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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about May 1, 1958 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,803.5 million bushels, representing a decline of 11 per cent from the 2,027.9 million available a year ago. Supplies at May 1, 1958, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 948.3 (1,004.0); Canada, 720.7 (800.2); Argentina, 91.4 (129.1); and Australia, 43.1 (94.6). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

Exports Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent from the four major exporting countries during the first nine months (August-April) of the current Canadian crop year, at 617.0 million bushels, were 20 per cent below the 773.3 million exported during the corresponding period of 1956-57. Canada continued to be the only one of the four countries showing wheat exports at a higher level than last year. On a percentage basis, shipments from the four countries during the August-April period of 1957-58 were shared as follows, with corresponding percentages for the same months of 1956-57 in brackets: United States, 47 (53); Canada, 36 (25); Argentina, 9 (9); and Australia, 8 (13). Shipments from each of the four countries during August-April of the current (Canadian) and seven preceding crop years are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1957 - April 1958
with Comparisons

August-April	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51	257.3	154.4	67.5	89.7	568.9
1951-52	372.5	224.5	24.0	69.8	690.8
1952-53	260.8	249.6	10.6	68.0	589.0
1953-54	146.4	187.0	86.8	43.0	463.2
1954-55	207.4	190.4	102.6	74.6	575.0
1955-56	219.4	191.6	90.2	72.4	573.6
1956-57 <u>1/</u>	409.6	191.0	68.8	103.9	773.3
1957-58 <u>2/</u>	290.0	219.4	57.9	49.7	617.0

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary.

Notes on New Crops On the basis of conditions at May 1, the United States winter wheat crop has been estimated at 1,010 million bushels, the third largest crop of record, about 43 per cent larger than the 1957 production of 707 million and 19 per cent greater than the ten-year (1947-1956) average of 850 million. Seeding of Canada's spring wheat crop was practically completed by May 28 but rain was urgently needed over wide areas. Early seedings were holding up fairly well but germination was uneven on late-sown crops. A trade report, dated June 3 indicated that wet stormy weather had prevailed over large sections of continental Europe. Most areas were adequately supplied with moisture and warm weather was now required. Weather conditions have also been unsettled recently in the United Kingdom. The wheat crop in that country is provisionally estimated at about 101 million bushels compared with 99 million last year.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1957-58

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Quantities	S O U R C E						Total Purchases	Remainder
		Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Sweden	U.S.A.		
		1/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/		
- thousand bushels -									
Austria	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Belgium	16,535	1,643	-	3	8	-	1,659	3,313	13,222
Bolivia	4,042	-	-	-	-	-	694	694	3,348
Brazil	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,349
Costa Rica	1,470	447	-	-	-	-	870	1,317	153
Cuba 4/	8,084	604	-	-	-	-	7,479	8,083	-
Denmark	1,837	232	-	-	-	-	1,205	1,437	400
Dominican Republic	1,286	511	-	-	-	-	575	1,086	200
Ecuador	1,837	214	-	-	-	-	431	645	1,192
Egypt	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
El Salvador	919	113	-	-	-	-	678	791	128
Germany	55,116	25,441	-	-	6,629	2,188	20,238	54,496	620
Greece	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
Guatemala 4/	1,653	407	-	-	-	-	1,231	1,633	-
Haiti	2,204	444	-	-	-	-	1,210	1,654	550
Honduras Republic	919	47	-	-	-	-	209	256	663
Iceland	73	2	-	-	-	-	21	23	50
India 4/	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	7,459	7,459	-
Indonesia	5,144	-	-	2,715	-	-	-	2,715	2,429
Ireland	5,512	1,308	-	642	-	-	365	2,315	3,197
Israel	8,267	1,419	-	-	-	-	2,360	3,779	4,488
Italy	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Japan 4/	36,744	13,182	-	3,082	-	-	20,579	36,843	-
Korea	2,205	-	-	-	-	-	204	204	2,001
Lebanon	2,756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,756
Liberia	73	4	-	-	-	-	38	42	31
Mexico	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Netherlands	25,721	12,960	-	68	-	-	8,648	21,676	4,045
New Zealand	5,879	-	-	5,873	-	-	-	5,873	6
Nicaragua 4/	367	100	-	-	-	-	249	349	-
Norway 4/	6,614	3,442	105	-	1,404	202	1,324	6,477	-
Panama	1,102	188	-	-	-	-	526	714	388
Peru	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	596	596	6,753
Philippines 4/ ...	6,063	2,270	-	454	-	-	3,360	6,084	-
Portugal	5,879	178	-	26	1,483	-	559	2,246	3,633
Saudi Arabia	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	99	99	3,575
Spain	4,593	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,593
Switzerland 4/ ...	6,981	6,708	-	-	-	-	336	7,044	-
Union of S. Africa	5,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,512
Vatican City 4/ ..	551	-	-	-	-	-	561	561	-
Venezuela 4/	6,246	1,994	-	-	-	-	4,241	6,235	-
Yugoslavia	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Totals	294,647	73,858	105	12,863	9,524	2,390	88,004	186,744	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		100,089	14,296	29,432	16,082	6,255	128,493	294,647	
Balance		26,231	14,191	16,569	6,558	3,865	40,489	107,903	

1/ Canadian Sales through May 27, 1958.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through May 23, 1958.

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

4/ Quota filled.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1957-58 crop year, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 729.5 million bushels and the 1957 production of 370.5 million, amount to 1,100.1 million bushels, representing a decline of 5 per cent from the 1956-57 record total of 1,152.6 million. After making an allowance of 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 940.1 million are available for export and for carryover during 1957-58 compared with 991.2 million in 1956-57.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 219.4 million bushels, surpassing by 15 per cent the total of 191.0 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on May 1, 1958 for export and for carryover amounted to 720.7 million bushels, about 10 per cent less than the May 1, 1957 total of 800.2 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57 <u>1/</u>	1957-58 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	579.6	729.5
New Crop	573.1	370.5
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-March	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies	1,152.6	1,100.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .	161.4	160.0
Available for export and for carryover	991.2	940.1
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August-April	161.4	186.9
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August-April	3.4	4.3
Total exports of wheat	164.7	191.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-April	26.2 <u>4/</u>	28.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	191.0	219.4
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	800.2	720.7

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

Marketings of wheat by farmers in the three Prairie Provinces up to May 14 of the current crop year amounted to 228.8 million bushels, 5 per cent below the 240.7 million marketed during the corresponding period of 1956-57.

During the four-week period April 17 to May 14, 1958 marketings of wheat amounted to 33.2 million bushels. During the same period, some 33.6 million bushels entered domestic and export channels (overseas clearances, plus imports into the United States plus Canadian Domestic use) and as a result the total visible supply at the week ending May 14, at 354.6 million bushels showed relatively little change from the April 16 total of 355.2 million. The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at May 14 this year was below the comparable 1957 total of 364.2 million bushels but above the 1956 figure of 336.4 million.

The bulk of this year's April 16 total visible supply of wheat was accounted for by country elevator stocks with the 221.9 million bushels held in this position virtually unchanged from the 221.4 million of a year ago but above the 189.2 million of two years ago. "In transit rail" (Western Division) accounted for 13.6 million bushels of the May 14, 1958 total compared with 11.1 million in 1957 and 13.4 million in 1956. Stocks in Lakehead position, at 25.2 million bushels, were well below both the 1957 comparable total of 34.4 million and the 1956 figure of 43.5 million. Some 27.8 million bushels were in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports at May 14 this year, below the 32.9 million of a year ago but virtually unchanged from the 27.9 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports, at 19.8 million bushels, were below the 22.1 million in this position at approximately the same date in 1957 but above the 1956 total of 16.6 million bushels. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert) totalled 11.1 million bushels compared with the 1957 and 1956 comparable totals of 10.5 million and 11.5 million bushels, respectively.

April 1958 Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
25.9 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during April 1958 amounted to 25.9 million bushels, representing increases of 11 per cent above the March total of 23.3 million, 70 per cent above the April 1957 figure of 15.2 million and 30 per cent greater than the ten-year (1947-1956) April average of 19.8 million bushels. Exports of wheat as grain during April 1958, at 22.8 million bushels, were 17 per cent greater than the 19.4 million exported during the preceding month and 80 per cent greater than the April 1957 total of 12.7 million bushels. Preliminary Customs returns indicate that the equivalent of 3.1 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during April 1958, some 20 per cent below the 3.8 million exported during March but 21 per cent above the adjusted April 1957 figure of 2.5 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat as grain during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 191.2 million bushels exceeding by 16 per cent the corresponding 1956-57 total of 164.7 million. The United Kingdom, remaining in its position as Canada's leading purchaser of wheat as grain, received shipments totalling 66.8 million bushels and representing 35 per cent of the nine-month total. During the August-April period of the 1956-57 crop year shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 60.7 million bushels and accounted for 37 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat as grain during the first nine months of the current crop year, with figures for the corresponding period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 25.9 (23.6); the Federal Republic of Germany, 22.5 (29.8); India, 17.1 (nil); Netherlands, 16.1 (7.1); U.S.S.R. (Russia), 7.4 (nil); Belgium, 7.2 (11.1); Switzerland, 6.3 (8.7); and United States, 4.3 (3.4).

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first nine months of the 1957-58 crop year based on preliminary Customs returns were the equivalent of 28.2 million bushels of wheat, about 7 per cent above the adjusted August-April, 1956-57 total of 26.2 million. As with wheat as grain, the United Kingdom was also the major market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of wheat flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 9.9 million bushels of wheat and accounted for 35 per cent of the nine-month total. During the August-April period of 1956-57 shipments of Canadian wheat flour to the United Kingdom amounted to the equivalent of 8.2 million bushels and represented 31 per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with revised data for the August-April period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Philippine Islands, 3.5 (4.3); Venezuela, 2.9 (2.4); United States, 1.3 (1.2); Jamaica, 1.2 (1.1); and Trinidad and Tobago, 1.2 (1.1).

Delivery Policy Durum Wheat The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas No. 62, under date of May 27, 1958 announced in part that "Effective Monday, June 2, 1958, the delivery quota on Durum Wheat will be increased from eight (8) bushels to eleven (11) bushels per seeded acre of Durum Wheat, as shown on the individual producer's delivery permit book, subject to a minimum delivery quota of four hundred (400) 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 1957 of less than thirty-eight (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, four hundred (400) bushels of Durum Wheat."

