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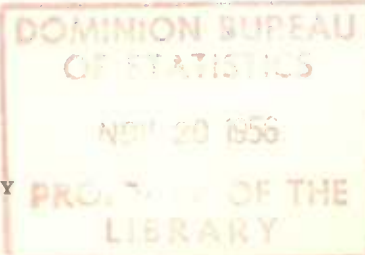
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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about October 1, 1956 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,318.5 million bushels, slightly above the 2,309.9 million available a year ago. Supplies at October 1, 1956 (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 1,292.6 (1,300.5); Canada, 857.8 (803.7); Australia, 108.9 (104.0); and Argentina, 59.2 (101.7). 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, 1956, at 176.3 million bushels, are up 45 per cent from the shipments of 121.5 million during the comparable period of 1955. Shipments from each of the four countries during August-September of the current and six preceding years are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August-September, 1956 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 .....	33.1	48.8	22.5	11.1	115.5
1955 1/ .....	42.9	42.2	19.6	16.8	121.5
1956 2/ .....	74.4	57.2	15.6	29.1	176.3

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

According to the October 31 issue of "The Wheat Situation" published by the United States Department of Agriculture, "World exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat in 1956-57 (U.S. crop-year July-June) will probably reach the level estimated for 1955-56, and may approach the record of 1,066 million bushels set in 1951-52. "The Wheat Situation" attributes the prospects of increased movement of wheat to higher economic activity and greater purchasing power in importing countries coupled with smaller crops in Europe. Preliminary data indicate that, in 1955-56, world trade in wheat, including flour, totaled about 1,016 million bushels. Exports at this level are 5 per cent above the 970 million exported the previous season, 10 per cent more than the 1945-54 average of 923 million bushels, and only 5 per cent below the all-time high exports of 1,066 million bushels in 1951-52. "

With reference to the larger movement of wheat in 1955-56 "The Wheat Situation" states, "The increase in exports in 1955-56 can be attributed to an over-all increase in demand for wheat brought about, to some extent, by the efforts of the Governments of some countries to improve nutritional standards of their people. The various export programs of the United States Government and Canadian shipments to Soviet Bloc countries also were factors in the increased volume of wheat in world trade in the past year."

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1956-57

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Quantities	S O U R C E						Total Purchases	Remainder 3/
		Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Sweden	U.S.A.		
		1/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/		
- thousand bushels -									
Austria .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Belgium .....	16,535	616	-	4	-	-	4,113	4,733	11,802
Bolivia .....	4,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,042
Brazil .....	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,349
Costa Rica .....	1,470	257	-	-	-	-	541	798	672
Cuba .....	7,422	118	-	-	-	-	2,614	2,732	4,690
Denmark .....	1,837	119	-	-	-	148	1,502	1,769	68
Dominican Republic	1,102	103	-	-	-	-	193	296	806
Ecuador .....	1,837	219	-	-	-	-	19	238	1,599
Egypt .....	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
El Salvador .....	919	53	-	-	-	-	223	276	643
Germany .....	55,116	5,595	-	2,262	-	981	8,549	17,387	37,729
Greece .....	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	4,255	4,255	6,768
Guatemala .....	1,470	73	-	-	-	-	408	481	989
Haiti .....	2,204	115	-	-	-	-	448	563	1,641
Honduras Republic	919	2	-	-	-	-	28	30	889
Iceland .....	73	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	63
India 5/ .....	7,349	-	-	7,177	-	-	172	7,349	-
Indonesia .....	5,144	-	-	886	-	-	-	886	4,258
Ireland .....	5,512	1,071	-	-	-	-	-	1,071	4,441
Israel .....	8,267	355	-	-	-	-	1,498	1,853	6,414
Italy .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Japan .....	36,744	2,712	-	-	-	-	-	2,712	34,032
Korea .....	2,205	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,205
Lebanon .....	2,756	-	-	-	-	-	205	205	2,551
Liberia .....	73	3	-	-	-	-	11	14	59
Mexico .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Netherlands .....	25,721	952	-	8	-	-	7,447	8,407	17,314
New Zealand 4/ ...	5,879	-	-	2,939	-	-	-	2,939	2,940
Nicaragua .....	367	45	-	-	-	-	105	150	217
Norway .....	6,614	3,184	-	-	-	-	376	3,560	3,054
Panama .....	1,102	45	-	-	-	-	148	193	909
Peru .....	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	7,339
Philippines .....	6,063	1,017	-	63	-	-	919	1,999	4,064
Portugal .....	5,879	57	-	122	-	-	526	705	5,174
Saudi Arabia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	246	246	3,428
Spain .....	4,593	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,593
Switzerland .....	6,981	3,102	-	-	-	-	-	3,102	3,879
Union of S. Africa	5,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,512
Vatican City .....	551	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	551
Venezuela .....	6,246	1,069	-	-	-	-	1,910	2,979	3,267
Yugoslavia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Totals .....	293,618	20,882	-	13,461	-	1,129	36,476	71,948	

1/ Canadian Sales through October 30, 1956.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through October 26, 1956.

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

4/ Quantity as inscribed in the 1956 Wheat Agreement. Clarification of country's membership status is pending.

5/ Quota filled.



# CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1956-57 crop year now amount to some 1,075 million bushels consisting of the August 1 carryover of 537.2 million bushels and the 1956 crop, estimated on the basis of conditions at mid-October, at 537.8 million. Supplies of the size indicated would be the largest on record and would exceed by about 8 per cent the comparable 1955-56 total of 993.9 million bushels. Assuming realization of the current estimate of production and after making an allowance of 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 915.0 million bushels are available for export and for carryover during 1956-57 compared with 845.9 million available in 1955-56.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-September period of the current crop year amounted to 57.2 million bushels as against 42.2 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. Subject to realization of current production and utilization estimates, the balance remaining on October 1, 1956 for export and for carryover amounted to 857.8 million bushels, about 7 per cent greater than the October 1, 1955 total of 803.7 million.

## Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1955-56 <u>1</u> / - million bushels -	1956-57 <u>2</u> / - million bushels -
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	499.7	537.2
New crop .....	494.1	537.8 <u>3</u> /
Imports of wheat, August .....	<u>4</u> /	<u>5</u> /
Total estimated supplies .....	993.9	1,075.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	148.0	160.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	845.9	915.0
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August-September	34.7	50.6
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August-September ....	0.8	0.4
Total exports of wheat .....	35.4	51.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-September	6.8 <u>6</u> /	6.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	42.2	57.2
Balance on October 1 for export and for carryover .....	803.7	857.8

1/ Subject to revision.

4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

2/ Preliminary.

5/ Not Available.

3/ Revised.

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

Marketings of wheat by farmers in the three Prairie Provinces up to October 17 this year have amounted to some 52.3 million bushels, about 33 per cent greater than the comparable 1955-56 total of 39.3 million. During the four-week period September 20 to October 17, deliveries of wheat (both Eastern and Western) averaged 8.0 million bushels per week while the quantity of wheat entering domestic and export channels (overseas clearances, plus Canadian domestic use, plus imports into United States) averaged 7.9 million bushels. Visible supplies of Canadian wheat remained fairly stable during the period, with a high of 344.2 million bushels for the week ending October 17 and a low of 341.3 million bushels for the week ending October 3.

This year's visible supply at October 17, at 344.2 million bushels was below the 369.9 million at approximately the same date a year ago but above the 326.9 million of two years ago. Some 209.7 million bushels, or 61 per cent of this year's October 17 total was held in country elevators compared with 261.4 million in 1955 and 178.3 million in 1954. Lakehead stocks at October 17, 1956, at 30.1 million bushels were well below last year's total of 45.0 million and slightly below the 1954 figure of 32.0 million. The 33.7 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were also down considerably from the 40.5 million bushels in this position a year ago and 38.6 million two years ago. Supplies of 23.3 million bushels in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports were relatively unchanged from the comparable totals of 23.9 million and 23.4 million bushels in 1955 and 1954, respectively. Supplies of wheat in West coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert) amounted to 10.2 million bushels compared with 11.0 million a year ago and 12.2 million two years ago. Some 8.6 million bushels were "In transit rail" (Western Division) at October 17, above the 2.9 million in this position in 1955 but below the 9.2 million in 1954.

<u>September Exports of</u> <u>Wheat and Flour Total</u> <u>27.4 Million Bushels</u>	Total exports of Canadian wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during September 1956 amounted to 27.4 million bushels, about 8 per cent below the 29.8 million bushels exported during August but exceeding the September 1955 total of 19.0 million and the ten-year (1945-1954) September average exports of 21.7 million bushels by some 44 per cent and 26 per cent, respectively. Exports of wheat as grain totalled 24.6 million bushels as against 26.3 million during the preceding month and 15.2 million during September 1955. Preliminary Customs returns indicate that the equivalent of 2.8 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during September this year compared with 3.4 million during August and the revised September 1955 figure of 3.8 million bushels.
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Cumulative exports of wheat as grain during the August-September period of the current crop year amounted to 51.0 million bushels, surpassing by 44 per cent the corresponding 1955 total of 35.4 million. The United Kingdom, Canada's leading purchaser of wheat as grain received shipments amounting to some 19.3 million bushels, representing 38 per cent of the two-month total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat as grain during the period, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: Japan, 10.2; Federal Republic of Germany, 8.4; Switzerland, 3.1; Belgium, 2.7; Netherlands, 2.4; and Norway, 1.3.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first two months of the 1956-57 crop year, based on preliminary Customs returns, were the equivalent of 6.2 million bushels of wheat, about 9 per cent below the adjusted figure of 6.8 million bushels exported during the same period of the 1955-56 crop year. As with wheat as grain, the United Kingdom was also the principal market for Canadian wheat flour, accounting for shipments equivalent to 2.3 million bushels or 37 per cent of the total



August-September export movement of wheat flour. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with quantities in thousands of bushels, were as follows: Philippine Islands, 989; Venezuela, 454; Trinidad and Tobago, 279; Jamaica, 265; Japan, 188; United States, 188; Gold Coast, 179; Leeward and Windward Islands, 154; British Guiana, 113; and Hong Kong, 109.

Canada's 1956 Wheat Crop Estimated at 537.8 Million Bushels Based on conditions at mid-October Canada's 1956 wheat crop is now estimated at 537.8 million bushels, 9 per cent above last year's outturn of 494.1 million and 16 per cent above the ten-year 1946-55 average of 463.7 million. While this year's crop is the sixth in seven years to exceed 450 million bushels, it is 23 per cent below the record 701.9 million bushels harvested in 1952. Since the acreage seeded to wheat declined by 1 per cent in 1956 the increase in production is due entirely to higher yields per acre. Yields per acre this year at 25.2 bushels have only been exceeded three times.

