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# FARMERS MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

MILLION BUSHEL

— 450

— 400

— 350

— 300

— 250

— 200

— 150

— 100

— 50

— 0

PEAK MARKETINGS  
1952-53 CROP YEAR  
536.0 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

A.

M.

F.

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

26 year average 10 year average  
1932-33 1948-49  
1957-58 1957-58

1954-55

1955-56

1956-57

1957-58

1958-59

1959-60

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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about April 1, 1960 in the four major export-ing countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,171.9 million bushels, 2 per cent below the 2,211.3 million available a year ago. Supplies at May 1, 1960, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,373.4 (1,345.2); Canada, 592.0 (632.3); Argentina, 73.0 (107.4); and Australia, 133.5 (126.4). 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 wheat from the four major exporting countries during the first nine months (August-April) of the current Canadian crop year, at 722.0 million bushels, were some 7 per cent above the 677.0 million exported during the same months of 1958-59. Exports from the United States and Australia were at higher levels than last year while those from Canada and Argentina were lower. On a percentage basis, shipments from the four countries during August-April 1959-60 were shared as follows, with corresponding percentages for the same months of 1958-59 in brackets: United States, 51 (50); Canada, 29 (31); Argentina, 7 (11); and Australia, 13 (8). Shipments from each of the four countries during August-April of the current (Canadian) and nine preceding crop years are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat August 1959 - April 1960  
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	90.2	72.4	576.5
1956-57 .....	409.6	193.5	72.7	103.9	779.7
1057-58 .....	295.2	224.7	54.6	49.7	624.2
1958-59 <u>1/</u> .....	335.4	211.2	74.6	55.8	677.0
1959-60 <u>2/</u> .....	365.5	210.5	53.3	92.7	722.0

1/ Revised.      2/ Preliminary.

Crop Conditions in Europe According to a recent trade report warmer weather and beneficial rains occurred over a number of areas of the continent during the last week of May. The general crop situation was improved, but additional moisture is needed in some countries. Generally warm and dry weather has prevailed in the United Kingdom. Crops on heavy soils are in good condition but more rain would be welcome for spring-sown crops. Good rains have been received in a number of areas of France and have helped to maintain favourable prospects for growing crops. In West Germany rains have been favourable for crop development but additional moisture is required, particularly for spring-sown grains. In Italy the weather has been warm and the rains have abated after considerable precipitation in recent weeks. Reports on the wheat crop have been favourable for most areas and it is anticipated that the crop will equal or exceed last year's outturn. In Spain crop conditions are reported to be variable due to earlier adverse weather. Recent conditions, however, have been more favourable.

International Wheat Agreement  
Cumulative Totals of Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries  
Crop Year 1959-60

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES								Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Spain	Sweden	U.S.A.	
	1/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	
- thousand bushels -									
Austria .....	3,385	-	735	-	321	-	-	442	4,883
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	8,710	985	-	68	-	-	-	2,276	12,039
Belgian Territories ...	492	-	-	51	4	-	-	414	961
Brazil .....	-	-	-	1,940	-	-	-	2,968	4,908
Costa Rica .....	144	-	-	-	-	-	-	167	311
Cuba .....	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,630	6,698
Dominican Republic .....	348	-	-	13	-	-	-	891	1,252
Ecuador .....	512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	512
El Salvador .....	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	456	696
Germany .....	21,908	144	3,711	13,365	329	164	1,135	8,236	48,992
Greece .....	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
Guatemala .....	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	85
Haiti .....	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	202	214
Honduras Republic .....	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	356
Iceland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	109
India .....	4,116	-	10,058	-	-	-	-	4	14,178
Indonesia .....	316	-	892	98	572	-	-	176	2,054
Ireland .....	1,118	-	1,095	30	-	-	-	56	2,299
Israel .....	956	-	-	-	-	-	-	493	1,449
Japan .....	40,299	-	10,828	-	-	-	-	19,901	71,028
Korea .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Netherlands .....	7,228	-	-	1,600	13	353	-	9,498	18,692
Netherlands Territories	160	-	51	7	-	-	-	499	717
New Zealand .....	-	-	5,780	-	-	-	-	-	5,780
Norway .....	3,172	-	-	923	99	-	202	2,193	6,589
Panama .....	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	238
Peru .....	2,262	-	-	15	-	-	-	2,298	4,575
Philippines .....	5,622	-	831	-	-	-	-	5,474	11,927
Portugal .....	20	-	-	492	-	-	-	358	870
Portuguese Territories.	447	-	473	512	2	-	-	75	1,509
Rhodesia and Nyasaland .	55	-	3,060	-	9	-	-	357	3,481
Saudi Arabia .....	6	-	136	54	20	-	-	2,676	2,892
Switzerland .....	6,915	101	-	1,430	880	-	-	1,068	10,394
Union of South Africa ..	6,535	-	1,867	-	-	-	-	-	8,402
United Arab Republic ...	6	-	-	2,484	5,746	-	-	1,352	9,588
United Kingdom .....	83,490	-	19,099	5,020	280	-	-	19,920	127,809
U.K. Territories .....	5,795	-	4,457	1,890	10	-	-	4,793	16,945
Vatican City .....	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221
Venezuela .....	2,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,069	9,068
Totals .....	207,700	1,230	63,073	29,992	8,285	517	1,337	100,598	412,732

