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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about April 1, 1958 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,881.2 million bushels, representing a decline of 11 per cent from the 2,111.6 million available a year ago. Supplies at April 1, 1958, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 991.1 (1,056.7); Canada, 746.5 (815.4); Argentina, 97.6 (139.0); and Australia, 46.0 (100.5). 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 eight months (August-March) of the current Canadian crop year, at 534.6 million bushels, were 23 per cent below the 692.3 million exported during the corresponding period of 1956-57. Canada continued to be the only one of the four countries showing wheat exports at a higher level than last year. On a percentage basis, shipments from the four countries during the August-March period of 1957-58 were shared as follows, with corresponding percentages for the same months of 1956-57 in brackets: United States, 46 (52); Canada, 36 (25); Argentina, 9 (9); and Australia, 9 (14). Shipments from each of the four countries during August-March 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 - March 1958
with Comparisons

August-March	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51	198.3	135.9	54.4	80.3	468.9
1951-52	333.4	200.1	23.9	62.8	620.2
1952-53	233.0	224.7	6.0	56.7	520.4
1953-54	125.7	170.9	78.0	40.2	414.8
1954-55	188.1	172.7	92.2	62.8	515.8
1955-56	185.5	158.1	80.4	63.5	487.5
1956-57 <u>1/</u>	356.3	175.8	62.6	97.6	692.3
1957-58 <u>2/</u>	246.6	193.6	48.0	46.4	534.6

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary.

Crop Conditions in Europe

According to a recent trade report more favourable conditions prevailed for crops over much of Europe last week. Winter crops were making good progress while seeding of spring grains was progressing rapidly. Growth is still rather backward over much of the continent due to the unusually low temperatures of the past several weeks and the general crop condition is considered to be somewhat below a year ago at this time. However, winter losses in most countries were light and with warmer weather and timely rains crops should show further improvement. Preliminary reports indicate that the total wheat acreage on the continent will equal and possibly exceed last year by a modest margin.

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

Importing Countries	Guaranteed Quantities	S O U R C E						Total Purchases	Remainder
		Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Sweden	U.S.A.		
		1/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/		
- thousand bushels -									
Austria	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Belgium	16,535	1,281	-	2	8	-	1,434	2,725	13,810
Bolivia	4,042	-	-	-	-	-	510	510	3,532
Brazil	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,349
Costa Rica	1,470	442	-	-	-	-	811	1,253	217
Cuba	8,084	609	-	-	-	-	7,116	7,725	359
Denmark	1,837	191	-	-	-	-	1,205	1,396	441
Dominican Republic ..	1,286	494	-	-	-	-	540	1,034	252
Ecuador	1,837	214	-	-	-	-	431	645	1,192
Egypt	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
El Salvador	919	98	-	-	-	-	660	758	161
Germany	55,116	24,146	-	-	5,721	1,559	18,383	49,809	5,307
Greece	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
Guatemala	1,653	374	-	-	-	-	1,218	1,592	61
Haiti	2,204	445	-	-	-	-	1,151	1,596	608
Honduras Republic ...	919	47	-	-	-	-	203	250	669
Iceland	73	2	-	-	-	-	21	23	50
India 4/	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	7,459	7,459	-
Indonesia	5,144	-	-	2,715	-	-	-	2,715	2,429
Ireland	5,512	1,211	-	642	-	-	365	2,218	3,294
Israel	8,267	1,419	-	-	-	-	2,383	3,802	4,465
Italy	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Japan 4/	36,744	13,176	-	3,082	-	-	20,585	36,843	-
Korea	2,205	-	-	-	-	-	204	204	2,001
Lebanon	2,756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,756
Liberia	73	4	-	-	-	-	31	35	38
Mexico	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Netherlands	25,721	11,275	-	62	-	-	8,188	19,525	6,196
New Zealand	5,879	-	-	5,876	-	-	-	5,876	3
Nicaragua 4/	367	100	-	-	-	-	249	349	-
Norway	6,614	3,415	-	-	1,404	92	1,104	6,015	599
Panama	1,102	180	-	-	-	-	501	681	421
Peru	7,349	1	-	-	-	-	592	593	6,756
Philippines 4/	6,063	2,270	-	454	-	-	3,360	6,084	-
Portugal	5,879	174	-	24	1,481	-	555	2,234	3,645
Saudi Arabia	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	99	99	3,575
Spain	4,593	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,593
Switzerland 4/	6,981	6,674	-	-	-	-	336	7,010	-
Union of S. Africa ..	5,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,512
Vatican City 4/	551	-	-	-	-	-	561	561	-
Venezuela 4/	6,246	2,026	-	-	-	-	4,361	6,387	-
Yugoslavia	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Totals	294,647	70,268	-	12,857	8,614	1,651	84,616	178,006	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		100,089	14,296	29,432	16,082	6,255	128,493	294,647	
Balance		29,821	14,296	16,575	7,468	4,604	43,877	116,641	

1/ Canadian Sales through April 29, 1958.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through April 25, 1958.

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

4/ Quota filled.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Initial Prices for 1958-59 Crop Year

The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on May 2 that the Government has approved initial prices to be paid by the Canadian Wheat Board on the basic grades of wheat, oats and barley for the crop year commencing on August 1, 1958.

For wheat, the initial payment is \$1.40 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern Wheat in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver; for oats, the initial payment is 60 cents per bushel, basis No. 2 Canada Western Oats in store Fort William-Port Arthur; and for barley, the initial payment is 96 cents per bushel, basis No. 3 Canada Western Six-Row Barley in store Fort William-Port Arthur.

The new initial prices are the same as the initial prices in effect for the present crop year.

Mr. Churchill also announced that the 1956-57 wheat and barley accounts would be closed on May 9, 1958. He expected two or three weeks would elapse before the final accounts were complete, and that a final payment to producers would then be made from both the wheat and barley accounts.

As previously intimated in the House of Commons, as a result of relatively low prices during the selling period, it is expected there will be a deficit position in the 1956-57 oats pool account. There will, therefore, be no final payment to producers.

Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act

The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade No. 34, under date of May 1, 1958 announced in part that "No Advance Payments shall be made to a producer in respect of a crop year, unless the application therefor is made during the crop year and before the 1st day of June in that crop year, and is approved by the manager or operator of an elevator or other person authorized by the Board to make Advance Payments on its behalf.

Therefore on and after June 1, 1958, no further Advance Payments will be made to producers for the remainder of the 1957-58 Crop Year.

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

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-March period of the current crop year amounted to 193.6 million bushels, surpassing by 10 per cent the total of 175.8 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on April 1, 1958 for export and for carryover amounted to 746.5 million bushels, about 8 per cent less than the April 1, 1957 total of 815.4 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57 <u>1/</u>	1957-58 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	579.6	729.5
New Crop	573.1	370.5 <u>3/</u>
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-February	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total estimated supplies	1,152.6	1,100.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .	161.4	160.0
Available for export and for carryover	991.2	940.1
Deduct:		
Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August- March	149.0	164.5
Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August- March	3.1	3.9
Total exports of wheat	152.0	168.5
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August- March	23.7 <u>5/</u>	25.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	175.8	193.6
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	815.4	746.5

1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels. 5/ Adjusted for time lag in returns made by Customs.

Marketings of wheat by farmers in the three Prairie Provinces up to April 16 of the current crop year amounted to 195.6 million bushels, 12 per cent below the 221.3 million marketed during the corresponding period of 1956-57. During the four-week period March 20 to April 16, 1958 marketings of wheat amounted to 14.1 million bushels. During the same period, some 25.7 million bushels entered domestic and export channels (overseas clearances plus imports into the United States plus Canadian Domestic use) and as a result the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined steadily from a level of 366.6 million bushels at the week ending March 19 to 355.2 million at the week ending April 16. This year's visible supply of wheat at April 16 was below the comparable 1957 total of 369.6 million bushels but above the 1956 figure of 329.9 million.

The bulk of this year's April 16 total visible supply of wheat was accounted for by country elevator stocks with the 219.3 million bushels held in this position representing a decline from the 226.3 million of a year ago but above the 192.5 million of two years ago. "In transit rail" (Western Division) accounted for 16.7 million bushels of the April 16, 1958 total compared with 17.9 million in 1957 and 9.6 million in 1956. Stocks in Lakehead position, at 49.2 million bushels, exceeded by considerable margins both the 1957 comparable total of

42.8 million and the 1956 figure of 37.4 million. Some 15.3 million bushels were in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports at April 16 this year, slightly below the 15.5 million of a year ago and well below the 27.8 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports, at 16.8 million bushels, were below the 18.5 million in this position at approximately the same date in 1957 but well above the 1956 total of 12.5 million bushels. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert) totalled 9.6 million bushels, below both the 1957 and 1956 comparable totals of 13.6 million and 11.8 million bushels, respectively.

<u>March 1958 Exports of</u> <u>Wheat and Flour Total</u> <u>23.3 Million Bushels</u>	Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during March 1958 amounted to 23.3 million bushels, representing increases of 12 per cent above the February total of 20.9 million, 38 per cent above the March 1957 figure of 16.8 million and 32 per cent greater than the ten-year (1947-1956) March average of 17.7 million bushels. Exports of wheat as grain during March 1958, at 19.4 million bushels, were 5 per cent greater than the 18.6 million exported during the preceding month and 40 per cent greater than the March 1957 total of 13.9 million bushels. Preliminary Customs returns indicate that the equivalent of 3.8 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during March 1958, some 67 per cent above the 2.3 million exported during February and 32 per cent above the adjusted March 1957 figure of 2.9 million bushels.
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Cumulative exports of wheat as grain during the August-March period of the current crop year amounted to 168.5 million bushels exceeding by 11 per cent the corresponding 1956-57 total of 152.0 million. The United Kingdom, remaining in its position as Canada's leading purchaser of wheat as grain, received shipments totalling 60.4 million bushels and representing 36 per cent of the eight-month total. During the August-March period of the 1956-57 crop year shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 57.3 million bushels and accounted for 38 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat as grain during the first eight months of the current crop year, with figures for the corresponding period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 23.9 (20.7); the Federal Republic of Germany, 20.3 (28.7); Netherlands, 14.5 (6.2); India, 12.8 (nil); U.S.S.R. (Russia), 7.4 (nil); Belgium, 6.4 (10.6); Switzerland, 4.1 (7.7); and United States, 3.9 (3.1).

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first eight months of the 1957-58 crop year based on preliminary Customs returns were the equivalent of 25.1 million bushels of wheat, about 6 per cent above the adjusted August-March, 1956-57 total of 23.7 million. As with wheat as grain, the United Kingdom was also the major market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of wheat flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 8.7 million bushels of wheat and accounted for 35 per cent of the eight-month total. During the August-March period of 1956-57 shipments of Canadian wheat flour to the United Kingdom amounted to the equivalent of 7.4 million bushels and represented 31 per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with revised data for the August-March period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Philippine Islands, 3.3 (4.0); Venezuela, 2.4 (2.2); Jamaica, 1.2 (1.0); Trinidad and Tobago, 1.2 (1.0); and United States, 1.1 (1.1).