November Estimate of the 1956 Production of Spring and Winter Wheat in Canada,  
Compared with 1955

Crop	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1955	1956	1955	1956 <u>1/</u>	1955	1956 <u>1/</u>
	- acres -		- bushels -		- bushels -	
<u>CANADA</u>						
Spring wheat <u>2/</u>	20,923,800	20,720,400	22.7	25.0	474,177,000	518,018,000
Winter wheat ..	582,000	620,000	34.3	31.9	19,963,000	19,778,000
All wheat ...	21,505,800	21,340,400	23.0	25.2	494,140,000	537,796,000
<u>PRAIRIE PROVINCES</u>						
Manitoba .....	1,950,000	2,073,000	21.0	25.6	41,000,000	53,000,000
Saskatchewan ..	13,148,000	13,423,000	22.7	24.4	298,000,000	327,000,000
Alberta .....	5,714,000	5,134,000	23.3	26.5	133,000,000	136,000,000
Totals .....	20,812,000	20,630,000	22.7	25.0	472,000,000	516,000,000

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

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

The 1956 all-Canada spring wheat production, including durum, is placed at 518.0 million bushels compared with the 1955 crop of 474.2 million and the ten-year average of 44.9 million. The indicated average yield per acre is 25.0 as against 22.7 bushels in 1955 and the ten-year average of 18.2 bushels. Ontario's winter wheat crop is estimated at 19.8 million bushels, a decrease of 0.2 million from the 1955 crop.

In the Prairie Provinces the 1956 wheat crop is now estimated at 516.0 million bushels, representing increases of 9 per cent over last year's outturn of 472.0 million and 17 per cent over the ten-year average of 439.5 million bushels. The current estimate in each of the Prairie Provinces is somewhat above the forecast based on conditions at mid-September. Production in Saskatchewan, which accounts for practically 60 per cent of this year's total wheat crop, is estimated at 327.0 million bushels, 10 per cent above last year's 298.0 million. This year's crop is also higher than that of 1955 in Alberta and Manitoba where production is

estimated at 136.0 million and 53.0 million bushels, respectively, compared with 133.0 million and 41.0 million last year. The indicated average yield per seeded acre in the Prairie Provinces as a whole is 25.0 bushels per acre with Manitoba averaging 25.6, Saskatchewan, 24.4 and Alberta 26.5 bushels. Current estimates of production in the Prairies include relatively small quantities of winter wheat, principally in Alberta, and an estimated 43.3 million bushels of durum wheat.

November Estimate of the 1956 Production of Durum Wheat  
in the Prairie Provinces, Compared with 1955

Province	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1955	1956	1955	1956 <u>1/</u>	1955	1956 <u>1/</u>
	- acres -		- bushels -		- bushels -	
Manitoba .....	13,000	15,000	15.0	20.0	195,000	300,000
Saskatchewan ..	475,000	1,100,000	23.8	24.5	11,300,000	27,000,000
Alberta .....	206,000	535,000	28.0	29.9	5,800,000	16,000,000
Total ....	694,000	1,650,000	24.9	26.2	17,295,000	43,300,000

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

Production of durum wheat in the Prairie Provinces is estimated at 43.3 million bushels, up 2.0 million bushels from the September forecast. The substantial increase in production over the 1955 crop of 17.3 million bushels is due to a sharp increase in seeded acreage from 694,000 acres in 1955 to 1,650,000 in 1956, and an increase in yield per acre from 24.9 bushels per acre last year to 26.2 bushels this year. Estimated production by provinces, in millions of bushels, is as follows: Manitoba, 0.3; Saskatchewan, 27.0; and Alberta, 16.0. The estimated average yield for the Prairies as a whole is 26.2 bushels per acre with Manitoba averaging 20.0; Saskatchewan, 24.5; and Alberta, 29.9 bushels.

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1956-57

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
		- bushels -				
August	8, 1956 ...	826	70,774	14,549	86,149	-
	15 .....	18,055	742,851	66,158	827,064	184,387
	22 .....	142,030	1,413,145	329,074	1,884,249	2,360,263
	29 .....	300,488	2,813,251	676,293	3,790,032	3,506,512
September	5 .....	279,055	2,240,920	662,721	3,182,696	6,666,139
	12 .....	312,017	2,681,903	745,801	3,739,721	7,078,649
	19 .....	753,369	4,717,176	1,210,781	6,681,326	5,500,102
	26 .....	1,772,551	4,293,970	1,522,428	7,588,949	3,018,220
October	3 .....	1,567,401	5,400,834	1,789,234	8,757,469	3,846,628
	10 .....	701,543	4,546,551	1,909,027	7,157,121	3,198,866
	17 .....	918,095	5,422,458	2,288,436	8,628,989	3,963,996
Totals .....		6,765,430	34,343,833	11,214,502	52,323,765	39,323,762
Average similar period:						
1945-46-1954-55		19,544,780	72,704,331	33,100,369	125,349,480	



Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat by farmers in the Prairie Provinces during the first eleven weeks (August 1 - October 17) of the current crop year amounted to 52.3 million bushels compared with 39.3 million during the corresponding period of 1955-56. During the same period, marketings of oats at 21.0 million bushels, barley at 33.5 million, and rye at 2.0 million were also up sharply from their comparable 1955 levels of 9.3 million, 22.0 million, and 0.9 million bushels, respectively. During the period under review flaxseed was the only one of the five grains marketed in smaller volume this year than last, with deliveries of this grain totalling 8.3 million bushels as against 9.0 million in 1955.

Bank Loans Guaranteed for 1956 Grain Crops According to a Department of Finance press release dated October 26, 1956, the Minister of Finance has announced that the provisions of the Prairie Grain Producers Interim Financing Act 1956 have been extended to apply to the current crop year. Producers of western wheat (other than durum), oats, barley and rye will be able to obtain bank loans, during the period October 1, 1956 to June 1, 1957, on the security of farm stored threshed grain, and such loans will be government guaranteed. The terms are the same as those on the 1955 crop; the maximum will be \$1,500 and the rate of interest five per cent per annum. The loan will be reduced by the amount of any receipts which the farmer has received under the 1956-57 delivery quota and half the money payable to the producer for subsequent deliveries is to be paid to the bank to apply against repayment of the loan.

No loans are to be made to borrowers with loans outstanding from 1955-56.

#### Quota Policy

Deliveries of Durum by Producers in Manitoba The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade re Quotas, No. 16, under date of September 13, 1956 announced in part that, "Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 1 of July 27th, 1956, specified that deliveries of Durum within the authorized quota of five (5) bushels per seeded acre were restricted to the delivery point designated in the producer's permit book. The total acreage seeded to Durum by producers in Manitoba is quite small and widely scattered, thus creating local problems in the handling of Durum Wheat at Manitoba stations.

In order to assist producers in Manitoba in delivering their Durum Wheat, Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 1 is hereby amended, and producers holding delivery permit books calling for delivery at stations in Manitoba may now deliver Durum Wheat within the quota authorized at their regular delivery point, to any station in Manitoba selected by them at which space for Durum Wheat is available."

Durum Wheat The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 29, under date of October 19, 1956 announced that, "Effective immediately the delivery quota on Durum Wheat is hereby increased from five (5) bushels to eight (8) bushels per seeded acre of Durum Wheat, as shown on the individual producer's delivery permit book, subject to a minimum delivery quota of three hundred (300) bushels.

The above increase is authorized at all delivery points and all deliveries, whether for storage or for sale, must be entered in the producer's delivery permit book at the time of delivery.



Under the minimum delivery quota announced above, a producer, whose delivery permit indicates acreage seeded to Durum Wheat in 1956 of less than 38 acres, may now deliver additional Durum Wheat, which, when added to his previous deliveries of Durum Wheat, will bring his total deliveries up to, but not in excess of, three hundred (300) bushels of Durum Wheat.

Instructions to the Trade re Quotas, No. 16, of September 13, 1956, continues to apply insofar as Manitoba producers are concerned but, in all other cases, producers are required to deliver their Durum Wheat at the shipping point indicated in their delivery permit books. However, where there is not sufficient Durum Wheat grown at a shipping point to permit of shippable quantities being delivered, the Board will, on application, give consideration to allowing a producer or producers at such point to deliver Durum Wheat at some other point where space is available for Durum Wheat.

All deliveries of Durum Wheat which are made by producers must apply against the authorized Durum Wheat quota and in no case will such deliveries be permitted to apply against a producer's initial or specified acreage quotas."

General Quota Position By October 26, 1956, out of a total of 2,080 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had been able to place 90 on a quota of 3 bushels per specified acre, 279 on a 2-bushel quota and 630 on a 1-bushel quota. Of the remainder, 1,062 were on the Initial Unit Quota while 19 stations were reported as closed.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group  
as at October 26, 1956

Province	Initial Unit Quota	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre			Closed Stations	Total
		One	Two	Three		
Ontario .....	-	-	1	-	1	2
Manitoba .....	160	116	70	30	2	378
Saskatchewan .....	503	377	171	53	2	1,106
Alberta .....	397	137	37	5	14	590
British Columbia .....	2	-	-	2	-	4
All Provinces .....	1,062	630	279	90	19	2,080

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, October 17, 1956  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1954 and 1955

