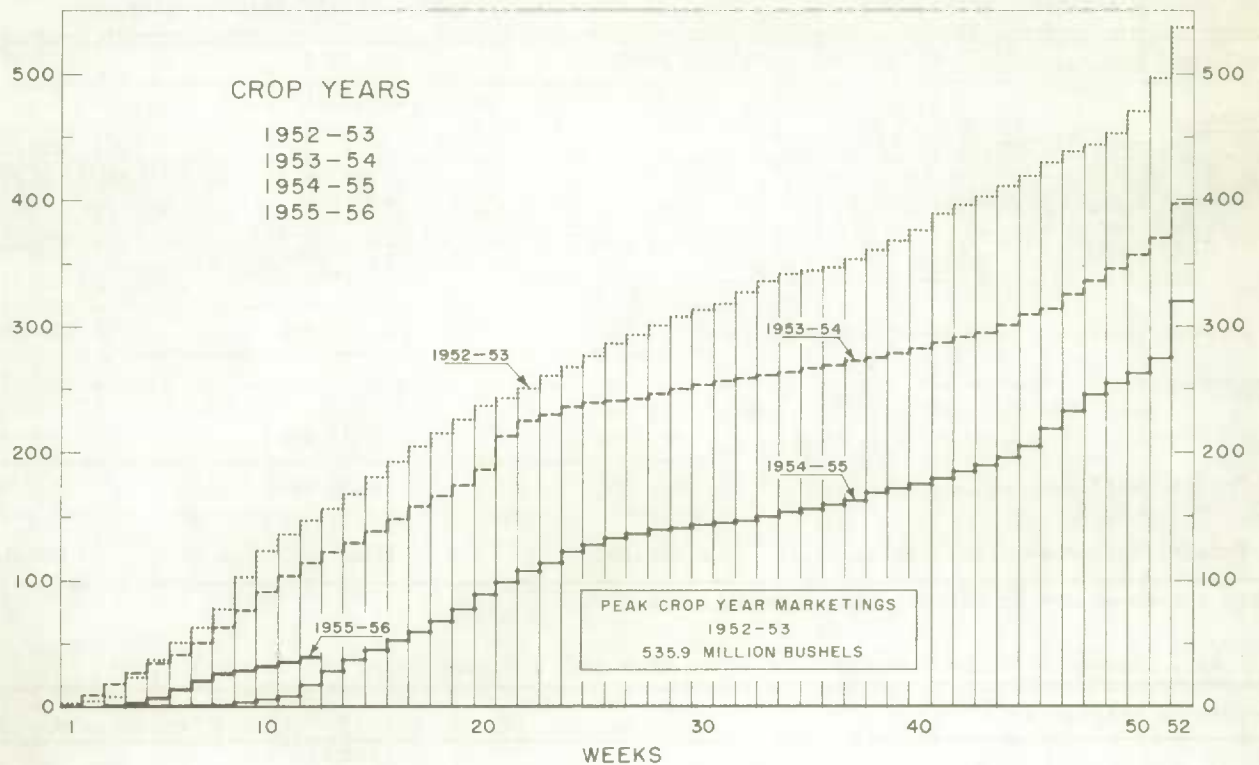
1/ Less than .05 per cent.    2/ All varieties and grades.

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.

## WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT



## CUMULATIVE RECORD OF WHEAT MARKETINGS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES BY WEEKS



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



Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to October 19, 1955  
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1944 to 1954\*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1944 .....	233,201	60,131	39,078	6,617	5,227	344,254
1945 .....	267,064	68,641	32,567	3,432	2,845	374,549
1946 .....	93,465	45,440	22,229	1,289	1,175	163,618
1947 .....	116,564	31,946	17,942	6,082 <sup>1/</sup>	194 <sup>1/</sup>	172,728
1948 .....	80,638	20,827	20,287	4,004	5,449	131,205
1949 .....	129,367	27,937	25,020	7,506	5,060	194,911
1950 .....	96,910	15,853	17,291	3,717	2,816	136,586
1951 .....	129,787	45,511	34,260	5,813	1,178	216,549
1952 .....	169,411	68,963	74,279	5,996	3,958	322,607
1953 .....	172,595	70,211	89,587	10,805	4,225	347,422
1954 .....	98,086	39,712	56,272	5,667	2,745	204,481
1955 .....	104,619	24,560	46,121	9,352	5,102	189,755

\*Shipments from opening of navigation to October 21, 1944 through 1948. Shipments for subsequent years to the following dates: October 20, 1949; October 19, 1950; October 18, 1951; October 16, 1952; October 22, 1953; and October 20, 1954.

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination August 1 to October 19, 1955  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1953 and 1954

Destination	1953	1954	1955
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Duluth Superior.....	-	-	359,269
Milwaukee.....	-	-	52,923
Huron.....	-	-	-
Erie.....	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	345,061	1,197,355	308,356
Oswego.....	-	-	-
Totals, Vessel.....	345,061	1,197,355	720,548
<u>By Rail</u>			
U. S. A. Seaboard Ports.....	7,348	-	-
Other U. S. A. Points.....	923,942	32,498	185,992
Totals, Rail.....	931,290	32,498	185,992
Totals, Shipments.....	1,276,351	1,229,853	906,540

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

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1 to September 30, 1954	August 1 to September 30, 1955
- bushels -		
Midland.....	-	91,550
Collingwood.....	-	100,000
Owen Sound.....	-	75,000
Total .....	-	266,550

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William—Port Arthur, 1952-53—1955-56

Month	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
- bushels -				
August.....	191,711	191,336	61,070	56,951
September.....	1,181,046	236,030	50,633	64,033
October.....	936,757	173,043	46,053	
November.....	651,957	138,440	81,253	
December.....	464,914	347,824	179,272	
January.....	6,550,958	510,486	352,109	
February.....	9,566,151	368,662	318,009	
March.....	6,285,944	555,518	245,958	
April.....	189,339	378,681	169,137	
May.....	216,046	253,606	68,878	
June.....	136,014	37,349	43,601	
July.....	223,687	74,020	57,619	
Totals.....	26,594,524	3,264,995	1,673,591	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William—Port Arthur, September, 1955