Delivery Policy Durum Wheat The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas No. 52, under date of April 10, 1958 announced in part that effective Monday, April 14, 1958 the delivery quota on Durum Wheat will be increased from five (5) bushels to eight (8) bushels per seeded acre of Durum Wheat, as shown on the individual producer's delivery permit book, subject to a minimum delivery quota of three hundred (300) bushels.

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

Under the minimum delivery quota announced above, a producer whose delivery permit indicates acreage seeded to Durum Wheat in 1957 of less than 38 acres, may now deliver additional Durum Wheat, which, when added to his previous deliveries of Durum Wheat, will bring his total deliveries up to, but not in excess of, three hundred (300) bushels of Durum Wheat.

Supplementary Quota on Soft White Spring Wheat The Canadian Wheat Board in Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas No. 58, under date of May 1, 1958 announced in part that the supplementary quota of ten (10) bushels per acre seeded to Soft White Spring Wheat as authorized in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas No. 36 of January 9, 1958 will be increased to fifteen (15) bushels per acre seeded to Soft White Spring Wheat effective May 5, 1958 at the designated delivery points of producers referred to in paragraph 2 hereunder.

Producers of this variety of wheat were previously issued special permits indicating the quantity of Soft White Spring Wheat that they were permitted to deliver on the first five (5) bushel supplementary quota. New special permits will not be issued but elevator agents are hereby authorized to accept from producers who received these special permits the additional quantity authorized under this Instruction.

General Quota Position By April 28, 1958 out of a total of 2,070 shipping points in the Western Division the Canadian Wheat Board had been able to place 401 on a quota of 5 bushels per specified acre, 639 on a 4-bushel quota, 735 on a 3-bushel quota and 261 on a 2-bushel quota. Thirty-four stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group
as at April 28, 1958

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre				Closed Stations	Total
	Two	Three	Four	Five		
Ontario	-	-	-	1	1	2
Manitoba	122	175	65	12	1	375
Saskatchewan	139	560	354	38	10	1,101
Alberta	-	-	220	346	22	588
British Columbia	-	-	-	4	-	4
All Provinces	261	735	639	401	34	2,070

Canadian Wheat
Stocks at
March 31, 1958

Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1958 were estimated at 815.7 million bushels compared with the record 904.4 million on the same date in 1957. The ten-year (1948-1957) average was 528.8 million bushels. Data for these estimates were obtained from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from returns from mill operators, and from information supplied by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. An estimated 451.1 million bushels, representing 55 per cent of the total were held on farms, well below the previous record holdings of 533.0 million at March 31, 1957. All but 9.1 million bushels of the total farm stocks of wheat were held on farms in the Prairie Provinces. Farm-held stocks in Saskatchewan were placed at 310.0 million while those in Alberta and Manitoba were estimated at 99.0 million and 33.0 million bushels, respectively. Of the 364.6 million bushels held in off-farm positions, 223.4 million were in country elevators. Stocks in Lakehead positions amounted to 48.6 million bushels, compared with 46.8 million a year ago and 52.4 million two years ago. Supplies in Eastern elevators totalled 34.0 million bushels, below the 1957 total of 35.3 million but above the 1956 figure of 33.1 million bushels.

Stocks of Canadian Wheat at March 31, 1956—1958 ^{1/}

Position	1956 ^{2/}	1957 ^{2/}	1958
- thousand bushels -			
<u>In Canada</u>			
On farms	442,760	533,000	451,060
Country elevators	200,541	223,607	223,446
Interior private and mill elevators ...	6,346	8,199	8,091
Interior terminal elevators	13,790	12,217	11,781
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators ...	10,217	12,387	10,254
Victoria elevator	745	330	272
Prince Rupert elevator	37	-	-
Churchill elevator	4,206	4,801	4,620
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	52,406	46,849	48,634
Storage afloat (Lakehead)	177	804	184
In transit rail (Western Division)	9,842	18,770	11,977
Eastern elevators	33,078	35,337	34,043
Storage afloat (Eastern Division)	8,328	1,625	5,637
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	4,934	3,556	2,923
Eastern mills (mill bins only)	2,687	2,532	2,668 ^{3/}
Western mills (mill bins only)	206	261	116 ^{3/}
Totals, in Canada	790,301	904,276	815,706
<u>In United States</u>	117	99	-
Totals, in Canada and United States	790,418	904,375	815,706

^{1/} Stocks other than on farms and in mills compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, as at the close of business on March 28, 1956, April 3, 1957, and April 2, 1958.

^{2/} Revised. ^{3/} Small quantities of grain going into ground feeds have been excluded.

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

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -						
August	7, 1957	57,134	319,056	79,312	455,502	86,149
	14	51,489	1,073,769	506,259	1,631,517	827,064
	21	436,403	1,848,980	747,223	3,032,606	1,884,249
	28	497,229	3,705,358	1,247,539	5,450,126	3,949,527
September	4	334,501	3,237,345	876,295	4,448,141	3,182,696
	11	269,013	2,143,978	842,281	3,255,272	3,739,721
	18	573,078	2,315,055	900,777	3,788,910	5,760,514
	25	510,534	2,787,644	844,213	4,142,391	7,588,949
October	2	574,874	3,262,986	1,410,979	5,248,839	8,757,469
	9	499,194	4,127,394	1,537,209	6,163,797	7,157,121
	16	527,574	4,037,854	1,146,248	5,711,676	8,628,989
	23	697,465	3,168,778	1,045,896	4,912,139	6,845,753
	30	596,318	3,780,689	896,001	5,273,008	9,885,464
November	6	626,142	3,031,519	1,106,214	4,763,875	9,372,931
	13	627,457	3,567,995	1,470,042	5,665,494	7,900,996
	20	727,275	3,345,325	1,591,939	5,664,539	8,452,536
	27	738,393	4,176,486	1,911,975	6,826,854	8,145,061
December	4	1,184,123	6,388,300	2,065,265	9,637,688	8,496,816
	11	1,145,870	5,693,072	1,936,581	8,775,523	5,492,991
	18	908,845	5,583,609	2,356,077	8,848,531	6,310,643
	24	866,477	4,917,760	2,669,920	8,454,157	5,505,998
	31	633,537	4,124,623	1,599,236	6,357,396	7,553,773
January	8, 1958	525,328	3,099,047	1,906,926	5,531,301	6,000,290
	15	915,675	4,849,588	2,946,339	8,711,602	3,417,856
	22	929,855	3,866,777	3,521,061	8,317,693	5,813,059
	29	655,780	4,473,566	2,250,474	7,379,820	4,721,111
February	5	680,859	4,113,459	1,953,841	6,748,159	7,566,009
	12	479,848	2,809,109	1,653,238	4,942,195	6,730,006
	19	340,381	2,187,204	1,301,389	3,828,974	6,976,103
	26	510,116	2,212,617	1,831,113	4,553,846	3,887,400
March	5	574,995	2,880,614	1,635,944	5,091,553	6,926,902
	12	489,962	1,964,331	1,639,380	4,093,673	6,606,705
	19	401,484	1,983,163	1,396,293	3,780,940	7,090,335
	26	255,216	2,097,837	1,514,023	3,867,076	6,655,715
April	2	238,206	1,544,796	1,051,182	2,834,184	4,401,233
	9	373,051	1,230,903	287,948	1,891,902	4,276,063
	16	618,466	4,297,809	583,897	5,500,172	4,706,871
Totals		21,072,147	120,248,395	54,260,529	195,581,071	221,301,068
Average similar period:						
1946-47--1955-56 .		30,816,509	143,806,295	76,462,508	251,085,311	

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, April 16, 1958
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1956 and 1957

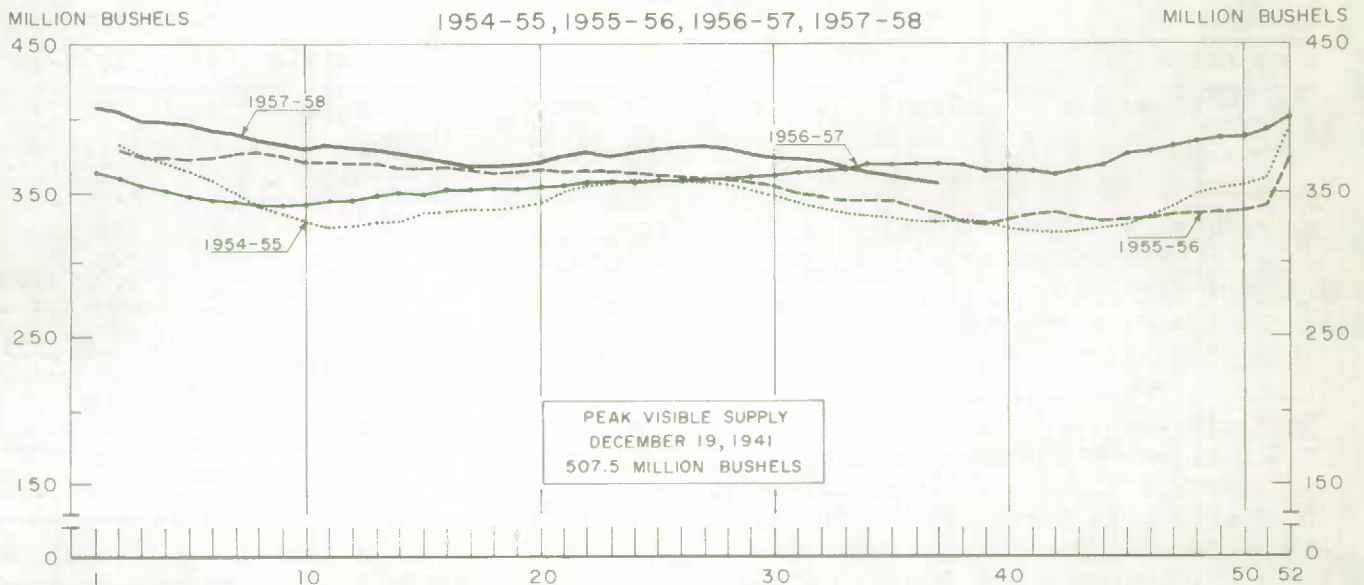
Position	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	20,390	24,984	29,379
Saskatchewan	102,551	128,452	126,469
Alberta	69,543	72,862	63,432
Totals	192,484	226,297	219,280
Interior private and mill	6,278	8,268	7,906
Interior terminals	13,910	12,126	11,644
Vancouver-New Westminster	11,254	13,186	9,199
Victoria	498	416	397
Prince Rupert	37	-	-
Churchill	4,206	4,801	4,620
Fort William-Port Arthur	37,366	42,840	49,170
Storage Afloat	177	-	184
In transit rail (Western Division)	9,595	17,923	16,698
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports.	27,806	15,534	15,331
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports .	12,537	18,543	16,782
In transit lake	10,223	7,025	1,405
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	3,016	2,531	2,541
United States ports	470	99	-
Totals	329,857	369,591	355,159