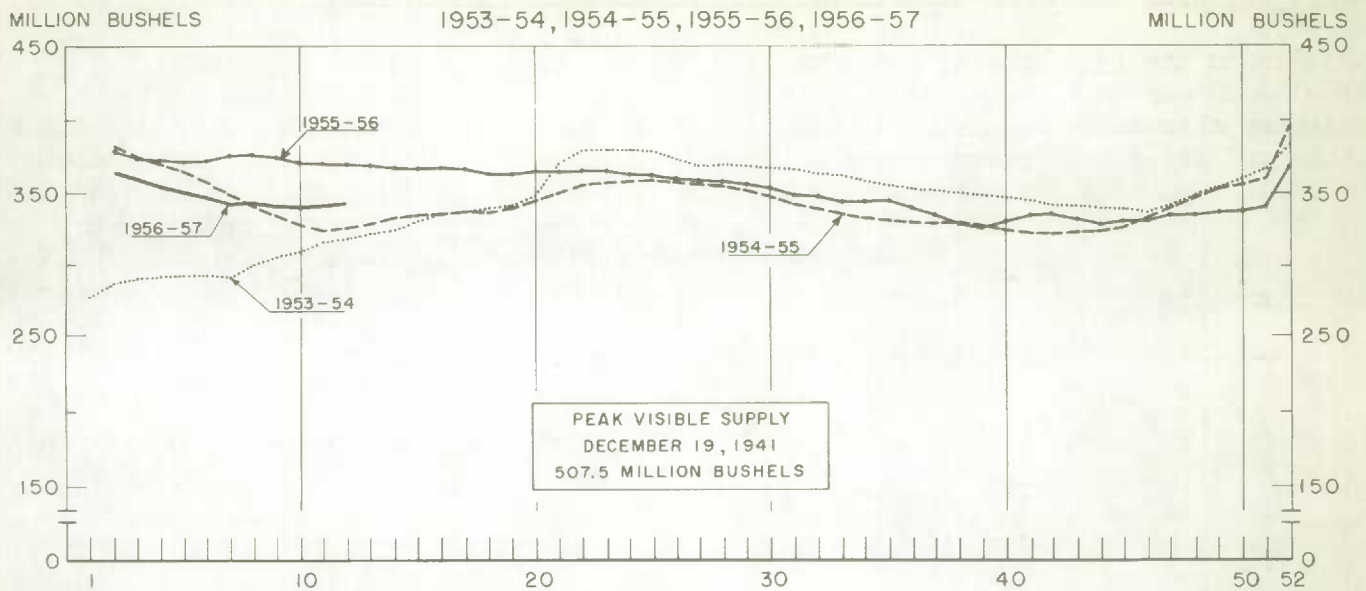
Position	1954	1955	1956
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	23,429	23,889	21,528
Saskatchewan .....	101,699	117,544	115,053
Alberta .....	53,209	74,931	73,140
Totals .....	178,337	216,364	209,721
Interior private and mill .....	6,414	5,143	6,961
Interior terminals .....	16,091	15,594	13,468
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	11,375	10,300	9,450
Victoria .....	634	307	673
Prince Rupert .....	220	392	37
Churchill .....	1,632	1,312	3,060
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	31,987	44,953	30,084
Storage Afloat .....	-	177	-
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	9,186	2,907	8,641
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports ..	38,588	40,518	33,724
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports ...	23,423	23,919	23,324
In transit lake .....	8,003	7,626	3,954
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	951	377	1,047
United States ports .....	33	59	-
In transit U.S.A. ....	-	-	81
Totals .....	326,872	369,948	344,226

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-September, 1956 with Comparisons

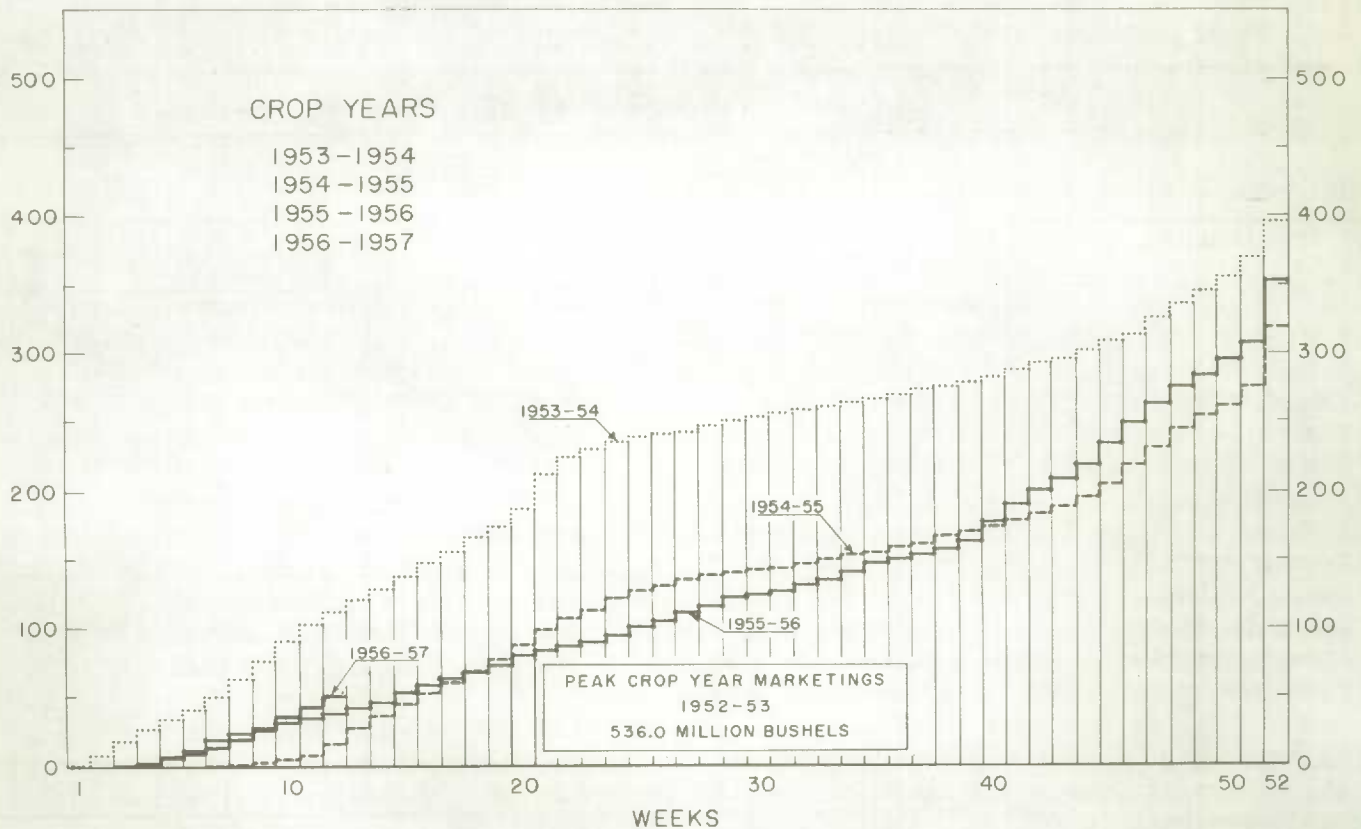
Grade	Crop Year		August - September			
	Average	1955-56	1955	1956	1956	1956
	1950-51- 1954-55					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Hard .....	1/	-	-	-	-	-
1 Man. Northern ....	4.9	3.3	765	2.8	907	2.2
2 Man. Northern ....	26.8	35.9	8,747	32.0	18,339	45.4
3 Man. Northern ....	19.1	22.4	8,085	29.6	9,258	22.9
4 Man. Northern ....	9.0	8.5	2,390	8.7	2,753	6.8
5 Wheat .....	8.7	9.8	1,659	6.1	3,655	9.0
6 Wheat .....	4.6	3.1	529	1.9	513	1.3
Feed Wheat .....	0.9	0.6	161	0.6	84	0.2
Garnet .....	0.6	0.4	143	0.5	62	0.2
Amber Durum .....	1.9	4.1	996	3.6	1,242	3.1
Alberta Winter .....	0.2	0.6	94 5/	0.3 5/	618	1.5
Toughs 2/ 3/ .....	18.2	6.5	2,370	8.7	782	1.9
Damps 2/ 4/ .....	3.6	1/	1	1/	1	1/
Rejected 2/ .....	1.0	4.2	1,269	4.6	1,986	4.9
All others .....	0.5	0.6	116 5/	0.4 5/	202	0.5
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	27,325	100.0	40,402	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 5/ Revised.

## 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 17, 1956  
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1946 to 1955\*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1946 .....	84,476	43,437	20,369	1,048	1,175	150,504
1947 .....	111,210	30,759	16,890	4,895	152	163,906
1948 .....	77,032	18,777	18,986	2,742	5,071	122,608
1949 .....	129,367	27,937	25,020	7,508	5,080	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 .....	169,635	66,857	85,323	10,576	3,998	336,390
1954 .....	98,086	39,712	58,272	5,667	2,745	204,481
1955 .....	104,619	24,561	46,121	9,352	5,102	189,755
1956 .....	164,419	31,805	67,259	10,122	5,173	278,779

\* Shipments from opening of navigation to October 14, 1946, 1947 and 1948. Shipments for subsequent years to the following dates: October 20, 1949; October 19, 1950; October 18, 1951; October 16, 1952; October 15, 1953; October 20, 1954; and October 19, 1955.

Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination August 1 to October 17, 1956  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1954 and 1955

Destination	1954	1955	1956
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Duluth Superior .....	-	359,269	270,951
Milwaukee .....	-	52,923	-
Huron .....	-	-	-
Erie .....	-	-	-
Buffalo .....	1,197,355	308,356	123,789
Oswego .....	-	-	-
Totals, Vessel .....	1,197,355	720,548	394,740
<u>By Rail</u>			
U. S. A. Seaboard Ports .....	-	-	-
Other U. S. A. Points .....	32,498	185,992	112,129
Totals, Rail .....	32,498	185,992	112,129
Totals, Shipments .....	1,229,853	906,540	506,869

\* 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, 1955	August 1 to September 30, 1956
- bushels -		
Port McNicoll .....	-	1,390,833
Midland, Tiffin .....	91,550	2,264,559
Collingwood .....	100,000	64,481
Goderich .....	-	447,770
Owen Sound .....	75,000	370,355
Totals .....	266,550	4,537,998

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1953-54-1956-57

Month	1953 - 54	1954 - 55	1955 - 56	1956 - 57
	- bushels -			
August .....	191,336	61,070	56,951	100,667
September .....	236,030	50,633	64,033	70,324
October .....	173,043	46,053	63,975	
November .....	138,440	81,253	148,576	
December .....	347,824	179,272	477,622	
January .....	510,486	352,109	2,340,921	
February .....	368,662	318,009	1,735,097	
March .....	555,518	245,958	1,599,503	
April .....	378,681	169,137	300,913	
May .....	253,606	68,878	91,534	
June .....	37,349	43,600	91,162	
July .....	74,020	57,619	102,560	
Totals .....	3,264,995	1,673,591	7,072,847	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, September, 1956

Grade	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	- bushels -		
4 Northern .....	-	-	1,333
5 Wheat .....	1,000	1,867	3,500
6 Wheat .....	-	3,000	3,000
Feed .....	-	7,500	-
Toughs .....	-	-	1,439
Rejected .....	-	-	1,689
Amber Durum .....	-	2,000	4,500
All Others .....	-	5,926	33,570
Totals .....	1,000	20,293	49,031

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1 - October 17, 1956, with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
	- bushels -				
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>					
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	22,374,300	11,150	1,885,809	-	-
Victoria .....	73,733	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert .....	-	-	1,824,292	-	-
<u>Churchill</u> .....	16,250,320	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>					
Montreal .....	16,749,426	157,679	7,148,400	50,175	1,082,283
Sorel .....	1,509,947	-	3,311,500	-	165,076
Three Rivers .....	2,930,886	-	470,853	-	-
Quebec .....	2,948,035	-	-	-	-
Totals .....	62,836,647	168,829	14,640,854	50,175	1,247,359
August 1 - September 19, 1955 .....	43,080,292	1,142,445	4,868,430	936,351	677,424

Ocean Shipments of Wheat from Churchill, Season of Navigation, 1931-1956

Year	Shipments <sup>1/</sup> - bushels -	Year	Shipments <sup>1/</sup> - 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	1956 .....	16,250,000

<sup>1/</sup> To nearest thousand bushels.

