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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about February 1, 1958 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,014.7 million bushels, representing a decline of 12 per cent from the 2,288.0 million available a year ago. Supplies at February 1, 1958, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,052.0 (1,166.5); Canada, 793.7 (847.1); Argentina, 116.7 (155.7); and Australia, 52.3 (118.7). 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 six months (August-January) of the current Canadian crop year, at 405.6 million bushels, were 22 per cent below the 517.1 million exported during the corresponding period of 1956-57. Canada continued to be the only one of the four countries showing exports at a higher level than last year. On a percentage basis, shipments from the four countries during the August-January period of 1957-58 were shared as follows, with corresponding percentages for the same months of 1956-57 in brackets: United States, 43 (49); Canada, 37 (28); Argentina, 10 (9); and Australia, 10 (14). Shipments from each of the four countries during August-January 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-January 1958  
with Comparisons

August-January	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51 .....	121.5	104.7	33.7	61.5	321.4
1951-52 .....	234.1	154.9	23.1	50.1	462.2
1952-53 .....	168.7	190.3	1.1	40.8	400.9
1953-54 .....	94.8	138.7	60.8	30.2	324.5
1954-55 .....	126.2	134.9	66.4	45.4	372.9
1955-56 .....	119.5	116.4	63.3 <u>1/</u>	42.5	341.7 <u>1/</u>
1956-57 <u>1/</u> .....	252.7	144.1	45.8	74.5	517.1
1957-58 <u>2/</u> .....	176.8	149.4	39.7	39.7	405.6

1/ Revised.    2/ Preliminary.

Crop Conditions in Europe According to a recent trade report the weather is mild over most of Europe following widespread rains and snows. There is somewhat less optimism over the general crop outlook in some countries but there have been few complaints of any serious nature. Most areas are well supplied with moisture and the principal need now is for clear weather to expedite ploughing and planting of spring crops. It is cloudy and mild in the United Kingdom after a period of severe wintry weather. Large sections recently had snow and frosty weather and wheat has lost colour in fields where water stagnated after the thaw. Otherwise, the condition of fall-planted wheat is satisfactory. Work in the fields is still being held up by wet soil and a period of sunny weather is wanted.

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	889	-	2	-	-	1,045	1,936	14,599
Bolivia .....	4,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,042
Brazil .....	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,349
Costa Rica .....	1,470	394	-	-	-	-	678	1,072	398
Cuba .....	8,084	375	-	-	-	-	6,440	6,815	1,269
Denmark .....	1,837	190	-	-	-	-	1,108	1,298	539
Dominican Republic	1,286	411	-	-	-	-	487	898	388
Ecuador .....	1,837	212	-	-	-	-	431	643	1,194
Egypt .....	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
El Salvador .....	919	90	-	-	-	-	561	651	268
Germany .....	55,116	20,328	-	-	2,142	-	16,037	38,507	16,609
Greece .....	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
Guatemala .....	1,653	339	-	-	-	-	1,127	1,466	187
Haiti .....	2,204	390	-	-	-	-	976	1,366	838
Honduras Republic.	919	35	-	-	-	-	145	180	739
Iceland .....	73	2	-	-	-	-	19	21	52
India 4/ .....	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	7,459	7,459	-
Indonesia .....	5,144	-	-	2,715	-	-	-	2,715	2,429
Ireland .....	5,512	912	-	331	-	-	365	1,608	3,904
Israel .....	8,267	1,419	-	-	-	-	2,016	3,435	4,832
Italy .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Japan .....	36,744	12,785	-	3,082	-	-	18,422	34,289	2,455
Korea .....	2,205	-	-	-	-	-	194	194	2,011
Lebanon .....	2,756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,756
Liberia .....	73	3	-	-	-	-	23	26	47
Mexico .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Netherlands .....	25,721	9,168	-	38	-	-	5,731	14,937	10,784
New Zealand .....	5,879	-	-	5,876	-	-	-	5,876	3
Nicaragua 4/ .....	367	100	-	-	-	-	256	356	-
Norway .....	6,614	3,322	-	-	1,202	-	894	5,418	1,196
Panama .....	1,102	140	-	-	-	-	443	583	519
Peru .....	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	565	565	6,784
Philippines 4/ ...	6,063	2,270	-	454	-	-	3,360	6,084	-
Portugal .....	5,879	117	-	16	1,481	-	524	2,138	3,741
Saudi Arabia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	43	43	3,631
Spain .....	4,593	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,593
Switzerland .....	6,981	4,517	-	-	-	-	336	4,853	2,128
Union of S. Africa	5,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,512
Vatican City 4/ ..	551	-	-	-	-	-	551	551	-
Venezuela .....	6,246	1,934	-	-	-	-	3,920	5,854	392
Yugoslavia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Totals .....	294,647	60,342	-	12,514	4,825	-	74,156	151,837	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		100,089	14,296	29,432	16,082	6,255	128,493	294,647	
Balance .....		39,747	14,296	16,918	11,257	6,255	54,337	142,810	

1/ Canadian Sales through February 25, 1958.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through February 21, 1958.

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

4/ Quota filled.



## CANADIAN SITUATION

Canadian Loan to India      The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Donald M. Fleming, and the High Commissioner for India in Canada, his Excellency Dr. M.A. Rauf, signed in Ottawa on February 20 an agreement providing for a loan of \$25,000,000 to India to finance the purchase of 400,000 tons of Canadian wheat.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Canadian government will advance at the request of the government of India funds to the Canadian Wheat Board to pay for wheat purchased by India during the current crop year. The \$25 million loan will be repaid in seven equal annual instalments beginning on March 31, 1961. The loan will bear interest at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{4}$  per cent payable annually beginning March 31, 1959.

The loan is part of the \$35 million which the Canadian government decided to make available in the form of credits to Colombo Plan countries in order to enable them to finance the purchase of wheat and flour from Canada. It will be recalled that in addition to this \$35 million, the Canadian government recently announced its intention of providing \$15 million to finance gifts of wheat and flour to India, Pakistan and Ceylon. Many of these countries, including India, are suffering from food shortages due to crop failures.

The loan agreement signed today is intended to supplement aid given by Canada to India under the Colombo Plan in order to help India consolidate the economic gains which it has made in recent years. The period of repayment is considerably longer and the rate of interest substantially lower than those which apply to normal commercial sales. These special arrangements reflect the continuing interest and sympathy with which the Canadian people and government look upon the efforts of the people of India to develop their economy and to raise their standard of material well-being.

Canadian Wheat Board Reduces Interest Rate      In its Instructions to the Trade, Shippers and Exporters, No. 15, under date of February 14, 1958, the Canadian Wheat Board announced that "Effective on Monday, February 17, 1958, until further notice, the rate of interest applicable to all transactions relevant to the handling of Board Agency Wheat has been decreased from 5 per cent to  $4\frac{3}{4}$  per cent per annum."

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 373.5 million, amount to 1,103.1 million bushels, about 4 per cent below the 1956-57 record total of 1,152.6 million. After making an allowance of 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 943.1 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-January period of the current crop year amounted to 149.4 million bushels, exceeding by 4 per cent the total of 144.1 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on February 1, 1958 for export and for carryover amounted to 793.7 million bushels, about 6 per cent below the February 1, 1957 total of 847.1 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	373.5
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-December .....	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	1,152.6	1,103.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .	161.4	160.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	991.2	943.1
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August-January .....	123.3	127.0
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August-January .....	2.8	3.5
Total exports of wheat .....	126.1	130.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-January .....	18.1 <u>4/</u>	19.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	144.1	149.4
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover .	847.1	793.7

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

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

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to February 12 of the current crop year amounted to 160.1 million bushels compared with 169.8 million in the corresponding period of 1956-57. During the four-week period January 16 to February 12, 1958 marketings of wheat, at 27.4 million bushels, were above the comparable 1957 total of 24.8 million. The volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels (Overseas clearances, plus imports into the United States, plus Canadian domestic use) during the four-week period under review, amounted to some 24.2 million bushels and as a result the total visible supply moved from a level of 376.8 million at January 15 to 379.6 million at February 12. This year's total at February 12 was somewhat higher than at the corresponding dates in both 1957 and 1956 when visible supplies amounted to 358.8 million and 356.3 million bushels, respectively.

Supplies in country elevators, at 222.2 million bushels, accounted for 59 per cent of the February 12 total, and exceeded both the 218.3 million in this position a year ago and 205.5 million two years ago. "In transit rail" (Western Division) accounted for 13.0 million bushels of the current total, below last year's comparable figure of 15.0 million but above the 1956 figure of 9.4 million bushels. Lakehead stocks totalled 44.8 million bushels compared



with 41.4 million a year ago and 43.5 million two years ago. The 30.3 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports represented increases over both the 1957 and 1956 totals of 26.4 million and 28.8 million bushels, respectively. Some 4.4 million bushels were "In transit rail" (Eastern Division) at February 12, 1958 as against 2.6 million a year ago and 5.0 million two years ago. "Storage Afloat" accounted for 9.1 million bushels compared with 8.4 million in 1957 and 12.4 million in 1956. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports totalled 21.0 million bushels, exceeding by a considerable margin both the 1957 total of 15.7 million and the 1956 figure of 17.3 million. Supplies in West Coast Ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert) at February 12, 1958 amounted to 9.3 million bushels as against 5.7 million a year ago and 8.3 million two years ago.

