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(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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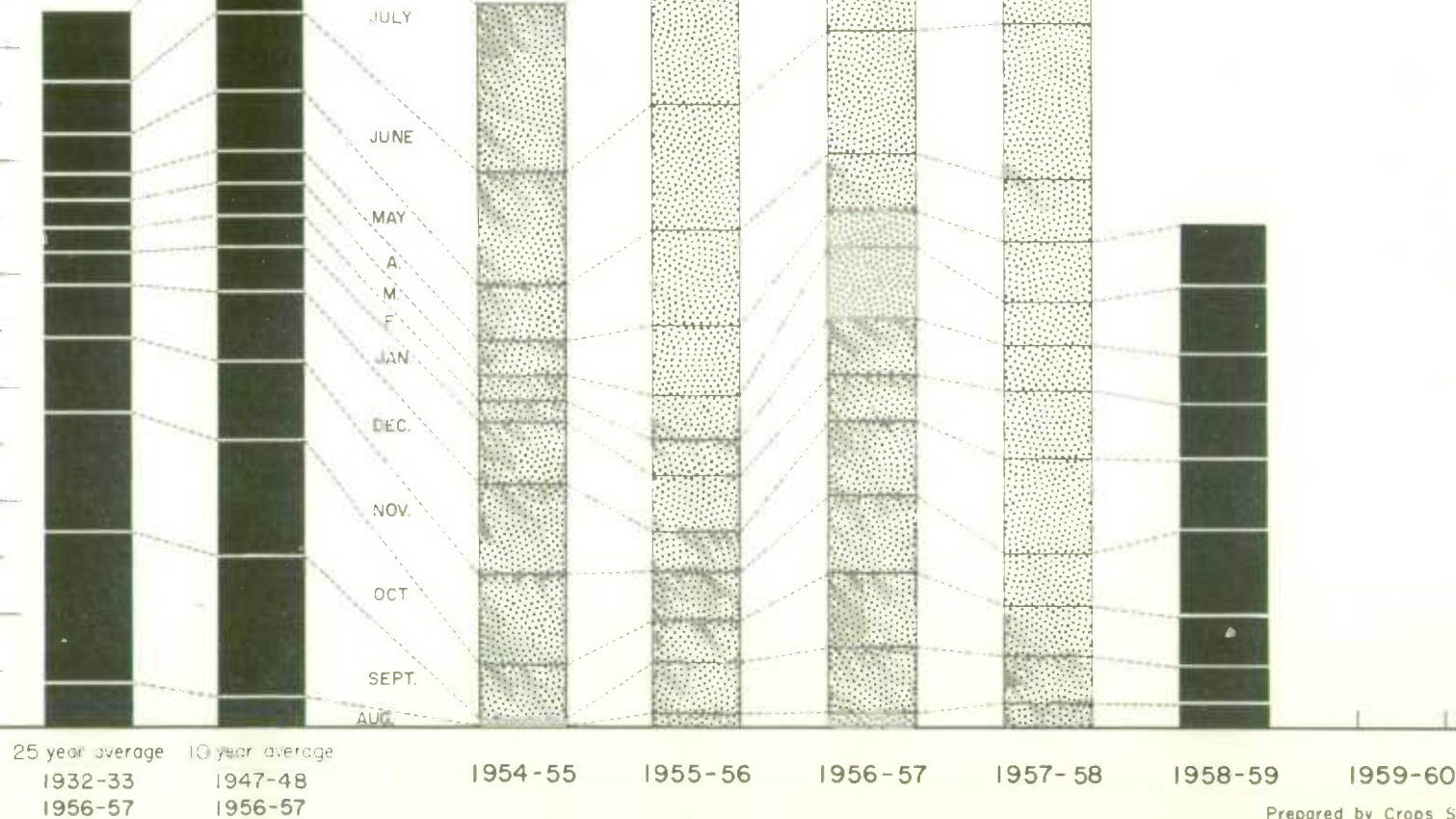
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PEAK MARKETINGS  
1952-53 CROP YEAR  
536.0 MILLION BUSHEL



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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about May 1, 1959 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,207.7 million bushels, representing an increase of 22 per cent over the 1,815.5 million available a year ago. Supplies at May 1, 1959 in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,373.7 (953.5); Canada, 609.2 (707.0); Argentina, 99.4 (110.2); and Australia, 125.4 (44.8). Estimates for both crop 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 August-April period of the current Canadian crop year, at 671.2 million bushels, were 8 per cent greater than the 624.2 million exported during the same months in 1957-58. Shipments from each of the four countries during August-April of the current (Canadian) and eight preceding crop years are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat August 1958 - April 1959  
with Comparisons

August-April	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51 .....	257.3	154.4	67.5	89.7	568.9
1951-52 .....	372.5	224.5	24.0	69.8	690.8
1952-53 .....	260.8	249.6	10.6	68.0	589.0
1953-54 .....	146.4	187.0	86.8	43.0	463.2
1954-55 .....	207.4	190.4	102.6	74.6	575.0
1955-56 .....	219.4	194.5 1/	90.2	72.4	576.5 1/
1956-57 .....	409.6	193.5 1/	72.7 1/	103.9	779.7 1/
1957-58 1/ .....	295.2	224.7	54.6	49.7	624.2
1958-59 2/ .....	329.6	211.0	74.8	55.8	671.2

1/ Revised.    2/ Preliminary.

Crop Conditions in Europe According to a recent trade report weather conditions in Europe have been generally favourable for crop development. Some areas have received beneficial rains while other districts continue to require more moisture. In the United Kingdom rains and unsettled weather have been favourable to grain crops although additional moisture is required in southern sections. In France the weather has been warm and crop development rapid. Scattered showers have fallen in West Germany and crops have benefited although spring grains are reported to have suffered some deterioration from the rather extended dry spell. Excellent growing conditions have continued in Italy and very satisfactory wheat yields are anticipated. Prospects for grain crops in Turkey are also reported to be excellent. In Yugoslavia crop development is satisfactory while conditions in Turkey are described as generally good for wheat and other crops. Current conditions in Spain indicate an increase in wheat production this year. In Portugal the outlook is considered to be slightly less favourable than last year.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1958-59

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	2,077	-	2	67	-	1,503	3,649	12,886
Bolivia .....	4,042	-	-	-	-	-	308	308	3,734
Brazil .....	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	1,102	1,102	6,247
Costa Rica .....	1,653	585	-	-	-	-	896	1,481	172
Cuba 4/ .....	8,175	190	-	-	-	-	8,045	8,235	-
Denmark .....	1,837	322	-	-	-	-	1,198	1,520	317
Dominican Republic	1,286	529	-	-	-	-	398	927	359
Ecuador .....	1,837	153	-	-	-	-	163	316	1,521
Egypt .....	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
El Salvador .....	919	244	-	-	-	-	567	811	108
Germany 4/ .....	55,116	29,096	-	1,772	7,679	1,535	15,123	55,205	-
Greece .....	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
Guatemala .....	1,653	292	-	-	-	-	1,246	1,538	115
Haiti .....	2,204	2	-	-	-	-	737	739	1,465
Honduras Republic.	919	26	-	-	-	-	233	259	660
Iceland .....	404	4	-	-	-	-	5	9	395
India 4/ .....	7,349	5,339	-	1,503	-	-	565	7,407	-
Indonesia .....	5,144	-	-	1,938	-	-	-	1,938	3,206
Ireland 4/ .....	5,512	2,853	-	2,174	41	-	480	5,548	-
Israel .....	8,267	1,547	-	-	-	-	1,930	3,477	4,790
Italy .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Japan .....	36,744	14,963	-	2,124	-	-	17,841	34,928	1,816
Korea 4/ .....	2,205	-	-	-	-	-	2,247	2,247	-
Lebanon .....	2,756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,756
Liberia .....	73	12	-	-	-	-	36	48	25
Mexico .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Netherlands .....	25,721	6,260	-	63	1	-	9,858	16,182	9,539
New Zealand 4/ ...	5,879	-	-	5,876	-	-	-	5,876	-
Nicaragua 4/ .....	367	106	-	-	-	-	223	329	-
Norway .....	6,614	3,381	-	-	22	28	3,103	6,534	80
Panama .....	1,102	167	-	-	-	-	605	772	330
Peru .....	7,349	-	-	-	-	-	28	28	7,321
Philippines 4/ ...	6,063	1,725	-	76	-	-	4,254	6,055	-
Portugal .....	5,879	395	254	51	857	-	937	2,494	3,385
Saudi Arabia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	136	136	3,538
Spain .....	4,593	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,593
Switzerland .....	6,981	5,367	-	-	-	-	-	5,367	1,614
Union of S. Africa 4/	5,512	5,512	-	-	-	-	-	5,512	-
Vatican City 4/ ..	551	-	-	-	-	-	551	551	-
Venezuela .....	6,246	569	-	-	-	-	3,900	4,469	1,777
Yugoslavia .....	3,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,674
Totals .....	295,252	81,716	254	15,579	8,667	1,563	78,218	185,997	
Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries)		100,294	14,325	29,493	16,115	6,268	128,757	295,252	
Balance .....		18,578	14,071	13,914	7,448	4,705	50,539	109,255	

1/ Canadian Sales through May 26, 1959.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through May 22, 1959.

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

4/ Quota filled.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Final Payment  
on 1957-58

Speaking in the House of Commons on June 5, 1959 the Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced in part that the final accounting of the 1957-58 Wheat Pool has been completed.

Wheat Pool

I am now in a position to advise the House of the operating results of this Pool which was closed as at May 15 last. Producers delivered 376.9 million bushels of wheat to the 1957-58 Pool.

An interim payment was made in respect of this Pool in March last. The interim payment involved the distribution of \$38,783,856.67. The basis of the interim payment was 10 cents per bushel on all grades of wheat excepting high quality milling grades of Durum wheat upon which the interim payment was 15 cents per bushel.

The final payment will amount to \$33,874,398.61 after providing for payment costs and Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy.

The average final payment will, therefore, amount to the equivalent of 8.98856 cents per bushel.

Total prices realized by producers for the principal grades of wheat delivered to the 1957-58 Pool were higher than the total prices received for the preceding crop year. Prior to the deduction for the Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy, the total realized prices are as follows:

	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>
	\$	\$
No. 1 Northern ....	1.58838	1.62120
No. 2 Northern ....	1.54892	1.58592
No. 3 Northern ....	1.47978	1.49794
No. 4 Northern ....	1.37880	1.39630

The Canadian Wheat Board has advised me that it is in a position to commence issuing final payment cheques to producers immediately. The payment will be completed during June.

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat for the crop year 1958-59 consisting of the August 1 carryover of 611.5 million bushels and the 1958 production of 368.7 million, amount to 980.2 million bushels, 11 per cent less than the 1957-58 total of 1,100.1 million and 15 per cent below the record 1956-57 supplies of 1,152.8 million. After deducting an estimated 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 820.2 million are available for export and for carryover during the 1958-59 crop year compared with 931.7 million in 1957-58.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 211.0 million bushels representing a decline of 6 per cent from the 224.7 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on May 1, 1959 for export and for carryover amounted to 609.2 million bushels, about 14 per cent less than the May 1, 1958 total of 707.0 million.



# Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1957-58 <u>1/</u>	1958-59 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	729.5	611.5
New Crop .....	370.5	368.7
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-February ...	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	1,100.1	980.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	168.3	160.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	931.7	820.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk August-April <u>4/</u> .....	191.2	179.2
Exports of bagged seed wheat August-April <u>5/</u> .....	4.0	4.7
Total exports of wheat as grain .....	195.3	183.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat August - April <u>5/</u> .....	29.4	27.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	224.7	211.0
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover .....	707.0	609.2

- 1/ Subject to revision.    2/ Preliminary.    3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.  
4/ As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (Includes overseas clearances and imports into the United States.    5/ Customs returns, 1957-58 adjusted for time lag.

Farmers' Marketings of wheat (both east and west) up to May 20 of the current crop year have amounted to 240.8 million bushels, 1 per cent greater than the total of 237.5 million marketed during the corresponding period of the 1957-58 crop year. Some 29.2 million bushels of this year's total were marketed during the five weeks, April 16 to May 20, 1959. Disappearance of Canadian wheat through licensed elevator channels into export and domestic markets (overseas clearances, plus imports into the United States plus Canadian domestic use and including grain milled for subsequent export) during the same five weeks amounted to 36.3 million bushels. With export and domestic requirements exceeding primary deliveries during the period under review, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat at May 20, 1959 amounted to 368.7 million bushels compared with 375.9 million at April 15.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at May 20 of this year exceeded both the 1958 and 1957 comparable totals of 351.4 million and 362.7 million bushels, respectively. Stocks in country elevators, at 228.1 million bushels, accounted for 62 per cent of the current total and were above both the 1958 total of 217.9 million and the 1957 figure of 217.8 million bushels. Interior terminal stocks accounted for 13.3 million bushels compared with 11.2 million a year ago and 11.9 million two years ago. The 13.9 million bushels "In transit rail" (Western Division) at May 20, 1959 was relatively unchanged from the 1958 total of 14.0 million but slightly above the 1957 figure of 12.3 million bushels. Supplies in Lakehead position at 44.9 million bushels, were more than double the 22.3 million of a year ago and well above the 33.7 million of two years ago. Stocks in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports, however, at 18.6 million bushels, were sharply below both the 1958 and 1957 totals of 31.8 million and 34.9 million bushels, respectively. "In transit lake"



at May 20 this year accounted for 5.4 million bushels compared with 8.2 million a year ago and 4.6 million two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports at May 20, 1959 amounted to 18.3 million bushels, below both the 1958 total of 19.7 million and the 1957 figure of 21.9 million bushels. Supplies in West Coast Ports (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) amounted to 12.5 million bushels compared with 11.3 million in 1958 and 11.0 million bushels in 1957.

April 1959 Exports of  
Wheat and Flour Total  
22.8 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during April 1959 amounted to 22.8 million bushels, 1 per cent greater than the March total of 22.6 million, 16 per cent above the ten-year (1948-1957) April average of 19.7 million but 16 per cent less than the April 1958 total of 27.1 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners), at 18.9 million bushels, were 2 per cent greater than the 18.6 million exported during the preceding month but 17 per cent less than the April 1958 total of 22.8 million bushels. Exports of bagged seed wheat during April 1959, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 0.6 million bushels compared with the March figure of 1.4 million and the April 1958 total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 0.3 million bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 3.3 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during April 1959, 30 per cent greater than the 2.5 million exported during March but 17 per cent less than the adjusted April 1958 total of 4.0 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 179.2 million bushels, representing a decline of 6 per cent from the comparable 1957-58 total of 191.2 million. The United Kingdom, continuing in its position as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 67.7 million bushels and representing 38 per cent of the August-April 1958-59 total. During the August-April period of the 1957-58 crop year shipments of Canadian wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 66.8 million bushels and accounted for 35 per cent of the total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the August-April period of the current crop year, with figures for the same months of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 27.4 (25.9); Federal Republic of Germany, 27.4 (22.5); Belgium, 7.9 (7.2); Netherlands, 7.5 (16.1); India, 5.6 (17.1); Union of South Africa, 5.3 (nil); Switzerland, 4.3 (6.3); Norway, 3.1 (3.0); and Ireland, 3.0 (1.4).

Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-April of the 1958-59 crop year, based on Customs returns, amounted to 4.7 million bushels compared with the adjusted 1957-58 August-April total of 4.0 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the August-April period of 1958-59, also based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 27.1 million bushels of wheat, 8 per cent lower than the adjusted August-April 1957-58 total of 29.4 million. As with bulk wheat, the United Kingdom was also the principal market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of wheat flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 10.1 million bushels of wheat and accounted for 37 per cent of the August-April 1958-59 total. During the August-April period of the 1957-58 crop year shipments of wheat flour to the United Kingdom also amounted to the equivalent of 10.1 million bushels of wheat and represented 34 per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with revised data for the August-April period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Philippine Islands, 2.8 (3.6); Ceylon, 1.8 (1.7); United States, 1.2 (1.3); Jamaica, 1.2 (1.3); Trinidad and Tobago, 1.2 (1.2); Ghana, 0.8 (0.4); Venezuela, 0.8 (2.9); Leeward and Windward Islands, 0.7 (0.8); and Japan, 0.7 (0.6).

Crop Conditions in  
the Prairie Provinces

According to a telegraphic crop report published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics under date of June 10, 1959 seeding is practically completed in all three Prairie Provinces, except in some areas of Manitoba where operations have been delayed by excessive moisture. Germination in general has been good and warm weather during the past week has stimulated growth of cereals. Hay and pastures are good in Manitoba, poor to fair over most of Saskatchewan and slow in development in most parts of Alberta. Cutworms are active in all three provinces and grasshoppers are hatching in forecast areas. Chemical control measures have commenced. Apart from Manitoba, moisture supplies are at a critically low level. Although crops are standing up well, timely rains will be needed to prevent rapid deterioration.

Wheat seeding is completed in Manitoba except for a few fields in the southeast where conditions have been wet all spring. Approximately 75 per cent of the coarse grains and 60 per cent of the flax have also been sown. Crop growth has been excellent for the past few days due to warmer weather. Rains are needed in western sections but moisture is in excess in the Red River Plains and east of the Red River Valley. Cutworms are widespread and doing some crop damage. Wireworms, flea beetles and sunflower beetles are numerous. Some spraying for insects is already underway and weed spraying has begun in western sections. The acreage of special crops will likely be 10 per cent or more lower due to variable weather conditions. Live-stock are doing well with improved pasture growth. Recent rains have improved hay crop prospects.

With warmer temperatures grains generally have made fairly good growth in Saskatchewan. However, moisture reserves are limited and rainfall will soon be required to properly advance crops. Some late-seeded fields now lack sufficient surface moisture for germination. Although the appearance of all crops is favourable at the present time deterioration will be rapid in the event of a lengthy dry period or extremely high temperatures and wind. Wheat averages three inches and coarse grains two inches in height. There are numerous demands for chemicals to combat grasshopper infestations in the southern, central and west-central district. Outbreaks of redback cutworms are occurring in northeastern areas. Grass growth for livestock is barely sufficient and in many areas water reserves are inadequate.

Seeding is practically completed in Alberta. Germination has been generally good except for some fields in east-central and northeast districts where it is reported to be spotty. Crops on summerfallow are growing well but many stubble crops in central areas are short of moisture. Cutworms are active over large portions of the province. Pastures and hay crops are very slow, but livestock are doing reasonably well up to now. Rain is needed at most points in the province.

Boxcar Demurrage  
Ruling Suspended

The May 19, 1959 issue of "Notes on Canadian Agriculture" published by the Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, stated in part that following the presentation of briefs by the three western wheat pools, the western farm unions and the line elevator companies to the federal government on April 29, the cabinet on May 7 suspended temporarily the Board of Transport Commissioners' ruling which authorized Canadian railways to impose demurrage charges on loaded grain cars remaining at western terminal grain elevators for more than ten days after the official opening of navigation. This suspension will allow the matter to receive further consideration and study.



Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to May 20, 1959  
and to Approximately the Same Date 1949 to 1958\*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1949 .....	48,361	4,351	4,888	3,540	2,993	64,133
1950 .....	21,847	2,155	4,024	662	69	28,757
1951 .....	32,253	10,147	6,068	1,362	136	49,966
1952 .....	56,671	16,653	16,036	2,332	1,534	93,225
1953 .....	66,674	18,188	25,412	3,146	1,183	114,604
1954 .....	4,988	12,771	11,196	1,223	1,123	31,301
1955 .....	35,343	6,330	16,271	4,481	1,381	63,807
1956 .....	52,876	5,741	17,988	3,755	880	81,239
1957 .....	44,845	7,881	12,037	572	2,850	68,185
1958 .....	53,137	10,145	20,516	1,647	1,215	86,660
1959 .....	27,425	4,130	8,819	663	677	41,714

\* Shipments from opening of navigation to May 19, 1949; May 18, 1950; May 17, 1951; May 22, 1952; May 21, 1953; May 17, 1954; May 18, 1955; May 23, 1956; May 22, 1957; and May 21, 1958.

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to May 20 this year amounted to 41.7 million bushels compared with 86.7 million shipped during the comparable period of 1958. In 1959 the season of navigation opened on April 20 while the 1958 season opened on April 18. Shipments of each of the five principal grains were below their respective 1958 levels, with the largest decrease occurring in shipments of wheat.

**General Quota Position** By June 1, 1959 out of a total of 2,030 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 282 on a quota of 7 bushels per specified acre, 274 points were on a 6-bushel quota and 556 points were on a 5-bushel quota. The largest number, 709 points were on a 4-bushel quota while 88 points were on a 3-bushel quota. Of the 121 points appearing under the limited quota, 30 points were limited at 7 bushels, 34 points were limited at 6 bushels, 49 points were limited at 5 bushels and 8 points were limited at 4 bushels per specified acre.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division  
as at June 1, 1959

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre					Limited				Total
	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Four	Five	Six	Seven	
Ontario .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Manitoba .....	51	232	74	11	4	1	1	-	-	374
Saskatchewan .....	37	476	388	98	57	7	12	10	2	1,087
Alberta .....	-	1	94	165	218	-	34	24	26	562
British Columbia .....	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	5
All Provinces .....	88	709	556	274	282	8	49	34	30	2,030



Farmers' Marketings 1/ 2/ of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1958-59