Wheat Shipments from Churchill Ocean shipments of wheat from Churchill during the 1956 season of navigation amounted to 16.2 million bushels, establishing a record for the tenth consecutive year. The National Harbours Board elevator at Churchill loaded 48 export wheat cargoes this year compared with 38 cargoes last year. Navigation was opened at Churchill on July 27 while the last ship of the season cleared port on October 7.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August, 1956 and 1955

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1956 <sup>1/</sup> .....	4	32	81	41	472	819	116	1,565
Same period 1955:								
Preliminary <sup>2/</sup> .....	4	19	66	40	363	379	5	875
Revised <sup>1/</sup> .....	7	26	76	58	487	441	234	1,329

<sup>1/</sup> Based on claims filed up to September 30, 1956.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on claims filed up to September 30, 1955.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August, 1956 and 1955

Province	1955		1956
	Preliminary <sup>2/</sup>	Revised <sup>1/</sup>	Preliminary <sup>1/</sup>
- tons -			
Newfoundland .....	148	285	161
Prince Edward Island .....	371	673	365
Nova Scotia .....	1,476	2,241	1,805
New Brunswick .....	1,585	2,416	1,223
Quebec .....	9,493	21,919	10,450
Ontario .....	6,545	10,769	6,923
British Columbia .....	61	3,408	447
Totals .....	19,679	41,711	21,374

<sup>1/</sup> Based on claims filed up to September 30, 1956.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on claims filed up to September 30, 1955.



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

Year and Month	Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat 1/	Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Milling in Bond 2/	Customs 3/ Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour	Total	Customs 3/ Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1954-55</u>					
August .....	15,666	185	3,326	19,177	18,481
September .....	25,744	209	3,699	29,653	28,460
October .....	20,046	882	4,063	24,990	28,269
November .....	20,160	331	3,145	23,636	21,526
December .....	16,201	131	3,132	19,465	22,001
January .....	14,792	335	2,850	17,976	17,184
February .....	14,102	96	3,181	17,379	17,706
March .....	16,719	173	3,564	20,456	17,603
April .....	12,705	152	4,844	17,701	20,080
May .....	15,041	531	3,649	19,221	20,175
June .....	18,510	1,048	2,710	22,268	21,992
July .....	17,143	386	2,458	19,987	19,491
Totals .....	206,829	4,458	40,622	251,909	252,968
<u>1955-56 4/</u>					
August .....	19,777	469	2,673	22,920	20,830
September .....	14,877	292	3,462	18,631	18,138
October .....	14,075	416	3,559	18,049	18,141
November .....	16,447	440	3,085	19,972	19,382
December .....	10,323	429	3,076	13,828	17,708
January .....	19,053	476	2,792	22,320	19,057
February .....	16,985	537	3,445	20,967	23,764
March .....	17,631	130	3,181	20,942	20,789
April .....	28,974	1,333	3,276	33,583	29,405
May .....	37,350	1,768	3,645	42,763	37,565
June .....	42,219	1,246	3,037	46,502	42,273
July .....	24,233	322	3,636	28,191	38,498
Totals .....	261,943	7,858	38,867	308,667	305,549
<u>1956-57 4/</u>					
August .....	26,107	223	3,434	29,764	27,147
September .....	24,477	146	2,781	27,403	26,467
Totals .....	50,584	368	6,215	57,167	53,615

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/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Exports for crop year 1954-55 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs for both wheat and wheat flour. Wheat flour conversion rate: 4.5 bushels per barrel of 196 pounds.

4/ Subject to revision. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1956-57

Destination	June	September		August-September	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>					
United Kingdom .....	1,185,172	1,098,441	11,319,014	2,273,799	19,339,332
<u>Africa</u>					
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	1,546	-	-	-	14,933
Gambia .....	3,266	-	-	4,416	-
Gold Coast .....	57,625	82,853	-	178,703	-
Nigeria .....	22,574	9,761	-	31,468	-
Other British West Africa .....	6,440	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone .....	30,017	9,614	-	37,812	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	345,333	-	473,872
<u>Asia</u>					
Ceylon .....	10,948	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong .....	70,410	32,016	36,400	109,261	55,067
Malaya and Singapore .....	47,051	17,204	-	46,846	-
Pakistan .....	-	-	-	46	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar .....	10,819	5,152	-	5,152	-
Malta .....	-	-	377,066	-	377,066
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas .....	20,827	14,226	-	36,545	-
Barbados .....	65,067	31,500	-	61,060	-
Bermuda .....	11,196	8,984	-	15,254	-
British Honduras .....	110	2,038	-	2,480	-
Jamaica .....	164,535	183,816	-	264,926	1,400
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	126,493	70,978	-	154,378	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	243,788	128,105	-	278,875	-
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana .....	56,051	64,623	-	113,169	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .....	2,133,935	1,759,311	12,077,813	3,614,190	20,261,670

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

<u>Africa</u>					
Azores and Madeira .....	-	-	-	6,672	-
Belgian Congo .....	60,766	61,502	-	98,748	-
Liberia .....	745	345	-	2,351	-
Morocco .....	-	7,590	-	7,590	-
Portuguese East Africa .....	773	1,771	56,187	3,542	56,187
Portuguese West Africa .....	3,740	3,922	-	4,842	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia .....	3,692	3,772	-	13,515	18,660
Japan .....	103,436	72,482	3,364,667	188,372	10,205,813
Jordan .....	34	-	-	-	-
Lebanon .....	7,604	-	-	1,679	-
Okinawa .....	-	-	-	-	39,200
Philippine Islands .....	458,850	236,325	-	988,775	-
Portuguese Asia .....	49,008	8,006	-	17,675	-
Syria .....	-	-	-	428	-
Thailand .....	17,365	10,867	-	70,564	-

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination 1956-57

Destination	June	September		August-September	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Europe</u>					
Austria .....	-	-	377,067	-	377,067
Belgium .....	81,843	12,108	1,708,470	43,843	2,662,791
Denmark .....	2,070	8,660	65,333	9,120	65,333
France .....	-	-	-	-	736,740
Greece .....	920	1,318	-	2,583	-
Germany, Federal Republic .....	-	-	4,222,246	-	8,355,289
Ireland .....	-	-	-	-	300,534
Italy .....	-	1,150	7,467	1,150	237,596
Netherlands .....	1,610	483	1,273,814	2,093	2,435,091
Norway .....	-	-	545,066	-	1,323,973
Portugal .....	-	6,762	-	12,788	-
Switzerland .....	-	-	754,167	-	3,120,920
Yugoslavia .....	-	-	-	2,300	-
<u>North America</u>					
American Virgin Islands .....	1,656	2,254	-	4,289	-
Costa Rica .....	30,668	23,375	-	67,091	-
Cuba .....	38,985	28,405	1,000	75,900	1,000
Dominican Republic .....	45,995	28,635	-	53,360	-
El Salvador .....	12,765	16,215	-	35,811	-
French West Indies .....	931	92	-	667	-
Guatemala .....	8,763	2,661	-	15,391	18,739
Haiti .....	24,265	6,095	-	17,135	-
Honduras .....	7,613	2,300	-	6,017	-
Netherlands Antilles .....	7,908	10,527	-	20,652	-
Nicaragua .....	28,564	17,326	-	41,993	-
Panama .....	28,136	13,662	-	32,278	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	-	2,070	-	6,985	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	82,135	91,485	-	187,625	-
For Milling in bond 4/ .....	-	-	59,490	-	59,490
For Domestic use 4/ .....	-	-	86,272	-	308,929
<u>Oceania</u>					
French Oceania .....	-	15,210	-	15,210	-
Guam .....	886	3,565	-	5,290	-
<u>South America</u>					
Colombia .....	8,625	23,575	-	34,615	-
Ecuador .....	-	-	18,667	-	18,667
Peru .....	7,590	1,610	-	1,610	343,840
Surinam .....	13,835	9,901	-	46,968	-
Venezuela .....	380,638	285,791	4,639	453,558	4,639
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	1,522,414	1,021,817	12,544,552	2,601,075	30,690,498
Totals, All Countries .....	3,656,349	2,781,128	24,622,365	6,215,265	50,952,168

1/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Conversion rate 2.3 bushels per cwt. 2/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Unadjusted Canadian Customs returns. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. 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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
- 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 .....	132	132	132	132
4 Northern .....	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat .....	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat .....	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat .....	96	96	96	96
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 .....	172	171/7	171/7	171/5
2 Northern .....	169	168/7	168/7	168/5
3 Northern .....	160	159/7	159/7	159/5
4 Northern .....	155	154/7	154/7	154/5
5 Wheat .....	145	144/7	144/7	144/5
6 Wheat .....	141	140/7	140/7	140/5
Feed Wheat .....	137	136/7	136/7	136/5
1 C.W. Garnet .....	153	152/7	152/7	152/5
2 C.W. Garnet .....	149	148/7	148/7	148/5
3 C.W. Garnet .....	146	145/7	145/7	145/5
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	158	157/7	158/5	159/5
2 Alberta Winter .....	155	154/7	155/5	156/5
3 Alberta Winter .....	152	151/7	152/5	153/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	201	200/7	200/7	200/5
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	200	199/7	199/7	199/5
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	198	197/7	197/7	197/5
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Northern .....	172	171/7	171/7	171/5
2 Northern .....	169	168/7	168/7	168/5
3 Northern .....	160	159/7	159/7	159/5
4 Northern .....	155	154/7	154/7	154/5
5 Wheat .....	145	144/7	144/7	144/5
6 Wheat .....	141	140/7	140/7	140/5
Feed Wheat .....	137	136/7	136/7	136/5
1 C.W. Garnet .....	153	152/7	152/7	152/5
2 C.W. Garnet .....	149	148/7	148/7	148/5
3 C.W. Garnet .....	146	145/7	145/7	145/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	246	244/7	244/7	244/5
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	245	243/7	243/7	243/5
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	243	241/7	241/7	241/5