Crop and Weather The telegraphic crop report published by the Dominion Bureau
Conditions of Statistics on May 28, summarized crop conditions in each
of the Prairie Provinces as follows:

Seeding is practically completed in Manitoba except for flax-seed. Very little moisture was received during the past week but cooler weather lessened rapid moisture evaporation which was occurring. Conditions are very dry, however, and wind erosion is still occurring in spots all over the province. Early-sown crops for the most part are showing good growth except where wind damage has occurred. Germination is uneven in late-sown fields and hay and pasture growth is quite poor. Grasshoppers are hatching in significant numbers in southwestern Manitoba and the sweet clover weevil is common throughout the province.

About 95 per cent of the wheat acreage, most of the coarse grain and two-thirds of the flax acreage have been seeded in Saskatchewan. Due to lack of rain and dry weather, operations in the southeast of the province have been temporarily suspended. Strong winds have caused soil drifting in most areas of the province but as yet damage has not been sufficient to cause much reseeding. Grasshopper activity is reported in most areas and control measures are being undertaken. Pasture and hay crops are short and rain is urgently needed for the development of all crops.

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Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to May 14, 1958
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1948 to 1957*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1948	18,470	3,214	2,983	231	960	25,859
1949	42,997	3,653	4,117	3,540	2,670	56,978
1950	13,174	1,663	3,135	662	69	18,703
1951	32,253	10,147	6,068	1,362	136	49,966
1952	50,532	12,876	14,006	1,882	1,392	80,688
1953	59,955	15,907	23,224	2,702	1,109	102,896
1954	4,988	12,771	11,196	1,223	1,123	31,301
1955	26,041	5,177	13,868	4,054	1,366	50,506
1956	44,706	5,096	16,483	3,385	687	70,357
1957	38,783 <u>1/</u>	6,125	10,278 <u>1/</u>	207	2,559	57,953
1958	43,722	8,676	18,250	994	886	72,528

* Shipments from opening of navigation to May 13, 1948; May 12, 1949; May 11, 1950; May 17, 1951; May 15, 1952; May 14, 1953; May 17, 1954; May 11, 1955; May 16, 1956; and May 15, 1957.

1/ Revised.

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to May 14 this year amounted to 72.5 million bushels, compared with 58.0 million during the comparable period of 1957 and the highest for the period since 1953. In 1958 the season of navigation opened on April 18, the 1957 season opened on April 10 and the 1953 season on March 27. Shipments of wheat at 43.7 million bushels, were 13 per cent above the 1957 comparable figure of 38.8 million and accounted for 60 per cent of the current total. Lake shipments of oats, barley and rye during the period under review were also above comparable 1957 levels with flaxseed being the only one of the five grains moving in smaller volume this year than last.

General Quota By June 2, 1958 out of a total of 2,070 shipping points in the
Position Western Division the Canadian Wheat Board had been able to place
431 on a quota of 6 bushels per specified acre, 636 on a 5-
bushel quota and 970 on a 4-bushel quota. Thirty-three stations
were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group
as at June 2, 1958

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre			Closed Stations	Total
	Four	Five	Six		
Ontario	-	-	1	1	2
Manitoba	234	117	23	1	375
Saskatchewan	718	313	61	9	1,101
Alberta.....	18	206	342	22	588
British Columbia.....	-	-	4	-	4
All Provinces	970	636	431	33	2,070

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1957-58

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -						
August	7, 1957	57,134	319,056	79,312	455,502	86,149
	14	51,489	1,073,769	506,259	1,631,517	827,064
	21	436,403	1,848,980	747,223	3,032,606	1,884,249
	28	497,229	3,705,358	1,247,539	5,450,126	3,949,527
September	4	334,501	3,237,345	876,295	4,448,141	3,182,696
	11	269,013	2,143,978	842,281	3,255,272	3,739,721
	18	573,078	2,315,055	900,777	3,788,910	5,760,514
	25	510,534	2,787,644	844,213	4,142,391	7,588,949
October	2	574,874	3,262,986	1,410,979	5,248,839	8,757,469
	9	499,194	4,127,394	1,537,209	6,163,797	7,157,121
	16	527,574	4,037,854	1,146,248	5,711,676	8,628,989
	23	697,465	3,168,778	1,045,896	4,912,139	6,845,753
	30	596,318	3,780,689	896,001	5,273,008	9,885,464
November	6	626,142	3,031,519	1,106,214	4,763,875	9,372,931
	13	627,457	3,567,995	1,470,042	5,665,494	7,900,996
	20	727,275	3,345,325	1,591,939	5,664,539	8,452,536
	27	738,393	4,176,486	1,911,975	6,826,854	8,145,061
December	4	1,184,123	6,388,300	2,065,265	9,637,688	8,496,816
	11	1,145,870	5,693,072	1,936,581	8,775,523	5,492,991
	18	908,845	5,583,609	2,356,077	8,848,531	6,310,643
	24	866,477	4,917,760	2,669,920	8,454,157	5,505,998
	31	633,537	4,124,623	1,599,236	6,357,396	7,553,773
January	8, 1958	525,328	3,099,047	1,906,926	5,531,301	6,000,290
	15	915,675	4,849,588	2,946,339	8,711,602	3,417,856
	22	929,855	3,866,777	3,521,061	8,317,693	5,813,059
	29	655,780	4,473,566	2,250,474	7,379,820	4,721,111
February	5	680,859	4,113,459	1,953,841	6,748,159	7,566,009
	12	479,848	2,809,109	1,653,238	4,942,195	6,730,006
	19	340,381	2,187,204	1,301,389	3,828,974	6,976,103
	26	510,116	2,212,617	1,831,113	4,553,846	3,887,400
March	5	574,995	2,880,614	1,635,944	5,091,553	6,926,902
	12	489,962	1,964,331	1,639,380	4,093,673	6,606,705
	19	401,484	1,983,163	1,396,293	3,780,940	7,090,335
	26	255,216	2,097,837	1,514,023	3,867,076	6,655,715
April	2	238,206	1,544,796	1,051,182	2,834,184	4,401,233
	9	373,051	1,230,903	287,948	1,891,902	4,276,063
	16	618,466	4,297,809	583,897	5,500,172	4,706,871
	23	568,728	7,171,363	3,354,106	11,094,197	2,921,973
	30	646,467	4,792,249	2,732,203	8,170,919	3,900,937
May	7	1,172,564	4,911,400	2,241,465	8,325,429	7,510,704
	14	1,097,760	3,234,637	1,303,486	5,635,883	5,017,368
Totals		24,557,666	140,358,044	63,891,789	228,807,499	240,652,050

Average similar period:

1946-47-1955-56 . 32,606,339 157,517,711 82,868,532 272,992,582

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, May 14, 1958
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1956 and 1957

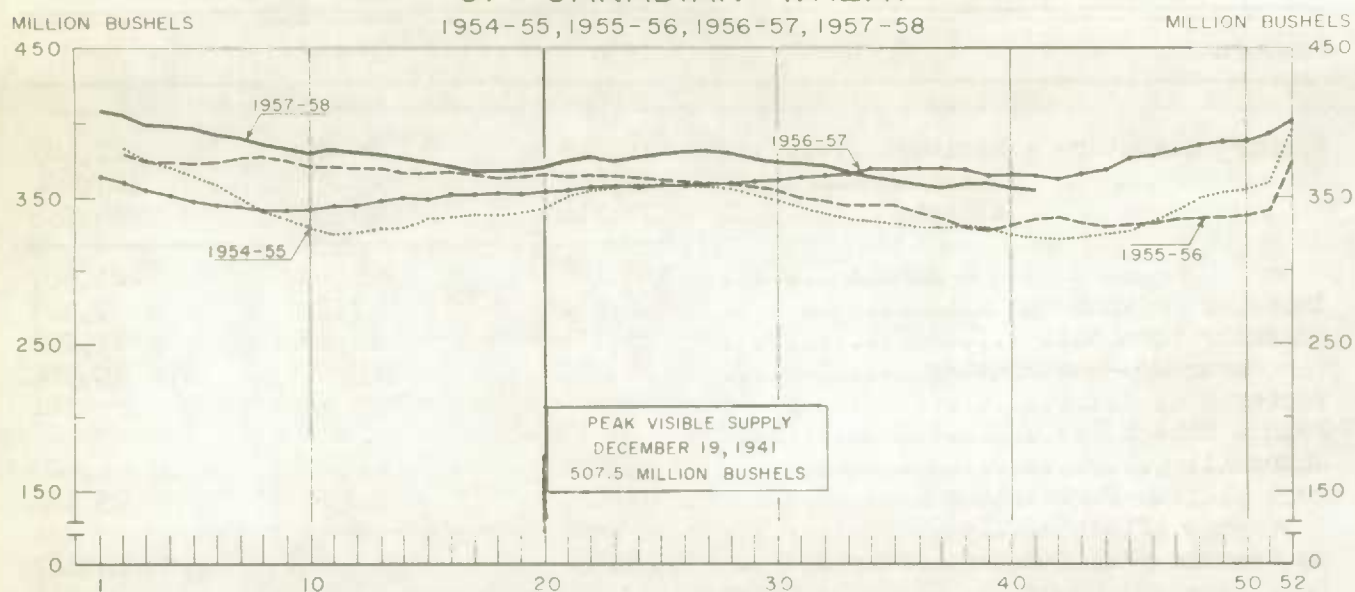
Position	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	19,248	24,244	27,485
Saskatchewan	99,603	123,975	127,484
Alberta	70,314	73,145	66,938
Totals	189,164	221,364	221,907
Interior private and mill	6,662	7,213	7,485
Interior terminals	13,759	12,021	11,296
Vancouver-New Westminster	10,921	10,093	10,584
Victoria	509	438	501
Prince Rupert	37	-	-
Churchill	4,206	4,801	4,620
Fort William-Port Arthur	43,476	34,376	25,166
Storage Afloat	-	-	184
In transit rail (Western Division) ...	13,391	11,143	13,642
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports	27,884	32,888	27,814
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports.	16,600	22,069	19,756
In transit lake	5,128	5,065	8,982
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ...	3,359	2,483	2,549
United States ports	1,313	291	102
Totals	336,408	364,245	354,587

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1957-April 1958 with Comparisons