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

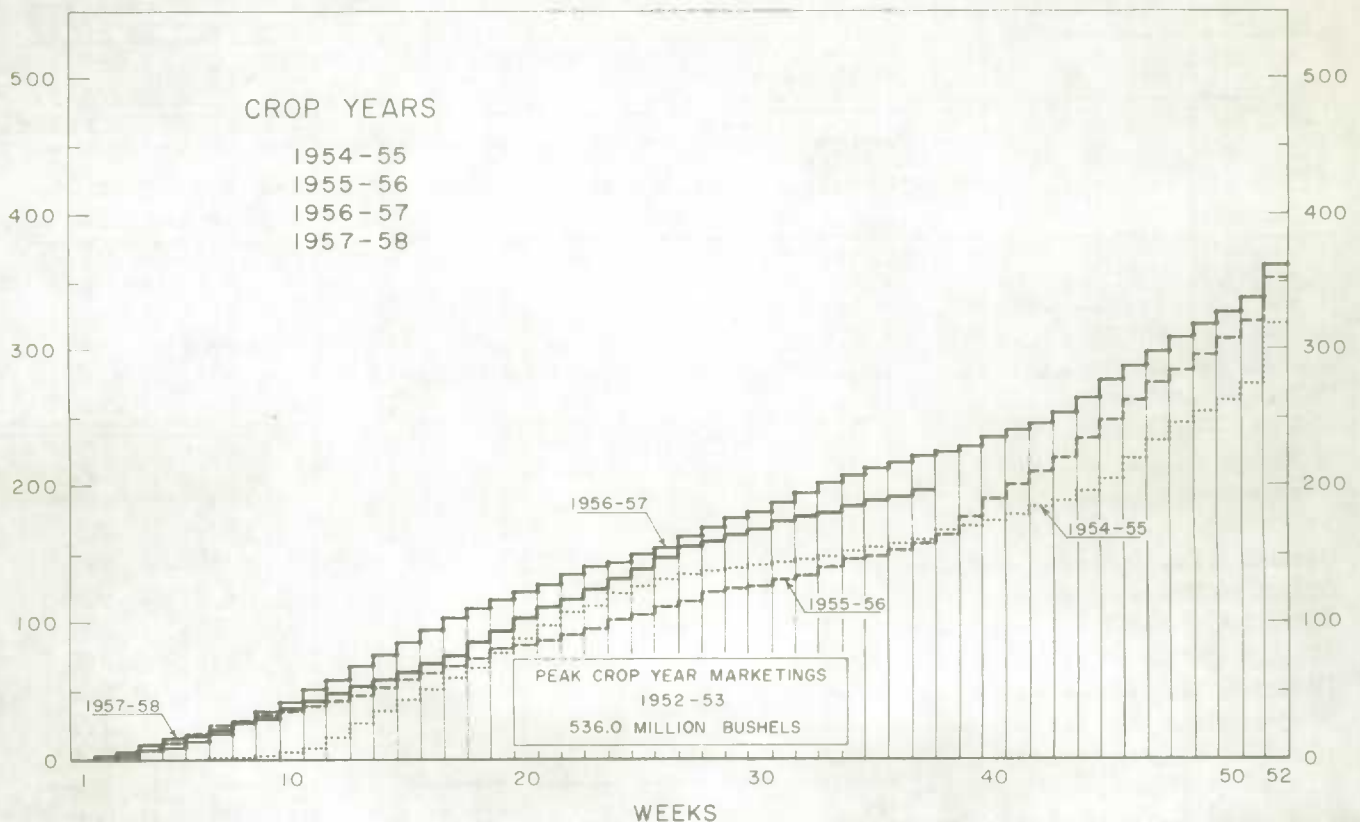
Grade	Crop Year		August-March			
	Average					
	1951-52-	1956-57	1956-57	1957-58		
	1955-56					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 Hard	<u>1/</u>	-	-	-	-	-
1 Man. Northern	4.6	1.2	1,809	1.4	442	0.4
2 Man. Northern	30.7	26.9	38,001	30.3	25,665	23.8
3 Man. Northern	20.5	27.1	32,167	25.6	31,241	29.0
4 Man. Northern	8.5	13.0	13,734	10.9	19,992	18.6
5 Wheat	8.1	14.6	17,010	13.5	12,377	11.5
6 Wheat	3.2	4.2	4,005	3.2	5,266	4.9
Feed Wheat	0.6	0.2	222	0.2	130	0.1
Garnet	0.5	0.1	187	0.1	7	<u>1/</u>
Amber Durum	2.2	5.5	7,801	6.2	6,220	5.8
Alberta Winter	0.3	0.6	1,206	1.0	33	<u>1/</u>
Toughs <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	15.9	3.2	4,708	3.7	3,799	3.5
Damps <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	2.7	<u>1/</u>	25	<u>1/</u>	160	0.1
Rejected <u>2/</u>	1.8	2.8	3,971	3.2	2,026	1.9
All Others	0.5	0.5	726	0.6	381	0.4
Totals	100.0	100.0	125,572	100.0	107,739	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 April 16, 1958
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1955-56 and 1956-57

Destination	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Chicago	341,044	89,487	156,933
Duluth Superior	742,411	1,153,261	1,046,132
Milwaukee	52,923	27,745	-
Huron	40,000	-	-
Buffalo	1,494,997	834,702	1,904,288
Totals, Vessel	2,671,375	2,105,195	3,107,353
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Seaboard Ports	1,335	-	-
Other U.S.A. Points	1,575,046	827,108	828,592
Totals, Rail	1,576,381	827,108	828,592
Totals, Shipments	4,247,756	2,932,303	3,935,945

* 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 April 16, amounted to 3.9 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1956-57 and 1955-56 shipments amounted to 2.9 million and 4.2 million bushels, respectively. Of the current season's total to date about 79 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 eight months of the current crop year totalled 24.7 million bushels, compared with 22.5 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 March 31, 1957	August 1, 1957 to March 31, 1958
- bushels -		
Prescott	1,112	-
Port McNicoll	7,077,607	6,480,967
Midland, Tiffin	10,405,874	10,746,107
Collingwood	650,987	1,268,250
Owen Sound	1,984,784	2,758,684
Goderich	922,614	276,293
Sarnia	831,376	1,956,705
Lakefield	579,649	936,214
Toronto	-	34,000
Port Colborne	-	242,343
Totals	22,454,003	24,699,563

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

Month	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
- bushels -				
August	61,070	56,951	100,667	33,297
September	50,633	64,033	70,324	42,125
October	46,053	63,975	120,535	34,937
November	81,253	148,576	240,628	67,894
December	179,272	477,622	613,482	232,252
January	352,109	2,340,921	792,000	525,238
February	318,009	1,735,097	490,778	178,204
March	245,958	1,599,503	338,534	191,312
April	169,137	300,913	161,103	-
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, March 1958

Grade	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	U.S.A.
- bushels -					
3 Northern	-	-	40,000	-	-
#5 Wheat	1,750	1,500	68,167	11,833	-
#6 Wheat	416	-	-	-	7,500
Tough	-	-	8,833	2,833	-
Rejected	-	8,906	3,000	9,522	-
Amber Durum	-	-	4,000	10,000	-
Others	-	-	7,509	5,543	-
Totals	2,166	10,406	131,509	39,731	7,500

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1957-April 16, 1958
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>					
Vancouver-New Westminster	90,871,221	881,876	14,453,442	589,620	3,711,426
Victoria	1,267,131	-	-	-	652,784
Prince Rupert	-	-	6,190,054	-	-
<u>Churchill</u>	16,577,206	56,750	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>					
Montreal	24,574,182	970,126	1,310,820	19,991	3,031,794
Sorel	4,968,836	-	366,566	-	246,272
Three Rivers	4,961,431	-	-	-	-
Quebec	4,017,213	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime</u>					
Saint John	1,028,855	-	-	-	-
West Saint John	14,283,736	98,766	309,937	10,125	2,152,190
Halifax	12,607,541	-	11,640	-	20,494
Totals	175,157,352	2,007,518	22,642,459	619,736	9,814,960
August 1, 1956-April 17, 1957	154,296,906	200,325	42,323,433	954,454	15,373,464 1/

Overseas Clearances - Canadian Rapeseed 2/ August 1, 1957-April 16, 1958

Canadian Pacific Seaboard	bushels
Canadian Atlantic Seaboard	4,463,322
Total, Rapeseed	1,057,007
	5,520,328

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

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to March 31, 1958 represent the movement of some 10,860 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-February 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 11,943 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-February shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 9 per cent below those of 1956-57. Revised data on the 1956-57 August-February shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to March 31, 1958 place the seven-month total at 12,514 thousand bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current seven-month period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

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

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1957	10	22	114	52	616	759	285	1,858
September	12	12	86	40	599	630	265	1,644
October	16	10	107	45	564	699	196	1,637
November	12	10	99	47	571	744	279	1,762
December	9	16	106	45	501	665	179	1,521
January, 1958	6	14	88	49	509	685	117	1,466
February	2	14	62	33	354	491	17	972
Totals 1/	67	97	662	311	3,714	4,672	1,338	10,860
Same period 1956-57:								
Preliminary 2/	61	152	670	341	4,034	5,290	1,394	11,943
Revised 1/	65	154	676	345	4,090	5,421	1,763	12,514

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 306,998 tons during the August-February period of the current crop year. This total, based on claims submitted up to March 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 March 31, 1957 claims has been filed for only 294,313 tons out of a total of 313,352 tons shipped during the first seven 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-February, 1957-58 and 1956-57

Province	1956-57		1957-58
	Preliminary 2/	Revised 1/	Preliminary 1/
- tons -			
Newfoundland	2,545	2,742	2,139
Prince Edward Island	3,936	4,099	4,168
Nova Scotia	20,681	21,108	19,178
New Brunswick	16,100	16,568	15,025
Quebec	144,225	151,558	155,127
Ontario	89,735	94,365	93,060
British Columbia	17,091	22,912	18,301
Totals	294,313	313,352	306,998

1/ Based on claims filed up to March 31, 1958.

2/ Based on claims filed up to March 31, 1957.

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

Year and Month	Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat ^{1/}	Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Milling in Bond ^{2/}	Customs ^{3/} Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour	Total	Customs ^{3/} Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1955-56</u>					
August	19,777	469	3,003	23,250	22,228
September	14,877	292	3,816	18,985	16,718
October	14,075	416	3,091	17,582	19,776
November	16,447	440	3,839	20,726	21,362
December	10,323	429	2,810	13,562	15,953
January	19,053	476	2,742	22,270	20,969
February	16,985	537	3,069	20,592	22,066
March	17,631	130	3,353	21,115	23,027
April	28,974	1,333	3,207	33,514	32,360
May	37,350	1,149	3,846	42,345	39,712
June	42,219	1,246	3,656	47,121	49,735
July	24,233	322	3,565	28,120	30,044
Totals	261,943	7,238	40,000	309,181	313,950
<u>1956-57</u>					
August	26,107	223	2,989	29,319	27,149
September	24,477	146	3,144	27,767	25,579
October	20,683	222	3,084	23,989	29,253
November	20,577	875	2,920	24,372	24,410
December	17,028	834	3,403	21,266	22,042
January	14,431	487	2,515	17,433	17,393
February	11,938	115	2,741	14,794	15,334
March	13,735	168	2,909	16,812	18,671
April	12,380	296	2,542	15,218	13,238
May	19,494	1,231	2,596	23,321	25,507
June	22,043	795	2,213	25,051	23,955
July	19,490	481	2,482	22,454	24,684
Totals	222,386	5,872	33,540	261,797	267,214
<u>1957-58 4/</u>					
August	24,313	403	2,477	27,193	22,886
September	20,659	507	2,740	23,906	26,712
October	17,231	684	3,477	21,392	18,117
November	26,957	949	2,870	30,776	24,359
December	19,209	691	3,920	23,820	31,866
January	18,600	243	3,507	22,350	22,542
February	18,499	63	2,303	20,865	18,929
March	19,062	381	3,837	23,280	26,247
Totals	164,531	3,920	25,131	193,582	191,657

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

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

3/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Exports for crop years 1955-56 and 1956-57 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs for both wheat and wheat flour. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

4/ Subject to revision. Unadjusted customs returns.