Percent age of Total Sales by E xporting Countries	50.32	.30	15.28	7.27	2.01	.13	.32	24.37	100.00
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NOTE: Mexico - no sales reported.

1/ Canadian Sales through April 30, 1960.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through April 9, 1960.

# CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position      Total estimated supplies of wheat for the crop year 1959-60, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 549.0 million bushels and the 1959 production of 413.5 million, amount to 962.5 million bushels, representing a decline of 5 per cent from the 1958-59 total of 1,011.2 million and the first crop year since 1954-55 that supplies have fallen below the billion bushel level. After deducting an estimated 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1959-60 amount to 802.5 million bushels, 5 per cent below the 843.5 million in 1958-59.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-April period of 1959-60 amounted to 210.5 million bushels, practically unchanged from last year's nine-month total of 211.2 million and 9 per cent more than the ten-year (1948-49-1957-58) average of 192.9 million. The balance remaining on May 1, 1960 for export and for carryover, amounted to 592.0 million bushels, 6 per cent less than the May 1, 1959 total of 632.3 million.

## Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1958-59 <u>1/</u>	1959-60 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	639.5	549.0
New Crop .....	371.7	413.5
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-February .	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	1,011.2	962.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .	167.6	160.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	843.5	802.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-April <u>4/</u> .....	179.2	177.9
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-April <u>5/</u> ....	5.0	5.1
Total exports of wheat as grain .....	184.1	183.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - April <u>5/</u> .....	27.1	27.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	211.2	210.5
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover .....	632.3	592.0

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, 1958-59 adjusted for time lag.

Primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to May 18 of the current crop year have amounted to 241.0 million bushels, surpassing by a narrow margin the total of 240.8 million marketed during the corresponding period of 1958-59. Some 42.1 million bushels of this year's total were marketed during the four weeks April 21 to May 18. Disappearance of Canadian wheat into export and domestic channels (Overseas clearances plus Canadian domestic use and including

grain milled for subsequent export) during the same four weeks amounted to 32.1 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat increased from 369.6 million bushels at April 20 to a level of 379.5 million at May 18.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at May 18, 1960 represented an increase of 3 per cent over the 1959 comparable total of 368.7 million and 8 per cent greater than the 1958 figure of 351.4 million. Stocks in country elevators amounted to 223.3 million bushels compared with 228.1 million a year ago and 217.9 million two years ago. This year's supplies in country elevators at May 18 accounted for 59 per cent of the total visible wheat supply compared with the 1959 and 1958 corresponding percentage of 62 per cent in both years. Interior terminal stocks, at 11.6 million bushels, were 13 per cent less than last year's 13.3 million but slightly above the 1958 total of 11.2 million. Some 15.4 million bushels were "In transit rail" (Western Division) at May 18 this year exceeding both the 13.9 million of a year ago and 14.0 million of two years ago. Supplies at Fort William-Port Arthur at May 18, 1960 amounted to 46.9 million bushels, 4 per cent greater than the 44.9 million in 1959 and more than double the 22.3 million in 1958. Stocks of 33.8 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were sharply above the 18.6 million of a year ago and also exceeded by a reduced margin the 31.8 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports amounted to 17.7 million bushels, below both the 1959 total of 18.3 million and the 1958 figure of 19.7 million. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) totalled 13.0 million bushels compared with 12.5 million a year ago and 11.3 million two years ago.