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year <u>1/</u>
		- bushels -				
August	6, 1958 .....	24,121	170,879	17,502	212,502	455,502
	13 .....	48,414	410,030	105,886	564,330	1,631,517
	20 .....	530,671	837,276	433,390	1,801,337	3,032,606
	27 .....	655,469	2,402,721	799,374	3,857,564	5,450,126
September	3 .....	339,017	2,320,487	1,007,161	3,666,665	4,448,141
	10 .....	627,177	2,731,480	1,318,831	4,677,488	3,255,272
	17 .....	876,894	2,872,636	1,884,076	5,633,606	3,788,910
	24 .....	465,499	1,888,330	1,054,410	3,408,239	4,142,391
October	1 .....	312,295	1,538,887	830,513	2,681,695	5,248,839
	8 .....	312,841	3,825,960	1,118,284	5,257,085	6,163,797
	15 .....	426,949	3,400,180	946,895	4,774,024	5,711,676
	22 .....	638,086	3,558,895	1,228,570	5,425,551	4,912,139
	29 .....	669,631	4,449,753	1,469,635	6,589,019	5,273,008
November	5 .....	849,994	5,872,876	2,004,736	8,727,606	4,763,875
	12 .....	953,433	5,138,702	1,489,048	7,581,183	5,665,494
	19 .....	1,311,444	4,772,684	1,680,173	7,764,301	5,664,539
	26 .....	1,008,111	5,266,454	1,759,342	8,033,907	6,826,854
December	3 .....	713,127	3,827,448	1,503,964	6,044,539	9,637,688
	10 .....	782,917	4,970,681	1,654,700	7,408,298	8,775,523
	17 .....	1,250,351	5,504,925	1,662,902	8,418,178	8,848,531
	23 .....	867,581	6,445,886	2,425,776	9,739,243	8,454,157
	30 .....	942,586	3,495,655	1,535,144	5,973,385	6,357,396
January	7, 1959 .....	873,721	3,034,162	1,510,351	5,418,234	5,531,301
	14 .....	991,633	3,238,040	1,986,657	6,216,330	8,711,602
	21 .....	1,195,720	4,325,517	2,943,315	8,464,552	8,317,693
	28 .....	642,538	1,918,308	1,604,532	4,165,378	7,379,820
February	4 .....	905,136	3,868,446	2,202,774	6,976,356	6,748,159
	11 .....	464,094	2,340,320	1,888,149	4,692,563	4,942,195
	18 .....	546,676	2,353,576	1,516,790	4,417,042	3,828,974
	25 .....	539,723	2,665,475	1,985,822	5,191,020	4,553,846
March	4 .....	900,708	4,815,472	2,487,533	8,203,713	5,091,553
	11 .....	680,755	3,405,740	2,780,105	6,866,600	4,093,673
	18 .....	566,519	3,089,858	2,847,729	6,504,106	3,780,940
	25 .....	503,717	2,715,763	1,802,584	5,022,064	3,867,076
April	1 .....	323,043	1,888,155	1,634,651	3,845,849	2,834,184
	8 .....	256,613	3,183,772	1,696,342	5,136,727	1,896,902
	15 .....	423,599	4,544,056	2,609,296	7,576,951	5,500,172
	22 .....	672,609	5,019,480	2,141,087	7,833,176	11,094,197
	29 .....	548,349	4,643,729	1,990,541	7,182,619	8,170,919
May	6 .....	580,080	3,461,860	1,579,767	5,621,707	8,325,429
	13 .....	652,863	2,704,735	1,294,240	4,651,838	5,635,883
	20 .....	990,612	2,082,594	830,299	3,903,505	5,862,539
Totals .....		27,865,316	141,001,883	67,262,876	236,130,075	234,670,038
Average similar period: 1947-48-1956-57 <u>1/</u> .....		31,227,498	160,453,552	82,219,966	273,901,016	

1/ Includes receipts at Country, Interior Private and Mill and Platform Loadings.

2/ Revised to include Interior Semi-Public Terminal Elevators in 1958-59.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat May 20, 1959  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date 1957 and 1958

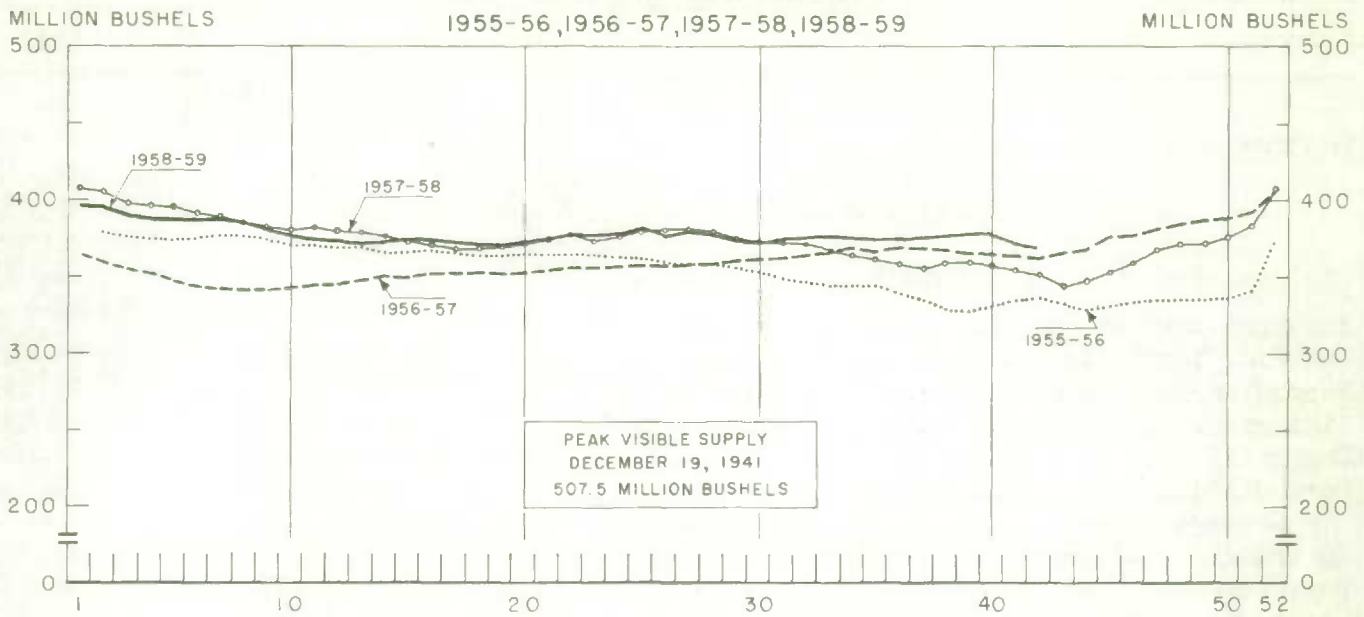
Position	1957	1958	1959
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	24,074	26,441	26,590
Saskatchewan .....	121,064	124,186	128,432
Alberta .....	72,628	67,288	73,053
Totals .....	217,766	217,915	228,075
Interior private and mill .....	7,030	7,403	7,652
Interior terminals .....	11,948	11,242	13,344
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	10,566	11,116	11,855
Victoria .....	455	178	657
Churchill .....	4,801	4,620	4,916
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	33,684	22,327	44,944
Storage afloat .....	-	142	-
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	12,277	13,990	13,933
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .....	34,941	31,797	18,571
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .....	21,923	19,744	18,343
In transit lake .....	4,585	8,219	5,401
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	2,227	2,644	415
United States ports .....	473	52	622
Totals .....	362,677	351,391	368,728

Grading of Wheat Inspected August 1958-April 1959 with Comparisons

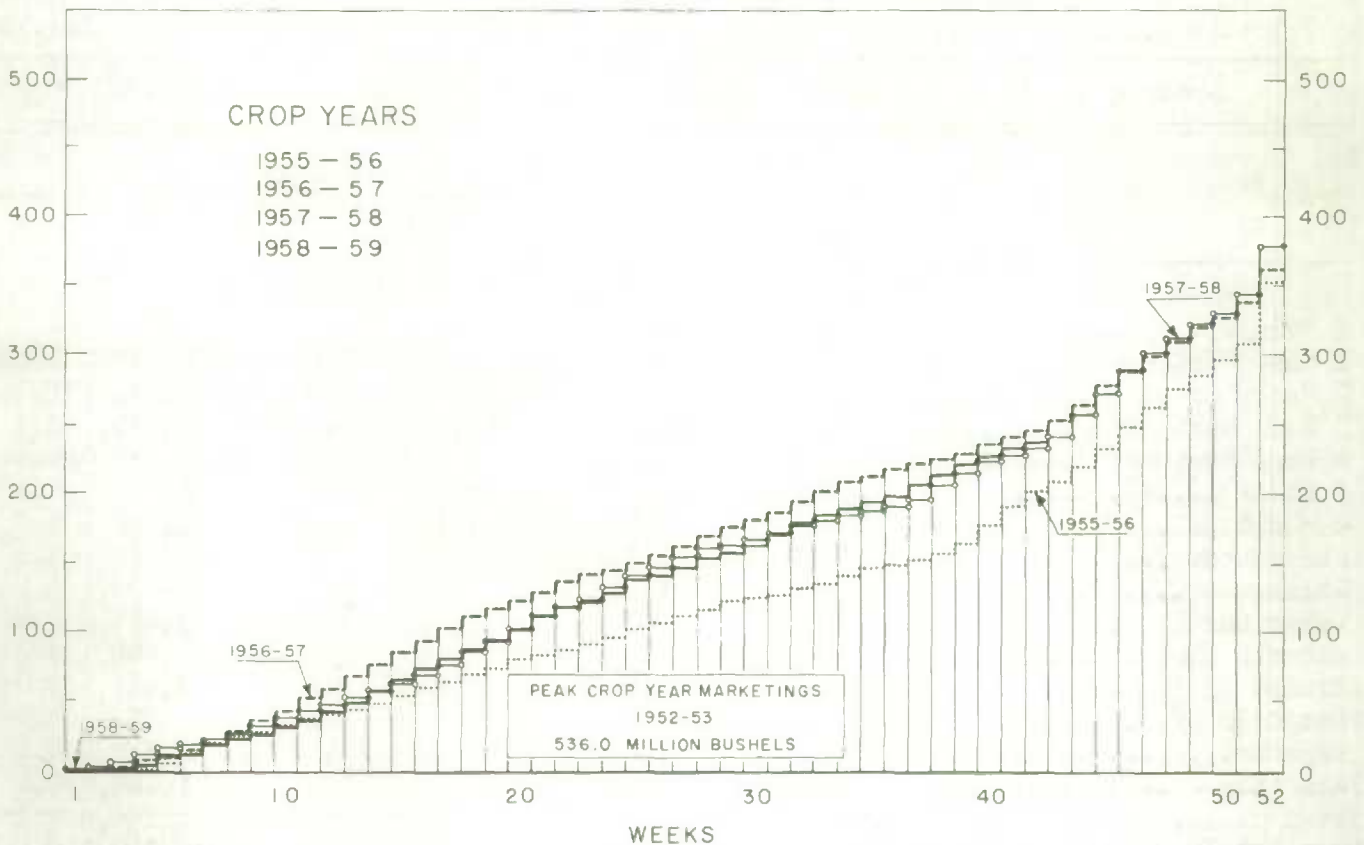
Grade	Crop Year		August-April			
	Average	1957-58	1957-58		1958-59	
	1952-53- 1956-57		cars		cars	
	per cent	per cent		per cent		per cent
1 Hard .....	1/	-	-	-	-	-
1 Man. Northern .....	4.8	0.3	451	0.4	1,272	1.1
2 Man. Northern .....	35.2	20.4	27,277	22.7	36,984	31.2
3 Man. Northern .....	22.7	32.1	36,357	30.3	33,351	28.1
4 Man. Northern .....	8.9	22.0	23,582	19.6	19,638	16.6
5 Wheat .....	8.8	11.2	13,494	11.2	10,179	8.6
6 Wheat .....	2.9	3.3	5,434	4.5	1,216	1.0
Feed Wheat .....	0.5	0.1	134	0.1	60	0.1
Garnet .....	0.5	1/	7	1/	-	-
Amber Durum .....	3.1	5.7	6,361	5.3	5,447	4.6
Alberta Winter .....	0.4	0.1	45	1/	224	0.2
Toughs 2/ 3/ .....	9.5	2.5	4,225	3.5	6,415	5.4
Damps 2/ 4/ .....	0.1	0.1	173	0.1	852	0.7
Rejected 2/ .....	2.3	1.8	2,228	1.9	2,526	2.1
All others .....	0.5	0.3	419	0.3	426	0.4
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	120,187	100.0	118,590	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, 1958 to May 20, 1959  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1956-57 and 1957-58