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

Class and Grade	Week ending			
	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern .....	140	140	140	140
2 Northern .....	136	136	136	136
3 Northern .....	132	132	132	132
4 Northern .....	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat .....	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat .....	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat .....	96	96	96	96
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

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern .....	172	171/7	171/7	171/5
2 Northern .....	169	168/7	168/7	168/5
3 Northern .....	160	159/7	159/7	159/5
4 Northern .....	155	154/7	154/7	154/5
5 Wheat .....	145	144/7	144/7	144/5
6 Wheat .....	141	140/7	140/7	140/5
Feed Wheat .....	137	136/7	136/7	136/5
1 C.W. Garnet .....	153	152/7	152/7	152/5
2 C.W. Garnet .....	149	148/7	148/7	148/5
3 C.W. Garnet .....	146	145/7	145/7	145/5
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	158	157/7	158/5	159/5
2 Alberta Winter .....	155	154/7	155/5	156/5
3 Alberta Winter .....	152	151/7	152/5	153/5

Export - Class II

1 Northern .....	172	171/7	171/7	171/5
2 Northern .....	169	168/7	168/7	168/5
3 Northern .....	160	159/7	159/7	159/5
4 Northern .....	155	154/7	154/7	154/5
5 Wheat .....	145	144/7	144/7	144/5
6 Wheat .....	141	140/7	140/7	140/5
Feed Wheat .....	137	136/7	136/7	136/5
1 C.W. Garnet .....	153	152/7	152/7	152/5
2 C.W. Garnet .....	149	148/7	148/7	148/5
3 C.W. Garnet .....	146	145/7	145/7	145/5
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	158	157/7	158/5	159/5
2 Alberta Winter .....	155	154/7	155/5	156/5
3 Alberta Winter .....	152	151/7	152/5	153/5

# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during September 1956 amounted to 3,193,000 hundredweight, slightly below both the August production of 3,449,000 hundredweight and the revised September 1955 total of 3,524,000 hundredweight. The ten-year (1946-1955) average production for the month of September was 3,931,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operation in September had a total rated capacity of 169,015 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 24-day working period 78.7 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during September amounted to some 7.2 million bushels, compared with 7.9 million bushels milled during the preceding month and 8.1 million bushels milled during September 1955. Of the wheat milled for flour during September, some 6.4 million bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) with the remainder consisting of Ontario winter wheat (482,000 bushels), Durum wheat (118,000 bushels) and all other (200,000 bushels).

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during September 1956 amounted to 1,209,000 hundredweight (some 2,781,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of about 19 per cent from the 3.4 million bushels exported during the preceding month and about 27 per cent below the revised September 1955 figure of 3.8 million bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to 51 countries, with the United Kingdom receiving shipments equivalent to 1.1 million bushels, or 39 per cent of the total export movement of wheat flour during September. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, were as follows: Venezuela, 286 thousand; Philippine Islands, 236; Jamaica, 184; and Trinidad and Tobago, 128.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour - bushels -	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <u>1/</u>
			- cwt.-
1935-36—1939-40 average .....	67,845,114	29,405,451	9,603,941
1940-41—1944-45 average .....	99,704,638	43,908,245	23,699,546
1945-46 .....	118,074,774	52,018,498	28,361,546
1946-47 .....	127,775,176	56,033,374	33,116,617
1947-48 .....	109,822,011	47,353,004	26,776,683
1948-49 .....	90,896,984	39,944,794	20,947,620
1949-50 .....	90,082,917	39,708,032	19,896,137
1950-51 .....	106,748,343	46,315,153	24,356,912
1951-52 .....	104,494,021	44,771,184	22,258,324
1952-53 .....	106,727,237	46,776,625	24,609,199
1953-54 .....	91,855,269	40,769,909	20,142,824
1954-55 .....	92,406,768	40,606,599	17,692,945
1955-56 <u>2/</u> .....	91,755,469	40,142,498	16,898,583
1956-57 <u>2/</u>			
August .....	7,872,881	3,448,590	1,493,103
September .....	7,229,802	3,192,582	1,209,186
Totals .....	15,102,683	6,641,172	2,702,289
Same period 1955-56 (revised) .....	15,615,005	6,806,798	2,965,086

1/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1954-55 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

2/ Subject to revision.



UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position      Total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1956-57 crop year are now placed at 2,009.4 million bushels, consisting of the revised July 1, 1956 carryover of 1,033.9 million bushels and the 1956 crop estimated on the basis of conditions at October 1, at 975.5 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated would exceed by about 2 per cent, the 1955-56 comparable level of 1962.4 million bushels. Imports of wheat from Canada during the July-September period of the current United States crop year amounted to 0.6 million bushels. After deducting some 599.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 1,411.0 million bushels remain available for export and for carryover during 1956-57 compared with 1,370.5 million in 1955-56.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and products in terms of grain equivalent during the first three months (July-September) of the 1956-57 United States crop year amounted to 118.4 million bushels, surpassing by 69 per cent the 70.0 million exported during the same months in 1955. The balance remaining on October 1, 1956 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,292.6 million bushels relatively unchanged from the 1,300.5 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1955-56	1956-57 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	1,025.6	1,033.9 <u>2/</u>
New crop .....	936.8	975.5 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	1,962.4	2,009.4 <u>2/</u>
Imports of wheat for domestic use, July - September .....	1.1	0.6
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u> .....	1,963.5	2,010.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u> ...	593.0 <u>2/</u>	599.0 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,370.5	1,411.0
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July - September .....	59.5	106.5
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July - September .....	10.6	12.0
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products ...	70.0	118.4
Balance on October 1 for export and for carryover .....	1,300.5	1,292.6

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.

1956 Wheat Crop  
Estimated at 976  
Million Bushels

In a report released on October 10, 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 976 million bushels, an increase of 9 million bushels from the September 1 estimate. This is 4 per cent larger than 1955 production but 15 per cent less than the 1945-54 average. The change from a month ago reflects an increase of about one million bushels of durum and an increase of nearly 8 million bushels in other spring wheat. The August 1 estimate of winter wheat was carried forward to October 1. Prospective yield per harvested acre is 19.3 bushels compared with 19.8 bushels in 1955 and the average of 17.1 bushels.

Estimated production of all spring wheat increased 9 million bushels during September and now stands at 254 million bushels. A crop of this size would be 8 per cent larger than the 1955 production of 234 million bushels but 8 per cent below average. Indicated yield per harvested acre at 16.8 bushels compares with 17.2 bushels in 1955 and the average of 14.2 bushels.

Other spring wheat production is estimated at 214 million bushels, nearly 8 million bushels above the September 1 forecast. 1956 production is practically the same as the 1955 crop but 12 per cent below average. The yield per acre for the United States, at 17.0 bushels, is below the 1955 yield of 17.4 bushels but well above the average of 14.4 bushels.

Yields continued to run above earlier expectations as northern producing areas matured under favorable conditions, allowing excellent filling. Harvest operations were virtually complete in all areas by October 1 with favorable weather prevailing during September.

Production of durum wheat in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana is estimated at 39 million bushels, about double the previous year's crop and more than a fourth larger than average. Except for Minnesota, all producing States show an increase over last month as late fields matured under favorable conditions. Poor harvesting weather in North Dakota and Minnesota during early September caused some delay of harvest, but subsequent clearing weather permitted completion under almost ideal conditions. Losses from the delayed harvest were confined mainly to minor reductions of quality although some yield losses were reported in northern areas of Minnesota. Northern producing areas experienced a killing frost during late September, but the acreage susceptible to damage was quite small. Growers generally experienced a good crop season. Even though there were some severe losses from rust in local areas statewide damage was minor.

Stocks of Wheat  
in All Positions  
October 1, 1956

On October 23 the United States Department of Agriculture reported that stocks of 1,775 million bushels of wheat stored in all positions on October 1 were the second largest of record for that date in the comparable series beginning in 1935. The total is slightly smaller than the record stocks of a year earlier but is more than a third larger than average. The stocks total is nearly double the 1956 production, reflecting the record large carryover of old wheat on July 1.

Off-farm wheat stocks of 1,373 million bushels, 1 per cent larger than a year earlier, were a record total for the date with holdings at record levels in terminal and interior mill, elevator, and warehouse positions. In contrast, farm stocks of 403 million bushels on October 1 were 6 per cent below a year ago and the smallest for that date since 1940.



U.S. Wheat Stocks by Positions, October 1, 1956 with Comparisons

Position	October 1 1 9 5 4	October 1 1 9 5 5	July 1 1 9 5 6	October 1 1 9 5 6
- thousand bushels -				
On Farms <u>1/</u> .....	437,907	427,795	67,716	402,789
Terminals <u>2/</u> .....	422,772	448,678	332,323	467,254
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3/</u> .....	126,228	140,746	125,429	134,362
Merchant Mills <u>1/</u> <u>4/</u> .....	158,981	141,403	64,741	141,319
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/</u> <u>5/</u>	539,307	624,302	443,643	629,667
Totals .....	1,685,195	1,782,924	1,033,852	1,775,391

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at 46 Terminal cities.

3/ Owned by CCC and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by CCC, also CCC-owned grain in transit; 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.

The off-farm total includes 467 million bushels at terminals, about 4 per cent more than a year earlier, the previous record. The 630 million bushels in interior mills, elevators, and warehouses represent record holdings, being nearly 1 per cent larger than last year, the previous record. Merchant mill wheat stocks totaled 141 million bushels, the same as a year ago and near the average stocks. The Commodity Credit Corporation had 134 million bushels stored in bins under CCC control, aboard ships in the "mothball fleet" and in transit. Other Government-owned wheat is included in the estimate for the position where stored.

Flour Production The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, estimates wheat flour production in the United States in August 1956 at 20,420,000 sacks, an average of 888,000 sacks per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 843,000 sacks in July and 809,000 sacks in August 1955. Production of wheat flour in August was at 82.8 per cent of capacity compared with 78.6 per cent and 76.0 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in August ground 46,875,000 bushels of wheat compared with 41,266,000 bushels in July. Wheat offal output in August amounted to 393,879 tons.