January 1958 Exports of  
Wheat and Flour Total  
22.3 Million Bushels

Total exports of Canadian wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during January 1958 amounted to 22.3 million bushels, representing a decrease of 6 per cent from the December 1957 total of 23.8 million but exceeding by 28 per cent the January 1957 figure of 17.4 million and 18 per cent greater than the ten-year (1947-1956) January average of 18.9 million bushels. Exports of wheat as grain during January 1958, at 18.8 million bushels, were 5 per cent lower than the 19.9 million exported during the preceding month but 26 per cent above the January 1957 total of 14.9 million bushels. Preliminary Customs returns indicate that the equivalent of 3.5 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during January 1958 compared with 3.9 million exported during December 1957 and the adjusted January 1957 figure of 2.5 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat as grain during the August-January period of the current crop year amounted to 130.4 million bushels, surpassing by 3 per cent the corresponding 1956-57 total of 126.1 million. The United Kingdom continuing in its position as Canada's leading purchaser of wheat as grain, received shipments totalling 49.2 million bushels and representing 38 per cent of the six-month total. During the August-January period of the 1956-57 crop year shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 46.2 million bushels and accounted for 37 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat as grain during the first half 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, 18.5 (17.3); The Federal Republic of Germany, 17.1 (26.9); Netherlands, 12.7 (5.3); U.S.S.R. (Russia), 7.4 (nil); Belgium, 5.6 (6.5); India, 5.4 (nil); and United States, 3.5 (2.8).

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first six months of the 1957-58 crop year, based on preliminary Customs returns were the equivalent of 19.0 million bushels of wheat, about 5 per cent above the adjusted August-January, 1956-57 total of 18.1 million. As with wheat as grain, the United Kingdom was also the leading market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of wheat flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 6.9 million bushels of wheat and accounted for 36 per cent of the six-month total. During the August-January period of 1956-57 shipments of Canadian wheat flour to the United Kingdom amounted to the equivalent of 5.5 million bushels and represented 31 per cent of the total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with revised data for the August-January period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Philippine Islands, 2,643 (2,819); Venezuela, 1,840 (1,876); Trinidad and Tobago, 871 (811); Jamaica, 866 (730); United States, 836 (781); Leeward and Windward Islands, 585 (450); and Japan, 390 (458).

Delivery      Exchange of Board Wheat for Seeding Purposes 1957-58 Crop Season.  
Policy          The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, No. 30, under date of February 13, 1958 announced in part that the Board will allow companies to exchange Board stocks of any variety of Red Spring Wheat grading No. 1, 2 or 3 Northern, or of Amber Durum Wheat grading No. 1 C.W., No. 2 C.W., No. 3 C.W., Extra No. 4 C.W., or No. 4 C.W., for lower grade wheat, to enable bona fide producers to secure their seed requirements, up to a maximum of five hundred (500) bushels to any delivery permit holder.

The exchange will be on a bushel-for-bushel basis and cash settlement must be made for the difference in grade, basis the Board's domestic sale prices, which prices are broadcast daily (not the initial payment prices) on the date of exchange plus the usual elevator charges. In cases where the producer wishes to deliver wheat which is tough or damp in exchange for dry wheat, the initial payment tough or damp discount will be used in calculating the settlement required.

Where it is necessary for producers to exchange their wheat at a point other than their regular delivery point, it is in order for them to do so without obtaining special permission from the Board and without regard to quota regulations. However, an entry must be made in the delivery permit book at the time the exchange is completed and in all other respects the exchange must be completed on the basis outlined herein. The entry should be made on the page of the permit book headed "record of grain purchased by permit holder" which is on the inside of the back cover of the permit book. The letters "S.G.E." should be shown in the column headed "Kind of Grain" as well as particulars of the latter . . .

General Quota      By February 24, 1958 out of a total of 2,070 shipping points in the Western Division the Canadian Wheat Board had been able to  
Position           place 335 on a quota of 4 bushels per specified acre, 848 on a 3-bushel quota, 828 on a 2-bushel quota and 24 on a 1-bushel quota. Thirty-five stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division as at February 24, 1958

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre				Closed Stations	Total
	One	Two	Three	Four		
Ontario .....	-	-	-	1	1	2
Manitoba .....	17	242	78	37	1	375
Saskatchewan .....	7	541	455	86	12	1,101
Alberta .....	-	45	312	210	21	588
British Columbia .....	-	-	3	1	-	4
All Provinces .....	24	828	848	335	35	2,070



Farmers' Marketings by  
Crop Districts 1956-57

Farmers in the Prairie Provinces and certain areas of British Columbia and Ontario marketed 362.5 million bushels of wheat during the 1956-57 crop year according to revised figures compiled by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners.

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

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Western Division, 1956-57

Marketing Channel	Total Wheat
	- bushels -
Country elevators .....	358,039,484
Platform loadings .....	112,239
Public and semi-public terminals .....	550,904
Interior private and mill elevators .....	3,751,337
Total .....	362,453,964

Farmers' Marketings through Country Elevators, 1956-57

Province and District	Wheat (Other than Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat
		- bushels -	
<u>Manitoba</u>			
Crop District 1 .....	2,540,135	10,341	2,550,476
2 .....	5,796,860	15,706	5,812,566
3 .....	8,673,572	159,581	8,833,153
4 .....	1,257,574	53,877	1,311,451
5 .....	1,549,708	99	1,549,807
6 .....	259,501	2,237	261,738
7 .....	4,701,553	7,501	4,709,054
8 .....	3,540,937	5,292	3,546,229
9 .....	2,741,015	2,228	2,743,243
10 .....	2,676,987	2,038	2,679,025
11 .....	2,333,770	1,219	2,334,989
12 .....	1,165,607	577	1,166,184
13 .....	1,187,806	188	1,187,994
14 .....	437,778	-	437,778
Totals .....	38,862,803	260,884	39,123,687
<u>Ontario</u>			
Country elevators in the Western Division .....	23,794	-	23,794
Totals .....	38,886,597	260,884	39,147,481



Farmers' Marketings through Country Elevators, 1956-57

Province and District	Wheat (Other than Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat
	- bushels -		
<u>Saskatchewan</u>			
Crop District 1A .....	6,960,070	15,409	6,975,479
1B .....	6,079,568	9,586	6,089,154
2A .....	8,156,414	151,122	8,307,536
2B .....	12,471,447	794,152	13,265,599
3AN .....	7,321,025	640,982	7,962,007
3AS .....	12,346,209	958,046	13,304,255
3BN .....	12,089,672	3,187,747	15,277,419
3BS .....	9,571,228	2,205,874	11,777,102
4A .....	4,141,052	425,337	4,566,389
4B .....	7,683,476	3,103,936	10,787,412
5A .....	12,655,255	58,640	12,713,895
5B .....	12,190,087	47,219	12,237,306
6A .....	17,651,116	903,555	18,554,671
6B .....	13,441,259	508,972	13,950,231
7A .....	13,891,538	2,525,902	16,417,440
7B .....	10,368,869	95,297	10,464,166
8A .....	7,759,120	18,159	7,777,279
8B .....	11,580,064	18,424	11,598,488
9A .....	10,114,920	6,655	10,121,575
9B .....	8,600,968	10,744	8,611,712
Totals .....	205,073,357	15,685,758	220,759,115
<u>Alberta</u>			
Crop District 1 .....	14,152,531	2,250,701	16,403,232
2 .....	28,082,916	4,266,184	32,349,100
3 .....	10,523,880	455,267	10,979,147
4 .....	23,669,930	71,330	23,741,260
5 .....	3,329,063	5,590	3,334,653
6 .....	5,045,122	-	5,045,122
7 .....	5,202,622	13,488	5,216,110
Totals.....	90,006,064	7,062,560	97,068,624
British Columbia .....	983,994	80,270	1,064,264
Totals Marketed .....	334,950,012	23,089,472	358,039,484

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
Totals .....		17,270,270	99,849,121	43,019,360	160,138,751	169,773,741
Average similar period:						
1946-47-1955-56		28,918,937	130,846,377	67,364,873	227,130,187	

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, February 12, 1958  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1956 and 1957

Position	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	22,366	23,139	28,914
Saskatchewan .....	110,991	125,041	127,968
Alberta .....	72,121	70,109	65,350
Totals .....	205,478	218,289	222,232
Interior private and mill .....	7,182	7,055	8,653
Interior terminals .....	14,350	12,459	11,795
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	7,799	5,614	9,200
Victoria .....	420	52	110
Prince Rupert .....	38	1	-
Churchill .....	4,206	4,801	4,620
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	43,546	41,437	44,778
Storage Afloat .....	177	804	184
In transit rail (Western Division) ...	9,445	15,006	12,959
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	28,827	26,366	30,312
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports.	17,348	15,731	20,972
Storage Afloat .....	12,397	8,424	9,111
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ...	5,011	2,593	4,361
United States ports .....	118	170	320
Totals .....	356,343	358,804	379,606