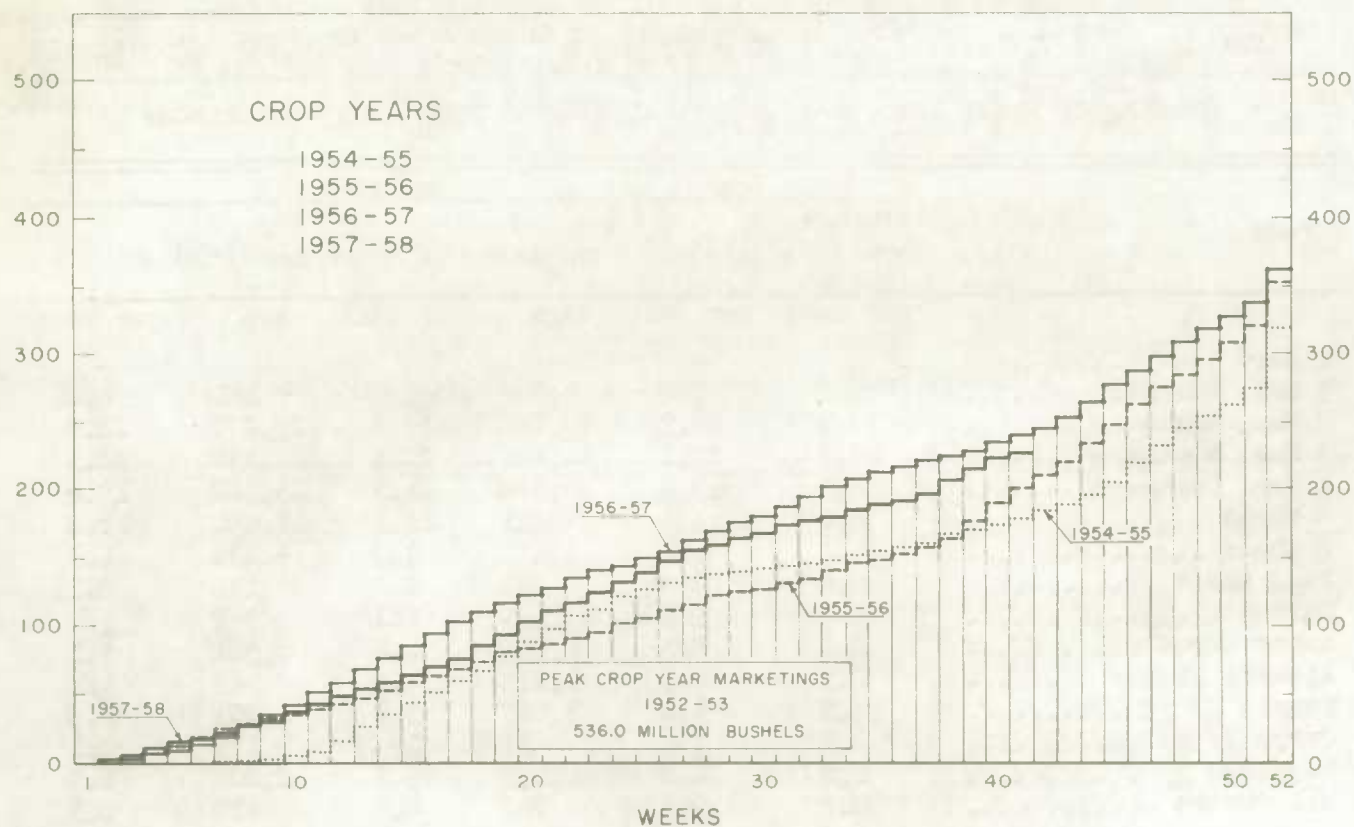
Grade	Crop Year		August-April			
	Average					
	1951-52- 1956-57		1956-57		1957-58	
	1955-56					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Hard	1/	-	-	-	-	-
1 Man. Northern	4.6	1.2	1,898	1.4	451	0.4
2 Man. Northern	30.7	26.9	39,798	29.3	27,277	22.7
3 Man. Northern	20.5	27.1	34,825	25.6	36,357	30.3
4 Man. Northern	8.5	13.0	15,304	11.3	23,582	19.6
5 Wheat	8.1	14.6	19,113	14.1	13,494	11.2
6 Wheat	3.2	4.2	4,472	3.3	5,434	4.5
Feed Wheat	0.6	0.2	231	0.2	134	0.1
Garnet	0.5	0.1	189	0.1	7	1/
Amber Durum	2.2	5.5	8,684	6.4	6,361	5.3
Alberta Winter	0.3	0.6	1,215	0.9	45	1/
Toughs 2/ 3/	15.9	3.2	5,097	3.8	4,225	3.5
Damps 2/ 4/	2.7	1/	31	1/	173	0.1
Rejected 2/	1.8	2.8	4,225	3.1	2,228	1.9
All Others	0.5	0.5	762	0.6	419	0.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	135,844	100.0	120,187	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)

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1957 to May 14, 1958
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1955-56 and 1956-57

Destination	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
	- bushels -		
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Chicago	341,044	89,487	156,933
Duluth Superior	1,099,406	1,341,619	1,516,417
Milwaukee	170,524	27,745	-
Huron	40,000	-	-
Buffalo	3,218,266	1,496,541	2,569,706
Totals, Vessel	4,869,240	2,955,392	4,243,056
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports	1,335	-	-
Other U.S.A. Points	1,711,902	882,291	865,092
Totals, Rail	1,713,237	882,291	865,092
Totals, Shipments	6,582,477	3,837,683	5,108,148

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

Total shipments of wheat to the United States either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to May 14, amounted to 5.1 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1956-57 and 1955-56 shipments amounted to 3.8 million and 6.6 million bushels, respectively. Of the current season's total to date about 83 per cent has been shipped by vessel.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first nine months of the current crop year totalled 24.7 million bushels, compared with 23.0 million shipped during the same months of 1956-57.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1, 1956 to April 30, 1957	August 1, 1957 to April 30, 1958
	- bushels -	
Port McNicoll	7,077,607	6,500,967
Midland, Tiffin	10,755,574	10,746,107
Collingwood	650,987	1,268,250
Owen Sound	2,143,234	2,758,684
Goderich	924,114	276,293
Sarnia	831,376	1,956,705
Port Colborne	-	242,343
Toronto	-	34,000
Lakefield	579,649	936,214
Prescott	3,112	-
Totals	22,965,653	24,719,563

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1954-55-1957-58

Month	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
- bushels -				
August	61,070	56,951	100,667	33,297
September	50,633	64,033	70,324	42,125
October	46,053	63,975	120,535	34,937
November	81,253	148,576	240,628	67,894
December	179,272	477,622	613,482	232,252
January	352,109	2,340,921	792,000	525,238
February	318,009	1,735,097	490,778	178,204
March	245,958	1,599,503	338,534	191,312
April	169,137	300,913	161,103	215,546
May	68,878	91,534	73,212	
June	43,600	91,162	23,281	
July	57,619	102,560	31,432	
Totals	1,673,591	7,072,847	3,055,976	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, April 1958

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	U.S.A.
- bushels -						
3 Northern	-	-	-	15,000	2,000	-
#5 Wheat	1,333	13,416	10,500	89,667	20,500	-
#6 Wheat	-	417	-	-	-	3,000
Feed	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
Rejected	-	-	2,908	8,987	7,500	-
Amber Durum	-	3,000	1,500	6,818	26,000	-
Others	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
Totals	1,333	16,833	14,908	123,472	56,000	3,000

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1957-May 14, 1958
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>					
Vancouver-New Westminster	100,619,766	1,479,602	16,936,063	1,122,220	4,206,116
Victoria	1,286,731	-	-	-	652,784
Prince Rupert	-	-	7,320,320	-	-
<u>Churchill</u>	16,577,206	56,750	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u>	-	-	56,280	-	-
<u>Eastern Lake Ports Direct</u>	32,328	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>					
Montreal	32,188,132	1,221,785	5,499,913	261,991	3,526,639
Sorel	6,496,076	-	987,733	-	286,246
Three Rivers	7,395,422	-	-	-	10,349
Quebec	5,482,013	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime</u>					
Saint John	1,028,855	-	-	-	-
West Saint John	14,283,736	98,766	309,937	10,125	2,152,190
Halifax	13,014,709	-	11,640	-	20,494
Totals	198,404,974	2,856,903	31,121,886	1,394,336	10,854,818
August 1, 1956-May 15, 1957	171,360,175	469,549	43,596,633	1,014,379	17,191,868 1/

Overseas Clearances - Canadian Rapeseed 2/ August 1, 1957-May 14, 1958

Canadian Pacific Seaboard	bushels
Canadian Atlantic Seaboard	5,075,046
Total, Rapeseed	1,070,244
	6,145,290

1/ Revised. 2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to April 30, 1958 represent the movement of some 12.2 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-March period of the 1957-58 crop year. During the same months of the 1956-57 crop year claims had been filed for a total of 13.2 million bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August-March shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 8 per cent below those of 1956-57. Revised data on the 1956-57 August-March shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1958 place the eight-month total at 13.8 million bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current eight-month period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-March, 1957-58 and 1956-57

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1957	10	22	114	52	616	759	285	1,858
September	12	12	86	40	599	630	265	1,644
October	16	10	107	45	564	699	196	1,637
November	12	10	99	47	571	744	300	1,783
December	9	16	106	45	501	665	194	1,535
January, 1958	6	14	88	49	509	685	167	1,516
February	4	15	67	36	388	594	113	1,216
March	3	12	71	30	363	537	29	1,044
Totals <u>1/</u>	71	110	737	344	4,111	5,312	1,548	12,232
Same period 1956-57:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u>	67	162	742	375	4,489	5,793	1,621	13,249
Revised <u>1/</u>	71	166	755	383	4,535	5,970	1,954	13,833

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 346,695 tons during the August-March period of the current crop year. This total, based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1958 will most likely be subject to considerable upward revision with the filing of additional claims. Some indication of the possible size of the revision is given by the fact that by April 30, 1957 claims had been filed for only 329,703 tons out of a total of 356,045 tons shipped during the first eight months of the 1956-57 crop year. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-March, 1957-58 and 1956-57

Province	1956-57		1957-58
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland	2,803	3,102	2,465
Prince Edward Island	4,369	4,617	4,832
Nova Scotia	22,570	23,503	22,160
New Brunswick	17,718	18,298	17,029
Quebec	160,010	172,230	173,102
Ontario	101,360	107,954	106,384
British Columbia	20,873	26,341	20,723
Totals	329,703	356,045	346,695

1/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1958.
2/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1957.