Destination	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo .....	2,901,653	3,221,940	2,294,494
Chicago .....	89,487	156,933	175,436
Duluth-Superior .....	1,341,619	1,516,417	889,132
Milwaukee .....	27,745	-	-
Totals, Vessel .....	4,360,504	4,895,290	3,359,062
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points .....	895,292	869,092	318,490
Totals, Rail .....	895,292	869,092	318,490
Totals, Shipments .....	5,255,796	5,764,382	3,677,552

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

Total shipments of wheat to the United States either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to May 20, amounted to 3.7 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1957-58 and 1956-57 shipments amounted to 5.8 million and 5.3 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 91 per cent was shipped by vessel.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the August-April period of the current crop year totalled 26.5 million bushels and exceeded by 7 per cent the comparable August 1957-April 1958 total of 24.7 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1, 1957 to April 30, 1958	August 1, 1958 to April 30, 1959
- bushels -		
Port McNicoll .....	6,500,967	6,730,923
Midland, Tiffin .....	10,746,107	10,304,063
Collingwood .....	1,268,250	823,444
Owen Sound .....	2,758,684	3,479,132
Goderich .....	276,293	79,337
Sarnia .....	1,956,705	3,241,395
Port Colborne .....	242,343	-
Toronto .....	34,000	143,634
Lakefield .....	936,214	1,166,736
Trent .....	-	199,607
Prescott .....	-	303,210
Totals .....	24,719,563	26,471,481

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur 1955-56-1958-59

Month	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
- bushels -				
August .....	56,951	100,667	33,297	33,123
September .....	64,033	70,324	42,125	15,692
October .....	63,975	120,535	34,937	68,834
November .....	148,576	240,628	67,894	205,061
December .....	477,622	613,482	232,252	214,398
January .....	2,340,921	792,000	525,238	684,845
February .....	1,735,097	490,778	178,204	173,387
March .....	1,599,503	338,534	191,312	280,705
April .....	300,913	161,103	215,546	243,292
May .....	91,534	73,212	33,839	
June .....	91,162	23,281	35,368	
July .....	102,560	31,432	37,984	
Totals .....	7,072,847	3,055,976	1,627,996	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur April 1959

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -					
2 Northern .....	-	-	-	54,000	2,000
4 Northern .....	-	-	-	58,500	1,333
5 Wheat .....	500	-	2,567	18,000	3,200
Tough .....	-	13,500	14,000	17,500	22,833
Rejected .....	-	-	2,816	13,304	6,667
Amber Durum .....	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Others .....	-	-	1,500	7,000	72
Totals .....	500	13,500	20,883	170,304	38,105

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading August 1, 1958-May 20, 1959  
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat 1/	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>					
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	80,818,194	3,493,727	21,867,437	318,682	4,897,239
Victoria .....	782,619	-	-	-	640,459
Prince Rupert .....	-	-	6,921,600	-	-
<u>Churchill</u> .....	17,780,909	313,829	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u> .....	1,514,223	86,413	1,937,725	-	486,209
<u>St. Lawrence</u>					
Montreal .....	35,604,831	930,432	5,689,934	730,795	4,291,772
Sorel .....	9,522,017	65,793	2,234,694	-	-
Three Rivers .....	8,050,359	177,617	32,252	-	171,675
Quebec .....	6,800,505	-	1,842,432	-	-
<u>Maritime</u>					
Saint John .....	2,734,346	-	-	-	-
West Saint John .....	13,503,354	82,366	46,715	-	1,190,310
Halifax .....	13,233,767	-	-	-	123,760
Totals .....	190,345,124	5,150,177	40,572,789	1,049,477	11,801,424
August 1, 1957-May 21, 1958 .....	204,438,661	3,186,812	34,229,259	1,646,845	11,293,500

Overseas Clearances - Canadian Rapeseed 2/ August 1, 1958-May 20, 1959

Canadian Pacific Seaboard .....	bushels
Canadian Atlantic Seaboard .....	4,038,000
Total .....	1,149,086
	5,187,086

1/ Excluding bagged seed. 2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to April 30, 1959 represent the movement of some 15.4 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-March period of the current crop year. This preliminary total, subject to upward revision with the filing of additional claims, already surpasses by 20 per cent the revised August-March 1957-58 total of 12.8 million bushels. Shipments amounting to 6.6 million bushels to Ontario and 5.4 million bushels to Quebec accounted for 43 per cent and 35 per cent, respectively, of the current eight-month total.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August-March 1958-59 and 1957-58

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1958 .....	10	28	122	74	732	856	219	2,041
September .....	17	18	118	66	757	944	299	2,220
October .....	16	21	133	70	804	1,041	232	2,317
November .....	16	18	155	74	714	769	193	1,940
December .....	9	11	112	50	629	839	214	1,862
January, 1959 .....	12	15	166	74	685	772	231	1,954
February .....	9	12	104	43	552	733	130	1,583
March .....	5	16	122	45	521	659	115	1,482
Totals <u>1/</u> .....	94	140	1,032	496	5,394	6,612	1,632	15,399
Same period 1957-58:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u> ....	71	110	737	344	4,111	5,312	1,548	12,232
Revised <u>1/</u> .....	74	111	743	349	4,274	5,467	1,778	12,796

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 372,537 tons during the August-March period of the current crop year. During the same months of the 1957-58 crop year claims had been filed for a total of 346,695 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August-March shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 7 per cent above those of 1957-58. Revised data on the 1957-58 August-March shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1959 place the eight-month total at 367,004 tons. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August-March 1958-59 and 1957-58

Province	1957-58		1958-59
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland .....	2,465	2,598	2,464
Prince Edward Island .....	4,832	4,957	4,729
Nova Scotia .....	22,160	22,641	21,064
New Brunswick .....	17,029	17,465	19,185
Quebec .....	173,102	181,085	193,816
Ontario .....	106,384	111,492	106,674
British Columbia .....	20,723	26,766	24,605
Totals .....	346,695	367,004	372,537

1/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1959.

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



Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour  
Crop Years 1957-58 and 1958-59

Year and Month	Wheat in Bulk <u>1/</u>	Bagged Seed Wheat <u>2/</u>	Total Wheat	Wheat Flour <u>2/ 3/</u>	Total <u>3/</u> Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>1957-58</u>					
August .....	24,716	184	24,900	2,686	27,586
September .....	21,166	194	21,360	3,059	24,420
October .....	17,915	71	17,985	3,472	21,457
November .....	27,906	233	28,139	3,307	31,446
December .....	19,900	455	20,355	3,209	23,564
January .....	18,843	834	19,677	3,166	22,842
February .....	18,562	740	19,303	2,764	22,067
March .....	19,443	984	20,427	3,814	24,241
April .....	22,787	330	23,118	3,957	27,074
May .....	35,266	33	35,299	3,742	39,041
June .....	26,905	114	27,019	3,862	30,881
July .....	22,283	47	22,330	3,343	25,673
Totals .....	275,693	4,219	279,912	40,381	320,293
<u>1958-59 4/</u>					
August .....	23,152	237	23,389	2,900	26,289
September .....	16,112	221	16,333	2,307	18,640
October .....	25,532	111	25,642	3,452	29,094
November .....	21,437	256	21,693	3,267	24,960
December .....	19,864	418	20,282	3,280	23,562
January .....	17,893	585	18,478	3,526	22,003
February .....	17,685	774	18,459	2,559	21,018
March .....	18,579	1,437	20,016	2,541	22,557
April .....	18,918	623	19,542	3,296	22,838
Totals .....	179,172	4,662	183,835	27,127	210,962

1/ Export Clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

2/ Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1957-58 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.

3/ In terms of wheat equivalent. 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 1958-59

Destination	January	April		August-April	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>					
United Kingdom .....	1,263,857	1,377,765	5,330,419	10,071,199	67,748,031
<u>Africa</u>					
British East Africa .....	-	230	-	230	-
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.	1,288	2,235	-	15,527	126,933*
Gambia .....	4,011	5,060	-	11,150	-
Ghana .....	54,731	162,743	-	759,796	-
Nigeria .....	122	23,879	-	83,681	-
Sierra Leone .....	12,267	26,300	-	169,924	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	1,148,784	-	5,308,706
<u>Asia</u>					
Ceylon .....	1,610	471,459	-	1,842,866	-
Hong Kong .....	52,143	28,575	18,667	450,243	94,267
India .....	-	-	-	1,955	5,560,262
Malaya and Singapore .....	28,801	40,903	-	311,413	-
Other British East Indies .....	193	-	-	1,352	-
Pakistan .....	-	-	-	-	2,326,542
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar .....	9,531	2,061	-	30,139	-
Malta .....	-	-	37,333	-	387,146
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas .....	22,356	20,742	-	207,410	-
Barbados .....	17,715	18,168	-	231,304	833
Bermuda .....	5,016	12,924	-	82,131	-
British Honduras .....	1,276	848	-	16,583	-
Jamaica .....	143,741	165,580	-	1,244,153	-
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	72,553	67,932	-	744,098	33
Trinidad and Tobago .....	120,808	159,526	-	1,176,105	-
<u>Oceania</u>					
Fiji .....	-	-	-	12,179	-
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana .....	8,163	10,410	-	154,712	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ..	1,826,182	2,597,340	6,535,203	17,618,150	81,552,753
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Africa</u>					
Azores and Madeira .....	2,808	6,718	-	19,474	-
Belgian Congo .....	57,003	49,003	-	380,208	-
Egypt .....	-	-	-	49,600	-
Liberia .....	745	2,427	-	8,402	-
Morocco .....	-	950	-	2,215	-
Portuguese East Africa .....	-	-	51,062	1,840	173,600*
Portuguese West Africa .....	920	9,062	-	47,283	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia .....	3,162	4,469	-	46,782	-
China .....	-	-	-	-	463,867
Iran .....	113	41	-	448	-
Israel .....	-	-	-	-	522,667
Japan .....	129,392	130,067	3,275,210	688,390	27,432,767
Jordan .....	-	-	-	92	-
Lebanon .....	-	7,767	-	55,441	56,000
Nepal .....	-	-	-	-	36,543
Okinawa .....	-	-	116,667	-	361,760
Philippine Islands .....	149,500	-	-	2,756,336	1,092,000
Portuguese Asia .....	14,849	7,636	-	163,139	-
Syria .....	-	1,031	-	2,898	-
Thailand .....	22,655	27,025	-	246,399	-