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

Destination	December	March		August-March	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
			- bushels -		
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>					
United Kingdom	1,180,199	1,051,194	5,609,125	8,722,142	60,351,550
<u>Africa</u>					
British East Africa	-	460	-	2,645	-
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.	1,030	2,834	74,667	7,873	313,600
Gambia	2,576	2,208	-	7,020	-
Ghana	70,272	16,567	-	346,790	-
Nigeria	8,963	-	-	25,300	-
Other British West Africa	-	-	-	62	-
Sierra Leone	11,074	26,841	-	129,946	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Ceylon	-	552,963	-	656,003	-
Hong Kong	59,259	28,635	-	345,081	75,600
India	-	-	2,503,849	20,355	12,812,875
Malaya and Singapore	53,795	26,772	-	269,171	-
Pakistan	173	-	1,121,867	288	2,357,539
Other British East Indies	322	322	-	1,513	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar	7,213	7,728	-	33,256	-
Malta	-	-	372,400	-	1,112,907
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas	30,254	30,933	-	190,661	-
Barbados	33,288	39,760	-	244,909	833
Bermuda	4,786	13,701	-	65,830	-
British Honduras	883	624	-	8,418	-
Jamaica	154,629	191,866	-	1,175,378	1,200
Leeward and Windward Islands	97,654	92,584	-	760,996	-
Trinidad and Tobago	99,578	185,063	-	1,158,878	-
<u>Oceania</u>					
Australia	-	-	360,267	-	770,934
Fiji	58	-	-	1,346	-
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana	30,089	18,949	-	200,431	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ..	1,846,095	2,290,004	10,042,175	14,374,292	77,797,038

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

<u>Africa</u>					
Azores and Madeira	-	-	-	12,501	-
Belgian Congo	51,736	37,294	-	257,425	-
Liberia	863	230	-	3,505	-
Morocco	1,771	-	-	1,771	-
Portuguese East Africa	-	-	-	4,406	78,400
Portuguese West Africa	5,999	633	-	32,759	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia	1,391	1,237	-	20,171	-
China	-	-	201,600	-	201,600
Indochina	460	-	-	460	-
Japan	77,372	30,351	2,966,107	478,363	23,939,951
Jordan	-	-	-	74	-
Lebanon	3,802	14,697	-	41,228	-
Okinawa	-	-	78,400	-	194,133
Philippine Islands	168,845	343,586	-	3,286,417	-
Portuguese Asia	2,783	39,544	-	95,379	-

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

Destination	December	March		August-March	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
				</	

- 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				
	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>					
1 Northern	140	140	140	140	140
2 Northern	136	136	136	136	136
3 Northern	132	132	132	132	132
4 Northern	125	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat	108	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat	102	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat	96	96	96	96	96
1 C.W. Garnet	122	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet	117	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter	124	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter	119	119	119	119	119
1 C.W. Amber Durum	150	150	150	150	150
2 C.W. Amber Durum	147	147	147	147	147
3 C.W. Amber Durum	140	140	140	140	140
<u>International Wheat Agreement</u> <u>and Domestic Sales</u>					
1 Northern	162/4	162/1	162	162	161/7
2 Northern	158/4	158/1	158	158	157/7
3 Northern	150/4	150/1	150	150	149/7
4 Northern	142/4	142/1	142	142	141/7
5 Wheat	128/4	128/1	128	128	127/7
6 Wheat	124/4	124/1	124	124	123/7
Feed Wheat	121/4	121/1	121	121	120/7
1 C.W. Garnet	156/4	156/1	156	156	155/7
2 C.W. Garnet	152/4	152/1	152	152	151/7
3 C.W. Garnet	149/4	149/1	149	149	148/7
1 Alberta Red Winter	152/4	152/1	152	152	151/7
2 Alberta Winter	148/4	148/1	148	148	147/7
3 Alberta Winter	143/4	143/1	143	143	142/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum	194/4	194/1	194	194	193/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum	193/4	193/1	193	193	192/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum	181/4	181/1	181	181	180/7
<u>Export - Class II</u>					
1 Northern	162/4	162/1	162	162	161/7
2 Northern	158/4	158/1	158	158	157/7
3 Northern	150/4	150/1	150	150	149/7
4 Northern	142/4	142/1	142	142	141/7
5 Wheat	128/4	128/1	128	128	127/7
6 Wheat	124/4	124/1	124	124	123/7
Feed Wheat	121/4	121/1	121	121	120/7
1 C.W. Garnet	156/4	156/1	156	156	155/7
2 C.W. Garnet	152/4	152/1	152	152	151/7
3 C.W. Garnet	149/4	149/1	149	149	148/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum	194/4	194/1	194	194	193/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum	193/4	193/1	193	193	192/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum	181/4	181/1	181	181	180/7

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending				
	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern	140	140	140	140	140
2 Northern	136	136	136	136	136
3 Northern	132	132	132	132	132
4 Northern	125	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat	108	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat	102	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat	96	96	96	96	96
1 C.W. Garnet	122	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet	117	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter	124	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter	119	119	119	119	119
1 C.W. Amber Durum	150	150	150	150	150
2 C.W. Amber Durum	147	147	147	147	147
3 C.W. Amber Durum	140	140	140	140	140

International Wheat Agreement
and Domestic Sales

1 Northern	174/6	174/1	174	174	173/7
2 Northern	170/6	170/1	170	170	169/7
3 Northern	163/6	163/1	163	163	162/7
4 Northern	155/6	155/1	155	155	154/7
5 Wheat	143/6	143/1	143	143	142/7
6 Wheat	134/6	134/1	134	134	133/7
Feed Wheat	131/6	131/1	131	131	130/7
1 C.W. Garnet	156/6	156/1	156	156	155/7
2 C.W. Garnet	152/6	152/1	152	152	151/7
3 C.W. Garnet	149/6	149/1	149	149	148/7
1 Alberta Red Winter	152/6	152/1	152	152	151/7
2 Alberta Winter	148/6	148/1	148	148	147/7
3 Alberta Winter	143/6	143/1	143	143	142/7

Export - Class II

1 Northern	174/6	174/1	174	174	173/7
2 Northern	170/6	170/1	170	170	169/7
3 Northern	163/6	163/1	163	163	162/7
4 Northern	155/6	155/1	155	155	154/7
5 Wheat	143/6	143/1	143	143	142/7
6 Wheat	134/6	134/1	134	134	133/7
Feed Wheat	131/6	131/1	131	131	130/7
1 C.W. Garnet	156/6	156/1	156	156	155/7
2 C.W. Garnet	152/6	152/1	152	152	151/7
3 C.W. Garnet	149/6	149/1	149	149	148/7
1 Alberta Red Winter	152/6	152/1	152	152	151/7
2 Alberta Winter	148/6	148/1	148	148	147/7
3 Alberta Winter	143/6	143/1	143	143	142/7

Licensed Storage Capacity of Canadian Grain Elevators
as at March 31, 1958

Province	Kind of Licence	Elevators, including Permanent and Temporary Annexes	Public Country Supplementary Storage ^{1/}	Total
- bushels -				
<u>WESTERN DIVISION</u>				
Manitoba	Public Country	48,210,300	495,000	48,705,300
	Private Country	75,000	-	75,000
	Mill	2,095,000	-	2,095,000
	Private Terminal	3,145,500	-	3,145,500
	Semi-Public Terminal.	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
	Totals	59,525,800	495,000	60,020,800
Saskatchewan	Public Country	193,387,000	7,518,090	200,905,090
	Private Country	61,000	-	61,000
	Mill	4,915,500	-	4,915,500
	Public Terminal	11,000,000	-	11,000,000
	Totals	209,363,500	7,518,090	216,881,590
Alberta	Public Country	125,286,450	5,351,600	130,638,050
	Private Country	232,500	-	232,500
	Mill	4,095,000	-	4,095,000
	Private Terminal	1,490,000	-	1,490,000
	Public Terminal	6,100,000	-	6,100,000
	Totals	137,203,950	5,351,600	142,555,550
British Columbia	Public Country	1,743,000	-	1,743,000
	Mill	972,300	-	972,300
	Semi-Public Terminal.	23,906,500	-	23,906,500
	Totals	26,621,800	-	26,621,800
Ontario	Public Country	65,000	1,400,000	1,465,000
	Mill	1,480,000	-	1,480,000
	Private Terminal	2,435,000	-	2,435,000
	Semi-Public Terminal.	90,517,210	-	90,517,210
	Totals	94,497,210	1,400,000	95,897,210
Totals Western Division		527,212,260	14,764,690	541,976,950
<u>EASTERN DIVISION</u>				
Ontario		57,161,000	-	57,161,000
Quebec		29,712,000	-	29,712,000
Maritimes		7,229,300	-	7,229,300
Totals Eastern Division		94,102,300	-	94,102,300
Totals, Licensed Storage		621,314,560	14,764,690	636,079,250
^{1/} Storage in 370 off-site buildings.				

Summary of Grain Storage Capacity as at March 31, 1958

Type of Storage	Location	Capacity
		- bushels -
Licensed Storage*	- Western Division	527,212,260
	Eastern Division	94,102,300
		621,314,560
Public Country	- Western Division	14,764,690
Unlicensed Storage*	- Manitoba	220,000
	Saskatchewan	239,000
	Alberta	309,000
	British Columbia	170,000
	Ontario	70,000
		1,008,000
Total Storage Capacity, Licensed and Unlicensed, Permanent, Temporary and Special Annexes		637,087,250

* Including permanent and temporary annexes.

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

Total licensed grain storage capacity at March 31, 1958, according to records of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, amounted to 636.1 million bushels. Some 621.3 million bushels of this total consisted of storage space in elevators including permanent and temporary annexes, with the balance of 14.8 million bushels being located in public country supplementary storage. The latter are buildings located on or off railway sites and suitable for the emergency storing of grain. Although they cannot qualify for licensing as country elevators under the Canada Grain Act, order in council P.C. 5122 dated September 26, 1951 provides for the licensing of such buildings on a temporary basis for emergency grain storage.