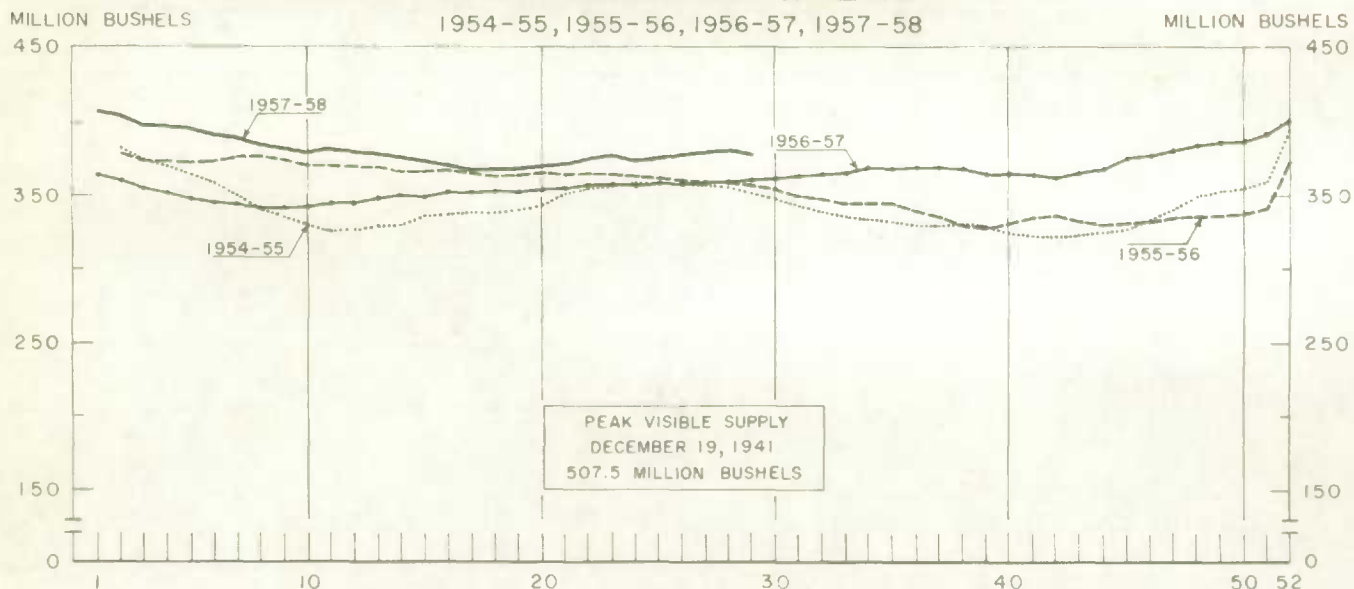
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1957-January 1958 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		August-January			
	Average					
	1951-52- 1955-56	1956-57	1956-57		1957-58	
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Hard .....	<u>1</u> / <sub>4</sub>	-	-	-	-	-
1 Man. Northern .....	4.6	1.2	1,513	1.5	403	0.4
2 Man. Northern .....	30.7	26.9	31,665	31.5	21,296	23.7
3 Man. Northern .....	20.5	27.1	24,821	24.7	25,552	28.4
4 Man. Northern .....	8.5	13.0	11,181	11.1	16,614	18.5
5 Wheat .....	8.1	14.6	13,420	13.4	10,340	11.5
6 Wheat .....	3.2	4.2	3,139	3.1	4,817	5.4
Feed Wheat .....	0.6	0.2	197	0.2	116	0.1
Garnet .....	0.5	0.1	164	0.2	6	<u>1</u> / <sub>4</sub>
Amber Durum .....	2.2	5.5	5,836	5.8	5,752	6.4
Alberta Winter .....	0.3	0.6	1,130	1.1	22	<u>1</u> / <sub>4</sub>
Toughs <u>2</u> / <sub>4</sub> <u>3</u> / <sub>4</sub> .....	15.9	3.2	3,334	3.3	2,937	3.3
Damps <u>2</u> / <sub>4</sub> <u>4</u> / <sub>4</sub> .....	2.7	<u>1</u> / <sub>4</sub>	16	<u>1</u> / <sub>4</sub>	102	0.1
Rejected <u>2</u> / <sub>4</sub> .....	1.8	2.8	3,459	3.4	1,705	1.9
All Others .....	0.5	0.5	601	0.6	297	0.3
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	100,476	100.0	89,959	100.0

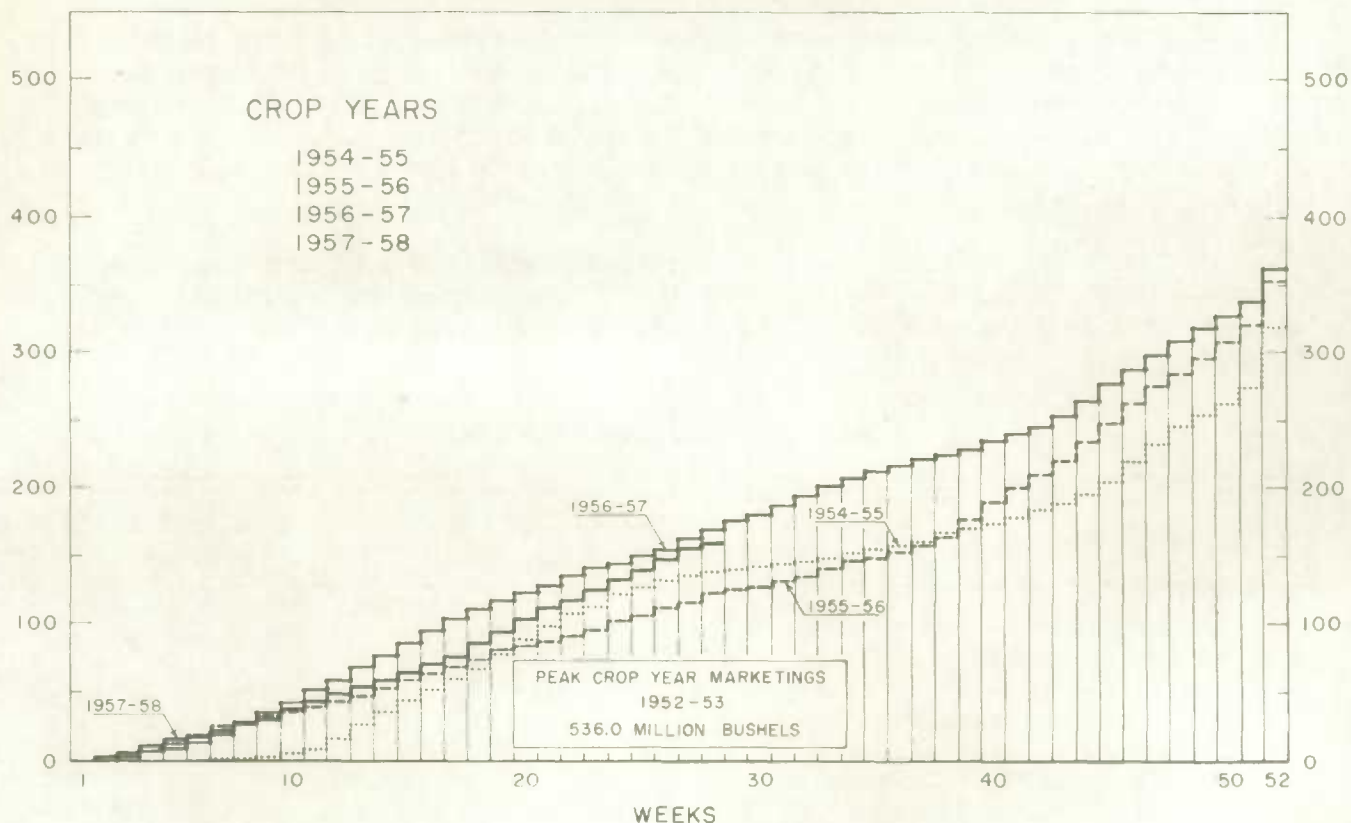
1/ Less than .05 per cent.      2/ All varieties and grades.      3/ Moisture content 14.9 to 17 per cent for Durum, 14.6 to 17 per cent for all other varieties.  
4/ Moisture content over 17 per cent.



## 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 February 12, 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 .....	234,616	89,487	156,933
Duluth Superior .....	668,625	1,153,261	1,046,132
Milwaukee .....	52,923	27,745	-
Huron .....	-	-	-
Buffalo .....	613,572	834,702	1,904,288
Totals, Vessel .....	1,569,736	2,105,195	3,107,353
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports .....	1,335	-	-
Other U.S.A. Points .....	1,182,727	633,483	693,023
Totals, Rail .....	1,184,062	633,483	693,023
Totals, Shipments .....	2,753,798	2,738,678	3,800,376

\* 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 February 12, amounted to 3.8 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1956-57 and 1955-56 shipments amounted to 2.7 million and 2.8 million bushels, respectively. Of the current season's total to date about 82 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 six months of the current crop year totalled 11.9 million bushels, compared with 12.0 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 January 31, 1957	August 1, 1957 to January 31, 1958
	- bushels -	
Port McNicoll .....	3,251,140	3,231,400
Midland, Tiffin .....	6,099,126	5,767,083
Collingwood .....	331,492	584,133
Owen Sound .....	1,040,750	1,015,983
Goderich .....	849,525	218,293
Sarnia .....	393,844	573,579
Port Colborne .....	-	161,658
Lakefield .....	33,200	300,547
Prescott .....	1,112	-
Toronto .....	-	34,000
Totals .....	12,000,189	11,886,676

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	
March .....	245,958	1,599,503	338,534	
April .....	169,137	300,913	161,103	
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, January 1958

Grade	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	U.S.A.
- bushels -					
1 Northern .....	-	-	-	2,000	-
3 Northern .....	-	-	-	29,884	-
4 Northern .....	-	-	28,211	58,245	-
#5 Wheat .....	1,833	-	23,667	11,026	-
#6 Wheat .....	500	-	14,000	7,948	120,324
Tough .....	-	1,500	5,976	9,397	-
Rejected .....	-	1,432	31,432	9,447	-
Amber Durum .....	-	-	2,686	-	-
Others .....	-	-	17,631	148,100	-
Totals .....	2,333	2,932	123,603	276,047	120,324

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1957-February 12, 1958  
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>					
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	70,430,151	687,218	10,420,713	88,000	2,346,050
Victoria .....	1,267,131	-	-	-	501,270
Prince Rupert .....	-	-	4,346,535	-	-
Churchill .....	16,577,206	56,750	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>					
Montreal .....	21,929,474	970,126	1,263,948	19,991	3,031,794
Sorel .....	4,608,569	-	366,566	-	246,272
Three Rivers .....	4,327,664	-	-	-	-
Quebec .....	2,996,299	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime</u>					
Saint John .....	112,000	-	-	-	-
West Saint John .....	7,204,029	98,766	221,748	10,125	1,333,254
Halifax .....	4,766,228	-	11,640	-	-
Totals .....	134,218,751	1,812,860	16,631,150	118,116	7,458,640
August 1, 1956-February 13, 1957	130,061,822	192,090	34,467,113	533,052	11,682,244 1/

Overseas Clearances - Canadian Rapeseed 2/ August 1, 1957-February 12, 1958

Canadian Pacific Seaboard .....	bushels
Canadian Atlantic Seaboard .....	2,852,929
Total, Rapeseed .....	1,016,018
	3,868,947



Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to January 31, 1958 represent the movement of some 7,932 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-December 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 8,977 thousand 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-December shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 12 per cent below those of 1956-57. Revised data on the 1956 August-December shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to January 31, 1958 place the five-month total at 9,700 thousand bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current five-month period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

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

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1957 .....	10	22	114	52	616	759	280	1,853
September .....	12	12	86	40	599	630	265	1,644
October .....	16	10	107	45	564	699	189	1,630
November .....	11	10	93	45	550	725	206	1,640
December .....	2	14	91	34	468	521	36	1,166
Totals <u>1/</u> .....	51	68	491	216	2,797	3,333	975	7,932
Same period 1956:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u> .....	49	124	467	260	3,126	4,050	900	8,977
Revised <u>1/</u> .....	53	126	493	269	3,222	4,208	1,328	9,700

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 211,324 tons during the August-December period of the current crop year. This total, based on claims submitted up to January 31, 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 January 31, 1957 claims had been filed for only 195,991 tons out of a total of 229,392 tons shipped during the first five 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-December, 1957 and 1956

Province	1956		1957
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland .....	1,880	2,149	1,504
Prince Edward Island .....	2,860	3,090	3,165
Nova Scotia .....	13,350	15,229	13,027
New Brunswick .....	11,026	12,359	10,203
Quebec .....	96,069	112,663	105,683
Ontario .....	61,115	67,931	65,193
British Columbia .....	9,691	15,971	12,549
Totals .....	195,991	229,392	211,324

1/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1958. 2/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1957.