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	U. S. A.
- bushels -						
5 Wheat.....	-	-	-	7,500	6,500	-
6 Wheat.....	-	-	-	4,000	-	23,033
Feed.....	-	-	-	4,500	-	-
Toughs.....	1,500	-	-	3,500	-	-
Rejected.....	-	167	1,333	2,000	-	-
Amber Durum.....	-	-	-	5,500	-	-
All Others.....	-	-	1,500	3,000	-	-
Totals.....	1,500	167	2,833	30,000	6,500	23,033

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1—October 19, 1955  
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>					
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	13,618,691	246,046	466,844	-	-
Victoria.....	315,467	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert.....	-	-	449,167	-	-
Churchill.....	12,818,845	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>					
Montreal.....	11,121,169	896,399	3,532,419	936,351	677,424
Sorel.....	1,524,016	-	-	-	-
Three Rivers.....	1,650,180	-	420,000	-	-
Quebec.....	1,849,087	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime Ports</u>					
Halifax.....	1,837	-	-	-	-
<u>U.S. Atlantic Seaboard</u> .....	181,000	-	-	-	-
Totals.....	43,080,292	1,142,445	4,868,430	936,351	677,424
August 1—October 20, 1954.....	54,641,349	1,513,333	10,755,978	461,697	167,529

Ocean Shipments of Wheat from Churchill, Season of Navigation, 1931-1955

Year	Shipments <u>1/</u> bushels	Year	Shipments <u>1/</u> bushels
1931 .....	545,000	1944 .....	-
1932 .....	2,736,000	1945 .....	-
1933 .....	2,708,000	1946 .....	2,929,000
1934 .....	4,050,000	1947 .....	4,976,000
1935 .....	2,407,000	1948 .....	5,314,000
1936 .....	4,294,000	1949 .....	5,528,000
1937 .....	604,000	1950 .....	6,768,000
1938 .....	917,000	1951 .....	7,545,000
1939 .....	1,772,000	1952 .....	8,585,000
1940 .....	-	1953 .....	10,784,000
1941 .....	-	1954 .....	12,485,000
1942 .....	-	1955 .....	13,078,000
1943 .....	740,000		

1/ To nearest thousand bushels.

Wheat Shipments  
from Churchill

Ocean shipments of wheat from Churchill during the 1955 navigation season amounted to 13.1 million bushels, establishing a record for the ninth consecutive year.

The National Harbours Board elevator at Churchill loaded 38 export wheat cargoes this year compared with 36 cargoes last year. Navigation was officially opened at Churchill July 27 while the last ship of the season entered the harbour on October 7.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August, 1955 and 1954

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1955 <u>1/</u> ....	4	19	66	40	363	379	5	875
Same period 1954:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u> ..	1	9	51	22	370	334	18	804
Revised <u>1/</u> .....	5	12	77	46	468	476	265	1,348

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August, 1955 and 1954

Province	1954		1955	
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>	
- tons -				
Newfoundland.....	33	192	148	
Prince Edward Island.....	544	726	371	
Nova Scotia.....	525	2,110	1,476	
New Brunswick.....	854	2,247	1,585	
Quebec.....	9,564	21,336	9,493	
Ontario.....	4,933	10,912	6,545	
British Columbia.....	294	3,889	61	
Totals.....	16,747	41,412	19,679	

1/ Based on claims filed up to September 30, 1955.

2/ Based on claims filed up to September 30, 1954.



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

Year and Month	Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat <sup>1/</sup>	Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Milling in Bond <sup>2/</sup>	Customs <sup>3/</sup> Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour	Total	Customs <sup>3/</sup> Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1953-54</u>					
August .....	24,152	569	3,983	28,704	27,321
September .....	20,672	198	3,670	24,540	24,574
October .....	22,072	258	3,653	25,984	30,838
November .....	18,815	1,549	3,791	24,155	23,850
December .....	12,857	795	4,110	17,762	20,283
January .....	13,416	409	3,778	17,604	17,218
February .....	10,273	287	3,427	13,987	15,025
March .....	14,079	167	3,939	18,186	17,266
April .....	10,708	777	4,611	16,096	16,454
May .....	16,987	1,228	3,888	22,103	24,353
June .....	19,854	1,320	4,002	25,176	23,828
July .....	17,271	120	3,393	20,784	19,472
Totals .....	201,157	7,678	46,246	255,081	260,482
<u>1954-55 <sup>4/</sup></u>					
August .....	15,666	185	3,380	19,230	20,088
September .....	25,744	209	3,579	29,533	22,814
October .....	20,046	882	3,596	24,524	21,713
November .....	20,160	331	3,495	23,985	30,146
December .....	16,201	131	3,586	19,918	23,807
January .....	14,792	335	2,814	17,940	17,381
February .....	14,102	96	2,700	16,899	14,818
March .....	16,719	173	3,817	20,709	22,585
April .....	12,705	152	3,853	16,710	17,079
May .....	15,041	531	3,682	19,254	20,460
June .....	18,510	1,048	3,824	23,382	20,203
July .....	17,143	386	2,185	19,715	21,973
Totals .....	206,829	4,458	40,513	251,800	253,067
<u>1955-56 <sup>4/</sup></u>					
August .....	19,777	469	2,669	22,915	20,826
September .....	14,877	292	3,456	18,625	18,132
Totals .....	34,655	761	6,124	41,540	38,958

<sup>1/</sup> Compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

<sup>3/</sup> Exports for crop year 1953-54 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs for both wheat and wheat flour.

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

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination 1955-56

Destination	June	September		August—September	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<b>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</b>					
United Kingdom .....	551,880	1,079,406	8,338,925	1,926,441	17,791,280
<b>Africa</b>					
British East Africa .....	1,949	-	-	5,508	-
Gambia .....	1,539	4,239	-	9,913	-
Gold Coast .....	21,528	126,333	-	153,504	-
Nigeria .....	37,251	64,791	-	85,689	-
Other British West Africa .....	-	6,710	-	6,710	-
Rhodesia .....	-	-	59,733	-	59,733
Sierra Leone .....	6,997	24,354	-	37,728	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	-	-	707,467
<b>Asia</b>					
Hong Kong .....	39,343	94,059	54,040	133,290	84,840
Malaya and Singapore .....	27,477	16,830	-	52,965	-
<b>Europe</b>					
Gibraltar .....	10,269	-	-	10,224	-
Malta .....	-	-	-	-	24,267
<b>North America</b>					
Bahamas .....	17,406	20,295	-	35,483	-
Barbados .....	34,853	35,523	833	62,109	833
Bermuda .....	8,631	8,330	-	13,590	-
British Honduras .....	3,375	4,252	-	7,330	-
Jamaica .....	123,358	53,977	1,400	212,445	2,800
Leeward and Windward Islands ...	92,259	96,620	-	193,919	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	177,548	199,570	1,100	323,811	1,877
<b>South America</b>					
British Guiana .....	2,700	4,234	-	6,583	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries.	1,158,363	1,839,523	8,456,031	3,277,242	18,673,097

**FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

<b>Africa</b>					
Azores and Madeira .....	2,335	288	-	9,837	-
Belgian Congo .....	66,771	94,973	-	172,715	-
Liberia .....	783	1,494	-	4,126	-
Morocco .....	3,785	-	-	10,058	-
Portuguese East Africa .....	-	2,227	-	2,227	-
Portuguese West Africa .....	8,077	4,289	-	10,107	-
<b>Asia</b>					
Arabia .....	873	1,269	-	1,782	1,837
Japan .....	11,750	32,576	1,385,609	53,042	5,122,346
Korea .....	-	-	-	50,616	-
Lebanon .....	16,569	-	-	22,972	-
Philippine Islands .....	485,978	492,885	-	708,386	-
Portuguese Asia .....	-	2,295	-	33,786	-
Syria .....	248	-	-	-	-
Thailand .....	34,389	21,429	-	42,075	-
<b>Europe</b>					
Austria .....	-	-	377,067	-	745,567
Belgium .....	-	-	626,111	-	2,524,237
Denmark .....	-	-	-	450	-
Finland .....	-	-	-	-	218,773

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1955-56

Destination	June	September		August—September	
	Wheat Flour 1/2/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
			- bushels -		
FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
Europe					
Germany, Federal Republic .....	30,821	2,327	1,669,660	108,770	3,378,807
Greece .....	1,922	5,386	-	5,386	-
Iceland .....	-	1,102	-	5,233	-
Ireland .....	-	-	819,467	-	890,400
Italy .....	20,196	30,703	70,933	61,272	328,729
Netherlands .....	-	-	399,840	-	815,997
Norway .....	-	-	362,395	-	694,662
Poland .....	-	-	611,292	-	733,600
Portugal .....	-	1,377	-	1,377	-
Switzerland .....	180	-	93,371	-	265,440
Yugoslavia .....	-	5,279	-	6,885	-
North America					
American Virgin Islands .....	526	-	-	4,257	-
Costa Rica .....	24,610	43,686	-	117,248	-
Cuba .....	87,898	34,659	1,000	50,724	1,000
Dominican Republic .....	32,935	31,406	2,500	64,724	2,500
El Salvador .....	15,719	22,676	-	58,806	-
French West Indies .....	459	-	-	342	-
Guatemala .....	35,644	50,764	-	115,159	-
Haiti .....	16,123	56,704	-	88,920	-
Honduras .....	-	5,738	-	14,679	-
Netherlands Antilles .....	15,390	19,013	-	34,700	-
Nicaragua .....	21,087	40,086	-	100,499	-
Panama .....	22,694	13,356	-	47,178	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	1,620	1,006	-	1,948	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	59,661	72,351	-	135,770	-
For domestic use 4/ .....	-	-	291,562	-	760,011
Oceania					
French Oceania .....	7,591	10,116	-	10,116	-
Guam .....	5,508	1,791	-	7,915	-
South America					
Bolivia .....	-	3,447	-	3,447	-
Chile .....	-	2,065	-	2,065	-
Colombia .....	21,298	31,612	-	57,586	-
Ecuador .....	-	-	-	-	255,612
Peru .....	10,080	7,686	-	7,798	-
Surinam .....	22,028	2,169	-	13,905	-
Venezuela .....	466,574	465,431	2,167	598,307	2,167
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	1,552,122	1,616,261	6,712,974	2,847,195	16,742,285
Totals, All Countries .....	2,710,485	3,455,784	15,169,005	6,124,437	35,415,382

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 equals 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-Fort Arthur

Class and Grade	Week ending			
	September 30	October 7	October 14	October 21
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>				
1 Northern.....	140	140	140	140
2 Northern.....	136	136	136	136
3 Northern.....	134	134	134	134
4 Northern.....	126	126	126	126
5 Wheat.....	110	110	110	110
6 Wheat.....	104	104	104	104
Feed Wheat.....	98	98	98	98
1 C.W. Garnet.....	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet.....	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter.....	119	119	119	119
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.....	174/3	170/7	170/6	172/5
2 Northern.....	171/3	167/7	167/6	168/5
3 Northern.....	166/3	164/7	164/6	164
4 Northern.....	164/2	159/7	159/6	158/2
5 Wheat.....	142	137/2	136/2	135/5
6 Wheat.....	137	132/2	131	129/5
Feed Wheat.....	134	129/2	128	126/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	151/3	146/2	145/6	146/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	149/3	144/2	143/6	144/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	146/3	141/2	140/6	141/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	155/3	151/2	150/2	149/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	150/3	146/2	145/2	144/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	146/3	142/2	141/2	140/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	202/6	203	203/6	204/5
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	201	201	201/6	202/5
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	200	200	200/6	201/5
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Northern.....	174/3	170/7	170/6	172/5
2 Northern.....	171/3	167/7	167/6	168/5
3 Northern.....	166/3	164/7	164/6	164
4 Northern.....	164/2	159/7	159/6	158/2
5 Wheat.....	142	137/2	136/2	135/5
6 Wheat.....	137	132/2	131	129/5
Feed Wheat.....	134	129/2	128	126/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	151/3	146/2	145/6	146/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	149/3	144/2	143/6	144/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	146/3	141/2	140/6	141/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	275	275	275/6	271/5
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	271	271	271/6	267/5
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	265	265	265/6	261/5

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices  
Basis in Store Vancouver