Unlicensed off-farm storage capacity at March 31, 1958 amounted to 1.0 million bushels, making a combined total of 637.1 million bushels of licensed and unlicensed storage, as against a combined total of 628.3 million bushels at March 31, 1957.

On a regional basis, licensed storage capacity for some 542.0 million bushels representing 85 per cent of the licensed total, was located in the Western Division. Total licensed storage capacity of elevators in the Prairie Provinces at March 31, 1958, in millions of bushels, were as follows, (comparable data for March 31, 1957 in brackets); Saskatchewan, 216.9 (211.6); Alberta, 142.6 (140.6); and Manitoba, 60.0 (58.7). On the basis of the type of license, public country elevators accounted for a storage capacity of 383.5 million bushels or 71 per cent of the total licensed storage capacity in the Western Division at March 31, 1958.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during March 1958 amounted to 3,415,000 hundredweight, exceeding by 10 per cent the February output of 3,098,000 hundredweight and 14 per cent greater than the March 1957 total of 2,983,000 hundredweight but 6 per cent less than the ten-year (1948-1957) average production for the month of March of 3,624,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during March 1958 had a total rated capacity of 180,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 72.8 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during March 1958 amounted to 7.7 million bushels compared with 7.0 million bushels milled during the previous month and 6.7 million bushels milled during March 1957. Of the wheat milled for flour during March 1958, some 7.0 million bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario Winter Wheat (482,000 bushels); Durum (166,000 bushels); and all other (60,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during March 1958 amounted to 1,668,000 hundredweight (some 3,837,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing an increase of 67 per cent over the 2,303,000 bushels exported during February 1958 and 32 per cent greater than the adjusted March 1957 total of 2,909,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty countries, with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 1,051 thousand bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 27 per cent of the March 1958 total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Ceylon, 553; Venezuela, 413; Philippine Islands, 344; Jamaica, 192; Trinidad and Tobago, 185; and United States, 152.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour - bushels -	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports 1/
		- cwt. -	
1935-36--1939-40 average	67,845,114	29,405,451	9,603,941
1940-41--1944-45 average	99,704,638	43,908,245	23,699,546
1945-46	118,074,774	52,018,498	28,361,546
1946-47	127,775,176	56,033,374	33,116,617
1947-48	109,822,011	47,353,004	26,776,683
1948-49	90,896,984	39,944,794	20,947,620
1949-50	90,082,917	39,708,032	19,896,137
1950-51	106,748,343	46,315,153	24,356,912
1951-52	104,494,021	44,771,184	22,258,324
1952-53	106,727,237	46,776,625	24,609,199
1953-54	91,855,269	40,769,909	20,142,824
1954-55	92,406,768	40,606,599	17,692,945
1955-56	91,770,025	40,148,750	17,391,300
1956-57	85,149,373	37,623,446	14,582,431
1957-58 2/ August	7,094,364	3,151,879	1,076,815
September	7,629,799	3,372,860	1,191,300
October	8,315,059	3,688,086	1,511,826
November	8,185,725	3,637,969	1,247,654
December	7,046,817	3,127,026	1,704,554
January	7,845,002	3,464,747	1,524,670
February	7,002,252	3,097,834	1,001,259
March	7,740,565	3,415,066	1,668,435
Totals	60,859,583	26,955,467	10,926,513
Same period 1956-57 (revised)	58,928,229	26,011,480	10,307,072

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

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1957-58 (July-June) crop year consisting of the July 1 carry-over of 908.7 million bushels and the 1957 production of 947.1 million, amount to 1,855.8 million bushels, representing a decline of 9 per cent from the 1956-57 total of 2,037.7 million. Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent from Canada for all purposes during the July-March period of the current United States crop year amounted to 4.9 million bushels. After deducting an estimated 584.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 1,276.7 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1957-58 compared with 1,454.6 million in 1956-57.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57	1957-58 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	1,033.4	908.7
New crop	1,004.3	947.1
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,037.7	1,855.8
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-March	4.4	4.9
Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u>	2,042.1	1,860.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u>	587.5	584.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,454.6	1,276.7
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-March	344.2	230.1
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-March <u>4/</u>	53.7	55.5
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>5/</u>	397.9	285.6
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	1,056.7	991.1

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

Exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first nine months of the 1957-58 United States crop year amounted to 285.6 million bushels, about 28 per cent below the 397.9 million exported during the same months in 1956-57. The balance remaining

on April 1, 1958 for export and for carryover was estimated at 991.1 million bushels as against 1,056.7 million on the same date a year ago.

Winter Wheat Crop

Estimated at

964 Million Bushels

In a report released on April 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that winter wheat conditions on April 1 indicated a crop of 964 million bushels. This would be 57 million bushels above the December 1 forecast, nearly 36 per cent larger than the 1957 crop of 707 million bushels, and 13 per cent above average. Increases from prospects as of December 1 have been largely confined to the Great Plains, Mountain and Pacific Coast States. Such increases more than offset rather sharp reduction in production prospects in the South Atlantic and South Central regions, except Oklahoma and Texas.

The indicated yield at 21.9 bushels per seeded acre is the highest of record and compares with 18.8 in 1957 and the average of 15.9 bushels. The current estimate is based on an appraisal of the April 1 condition of wheat as reported by individual growers and on soilmoisture reserves and other factors affecting production. The current estimate of production assumes normal weather and effects of insects and diseases for the remainder of the crop season.

Total abandonment and diversion to uses other than grain is indicated at 2.5 million acres, 5.6 per cent of the total acreage seeded for all purposes last fall and winter. This is slightly less than indicated last December. Of the 2.5 million-acre total, about one million acres are in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico. This compares with nearly 4.5 million acres abandoned in these States in 1957. For the United States last year, 5.9 million acres or 15.8 per cent of the total acreage seeded was lost or diverted.

Minimum Support for 1958-Crop

Wheat \$1.78; 1957 was \$2.00

The minimum National average support price for 1958-crop wheat was announced on April 19, 1957 at \$1.78 per bushel. This price reflected 75 per cent of estimated transitional parity. This minimum average support will not be reduced but may be increased if a combination of the wheat parity price as of July 1, 1958 and the wheat supply relationships as of that same date indicates a higher support price.

Full support will be available in the 36 commercial wheat States for producers who comply with their individual farm acreage allotments. Support rates for wheat produced in the 12 noncommercial wheat States are set by law at 75 per cent of what the rate would be if the State were in the commercial area. In the noncommercial States, acreage allotments and marketing quotas will not apply.

Stocks of Wheat

in All Positions

April 1, 1958

On April 24, the United States Department of Agriculture reported that "Stocks of 1,121 million bushels of wheat stored in all positions on April 1 were the smallest since 1954. The total was 15 per cent smaller than the record holdings on April 1, 1956, but 44 per cent above average and the fifth largest of record. Total stocks were 18 per cent larger than the 1957 production, reflecting the large carryover of old wheat on July 1, 1957, a large part of which was Government owned. However, this is the second straight year of declining stocks from the previous year. Stocks were less than April 1, 1957, stocks by 67 million bushels or 6 per cent.

Off-farm wheat stocks of 945 million bushels were nearly 8 per cent smaller than a year earlier with stocks in each off-farm position less than the previous year. Stocks owned or controlled by CCC showed the sharpest decline, being reduced by more than one-fourth. Over four-fifths of the total stocks were either owned by the Government or under Government loan.

Farm stocks of wheat on April 1 were indicated at 176 million bushels, slightly above the 167 million bushels a year earlier, but 22 per cent below the 10-year average. More than one-half of the total wheat on farms was under government loan or purchase agreement.

U.S. Wheat Stocks by Positions, April 1, 1958 with Comparisons

Position	April 1 Average 1947-56	April 1 1957	January 1 1958	April 1 1958
- thousand bushels -				
On Farms <u>1/</u>	224,608	166,644	291,629	176,246
Terminals <u>2/</u>	196,137	360,702	360,662	335,916
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3/</u>	32,723	102,380	72,516	74,571
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/ 4/</u> .	327,070	558,954	659,996	534,744
Totals	780,538	1,188,680	1,384,803	1,121,477

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at 45 Terminal cities.

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

4/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated, including merchant mills.

Cash Wheat Prices Near High
for the Season to Date;
Average About at Support Level

According to the April 25 issue of The Wheat Situation published by the United States Department of Agriculture cash wheat prices on April 14 generally were at or close to the high for the season to date. Prices at the various markets were generally about at the loan level for the 1957 crop. The price of white wheat at Portland was an exception at 11 cents below the high reached on December 6 though one cent above the loan. Prices have subsequently generally declined, except at Minneapolis, in spite of the relatively tight free supply situation.

Quantities of wheat on which loans had been repaid and wheat under purchase agreements which farmers have not elected to deliver have served to increase free supplies (supplies remaining outside the price support program), but free supplies are still expected to be relatively tight before the wheat from the 1958 harvest is available.

The total quantity of wheat owned by CCC or held under the support program about April 1 amounted to 944 million bushels. This consisted of 717 million bushels owned by CCC, 217 million bushels of 1957 wheat still under support on March 15, and 10 million of 1955-and 1956-crop wheat under resale. The average price received by farmers in mid-March was \$1.96, which is 4 cents above a month earlier and 6 cents above the price two months earlier, and compares with \$2.07 in mid-March 1957.

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

NOTE

These data on exports by destination cover only the first eight 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 nine 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-February 1956-57			July-February 1957-58		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- 1,000 bushels, grain equivalent -						
Western Hemisphere						
Central America	893	2,675	3,568	896	3,158	4,054
Cuba	2,062	2,622	4,684	2,051	3,091	5,142
British West Indies	2	2,364	2,366	2	2,295	2,297
Haiti	-	864	864	156	1,086	1,242
Colombia	2,317	40	2,357	3,243	433	3,676
Venezuela	151	4,258	4,409	522	4,269	4,791
Peru	2,139	181	2,320	2,771	218	2,989
Bolivia	2,454	838	3,292	-	314	314
Chile	4,883	19	4,902	1,968	74	2,042
Brazil	4,556	1	4,557	8,571	1,388	9,959
Others	1,154	1,880	3,034	482	1,639	2,121
Totals	20,611	15,742	36,353	20,662	17,965	38,627
Europe						
Norway	1,389	570	1,959	45	604	649
Denmark	3,137	26	3,163	1,240	9	1,249
United Kingdom	27,262	880	28,142	14,421	642	15,063
Netherlands	15,475	2,324	17,799	2,461	2,504	4,965
Belgium-Luxembourg	16,330	19	16,349	1,573	16	1,589
France	29,303	1	29,304	-	6	6
Germany, West	28,379	83	28,462	14,037	35	14,072
Austria	1,853	3	1,856	1,117	-	1,117
Switzerland	6,472	6	6,478	437	-	437
Finland	2,813	-	2,813	681	-	681
Poland	-	-	-	18,479	-	18,479
Portugal	4,635	79	4,714	287	64	351
Italy	5,655	252	5,907	742	473	1,215
Yugoslavia	11,313	12	11,325	3,031	26	3,057
Greece	11,217	21	11,238	1,513	3	1,516
Others	1,964	50	2,014	2,097	370	2,467
Totals	167,197	4,326	171,523	62,161	4,752	66,913
Asia						
Turkey	9,200	-	9,200	1,957	-	1,957
Lebanon	-	1,504	1,504	-	1,195	1,195
Israel	7,359	479	7,838	5,888	7	5,895
Saudi Arabia	959	2,607	3,566	14	983	997
India	27,037	22	27,059	61,087	19	61,106
Pakistan	17,767	1	17,768	11,912	1	11,913
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia	-	2,336	2,336	-	665	665
Indonesia	-	3,733	3,733	-	99	99
Philippine Republic	-	4,336	4,336	-	5,501	5,501
Korea	7,213	654	7,867	5,006	803	5,809
Formosa	4,156	-	4,156	4,677	4	4,681
Japan	31,299	1,360	32,659	29,144	1,442	30,586
Others	861	782	1,643	1,880	1,545	3,425
Totals	105,851	17,814	123,665	121,565	12,264	133,829
Africa						
Morocco	-	21	21	1,448	8	1,456
Tunisia	2,580	2	2,582	102	110	212
Egypt	1,071	358	1,429	-	326	326
French West Africa	1,924	6	1,930	458	1	459
Ghana	-	951	951	-	1,097	1,097
Western British Africa	-	1,262	1,262	-	1,454	1,454
Others	1,349	1,209	2,558	298	966	1,264
Totals	6,924	3,809	10,733	2,306	3,962	6,268
Oceania	-	32	32	-	21	21
Unspecified 2/	1,115	2,783	3,898	395	10,162	10,557
World Totals	301,698	44,506	346,204	207,089	49,126	256,215