<u>April 1960 Exports of</u> <u>Wheat and Flour Total</u> <u>18.9 Million Bushels</u>	Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during April 1960 amounted to 18.9 million bushels, compared with the March 1960 level of 20.5 million and the April 1959 total of 22.7 million bushels. The ten-year (1949-1958) average wheat exports for the month of April amounted to 20.8 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during April 1960, at 15.4 million bushels, were somewhat below the March 1960 total of 17.1 million and the April 1959 figure of 18.9 million. Exports of bagged seed wheat during April 1960, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 994 <u>thousand</u> bushels, 25 per cent greater than the March 1960 total of 794 <u>thousand</u> and 35 per cent above the adjusted April 1959 figure of 738 <u>thousand</u> bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 2.5 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during April 1960, compared with the previous month's total of 2.6 million and the adjusted April 1959 figure of 3.1 million.
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Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-April period of the 1959-60 crop year amounted to 177.9 million bushels, compared with the 1958-59 total of 179.2 million. The United Kingdom, remaining in its position as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 63.1 million bushels and representing 35 per cent of the nine-month total. During the August-April period of the 1958-59 crop year shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 67.7 million bushels and accounted for 38 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first nine months of the 1959-60 crop year, with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 30.7 (27.4); Federal Republic of Germany, 19.3 (27.5); Belgium, 8.8 (7.9); Switzerland, 5.7 (4.3); Netherlands, 5.6 (7.4); Poland, 4.9 (2.1); Union of South Africa, 4.7 (5.3); India, 4.1 (5.6); and France, 3.6 (1.1). Customs exports of bagged seed wheat during August-April 1959-60 amounted to 5.1 million bushels an increase of 3 per cent over the adjusted 1958-59 nine-month total of 5.0 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first nine months of the current crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 27.5 million bushels and exceeded by 2 per cent the adjusted August-April 1958-59 total of 27.1 million. As with wheat in bulk, the United Kingdom was also the leading market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of wheat flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 10.4 million bushels and accounted for 38 per cent of the August-April 1959-60 total. During the same months of the 1958-59 crop year shipments of wheat flour to the United Kingdom amounted to the equivalent of 10.5 million bushels and represented 39 per cent of the total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-April period of the 1959-60 crop year, with revised data for the same months of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Philippine Islands, 3,777 (2,703); Trinidad and Tobago, 1,398 (1,175); Jamaica, 1,258 (1,293); Ghana, 1,254 (806); United States, 1,119 (1,235); Japan, 834 (779); Ceylon, 830 (1,468); and Leeward and Windward Islands, 792 (756).

Removal of Quota  
on Soft White Spring  
Wheat

The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas (General), No. 16, under date of May 9, 1960 announced in part that effective immediately the delivery quota on all grades of Soft White Spring Wheat is hereby removed and such wheat may now be delivered to elevators at the designated delivery points of producers referred to in Paragraph 2 hereunder, regardless of the delivery quota in effect for other types of wheat.

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.

Crop and  
Weather Conditions

The telegraphic crop report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on May 25, summarized crop conditions in each of the Prairie Provinces as follows:

Seeding is about 20 per cent completed at Vita in the southeastern part of Manitoba. Rain on May 18 held up seeding for six days. Early crops are now up and pastures are coming along nicely. A very good rain was received at Altona last week and although seeding was held up until last Friday, considerable progress has been made. About 60 per cent of all crops have been seeded. Scattered showers falling when this report was filed may stop field work but our correspondent stated that operations were still continuing. Pastures are now providing a good supply of forage for livestock.

At Fillmore in the southeast part of Saskatchewan heavy rains during the week delayed spring work. Some 75 per cent of the wheat and 50 per cent of the coarse grains have been seeded and the spring harvest has been completed. Early garden stuff is growing well and pastures are showing sturdy growth. Moisture reserves are excellent and early-seeded crops are growing well. The Experimental Farm at Indian Head reports that 0.47 inches of rain during the first part of the week further delayed seeding operations which got underway again on the nineteenth and proceeded well until the twenty-third. However, rain on May 24 again stopped all operations. The early-seeded crop is emerging very uniformly and making excellent growth. Soil moisture conditions remain excellent. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the wheat and 20 per cent of the coarse grains but no flax have been seeded to date. Wild oats and weeds are making rapid growth; hay and pasture growth is excellent and the grass stand is lush.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to May 18 this year amounted to 56.9 million bushels, some 36 per cent greater than the 41.7 million shipped during the comparable period of 1959. The 1960 season of navigation opened on April 10 while the 1959 season opened on April 20. Shipments of wheat, at 42.6 million bushels, were 55 per cent above the 1959 comparable figure of 27.4 million and accounted for 75 per cent of the current total. Shipments of barley and flaxseed were also above last year's comparable levels while those of oats and rye were lower.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to May 18, 1960 and to Approximately the Same Date 1950 to 1959\*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
			- thousand bushels -			
1950 .....	21,847	2,155	4,024	662	69	28,757
1951 .....	32,253	10,147	6,068	1,362	136	49,966
1952 .....	50,532	12,876	14,006	1,882	1,392	80,688
1953 .....	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 .....	44,706	5,096	16,483	3,385	687	70,357
1957 .....	38,783	6,125	10,278	207	2,559	57,953
1958 .....	53,137	10,145	20,516	1,647	1,215	86,660
1959 .....	27,425	4,130	8,819	663	677	41,714
1960 .....	42,619	3,265	9,788	458	750	56,830