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>1955-56</u>					
August	19,777	469	3,003	23,250	22,228
September	14,877	292	3,816	18,985	16,718
October	14,075	416	3,091	17,582	19,776
November	16,447	440	3,839	20,726	21,362
December	10,323	429	2,810	13,562	15,953
January	19,053	476	2,742	22,270	20,969
February	16,985	537	3,069	20,592	22,066
March	17,631	130	3,353	21,115	23,027
April	28,974	1,333	3,207	33,514	32,360
May	37,350	1,149	3,846	42,345	39,712
June	42,219	1,246	3,656	47,121	49,735
July	24,233	322	3,565	28,120	30,044
Totals	261,943	7,238	40,000	309,181	313,950
<u>1956-57</u>					
August	26,107	223	2,989	29,319	27,149
September	24,477	146	3,144	27,767	25,579
October	20,683	222	3,084	23,989	29,253
November	20,577	875	2,920	24,372	24,410
December	17,028	834	3,403	21,266	22,042
January	14,431	487	2,515	17,433	17,393
February	11,938	115	2,741	14,794	15,334
March	13,735	168	2,909	16,812	18,671
April	12,380	296	2,542	15,218	13,238
May	19,494	1,231	2,596	23,321	25,507
June	22,043	795	2,213	25,051	23,955
July	19,490	481	2,482	22,454	24,684
Totals	222,386	5,872	33,540	261,797	267,214
<u>1957-58 ^{4/}</u>					
August	24,313	403	2,477	27,193	22,886
September	20,659	507	2,740	23,906	26,712
October	17,231	684	3,477	21,392	18,117
November	26,957	949	2,870	30,776	24,359
December	19,209	691	3,920	23,820	31,866
January	18,600	243	3,507	22,350	22,542
February	18,499	63	2,303	20,865	18,929
March	19,062	381	3,837	23,280	26,247
April	22,406	382	3,068	25,855	22,053
Totals	186,937	4,301	28,199	219,437	213,710

^{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 years 1955-56 and 1956-57 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs for both wheat and wheat flour. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

^{4/} Subject to revision. Unadjusted customs returns.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1957-58

Destination	January	April		August-April	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
	- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>					
United Kingdom	947,301	1,218,602	6,466,735	9,940,744	66,818,285
<u>Africa</u>					
British East Africa	-	-	-	2,645	-
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	-	773	83,253	8,646	396,853
Gambia	-	-	-	7,020	-
Ghana	61,433	19,837	-	366,627	-
Nigeria	-	-	-	25,300	-
Other British West Africa	62	-	-	62	-
Sierra Leone	12,075	13,754	-	143,700	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Ceylon	103,040	-	-	656,003	-
Hong Kong	60,778	29,118	18,667	374,199	94,267
India	-	-	4,237,979	20,355	17,050,854
Malaya and Singapore	35,065	23,929	-	293,100	-
Pakistan	-	345	5,234	633	2,362,773
Other British East Indies	322	-	-	1,513	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar	5,281	6,182	-	39,438	-
Malta	-	-	-	-	1,112,907
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas	25,360	20,063	-	210,724	-
Barbados	37,810	10,759	-	255,668	833
Bermuda	6,530	6,893	-	72,723	-
British Honduras	2,477	1,242	-	9,660	-
Jamaica	244,258	65,932	-	1,241,310	1,200
Leeward and Windward Islands	105,652	55,925	-	816,921	-
Trinidad and Tobago	147,527	79,458	-	1,238,336	-
<u>Oceania</u>					
Australia	-	-	369,600	-	1,140,534
Fiji	-	2,461	-	3,807	-
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana	24,196	9,658	-	210,089	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .	1,819,167	1,564,931	11,181,468	15,939,223	88,978,506
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Africa</u>					
Azores and Madeira	4,108	-	-	12,501	-
Belgian Congo	52,739	45,414	-	302,839	-
Liberia	718	681	-	4,186	-
Morocco	-	-	-	1,771	-
Portuguese East Africa	-	-	51,146	4,406	129,546
Portuguese West Africa	2,530	1,334	-	34,093	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia	3,998	1,065	-	21,236	-
China	-	-	1,446,667	-	1,648,267
Indochina	-	-	-	460	-
Iran	-	193	-	193	-
Japan	27,798	119,911	1,952,028	598,274	25,891,979
Jordan	-	-	-	74	-
Lebanon	-	-	-	41,228	-
Okinawa	-	-	-	-	194,133
Philippine Islands	78,122	251,811	-	3,538,228	-

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1957-58

Destination	January	April		August-April	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Asia</u>					
Portuguese Asia	4,554	26,818	-	122,197	-
Syria	-	690	-	2,728	-
Thailand	44,160	9,545	-	283,201	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Austria	-	-	106,562	-	1,696,076
Belgium	27,563	21,793	864,696	260,073	7,230,569
Denmark	-	-	-	1,840	191,482
Germany, Federal Republic	-	-	2,187,951	-	22,467,890
Greece	-	920	-	26,020	-
Iceland	-	1,610	-	16,100	-
Ireland	-	-	156,800	805	1,386,187
Italy	-	-	18,667	-	587,938
Netherlands	402	322	1,564,171	1,691	16,057,674
Norway	-	-	395,435	-	2,995,699
Poland	-	-	-	-	1,443,680
Portugal	2,300	9,177	-	38,447	-
Sweden	-	506	-	2,532	-
Switzerland	-	-	2,186,601	184	6,274,060
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	-	-	-	-	7,386,737
<u>North America</u>					
American Virgin Islands	-	-	-	46	-
Costa Rica	49,588	56,051	-	356,477	16,667
Cuba	29,992	68,342	-	423,172	1,000
Dominican Republic	85,502	53,245	-	503,410	-
El Salvador	23,690	7,935	-	114,310	18,666
French West Indies	747	230	-	6,037	-
Guatemala	34,090	11,139	-	214,282	110,060
Haiti	33,980	38,180	-	351,750	-
Honduras	5,520	9,701	8,000	47,835	29,333
Netherlands Antilles	16,981	19,331	-	142,211	-
Nicaragua	38,732	20,049	-	183,271	-
Panama	26,139	22,942	-	178,146	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon	3,722	757	-	16,008	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat	180,375	145,003	-	1,286,238	-
For Milling in bond 4/	-	-	-	-	651,631
For Domestic use 4/	-	-	381,664	-	3,649,732
<u>Oceania</u>					
French Oceania	-	886	-	25,390	-
Guam	-	-	-	1,840	-
<u>South America</u>					
Colombia	4,830	3,105	-	40,429	183,727
Ecuador	-	-	-	-	211,986
Peru	8,970	2,530	232,878	30,257	1,615,040
Surinam	10,560	10,794	-	100,802	-
Venezuela	544,125	540,829	52,500	2,922,309	189,738
Totals, Foreign Countries	1,346,535	1,502,839	11,605,766	12,259,527	102,259,497
Totals, All Countries	3,165,702	3,067,770	22,787,234	28,198,750	191,238,003

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			
	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30

- 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	161/4	161/4	161/3	161
2 Northern	157/4	157/4	157/3	157
3 Northern	149/4	149/4	149/3	149
4 Northern	141/4	141/4	141/3	141/3
5 Wheat	127/4	127/4	127/3	127/3
6 Wheat	123/4	123/4	123/3	123/3
Feed Wheat	120/4	120/4	120/3	120/3
1 C.W. Garnet	155/4	155/4	155/3	155
2 C.W. Garnet	151/4	151/4	151/3	151
3 C.W. Garnet	148/4	148/4	148/3	148
1 Alberta Red Winter	151/4	151/4	151/3	151
2 Alberta Winter	147/4	147/4	147/3	147
3 Alberta Winter	142/4	142/4	142/3	142
1 C.W. Amber Durum	193/4	193/4	193/3	193
2 C.W. Amber Durum	192/4	192/4	192/3	192
3 C.W. Amber Durum	180/4	180/4	180/3	180

Export - Class II

1 Northern	161/4	161/4	161/3	161
2 Northern	157/4	157/4	157/3	157
3 Northern	149/4	149/4	149/3	149
4 Northern	141/4	141/4	141/3	141/3
5 Wheat	127/4	127/4	127/3	127/3
6 Wheat	123/4	123/4	123/3	123/3
Feed Wheat	120/4	120/4	120/3	120/3
1 C.W. Garnet	155/4	155/4	155/3	155
2 C.W. Garnet	151/4	151/4	151/3	151
3 C.W. Garnet	148/4	148/4	148/3	148
1 C.W. Amber Durum	193/4	193/4	193/3	193
2 C.W. Amber Durum	192/4	192/4	192/3	192
3 C.W. Amber Durum	180/4	180/4	180/3	180

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30

- 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	173/4	173/4	173/3	173
2 Northern	169/4	169/4	169/3	169
3 Northern	162/4	162/4	162/3	162
4 Northern	154/4	154/4	154/3	154
5 Wheat	142/4	142/4	142/3	142
6 Wheat	133/4	133/4	133/3	133
Feed Wheat	130/4	130/4	130/3	130
1 C.W. Garnet	155/4	155/4	155/3	155
2 C.W. Garnet	151/4	151/4	151/3	151
3 C.W. Garnet	148/4	148/4	148/3	148
1 Alberta Red Winter	151/4	151/4	151/3	151
2 Alberta Winter	147/4	147/4	147/3	147
3 Alberta Winter	142/4	142/4	142/3	142

Export - Class II

1 Northern	173/4	173/4	173/3	173
2 Northern	169/4	169/4	169/3	169
3 Northern	162/4	162/4	162/3	162
4 Northern	154/4	154/4	154/3	154
5 Wheat	142/4	142/4	142/3	142
6 Wheat	133/4	133/4	133/3	133
Feed Wheat	130/4	130/4	130/3	130
1 C.W. Garnet	155/4	155/4	155/3	155
2 C.W. Garnet	151/4	151/4	151/3	151
3 C.W. Garnet	148/4	148/4	148/3	148
1 Alberta Red Winter	151/4	151/4	151/3	151
2 Alberta Winter	147/4	147/4	147/3	147
3 Alberta Winter	142/4	142/4	142/3	142