Over 10 Million Acres Signed Under 1957 Winter Wheat Acreage Reserve According to a report issued by the United States Department of Agriculture under date of October 25, wheat farmers in that country had signed 195,299 agreements covering 10,124,319 acres under the Soil Bank's 1957 winter wheat Acreage Reserve Program, up to October 19. If farmers signing agreements comply with the requirements of the program, they will be eligible for a maximum of \$187,819,709 in Acreage Reserve payments. The 1957 winter wheat Acreage Reserve sign-up closed on October 5.



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 1, 1956	227 1/2 - 230 3/4	October 1, 1956	224 - 225
2	232	2	223 7/8 - 224 7/8
3	229 1/2	3	224 1/2 - 225 1/2
4	228 1/2 - 230	4	224 - 225
5	228 1/2 - 230 3/4	5	225 - 226
8	226 3/4 - 238	8	225 1/4 - 226 1/4
9	228 1/2	9	224 5/8 - 225 5/8
10	231 1/4	10	224 1/2 - 225 1/2
11	Not Available	11	224 1/4 - 225 1/4
12	226 3/4 - 227 1/4	12	225 - 226
15	226 3/4 - 230 3/4	15	224 - 225
16	229 1/4 - 229 3/4	16	224 5/8 - 225 5/8
17	228 1/4	17	225 7/8 - 226 7/8
18	226 - 237 1/4	18	226 3/8 - 227 3/8
19	228 3/4	19	227 1/4 - 228 1/4
22	232 - 233	22	228 3/8 - 229 3/8
23	231 1/4	23	227 5/8 - 228 5/8
24	229 3/4	24	227 5/8 - 228 5/8
25	230 1/2 - 233 3/4	25	228 - 229
26	232 1/2 - 236	26	228 5/8
29	233 1/4 - 236	29	227 3/4
30	234 - 238 1/4	30	228 3/8
31	234 - 236 1/4	31	230 1/2

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	December	March	May	July	September
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
October 1, 1956	228/1	232/4	232/4	226/1	
2	227/3	232	231/6	226/2	228
3	228/6	233/4	233/3	227/5	229/3
4	227/6	232/5	232/5	227	228/4
5	228/7	233/7	234/1	228/2	230/2
8	228/5	233/3	233/7	227/7	229/4
9	227/4	232/4	232/7	226/3	228/6
10	228/2	233/2	233/5	227/3	229
11	228/1	233	233/7	226/6	228/7
12	228/3	233/1	234	226/1	228/2
15	227/5	232/6	233/1	225	227
16	229/3	234/4	234/4	225/7	228/1
17	231/1	236	236/2	228/7	229
18	230/5	235/4	235/6	226/5	228/6
19	230/5	236/4	235/6	226/5	228/6
22	232/7	237/5	237/4	227/6	229/6
23	232/7	237/4	237/2	227/5	229/6
24	233/2	237/7	237/4	228/7	230/6
25	234/2	239	238/7	229/6	231/6
26	234/5	239/3	239/2	230	231/7
29	234/4	239/4	239/6	230	231/7
30	235/1	240/2	240/2	230/3	232/2
31	237/5	242/6	243/4	233/1	235/1

# ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1955-56 crop year amount to 276.1 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1955 carryover of 83.2 million bushels and the 1955 crop officially placed at 192.9 million. Comparable 1954-55 supplies totalled 342.9 million bushels. After deducting some 136.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 140.1 million are available for export and for carryover during 1955-56 as against 210.6 million available in 1954-55. Total exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first ten months (December-September) of the current Argentine crop year amounted to 80.9 million bushels compared with 108.9 million exported during the same period of 1954-55. The balance remaining on October 1, 1956 for export and for carryover totalled some 59.2 million bushels, about 42 per cent below the 101.7 million remaining at October 1, 1955.

## Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1954-55	1955-56 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u> ..	60.3	83.2
New crop <u>3/</u> .....	282.6	192.9
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	342.9	276.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	132.3	136.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	210.6	140.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-September .....	107.2	75.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Dec.-Sept.	1.7	5.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	108.9	80.9
Balance on October 1 for export and for carryover ...	101.7	59.2

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks. 3/ Official estimate.

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Weather and Crops At the end of September the general outlook for the growing cereal and linseed crops in almost the whole production area was a promising one according to the latest official report. Since the latter part of September there have been numerous rains in most production zones. Little, if any, further rainfall should be required therefore to ensure sufficient moisture for the remainder of the growing season. The present rains are delaying corn planting in some areas and land preparation for other summer crops but little damage is yet reported. The good spring rains have benefitted pastures thus relieving grazing pressure on the dual-purpose grains.



Wheat - 1955-56  
Crop

I.N.G.E. offered wheat to exporters in substantial quantities but sales reported during the past month amounted to only 19,000 tons (698,000 bushels) plus 5,000 tons (184,000 bushels) of durum type. As of October 4, I.N.G.E. reported export sales yet to be fulfilled amounting to 851,072 metric tons (31,272,000 bushels) and available for sale 472,142 tons (17,348,000 bushels). Port stocks on the same date were 399,126 tons (14,665,000 bushels). More than half of the amount committed under the Brazilian agreement remained unshipped by October 4, so that with less than two months until the end of the crop year it seems improbable that the full amount will be shipped until after the new harvest has begun.

Wheat - 1956-57  
Crop

Favourable weather conditions have prevailed throughout almost the complete wheat producing area during the past month and in most zones sufficient soil moisture exists to carry the crop through harvesting. The danger of late frosts and hail still exists but the prospects are for a very substantial increase in outturn over last year's estimated 5,250,000 tons (192.9 million bushels). Since carryover on December 1, 1956 will be at least a million tons (36.7 million bushels) below the previous year, however, no major change can be anticipated in export availabilities for the 1956-57 crop year.

Policy

Plans to Facilitate Transport of Crops Argentine transport facilities have depreciated to an alarming degree in the last decade or two. Even with the reduced crop production and exports which have characterized recent years, severe difficulties have been encountered in getting agricultural products into export positions. In order to make the plans for increased agricultural production effective as foreign exchange earners the government is embarking on extensive programs to rehabilitate ports, railroads, highways and connecting roads. Contracts for over 100 diesel locomotives have been or are being negotiated. The Export-Import Bank has agreed to loan Argentina 100 million dollars to be used almost exclusively for the purchase and repair of transport equipment and facilities. Private loans of 25 millions are expected for the same purposes. A huge program of road repair and development has been inaugurated calling for the expenditure of many millions of pesos. Many types of road machinery are now importable freely. These programs cannot of course be completed in a few months. However, in a recent report the Minister of Transport, who had just returned from an extensive tour of some of the major grain zones, indicated that the transport and storage outlook for the coming crop year was reasonably bright.

Liberalization of Grain Trade In the first public official statement made on this subject in many months, the Minister of Commerce on October 17 stated that various laws and decrees relating to the commercialization of grains had been placed before the Executive Power. These called for - commercialization of grains by private entities, state intervention being in the form of fixing of minimum prices, representation by industry, commerce and growers in future boards of directors of the Grain Institute, and the reopening of a futures market. It was not stated whether wheat was amongst the grains to be included in these new laws and decrees.

Grain Sales

The main feature of I.N.G.E. sales during the past month were some 238,175 metric tons (9,376,000 bushels) of corn sold for multilateral currencies. Prices for the multilateral group dropped from 1,035.36 to 953.10 pesos per ton (\$1.46 to \$1.35 per bushel) before recovering on October 15 to 982.80 (\$1.39 per bushel). Wheat sales totalled only 19,000 tons (698,000 bushels) at 1,053 pesos (\$1.59 per bushel) for multilateral currencies plus 5,000 tons (184,000 bushels) of durum type to West Germany at 1,526.34 pesos per ton (\$2.31 per bushel).



Two 8,000 ton lots (315,000 bushels) of rye were sold to West Germany at 876.78 and 883.80 pesos per ton (\$1.24 and \$1.25 per bushel). Oat sales reached only 2,500 tons (162,000 bushels) and no barley sales were reported.

Grain Shipments Important increases in shipments of oats, rye and barley were unable to compensate for the decreases in both wheat and corn. Hence total Argentine exports of the major grains during September at 421,481 metric tons were 15% below August but compared favourably with other recent months.

Wheat exports decreased to 220,824 tons (8,114,000 bushels) and again the two main receivers were Brazil: 119,019 (4,373,000 bushels) and Italy 33,800 (1,242,000 bushels). Western Germany 24,180 tons (888,000 bushels), Chile 18,742 tons (689,000 bushels), and Netherlands 12,723 tons (467,000 bushels) were the other major destinations.

Corn exports at 107,650 tons (4,238,000 bushels) were less than half of those in August. Belgium with 28,801 tons (1,134,000 bushels), followed by United Kingdom with 25,935 (1,021,000 bushels), for Western Germany 16,432, (647,000 bushels), Japan 11,409 (449,000 bushels) and France 10,685 (421,000 bushels) were the major importers.

Barley shipments showed a great increase in September with a total of 58,734 tons (2,698,000 bushels) the largest since April, and included exports to Western Germany, 41,181 tons (1,891,000 bushels), Netherlands 15,573 (715,000 bushels) and Czechoslovakia 2,000 tons (92,000 bushels).

Rye and oats exports also increased to 18,536 (730,000 bushels) and 15,737 tons (1,020,000 bushels), respectively. Italy with 9,756 (384,000 bushels) and Switzerland 4,172 tons (164,000 bushels) were the main receivers of rye, while in regard to oats 13,540 tons (878,000 bushels) were shipped to Italy and small lots to Netherlands, Brazil, United Kingdom and Western Germany.