\* Shipments from opening of navigation to May 18, 1950; May 17, 1951; May 15, 1952; May 21, 1953; May 17, 1954; May 18, 1955; May 16, 1956; May 15, 1957; May 21, 1958; and May 20, 1959.

General Quota Position By May 30, 1960 out of a total of 2,009 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 2 points on a quota of 7 bushels per specified acre and 541 points were on a 6-bushel quota. The largest number, 1,128 points were on a 5-bushel quota while 335 points were on a 4-bushel quota and 3 points were on a 3-bushel quota.

Summary of Shipping Points in the Western Division  
as at May 30, 1960

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre					Total
	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	
Ontario .....	-	-	-	2	-	2
Manitoba .....	3	84	237	47	-	371
Saskatchewan .....	-	180	630	272	-	1,082
Alberta .....	-	71	261	217	-	549
British Columbia .....	-	-	-	3	2	5
All Provinces .....	3	335	1,128	541	2	2,009

Farmers' Marketings <sup>1/</sup> of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1959-60

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
		- bushels -				
August	5, 1959 .....	44,420	225,139	1,361	270,920	212,502
	12 .....	55,738	164,404	16,421	236,563	564,330
	19 .....	233,203	481,581	132,441	847,225	1,801,337
	26 .....	455,278	1,607,041	183,143	2,245,462	3,857,564
September	2 .....	680,686	2,218,601	298,820	3,198,107	3,666,665
	9 .....	481,803	2,203,021	472,181	3,157,005	4,677,487
	16 .....	734,026	2,391,225	577,939	3,703,190	5,633,606
	23 .....	352,348	3,196,941	912,706	4,961,995	3,408,239
	30 .....	433,670	1,978,129	817,320	3,229,119	2,681,695
October	7 .....	564,612	4,852,909	1,089,462	6,506,983	5,257,085
	14 .....	237,534	4,120,291	926,424	5,284,249	4,774,024
	21 .....	157,874	2,180,483	1,012,149	3,350,506	5,425,551
	28 .....	283,387	3,586,669	1,348,941	5,218,997	6,589,019
November	4 .....	1,004,524	3,961,909	1,263,696	6,230,129	8,727,606
	11 .....	393,294	5,579,067	1,441,861	7,414,222	7,581,183
	18 .....	1,425,698	5,814,873	1,749,135	8,989,706	7,764,301
	25 .....	1,791,864	6,390,366	2,541,258	10,723,488	8,033,521
December	3 .....	1,652,062	6,354,050	2,304,308	10,310,420	6,044,539
	9 .....	1,660,577	7,909,760	2,706,580	12,276,917	7,408,299
	16 .....	1,152,875	5,570,534	2,358,960	9,082,369	8,418,178
	23 .....	1,093,917	5,639,236	2,390,052	9,123,205	9,739,243
	30 .....	490,865	4,808,617	1,898,710	7,198,192	5,973,385
January	6, 1960 .....	278,318	2,764,916	1,482,076	4,525,310	5,418,620
	13 .....	477,693	3,172,165	2,067,412	5,717,270	6,216,330
	20 .....	413,731	3,289,387	2,010,742	5,713,860	8,464,552
	27 .....	349,419	2,071,521	1,587,076	4,008,016	4,165,378
February	3 .....	77,150	1,895,721	1,753,681	3,726,552	6,976,356
	10 .....	407,175	2,990,502	2,702,270	6,099,947	4,692,563
	17 .....	298,604	1,590,204	1,995,662	3,884,470	4,417,042
	24 .....	307,132	1,668,488	1,661,991	3,637,611	5,191,020
March	2 .....	296,883	1,074,153	1,011,740	2,382,776	8,203,713
	9 .....	200,905	654,491	756,131	1,611,527	6,866,600
	16 .....	387,713	1,179,161	1,466,035	3,032,909	6,504,106
	23 .....	929,080	2,637,944	2,114,427	5,681,451	5,022,064
	30 .....	1,435,490	3,273,497	1,471,586	6,180,573	3,845,849
April	6 .....	1,150,464	3,294,253	1,564,995	6,009,712	5,136,727
	13 .....	537,756	3,446,050	1,868,170	5,851,976	7,576,951
	20 .....	302,258	3,704,143	2,161,189	6,167,590	7,833,176
	27 .....	1,241,512	5,508,346	2,861,289	9,611,147	7,182,619
May	4 .....	1,033,185	6,158,752	2,525,425	9,717,362	5,621,707
	11 .....	2,247,447	9,282,750	3,239,416	14,769,613	4,651,838
	18 .....	1,412,451	5,011,879	1,598,424	8,022,754	3,903,505
Totals .....		29,664,621	145,903,169	64,343,605	239,911,395	236,130,075
Average similar period: 1948-49-1957-58 .....		30,815,821	162,109,124	80,955,503	273,880,448	