Supply and Disposition of Wheat and Rye, Canada,  
Crop Year 1956-57

Item	Wheat	Rye
	- bushels -	
Stocks at commencement of crop year -		
On farms .....	204,205,000	9,105,000
Pacific Coast elevators .....	9,903,102	-
Western country elevators .....	234,727,789	3,392,699
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	25,460,092	1,263,082
Eastern elevators .....	51,218,280	737,332
In transit rail .....	21,323,313	660,299
In transit lake .....	5,575,758	-
Other Canadian positions .....	26,389,590	80,902
U.S.A. positions .....	770,887	73,723
Totals, in store July 31, 1956 .....	579,573,811	15,313,037
1956 production .....	573,062,000	8,584,000
Imports <u>1/</u> .....	147,806	11,689
Totals, supplies .....	1,152,783,617	23,908,726
Export clearances including U.S.A. <u>1/</u> .....	261,796,725	5,447,520
Consumed in Canada -		
Human food <u>2/</u> .....	53,786,000	376,000
Seed requirements .....	30,128,000	668,000
Industrial use <u>3/</u> .....	11,506	1,026,781
Loss in handling <u>4/</u> .....	266,208	93,965
Animal feed, waste, and dockage <u>5/</u> .....	77,249,332	2,136,769
Totals, domestic use .....	161,441,046	4,301,515
Stocks at end of crop year -		
On farms .....	319,160,000	10,640,000
Pacific Coast elevators .....	11,924,127	-
Western country elevators .....	235,035,203	1,500,352
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	46,856,272	1,076,573
Eastern elevators .....	68,298,943	404,075
In transit rail .....	16,339,432	455,067
In transit lake .....	4,970,891	20,000
Other Canadian positions .....	26,749,919	45,624
U.S.A. positions .....	211,059	18,000
Totals, in store July 31, 1957 .....	729,545,846	14,159,691
Totals, distribution .....	1,152,783,617	23,908,726

- 1/ Import and export data for wheat and rye, respectively, include wheat flour in terms of wheat and rye flour in terms of rye.
- 2/ Food uses estimated as follows: wheat - wheat flour and breakfast foods; rye - rye flour and breakfast foods.
- 3/ Distilling.
- 4/ Includes drying loss, outturn loss (lake and rail), fire loss, etc.
- 5/ Residual after estimating for other uses.

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

Year and Month	Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat <sup>1/</sup>	Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Milling in Bond <sup>2/</sup>	Customs <sup>3/</sup> Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour	Total	Customs <sup>3/</sup> Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>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 <sup>4/</sup></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
Totals .....	126,970	3,476	18,991	149,436	146,482

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

<sup>2/</sup> Compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.

<sup>3/</sup> 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.

<sup>4/</sup> Subject to revision. Unadjusted customs returns.



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

Destination	October	January		August-January	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
			- bushels -		
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					
United Kingdom .....	1,121,407	1,083,728	7,520,056	6,894,972	49,158,720
Africa					
British East Africa .....	-	-	-	1,955	-
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	3,236	-	37,334	5,039	89,600
Gambia .....	-	-	-	2,576	-
Ghana .....	9,637	68,218	-	321,023	-
Nigeria .....	1,748	8,963	-	25,249	-
Other British West Africa .....	-	62	-	62	-
Sierra Leone .....	9,119	12,547	-	88,155	-
Asia					
Hong Kong .....	57,383	66,619	-	285,683	75,600
India .....	-	-	1,212,566	20,355	5,353,766
Malaya and Singapore .....	37,956	33,145	-	218,992	-
Pakistan .....	-	-	-	288	1,235,672
Other British East Indies .....	-	644	-	869	-
Europe					
Gibraltar .....	6,852	5,281	-	25,528	-
Malta .....	-	-	-	-	740,507
North America					
Bahamas .....	31,880	24,674	-	141,406	-
Barbados .....	40,064	47,141	-	185,748	833
Bermuda .....	10,941	7,033	-	44,560	-
British Honduras .....	1,021	1,373	-	4,535	-
Jamaica .....	153,491	241,395	-	866,178	1,200
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	117,693	130,635	-	585,214	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	179,812	150,655	-	870,838	-
Oceania					
Fiji .....	-	58	-	196	-
South America					
British Guiana .....	31,413	31,703	-	154,857	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .	1,813,653	1,913,874	8,769,956	10,744,278	56,655,898
FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
Africa					
Azores and Madeira .....	4,587	3,264	-	10,592	-
Belgian Congo .....	53,429	59,674	-	200,804	-
Liberia .....	115	718	-	2,673	-
Morocco .....	-	-	-	1,771	-
Portuguese East Africa .....	2,061	-	-	3,831	78,400
Portuguese West Africa .....	4,140	5,819	-	28,389	-
Asia					
Arabia .....	4,844	1,422	-	15,739	-
Indochina .....	-	460	-	460	-
Japan .....	71,820	23,092	3,175,297	390,140	18,460,066
Lebanon .....	2,535	3,802	-	17,577	-
Okinawa .....	-	-	-	-	115,733
Philippine Islands .....	703,761	66,053	-	2,643,155	-
Portuguese Asia .....	11,307	2,530	-	51,028	-
Syria .....	-	-	-	1,362	-
Thailand .....	48,358	12,938	-	202,253	-

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

Destination	October	January		August-January	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
			- bushels -		
FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
Europe					
Austria .....	-	-	-	-	1,224,581
Belgium .....	20,813	27,563	573,365	159,319	5,555,882
Denmark .....	-	-	24,640	920	126,746
Germany, Federal Republic .....	-	-	1,591,948	-	17,064,443
Greece .....	4,310	10,143	-	25,100	-
Iceland .....	4,830	-	-	12,880	-
Ireland .....	-	-	373,707	805	1,229,387
Italy .....	-	-	-	-	513,271
Netherlands .....	-	322	2,282,019	966	12,724,557
Norway .....	-	-	25,573	-	1,958,019
Poland .....	-	-	-	-	1,443,680
Portugal .....	1,785	2,300	-	16,735	-
Sweden .....	-	-	-	2,026	-
Switzerland .....	-	-	411,040	184	1,258,479
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	-	-	1,294,774	-	7,386,737
North America					
American Virgin Islands .....	-	-	-	46	-
Costa Rica .....	31,453	73,531	-	236,900	-
Cuba .....	57,840	97,998	-	290,628	1,000
Dominican Republic .....	62,042	67,217	-	290,743	-
El Salvador .....	7,245	24,380	-	89,930	-
French West Indies .....	1,380	747	-	4,772	-
Guatemala .....	10,810	60,782	43,421	117,578	93,393
Haiti .....	69,405	39,730	-	254,851	-
Honduras .....	5,198	7,130	-	26,174	13,333
Netherlands Antilles .....	13,949	24,053	-	93,658	-
Nicaragua .....	19,067	49,323	-	127,190	-
Panama .....	20,907	16,986	-	112,482	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	920	734	-	8,312	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	131,618	154,355	-	835,675	-
For Milling in bond 4/ .....	-	-	-	-	486,911
For Domestic use 4/ .....	-	-	242,750	-	2,988,633
Oceania					
French Oceania .....	9,625	51	-	24,504	-
Guam .....	-	-	-	1,840	-
South America					
Colombia .....	6,898	3,220	-	21,914	-
Ecuador .....	-	-	-	-	211,986
Peru .....	1,966	2,300	-	14,628	754,134
Surinam .....	12,332	14,009	-	65,966	-
Venezuela .....	256,776	736,221	34,333	1,839,906	99,904
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	1,658,126	1,592,867	10,072,867	8,246,406	73,789,275
Totals, All Countries .....	3,471,779	3,506,741	18,842,823	18,990,684	130,445,173

- 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			
	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
- 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 .....	164/7	164/2	163/7	163/7
2 Northern .....	160/7	160/2	159/7	159/7
3 Northern .....	153/7	153/2	152/7	152/7
4 Northern .....	144/7	144/2	143/7	143/7
5 Wheat .....	130	130/2	129/7	129/7
6 Wheat .....	126/7	126/2	125/7	125/7
Feed Wheat .....	123/7	123/2	122/7	122/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	158/7	158/2	157/7	157/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	154/7	154/2	153/7	153/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	151/7	151/2	150/7	150/7
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	154/7	154/2	153/7	153/7
2 Alberta Winter .....	150/7	150/2	149/7	149/7
3 Alberta Winter .....	145/7	145/2	144/7	144/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	196/7	196/2	195/7	195/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	195/7	195/2	194/7	194/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	185/7	185/2	184/7	184/7
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Northern .....	164/7	164/2	163/7	163/7
2 Northern .....	160/7	160/2	159/7	159/7
3 Northern .....	153/7	153/2	152/7	152/7
4 Northern .....	144/7	144/2	143/7	143/7
5 Wheat .....	130	130/2	129/7	129/7
6 Wheat .....	126/7	126/2	125/7	125/7
Feed Wheat .....	123/7	123/2	122/7	122/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	158/7	158/2	157/7	157/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	154/7	154/2	153/7	153/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	151/7	151/2	150/7	150/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	196/7	196/2	195/7	195/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	195/7	195/2	194/7	194/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	185/7	185/2	184/7	184/7