Argentine Wheat Exports, August, 1956 and December, 1955--September 1956  
with Comparisons

Destination	September	Dec.-Sept.	Destination	September	Dec.-Sept.
	- thousand bushels -			- thousand bushels -	
Africa, North ....	-	434	Italy .....	1,242	8,806
Africa, South ....	-	362	Japan .....	-	1,534
Austria .....	-	1,294	Netherlands ....	467	6,221
Belgium .....	-	2,407	Norway .....	-	796
Brazil .....	4,373	15,273	Paraguay .....	73	554
Chile .....	689	2,309	Peru .....	184	4,122
Czechoslovakia ...	-	1,285	Poland .....	-	13
Denmark .....	-	1,447	Switzerland ....	-	60
Finland .....	-	581	United Kingdom .	-	10,340
France .....	197	5,183			
Germany, Western .	888	12,721			
Germany, Eastern .	-	149	Totals ....	8,114	75,891
Same Period:					
1954-55 .....					107,204
1953-54 .....					87,060
1952-53 .....					58,090
1951-52 .....					3,786
1950-51 .....					85,877

# AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position      Total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1955-56 crop year, consisting of the December 1, 1955 carryover of 91.6 million bushels and the 1955 crop of 195.6 million, amount to an estimated 287.2 million bushels, 10 per cent above the comparable 1954-55 total of 262.1 million. After making an allowance of some 71.4 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, a total of 215.8 million bushels remain available for export and for carryover during 1955-56 as against 188.3 million available during the preceding year.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1954-55	1955-56 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	93.5	91.6
New crop .....	168.6 <u>2/</u>	195.6
Total estimated supplies .....	262.1	287.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	73.8 <u>2/</u>	71.4 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover .....	188.3	215.8
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-October 6 ....	55.9	78.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-October 6 .....	28.4	28.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	84.3	106.9
Balance on October 7 for export and for carryover ....	104.0	108.9

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised.

Total exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1, 1955 to October 6, 1956 amounted to 106.9 million bushels, exceeding by 27 per cent the corresponding 1954-55 figure of 84.3 million bushels. The balance remaining at October 7 this year, for export and for carryover, at 108.9 million bushels surpassed by a small margin the comparable 1955 total of 104.0 million bushels.

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Crop Prospects      The general crop situation has not improved since the last report, but the South Australian crops are now the most promising, as Western Australia's former bright prospects are fading, due to a prolonged dry spell. No worth-while rain has fallen in the main wheat areas of Western Australia since the beginning of August. In New South Wales and Victoria, prospects are still poor because of excessive moisture and weed growth. Australia's acreage under wheat is the lowest



since 1943-44, and may be down to about 8 million acres, compared with 10.1 million acres last year, and an average of 13.128 million acres in the 1935-39 period. The yield per acre is likely to be lower than in any season since 1946-47. In the nine seasons since then, the yield has averaged 17 bushels per acre.

#### New Varieties of Wheat

New South Wales A new variety of durum wheat evolved by the N.S.W. Department of Agriculture, named "Dural" is now being grown commercially. In co-operation with the Department, almost 200 acres of the new variety have been sown this season.

Victoria The Victorian Department of Agriculture has developed an improved variety of wheat known as "Olympic", which will be available to growers after the next harvest. Olympic produces grain and flour of better quality than varieties now grown commercially in Victoria, and its sowing over a large area in the Victorian wheat belt was expected to increase the normal harvest by at least 2 million bushels.

Sales and Exports The Managing Trustee of the Wheat Pool of Western Australia, in his Fortnightly Wheat Notes, reports that in the cereal season which ended July 31, 1956, Australia exported 107.75 million bushels of wheat, compared with 94.75 million bushels a year earlier, an increase of 13.7 per cent.

Difficulty in obtaining shipping space for the United Kingdom and Europe, due to the Suez trouble, is limiting wheat sales to that area, in spite of the good demand. During the two weeks ended October 2, Pakistan bought 750 thousand bushels of Australian wheat, and is negotiating for more for early shipment, but getting the necessary ships will be difficult. Earlier in the month, sales of wheat and flour by the Australian Wheat Board amounted to about 8 million bushels. Total sales of export flour were 2.97 million bushels, of which just over 2 million bushels went to Ceylon. A total of 3.12 million bushels of wheat was exported, of which amount New Zealand took 986,000 bushels.

The Australian delegation now assembled in London to negotiate a new trade agreement with Britain, will no doubt press for a larger share of Britain's wheat import trade. Freight rates on Australian wheat to the United Kingdom have risen as a result of the Suez trouble, and are now quoted at 190/- stg. per ton, which is equal to about 6/4d. A.C. (69 cents) per bushel, or slightly more than one-third of the current c.i.f. quotation for Australian wheat in Britain. A year ago, freights were two-thirds as much as now, and they were considered high.

A member of the Australian Wheat Board stated that present indications were that the whole of the 180 million bushels of the 1955-56 Australian wheat crop would be sold by November 30, 1956. Since December 1, 1955, the Board has sold for local consumption and export 163,806,000 bushels, compared with 135,806,000 bushels last year.

#### Indian Market Affected by U.S.- India Agreement

Australia is disturbed about the effect that the United States - India three year agreement might have on Australian sales of wheat to India. Under the agreement it is reported that the United States will supply India with 130 million bushels of wheat, most of which would be paid for by a 40-year loan at a very low rate of interest. The Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board brands the deal as amounting to dumping surplus American wheat in a natural Australian market. In addition to the wheat covered by the agreement, it appears that the U.S. expects to have prior rights to supply, during the same period, approximately 25% of India's commercial requirements of about 20 million bushels a year.



This would leave about 14.5 million bushels to be supplied by other exporters. Even if Australia secures the whole of the orders for this amount it would still be much less than the 23 million bushels which Australia has supplied to India in each of the past two years. The Chairman said that India was a natural Australian market for wheat, which has been landed at Indian ports at prices more than competitive with wheat from any other country.

Wheat Stabilisation Plan The Australian Wheat Growers' Federation, at its half-yearly meeting in Sydney late in September, decided to recommend the maintenance of the Australian Wheat Board and the extension of the stabilisation scheme. It urged that the cost of production formula governing the price guarantee for wheat sold on the home market should be put on a "factual basis" and be maintained irrespective of any international wheat agreement.

Wheat Levy The Federation also agreed to ask the Commonwealth Government to legislate for an annual levy of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. (.20 of a cent) per bushel on wheat delivered to the Australian Wheat Board, to finance research into wheat and soil problems, but they would not accept the plan unless wheatgrowers' representatives have majority control on State advisory committees.

The Federation decided that the Central Advisory Committee should consist of two representatives of the Federation, and one each of the Departments of Agriculture in each wheat growing State, one each of Australian universities, one of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (C.S.I.R.O.), and one of the Department of Primary Industry (to be chairman). Funds from the levy will be paid to the central committee which is to rebate money raised in each State, to that State pro rata, for a programme of expanded research and extension.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1 to October 6, 1955-56 and Corresponding Period 1954-55

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1954-55	1955-56	1954-55	1955-56
	- thousand bushels -			
Aden and Aden I/T .....	6	42	1,062	875
Belgian Congo .....	-	-	3	4
Borneo .....	-	-	6	-
British North Borneo .....	-	-	159	198
British West Indies .....	3	1	134	163
Brunei .....	-	-	16	27
Burma .....	162	109	938	752
Ceylon .....	12	8	5,613	5,471
Cocos Islands .....	-	-	-	1
Cyprus .....	1,146	704	1/	1
Czechoslovakia .....	-	356	-	-
Dutch New Guinea .....	-	-	42	51
Egypt .....	-	-	9	-
Egypt (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	86	5
Eire .....	1,439	312	-	-
France .....	-	1,121	-	-
Germany, East .....	-	336	-	-
Germany, West .....	806	8,723	-	-
Hadhranaut .....	-	-	5	-
Hong Kong .....	691	927	-	-
Hong Kong (General) .....	-	-	220	300

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1 to  
October 6, 1955-56 and Corresponding Period 1954-55

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1954-55	1955-56	1954-55	1955-56
		- thousand	bushels -	
Hong Kong (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	67	42
India .....	12,348	15,363	-	-
Indonesia .....	1	-	3,900	6,921
Iran .....	-	802	-	-
Iraq .....	959	1,203	-	-
Italy .....	-	-	28	23
Japan .....	4,897	9,888	-	-
Jordan .....	771	-	321	-
Kenya .....	-	357	-	-
Kure (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	23	19
Lebanon .....	1,680	-	73	-
Libya .....	-	-	52	2
Macao .....	-	-	-	16
Malaya .....	682	564	-	-
Malaya (General) .....	-	-	5,346	5,215
Malaya (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	135	107
Malta .....	281	570	-	-
Mauritius .....	2	1	1,188	646
Middle East (a/c U.N.R.W.A.) .....	-	-	-	53
Netherlands .....	495	-	-	-
New Zealand .....	7,609	8,112	1/	2
Nigeria .....	-	-	-	1
Nyasaland .....	-	-	80	91
Pacific Islands .....	25	24	1,815	1,923
Pakistan .....	-	2,730	-	-
Palestine .....	-	-	6	-
Persian Gulf .....	52	105	146	161
Philippine Islands .....	-	-	85	305
Poland .....	-	1,862	-	-
Pondicherry .....	-	-	8	-
Port Said (a/c S/S) .....	-	-	72	49
Portuguese East Africa .....	476	333	1/	-
Portuguese India (Goa) .....	57	10	76	30
Rhodesia .....	2,358	1,313	-	-
Roumania .....	283	1,156	-	-
Sarawak .....	-	-	141	181
Saudi Arabia .....	90	192	76	20
Seychelles Islands .....	-	-	31	24
Somaliland, British .....	-	-	-	8
Somaliland, French .....	-	-	4	27
Sudan .....	-	-	999	888
Syria .....	2,078	338	-	-
Tahiti .....	-	-	173	193
Thailand (Siam) .....	5	6	592	720
Timor .....	-	-	28	21
United Kingdom .....	16,406	20,406	4,110	3,016
Yemen .....	-	-	10	-
Yugoslavia .....	-	-	1/	1/
Zanzibar .....	10	3	378	185



Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1 to  
October 6, 1955-56 and Corresponding Period 1954-55

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1954-55	1955-56	1954-55	1955-56
	- thousand bushels -			
Royal Navy .....	31	12	24	18
Ships' Stores .....	-	-	114	143
Totals .....	55,861	77,989	28,400	28,900

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

2/ Revised.

FRENCH SITUATION

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report provided by Miss V. J. Wightman, Commercial Secretariat, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of October 18, 1956, 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 .002785 Canadian dollars, the rate in effect on October 11, 1956.