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination 1958-59

Destination	January	April		August-April	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Europe</u>					
Austria .....	-	-	-	-	2,004,166
Belgium .....	24,780	73,374	186,667	244,853	7,909,622
Denmark .....	-	782	23,781	1,932	304,714
Finland .....	-	-	-	-	173,612
France .....	-	-	-	-	1,088,078
Germany, Federal Republic .....	-	-	3,785,353	-	27,405,507
Greece .....	-	-	-	3,705	-
Iceland .....	1,610	1,610	-	11,599	-
Ireland .....	-	-	74,667	-	3,033,293
Italy .....	-	-	-	216	984,456
Netherlands .....	644	-	437,426	6,452	7,524,885
Norway .....	-	-	406,062	-	3,082,508
Poland .....	-	-	1,254,400	-	2,102,800
Portugal .....	-	3,339	-	39,852	-
Sweden .....	-	-	-	1,012	11,200
Switzerland .....	-	-	772,800	-	4,260,094
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	-	-	1,467,200	-	1,467,200
<u>North America</u>					
American Virgin Islands .....	-	-	-	345	-
Costa Rica .....	42,665	22,138	-	367,154	10,000
Cuba .....	13,340	35,991	-	236,178	918
Dominican Republic .....	58,363	50,427	-	491,583	1,000
El Salvador .....	43,003	30,912	-	299,154	-
French West Indies .....	230	460	-	6,509	-
Guatemala .....	12,647	9,980	-	218,645	66,667
Haiti .....	-	-	-	49,197	-
Honduras .....	3,496	6,141	1,667	54,602	8,333
Netherlands Antilles .....	9,511	13,340	-	109,450	-
Nicaragua .....	27,791	23,193	-	241,762	-
Panama .....	41,331	19,067	-	228,694	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	2,757	3,540	-	15,813	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	147,016	137,080	-	1,248,486	-
For milling in bond 4/ .....	-	-	-	-	381,916
For domestic use 4/ .....	-	-	13,000	-	1,592,300
<u>Oceania</u>					
French Oceania .....	-	-	-	552	-
Guam .....	-	-	-	1,208	-
<u>South America</u>					
Chile .....	-	4,600	-	29,210	-
Colombia .....	1,401	690	-	285,619	-
Ecuador .....	-	-	344,703	-	939,098
Peru .....	-	3,910	87,659	20,125	771,548
Surinam .....	6,827	10,610	-	66,778	-
Venezuela .....	174,887	920	84,933	759,329	1,990,123
<u>Wrecked</u> .....	-	-	-	-	366,200
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	993,446	698,300	12,383,257	9,508,961	97,619,442
Sub-Totals, All Countries .....	2,819,628	3,295,640	18,918,460	27,127,111	179,172,195
Bagged Seed wheat 5/ .....	-	-	623,411	-	4,662,417
Totals, All Countries .....	2,819,628	3,295,640	19,541,871	27,127,111	183,834,612

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. Excluding bagged seed. 5/ Unadjusted Canadian Customs returns.

\* 10,538 bushels reported Rhodesia for March 1959-now advised shipped to Portuguese East Africa.



Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices  
Basis in Store Fort William-Port Arthur

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement  
and Domestic Sales

1 Northern .....	168/4	168/3	168	167/7
2 Northern .....	165/4	165/3	165	164/7
3 Northern .....	155/4	155/3	155	154/7
4 Northern .....	145/4	145/3	145	144/7
5 Wheat .....	143/4	143/3	143	142/7
6 Wheat .....	142/4	142/3	142	141/7
Feed Wheat .....	139/4	139/3	139	138/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	162/4	157/3	152	151/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	158/4	153/3	148	147/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	155/4	150/3	145	144/7
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	153/4	153/3	153	152/7
2 Alberta Winter .....	148/4	148/3	148	147/7
3 Alberta Winter .....	144/4	144/3	144	143/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	190/4	190/3	190	189/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	187/4	187/3	187	186/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	173/4	173/3	173	172/7

Export - Class II

1 Northern .....	168/4	168/3	168	167/7
2 Northern .....	165/4	165/3	165	164/7
3 Northern .....	155/4	155/3	155	154/7
4 Northern .....	145/4	145/3	145	144/7
5 Wheat .....	143/4	143/3	143	142/7
6 Wheat .....	142/4	142/3	142	141/7
Feed Wheat .....	139/4	139/3	139	138/7
1 C.W. Garnet .....	162/4	157/3	152	151/7
2 C.W. Garnet .....	158/4	153/3	148	147/7
3 C.W. Garnet .....	155/4	150/3	145	144/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	190/4	190/3	190	189/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	187/4	187/3	187	186/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	173/4	173/3	173	172/7

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement  
and Domestic Sales

1 Northern .....	174/5	176/3	176/3	176/2
2 Northern .....	171/5	173/3	173/3	173/2
3 Northern .....	161/5	163/3	163/3	163/2
4 Northern .....	151/5	153/3	153/3	153/2
5 Wheat .....	148/2	149/3	149/3	149/2
6 Wheat .....	147/2	148/3	148/3	148/2
Feed Wheat .....	144/2	145/3	145/3	145/2
1 C.W. Garnet .....	156/7	153/6	151/3	151/2
2 C.W. Garnet .....	152/7	149/6	147/3	147/2
3 C.W. Garnet .....	149/7	146/6	144/3	144/2
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	150/7	151/3	151/3	151/2
2 Alberta Winter .....	146/7	147/3	147/3	147/2
3 Alberta Winter .....	141/7	142/3	142/3	142/2

Export - Class II

1 Northern .....	174/5	176/3	176/3	176/2
2 Northern .....	171/5	173/3	173/3	173/2
3 Northern .....	161/5	163/3	163/3	163/2
4 Northern .....	151/5	153/3	153/3	153/2
5 Wheat .....	148/2	149/3	149/3	149/2
6 Wheat .....	147/2	148/3	148/3	148/2
Feed Wheat .....	144/2	145/3	145/3	145/2
1 C.W. Garnet .....	156/7	153/6	151/3	151/2
2 C.W. Garnet .....	152/7	149/6	147/3	147/2
3 C.W. Garnet .....	149/7	146/6	144/3	144/2
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	150/7	151/3	151/3	151/2
2 Alberta Winter .....	146/7	147/3	147/3	147/2
3 Alberta Winter .....	141/7	142/3	142/3	142/2

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during April 1959 amounted to 3,111,000 hundredweight, exceeding by 2 per cent the March output of 3,035,000 hundredweight but 15 per cent less than the April 1958 output of 3,654,000 hundredweight and 10 per cent lower than the ten-year (1949-1958) average production for the month of April of 3,452,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during April 1959 had a total rated capacity of 170,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 70.3 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during April 1959 amounted to 7.0 million bushels compared with 6.8 million bushels milled during the previous month and 8.3 million bushels milled during April 1958. Of the wheat milled for flour during April 1959, some 6,351,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (468,000 bushels); Durum (132,000 bushels); and all other (45,000 bushels).

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during April 1959 amounted to 1,433,000 hundredweight (some 3,296,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing an increase of 30 per cent from the 2,541,000 bushels exported during March 1959, but 17 per cent lower than the adjusted April 1958 total of 3,957,000 bushels.

Flour shipments during the month went to fifty-two countries with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 1,378,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 42 per cent of the April 1959 total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, were as follows: Ceylon, 471; Jamaica, 166; Ghana, 163; Trinidad and Tobago, 160; United States, 137; and Japan, 130.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <sup>1/</sup>
	- bushels -		- cwt. -
1935-36-1939-40 average .....	67,845,114	29,405,451	9,603,941
1940-41-1944-45 average .....	99,704,638	43,908,245	23,699,546
1945-46-1949-50 average .....	107,330,372	47,011,540	25,819,721
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 revised .....	92,288,897	40,819,678	17,556,886
1958-59 <sup>2/</sup>			
August .....	6,970,180	3,057,783	1,260,887
September .....	7,245,459	3,204,752	1,002,932
October .....	8,568,635	3,790,938	1,500,875
November .....	8,790,501	3,864,304	1,420,445
December .....	7,799,160	3,430,870	1,426,069
January .....	7,355,254	3,262,763	1,532,857
February .....	7,100,596	3,138,112	1,112,783
March .....	6,849,713	3,035,219	1,104,661
April .....	6,995,509	3,110,689	1,432,887
Totals .....	67,675,007	29,895,430	11,794,396
Same months 1957-58 (revised) ....	69,134,295	30,609,730	12,797,256

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46-1957-58 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

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



UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1958-59 (July-June) crop year are estimated at 2,342.8 million bushels, consisting of the July 1 carryover of 880.6 million and the 1958 crop estimated at a record 1,462.2 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated represent an increase of some 26 per cent over the 1957-58 total of 1,859.5 million bushels and exceed by 15 per cent the previous peak of 2,037.7 million in the crop year 1956-57. Imports of wheat from Canada during the July-April period of the current United States crop year amounted to 7.1 million bushels compared with 9.0 million during the same months of the preceding crop year. After deducting an estimated 619.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 1,730.9 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1958-59 compared with 1,281.0 million in 1957-58.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1957-58	1958-59 <u>1</u> /
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	908.8	880.6
New crop .....	950.7	1,462.2
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	1,859.5	2,342.8
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-April .....	9.0	7.1
Total estimated supplies <u>2</u> / .....	1,868.5	2,349.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3</u> / ...	587.5	619.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,281.0	1,730.9
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-April .....	262.7	294.6
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-April <u>4</u> / .....	64.8	62.6
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>5</u> / .	327.5	357.1
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover .....	953.5	1,373.7

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

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the July-April period of the 1958-59 United States crop year amounted to 357.1 million bushels, 9 per cent greater than the 327.5 million exported during the same months in 1957-58. The balance remaining on May 1, 1959 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,373.7 million bushels, 44 per cent above the 953.5 million on the same date a year ago.

Marketing Quotas Proclaimed  
for 1960 Wheat Crop

On June 1 Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson took the following actions on 1960-crop wheat:

Referendum July 23

1. Proclaimed marketing quotas on the 1960 crop. This seventh successive proclamation of wheat marketing quotas is required by a wheat supply that is 99.6 per cent above the normal supply level.
2. Proclaimed a national wheat acreage allotment of 55 million acres, the minimum permitted by law.
3. Announced State shares of the national allotment.
4. Set July 23, 1959, as the date for a referendum to determine producer approval or disapproval of quotas.
5. Announced a 39-State commercial and a 10-State noncommercial wheat-producing area for 1959.

The program is being announced under the presently controlling legislation which requires the Secretary of Agriculture to proclaim wheat marketing quotas and acreage allotments on June 1 this year. By recent joint resolution, Congress set this date instead of the usual May 15 deadline for the proclamations.

If producers approve marketing quotas, under the proclamation announced today, the national average support price available to eligible growers in the commercial area will be not less than the minimum support to be announced before the referendum. On the basis of the present supply of wheat and present legislation, the legal minimum wheat support price for the 1960 crop would be at 75 per cent of parity. Individual farm marketing quotas will be the normal production or the actual production from the farm acreage allotment, whichever is larger.

Growers in the commercial area who stay within their allotments will be eligible for price support on their entire production. Growers who exceed their farm acreage allotments will be subject to marketing quota penalties if they have more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest. Growers who sign applications for exemption under the feed wheat provision permitting 30 acres or less to be used exclusively for feed on the farm will not be subject to marketing quota penalties. There are no limitations on the amount of wheat which may be grown by State, religious, or charitable institutions for use on the farm for food, feed, or seed.

The penalty rate on "excess" wheat under the present law is 45 per cent of the May 1 parity price of wheat.

If marketing quotas are disapproved, there will be no restrictions on wheat marketings. Acreage allotments will remain in effect as a condition of eligibility for price support at the 50 per cent of parity (as of July 1, 1960) rate required by law if quotas are disapproved.

Crop and  
Weather Conditions

The following extract has been taken from the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin, published by the United States Department of Commerce, for the week ending

June 1, 1959. Heavy rains fell on small grains from the eastern Great Plains to the Appalachian Mountains, assuring adequate moisture through maturity for the bulk of the acreage.

Gradual improvement of moisture supplies has been taking place in the spring wheat area. Top-soil moisture is now generally adequate, and there has been an accumulation of subsoil moisture in the eastern parts. Winter wheat, except for the southwest fringe of the Great Plains, has excellent moisture supplies, but



United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination  
July-March 1957-58 and 1958-59

NOTE These data on exports by destination cover only the first nine months of the United States crop year beginning July 1. The table on United States wheat supplies (see page 20) contains a preliminary estimate of total exports for the first ten months of the United States crop year. Neither of these tables should be confused with the United States export figure shown on page one of this publication which, for comparative purposes, is based on the Canadian crop year beginning August 1.