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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
- 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 .....	176/7	176/2	175/7	175/7
2 Northern .....	172/7	172/2	171/7	171/7
3 Northern .....	166/7	166/2	165/7	165/7
4 Northern .....	157/7	157/2	156/7	156/7
5 Wheat .....	145/7	145/2	144/7	144/7
6 Wheat .....	136/7	136/2	135/7	135/7
Feed Wheat .....	133/7	133/2	132/7	132/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	158/7	158/2	157/7	157/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	154/7	154/2	153/7	153/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	151/7	151/2	150/7	150/7
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	154/7	154/2	153/7	153/7
2 Alberta Winter .....	150/7	150/2	149/7	149/7
3 Alberta Winter .....	145/7	145/2	144/7	144/7
<u>Export Class II</u>				
1 Northern .....	176/7	176/2	175/7	175/7
2 Northern .....	172/7	172/2	171/7	171/7
3 Northern .....	166/7	166/2	165/7	165/7
4 Northern .....	157/7	157/2	156/7	156/7
5 Wheat .....	145/7	145/2	144/7	144/7
6 Wheat .....	136/7	136/2	135/7	135/7
Feed Wheat .....	133/7	133/2	132/7	132/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	158/7	158/2	157/7	157/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	154/7	154/2	153/7	153/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	151/7	151/2	150/7	150/7
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	154/7	154/2	153/7	153/7
2 Alberta Winter .....	150/7	150/2	149/7	149/7
3 Alberta Winter .....	145/7	145/2	144/7	144/7

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during January 1958 amounted to 3,465,000 hundredweight, exceeding by 10.8 per cent the December 1957 output of 3,127,000 hundredweight and 12.2 per cent greater than the January 1957 output of 3,089,000 hundredweight and 4.7 per cent above the ten-year (1948-1957) average production for the month of January of 3,308,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during January 1958 had a total rated capacity of 181,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 73.6 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during January 1958 amounted to 7.8 million bushels compared with 7.0 million bushels milled during the previous month as well as 7.0 million bushels milled during January 1957. Of the wheat milled for flour during January 1958, some 7.1 million bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario Winter Wheat (505,000 bushels); Durum (137,000 bushels); and all other (68,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during January 1958 amounted to 1,525,000 hundredweight (some 3,507,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of 11 per cent from the 3,920,000 bushels exported in December 1957 but exceeding by 39 per cent the adjusted January 1957 figure of 2,515,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty one countries, with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 1.1 million bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 31 per cent of the January 1958 total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Venezuela, 736; Jamaica, 241; United States, 154; Trinidad and Tobago, 151; and Leeward and Windward Islands, 131.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <sup>1/</sup>
	- bushels -	- 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 <sup>2/</sup>			
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
Totals .....	46,116,766	20,442,567	8,256,819
Same period 1956-57 (revised) .....	45,548,609	20,053,267	7,850,421

<sup>1/</sup> 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. <sup>2/</sup> Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position      Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1957-58 (July-June) crop year, consisting of the July 1 carryover of 908.4 million bushels and the 1957 crop of 947.1 million, amount to 1,855.5 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-January period of the current United States crop year amounted to 4.3 million bushels. After deducting an estimated 592.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 1,267.8 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1957-58 compared with 1,460.8 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	908.4
New crop .....	1,004.3	947.1
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	2,037.7	1,855.5
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-January .....	3.9	4.3
Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u> .....	2,041.6	1,859.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u> .	580.8	592.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,460.8	1,267.8
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-January .....	258.4	181.7
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-January <u>4/</u> .....	35.9	34.0
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>5/</u>	294.3	215.8
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover ...	1,166.5	1,052.0

1/ Preliminary.    2/ Excluding imports for February-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 do not include shipments under relief programs which are not included in the Bureau of the Census figures. Wheat and flour exports under these programs for July-January 1957-58 are estimated at 7.8 million bushels compared with 2.1 million bushels during July-January 1956-57.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first seven months of the 1957-58 United States crop year amounted to 215.8 million bushels, about 27 per cent below the 294.3 million



exported during the same months in 1956-57. The balance remaining on February 1, 1958 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,052.0 million bushels as against 1,166.5 million on the same date a year ago.

Crop and  
Weather  
Conditions

The following extract has been taken from the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin published by the United States Department of Commerce, for the week ending February 24, 1958. The eighth consecutive cold week until near the end of this period and wet soils, mostly from previous precipitation, prevented growth and kept small grains in poor to fair condition over practically the entire region from southeastern Missouri, Kentucky, and North Carolina southward to the Gulf. Elsewhere over the country, prospects for small grains appear to be good to very good, although the topsoil is becoming dry in parts of the western Great Plains and persistent warmth in the Pacific Northwest has stimulated unusually early development. The change to above-normal temperatures late in the week over the eastern two-thirds of the country melted the extensive snow cover, which had reduced the adverse effects of the unusually severe low temperature, was thawing out fields in middle latitudes, and stimulated growth in south-central and southern areas. Continued warmth and fair weather would improve prospects and promote seeding in southern areas.

In the principal winter wheat-producing states of the Great Plains, the week's weather and grain situation is reported as follows:

Nebraska. Rapid change to unseasonably warm weather. Wheat in good condition; greening in Panhandle and southwest. Surface soil becoming a little dry in spots.

Kansas. After 5 weeks of abnormally cold weather a most welcomed change to much warmer began on the 20th. Maximum temperatures of 74° at Dodge City and 78° at Hill City highest since October 6. Ground frozen to near 12 inches near Topeka and 20 inches near Garden City. Light precipitation. Wheat still generally dormant but greening, and growth started in some areas. Small damage from winter-kill. A few fields of oats seeded in west.

Oklahoma. Gradual warming from severe cold at beginning to springlike conditions by weekend. Light, insignificant precipitation. Dormant grains begun ~~new~~ growth. Greenbugs and aphids in central areas causing some concern. Sowing spring oats became active with coming of warm weather, but halted in southeast by wet fields.

Texas. Wheat prospects in northwest unusually favourable. Cold weather checked top growth, but plants deep-rooted, well-stooled, and have good colour. Excess moisture hurting small grains in Cross Timbers area and eastward.

Flour  
Production

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States in December 1957, at 19,750,000 sacks, an average of 940,000 sacks per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 978,000 sacks in November 1957 and 964,000 sacks in December 1956. Production of wheat flour in December was at 86.9 per cent of capacity compared with 90.5 per cent and 89.6 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in December ground 45,395,000 bushels of wheat compared with 45,015,000 bushels in November. Wheat offal output in December amounted to 384,794 tons.

United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination,  
July-December 1956 and July-December 1957

NOTE

These data on exports by destination cover only the first six months of the United States crop year beginning July 1. The table on United States wheat supplies (see page 22) contains a preliminary estimate of total exports for the first seven 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-December 1956			July-December 1957		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- 1,000 bushels, grain equivalent -						
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>						
Central America .....	624	1,960	2,584	717	2,273	2,990
Cuba .....	1,526	1,874	3,400	2,020	2,247	4,267
British West Indies .....	-	1,809	1,809	1	1,800	1,801
Haiti .....	-	764	764	156	916	1,072
Colombia .....	1,701	39	1,740	2,490	360	2,850
Venezuela .....	122	3,496	3,618	312	3,229	3,541
Peru .....	1,517	160	1,677	1,915	177	2,092
Bolivia .....	1,933	661	2,594	-	318	318
Chile .....	4,883	11	4,894	1,968	73	2,041
Brazil .....	4,556	1	4,557	8,571	1,020	9,591
Others .....	853	1,459	2,312	470	1,233	1,703
Totals .....	17,715	12,234	29,949	18,620	13,646	32,266
<u>Europe</u>						
Norway .....	1,044	456	1,500	-	430	430
Denmark .....	2,464	14	2,478	1,098	9	1,107
United Kingdom .....	18,408	743	19,151	10,489	491	10,980
Netherlands .....	13,024	1,680	14,704	2,071	1,926	3,997
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	12,190	9	12,199	1,326	9	1,335
France .....	23,381	2/	23,381	-	6	6
Germany, West .....	22,871	66	22,937	11,409	29	11,438
Austria .....	1,853	3	1,856	755	-	755
Switzerland .....	5,013	6	5,019	437	-	437
Finland .....	2,813	-	2,813	498	-	498
Poland .....	-	-	-	16,924	-	16,924
Portugal .....	3,745	35	3,780	287	40	327
Italy .....	2,498	233	2,731	369	346	715
Yugoslavia .....	4,402	12	4,414	1,596	24	1,620
Greece .....	7,842	15	7,857	-	2	2
Others .....	1,230	25	1,255	1,656	287	1,943
Totals .....	122,778	3,297	126,075	48,915	3,599	52,514
<u>Asia</u>						
Turkey .....	2,129	-	2,129	1,957	-	1,957
Israel .....	5,542	13	5,555	4,636	7	4,643
Saudi Arabia .....	408	1,282	1,690	13	957	970
India .....	15,045	15	15,060	47,497	17	47,514
Pakistan .....	10,773	2/	10,773	2,001	2/	2,001
Indochina .....	-	1,697	1,697	-	377	377
Indonesia .....	-	2,926	2,926	89	-	89
Philippine Republic .....	-	3,041	3,041	-	4,640	4,640
Korea .....	5,171	324	5,495	3,382	592	3,974
Formosa .....	3,461	-	3,461	2,691	5	2,696
Japan .....	25,766	838	26,604	24,548	1,094	25,642
Others .....	1,376	1,613	2,989	1,034	973	2,007
Totals .....	69,671	11,749	81,420	87,848	8,662	96,510
<u>Africa</u>						
Morocco .....	-	15	15	1,075	9	1,084
Tunisia .....	2,219	2	2,221	52	112	164
French West Africa .....	1,457	6	1,463	87	-	87
Ghana .....	-	747	747	-	924	924
Western British Africa .....	-	1,030	1,030	-	1,309	1,309
Others .....	1,421	1,210	2,631	150	831	981
Totals .....	5,097	3,010	8,107	1,364	3,185	4,549
<u>Oceania</u> .....	-	25	25	-	21	21
Unspecified 3/ .....	1,038	1,182	2,220	240	6,666	6,906
<u>World Totals 3/</u> .....	216,299	31,497	247,796	156,987	35,779	192,766

1/ Wholly of U.S. wheat. 2/ Less than 500 bushels. 3/ Includes exports for relief or charity which are not included with the Bureau of the Census figures.