For its meeting in early October, the Central Council of the French Grain Board was provided with a new crop estimate based on information supplied by the regional offices of the Board. The new estimate places the wheat crop at 5,566,600 metric tons (204.5 million bushels); a comparison with last season is as follows:

French Wheat Production

Year	Area Seeded	Yield per acre	Production
	- thousand acres -	- bushels -	- thousand bushels -
1956 .....	6,717	30	204,537
1955 (Final) .....	11,248	34	384,514

From this year's production, the Council estimates that deliveries to the Grain Board will amount to about 3.9 million tons (143 million bushels), but perhaps over a million tons (37 million bushels) will be too wet to mill and fit only for feeding. With the carryover of 854 thousand tons (31.4 million bushels), they estimate total availabilities of domestic wheat at 4.7 million tons (about 174 million bushels). Since domestic requirements including carryover are estimated by the Council at 6.9 million tons (253.5 million bushels), they conclude that a total of 2.2 million tons (80.8 million bushels) must be imported; this would then allow exports of half a million tons (18 million bushels) to Germany under contract and flour exports in the wheat equivalent of 150,000 tons (5.5 million bushels).

While the above is the most authoritative statement of the situation, the trade is not in full agreement. It is thought that total requirements may be over-estimated, and total imports may be closer to 1.5 million tons (55 million bushels), particularly as the German contract might be filled partly with barley. Half of this



has already been bought, mainly from the United States but also including 40,000 tons (1.5 million bushels) from Australia. The remainder will be bought between now and the spring. Purchases are moving slowly at the moment due to good stock of imported wheat and to deliveries of the domestic crop. The final amount purchased will depend ultimately on crop prospects next spring and whether the harvest is early or late.

Farmers' Marketings It is expected that a larger portion of the wheat crop will be delivered to the Board in this crop year than was the case during the past season. With total production in 1955 at 10.5 million tons (384.5 million bushels) 6.8 million tons (249.1 million bushels) were delivered by farmers. This was due in part to (1) the feed program which paid farmers to take back their wheat at a subsidized price, and (2) the levy on deliveries to offset export losses which was on a progressive scale and discouraged marginal deliveries.

This season, farmers will receive a higher price due to the special bonus of 310 francs per quintal (23 cents per bushel) for exceptional difficulties, which brings the price up to 3,760 francs per quintal (\$2.85 per bushel) as against last year's 3,400 francs (\$2.58). Knowing that this is temporary, farmers will be encouraged to take advantage of the higher price. Furthermore, there is no levy for export this year and no program to use wheat as feed.

Due to the heavy rainfall during the summer and particularly at harvest, the moisture content is high, ranging from 15 to 20 per cent on the wheat at present being delivered. This is mixed by the mills with imported wheat testing only around 12 per cent.

There is a much larger portion of hard wheat in the domestic crop this year due to the spring sowing of Canadian and Florence Aurore varieties. This explains in part the purchases of soft American wheats such as Red Winter and Western White. The Grain Board sells mills the imported wheat at the French domestic price and is reported to be making a profit of 1,000 francs per quintal (76 cents per bushel), which may be compared with losses of 1,800 - 1,900 francs (\$1.36 to \$1.44 per bushel) on last season's exports.

Deliveries to the Grain Board As of October 1 only 1.6 million tons (58.8 million bushels) of wheat had been delivered to the Grain Board, compared with 4.5 million tons (165.3 million bushels) on the same date last year, this being due to the abnormally late harvest. The position is the reverse for barley with 1.5 million tons (68.9 million bushels) sold to the Board as against 372,500 tons (17.1 million bushels) by October 1, 1955.

Marketing Quota for 1957 In anticipation of normal sowings during the next crop year, the French government has announced a marketing quota for the 1957 wheat crop along the same lines as was in effect during the past two seasons. The Grain Board will buy only 6.8 million tons (250 million bushels) at the guaranteed price (to be determined later), with the remainder payable at whatever export price the Board may obtain. The Ministry of Agriculture has indicated that the levy on marketings to help offset export losses will be resumed next year, so that the export subsidy on the quantity coming under the price guarantee will be financed in part by producers and in part by the government.

# French Wheat Supplies

Item	1954-55	1955-56
- thousand bushels -		
<u>Availabilities</u>		
Carryover August 1 .....	36,189 <u>1/</u>	51,711 <u>2/</u>
<u>Deliveries to Grain Board</u>		
Wheat .....	291,781	249,137
Rye and Breadbeans .....	1,620	1,481
Imports .....	6	19,898
Total Availabilities .....	329,597	322,226
<u>Disposition</u>		
Bread Consumption .....	159,672	161,198
Biscuits and Cakes .....	6,649	6,876
Food Industries .....	8,641	9,491
Armed Forces .....	1,400	1,282
Seed .....	3,494	9,757
Livestock Feed .....	3,934	9,698
Losses .....	1,220	1,335
Exports to French Union (including Tunisia)	9,095	9,022
Exports to Foreign Countries .....	83,781	82,180
Total Disposition .....	277,886	290,838
Availabilities August 1 .....	51,711	31,388

1/ Including 12,243,000 bushels of 1955 crop wheat.

2/ Including 1,524,000 bushels of 1956 crop wheat.

Source: French Grain Board.

The following points might be noted from the foregoing figures:

- 1 - Deliveries of wheat to the Board - the arbitrary division of the crop year at August 1 accounts for the big difference in these figures. The actual deliveries were 6.8 million tons (249.1 million bushels) in 1955-56 compared with 7.9 million tons (291.8 million bushels) in 1954-55; the early harvest in 1955 caused heavy deliveries before the beginning of the new crop year whereas the late harvest this year has delayed deliveries.
- 2 - Imports - imports in 1954-55 were entirely for seed; those in 1955-56 consisted of 148,757 tons (5.5 million bushels) of wheat for seeding (due to the extensive replanting last spring) and 392,767 tons (14.4 million bushels) for milling.
- 3 - Seed - the much higher quantity used in 1955-56 reflects the extent of fields resown in the spring.
- 4 - Livestock feed - over twice as much wheat was used for feed in 1955-56 due to the program whereby wheat was sold back to farmers at subsidized prices.
- 5 - Exports - exports to foreign countries and to the French Union remain on about the same level.



Exports to Foreign Countries August 1 to July 31

Destination	Wheat		Flour (wheat equivalent)	
	1954-55	1955-56	1954-55	1955-56
	- thousand bushels -			
Andorra .....	-	-	20	23
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan .....	-	-	543	355
Angola .....	-	-	-	2
Austria .....	436	452	610	298
Belgium .....	321	49	-	171
Cambodge and Laos .....	-	-	-	15
Ceylon .....	-	-	3,570	3,130
Czechoslovakia .....	-	965	-	-
Denmark .....	8,343	3,047	-	-
Egypt .....	-	-	553	279
Finland .....	577	188	-	-
Germany .....	13,673	16,913	-	-
Great Britain .....	20,503	17,065	578	628
Hungary .....	10,080	2,821	4,439	2,780
India .....	1/	-	-	-
Indochina .....	-	-	431	-
Israel .....	763	379	-	-
Italy .....	411	125	-	1/
Jordan .....	-	-	15	164
Koweit .....	-	-	25	142
Lebanon .....	56	-	265	1,246
Libya .....	37	-	312	876
Malaya .....	-	-	-	1,081
Netherlands .....	2,682	4,993	28	-
Norway .....	-	929	-	-
Poland .....	7,537	7,172	-	5,709
Portugal .....	-	1,443	-	-
Roumania .....	1,543	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia .....	38	1/	-	358
Spain .....	-	-	27	-
Spanish Morocco .....	-	-	316	1,204
Sweden .....	-	2,016	-	-
Switzerland .....	3,549	2,999	290	776
Tangiers .....	-	-	303	-
Thailand .....	-	-	-	3
U.N.W.R.A. ....	-	-	881	451
Venezuela .....	-	-	-	15
Viet Nam .....	-	-	-	578
Zanzibar .....	-	-	-	73
Seed .....	20	7	-	-
Foreign Ships Stores .....	-	-	-	140
Biscuits .....	-	-	-	7
Others .....	-	-	5	-
Totals	70,570	61,624	13,211	20,555

1/ Less than 500 bushels  
Source: French Grain Board.

### NOTES ON THE WHEAT SITUATION IN TURKEY

The following account of the wheat situation in Turkey was extracted from a report from Mr. A. B. Brodie, Commercial Secretary for Canada to Turkey.

Turkey is predominantly an agricultural country and most important among its agricultural products is cereals. The Turkish Authorities have done much over the past five years to increase the areas under cultivation making Turkey one of the major world producers of wheat.

Area Under Cultivation The areas sown for cereals increased from 27.9 million acres in 1954 to 29.9 million acres in 1955. The wheat sown area was increased from 15.8 million acres to 17.5 million acres.

Production Production of cereals in 1955 was higher than that of the previous year by 31.5 per cent. 12.4 million tons were produced in 1955 compared with 9.6 million tons in 1954. It is expected that Turkey's final wheat yield for the current crop will be under seven million tons and, possibly, a shade under 1955 production figure of about 6,900,000 tons. The average price paid for good quality wheat in 1956 was about \$2.95 per bushel with an additional premium offered for superior quality hard wheat.

Sales and Exports The Toprak Mahsulleri Offisi (Office of Soil Products), the Government Grain Purchasing and Marketing Agency, was set up in 1938. The primary purpose of the Toprak Office is the buying of grain and its distribution to Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, and other areas in the event of shortages. It buys cereals at fixed prices from the Turkish farmers - although the latter are under no compulsion to sell - to prevent price fluctuations and to take care of emergencies. Toprak sold 540,738 tons of cereals outside the country at going prices over the period between June 1, 1955 and May 15, 1956. Actual exports during this period included (in tons): Wheat 256,000; Barley 243,000; Oats 7,090; Rice 1,840. These exports realized foreign exchange equivalent to Turkish Liras 111,351,524 (about \$40 million).

### CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

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|----------|----|---|
| October  | 10 | Based on conditions at October 1, the 1956 production of all wheat in the United States was estimated at 976 million bushels.   |
|          | 18 | According to a report received from the Commercial Secretariat for Canada, Paris, the 1956 wheat crop in France has been placed at 5,566,600 metric tons (204.5 million bushels).   |
|          | 19 | The Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, officially opened the Alberta Wheat Pool's 2,150,000 bushel addition to its Vancouver terminal. The new annex brings the total capacity of the elevator to 7.3 million bushels, the largest on Canada's west coast and the largest on tidewater anywhere in the world. |
|          | 23 | Wheat stocks in the United States at October 1 this year totalled 1,775 million bushels, according to a report published by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.  |
|          | 26 | The Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Finance, announced that the provisions of the act providing guaranteed bank loans for western farmers on their farm-stored grain were extended to apply to the 1956-57 crop year.   |
| November | 7  | Based on conditions at mid-October Canada's 1956 wheat crop was estimated at 537.8 million bushels.   |















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