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during April 1958 amounted to 3,654,000 hundredweight, exceeding by 7 per cent the March output of 3,415,000 hundredweight, 28 per cent above the April 1957 total of 2,858,000 hundredweight and 5 per cent greater than the ten-year (1947-1956) average production for the month of April of 3,469,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during April 1958 had a total rated capacity of 180,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 81.0 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during April 1958 amounted to 8.3 million bushels compared with 7.7 million bushels milled during the previous month and 6.4 million bushels milled during April 1957. Of the wheat milled for flour during April 1958, some 7.6 million bushels were Western Canadian Spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario Winter wheat (504,000 bushels); Durum (103,000 bushels); and all others (51,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during April 1958 amounted to 1,334,000 hundredweight (some 3,068,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of 20 per cent from the 3,837,000 bushels exported during March 1958 but 21 per cent greater than the adjusted April 1957 total of 2,542,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty-one countries, with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 1,219,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 40 per cent of the April 1958 total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Venezuela, 541; Philippine Islands, 252; United States, 145; and Japan, 120.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour - bushels -	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports 1/
		- 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	91,770,025	40,148,750	17,391,300
1956-57	85,149,373	37,623,446	14,582,431
1957-58 2/ August	7,094,364	3,151,879	1,076,815
September	7,629,799	3,372,860	1,191,300
October	8,315,059	3,688,086	1,511,826
November	8,185,725	3,637,969	1,247,654
December	7,046,817	3,127,026	1,704,554
January	7,845,002	3,464,747	1,524,670
February	7,002,252	3,097,834	1,001,259
March	7,740,565	3,415,066	1,668,435
April	8,274,049	3,653,951	1,333,813
Totals	69,133,632	30,609,418	12,260,326
Same period 1956-57 (revised)	65,367,266	28,869,003	11,412,378

1/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46-1956-57 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. 2/ Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1957-58 (July-June) crop year consisting of the July 1 carry-over of 908.7 million bushels and the 1957 production of 947.1 million, amount to 1,855.8 million bushels, representing a decline of 9 per cent from the 1956-57 total of 2,037.7 million. Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent from Canada for all purposes during the July-April period of the current United States crop year amounted to 5.5 million bushels. After deducting an estimated 584.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 1,277.3 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1957-58 compared with 1,455.2 million in 1956-57.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57	1957-58 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	1,033.4	908.7
New crop	1,004.3	947.1
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,037.7	1,855.8
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-April	5.0	5.5
Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u>	2,042.7	1,861.3
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u>	587.5	584.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,455.2	1,277.3
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-April	390.6	265.3
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-April <u>4/</u>	60.7	63.7
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>5/</u>	451.2	329.0
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	1,004.0	948.3

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Excluding imports for May-June period. 3/ Includes allowances for shipments of United States wheat and wheat products to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands and Wake Island. These shipments are not included in exports as set out in the table. 4/ Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond." 5/ These figures now include all shipments under relief programs which formerly were not available from Census data.

Exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first ten months of the 1957-58 United States crop year amounted to 329.0 million bushels, about 27 per cent below the 451.2 million exported during the same months in 1956-57. The balance remaining on May 1, 1958 for export and for carryover was estimated at 948.3 million bushels as against 1,004.0 million on the same date a year ago.

Winter Wheat Crop

Estimated at

1,010 Million Bushels

In a report released on May 9, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part as follows, "A winter wheat crop of 1,010 million bushels is indicated by conditions to May 1. This would be the third largest crop of record, only a little below 1947 and 1952. A crop of slightly more than a billion bushels would be 43 per cent larger than the 1957 crop of 707 million bushels, 19 per cent more than the average and nearly 5 per cent above the forecast a month ago. Production prospects remained about the same as April 1 for most States except the Southern Plains and Western Corn Belt areas. Significant production increases occurred in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska.

The indicated yield of 24.0 bushels per acre for harvest is the highest of record and compares with 22.4 bushels in 1957 and the average of 18.9 bushels. The indicated record yield may be reached with only Minnesota, Texas, Arizona, and Nevada exceeding their current record yield. This indicates a uniform satisfactory development of the crop over a majority of the producing area with especially favourable prospects over much of the important producing area. All States report above average yields per acre except South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The estimated 42.1 million acres of winter wheat remaining for harvest on May 1 is a third larger than the 1957 harvested acreage, the largest since 1953 but is 7 per cent less than average. The portion of the seeded acreage that will be harvested for grain is estimated at 95.9 per cent, the third highest of record and the highest since 1919. This compares with 84.2 per cent for the 1957 crop and the average of 84.0 per cent. Of the 1.8 million acres seeded but not expected to be harvested as grain, less than half of it is located in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. This compares with 4.5 million acres seeded but not harvested in these States in 1957 as well as 8.3 million wheat acres placed in the Acreage Reserve Program in 1957. These States expect to harvest 9 million acres more in 1958 than in 1957, an increase of 73 per cent.

April generally developed into a wet, cool month that brought ample to excessive moisture to nearly all wheat producing areas. Condition of wheat is uniformly good to excellent throughout the winter wheat areas, recording slight to generous gains in production prospects during the month.

Marketing Quota Penalty

Rate Set at \$1.09 per

Bushel for 1958 Excess Wheat

On May 19 the United States Department of Agriculture announced a marketing quota penalty rate of \$1.09 per bushel on "excess" wheat of the 1958 crop. As directed by law, the rate of the marketing quota penalty is 45 per cent of the parity price per bushel of wheat as of May 1 of the calendar year in which the crop is harvested. The current parity price for wheat is \$2.42 per bushel. Growers approved marketing quotas for the 1958 wheat crop on June 20, 1957. When wheat marketing quotas are in effect, a farmer who does not comply with the wheat acreage allotment established for his farm is subject to a penalty on his farm marketing excess, unless he harvests 15 acres or less or has signed an agreement permitting him to produce up to 30 acres of wheat for feed use on the farm. Wheat produced on a farm having a farm marketing excess is not eligible for price support. The national average minimum support price for 1958-crop wheat is \$1.78 per bushel, which was 75 per cent of the April 1957 parity price with a transitional adjustment. The final average support price for the 1958 crop will be 75 per cent of the effective parity as of July 1, 1958, if this is higher.

United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination,
July-March 1956-57 and July-March 1957-58

NOTE

These data on exports by destination cover only the first nine months of the United States crop year beginning July 1. The table on United States wheat supplies (see page 19) contains a preliminary estimate of total exports for the first ten months of the United States crop year. Neither of these tables should be confused with the United States export figure shown on page one of this publication which, for comparative purposes, is based on the Canadian crop year beginning August 1.

Destination	July-March 1956-57			July-March 1957-58		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- 1,000 bushels, grain equivalent -						
Western Hemisphere						
Central America	1,087	3,232	4,319	1,088	3,403	4,491
Cuba	2,715	3,133	5,848	2,361	3,443	5,804
British West Indies	2	2,639	2,641	1	2,577	2,578
Haiti	-	1,037	1,037	156	1,162	1,318
Colombia	2,394	48	2,442	3,338	486	3,824
Venezuela	260	4,701	4,961	522	4,864	5,386
Peru	3,219	211	3,430	2,771	230	3,001
Bolivia	2,711	993	3,704	-	372	372
Chile	4,883	32	4,915	1,968	75	2,043
Brazil	4,556	1	4,557	8,571	2,081	10,652
Others	1,223	2,131	3,354	486	1,816	2,302
Totals	23,050	18,158	41,208	21,262	20,509	41,771
Europe						
Norway	1,734	704	2,438	231	683	914
Denmark	3,446	34	3,480	1,285	9	1,294
United Kingdom	29,381	1,155	30,536	16,518	730	17,248
Netherlands	15,781	2,650	18,431	3,115	2,840	5,955
Belgium-Luxembourg	16,707	19	16,726	1,775	43	1,818
France	31,051	5	31,056	-	11	11
Germany, West	31,006	83	31,089	14,174	37	14,211
Austria	1,866	3	1,869	1,117	-	1,117
Switzerland	8,274	6	8,280	474	2/	474
Finland	2,813	-	2,813	681	-	681
Poland	-	-	-	18,479	-	18,479
Portugal	5,206	90	5,296	288	70	358
Italy	6,726	625	7,351	742	804	1,546
Yugoslavia	17,331	17	17,348	5,664	27	5,691
Greece	14,993	21	15,014	2,103	2	2,105
Others	2,080	62	2,142	2,096	376	2,472
Totals	188,395	5,474	193,869	68,742	5,632	74,374
Asia						
Turkey	12,016	-	12,016	3,802	-	3,802
Lebanon	-	2,005	2,005	-	1,250	1,250
Israel	7,359	521	7,880	7,211	7	7,218
Saudi Arabia	974	2,960	3,934	13	1,276	1,289
India	32,734	22	32,756	66,034	22	66,056
Pakistan	19,724	2	19,726	17,657	1	17,658
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia ..	-	2,683	2,683	-	688	688
Indonesia	-	3,981	3,981	-	99	99
Philippine Republic	-	4,938	4,938	-	6,222	6,222
Korea	9,801	701	10,502	6,554	837	7,391
Formosa	4,664	-	4,664	5,775	5	5,780
Japan	34,682	1,601	36,283	32,041	1,602	33,643
Others	1,935	836	2,771	2,071	1,733	3,804
Totals	123,889	20,250	144,139	141,158	13,742	154,900
Africa						
Morocco	-	23	23	1,448	8	1,456
Tunisia	2,820	2	2,822	151	168	319
Egypt	1,071	358	1,429	-	343	343
French West Africa	2,117	6	2,123	458	1	459
Ghana	-	1,229	1,229	-	1,211	1,211
Western British Africa	-	1,573	1,573	-	1,560	1,560
Others	1,709	1,461	3,170	299	1,115	1,414
Totals	7,717	4,652	12,369	2,356	4,406	6,762
Oceania	-	33	33	-	26	26
Unspecified 3/	1,118	4,745	5,863	434	11,938	12,372
World Totals	344,169	53,312	397,481	233,952	56,253	290,205

1/ Wholly of U.S. wheat. Beginning July 1, 1957, the factor for converting 100 pounds of flour into bushels of grain equivalent changed from 2.33 to 2.3. 2/ Less than 500 bushels. 3/ Includes shipments for relief or charity which are not shown by destination.