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
February 3, 1958	.....	214 1/4 - 229 1/2	February 3, 1958	.....	227 3/4 - 228 3/4
4	.....	214 1/2 - 220 3/4	4	.....	227 7/8 - 228 7/8
5	.....	215 1/2 - 226 1/2	5	.....	228 1/2 - 229 1/2
6	.....	217 3/4 - 229 1/4	6	.....	229 1/2 - 230 1/2
7	.....	218 1/4 - 226 3/4	7	.....	229 3/4 - 230 3/4
10	.....	217 1/2	10	.....	229 3/4 - 230 3/4
11	.....	217 - 230 1/2	11	.....	229 1/4 - 230 1/4
12	.....	217 - 217 1/2	12	.....	229 1/8 - 230 1/8
13	.....	216 - 228 1/2	13	.....	229 7/8 - 230 7/8
14	.....	217 1/2 - 225 1/4	14	.....	231 3/4 - 232 3/4
17	.....	220 3/4 - 223 3/4	17	.....	233 1/8 - 234 1/8
18	.....	218 1/4 - 226 3/4	18	.....	234 1/8 - 235 1/8
19	.....	218 1/2 - 239	19	.....	233 7/8 - 234 7/8
20	.....	216 3/4 - 218 1/2	20	.....	233 3/8 - 234 3/8
21	.....	217 1/2 - 225	21	.....	232 3/4 - 233 3/4
24	.....	216 1/4 - 247 1/2	24	.....	231 - 232
25	.....	216 1/4 - 225 1/2	25	.....	231 - 232
26	.....	218 - 235	26	.....	232 3/8 - 233 3/8
27	.....	220 - 220 1/2	27	.....	231 1/8 - 232 1/8
28	.....	216 1/2 - 248	28	.....	230 3/4 - 231 3/4

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
			- cents and eighths per bushel -		
February 3, 1958	215/3	210/2	186	188/6	193/6
4	214/1	209/2	186/3	189/4	194/1
5	215/4	210/3	186/4	189/4	194/4
6	216/4	211	186/5	189/6	194/5
7	217/2	211/2	187/4	190/4	195/3
10	216/7	211	187/2	190/2	195/2
11	216	210/5	187/2	190/2	195/2
12	214/2	209/3	185/2	189/2	194/2
13	214/5	210/4	188/4	191/4	196/6
14	216	212/3	191/2	195	200
17	217/6	214/5	193/6	197	202
18	218/7	215/6	193/4	196/6	201/6
19	218/5	215/7	193/3	196/4	201/7
20	218/6	216	193/6	196/7	202/2
21	219/2	216/3	194/7	198/1	203/2
24	219/4	216/1	194/3	197/2	202/5
25	219	216/3	194	197/1	202/1
26	220/2	218	195	198	203/3
27	220/4	218/1	194/2	197/2	202/4
28	220/6	218	193/2	196/3	201/3



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 70.2 million bushels and the new crop now placed at 194.7 million amounted to some 264.9 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent a decrease of 14 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 125.3 million are available for export and for carryover as against 169.5 million in 1956-57. Exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1957 - January 1958 amounted to 8.6 million bushels compared with 13.8 million exported during the same months of 1956-57. The balance remaining on February 1, 1958 for export and for carryover was estimated at 116.7 million bushels, about 25 per cent below the February 1, 1957 figure of 155.7 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	70.2
New Crop .....	260.9	194.7 <u>3/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	309.2	264.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year.	139.7 <u>3/</u>	139.6
Available for export and for carryover .....	169.5	125.3
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-January .....	13.8	8.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Dec.-Jan.	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	13.8	8.6
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover.	155.7	116.7

1/ Preliminary.    2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks.    3/ Second official estimate of production.    4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops      Heavy rains characterized the month of January, especially at the beginning and the end of the month. In general they were beneficial for the late crops of corn, fodder grains and sunflowerseed. On the other hand they caused widespread damage in the linseed areas precisely when harvesting was in full swing. Heavy rains were again widespread

in the first days of February and it is feared their over-abundance may eventually prove somewhat harmful for the corn crops.

#### Wheat

Harvesting has been completed. The second official estimate of production released on February 3, at 5,300,000 metric tons (194.7 million bushels) confirms the unofficial trade forecasts and shows an increase of 10.8 per cent over the first official estimate. This crop started under promising conditions, with normal sowings followed by good development, until the final stages when widespread drought, lasting from the end of August to the beginning of November, provoked abandonment of some of the early areas, although recovery was experienced in the late ones which benefitted from the subsequent wet weather. As a result yields have been better than those expected in the middle stages and the decrease of production, compared to the previous season, has been reduced to 25.4 per cent. It is worthwhile noticing that in some of the abandoned areas, sorghum was sown. This grain will play a noticeably important part in this season's export trade. The National Grain Board has announced that its purchases, up to February 5, of the new crop amounted to 3,622,040 metric tons (133,087,000 bushels). On February 6, the first sales of the new crop wheat took place totalling 12,775 metric tons (469,000 bushels) of "Southern" variety at prices ranging from pesos 1,250.80 to 1,300.00 per metric ton (\$1.89 to \$1.97 per bushel) f.o.b. The Board is also selling some of its 1956-57 stocks at pesos 1,200.00 per metric ton (\$1.81 per bushel), and even some 1955-56 lots at prices ranging from 1,081.50 to 1,155.20 (\$1.64 to \$1.75 per bushel). Thus, stocks reserved for shipment to Brazil are now being replaced with the new crop and the Board is ridding itself of its stocks of old wheat. In the meantime the Chilean Government has announced that it has already bought 218,000 metric tons (8,010,000 bushels) of this year's Argentine crop and that loading will begin during May next.

#### Corn

Weather conditions continued until very recently to be most favourable for this grain. However, very heavy rains in the past ten days may prove to have been damaging. The early stands throughout the main region of this crop in the provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fé and Córdoba show the most promising outlook, being already near maturity. Unofficial trade estimates show a tendency to predict that the second official estimate of the seeded area will be considerably higher than the one already reported. It is expected this estimate will exceed 3,000,000 hectares (7.4 million acres), bearing in mind the fact that as soon as the rains started after the long dry spell, the sowings of corn and sunflower were continued as long as possible while there was still time for them. Thus, the unofficial forecast of production of more than 7,500,000 metric tons (295.3 million bushels) might well be confirmed. In that case Argentina would have the largest volume of corn for export of the last fifteen years. Recent sales of the 1956-57 crop, totalling about 81,000 metric tons (3,189,000 bushels), have benefited from the new reduced "aforos".

#### Oats,

#### Barley

#### and Rye

There were no noticeable changes in conditions affecting these grains during the past month and it is considered there will be no significant changes in the production estimates already released. Sales of oats under the new "aforos" reached the record total of about 224,000 metric tons (14,524,000 bushels), while the characteristic feature of barley sales was the 3,450 metric tons (158,000 bushels) of "brewery" type which were sold. Rye sales decreased from the previous month to a total of 23,426 metric tons (922,000 bushels). Again the bulk of these grains was handled by the private trade, with the exception of rye for which direct sales by the Board almost trebled those of the private trade. There were some increases in the prices of oats and barley during the past month, while those



of the other grains were stable.

Free Trade Ratified  
for Corn - Peanuts -  
Sunflowerseed

The National Grain Board has reminded all exporters that trade is completely free for the above three grains, provided the minimum guaranteed producers' prices be paid as follows per 100 kilograms f.o.r. Port of Buenos Aires: Corn (yellow and/or red, flint or dented, sound and dry) 100 pesos (\$1.41 per bushel); peanuts: 190; sunflowerseed: 135. Customarily the Board will buy any amount offered to it at the above quoted prices.

New Reduced "Aforos"  
on Corn and  
Oats Exports

Effective January 27, 1958 new "aforos" were established for exports of corn and oats at 670 pesos and 400 pesos per metric tons (95 cents and 34 cents per bushel), respectively, for grain in bulk including up to 10 per cent bagged. For totally bagged grain the quoted "aforos" will be increased by 162 pesos and 189 pesos (23 cents and 16 cents per bushel), respectively. A sudden revival of sales of these two grains followed immediately.