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

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City		No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis	
Date	Price	Date	Price
	cents per bushel		cents per bushel
April 1, 1958	230 1/2 - 235 1/2	April 1, 1958	230 3/4 - 231 3/4
2	238	2	231 5/8 - 232 5/8
3	NOT AVAILABLE	3	231 1/2 - 232 1/2
4	GOOD FRIDAY	4	GOOD FRIDAY
7	228 - 232	7	231 5/8 - 232 5/8
8	228 3/4 - 230 1/4	8	231 3/4 - 232 3/4
9	229 3/4 - 231	9	231 3/4 - 232 3/4
10	229 3/4 - 230 1/4	10	233 3/4 - 234 3/4
11	230 - 232	11	235 - 236
14	231 1/4 - 234	14	235 1/4 - 236 1/4
15	228 - 232 3/4	15	235 3/8 - 236 3/8
16	226 - 233 1/2	16	236 3/8 - 237 3/8
17	224 - 225	17	236 1/8 - 237 1/8
18	222 - 249	18	236 1/2 - 237 1/2
21	222	21	237 1/2 - 238 1/2
22	217 - 220 1/2	22	236 3/8 - 237 3/8
23	213 1/2 - 224	23	236 1/4 - 237 1/4
24	221 3/4 - 231 1/2	24	236 1/4 - 237 1/4
25	219 3/4 - 232 1/2	25	236 1/8 - 237 1/8
28	222 - 226	28	237 3/4 - 238 3/4
29	223 3/4 - 224 1/4	29	239 1/4 - 240 1/4
30	NOT AVAILABLE	30	238 5/8 - 239 5/8

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
April 1, 1958	217	189/2	192	197	200/6
2	218/5	189/4	192/2	197/1	200/6
3	218/7	188/3	191/2	196/1	199/4
4		GOOD FRIDAY			
7	218/6	188/7	191/6	196/7	200/3
8	218/5	190	193	198/2	201
9	218/7	190/1	193/1	198/1	201/2
10	219/1	189/4	192/4	197/3	200/5
11	220/4	190/5	193/4	198/3	202
14	221/3	190/4	193/4	199	202/2
15	220/4	188/7	191/7	197/4	200/6
16	218/1	188/3	191/5	197	200/2
17	218/2	189/3	192/2	197/6	201/4
18	218/3	189/6	192/6	198	201/5
21	215	186/6	189/7	195/2	198/6
22	214/1	187	189/6	195	198/6
23	214/4	186/3	189/3	194/4	198
24	215	187/1	189/6	195/1	198/6
25	215/1	186/1	189/1	194/2	198
28	216	187	190	195/2	198/7
29	217/4	186/7	189/5	195	198/6
30	219/4	187	190	195/2	199

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the crop year 1957-58, consisting of the December 1, 1957 carryover of 59.4 million bushels and the new crop placed at 194.7 million amount to some 254.1 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent a decrease of 18 per cent from the 1956-57 total of 309.2 million bushels. After making an allowance of 139.6 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements an estimated 114.5 million are available for export and for carryover as against 169.6 million in 1956-57. Exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1957-March 1958 amounted to 16.9 million bushels compared with a total of 30.6 million exported during the same months of 1956-57. The balance remaining on April 1, 1958 for export and for carryover was estimated at 97.6 million bushels, about 30 per cent below the April 1, 1957 figure of 139.0 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57	1957-58 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u>	48.3	59.4
New Crop <u>3/</u>	260.9	194.7
Total estimated domestic supplies	309.2	254.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	139.6	139.6
Available for export and for carryover	169.6	114.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-March	30.6	16.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Dec.-Mar.	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	30.6	16.9
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	139.0	97.6

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

The following account of the Argentine situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. C.S. Bissett, Commercial Counsellor, Buenos Aires, under date of April 22, 1958, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions from Argentine to Canadian measures have been made for the convenience of our readers. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of 18 pesos to the United States dollar.

Weather and Crops

The official report for March is not yet available but there have been further general rains which have been beneficial for the soil for winter sowings. The rains will also benefit this year's corn crop in both yields and quality.

Wheat

There has been a sudden surge of "Southern" hard wheat sales during the last month. Some 198,600 metric tons (7,297,000 bushels) of the current crop were sold at prices between 1,340 and 1,363 pesos (\$2.03 and \$2.06 per bushel). From April 10 to 14 alone, 177,000 metric tons (6,504,000 bushels) were disposed of by the Grain Board including 50,000 metric tons (1,837,000 bushels) earmarked for Brazil and sold at 1,340 pesos (\$2.03 per bushel) to exporters who bid on the tender called for the purpose.

A substantial amount of 1956-57 wheat, mostly Rosafé, was also sold during the month. Sales of 104,229 metric tons (3,830,000 bushels) of 1956-57 Rosafé wheat took place and sizeable additional lots were sold for export as flour. Only one sale of 2,143 metric tons (78,700 bushels) of this year's Rosafé crop has been registered to date. The National Grain Board Chairman recently said there would probably be very little new crop Rosafé available for export as harvests have been poor in the Northern wheat regions. It looks at present as though local flour mills will absorb almost the entire crop of this variety.

Sales for the month of wheat of all kinds, totalled 328,178 metric tons (12,058,000 bushels) the largest monthly sale since June 1957.

The latest Grain Board statistical reports issued March 30 show new crop purchases of 4,692,775 metric tons (172,430,000 bushels) with 475,746 metric tons (17,481,000 bushels) already in ports awaiting export.

Corn

The weather continues to be surprisingly favourable for this grain and recent general rains are resulting in even better weights and yields. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock has not published a second official estimate of the seeded area for the present crop year, but there has been suddenly published the first official estimate of production at 4,800,000 metric tons (189 million bushels). This figure must be considered a very tentative one. As the official text itself says: "this first estimate is published when harvesting of early lots is not yet complete and while late corn is still unmaturing". The opinion of the trade in Buenos Aires is that the estimate is very low. They maintain their own previous estimates of 6,000,000 to 6,500,000 metric tons (236.2 to 255.9 million bushels). One of the specialized grain trade firms in the province of Santa Fé continues to estimate 7,500,000 metric tons (295.3 million bushels), but this figure seems somewhat excessive. They themselves admit that unforeseen factors such as excessive rain, lack of farm labour, etc. could reduce their optimistic forecast. Whatever the final harvest, it is most probable that at least 3,000,000 metric tons (118,104,000 bushels) of corn will be available for export, taking into consideration that domestic requirements are normally about 2,500,000 metric tons (98,420,000 bushels). The prospect is, therefore, that Argentina will enjoy a favourable and influential position in the 1958 corn export market. The first lots of the new crop have arrived at Parana River ports and shipments will have to be speeded up to make way for the prospective greatly increased flow from April on even though a further rebate in the "aforos" for corn has been postponed. (See Policy). Sales of 1956-57 corn were brisk last month totalling 130,792 metric tons (5,149,000 bushels). The Board sold some damaged export lots totalling 20,171 metric tons (794,000 bushels) which were stored in the Port of San Nicolás (Province of Buenos Aires). The reduced prices of the sales were 1,050 and 1,070 pesos (\$1.48 and \$1.51 per bushel). "Aforo" authorizations amounted to 110,621 metric tons (4,355,000 bushels) mainly for countries under multilateral agreements. The first sale of new crop corn totalling 3,000 metric tons (118,100 bushels) at 1,086 pesos (\$1.53 per bushel) was announced on April 18.

Oats,
Barley
and Rye

Preparations for early seeding have begun and as a result of widespread heavy rains, moisture conditions are favourable. Already some very early dual purpose seedings have taken place.

Some 159,179 metric tons of these grains were sold this month, a noticeable increase over last month's sales. Oats had the greatest sale, 85,416 metric tons (5,538,000 bushels) all "aforo" authorizations. Rye sales of 36,740 metric tons (1,446,000 bushels) took place and 27,029 metric tons (1,241,000 bushels) of barley were sold. The Grain Board itself was in the market with 8,000 metric tons (314,900 bushels) of rye sold at prices between 860.30 and 873.30 pesos (\$1.21 and \$1.23 per bushel).

Policy

"Aforos" on Corn Exports The National Grain Board has announced there will be no modification of the "aforo" on corn exports until after May 1 at least, on which date the newly elected Government takes office.

Revival of Wheat Flour Exports Follows Recently Established

"Aforos" The Argentine Central Bank has established an "aforo" (minimum official acceptance export price) for wheat flour exports as follows:

Wheat flour "aforo" U.S. \$41.78 per metric ton (\$1.90 per cwt.)

Retentions: National Rehabilitation Fund none

National Technological Agricultural Institute 1.5%

The trade has been greatly encouraged by this new "aforo". The National Grain Board formerly sold the flour to the exporters, at prices ranging from pesos 1,539 to 1,692 (\$3.88 to \$4.26 per cwt.) according to packing. These prices were not competitive in the international market (where the average price is U.S.\$ 85 per metric ton or \$3.86 per cwt.) as all foreign exchange earned was refundable at the official market rate of exchange. Under the newly established system the Board sells to the exporters the wheat of the 1956-57 crop at an average price of pesos 1,290 (\$1.95 per bushel). The exporter then profits (a) by the fact that of whatever price he may obtain for the flour in foreign markets (usually the neighbouring countries of Bolivia and Chile) only the "aforo" value is refundable through the official market, while any remainder will be refundable at the free market rate of exchange (approximately 39 pesos per U.S. \$ 1.), (b) by the sale of the wheat by-products such as bran and middlings. Already 12,421 metric tons (456,000 bushels) of wheat have been sold by the Grain Board to be exported as flour. Its equivalent of 8,943 metric tons (197,100 cwt.) of flour will be the greatest amount exported since the beginning of April 1957.