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	
May 1, 1958	223 1/2		May 1, 1958	239 3/8 - 240 3/8	
2	223 - 226 3/4		2	238 - 239	
5	221 3/4 - 226		5	235 1/4 - 236 1/4	
6	223 1/2 - 228 1/4		6	232 1/2 - 233 1/2	
7	223 1/2		7	233 5/8 - 234 5/8	
8	224 1/4		8	234 1/2 - 235 1/2	
9	224 1/4 - 225 3/4		9	235 1/4 - 236 1/4	
12	226 - 229		12	235 1/2 - 237 1/2	
13	224 1/4 - 226 1/2		13	233 7/8 - 236 7/8	
14	227		14	234 1/8 - 237 1/8	
15	233 1/2 - 235		15	234 7/8 - 237 7/8	
16	227 - 251 1/2		16	235 1/4 - 238 1/4	
19	225 1/4 - 250 1/4		19	236 1/2 - 239 1/2	
20	226 1/2 - 236 3/4		20	237 - 240	
21	234		21	238 1/8 - 241 1/8	
22	223 - 253 1/4		22	239 3/4 - 242 3/4	
23	235 1/2 - 237		23	238 3/4 - 241 3/4	
26	234 - 242		26	241 1/4 - 244 1/4	
27	233		27	241 7/8 - 244 7/8	
28	232 - 256		28	243 3/8 - 246 3/8	
29	223 1/2 - 256 1/2		29	242 1/2 - 245 1/2	
30	MEMORIAL DAY		30	MEMORIAL DAY	

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
May 1, 1958	218/6	186/5	189/4	194/6	198/4
2	217	186/5	189/2	194/6	198/3
5	218/1	185/5	188/4	193/6	197/3
6	216/6	184/6	187/6	193/1	196/6
7	217/6	185/5	188/4	193/7	197/4
8	217/7	185/1	188	193/3	197/1
9	218/6	184/6	187/4	193	196/7
12	218/3	183	185/5	191	194/6
13	217/3	183/4	186/1	191/6	195/1
14	220/2	183/5	186/3	191/6	195/4
15	219/1	183/6	186/4	192	195/4
16	218	184/2	187	192/2	196
19	219/4	184	186/7	192/2	195/7
20	229/3	183/5	186/3	191/7	195/4
21		185/1	187/7	193/3	196/7
22		186/4	189/1	194/7	198/4
23		185/4	188/2	194	197/6
26		187/7	190/6	196/2	200/1
27		186/4	189/4	195/1	198/7
28		187/2	190/2	195/7	199/4
29		186/3	189/3	194/7	198/4
30		MEMORIAL DAY			

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the crop year 1957-58, consisting of the December 1, 1957 carryover of 59.4 million bushels and the new crop placed at 194.7 million amount to some 254.1 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent a decrease of 18 per cent from the 1956-57 total of 309.2 million bushels. After making an allowance of 139.6 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements an estimated 114.5 million are available for export and for carryover as against 169.6 million in 1956-57. Exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1957-April 1958 amounted to 23.1 million bushels compared with a total of 40.5 million exported during the same months of 1956-57. The balance remaining on May 1, 1958 for export and for carryover was estimated at 91.4 million bushels, about 29 per cent below the May 1, 1957 figure of 129.1 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57	1957-58 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u>	48.3	59.4
New Crop <u>3/</u>	260.9	194.7
Total estimated domestic supplies	309.2	254.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	139.6	139.6
Available for export and for carryover	169.6	114.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-April	40.4	22.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Dec.-Apr. <u>4/</u>		0.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	40.5	23.1
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	129.1	91.4

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks. 3/ Official estimate. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops

Once again the official monthly is not available up to this date. However, it may be reported that weather has been fairly steady rather damp and hot, although excessive rains have fallen in some parts of the corn region. Preparation of the soil for the new crops and sowings has continued steadily. There were widespread rains during this last week-end and colder weather is expected.

Wheat
1957-58

A period of relative inactivity followed last month's upsurge of sales of all classes of wheat. From April 16 to May 11 only 7,037 metric tons (259,000 bushels) were sold consisting of 4,300 (158,000 bushels) of the 1956-57 crop, 2,000 (73,000 bushels) of "rivers" wheat at 1,307.60 pesos (\$1.98 per bushel) and 2,300 (85,000 bushels) of Candeal, 2,325 (85,000 bushels) of new "southern" wheat at 1,362 pesos (\$2.06 per bushel) and a small quantity to be exported as flour. On May 12 and 13 there was a sudden revival, as 48,000 metric tons (1,764,000 bushels) were sold of new 1957-58 "southern" wheat, with prices that started at 1,378 pesos (\$2.08 per bushel) and advanced to 1,398 (\$2.11 per bushel). The climax was the announcement by the Grain Board (May 19) of the sale of 200,000 metric tons (7,349,000 bushels) of "southern" wheat to the Brazilian Government at U.S.\$ 61.30 (\$1.67 per bushel). The latest statistical table released by the Grain Board is dated May 11. It reports that 4,932,936 metric tons (181,254,000 bushels) of the new wheat crop have been bought. Of these, 266,135 metric tons (9,779,000 bushels) have already been resold, (included in this quantity are all lots sold to local millers), while 88,426 tons (3,249,000 bushels) have been actually shipped and 494,000 tons (18,151,000 bushels) are in ports awaiting shipment.

Wheat
1958-59

Preparation of the soil has, in general, been completed, and very early sowings have already taken place. However, the greater part of the wheat area is yet to be sown. It is expected that the announcement of the new minimum producers prices for 1958-59 will have a beneficial effect in extending the wheat area for the coming year, and even some pasture lands will probably be turned over to this grain. Nevertheless, although announced earlier than last year, the effect of the new prices would have been more pronounced had they been established at least as early as the end of March last.

Corn

Harvesting of this grain is progressing under generally normal conditions, even though in some areas rains have been somewhat excessive. It is expected that a new official estimate of production will soon be released. In the meantime, trade circles in the province of Santa Fé, report an ever increasing flow of corn to export ports. Should colder weather move in, harvesting and subsequent transport and shipment will undoubtedly be speeded up even more. Private trade is handling the bulk of the production, as its prices are higher than the official minimum. During this last month "aforo" authorizations amounted to 161,979 metric tons (6,377,000 bushels), almost all for multilateral currencies. The Board up to date has bought a total of only 179,579 metric tons (7,070,000 bushels), of which only 3,000 metric tons (118,000 bushels) were sold at Santa Fé, at pesos 1,086 (\$1.53 per bushel). In the meantime, the Board has also continued to sell off the old and somewhat damaged stocks stored at the port of San Nicolás. Altogether, 25,785 tons (1,015,000 bushels) of these have now been sold at prices ranging from 1,040 to 1,100 pesos (\$1.47 to \$1.55 per bushel).

Oats,
Barley
and Rye

Sowings of these dual purpose grains have progressed steadily and the first stands are growing under normal conditions especially in the southern part of the Province of Buenos Aires and in central Santa Fé province. In the meantime seeding will soon start in those areas reserved exclusively for grain harvesting. There has been a sharp decrease in sales of these grains since our last report. All three totalled only 64,870 metric tons, a sharp decrease from the previous month. Oats showed the highest amount with 30,760 metric tons (1,995,000 bushels), all being "aforo" authorizations, 23,300 (1,511,000 bushels) being for multilateral currencies. Barley followed with 21,344 (980,000 bushels), also mostly all "aforo"

authorizations, while the Board itself sold only 285 tons (13,000 bushels). Rye totalled 12,766 tons (503,000 bushels), 10,900 (429,000 bushels) being "aforo" sales and 1,866 (73,000 bushels) sold by the Grain Board at pesos 1,045 and 1,055.70 (\$1.47 and \$1.49 per bushel). As a matter of interest, the latest statistical tables released by the Grain Board show a total of 58,454 metric tons (3,790,000 bushels) of new crop oats having been bought to date.

Policy

New Minimum Producers Prices Announced for the 1958-59 Crop.
Parity System Used for the First Time in Argentina. On

April 24 last the new minimum producers' prices for the oncoming 1958-59 crop were announced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of the former Argentine Provisional Government. For the first time in Argentina, these have been calculated under the parity system, based on research conducted by a body of experts. The research was sponsored by the Argentine Association of Agricultural Producers, and was published in book form during March last. The first application of the parity system has not, perhaps, been entirely satisfactory, but there is widespread agreement as to its general value and to the desirability of improving its application so that eventually its use may be extended to other agricultural and livestock products. It is perhaps of interest and significance to note that the man responsible for the research on the parity system, Ing. A.J. Vilá, has just been appointed Under-Secretary of Industry by the new Government. The newly established prices are as follows:

Argentine Prices for Grains and Oilseed
(f.o.r. Buenos Aires, in bags)

Grain	1958-59
<u>Wheat</u>	- dollars per bushel -
Semi-hard, Grade 2, (basis 62 lb. per bu.)	1.97
Candeal and/or Taganrock	2.12
<u>Barley</u>	
Brewers type, Grade 2, (basis 52 lb. per bu.)85
Forage type, Grade 2, (basis 47 lb. per bu.)78
<u>Oats</u>	
Yellow, Grade 2, (basis 38 lb. per bu.)51
White, Grade 2, (basis 39 lb. per bu.)53
<u>Rye</u>	
Grade 2, (basis 58 lb. per bu.)85
<u>Flaxseed</u>	
Grade 2, (basis 4% foreign matter	2.61
<u>Corn</u>	
Yellow and/or red	1.62

Grain Sales

Sales of all grains during this past month showed a sharp decrease from the previous one. They totalled only 310,743 metric tons. Corn sales were by far the most active totalling 190,764 metric tons (7,510,000 bushels). Of these 161,979 (6,377,000 bushels) were "aforo" authorizations, 151,274 (5,955,000 bushels) for multilateral currencies, 5,250 (207,000 bushels) for Czechoslovakia, 1,255 (49,000 bushels) for Hungary and 4,200 (165,000 bushels) in pounds sterling for Japan. The Board sold just 3,000 tons (118,000 bushels) of new crop corn at 1,086 pesos (\$1.53 per bushel) to be shipped from Santa Fé and also sold 25,785 tons (1,015,000 bushels) of old damaged grain of the 1956-57 crop stored at the port of San Nicolás. Prices ranged from 1,040 to 1,100 pesos (\$1.47 to \$1.55 per bushel). Wheat was in second place with 55,109 metric tons (2,025,000 bushels) of which 50,325 tons (1,849,000 bushels) were southern grain of the new crop at prices which started at 1,362 (\$2.06 per bushel) and advanced to 1,398 pesos (\$2.11 per bushel). Various other lots were also sold as follows: Candeal 2,300 tons (85,000 bushels) at 1,306 and 1,310 pesos (\$1.97 and \$1.98 per bushel); rivers wheat 1956-57, 2,000 tons (73,000 bushels) at 1,307.60 (\$1.98 per bushel), and to be exported as flour: 1,770 tons (65,000 bushels). Not included in these totals is the important sale to Brazil of the 200,000 metric tons (7,349,000 bushels) of wheat, just announced (see Wheat 1957-58). Oats were in third place with 30,760 tons (1,995,000 bushels) all of which were "aforo" authorizations, 23,300 (1,511,000 bushels) for multilateral currencies, 5,000 (324,000 bushels) for Roumania and 2,450 (159,000 bushels) of bagged grain for Brazil. Barley sales amounted to 21,344 metric tons (980,000 bushels), the bulk of which was again dealt with by the private trade, only 285 tons (13,000 bushels) having been sold by the Grain Board. The main buyers were countries under multilateral agreements. Rye was in the last place with a bare 12,766 metric tons (503,000 bushels), 10,900 (394,000 bushels) of which were "aforo" authorizations for multilateral currencies, while the Board sold 1,866 tons (73,000 bushels) at 1,045 and 1,055.60 pesos (\$1.47 and \$1.49 per bushel).