Grain Sales

Sales during the past month which reached 496,314 metric tons rose greatly compared to the previous period. Oats were in first place, with a sudden upsurge of sales totalling 237,010 metric tons (15,368,000 bushels) which followed immediately after the new "aforos" were announced. Practically all of them 233,707 tons were "aforo" authorizations (15,154,000 bushels). Lots of the 1956-57 crop were sold by the Board for shipment from Necochea, at 765.00 pesos (66 cents per bushel). Wheat sales by the Board totalled 115,230 metric tons (4,234,000 bushels). This amount was comprised mainly by 91,619 metric tons (3,366,000 bushels) of "Southern" type of the 1956-57 crop sold at 1,200.00 pesos (\$1.81 per bushel) and 2,000 tons (73,000 bushels) sold at 1,285.50 (\$1.94 per bushel). Lots totalling 8,836 metric tons (325,000 bushels) of the 1955-56 crop were disposed of at prices ranging from 1,081.50 to 1,155.20 (\$1.64 to \$1.75). Up to date only limited sales of the new crop have been registered. These totalled 12,775 metric tons (469,000 bushels) of "Southern" wheat of which the maximum price was 1,300 pesos (\$1.97 per bushel). Corn sales also received the benefit of new "aforos". Total sales of 88,010 metric tons (3,465,000 bushels), were almost four times those of the previous month. Only 5,600 metric tons (220,000 bushels) were authorized for export under the former basic "aforo" of 864.00 pesos (\$1.22 per bushel), while once it had been reduced, they soared up to 68,910 tons (2,713,000 bushels). The Board itself entered the market and sold 13,500 tons (531,000 bushels) from river ports, at 1,100.00 pesos (\$1.55 per bushel). Barley showed no important changes from the previous period. Of its total sales of 32,638 metric tons (1,499,000 bushels), 28,950 (1,330,000 bushels) were "aforo" authorizations, while 3,450 tons (158,000 bushels) of "Brewery" type were sold by the Board at 865.00 and 960.70 pesos (\$1.05 and \$1.16 per bushel). One small lot of 238 tons (11,000 bushels) of bagged grain was sold to Brazil. Rye sales decreased to 23,426 metric tons (922,000 bushels), more than half of which, 16,781 metric tons (661,000 bushels), was sold by the Board from Buenos Aires, Rosario and Bahia Blanca at prices ranging from 764.20 to 801.50 pesos (\$1.08 to \$1.13 per bushel). The remainder 6,650 tons (262,000 bushels) were "aforo" authorizations.

Grain Shipments

There was a sharp decrease in the total tonnage shipped during the month of January. The grand total reached only 261,718 metric tons. Wheat led the way with 69,248 metric tons (2,544,000 bushels), with Chile as the main destination with 17,404 tons (639,000 bushels), followed by Italy 11,820 (434,000 bushels); Western Germany 10,855 (399,000 bushels); United Kingdom 9,855 (362,000 bushels); followed at lower levels by Paraguay, Belgium and Peru. Barley shipments totalled 68,806 metric tons



(3,160,000 bushels), more than half of which, 36,383 tons (1,671,000 bushels) went to Western Germany, 12,736 (585,000 bushels) to Netherlands, and almost equal amounts of about 8,400 tons (386,000 bushels) to Italy and Belgium while 1,900 tons (87,000 bushels) were shipped to Yugoslavia. Corn shipments amounted to 56,571 tons (2,227,000 bushels), 22,556 (888,000 bushels) of which were shipped to Italy, 11,476 (452,000 bushels) to Western Germany, 9,514 (375,000 bushels) to Belgium and less important lots to Netherlands, United Kingdom, Peru, Switzerland and North Africa. Oats shipments amounted to 52,098 tons (3,378,000 bushels) of which Western Germany and Netherlands were the main buyers with 12,548 and 11,705 metric tons (814,000 and 759,000 bushels), respectively. Italy, Switzerland and Denmark bought approximately equal amounts of about 5,500 metric tons (357,000 bushels), followed by the United Kingdom 4,910 (318,000 bushels); and Belgium 4,020 (261,000 bushels). Rye was on a much lower level, with only 14,995 metric tons (590,000 bushels) shipped mainly to Western Germany, 6,070 (239,000 bushels); to Netherlands 3,655 (144,000 bushels); to Italy 3,009 (118,000 bushels) and to Belgium 2,261 (89,000 bushels).

Argentine Wheat Exports, December 1957 - January 1958 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Belgium .....	529	Netherlands .....	388
Brazil .....	2,379	Paraguay .....	345
Chile .....	1,999	Peru .....	137
Denmark .....	88	Sweden .....	11
Germany Western .....	1,177	Switzerland .....	42
Italy .....	740	United Kingdom .....	734
Norway .....	37		
		Total .....	8,608

Same Period:

1956-57 .....	13,842
1955-56 .....	18,920
1954-55 .....	20,814
1953-54 .....	17,177
1952-53 .....	1,140

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1957-58 crop year amount to some 136.4 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1957 carryover of 41.4 million bushels and the new crop placed at 95.0 million. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting sharp declines in both carryover stocks and production, represent a 38 per cent decline from the 1956-57 total of 218.6 million bushels. After deducting 76.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 60.4 million are available for export and for carryover during 1957-58 as against 140.7 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 January 25, 1958 amounted to 8.1 million bushels, considerably below the 22.0 million exported during the corresponding period of 1956-57. The balance remaining on January 26, 1958 for

export and for carryover, at 52.3 million bushels, represented a decrease of 56 per cent from the comparable 1957 figure of 118.7 million.

### 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	95.0 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	218.6	136.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .	77.9 <u>2/</u>	76.0 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover .....	140.7	60.4
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-January 25 .	16.0	4.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-January 25 .....	6.0	3.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	22.0	8.1
Balance on January 26 for export and for carryover .	118.7	52.3

1/ Preliminary.    2/ Revised.

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#### Wheat

#### 1957-58

#### Crop

The drought in New South Wales and parts of Queensland has been broken by heavy rains which have revived pastures and so eased the feed grain situation. There is some hope that deliveries from the small New South Wales crop now will be higher than anticipated. As was expected, the cool summer, absence of hot drying winds and moisture reserves have raised the estimate of the wheat crop in Victoria, and to a lesser extent in South Australia, to the point where increased shipments can be made to mills in New South Wales thereby reducing the quantity which was to have been sent from Western Australia from 18.5 to 12.6 million bushels. The Australian Wheat Board decided that 5.5 million bushels of Victorian wheat should be shipped to New South Wales and Queensland, plus the quantity by which deliveries exceeded 27 million bushels. By the first week of February, 3,709,000 bushels had been delivered in New South Wales, and it was expected that deliveries in Victoria would reach 29,250,000 bushels. Deliveries in Western Australia, thus far, total 29,150,000 bushels, but little more is in sight. At the time of writing, total deliveries from all States are expected to reach 78 to 80 million bushels, a substantial increase from the 75 million estimate of early January. At present, expected deliveries by States



may be summed up as follows:

Western Australia .....	29,150,000 bushels
South Australia .....	12,000,000 bushels
Victoria .....	29,000,000 bushels
New South Wales .....	3,709,000 bushels
Queensland .....	5,250,000 bushels
Total .....	<u>79,109,000 bushels</u>

Wheat and  
Flour Sales

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

New Zealand .....	28,000 long tons (1,045,000 bushels)
Japan .....	5,000 long tons ( 187,000 bushels)
United Kingdom .....	4,500 long tons ( 168,000 bushels)
Rhodesia .....	9,000 long tons ( 336,000 bushels)

Standards,  
1957-58

The Western Australian f.a.q. standard has been declared at  $62\frac{1}{2}$  lb. per bushel on the basis of the Standard Imperial bushel measure, for internal use, and at  $64\frac{1}{4}$  lb. per bushel on the basis of Schopper - 1-litre scale Chondrometer.

South Australia has fixed two f.a.q. standards, the one for semi-hard wheat at 66 lb. and the other for soft wheat at  $65\frac{1}{2}$  lb. per bushel, both according to the Schopper scale. The former is the highest State standard ever declared in Australia and compared with the single standard of  $65\frac{1}{2}$  lb. declared in 1956-57.

Wheat Grading

Another proposal has been put forward for the establishment of a system of grades for Australian wheat. Writing in "The Farmers' Weekly" (Perth) of January 23, 1958, Dr. G.L. Sutton, a former Director of Agriculture in western Australia points out that because of the fairly general similarity in climatic conditions and uniformity in farming practice, a very much simpler grading system is possible for Australia than either that of Canada or the U.S.A. He proposes a scheme under which the existing f.a.q. system is modified by providing a quality class for strong wheat and by replacing the annual f.a.q. grade with a permanent grade. This would include a bushel weight and define physical characteristics and condition of the wheat which the buyer may expect to receive or in fault be entitled to claim dockage. He suggests that the two classes should be as follows:

Australian Strong White - Having a Zeleny sedimentation value of not less than 35.

Australian Soft White - Having a Zeleny sedimentation value of less than 35. This class would, upon occasion, include a sub-class for biscuit flour with a Zeleny sedimentation value of less than 15.

In either of these classes, he proposes a milling grade designated as "Australian Standard White" and described as being dry, undamaged by moisture, free of deleterious matter, insects, objectional smells and with a bushel weight of not less than 58 lb. Other grades would be established such as reject, stock feed,



etc.

Wheat Quality Further developments are in train in the direction of improving the quality of the Australian wheat crop. In New South Wales, the Minister for Agriculture and Food Production has announced a proposal that next season deliveries at the Grain Elevators Board silos at North Star, Milguy and Bellata will be confined to Gabo type wheats, namely Gabo, Spica, Broughton, Koda and Celebration. At present the Board receives premium wheat at these silos but without restriction as to varieties. It is felt that the proposed varietal restriction will provide a more uniform line of grain for the millers and higher premiums for the growers. The improvement already noted in quality of grain in this area is reflected in the record premium of 4/7d. (50 cents) obtained for a few lots of very high protein content.

In a review of the quality requirements of domestic and export markets for Australian wheat, Eric E. Bond ("Quarterly Review of Agricultural Economics" for October, 1957) points out that in few other countries does one find such a wide range of wheat quality influenced by environment or region and variety as in Australia. Only in parts of Queensland and northwestern New South Wales is wheat of the very strong class to be found. Most of the crop falls into the soft and medium classes. In the past, breeding programs have been based on the development of high yielding capacity with baking quality receiving only secondary consideration. He believes that in the future emphasis should be placed on developing varieties specifically for both bread flour and flour for the biscuit trade.

Three lines of approach are proposed.