Destination	July-March 1957-58			July-March 1958-59		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>						
British West Indies .....	1	2,577	2,578	19	2,170	2,189
Central America .....	1,088	3,403	4,491	932	3,177	4,109
Cuba .....	2,405	3,443	5,848	3,647	2,086	5,733
Brazil .....	8,937	2,081	11,018	16,382	-	16,382
Chile .....	1,968	75	2,043	-	26	26
Colombia .....	3,261	486	3,747	2,212	507	2,719
Peru .....	2,771	230	3,001	4,941	454	5,395
Venezuela .....	617	4,865	5,482	2,246	2,282	4,528
Others .....	642	3,350	3,992	1,255	2,415	3,670
Totals .....	21,690	20,510	42,200	31,634	13,117	44,751
<u>Europe</u>						
Austria .....	1,117	-	1,117	805	36	841
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	1,775	43	1,818	3,290	13	3,303
Denmark .....	1,285	9	1,294	931	-	931
Greece .....	2,103	2	2,105	1,689	-	1,689
Germany, West .....	14,174	37	14,211	14,859	10	14,869
Netherlands .....	3,115	2,840	5,955	6,034	2,785	8,819
Norway .....	231	683	914	3,135	575	3,710
Poland .....	18,479	-	18,479	9,131	-	9,131
Sweden .....	843	48	891	2,113	25	2,138
United Kingdom .....	16,518	730	17,248	17,657	2,613	20,270
Yugoslavia .....	5,664	27	5,691	17,281	-	17,281
Others .....	3,439	1,212	4,651	2,571	1,019	3,590
Totals .....	68,743	5,631	74,374	79,496	7,076	86,572
<u>Asia</u>						
Ceylon .....	-	588	588	-	1,435	1,435
India .....	66,332	22	66,354	95,286	44	95,330
Israel .....	7,211	7	7,218	5,256	5	5,261
Japan .....	32,011	1,601	33,612	22,666	1,462	24,128
Korea .....	6,554	837	7,391	7,393	693	8,086
Lebanon .....	-	1,250	1,250	2,087	1,603	3,690
Pakistan .....	17,657	1	17,658	9,237	170	9,407
Philippine Republic .....	-	6,222	6,222	579	6,487	7,066
Saudi Arabia .....	14	1,276	1,290	56	1,823	1,879
Taiwan (Formosa) .....	5,227	5	5,232	4,911	-	4,911
Turkey .....	3,801	-	3,801	1,003	-	1,003
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia	-	688	688	-	2,135	2,135
Others .....	2,071	1,245	3,316	1,904	1,402	3,306
Totals .....	140,878	13,742	154,620	150,378	17,259	167,637
<u>Africa</u>						
Algeria .....	-	9	9	1,486	1	1,487
Ghana .....	-	1,211	1,211	-	1,087	1,087
Morocco .....	1,448	-	1,448	-	16	16
Tunisia .....	151	168	319	1,568	-	1,568
Western British Africa ...	-	1,560	1,560	-	1,639	1,639
Others .....	757	1,458	2,215	1,058	1,594	2,652
Totals .....	2,356	4,406	6,762	4,112	4,337	8,449
<u>Oceania</u> .....	-	26	26	-	25	25
Unspecified 2/ .....	435	11,916	12,351	941	15,190	16,131
Totals, All Countries.	234,102	56,231	290,333	266,561	57,004	323,565

1/ Wholly of U.S. wheat (grain equivalent).

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 -
May 1, 1959 .....	202 1/2 - 204 1/2	May 1, 1959 .....	208 1/8 - 210 1/8
4 .....	204 3/4 - 205 3/4	4 .....	211 3/8 - 213 3/8
5 .....	204 1/4 - 215 3/4	5 .....	210 - 212
6 .....	201 3/4	6 .....	209 1/4 - 212 1/4
7 .....	205	7 .....	208 5/8 - 211 5/8
8 .....	201 - 232 1/2 1/	8 .....	207 1/2 - 210 1/2
11 .....	210	11 .....	206 1/8 - 209 1/8
12 .....	199 1/2 - 210	12 .....	207 5/8 - 210 5/8
13 .....	198	13 .....	208 1/2 - 211 1/2
14 .....	200 3/4 - 203 1/4	14 .....	209 3/8 - 212 3/8
15 .....	211 1/4	15 .....	210 5/8 - 213 5/8
18 .....	201 1/2 - 217 1/4	18 .....	210 1/8 - 213 1/8
19 .....	203 3/4 - 204 1/2	19 .....	207 1/4 - 210 1/4
20 .....	209 - 216	20 .....	207 1/4 - 210 1/4
21 .....	- -	21 .....	208 - 211
22 .....	199 1/2	22 .....	208 1/8 - 211 1/8
25 .....	196 - 203	25 .....	208 1/2 - 211 1/2
26 .....	195 1/4 - 207 3/4	26 .....	208 1/4 - 211 1/4
27 .....	195 1/2	27 .....	208 1/2 - 211 1/2
28 .....	196 3/4 - 202 1/2	28 .....	208 1/2 - 212 1/2
29 .....	NOT AVAILABLE	29 .....	208 1/2 - 212 1/2

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
May 1, 1959 .....	193/2	187/7	190/4	195/6	198/5
4 .....	194/3	187/5	190/1	195/1	198/2
5 .....	191/3	186/4	189	194/1	197/2
6 .....	191/2	186/1	188/6	193/6	196/7
7 .....	191/1	185/7	188/4	193/5	196/6
8 .....	189/6	185/6	188/3	193/4	196/4
11 .....	188/2	185/3	188/2	193/4	196/4
12 .....	189/7	186/4	189/2	194/2	197/3
13 .....	190/4	187	189/7	194/6	197/7
14 .....	189	186/7	189/4	194/5	197/5
15 .....	188/4	187	189/7	194/6	197/7
18 .....	188/3	186/6	189/5	194/4	197/4
19 .....	187/7	186	189	194	196/7
20 .....	185/1	185/7	189/1	194/1	197/1
21 .....		184/6	188	193	196/1
22 .....		187/6	187/2	192	195/2
25 .....		184/2	187/3	192/2	195/6
26 .....		184/1	187/2	192/4	195/4
27 .....		184/6	188	193/1	196/3
28 .....		185/1	188/2	193/2	196/3
29 .....		184	187/2	192/3	195/3

# ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position      Total estimated supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1958-59 (December-November) crop year, consisting of the December 1, 1958 carryover of 54.1 million bushels and the new crop placed at 238.8 million, amount to 292.9 million bushels, about 7 per cent greater than the 1957-58 total of 272.9 million. After deducting 146.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 146.0 million are available for export and for carryover in 1958-59 compared with 133.3 million in 1957-58. Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1958-April 1959 amounted to 46.6 million bushels, more than double the 23.1 million exported during the same months in 1957-58. The balance remaining on May 1, 1959 for export and for carryover was estimated at 99.4 million bushels compared with the May 1, 1958 total of 110.2 million.

## Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1957-58	1958-59 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u> ....	59.4	54.1
New Crop <u>3/</u> .....	213.5	238.8
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	272.9	292.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	139.6	146.9
Available for export and for carryover .....	133.3	146.0
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-April .....	22.9	45.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - April .....	0.2	1.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	23.1	46.6
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover .....	110.2	99.4

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

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## Weather and Crops

Weather conditions continued to be wet during the period under review. More heavy rains fell on practically the entire area which had been stricken by earlier floods, most particularly in the Provinces of Entre Rios, Corrientes, Santa Fe and Buenos Aires.

In the city of Buenos Aires during April the rainfall totalled 460 mm. (18 inches), exactly five times the April average during the period 1920 to 1950. In some parts of the province of Entre Rios 750 mm. (30 inches) of rain fell as compared with a 30-year average of 100 mm. (4 inches) for April. The 234 mm. (9 inches) registered in the area surrounding the city of Santa Fe was 150 mm. (6 inches) above the average and in other parts of Santa Fe Province rainfall was four times the average.



The corn harvest has been delayed and although much of the crop was lodged and flooded, what the mechanical pickers cannot harvest, can still be handpicked where the local labour is available. This means, that although a certain amount of the crop has undoubtedly been completely lost, the total harvest should not be as low as officially estimated. A substantial proportion of what is harvested will, however, be of low quality and not fit for export. Sowings of wheat, oats, barley and rye, will benefit from the rains, which have put the soil in good condition. During the last few days the weather has turned clear and much cooler. Any future rain, could of course cut the total corn harvest even further and delay sowings of other grains.

Wheat Between the middle of April and the middle of May the wheat export market was almost completely inactive. The only two sales made, one of 431 metric tons (15,800 bushels) and another of 72 metric tons (2,600 bushels) were both lots to be exported as flour. An offering of 16,000 metric tons (588,000 bushels) of wheat stored in the Province of Entre Rios was made by the Grain Board for domestic consumption but because of flood damage which the grain had suffered, there were no interested customers.

It is believed that there is only a relatively small stock of wheat left for export. In addition to the wheat already booked by Brazil, 1,200,000 tons (44,092,000 bushels); Paraguay, 70,000 tons (2,572,000 bushels); and Chile between 50,000 and 100,000 metric tons (1,837,000 and 3,674,000 bushels) and the 100,000 metric tons (3,674,000 bushels) that Argentina has agreed to loan to Uruguay, all as previously reported, an additional 25,000 metric tons (919,000 bushels) purchase is being negotiated by Uruguay for immediate delivery at about U.S.\$61.00 per metric ton (\$1.67 per bushel) f.o.b.

Wheat shipments were up considerably from last month. The 343,105 metric tons (12,607,000 bushels) exported is the highest monthly total since the beginning of this crop year. Shipments originated mainly in up river ports. Brazil was the destination of almost two-thirds of the total. The storage situation will thereby have been somewhat eased, making room for incoming sorghum and millet and particularly corn.

Soil condition for the forthcoming wheat sowing will be almost ideal due to the heavy rains which were followed by cool, clear weather, providing this good weather holds for the next few weeks. Actually a little more rain would be welcome in some of the southern parts of the Province of Buenos Aires and in the adjacent part of La Pampa Province.

A decided influence on the area sown this season will be the Government's plans, which have so far not been made known, regarding the liberation of the wheat trade. The Government has committed itself to take this step, as announced exactly a month ago. Until some concrete plan is announced by the Government, final seeding will probably be postponed by most wheat producers as long as possible. The consensus of opinion at present seems to be that there will be an increase from the 5,680,000 hectares (14.0 million acres) sown last year.

Some changes in Government tax policy have also had their effect on the wheat export trade.

Policy Grain Export Tax Changes The removal of the 15 per cent temporary tax on corn exports which had been established last January 20, has now been confirmed. To date, however, no announcement has been made regarding the rumoured elimination of the 20 per cent retention now being levied on corn exports.

During the last week of April it was announced that profits made by exporters who purchased grain, oil seeds or their by-products on the basis of aforos in force up to the end of 1958 and who sold the same products after the end of 1958



when the aforos had been abolished and all foreign returns from exports sales were negotiable at the free market rate, would be taxed at the rate of 75 per cent of the net profits. This tax was levied to prevent exporters from making excessive profits which they had not really earned. Net profits for purposes of the tax are considered to be the final sale price less the total of the purchase price plus expenses, plus a further 10 per cent of the purchase price and expenses, plus any other taxes applicable to export sales. Under the old aforo system a specified proportion of the foreign exchange earned by the export sale of each product had to be negotiated through the official market, which meant that for this portion of his earnings the exporter realized only 18 pesos per U.S. dollar. The exporter was free to sell the remaining portion on the free market for pesos at the fluctuating rate current at the moment. This rate before the aforo system was abolished, rose as high as 80 pesos per U.S. dollar.