Grain Shipments

Grain shipments decreased slightly from the month of March and totalled 319,359 metric tons. Wheat accounted for more than half of this tonnage with 165,343 metric tons (6,075,000 bushels), shipped to several destinations of which the most important ones were Brazil with 91,284 metric tons (3,354,000 bushels); Western Germany, 27,240 (1,001,000 bushels) and the United Kingdom, 26,011 (956,000 bushels). Corn shipments reached 51,775 tons (2,038,000 bushels) of which 20,882 (822,000 bushels) were shipped to Belgium, 7,742 (305,000 bushels) to Japan, amounts of about 7,000 tons (276,000 bushels) each to Italy and Western Germany, 6,497 (256,000 bushels) to the Netherlands and much smaller amounts to other countries. Barley followed corn very closely in volume with 47,493 tons (2,181,000 bushels). Western Germany and the Netherlands were by far the most important buyers with about 15,600 metric tons (716,000 bushels) each. Oats exports were 40,304 tons (2,613,000 bushels) for many destinations, including Czechoslovakia 8,692 tons (564,000 bushels), the Netherlands 7,153 (464,000 bushels) and Italy 6,561 (425,000 bushels). Rye followed far behind with 14,444 metric tons (569,000 bushels) which were sent to: the Netherlands 4,779 (188,000 bushels), Italy 4,815 (190,000 bushels), Western Germany 3,500 (138,000 bushels), Sweden 1,100 (43,000 bushels) and Belgium 250 (9,800 bushels).

Argentine Wheat Exports, December 1957 - April 1958 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Belgium	648	Netherlands	1,495
Bolivia	110	Norway	37
Brazil	8,085	Paraguay	841
Chile	1,999	Peru	904
Denmark	133	Switzerland	42
Germany, Western	3,944	United Kingdom	3,169
Italy	1,527		
		Total	22,936

Same Period:

1956-57	40,435
1955-56	45,587
1954-55	56,943
1953-54	42,636
1952-53	10,635

Supply Position

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57	1957-58 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	83.9	41.4
New Crop	134.7	96.0 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies	218.6	137.4
Imports December - April	-	0.8
Total estimated supplies	218.6	138.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	72.6	77.0
Available for export and for carryover	146.0	61.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - May 3	36.4	11.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - May 3	15.0	7.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	51.4	18.1
Balance on May 4 for export and for carryover	94.6	43.1

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised.

Estimated domestic supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1957-

58 crop year consisting of the December 1, 1957 carryover of 41.4 million bushels and the new crop now placed at 96.0 million amount to some 137.4 million bushels, representing a decline of 37 per cent from the 1956-57 total of 218.6 million. Imports of wheat from Canada during the December-April period of the current Australian crop year amounted to 0.8 million bushels. After deducting 77.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 61.2 million are available for export and for carryover during 1957-58 as against 146.0 million in 1956-57.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1, 1957 to May 3, 1958 amounted to 18.1 million bushels, sharply below the 51.4 million exported during the corresponding period of 1956-57. The balance remaining on May 4, 1958 for export and for carryover, at 43.1 million bushels, represented a decrease of 54 per cent from the comparable 1957 figure of 94.6 million.

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Weather and
Crops

Light rains have been received in many parts of Australia and in general crops are reported as satisfactory. However, soaking rains are needed in most areas before the drought conditions of 1957 can be felt to be safely passed.

In New South Wales seasonal conditions are described as patchy with substantial rains being needed throughout the whole of the State's wheatbelt. Wheat sowings commenced in central and southern districts following April rains, although the north remained very dry. Larger areas than usual are being prepared for wheat and farmers are hopeful of recouping recent losses. May will be the key month in deciding what area of wheat will be successfully established throughout the State on the possibly 3.5 million acres prepared for sowing.

In Victoria, farmers are preparing to sow cereal crops and although some districts have had suitable rains for working the ground, much of the wheat belt requires a good soaking rain. Like New South Wales, the area to be sown depends on weather conditions over the next few weeks. Rains have recently been received in most areas of the State except the North-west where conditions are dry and dusty and wheat farmers face the prospects of another hard season. Sowing is commencing immediately in most areas in the hope that further rains will consolidate the crop.

In Queensland, the effective acreage under all summer grain and seeds crops for the 1958 harvest is estimated at only 206,000 acres, compared with an average of 330,000 acres for the past five years. Drought conditions have caused this substantial decline.

In South Australia, farmers are awaiting rain before proceeding with sowing. Soil preparation for wheat and barley has been halted by dry conditions but is generally well advanced. Rainfall for the past four months was only about half the average for the period and good soaking rains are needed.

Hot dry weather continues to prevail in Western Australia. Rain-

fall has been below average and soaking rains are urgent in many regions.

In Tasmania, light rainfalls portend an unsatisfactory position for late autumn and winter feed crops unless substantial rains are received soon.

Differential Wheat
Payment Scheme

The Australian Wheat Board has announced a plan for differential premium payments for bulk wheat delivered to three New South Wales storages. Growers delivering wheat of the Gabo Class will receive the full premium while all other varieties will draw 85 per cent of this premium. No premium will be paid for F.A.Q. wheat. In drawing up the plan the Wheat Board had given careful consideration to strong recommendations from the New South Wales Grain Elevators Board concerning bulk wheat receivals from growers in these areas. The main object of the new scheme is to give growers the opportunity of delivering their premium wheat in bulk after which the Board will do its best to get the highest possible premium for its sale.

In his statement the general manager of the Wheat Board said that for best results, types of wheat delivered into the storages should be as uniform as possible in quality and character. All wheat of any kind tendered by growers at these storages would be accepted, but growers were asked, in order to achieve uniformity of the general sample, to restrict their sowings as much as possible to the Gabo types mentioned. This would facilitate disposal of the wheat at relatively high premium values, which may not be obtainable with a mixed sample. In operating the plan, growers would not be forced to deliver their wheat in bulk, but any grower might continue the practice of arranging with mills to contract for the premium value of the wheat as before. All such wheat must be bagged or bulk trucked as in the past.

Wheat
Stabilization
Plan Negotiations

The Minister for Primary Industry has said that among the aspects of the proposed new five year wheat stabilization plan he had discussed with the special committee of the Australian Wheat Growers Federation was the Federation's proposals on the home consumption price during the period of the new plan.

"Constitutionally, prices are the prerogative of the States and the proposals made by the Federation are to be submitted to the State Minister for Agriculture", he said.

The Wheat Growers' Federation also presented its proposals on imputed items in the cost of wheat production formula. These are items not capable of precise estimation and are matters for Government decision. Other aspects raised were the owner-operator's allowance; the value to be taken for land used in the production of wheat; the estimate of the wheat yield per acre for the coming five seasons; and the question of including the farmer's home in the value of the wheat producing land.

Negotiations appear to be continuing satisfactorily toward the goal of having a new wheat stabilization plan in operation before the next wheat harvest commences in December.

Last Year's West
Australian Wheat of
Good Quality

The cereal analysis of the 1957-58 Chamber of Commerce sample of Western Australian F.A.Q. has been completed and shows satisfactory baking quality of the wheat, it was stated in a report from the Department of Agriculture. The protein

content of 10.44% on a natural moisture basis and 10.04% on the standard basis of 13.5% is the highest recorded since 1938-39. The dry spring of 1957 contributed to this result. The higher protein content, combined with the seeding of approximately 50% of the acreage with medium strength varieties against a negligible percentage twenty years ago, indicates that the baking quality of the 1957-58 harvest would be the highest yet obtained in the State.

Second Payment
on Wheat Pool

A second payment of one shilling (11 cents) a bushel on both bagged and bulk wheat in No. 20 Pool (1956-57) will be paid to growers in June, the Wheat Board has announced. This will bring the payments to 11/4d (\$1.24) bagged and 11/- (\$1.20) bulk, less freight. The first payment was made in December 1956, which means eighteen months between payments. The total payment to date would now be £A66,831,973 (\$145.7 million).

Wheat and
Flour Sales

The following sales are reported by the Australian Wheat Board since our last report was sent: -

United Kingdom	..	5,500 long tons (205,000 bushels)
New Zealand	..	24,000 long tons (86,000 bushels)

Concern over Threat
to South-East Asian
Flour Markets

According to the Minister for Trade in a recent statement to the House of Representatives, overseas flour sales have been causing the Australian Government concern. Representations have been made to customer countries such as Indonesia, Malaya, and Ceylon, and other traditional markets around the perimeter of the Indian Ocean. Representations have also been made to competitor countries such as France and Germany which countries, by reason of heavy subsidization of their flour exports have been increasingly successful in competing in traditionally Australian markets.

The President of the Federal Council of Flour Millowners commented that the Minister for Trade's statement was timely. If Australia's appeal to GATT was not successful, he said, Australia had two alternatives. One was to subsidize in a like manner, and the other was to accept the loss of 300,000 tons of export flour (15,456,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) a year, worth some £A12 million (\$26.2 million). If Australian millers lost this valuable export trade, they would face higher milling costs which would inevitably reflect in the price of bread and flour-using products in Australia.