Class and Grade	Week ending			
	September 30	October 7	October 14	October 21
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>				
1 Northern.....	140	140	140	140
2 Northern.....	136	136	136	136
3 Northern.....	134	134	134	134
4 Northern.....	126	126	126	126
5 Wheat.....	110	110	110	110
6 Wheat.....	104	104	104	104
Feed Wheat.....	98	98	98	98
1 C.W. Garnet.....	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet.....	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter.....	119	119	119	119
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.....	174/3	170/7	170/6	171/7
2 Northern.....	171/3	167/7	167/6	168/5
3 Northern.....	168/3	164/7	164/6	165/2
4 Northern.....	164/2	159/7	159/6	160
5 Wheat.....	142	137/2	136/2	135/5
6 Wheat.....	137	132/2	131	129/5
Feed Wheat.....	134	129/2	128	126/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	151/3	146/2	145/6	146/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	149/3	144/2	143/6	144/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	146/3	141/2	140/6	141/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	155/3	151/2	150/2	149/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	150/3	146/2	145/2	144/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	146/3	142/2	141/2	140/5
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Northern.....	174/3	170/7	170/6	171/7
2 Northern.....	171/3	167/7	167/6	168/5
3 Northern.....	168/3	164/7	164/6	165/2
4 Northern.....	164/2	159/7	159/6	160
5 Wheat.....	142	137/2	136/2	135/5
6 Wheat.....	137	132/2	131	129/5
Feed Wheat.....	134	129/2	128	126/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	151/3	146/2	145/6	146/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	149/3	144/2	143/6	144/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	146/3	141/2	140/6	141/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	155/3	151/2	150/2	149/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	150/3	146/2	145/2	144/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	146/3	142/2	141/2	140/5

# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for September, 1955 amounted to 1,792,000 barrels, 6.6 per cent above August, 1955 output of 1,681,000 barrels but 7.2 per cent below the September 1954 total of 1,932,000 barrels. The ten-year (1945-1954) average production for the month of September was 2,031,000 barrels. Mills reporting operations during September, 1955 had a total rated capacity of 89,974 barrels per 24-hour day and, on the basis of a 25-day period, 79.7 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during the month amounted to 8.0 million bushels, compared with 7.6 million bushels milled during the preceding month and 8.6 million bushels milled during September, 1954. Of the wheat milled for flour during September, 1955, some 7.3 million bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum), with most of the remainder consisting of Ontario Winter wheat (493,000 bushels) and Durum wheat (84,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during September, 1955 totalled 767,952 barrels (3,456,000 bushels of wheat equivalent), representing an increase of almost 30 per cent over flour exports of the preceding month. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty-two countries with the United Kingdom accounting for 1.1 million bushels of wheat equivalent or about 31 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour during September, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, were as follows: Philippine Islands, 493; Venezuela, 465; Trinidad and Tobago, 200; and Gold Coast, 126.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <sup>1/</sup>
		- 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 .....	106,727,237	23,865,625	12,555,714
1953-54 .....	91,855,269	20,800,974	10,276,951
1954-55 <sup>2/</sup> .....	92,420,565	20,716,539	9,002,778
<u>1955-56 <sup>2/</sup></u>			
August .....	7,580,542	1,681,178	593,034
September .....	8,039,098	1,792,384	767,952
Totals .....	15,619,640	3,473,562	1,360,986
Same period 1954-55 <sup>3/</sup> .....	16,654,768	3,744,467	1,561,260

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1953-54 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

<sup>2/</sup> Subject to revision.

<sup>3/</sup> Revised.



# UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total domestic supplies of wheat for the 1955-56 crop year, consisting of the July 1, 1955 carryover of 1,020.7 million bushels and the 1955 crop estimated at 915.5 million, amount to 1,936.2 million bushels. Imports of wheat from Canada for all purposes during the first quarter of the current crop year amounted to 1.1 million bushels compared with only 0.2 million during the July--September period of 1954. Domestic disappearance of wheat for 1955-56 is now placed at 623 million bushels including 485 million for food, 75 million for feed and 63 million for seed. Preliminary estimates indicate that 70.1 million bushels of wheat, wheat flour and products in terms of grain equivalent were exported during the first three months of the current United States marketing year compared with 53.8 million in the same months a year earlier. After deducting exports for the period July 1 to September 30, 1955 and anticipated domestic requirements for the crop year, the balance remaining on October 1, 1955 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,244.2 million bushels compared with 1,236.4 million on the same date a year ago.

## United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1954-55	1955-56 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	902.4	1,020.7 <u>2/</u>
New crop .....	969.8	915.5 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	1,872.2	1,936.2
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July--September ...	0.2	1.1
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u> .....	1,872.4	1,937.3
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u> .	582.2	623.0 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,290.2	1,314.3
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July--September .....	44.8	59.1
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July--September .....	9.0	10.9
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products.	53.8	70.1
Balance on October 1 for export and for carryover ....	1,236.4	1,244.2

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Revised.

3/ Excluding imports for October--June period.

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

1955 Wheat Crop  
Estimated at 915.5  
Million Bushels

In a report released October 11, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture states that, based on conditions at October 1, production of all wheat is estimated at 915.5 million bushels, a decrease of more than 1 million bushels from the September 1 estimate. This is 6 per cent smaller than the 1954 crop and 21 per cent less than the 1944-53 average. The change from a month ago is due to a decrease in other spring wheat. The winter wheat crop of 689 million bushels, for which the last estimate was made as of August 1, is included in the all wheat production total. The indicated average yield per acre of all wheat is 19.3 bushels compared with 18.1 in 1954 and the average of 17.1 bushels.

Production prospects for all spring wheat decreased more than 1 million bushels during September and the crop is now indicated at 226 million bushels. A crop of this size would be 26 per cent larger than the 1954 production of 179 million bushels but 21 per cent smaller than average. The indicated yield per harvested acre for the U. S. at 16.8 bushels is 4.9 bushels above last year and 2.2 bushels above average.

Other spring wheat production is estimated at 211.7 million bushels, 1.3 million bushels below the September 1 forecast. The 1955 crop is 22 per cent more than the 1954 production but 16 per cent below average. The decrease from a month ago was largely in Montana, where prospects declined more than 2 1/2 million bushels, more than offsetting improvement in South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Oregon. Harvest operations progressed rapidly during late August and early September and by October were complete in all areas except at higher elevations.

Average yield per harvested acre is indicated at 17.1 bushels compared with 12.6 in 1954 and the average of 14.8 bushels.

Production of durum wheat in Minnesota and the Dakotas is estimated at 14.4 million bushels. This is slightly above the September 1 estimate and is more than 2 1/2 times as large as last year but less than half the average. The crop was all harvested by early September as high temperatures during August hastened maturity. Weather during most of the harvest season was quite favourable and quality of the grain was very good. The indicated yield per acre for the three-State area is 13.4 bushels compared with 4.2 in 1954 and the average of 13.0 bushels.