Increase in
Wheat Prices
to Millers

On April 18 a boost in the price of wheat to millers was announced of 300 pesos (45 cents) from 800 to 1,100 pesos per metric ton (\$1.21 to \$1.66 per bushel), which also marks the beginning of new wheat sales. Prior to April 1957 the Grain Board paid 800 pesos (\$1.21 per bushel) and sold to millers at 500 pesos (76 cents per bushel). Then the price to millers was raised to 800 pesos (\$1.21) while the Grain Board continued to pay 800 pesos per metric ton (\$1.21 per bushel). According to the new decree which takes effect on April 23, the Grain Board will pay 1,000 pesos (\$1.51 per bushel) and sell to millers at 1,100 pesos per metric ton (\$1.66 per bushel).

Grain Sales

Sales of all grains during the past month almost trebled those of the previous month and totalled 608,115 metric tons. Wheat

sales at 328,178 tons (12,058,000 bushels) accounted for over half of the total. The most important sales of this grain were of "Southern" wheat of the new crop, of which 198,600 metric tons (7,297,000 bushels) were sold at prices fluctuating between 1,340 and 1,362 pesos (\$2.03 and \$2.06 per bushel). One lot of 3,700 tons (136,000 bushels) of "Southern" wheat of this same crop was sold at 1,300 pesos (\$1.97 per bushel). Important quantities, 104,229 tons (3,830,000 bushels), were also sold of 1956-57 "rivers" wheat at prices ranging from 1,270 to 1,297.50 pesos (\$1.92 to \$1.96 per bushel). The Board also sold 12,421 tons (456,000 bushels) of wheat to be exported as flour; 7,085 tons (260,000 bushels) of Candeal (1956-57) at 1,300 pesos (\$1.97 per bushel) and one single lot of 2,143 tons (78,700 bushels) of new "Rosafé" wheat at pesos 1,325 (\$2.00 per bushel). Corn sales of the 1956-57 crop were next largest with 130,792 metric tons (5,149,000 bushels) mostly all "aforo" authorizations, including 98,721 metric tons (3,886,000 bushels) for the multilateral countries, 8,400 metric tons (330,700 bushels) for the sterling area, 2,000 metric tons (78,700 bushels) for Czechoslovakia and 1,500 metric tons (59,100 bushels) for the United States. Oats sales followed with 85,416 metric tons (5,538,000 bushels) all "aforo" authorizations, including 72,900 tons (4,727,000 bushels) for the multilateral countries, 4,954 (321,200 bushels) for Czechoslovakia and 3,547 (230,000 bushels) for Brazil. Rye was fourth in quantity at the much lower level of 36,740 metric tons (1,446,000 bushels). Of these 8,000 metric tons (314,900 bushels) were sold by the Grain Board at 1,050 and 1,070 pesos (\$1.48 and \$1.51 per bushel), while the remaining 28,740 tons (1,131,000 bushels) were all "aforo" authorizations for the multilateral countries. The last place was occupied by barley with 27,029 tons (1,241,000 bushels) all "aforo" authorizations and of which there were 11,412 tons (524,000 bushels) for Czechoslovakia, 11,000 (505,000 bushels) for the multilateral countries and 2,868 (131,700 bushels) for Yugoslavia.

Argentine Wheat Exports, December 1957 - March 1958 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Belgium	529	Netherlands	1,238
Bolivia	110	Norway	37
Brazil	4,731	Paraguay	705
Chile	1,999	Peru	904
Denmark	122	Sweden	11
Germany, Western	2,943	Switzerland	42
Italy	1,307	United Kingdom	2,214
		Total	16,894

Same Period:

1956-57	30,593
1955-56	35,898
1954-55	46,591
1953-54	34,308
1952-53	5,955

Grain Shipments Grain shipments totalled 334,762 metric tons showing an increase over the month of February. Wheat shipments at 173,437 metric tons (6,373,000 bushels) accounted for more than half of the total. Brazil was by far the most important buyer with 64,005 tons (2,352,000 bushels) followed by the United Kingdom with 37,089 (1,363,000 bushels), Netherlands 22,136 (813,000 bushels) and Germany and Peru with about 16,700 tons (614,000 bushels) each. Corn was in second place with 59,501 tons (2,342,000 bushels) mostly for Netherlands, Italy and Belgium, each one importing about 17,000 tons (669,000 bushels). Oats followed very closely with 53,035 metric tons (3,439,000 bushels), Netherlands taking 16,240 tons (1,053,000 bushels) while Belgium imported 8,838 (573,100 bushels), Sweden 8,050 (522,000 bushels), Switzerland 5,900 (382,000 bushels), Western Germany 5,675 (368,000 bushels), with smaller lots to other countries. Rye shipments were smaller, totalling only 25,578 metric tons (1,007,000 bushels), mainly shipped to Netherlands, Western Germany and Belgium, while barley was last with 23,211 metric tons (1,066,000 bushels) the bulk of which, 14,171 tons (651,000 bushels) was shipped to Netherlands.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1956-57	1957-58 ^{1/}
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	83.9	41.4
New Crop	134.7	95.0
Total estimated domestic supplies	218.6	136.4
Imports December - March	-	0.4
Total estimated supplies	218.6	136.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	73.0	76.0
Available for export and for carryover	145.6	60.8
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - April 5 ...	32.4	8.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - April 5	12.7	6.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	45.1	14.8
Balance on April 6 for export and for carryover	100.5	46.0

^{1/} Preliminary.

Estimated domestic supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1957-58 crop year consisting of the December 1, 1957 carryover of 41.4 million bushels and the new crop placed at 95.0 million amount to some 136.4 million bushels, representing a decline of 38 per cent from the 1956-57 total of 218.6 million.

Imports of wheat from Canada during the December-March period of the current Australian crop year amounted to 0.4 million bushels. After deducting 76.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 60.8 million are available for export and for carryover during 1957-58 as against 145.6 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 April 5, 1958 amounted to 14.8 million bushels, sharply below the 45.1 million exported during the corresponding period of 1956-57. The balance remaining on April 6, 1958 for export and for carryover, at 46.0 million bushels, represented a decrease of 54 per cent from the comparable 1957 figure of 100.5 million.

The following information relative to the Australian situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. H.S. Hay, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada, Melbourne, under date of April 15, 1958 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of £1 equals \$2.1883 (Canadian), the quotation in effect on April 14, 1958.

Wheat

Stabilisation

Plan

The present five year's plan expires with the marketing of the 1957-58 crop. The Minister for Primary Industry, Mr. McMahon, has conferred with a special committee of the Australian Wheat Growers' Federation regarding the Federation's proposals for a new stabilisation plan and was informed that while a number of important principles of the present plan were acceptable to the Federation, amendments were desired on certain other points. Mr. McMahon said that it was clear that, in general, the wheat growing industry considered that long term stabilisation arrangements were essential to the welfare of the wheat industry and that the current five year plan had operated fairly satisfactorily. The industry's proposals for a new five year plan provided for the continuation of the Australian Wheat Board as the central wheat marketing authority and for a Commonwealth guarantee in respect of returns from the sales of up to 100 million bushels of wheat exported from each annual crop. He stated that the basis of the guarantee still had to be determined, and that in this connection the Bureau of Agricultural Economics had been conducting for some months a field survey of the current economic and physical structure of the wheat industry. The findings of this survey are to be examined by the Wheat Index Committee which will then report on the production costs aspect. As soon as the appropriate point in the negotiations with the wheat growers' representatives is reached, the position will be placed before the Australian Agricultural Council of Ministers. The States are co-partners with the Commonwealth in the current plan, and complementary Commonwealth and State legislation will be necessary to make any new wheat stabilisation plan work. Mr. McMahon stated that he hoped the negotiations between the Commonwealth, the States and the industry could be successfully completed, and the necessary Commonwealth and State legislation passed in plenty of time for the beginning of the 1958-59 season.

Further Loss
of Flour Markets
Predicted

Australia has already lost some of her flour markets, and it is likely more will be lost because of the difficulty in competing with Continental countries who were receiving subsidies from their governments and were getting yields far in excess of what Australia could hope to attain. This was noted in a report by

Mr. E.G. Hoy, a member of the Australian Wheat Board. Output in certain western European countries had been increasing in recent years with only a slight increase in acreage. For instance, West Germany in 1948 produced 98 million bushels from 2½ million acres, an average of 39 bushels to the acre. Last year, from three

million acres, output was 141 million bushels, an average of 47 bushels to the acre. This completely overshadowed Australia's production of 123 million bushels from about ten million acres. These factors were making it very difficult for Australia to compete on an equal basis, Mr. Hoy said.

It is reported that on April 14, at the inter-sessional committee of GATT in Geneva, Australia formally protested that French export subsidies on wheat and wheat flour were "seriously harming" Australian exports, particularly in Singapore, Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon and other South-East Asian countries - traditional outlets for Australian wheat exports. The Australian Government referred the matter to the inter-sessional committee as a matter of urgency - "nullification of benefits" - under the General Agreement. The subject is to be discussed again on April 16.

New Season's
Wheat Sowings

The area of wheat and oats to be sown in New South Wales this season is expected to be greater than last season. Most of the New South Wales wheat belt has received good rains, and the area of land which has received preliminary preparation for sowing is already greater than that in either of the last two seasons. There has been a marked increase in sowings of winter wheat, and Winter Minflor seed has been in brisk demand in northern districts. Germination of early sowings of the winter wheats has been generally satisfactory, but a seedling blight condition has thinned some stands. This damage is thought to have been caused by a "damping off" disease, which is favoured by warm, moist conditions following germination.

In Victoria, recent rainfall in the wheat growing areas has not been sufficient to be of much use. However, there is no pressing urgency yet for rain in the wheat districts. At least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches is needed to replenish storages, give an early growth of grass and set weeds growing in time for wheat farmers to work on fallows.

In Queensland, large areas of the western and south-western part of the State are still drought stricken and present prospects for the livestock industries in these areas are poor. A record winter grain acreage is now expected, provided suitable planting rains are received. Records are expected for both wheat and barley, and the combined area under these crops could approach 900,000 acres.

Wheat and
Flour Sales

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

United Kingdom	29,500 long tons (1,101,000 bushels)
New Zealand	300 long tons (11,000 bushels)
Japan	6,000 long tons (224,000 bushels)
Eire	4,000 long tons (149,000 bushels)
Malta	10,000 long tons (373,000 bushels)
Rhodesia	17,500 long tons (653,000 bushels)

No Profit on Wheat
Imported into
N.S.W.