The President of the Penang Wheat Flour Merchants' Association has said that unless Australia could reduce the price of wheat flour to a "competitive level" it might lose the Malayan market. Penang wheat flour merchants at the beginning of May appealed to a visiting Australian Trade Mission to recommend to the Australian Wheat Board lowering of the price of Australian flour. Australia used to have 100% of the Malayan market before the war, he said, but lately had lost much ground.

The Minister for Primary Industry stated that the Australian Wheat Board had advised him that there was no intention of reducing the supply of wheat to Australian millers who produced flour for export. There was no restriction on the quantity of wheat supplied for export flour, but difficulties had arisen over the sale of flour overseas, he said. These difficulties included balance of payments problems in some of Australia's traditional markets, and very strong competition by subsidized flour from other countries. The Wheat Board is anxious to sell as much wheat and flour as it possibly can, he said.

Following an emergency meeting on production costs at the end of April, Victorian flour mill owners decided to increase the price of flour by ten shillings a ton (15 cents per cwt.) and the price of bran and pollard by 27/6d a ton (13 cents per cwt.). The new price of flour delivered in Melbourne is £35: 7: -d a ton (\$3.44 per cwt.) while bran and pollard is £25:15:0d a ton (\$2.51 per cwt.). Loss of export markets resulted in reduction of mill operating time thus incurring higher costs. Some mills have cut shifts and others have closed.

A member of the Australian Wheat Board has suggested to South Australian wheatgrowers that separation of soft wheat from the harder varieties would help Australia sell its wheat on world markets. Speaking to a large audience of wheat growers, he said that last year the Board had successfully experimented on the segregation of wheats. Subsidized exports were making competition difficult, he said, and the traditional Ceylon market was lost to subsidized wheat from France and Germany where it was selling for 4/3d (46 cents) per bushel less than the Australian Wheat Board could accept on behalf of Australian growers. It was hoped that the situation was only temporary and that the Ceylon market could be regained on more favourable terms to Australian growers.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1, 1957-
May 3, 1958 and Corresponding Period 1956-57

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58
- thousand bushels -				
Aden and Aden I/T	4	13	301	248
Aden and Aden (Atta Flour)	-	-	Not Available	15
Belgian Congo	-	-	1	2
British North Borneo	-	-	118	109
British West Indies	1	-	233	1
Brunei	-	-	16	12
Burma	-	108	372	166
Ceylon	4	6	3,550	176
Cocos Islands	-	-	1/	1/
Czechoslovakia	315	-	-	-
Dutch New Guinea	-	-	32	41
Eire	362	162	-	-
Germany, West	4,342	-	-	-
Ghana	-	-	1/	1/
Hong Kong	698	758	-	-
Hong Kong (General)	-	-	144	63
Hong Kong (a/c War Office)	-	-	31	4
India	6,288	209	-	-
Indonesia	4	-	2,620	1,162
Iran	554	-	-	-
Iraq	1,395	-	-	-
Japan	133	2,611	-	-
Macao	-	-	7	3
Malaya	394	230	-	-
Malaya (Atta Flour)	-	-	Not Available	22
Malaya (General)	-	-	2,719	1,938
Maldiv Islands	-	-	-	26
Mauritius	-	-	671	338

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1, 1957-
May 3, 1958 and Corresponding Period 1956-57

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58
- thousand bushels -				
New Zealand	4,265	4,336	2	5
Nigeria	-	-	1/	2
Nyasaland	-	-	43	123
Pacific Islands	9	10	940	795
Pakistan	1,976	-	-	-
Pakistan (Atta Flour)	-	-	-	1
Persian Gulf	38	34	371	58
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour)	-	-	Not Available	256
Philippine Islands	-	-	226	185
Port Said (a/c S/S)	-	-	-	5
Portuguese East Africa	336	-	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa)	79	-	28	12
Rhodesia	1,036	1,344	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	70	79
Saudi Arabia	2	113	-	29
Seychelles Islands	-	-	18	14
Singapore (a/c War Office)	-	-	60	31
Sudan	-	-	514	-
Thailand	3	8	308	318
Timor	-	-	8	19
United Kingdom	14,105	1,121	1,407	585
Zanzibar	2	5	123	101
Royal Navy	20	6	9	7
Ships' Stores	-	-	60	50
Totals	36,365	11,074	15,000	7,000

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated commercial supplies of wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1957-58, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 35.5 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 293.9 million, amount to some 329.5 million bushels, exceeding by 39 per cent the 1956-57 total of 236.5 million (including August-March 1956-57 imports of 38.7 million bushels). After deducting 187.4 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, a total of 142.1 million are available for export and for carryover, up sharply from the unusually low 1956-57 level of 49.1 million.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first eight months of the current crop year amounted to 61.8 million bushels in contrast to the August-March 1956-57 total of only 7.9 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on April 1, 1958 totalled 80.3 million bushels as against 41.2 million at April 1, 1957.

French Supplies of Soft Wheat

Item	1956-57	1957-58 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Commercial carryover, August 1	31.4	35.5
Anticipated deliveries to Grain Board	166.4	293.9
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies	197.8	329.5
Imports, August-March	38.7	-
Total commercial supplies	236.5	329.5
Less domestic requirements for crop year	187.4	187.4
Available for export and for carryover	49.1	142.1
Exports of wheat and wheat flour	7.9	61.8
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	41.2	80.3

1/ Preliminary.

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Miss V.F. Wightman, Agricultural Attaché, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of May 20, 1958, 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 .002273 Canadian dollars.

Weather and Crops

Cold, dry weather in April delayed both vegetation and field work, according to the French Ministry of Agriculture crop report on May 1. However, good moisture reserves remained from March, and warm weather in early May improved the outlook, although field crops are two to three weeks behind normal.

The area sown to grains should be almost complete by May 1, although, with the delay in April, field work may yet continue for a few weeks. The area sown to wheat, at 4,570,000 hectares (11.3 million acres) is just about on the same level as this time last year, and 20,000 hectares (49,000 acres) above that of 1955. Winter wheat shows a gain of 29,000 hectares (72,000 acres), which is offset by the decline of 50,000 hectares (124,000 acres) in spring plantings; these changes reflect the favourable conditions last fall and early winter, in contrast with the more difficult situation this spring. For the same reason, winter wheat shows better development than spring-sown fields.

The May 1 estimate of grain sowings is as follows:

Area Seeded to Grain, May 1

Grain	May 1, 1957	May 1, 1958	Comparison May 1 1958 with 1957
	- thousand acres -		- per cent -
Wheat	11,342	11,294	- 0.4
Wheat and Rye	51	52	+ 2.0
Rye	909	882	- 3.0
Barley	3,892	4,248	+ 9.1
Oats	4,352	3,679	- 15.5
Mixed Grains	189	172	- 9.0
Totals	20,735	20,327	- 2.0

Source: French Ministry of Agriculture.

The following have been monthly wheat and flour exports during the crop year to date:

Monthly Wheat and Wheat Flour Exports, August 1957-March 1958
and the Corresponding Months in 1956-57

Month	Foreign Countries		French Union		Total	
	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58
	- thousand bushels -					
August	439	778	497	732	936	1,510
September	162	4,899	642	556	804	5,455
October	119	7,665	545	709	664	8,375
November	235	9,412	604	783	839	10,194
December	226	11,002	745	720	971	11,722
January	721	9,085	737	1,025	1,458	10,110
February	264	4,154	534	579	798	4,733
March	921	8,812	511	922	1,432	9,734
Totals	3,086	55,807	4,815	6,026	7,901	61,833

Farmers' Wheat deliveries by farmers on April 1 had reached 7.8 million tons (286,601,000 bushels), compared with only 3.9 million (143,300,000 bushels) at the same date last year and 6.9 million (253,532,000 bushels) in 1956. Deliveries would normally continue until mid-May when carrying charges for grain held on the farm cease. With the advance in quantities over previous years, there is speculation that total deliveries might reach 8.2 million tons (301,298,000 bushels), or around 200,000 (7,349,000 bushels) above earlier estimates.

Barley deliveries to country elevators at 1.3 million tons (59,708,000 bushels) are below the figure of 2.7 million (124,009,000 bushels) reached from last year's exceptional crop, but still double the 1956 level of 623,000 tons (28,614,000 bushels) which was normal in previous years.

French Grain
Market

Total wheat sales have now reached almost 2 million tons (73,487,000 bushels), and it is unlikely that much more will be available for export until the new crop is ready.

Latterly, sales have been mainly to the United Kingdom and Germany.

Prospects for
Wheat Price

Last fall forward prices were established up to 1961 to encourage or discourage certain types of agricultural production, including the principal grains. At that time a price of 3,300 francs (\$2.04 per bushel) was indicated for the 1958 wheat crop. To provide constant value, these prices were tied to price indices (for farm labour, retail costs other than food and farm inputs) and in the meantime, such costs have been edging upwards.

The adjustment for grain prices will be made only when they are announced, probably in July, but the trend upwards is evident from increases established for livestock products under support, in January and again in May; both increases were in the neighbourhood of 4 to 5 per cent. On this basis, a local trade paper estimates that the actual basic price for the 1958 wheat crop will probably be around 10 per cent over the originally announced level, or possibly 3,650 francs per quintal (\$2.26 per bushel).

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Seeding rapidly approached completion in Alberta during the past week. Wheat seeding is practically completed with a fairly small proportion of coarse grains remaining to go into the ground. Moisture conditions are fair in the western regions and in parts of the Peace River area but surface soils are very dry in all other districts. Rain is required to germinate late seedings and to advance early-sown crops. Moisture would also greatly benefit pastures and hay lands. Summerfallow is well advanced and damage due to wind erosion is limited.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- April 24 The Argentine government announced guaranteed minimum producer prices for the 1958-59 grain crops. These prices have been calculated, for the first time in Argentina, under the parity system.
- May 7 The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States in March 1958 at 20,465,000 sacks, an average of 975,000 sacks per working day.
- 9 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, the winter wheat crop for harvest in 1958, based on conditions at May 1, was forecast at 1,010 million bushels.
- 19 The United States Department of Agriculture announced a marketing quota penalty rate of \$1.09 per bushel on "excess" wheat of the 1958 crop.
- According to Foreign Crops and Markets published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S.D.A. early forecasts place Belgium's 1958 wheat crop at about 33 million bushels, exceeding by about 20 per cent the previous record set in 1957.
- June 2 According to Foreign Crops and Markets, U.S.D.A., the 1958 wheat harvest in India is tentatively placed at 325 million bushels, slightly below the record 1957 crop but above average.

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