The durum production estimate does not include durum being grown in Montana. The acreage in Montana may be as large as 250,000 acres and assuming durum yields about the same as for other spring wheat, production would total about 5 1/4 million bushels. Durum acreage and production are included in other spring wheat estimates for Montana.

Stocks of Wheat  
in All Positions  
October 1, 1955

On October 21 the United States Department of Agriculture reported that the stocks of 1,740 million bushels of wheat stored in all positions on October 1 were the largest for the date in the comparable series beginning in 1935. The total is nearly 4 per cent larger than a year earlier, the previous record holdings, and 42 per cent larger than average. The stocks total is nearly double the 1955 production, reflecting the record large carryover of old wheat on July 1.

Off-farm wheat stocks of 1,325 million bushels, 6 per cent larger than a year earlier, were a record total for the date, with holdings at record levels for all off-farm positions except merchant mills. In contrast, farm stocks of 415 million bushels on October 1 were 3 per cent below a year ago and the smallest for that date since 1940.

The off-farm total includes 449 million bushels at terminals, about 6 per cent more than a year earlier, the previous record. The 594 million bushels in interior mills, elevators, and warehouses represent record holdings, being 10 per cent larger than last year, the previous record. Merchant mill wheat stocks totalled 141 million bushels, well below the 159 million bushels held a year ago and only moderately above the average stocks. The Commodity Credit Corporation had 141 million bushels of wheat, a record total, stored in bins under CCC control, aboard ships in the "mothball fleet", and in transit to ports. Other Government-owned wheat is included in the estimate for the position where stored.

U. S. Wheat Stocks by Positions, October 1, 1955 with Comparisons

Position	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1954	July 1 1955	Oct. 1 1955
	- thousand bushels -			
On Farms <u>1/</u>	562,654	429,474	38,241	415,019
Terminals <u>2/</u>	342,163	422,772	380,409	448,678
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3/</u>	42,719	126,228	142,594	140,746
Merchant Mills <u>1/</u> <u>4/</u>	134,477	158,981	60,144	141,413
Int. Mills, Elev.& Whses. <u>1/</u> <u>5/</u>	458,641	539,307	399,298	593,993
Totals	1,540,654	1,676,762	1,020,686	1,739,849

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at 44 Terminal cities.

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

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

5/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated for each grain.



Seasonal Price Pattern  
Related to Quantity  
Placed under Support

According to the October 31 issue of "The Wheat Situation", wheat prices this year have been closer to the loan levels than they usually are early in the season. The strength in prices in the face of the largest supply in history is due to the large quantities of old crop wheat held in CCC inventories and to the reduced 1955 production, leaving relatively small supplies in commercial channels. The level of prices in the last half of the marketing year will depend upon the amount of wheat which farmers place under support between now and next January 31. The quantity of wheat placed under support through September 15 totalled 124 million bushels, which is much less than the 233 million bushels from the 1954 crop under support on the same date a year earlier, even after taking into consideration the much smaller crop.

Total Wheat Used  
For Food Unchanged  
From 50 Years Ago

"The Wheat Situation" reports that wheat consumption per person in the United States has been declining during the past 50 years. However, with the increased population, the total quantity now used is about the same as it was 50 years ago.

The per capita consumption in 1954 averaged 177 pounds, and 173 pounds is estimated for 1955, compared with 310 pounds in 1909, the first year shown in the series. In the last 8 years, the decline has averaged two and one-half pounds per year. The total consumption of wheat for food in 1954 was 475 million bushels, the same as in 1909. The estimate for 1955 is 474 million bushels.

The long-time decline in the per capita consumption of wheat has been accompanied by the increasing emphasis on a greater variety of foods in the American diet. Less bread, potatoes, and corn meal are being consumed, but much more processed vegetables and processed fruit, poultry and eggs, and some dairy products.

This change in the makeup of the average American diet is due to many factors, among which are increased consumer purchasing power, greater availability of fruits and vegetables and other items, and increased knowledge of the nutritional importance of various foods in the balanced diet. The movement of our population from farm to city and the reduction in heavy labour on farms and in mines and factories, improved food handling, food processing, and keeping facilities have all contributed to changes in diet.

Flour Production

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States in August 1955 at 18,615,000 sacks, an average of 809,000 sacks per working day. This compares with a daily average of 881,000 sacks during the previous month and 854,000 sacks in August 1954. Production of wheat flour in August was at 76.0 per cent of capacity, compared with 82.6 and 80.4 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in August ground an estimated 43,239,000 bushels of wheat, compared with 41,063,000 bushels in July.

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
October 3, 1955	.....	211 - 250 1/4	October 3, 1955	.....	237 1/2 - 243 1/2
4	.....	212	4	.....	237 1/8 - 243 1/8
5	.....	212 1/4 - 217 1/4	5	.....	237 7/8 - 243 7/8
6	.....	212 1/2 - 250	6	.....	238 1/8 - 244 1/8
7	.....	218	7	.....	239 - 245
10	.....	216 1/2 - 234	10	.....	238 3/4 - 244 3/4
11	.....	216 1/2 - 225 1/4	11	.....	239 1/4 - 243 1/4
12	.....	215 3/4 - 216 1/4	12	.....	237 3/8 - 243 3/8
13	.....	225 - 236	13	.....	237 1/2 - 243 1/2
14	.....	217 1/4	14	.....	235 5/8 - 241 5/8
17	.....	213 1/2 - 248 3/4	17	.....	236 - 242
18	.....	215 - 231	18	.....	236 1/8 - 242 1/8
19	.....	212 1/2 - 247 3/4	19	.....	236 5/8 - 242 5/8
20	.....	213 - 248	20	.....	237 5/8 - 243 5/8
21	.....	230 3/4	21	.....	238 1/8 - 244 1/8
24	.....	211 3/4 - 229 1/2	24	.....	237 1/8 - 243 1/8
25	.....	210	25	.....	238 1/8 - 244 1/8
26	.....	221	26	.....	239 1/2 - 245 1/2
27	.....	225 1/2 - 231	27	.....	239 1/2 - 245 1/2
28	.....	211 1/2	28	.....	237 3/4 - 243 3/4
31	.....	212 1/2 - 220 1/2	31	.....	238 3/8 - 244 3/8