The New South Wales Minister for Agriculture and Food Production said in Parliament recently that no profit of any kind would be made by the New South Wales Government, the Australian Wheat Board, or anyone else, as a result of

this year's 4/0¹/₂d. (44 cents) per bushel levy on wheat. The levy would not be varied. Assuming a satisfactory crop this year, it might be possible to remove the levy about the end of October, because of a slight fall in the demand for wheat, due to improved pastoral conditions, and a small reduction in shipping freights. The 1957 wheat harvest in New South Wales had virtually failed and less than 4 million bushels had been delivered to the Australian Wheat Board. Seven and a half million bushels had been brought into New South Wales so far. Shipments had come from Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, and 400,000 bushels from Canada. At least another 10 million bushels would be required.

Premium Payments
on Wheat in
New South Wales
Rise

The premiums being received by growers in north-western New South Wales continued to rise, and sales notified to the Board included 2,500 bushels at six shillings (66 cents) per bushel premium, and 7,500 bushels at 5/9d. (63 cents) premium. Another sale is reported to have been negotiated at a premium of 8/3d. (90 cents) per bushel. These sales were negotiated directly between the grower and the miller, the Board being notified of premium which was paid direct, and the Board documenting only the f.a.q. part of the transaction.

Queensland Growers again
seek Wheat Premium

The Queensland Grain Growers' Association has asked the State Government to continue a 1/- (11 cents) bushel premium on this season's wheat consumed locally, as an incentive to develop the wheat industry. The Association is seeking the premium to restore orderly marketing of wheat and stop inter-State sales outside the State Wheat Board. State Government aid last season through a 1/- (11 cents) bushel grant, plus freight concessions of 3d. (3 cents) a bushel could be an incentive this year to develop the wheat industry. It could produce an export surplus, so should apply only to home consumption wheat.

Wheat Industry Research
Laboratory to be Built
in Queensland

The Queensland Wheat Industry Research Committee met at Toowoomba on March 14 and decided to establish a wheat research centre with laboratories and facilities for small-scale outdoor experiments. The committee was appointed last November to administer the funds derived from the farthing a bushel wheat levy for promotion of research and extension work. The levy has been collected since October, 1956. It applies to Pools Nos. 20 and 21, and for Queensland amounts to £11,386.17.9d. (\$24,917.93) to December 31, 1957. It proposes to arrange for field experiments to be carried out at State experiment stations and on private properties representative of the wheatgrowing areas of Queensland by suitable contracts with the owners. If the State harvests a normal crop in 1958, the committee should have £30,000 (\$66,000) to put into the first stage of the centre. The centre's policy will be determined by the Wheat Industry Research Committee and the Department of Agriculture and Stock will be invited to manage the institution. Once the facilities are established, the committee will make grants to the Department of Agriculture and Stock, the University of Queensland and other research organizations. The committee has decided to concentrate its attack on two problems of great importance in the Queensland wheat industry - the control of soil-borne diseases which have increased greatly in recent years; and the maintenance and improvement of soil fertility to ensure both yield and quality. The co-operation of Queensland's research organizations in the program of this centre will make a substantial contribution to the development of this State's latent resources for grain production.

New Wheat Variety
in Western Australia

Merredin Research Station in Western Australia has bred a new wheat variety, "Moora" from a cross made in 1943

between Eureka 2 and M. 60. Formerly known as the cross-bred M. 114, Moora is a mid-season maturing variety suitable for general cultivation, is disease resistant and had a flour strength markedly superior to Bencubbin 48 which it is intended to replace. It is equal in strength to Kondut but not as strong as Gabo.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1, 1957-
April 5, 1958 and Corresponding Period 1956-57

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58
	- thousand bushels -			
Aden and Aden I/T	4	10	301	210
Aden and Aden (as Atta Flour) ..	-	-	-	8
Belgian Congo	-	-	1	2
British North Borneo	-	-	102	93
British West Indies	1	-	207	1
Brunei	-	-	12	11
Burma	-	108	230	166
Ceylon	4	4	3,147	44
Czechoslovakia	315	-	-	-
Dutch New Guinea	-	-	28	33
Germany, West	3,367	-	-	-
Ghana	-	-	1/	1/
Hong Kong	654	596	-	-
Hong Kong (General)	-	-	135	50
Hong Kong (a/c War Office)	-	-	12	4
India	6,288	209	-	-
Indonesia	2	-	2,290	1,161
Iran	554	-	-	-
Iraq	1,044	-	-	-
Japan	119	2,455	-	-
Macao	-	-	6	2
Malaya	347	215	-	-
Malaya (as Atta Flour)	-	-	-	17
Malaya (General)	-	-	2,149	1,815
Maldives Islands	-	-	-	26
Mauritius	-	-	512	234
New Zealand	3,774	3,472	2	5
Nigeria	-	-	1/	2
Nyasaland	-	-	43	93
Pacific Islands	8	9	732	687
Pakistan	1,976	-	-	-
Pakistan (as Atta Flour)	-	-	-	1
Persian Gulf	37	34	371	56
Persian Gulf (as Atta Flour) ...	-	-	-	252
Philippine Islands	-	-	161	150
Port Said (a/c S/S)	-	-	-	3
Portuguese East Africa	193	-	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa)	79	-	24	7
Rhodesia	864	1,003	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	60	73
Saudi Arabia	2	66	-	29
Seychelles Islands	-	-	14	10

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1, 1957-
April 5, 1958 and Corresponding Period 1956-57

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58
	- thousand bushels -			
Singapore (a/c War Office) ...	-	-	46	31
Sudan	-	-	515	-
Thailand (Siam)	2	7	296	289
Timor	-	-	7	18
United Kingdom	12,726	363	1,119	496
Zanzibar	2	5	123	78
Royal Navy	20	6	5	7
Ships' Stores	-	-	51	39
Totals	32,382	8,562	12,700	6,200

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position

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-February	32.4	-
Total commercial supplies	230.1	329.5
Less domestic requirements for crop year	187.4	187.4
Available for export and for carryover	42.8	142.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain August-February	-	36.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-February	6.5	15.4
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	6.5	52.1
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover	36.3	90.0

(Private estimate based on Grain Board statistics).

1/ Preliminary.

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 43 per cent the 1956-57 total of 230.1 million (including August-February 1956-57 imports of 32.4 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 42.8 million.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first seven months of the current crop year amounted to 52.1 million bushels in contrast to the August-February 1956-57 total of only 6.5 million bushels exported in the form of wheat flour. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on March 1, 1958 totalled 90.0 million bushels as against 36.3 million at March 1, 1957.

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Miss V.F. Wightman, Agricultural Attaché, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of April 17, 1958, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions from French to Canadian measures have been made and rounded for the convenience of our readers. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of one franc equals .002273 Canadian dollars.

Weather
and Crops

The month of March provided colder weather than was experienced most of the winter. According to the Ministry of Agriculture crop report, it was marked by frequent frosts, along with either snow or rain in most areas. Frosts, however, were fairly light and caused no damage to grain-fields, the main effect being felt in orchards or market gardens. Development of grainfields has been slowed down appreciably by the low temperatures whereas it had been well ahead of other years.

The heavy rains, which continued from February, retarded field work and account for lower sowings of spring grains. Separate statistics for spring grains show the wheat area so far only half that of this time last year and coarse grains only a third. For this reason the following table of total sowings (both winter and spring) is deceptive and should not be regarded as indicating trends. It should be borne in mind that the area sown to winter wheat was slightly above (1.2 per cent) 1957 and that of barley 7.7 per cent higher.

as follows: The April 1 estimate of combined winter and spring sowings is

Area Seeded to Grain, April 1

Grain	April 1, 1957	April 1, 1958	Comparison April 1 1958 with 1957
	- thousand acres -		- per cent -
Wheat	11,181	11,134	- 0.4
Wheat and Rye	50	50	-
Rye	909	881	- 3.1
Barley	2,882	2,112	- 26.7
Oats	3,634	1,969	- 45.8
Mixed Grains	150	196	+ 30.7
Totals	18,807	16,343	- 13.1

Source: French Ministry of Agriculture.

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

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

Month	Foreign Countries		French Union		Total	
	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58	1956-57	1957-58
- thousand bushels -						
August	439	778	497	732	936	1,510
September	162	4,899	642	556	804	5,455
October	119	7,665	545	709	664	8,375
November	235	9,412	604	783	839	10,194
December	226	11,002	745	720	971	11,722
January	721	9,085	737	1,025	1,458	10,110
February	264	4,154	534	579	798	4,733
Totals	2,165	46,995	4,304	5,104	6,469	52,099

French Exports

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

French Wheat and Wheat Flour Exports, August 1957-February 1958

Destination	Aug. - Feb.	Destination	Aug. - Feb.
- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -	
Ceylon	2,232	Netherlands	2,444
Denmark	444	Pakistan	2,239
Egypt	5,797	Portugal	866
Germany	13,405	Switzerland	686
Indonesia	1,534	Tangiers	665
Malaya	631	United Kingdom	14,194

Wheat Imports

There have been no imports of soft wheat during the current crop year. This is a marked contrast with the previous season when cumulative imports had reached 880,655 tons (32,359,000 bushels) by the end of February.

Farmers

Marketings

Wheat deliveries on March 1 had reached 7.4 million tons (271,903,000 bushels), compared with almost 6.8 million (249,857,000 bushels) at the same period in 1956. It is therefore expected that total marketings should reach 8 million tons (293,900,000 bushels) for the season.

Farmers' Marketings, March 1

Grain	1956	1957	1958
- thousand bushels -			
Soft wheat	249,782	135,402	274,907
Durum wheat	595	56	512
Rye	2,350	3,172	4,355
Barley	27,144	117,951	57,211
Oats	13,873	22,816	10,222

The program of feeding wheat has been pushed this crop year, and it appears that some 750,000 to 800,000 tons (27,558,000 to 29,395,000 bushels) will be returned to farmers for feed either as denatured wheat or under other regulations. In addition, other unknown quantities are fed on the farm, mainly to poultry, without ever moving into commercial channels. Such quantities can be calculated only at the end of the crop year as the difference between the crop estimate and other uses which can be accurately determined due to the overall control of the French Grain Board.

Market Outlook The French Grain Board has again been selling for export, once it became evident that winter wheat ran no further risk of frost damage. By mid-April, cumulative sales had reached 1.7 million tons (62,464,000 bushels), approximately a third in flour, compared with 1.6 million (58,790,000 bushels) last December when selling stopped. It is expected that exports will probably reach around 2 million tons (73,487,000 bushels) for the 1957-58 season. Original forecasts had been slightly higher but with the current setback by cold weather, the harvest will be later than originally anticipated and larger stocks must therefore be carried into the summer.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- April 8 The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce estimated wheat flour production in the United States during February 1958 at 19,254,000 sacks.
- 11 The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced the resignation of Mr. George McIvor as Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board.
- 18 The 1958 grain shipping season opened at the Lakehead.
Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions as at March 31, 1958 were estimated at 815.7 million bushels.
- 23 Wheat stocks in all positions in the United States at April 1, 1958 amounted to 1,121 million bushels.
- May 1 The United States Department of Agriculture announced "advance" minimum national average support price of \$1.81 per bushel for 1959-crop wheat, if wheat marketing quotas are approved in the June 20 referendum.
- 2 The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that the initial price to be paid on wheat for the crop year beginning August 1, 1958 would remain at \$1.40 per bushel, basis in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver.

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