New Parity Indices Point to Expected Increases in Minimum Guaranteed Producers' Prices Although studies have reportedly been carried on by the Ministry of Agriculture for some time now, no announcement has yet been made regarding the new minimum guaranteed producers' prices for the 1959-60 crops. Meanwhile the parity price scales as first published during 1958, when the Government announced its intention of tying minimum prices to the parity index, have been published as at February 1, 1959. The tremendous increase in the general index reflects the sharp rise of farming costs and indicates that a substantial increase in minimum guaranteed producers' prices may be expected.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1958 - April 1959 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Africa, North .....	143	Madeira .....	254
Belgium .....	1,677	Netherlands .....	3,122
Bolivia .....	606	Norway .....	88
Brazil .....	19,483	Paraguay .....	812
Denmark .....	588	Peru .....	1,563
France .....	1,914	Switzerland .....	11
Germany, Western .....	5,600	United Kingdom .....	8,939
Italy .....	480	Yugoslavia .....	37
Lebanon .....	289	Total .....	45,605
Same Period:			
1957-58 .....			22,935
1956-57 .....			40,435
1955-56 .....			45,586
1954-55 .....			56,942
1953-54 .....			42,635

Grain Shipments Total grain shipments reached the substantial level of 434,358 metric tons. Almost 80 per cent of this was wheat. The 343,105 metric ton wheat total (12,607,000 bushels) was the highest since the beginning of this crop year. Brazil accounted for almost two thirds of it with 213,914 metric tons (7,860,000 bushels). Other customers were: United Kingdom, 41,720 metric tons (1,533,000 bushels); France, 31,095 (1,143,000 bushels); Netherlands, 26,972 (991,000 bushels); Western Germany, 19,299 (709,000 bushels); Paraguay, 5,350 (197,000 bushels); North Africa, 3,898 (143,000 bushels); and Belgium, 857 (31,000 bushels). Corn

exports at 65,093 metric tons (2,563,000 bushels) dropped sharply from the previous month's total of 103,188 metric tons (4,062,000 bushels). The most important customers were: Italy which took 22,817 metric tons (898,000 bushels); Netherlands, 16,925 (666,000 bushels); and Belgium, 15,935 (627,000 bushels). Barley exports declined to 19,750 metric tons (907,000 bushels), more than half of which - 10,103 metric tons (464,000 bushels) - was bought by Western Germany, while other lots went to the United Kingdom, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden and Brazil. Rye tonnage at 6,410 (252,000 bushels) was divided among: Western Germany, 2,042 (80,000 bushels); Sweden, 1,945 (77,000 bushels); Netherlands, 1,258 (50,000 bushels); and United Kingdom, 1,165 (46,000 bushels). There were no exports of oats.

### AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1958-59 (December-November) crop year amount to 230.2 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1958 carryover of 16.5 million and the new crop estimated at 213.7 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent an increase of 65 per cent over the 1957-58 total (including imports of 0.8 million bushels) of 139.9 million bushels. After deducting 70.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 160.2 million are available for export and for carryover during 1958-59, in contrast to 62.9 million in 1957-58.

#### Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1957-58	1958-59 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	41.5	16.5
New Crop .....	97.6 <u>2/</u>	213.7 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	139.1	230.2
Imports December-April .....	0.8	-
Total estimated supplies .....	139.9	230.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	77.0 <u>2/</u>	70.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	62.9	160.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-May 2 .....	11.1	25.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-May 2 .....	7.0	8.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	18.1	34.8
Balance on May 3 for export and for carryover .....	44.8	125.4

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent up to May 2 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 34.8 million bushels compared with 18.1 million exported during the corresponding period of 1957-58. The balance remaining on May 3, 1959 for export and for carryover, at 125.4 million bushels, was more than two and one-half times greater than the comparable 1958 total of 44.8 million.



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Weather  
and Crops

Most of the wheat districts in eastern Australia have had fairly satisfactory rains during the past month. This is particularly true in New South Wales where, over the greater part of the wheat belt, conditions for sowing are expected to be ideal. In Queensland, there were heavy soaking rains in late March and the reserves of sub-soil moisture make planting prospects bright. Victoria and South Australia have had a dry spell since late March but good rains are falling throughout the grain areas at the time of writing. In Western Australia, the rainfall has been scattered but sufficient to enable farmers to go ahead with tillage and seeding preparations. Timely rainfall in Tasmania and the absence of frost during April enabled the soft biscuit wheat crop to get away to a good start. There has been a slight downward trend in estimates of wheat sowing intentions, mainly as a result of the improvement in wool prices since Easter, but no overall reliable estimate is available at the time of writing. There is reported to be some shortage of pure seed wheat in some areas, particularly of the rust-resistant varieties. This factor and weather conditions during the next six weeks will govern the actual area sown.

The 1958-59  
Wheat Crop

On April 30 the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics issued a preliminary estimate of 213.7 million bushels for the 1958-59 crop. This represents an increase of 116.1 million bushels over the previous crop and is the highest figure since 1949-50. The estimated yield per acre is 21 bushels from a sown acreage of 10,192,000 acres, as against 8,848,000 acres in 1957-58. The greatest increase was in New South Wales where 66 million bushels were produced from 3.1 million acres, a yield of 21.3 bushels per acre. Deliveries to the Australian Wheat Board during the past month raised the total to 198.4 million bushels, divided by states as follows, with comparative figures for 1957-58 in parentheses:

- million bushels -

Queensland	..	15.2 ( 5.2)
New South Wales	..	59.6 ( 3.7)
Victoria	..	41.2 (29.0)
Tasmania	..	0.1
South Australia	..	29.5 (12.0)
Western Australia	..	52.8 (29.1)

Exports Sales  
and Supplies

There was some improvement in export sales during the past month but reported sales of Italian wheat on the British market apparently has held Australian sales at a disappointing level. Along with this, has come word of an aid grant of US\$420,000 to Ceylon for the supply of some 3,500 tons of flour (180,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) to a market in which Australia has been a traditional source of supply. Along with these adverse marketing reports has also come word of the possibility of a post-war record harvest in Europe, although this has been counterbalanced somewhat by lower estimates from the United States. There is a good deal of apprehension apparent over the future of the Australian industry, fundamentally based on the world trend to higher production and which has not been eased by either the terms of the new world wheat agreement or the announcement following the "Food For Peace" meetings in the United States.



Since the April report the following sales of Australian wheat and wheat flour have been reported:

United Kingdom	..	28,514 long tons (1,065,000 bushels)
New Zealand	..	20,000 long tons ( 747,000 bushels)
Hong Kong	..	3,500 long tons ( 131,000 bushels)
Rhodesia	..	9,000 long tons ( 336,000 bushels)
Japan	..	65,000 long tons (2,427,000 bushels)
Philippines	..	2,700 long tons ( 101,000 bushels)
Western Germany	..	4,450 long tons ( 166,000 bushels)
India	..	22,500 long tons ( 840,000 bushels)
Eire	..	13,500 long tons ( 504,000 bushels)

Miscellaneous      The Minister for Primary Industry has approved allocations amounting to £A175,000 (\$380,000) as the Commonwealth Government's contribution for wheat research projects in 1959-60. The authorized programme under the Wheat Industry Research Council includes studies on quality factors in wheat and flour, investigations on disease, plant breeding, engineering, soil and contributions to the capital cost of research premises and plant. In order to ensure continuity for research projects a reserve of about £A100,000 (\$217,000) is being established by the Council over a three-year period.

In South Australia, trials indicate that in the higher rainfall areas, it might pay to delay seeding and use quick-growing varieties rather than seed under excessively wet conditions. Spring sown wheats yielded more than double those sown in mid-winter. Experiments over a ten-year period in Victoria have shown conclusively that the average yields of wheat after barrel medic ley (pastures seeded to legume grass mixtures) are higher than those after a volunteer pasture without medics or from land that is regularly cropped on a fallow-wheat rotation without a period under pasture of any kind. The protein content of the grain sown after a good clover pasture is from one to two per cent higher than that from non-clover land.

The Export Development Council has suggested to the Government that wheat should be sold to India on credit. It is reported that a similar proposal has been made by the Wheat Board and there have been supporting suggestions from growers' organizations.

The Australian Wheat Growers' Federation has indicated that under no circumstances would growers revert to bag handling of wheat, the only way surplus grain could be stored on farms. Growers are insistent that adequate bulk storage must be provided for carryover wheat. On the other hand, it is stated that the wheat handling authorities had agreed that they would not accept liability for capital outlay for additional storage facilities and that they felt that provision of storage was the liability of the owner. The Australian Wheat Board is submitting proposals on the storage problem to the Commonwealth Government.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -  
May 16, 1958-59 and Corresponding Period 1957-58

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59
- thousand bushels -				
Aden .....	21	137	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T .....	-	-	287	648
Aden and Aden (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	28	185
Africa, South .....	-	782	-	-
Austria .....	-	74	-	-
Belgian Congo .....	-	-	1	1
British North Borneo .....	-	-	113	96
British West Indies .....	-	-	1	1/
Brunei .....	-	-	15	17
Burma .....	108	116	169	120
Ceylon .....	6	2	186	1,349
Cocos Islands .....	-	-	1/	-
Cyprus .....	-	-	-	1
Dutch New Guinea .....	-	-	48	38
Eire .....	162	1,671	-	-
Germany, West .....	-	1,935	-	-
Ghana .....	-	-	1/	8
Hong Kong .....	817	934	-	-
Hong Kong (General) .....	-	-	63	90
Hong Kong (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	4	-
India .....	209	772	-	-
Indonesia .....	-	-	1,150	606
Iran .....	-	162	-	-
Iraq .....	-	718	-	-
Japan .....	2,650	2,798	-	-
Kenya .....	-	785	-	-
Laos .....	-	-	-	2
Macao .....	-	-	3	1
Malaya .....	249	296	2,042	2,395
Malaya (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	25	38
Maldiv Islands .....	-	-	41	26
Malta .....	410	-	-	-
Mauritius .....	-	-	335	462
New Zealand .....	4,709	2,762	5	1/
Nigeria .....	-	-	2	2
Nyasaland .....	-	-	131	81
Pacific Islands .....	11	10	847	923
Pakistan .....	-	367	-	-
Pakistan (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	1	-
Persian Gulf .....	35	76	61	95
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	289	577
Philippine Islands .....	-	117	184	56
Port Said (a/c S/S) .....	-	-	4	7
Portuguese East Africa .....	-	37	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa) .....	-	65	14	49
Rhodesia .....	1,344	1,394	-	-
Sarawak .....	-	-	88	68
Saudi Arabia .....	113	49	29	-
Seychelles Islands .....	-	-	14	18
Singapore (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	40	26

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -  
May 16, 1958-59 and Corresponding Period 1957-58

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59
	- thousand bushels -			
Somaliland, British .....	-	-	1	10
Thailand .....	2	2	340	241
Timor .....	-	-	19	8
United Kingdom .....	1,757	11,427	676	1,141
Zanzibar .....	5	8	103	87
Royal Navy .....	6	20	6	2
Ships' Stores .....	-	-	56	51
Totals .....	12,614	27,516	7,420	9,523

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated commercial supplies of wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1958-59, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 31.7 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 235.2 million, are placed at 266.9 million bushels, 20 per cent less than the 1957-58 total of 334.4 million. Imports of wheat during the August-March period of the current French crop year amounted to 2.7 million bushels. After deducting 205.8 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, a total of 63.8 million are available for export and for carryover, during 1958-59, sharply below the 1957-58 level of 117.6 million.