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	December	March	May	July	September
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
October 3, 1955 .....	203/4	205/5	203/4	193/5	195/6
4 .....	202/6	204/4	202/5	191/4	193/4
5 .....	204	205/7	203/4	192/6	194/4
6 .....	204/6	206	203/5	191/2	192/6
7 .....	205/6	206/7	204/1	191/6	193/4
10 .....	205/6	206/4	203/6	191/3	193
11 .....	204/7	205/4	202/7	191/3	193/1
12 .....	204/5	205/3	202/7	190/5	192/6
13 .....	204/4	205/3	202/6	190/3	192/4
14 .....	202/7	203/5	201	189/3	191/6
17 .....	203/2	204	201/1	189/6	191/4
18 .....	201/1	202	199/1	187/5	189/6
19 .....	201/7	202/5	199/7	188/2	190
20 .....	202/2	203	199/7	187/3	189/3
21 .....	201	201/6	198/2	185/5	187/6
24 .....	199/1	200/3	197/1	185/6	187/5
25 .....	200/2	201/5	198/3	187/2	189/3
26 .....	202/5	203/4	200/4	188/1	190
27 .....	203	204/2	201/2	189	190/6
28 .....	202/1	203/3	200/4	189/1	191
31 .....	204/7	206/2	202/3	190/2	192/2

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position      Estimated supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1954-55 crop year amount to 342.9 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1954 carryover of 60.3 million bushels and the 1954 crop of 282.6 million. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements of 132.3 million bushels, some 210.6 million are available for export and for carryover during 1954-55 as against 172.5 million available in 1953-54.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December, 1954—September, 1955 have amounted to 108.9 million bushels as against 89.6 million during the same months of 1953-54. The balance remaining on October 1, 1955 for export and for carryover was estimated at 101.7 million bushels, about 23 per cent above the October 1, 1954 total of 82.9 million bushels.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1953-54	1954-55 <sup>1/</sup>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1).....	73.3 <sup>2/</sup>	60.3 <sup>2/</sup>
New crop.....	227.8	282.6 <sup>3/</sup>
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	301.1	342.9
Imports of wheat for domestic use.....	-	-
Total estimated supplies.....	301.1	342.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year.....	128.6	132.3
Available for export and for carryover.....	172.5	210.6
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December—September.....	87.1	107.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Dec.—Sept...	2.6	1.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	89.6	108.9
Balance on October 1 for export and for carryover.....	82.9	101.7

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes allowances for farm stocks.

<sup>3/</sup> Official estimate.



Wheat Acreage  
for 1955-56

On October 25, Broomhall stated that the Argentine Minister of Agriculture had reported the acreage planted to wheat for the 1955-56 season at 12,916,000 acres, a reduction of 12 per cent from last season. The drop in seedings was attributed to hardness of the soil resulting from drought in various sections of the Wheat Belt.

Crop Conditions

Broomhall considers it unlikely that the 1955-56 wheat crop will equal the 1954-55 outturn of 282.6 million bushels. In addition to decreased plantings, a none too satisfactory start was obtained in many sections where drought and frost were adverse factors. However, on October 20 Broomhall had reported that the crop was making better progress following rains which had covered the entire country in varying intensity. Surface moisture supplies were considered satisfactory and reserve moisture had also improved materially in some sections. Nevertheless, fairly regular rains were deemed necessary in a number of northern areas to bring wheat and other small grains to maturity.

Argentine Wheat Exports, September, 1955 and December, 1954—September, 1955

Destination	September	December- September	Destination	September	December- September
	- thousand bushels -			- thousand bushels -	
Austria.....	-	2,004	Lebanon.....	62	62
Belgium.....	364	4,149	Netherlands...	1,117	7,434
Brazil.....	4,901	35,675	Norway.....	103	419
Chile.....	254	4,002	Paraguay.....	154	1,421
Czechoslovakia	-	772	Peru.....	396	4,093
Denmark.....	169	678	Poland.....	-	8,563
Finland.....	366	2,091	Sweden.....	-	250
Germany.....	54	7,499	Switzerland...	-	1,140
Italy.....	263	18,286	United Kingdom	817	6,050
Japan.....	-	2,615	Totals....	9,022	107,204
Same period:					
1953-54.....					87,060
1952-53.....					58,090
1951-52.....					3,786
1950-51.....					85,877
1949-50.....					93,280

# AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

**Supply Position**      Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1954-55 crop year, consisting of the December 1, 1954 carryover of 93.5 million bushels and the 1954 crop of 166.6 million, amount to a total of 260.1 million bushels, some 11 per cent above the comparable 1953-54 total of 234.0 million. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements of 71.0 million bushels, a total of 189.1 million bushels are available for export and for carryover during 1954-55, compared with 161.7 million in 1953-54.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during the period from December 1, 1954 to September 24, 1955 amounted to 80.4 million bushels as against 52.5 million exported during the corresponding period of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on September 25 for export and for carryover was estimated at 108.7 million bushels, virtually unchanged from the 109.2 million available at the same date a year ago.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1953-54	1954-55 <sup>1/</sup>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	36.0	93.5
New crop.....	198.0	166.6
Total estimated supplies.....	234.0	260.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year.....	72.3	71.0 <sup>2/</sup>
Available for export and for carryover.....	161.7	189.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 to Sept. 24....	28.5	52.5
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 to September 24.....	24.0	27.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	52.5	80.4
Balance on September 25 for export and for carryover...	109.2	108.7

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.

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Wheat Sales           The Secretary of the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation stated, at the Federation's half-yearly conference, that the Australian Wheat Board had sold all wheat produced in Australia in the past year. He said that the recent estimate prepared by the Board showed that at December 1 next it would have the same carryover as in the preceding year—about 93 million bushels.

Replying to a question in the House of Representatives, the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture confirmed that Australia had offered to sell wheat to Iceland on credit, but gave no further details. An unconfirmed report is that Australia is selling 1.25 million bushels of wheat to Japan for transport in Japanese vessels. Sales of wheat in September were very depressed, due to good crops being harvested in Europe.

International           The Minister for Commerce and Agriculture has announced that  
Wheat Agreement       Australia will support in principle the renewal of the International Wheat Agreement on terms satisfactory to Australia. The Commonwealth Government regarded it as of the highest importance that the United Kingdom should again become a member of the Agreement.