1. The recognition of quality in Australian wheat and of the relationship between regional or environmental conditions and desirable wheat types.
2. The control of varieties, with the elimination of those of very poor quality.
3. A breeding program in all States to develop new and improved varieties for both bread and soft wheat types.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1, 1957-January 25, 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 .....	-	2	275	121
Belgian Congo .....	-	-	-	1
British North Borneo .....	-	-	33	44
British West Indies .....	-	-	73	1
Brunei .....	-	-	4	6
Burma .....	-	94	59	87
Ceylon .....	-	2	1,121	13
Czechoslovakia .....	315	-	-	-
Dutch New Guinea .....	-	-	13	11
Germany, West .....	1,860	-	-	-
Ghana .....	-	-	-	1/
Hong Kong .....	264	301	-	-
Hong Kong (General) .....	-	-	48	45
Hong Kong (a/c War Office) ....	-	-	12	4

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1, 1957-  
January 25, 1958 and Corresponding Period 1956-57

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58
	- thousand bushels -			
India .....	3,542	209	-	-
Indonesia .....	-	-	1,330	1,015
Iran .....	329	-	-	-
Iraq .....	696	-	-	-
Japan .....	37	1,137	-	-
Macao .....	-	-	4	1
Malaya .....	145	159	-	-
Malaya (General) .....	-	-	1,026	1,064
Malaya (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	27	11
Mauritius .....	-	-	278	105
New Zealand .....	1,620	1,547	1	4
Nigeria .....	-	-	1/	2
Nyasaland .....	-	-	16	19
Pacific Islands .....	3	3	241	372
Pakistan .....	1,130	-	-	-
Persian Gulf .....	18	31	186	31
Philippine Islands .....	-	-	99	23
Portuguese East Africa .....	175	-	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa) .....	79	-	24	-
Rhodesia .....	522	705	-	-
Sarawak .....	-	-	27	41
Saudi Arabia .....	2	18	-	-
Sudan .....	-	-	510	-
Thailand (Siam) .....	1	-	118	190
Timor .....	-	-	4	4
United Kingdom .....	5,265	363	387	218
Zanzibar .....	2	4	64	48
Royal Navy .....	9	6	5	3
Ships' Stores .....	-	-	16	15
Totals .....	16,014	4,581	6,000	3,500

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 47 per cent the 1956-57 total of 223.6 million (including August-December 1956 imports of 25.8 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 36.2 million.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first five months of the current crop year amounted to 37.3 million bushels in contrast to the August-December 1956 total of only 4.2 million

bushels, exported in the form of wheat flour. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on January 1, 1958, totalled 104.8 million bushels as against 32.0 million at January 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-December .....	25.8	-
Total commercial supplies .....	223.6	329.5
Less domestic requirements for crop year .....	187.4	187.4
Available for export and for carryover .....	36.2	142.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain August-December .....	-	26.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-December .....	4.2	10.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	4.2	37.3
Balance of January 1 for export and for carryover ...	32.0	104.8

(Private estimate based on Grain Board statistics).

1/ Preliminary.

The following have been monthly wheat and flour exports since the beginning of the crop year:

Monthly Wheat and Wheat Flour Exports, August - December 1957  
and the Corresponding Months in 1956

Month	Foreign Countries		French Union		Total	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	- 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
Totals .....	1,181	33,756	3,033	3,500	4,214	37,256



French Exports  
by Country

The following were the principal export markets for French wheat and wheat flour during the first five months of the new crop year:

French Wheat and Wheat Flour Exports,  
August-December 1957

Destination	Aug. - Dec.	Destination	Aug. - Dec.
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Ceylon .....	1,310	Netherlands .....	2,119
Egypt .....	4,286	Pakistan .....	1,819
Germany .....	10,073	United Kingdom .....	9,887
Indonesia .....	1,089		

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Crop and  
Weather Conditions

Growing conditions this winter have remained generally favourable to fall-sown grainfields, according to the latest Ministry of Agriculture crop report. January was marked by abundant rain, and snow in certain areas, which brought soil reserves

back to normal after depletion by dry weather in the autumn. Temperatures have varied greatly but there have been no severe frosts.

Sowings continued in January, and the area seeded to wheat rose by 59,000 hectares (146,000 acres) while there were moderate gains in barley and oats. The area shown to wheat at February 1, is 83,000 hectares (205,000 acres) or 1.9 per cent ahead of last year and 200,000 hectares (494,000 acres) or 4.6 per cent over the 1953-1957 average.

The area sown to winter grains at February 1, compared with previous years is as follows:

Area Seeded to Grain, February 1

Grain	Average February 1 1953-1957	February 1 1957	February 1 1958	Comparisons per cent	
				February 1, 1958 with 1953-1957	February 1, 1958 with 1957
	- thousand acres -			- per cent -	
Wheat .....	10,464	10,743	10,949	+ 4.6	+ 1.9
Wheat and Rye.	55	49	47	- 14.5	- 4.1
Rye .....	986	913	883	- 10.4	- 3.3
Barley .....	920	902	940	+ 2.2	+ 4.2
Oats .....	1,389	1,185	1,108	- 20.2	- 6.5
Mixed Grains .	82	77	78	- 4.9	+ 1.3
Totals ...	13,895	13,869	14,005	- 0.8	+ 1.0

Source: French Ministry of Agriculture.

Farmers Marketings Farmers deliveries to agents of the French Grain Board are well ahead of other years in the case of wheat and rye, and for barley surpass all but the exceptional circumstances of the 1956 crop. Barley deliveries are lower than forecast, due to high pork prices and greater utilization on the farm.

Farmers' Marketings, August-December

Grain	1955	1956	1957
- thousand bushels -			
Soft Wheat .....	224,838	108,372	243,759
Durum wheat .....	592	55	499
Rye .....	2,177	2,716	3,997
Barley .....	23,148	98,132	49,523
Oats .....	9,979	15,231	6,670

New Durum Price The official price for 1958 crop durum wheat has been announced, along with the target price for 1961. The 1958 price of 3,975 francs per quintal (\$2.46 per bushel) is approximately 20 per cent higher than that for soft wheat, and designed to encourage durum production. This is approximately the same level as 1957 but while the price for soft wheat will decline slightly over the next few years, that for durum will be maintained, and the target for 1961 is set at 4,000 francs per quintal (\$2.47 per bushel).

Such forward prices are tied to price indices to give them constant value. Already, such indices have risen by 5 per cent over October 1957, and the 1957-58 prices for livestock prices have been revised. Prices for crops are established once a year and the new prices are not expected to be announced before summer, when full account will be taken of price movements. However, the trade press is already speculating on the results, and there are indications that the price for soft wheat, set originally at 3,300 francs per quintal (\$2.04 per bushel), may reach 3,490 francs (\$2.16 per bushel) whereas that for durum may move up from 3,975 to 4,200 francs per quintal (\$2.46 to \$2.60 per bushel).

Grain Market Inactive The French grain market remains quiet. The decision to renew wheat sales will wait another few weeks, to be sure that winter wheat has escaped frost damage. The barley situation within the country remains tight with pressure on prices, aggravated by the advance in meat prices. Surveys indicate that supplies are sufficient, and it is hoped that the import of small quantities from North Africa will bring the price back to the official level of 2,620 francs per quintal (\$1.30 per bushel).

WHEAT SITUATION IN URUGUAY

The following information relative to the wheat situation in Uruguay was recently received from Mr. C.B. Birkett, Commercial Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, Montevideo, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

The wheat crop for 1956-57 was below standard in quantity and quality. Barely 200,000 tons (7,349,000 bushels) were available as surplus for export, thus complicating the operation of the Uruguayan-Brazil trade and



payments agreement, whereby 300,000 tons (11,023,000 bushels) of wheat are to be delivered to Brazil for the next three years.

Farmers delayed Winter sowings, particularly of wheat and maize, in 1957 - demanding the establishment of higher prices. Just in time for them to decide their sowing policy came a decree fixing the basic price for wheat for the 1957-58 season at Pesos 18.-per 100 kilos - up from Pesos 16.-. Certain increased subsidies per hectare, varying according to the areas planted, were also announced. This encouraged greater sowings and the area put to wheat increased from 657,500 hectares (1,624,000 acres) in 1956 to 716,300 hectares (1,769,000 acres) for the 1957-58 crop. With more land under wheat and excellent growing conditions during the last quarter of the year, the crop promises to be a near bumper - currently put at over 800,000 tons (29,395,000 bushels). As home consumption runs to around 300,000 to 350,000 tons (11,023,000 to 12,860,000 bushels), this will leave an exportable surplus of some 450,000 to 500,000 tons (16,535,000 to 18,372,000 bushels). To this is added 150,000 tons (5,512,000 bushels) carryover from the previous crop.

Under the government subsidy plan all wheat produced is sold to the Bank of the Republic which has, up to now, disposed of export surpluses to Brazil in return for pinewood, coffee, mate and bananas.

With the 1957-58 large surplus in view, the Bank in its extremity seized the opportunity in November to acquire badly needed dollar exchange by calling for bids on a lot of 400,000 tons (14,697,000 bushels) in U.S. dollars. 200,000 tons (7,349,000 bushels) were sold to American and European buyers - part for Sterling and part for dollars. The remainder was sold to Brazil from where, as the result of the financial crisis, supplies of mate, timber, coffee, etc. had dried up. It is fully expected that a further attempt to sell wheat for dollars will be made early in the new year.

#### CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

January 31 Bill No. 237, an Act to provide for the Stabilization of the Prices of Agricultural Commodities received Royal Assent.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Hon. Gordon Churchill, announced that an enquiry would be made into the distribution of railway box cars for the movement of grain among country elevators and at individual shipping points in Western Canada.

February 14 The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, announced that effective February 17, 1958, and until further notice the rate of interest applicable to all transactions relevant to the handling of Board Agency Wheat has been decreased from 5 per cent to 4 3/4 per cent per annum.

18 According to a report received from the Canadian Agricultural Attaché, Canadian Embassy, Paris, the official price for 1958-crop durum wheat in France has been announced at approximately \$2.46 per bushel, about 20 per cent higher than that for soft wheat.







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