French Supplies of Soft Wheat

Item	1957-58	1958-59 1/
	- million bushels -	
Commercial carryover, August 1 .....	35.5	31.7
Anticipated deliveries to Grain Board .....	298.8	235.2
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies .....	334.4	266.9
Imports, August-March .....	2/	2.7
Total commercial supplies .....	334.4	269.5
Less domestic requirements for crop year .....	216.8	205.8
Available for export and for carryover .....	117.6	63.8
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, August-March .....	43.7	18.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-March .	18.2	9.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	61.8	27.2
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover .....	55.8	36.5

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 50,000 bushels.



Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first eight months (August-March) of the current crop year amounted to 27.2 million bushels compared with 61.8 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on April 1, 1959, at 36.5 million bushels, was well below the April 1, 1958 total of 55.8 million.

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### Exports

The following have been monthly wheat and flour exports for the current crop year to date, compared with the previous year:

#### Monthly Wheat and Wheat Flour Exports August 1958-March 1959 and the Corresponding Months in 1957-58

Month	<u>Foreign Countries</u>		<u>French Union</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59
- thousand bushels -						
August .....	778	1,513	732	797	1,510	2,311
September .....	4,899	2,923	556	606	5,455	3,529
October .....	7,665	4,645	709	1,405	8,375	6,050
November .....	9,412	3,333	783	1,338	10,195	4,671
December .....	11,075	2,778	720	1,493	11,796	4,271
January .....	9,085	1,607	1,025	765	10,110	2,373
February .....	4,154	653	579	1,090	4,733	1,743
March .....	8,738	1,111	922	1,185	9,660	2,296
Totals .....	55,806	18,564	6,026	8,680	61,832	27,244

### Weather and Crops

growth.

Weather conditions in April and early May remained generally favourable for development of grain fields. Cool weather in April caused some slowing down but warm weather thereafter has aided

Development is well ahead of last year and, at present, indicates better yields. The condition of fields is substantially superior and the harvest should be early. Favourable growing conditions have, however, favoured weeds, and there has been some yellowing.

Trends reported in earlier months have been confirmed. The area seeded to wheat at almost 4.4 million hectares (10.9 million acres) on May 1, is 4 per cent lower than last year. Barley, on the other hand, registers a gain of 8.9 per cent to 1.8 million hectares (4.4 million acres). This is in keeping with the French government's program to encourage barley at the expense of wheat.

The May 1 estimate of sowings, compared with last year, is as follows:

Area Seeded to Grain, May 1

Grain	May 1, 1958	May 1, 1959	Comparison May 1 1959 with 1958
	- thousand acres -		- per cent -
Wheat .....	11,294	10,843	- 4.0
Wheat and Rye .....	52	52	-
Rye .....	882	842	- 4.5
Barley .....	4,248	4,627	+ 8.9
Oats .....	3,679	3,636	- 1.2
Mixed Grains .....	172	176	+ 2.3
Totals .....	20,327	20,175	- 0.7

French exports of wheat and flour have tended to concentrate on fewer markets this year, due to the lower availabilities. Almost half of the 205,000 tons (7,532,000 bushels) had moved to Germany by the end of March. Latterly, the only wheat exported has gone to Germany and this market should henceforth retain its predominance due to the Franco-German grain agreement.

The chief flour markets have been Indonesia, 35,816 tons (1,316,000 bushels); Sudan, 32,469 tons (1,193,000 bushels); and Tangiers, 23,999 tons (882,000 bushels).

At the same time, exports to the United Kingdom have dropped greatly to 49,039 tons (1,802,000 bushels) by the end of March, compared with 386,309 tons (14,194,000 bushels) one year earlier.

French Grain  
Market

The Grain Market in France has been fairly quiet the past few months due to the low availabilities within the country. At the end of March visible supplies were only a little ahead of the 1957-58 carryover, and of the legal minimum carryover of two months consumption, approximately 800,000 tons (29,395,000 bushels). As a result, only minor quantities of wheat have been moving to Germany, along with modest flour shipments to overseas destinations. Around 400,000 tons (14,697,000 bushels) of wheat have now been earmarked for feeding at the subsidized price. As the season advances, this program may now be considered at an end, and the total is less than half of the 916,000 tons (33,657,000 bushels) reached during the 1957-58 crop year.

Under the terms of the Franco-German grain agreement, France is committed to deliver 325,000 tons (11,942,000 bushels) of milling wheat. However, the agreement is on a calendar-year, rather than crop-year basis, and France can therefore deliver most of this from the 1959 crop.

During the current crop year, France has bought just over 400,000 tons (14,697,000 bushels) of milling wheat, half for delivery in Algeria. This wheat has come from the U.S.S.R., U.S.A., East Germany and Italy. In addition, France has been in the market for larger quantities of durum wheat this year due to the deficit in Algeria, which normally has a surplus for export to France. Some 330,000 tons (12,125,000 bushels) should be received during the crop year from regular suppliers in Morocco and Tunisia, and another 220,000 tons (8,084,000 bushels) from other sources: Argentina, accounting for almost half, Turkey, Spain and Canada, 30,000 tons (1,102,000 bushels).



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streak mosaic and hail damage continue to plague the crop in the central Great Plains. Maturity is more advanced than usual with nine-tenths headed in Kansas and three-fourths in Ohio. Winter wheat harvest is underway in the Low Plains of Texas and has infiltrated into southern Oklahoma.

Outlook for other small grains is good as rains improved prospects, although harvest was halted in the Southeast and some lodging reported. Flax, rye, and barley crops were especially benefited as parts of the northern interior received substantial rains. Various insects and diseases continue to hamper development of the oat crop in the central Great Plains and Missouri. About 48 per cent of the oat acreage is headed in Missouri and 15 per cent in Illinois. Rains in the Southeastern States curtailed oat harvesting operations.

#### CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- May 7 The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States in March 1959 at 20,595,000 sacks, an average of 936,000 sacks per working day.
- June 1 The United States Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, proclaimed marketing quotas on the 1960 wheat crop and set July 23, 1959 as the date for a referendum to determine producer approval or disapproval of quotas.

According to Foreign Crops and Markets, published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, the 1959 wheat acreage in Greece is the largest on record and production is forecast at 66 million bushels, nominally above the record outturn last year.

- 3 The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States in April 1959 at 19,462,000 sacks, an average of 885,000 sacks per working day.
- 5 The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce announced that the final accounting of the 1957-58 Wheat Pool had been completed. The total final payment amounted to some \$33.9 million after providing for payment costs and the Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy. The average final payment amounted to 8.989 cents per bushel.
- 10 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, production of all wheat in the United States, based on conditions at June 1, was forecast at 1,182 million bushels, 19 per cent less than the 1958 crop of 1,462.2 million. The winter wheat crop was estimated at 941 million bushels and all spring wheat production was forecast at 240 million.
- 11 According to a report published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, seeding of spring wheat in the Prairie Provinces was estimated to have been 95 per cent completed by May 31 compared with 100 per cent a year earlier. In Ontario, where most of Canada's winter wheat is grown, it was estimated that 38 per cent of the area seeded in the fall of 1958 was winterkilled compared with 5 per cent the previous year. Winterkilling of fall rye in Canada was estimated at 12 per cent compared with 5 per cent the previous year.



# CANADIAN WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR\* EXPORTS

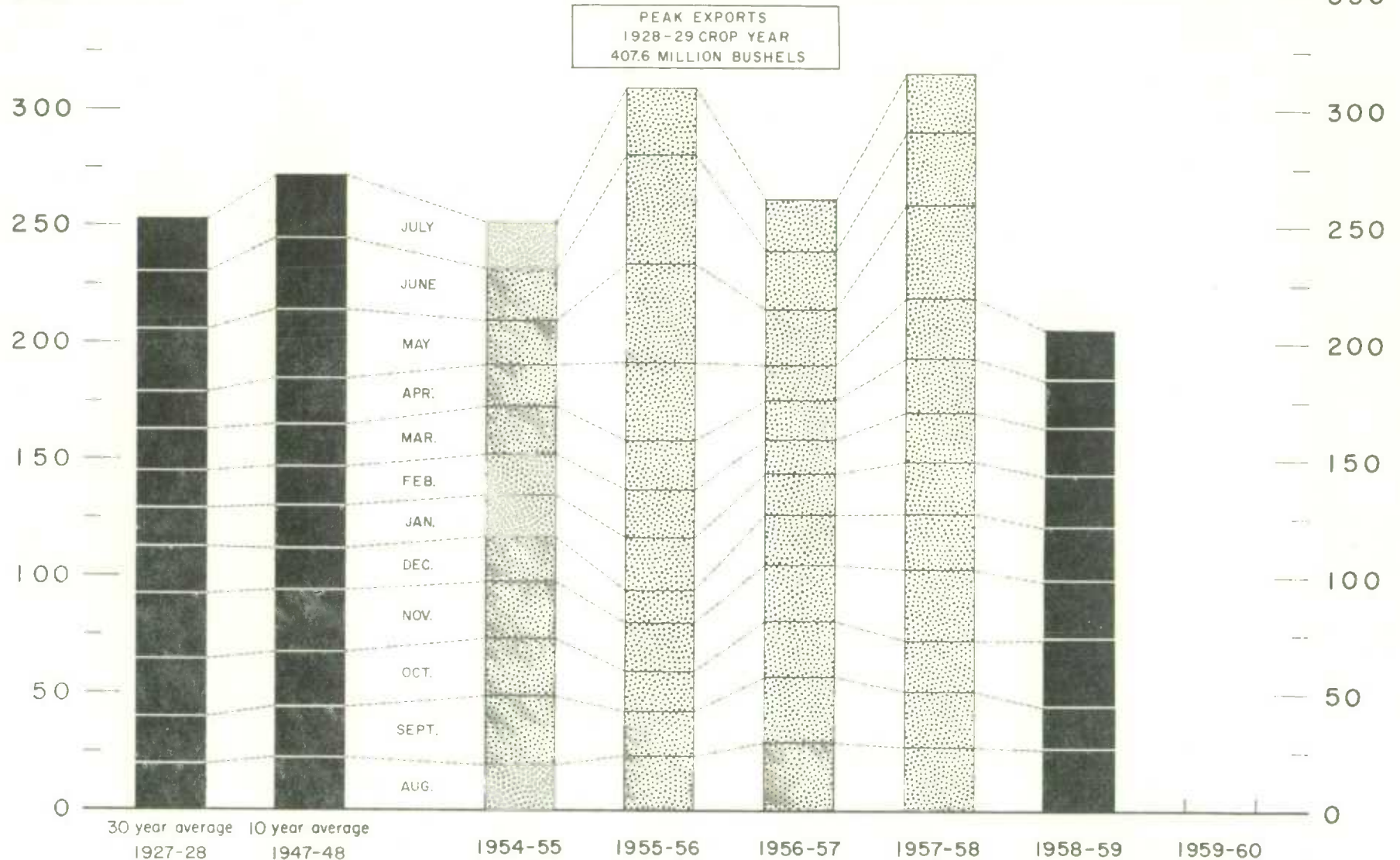
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