Further payment  
on damaged wheat       The Australian Wheat Board will make another payment of 3d. (2.76 cents) a bushel to growers on No. 18A pool, the separate pool for rain-damaged wheat. Most of this wheat has now been sold, and the discounts on sales, as compared with f.a.q. wheat, worked out. The Australian Wheat Board has advised the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture that the returns from sales of this wheat to date show that the area dockage of 1/- (11 cents) per bushel that was deducted from the first advance paid on deliveries can now be reduced to 9d. (8.28 cents) per bushel.

Charge for late           Late deliveries of wheat to No. 18 pool would be charged 1d.  
deliveries               (9/10 of a cent) a bushel after September 15, to cover extra handling costs, and this would be additional to any dockage that may apply for inferior quality.

Wheat Credit           The Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation, at their half-yearly  
Plan                    conference held in September, stated that they will ask the Federal Government to establish a wheat export insurance scheme which was needed to enable the Australian Wheat Board to make credit sales to approved overseas countries without financial risk to the Board and the grower.

Wheat Acreage           The Federation also suggested that Australian wheatgrowers should reduce production until the present world surplus of wheat is halved. It was pointed out that the wheat acreage in Australia has fallen by 24 per cent over the last ten years (34 per cent since 1932-33) and some States had reached the limit in reducing their acreage. The States were not unanimous in voting for a reduction in wheat acreage, the general opinion being that it should be left to the growers.



Crop Estimate The Australian Wheat Board has predicted a wheat crop of 200 million bushels for the coming season--a record for the acreage sown of about 10 1/2 million acres. The Chairman of the Wheat Board said that the estimate of the wheat that would be delivered to the Board in each State after farmers had retained seed and other requirements was: New South Wales 60 million bushels; Queensland 16 million; Victoria 40 million; South Australia 30 million; and Western Australia 40 million; giving a total of 186 million bushels.

Seasonal Conditions Seasonal conditions over the major part of the grain growing areas continue to be favourable, and present indications are for a bumper crop. Some parts of Victoria have had more rain than is needed, and flooding has damaged some of the wheat crop in that State. Gale force winds have done damage in part of South Australia, but the overall position is still very good.

Pastoral conditions practically all over Australia are the best for many years, and the Commonwealth is carrying record numbers of sheep and cattle. Farmers are being urged to take advantage of these good seasons and conserve fodder to carry them over poor seasons. Conditions are exceptionally good in the northern part of Australia for this time of year.

Milk production reached record figures last year, and promises to increase still further in the current season. The wool clip was also a record in 1954-55, and the estimate for the 1955-56 season is for an increase of 2.9 per cent in output.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1 to September 24, 1954-55 and Corresponding Period 1953-54

	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
	- thousand bushels -			
Aden and Aden I/T .....	-	6	711	1,000
Belgian Congo .....	-	-	1	2
Borneo .....	-	-	-	6
British North Borneo .....	-	-	88	150
British West Indies .....	2	3	-	135
Brunei .....	-	-	16	16
Burma .....	31	162	956	924
Ceylon .....	5	12	6,906	5,627
Cocos Islands .....	-	-	1/	-
Cyprus .....	875	433	-	1/
Dutch New Guinea .....	-	-	20	38
Egypt .....	-	-	-	9
Egypt (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	790	86
Eire .....	602	1,439	-	-
French Somaliland .....	-	-	3	4
Germany .....	4,464	806	-	-
Greece .....	-	-	1/	-
Hadhramaut .....	-	-	-	5
Hong Kong .....	18	652	-	-
Hong Kong (General) .....	-	-	262	219
Hong Kong (a/c War Office) ..	-	-	70	68
India .....	3,925	12,348	-	-
Indonesia .....	-	1	4,058	3,883

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1 to  
September 24, 1954-55 and Corresponding Period 1953-54

	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
	- thousand bushels -			
Iraq.....	-	959	-	-
Italy (a/c S/S).....	-	-	5	26
Japan.....	611	4,552	-	-
Jordan.....	-	771	-	322
Korea.....	-	-	402	-
Kure (a/c War Office)....	-	-	130	24
Lebanon.....	-	1,307	1	73
Libya.....	-	-	18	52
Malaya.....	304	668	-	-
Malaya (General).....	-	-	4,673	5,227
Malaya (a/c War Office)..	-	-	86	122
Malta.....	-	281	-	-
Mauritius.....	-	1	939	1,033
Netherlands.....	624	495	-	-
New Zealand.....	6,247	7,121	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Nyasaland.....	-	-	50	70
Pacific Islands.....	15	24	1,296	1,789
Palestine.....	-	-	-	6
Persian Gulf.....	57	52	82	147
Philippines.....	-	-	39	86
Pondicherry.....	1	-	14	8
Port Said (a/c S/S).....	-	-	54	65
Portuguese East Africa...	197	476	3	<u>1/</u>
Portuguese India.....	115	57	103	76
Portuguese West Africa...	-	-	<u>1/</u>	-
Reunion.....	-	-	48	-
Rhodesia.....	1,726	2,025	2	-
Roumania.....	-	283	-	-
Sarawak.....	-	-	129	139
Saudi Arabia.....	29	90	3	76
Seychelles.....	-	-	21	31
Siam.....	4	5	411	587
Sudan.....	-	-	287	1,002
Syria.....	-	1,403	-	-
Tahiti.....	-	-	181	173
Timor.....	-	-	17	26
United Kingdom.....	8,648	16,078	1,000	4,069
Yemen.....	-	-	3	5
Yugoslavia.....	-	-	-	<u>1/</u>
Zanzibar.....	4	10	-	362
Royal Navy.....	14	31	20	24
Ships' Stores.....	-	-	102	107
Totals.....	28,518	52,551	24,000	27,900

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

### FRENCH SITUATION

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report provided by Miss V. F. Wightman, Commercial Secretariat, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of October 18, 1955, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions from French to Canadian measures have been made and rounded for the convenience of our readers. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of one franc equals .00283 Canadian dollars, the rate in effect on September 30, 1955.

Growing Conditions The month of September, according to the latest Ministry of Agriculture crop report, was marked by somewhat more rainfall than August, but rain remained light and ploughing has been delayed. The west of the country, in particular, has suffered from the dry weather and pastures are inadequate in certain areas.

No later estimates have been issued on the 1955 grain crops, and the figures reported in the last issue still stand. The wheat crop, it will be recalled, was estimated at 10.3 million metric tons (377.9 million bushels), which just about equals last year's record production. The corn crop benefited from September's rains, and the outlook is now better as the harvest approaches; it is estimated that the crop may now reach 1 million metric tons (39.4 million bushels) compared with last season's 950,000 tons (37.4 million bushels).

Continuation of Marketing Quota for 1956 The French government has announced that it will continue for next year the system of a marketing quota which was instituted with the 1955 wheat crop. As a result of this quota, the government will buy at the guaranteed price only 6.8 million tons of wheat (249.9 million bushels), which according to official calculations leaves 8 per cent of the current crop deliveries payable at whatever export price the Grain Board may obtain. Thus 8 per cent of all individual deliveries are at present paid at an initial price of 1200 francs per quintal (92 cents per bushel), with the balance to be paid by next July 1.

The actual method used for the 1956 crop will be announced next summer, based presumably on experience gained with the application of the quota this year.

Financing of Export Subsidies The Wheat Producers Association recently published a letter received from the Minister of Finance concerning the financing of exports of wheat from the 1955 crop. The Minister estimated that wheat exports which come within the guaranteed support price will require a total of 29 billion francs (\$82 million) in subsidies, which will permit shipment of 1.6 million tons (58.8 million bushels). Since the levy on producers' deliveries will yield 12 billion (\$34 million), the share supported by the State will amount to 17 billion (\$48 million). The Minister promised further that farmers would not have to sell more than 8 per cent of their crop at the international price in that should total deliveries surpass the earlier estimate of 7.4 million tons (271.9 million bushels), the State would cover any sums necessary for export of these quantities.

New Crop Supplies With the new wheat crop on about the same level as last year, it is expected that farmers' deliveries to the Grain Board will be similar to the 7.7 million tons (282.9 million bushels) marketed during the 1954-55 season. On this basis, it is possible to compose a preliminary table of availabilities of the French wheat crop during the ensuing year, as compared with the previous crop year ended July 31.



# French Wheat Supplies

Item	1954-55 <u>1/</u>	1955-56 <u>1/</u>
- million bushels -		
Commercial carryover, August 1 .....	30.4	35.3
Farmers' marketings August—July .....	285.4	282.9 <u>2/</u>
Total Commercial Supplies .....	315.7	318.2
Less domestic requirements for crop year .....	183.4	183.7 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and carryover .....	132.3	134.5
Deduct exports of wheat and flour in wheat equivalent August—July .....	97.1	
Commercial carryover, July 31 .....	35.3	

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Estimated.

Source: Private estimate based on Grain Board figures.

The press reports that deliveries of wheat to the Grain Board had reached 3.7 million tons (136 million bushels) by mid-September. At the same time exports for the new crop year have totalled some 300,000 tons (11,023,000 bushels).

Apart from intermittent sales to the chief markets, Germany and the United Kingdom, the trade press reports two sales of 120,000 and 50,000 tons (4,409,000 and 1,837,000 bushels) to Poland; a flour contract of unspecified quantity with Spain; 80,000 tons (2,939,000 bushels) of wheat to Egypt; 5,000 tons (184,000 bushels) to Finland and smaller quantities to Austria, Netherlands, and Denmark.

Financing of Wheat Crop Purchases Co-operatives and dealers registered with the Grain Board avail themselves of the guarantee of the Board when financing their purchases through the National Agricultural Bank. Recent figures on the extent of this guarantee indicate the steady increase in their turnover. The sums guaranteed by the Grain Board rose from 7 billion francs (\$20 million) for the 1952-53 crop to 10 billion (\$28 million) in 1953-54 and 13 billion (\$37 million) in 1954-55.

Purchase of Imported Corn Against Wheat As was the case last year, the distribution of imported corn will again be tied in with purchase of wheat in order that as much as possible of the latter will be consumed on farms. Corn will be released in an equal quantity to the purchase of denatured wheat, and in a quantity 50 per cent higher for purchases of standard wheat. Offers of a maximum of 100 tons (3,900 bushels) are to be addressed to the Grain Board which will pay the transport to the purchaser's railway station.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- October 10 - According to Foreign Crops and Markets, official prices for Spain's 1955 wheat crop were recently fixed by the Spanish government at an average of \$2.86 per bushel compared with last year's average of \$2.73 per bushel. The government's prices for this year's crop are generally higher than those fixed for any of the three preceding seasons. Just as in 1953-54, when fixed prices were increased over those of the preceding year because of a poor crop caused by drought, the increase this year is attributed to a lower-than-normal crop as a result of drought.
- 11 - Based on conditions at October 1, the 1955 production of all wheat in the United States was estimated at 915.5 million bushels, a decrease of slightly more than 1 million from the September estimate, 6 per cent smaller than the 1954 crop and 21 per cent less than the 1944-1953 average.
- 20 - An agreement was reached at the one-day trade meeting in Washington between United States and Canadian officials to meet for joint consultation every month or six weeks to discuss the effects of the United States wheat surplus disposal programme.
- 21 - Wheat stocks in the United States at October 1 totalled 1,740 million bushels, according to a report published by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Off-farm stocks of 1,325 million bushels were the largest on record for October 1, while the on-farm stocks of 415 million bushels were the smallest for that date since 1940.
- 25 - The Canadian Wheat Board reduced the price of Feed wheat to \$1.19 3/4, down 7 cents from the October 24 price. Prices of grades 5 and 6 wheat were each dropped 5 cents per bushel to levels of \$1.30 3/4 and \$1.24 3/4 per bushel, respectively.
- 27 - Nos. 5, 6 and Feed wheat are quoted by the Canadian Wheat Board at \$1.28, \$1.21 and \$1.14 per bushel, respectively.
- November 1 - Mr. W. C. McNamara, Assistant Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, has been appointed Chairman of one of three technical committees set up at the Geneva Wheat Conference. The committee will deal with such matters as the base price of wheat and differentials among grades.
- The United States Department of Agriculture announced issuance to Yugoslavia of a Purchase Authorization under Public Law 480 to finance the purchase of about 11.0 million bushels of wheat from United States suppliers.
- 4 - Based on conditions at October 15, Canada's 1955 wheat crop was estimated at 494.1 million bushels, 60 per cent above the 1954 outturn of 308.9 million bushels and 11 per cent above the ten-year (1945-1954) average of 445.9 million. Production in the Prairie Provinces, in millions of bushels, was estimated as follows: Manitoba, 41; Saskatchewan, 298; and Alberta, 133.
- 5 - It is announced today that arrangements have been made with the chartered banks to facilitate loans to grain producers in the Prairie Provinces.







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