<sup>1/</sup> Includes receipts at country, interior private and mill, interior semi-public terminal elevators and platform loadings.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat May 18, 1960  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date 1958 and 1959

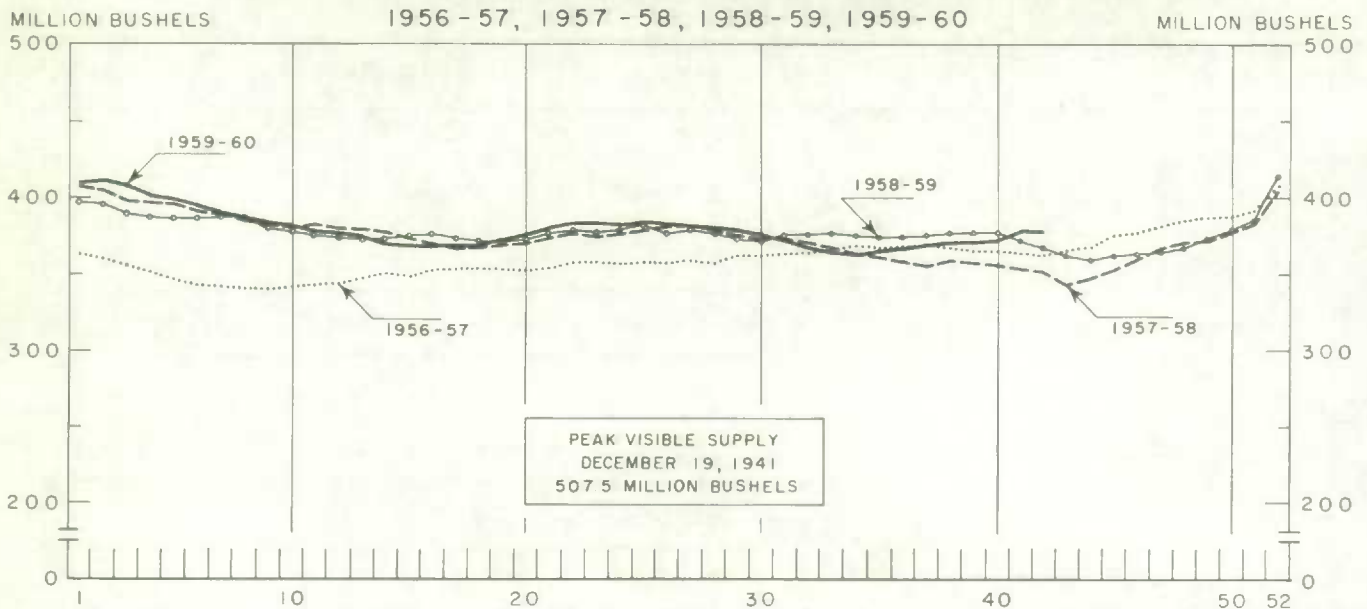
Position	1958	1959	1960
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	26,441	26,590	24,831
Saskatchewan .....	124,186	128,432	122,672
Alberta .....	67,288	73,053	75,749
Totals .....	217,915	228,075	223,252
Interior private and mill .....	7,403	7,652	6,958
Interior terminals .....	11,242	13,344	11,643
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	11,116	11,855	12,423
Victoria .....	178	657	607
Churchill .....	4,620	4,916	4,871
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	22,327	44,944	46,857
Storage afloat .....	142	-	-
In transit rail (Western Division) ....	13,990	13,933	15,421
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports.	31,797	18,571	33,822
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports .	19,744	18,343	17,718
In transit lake .....	8,219	5,401	4,569
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ....	2,644	415	1,369
United States ports .....	52	622	-
Totals .....	351,391	368,728	379,508

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1959-April 1960 with Comparisons

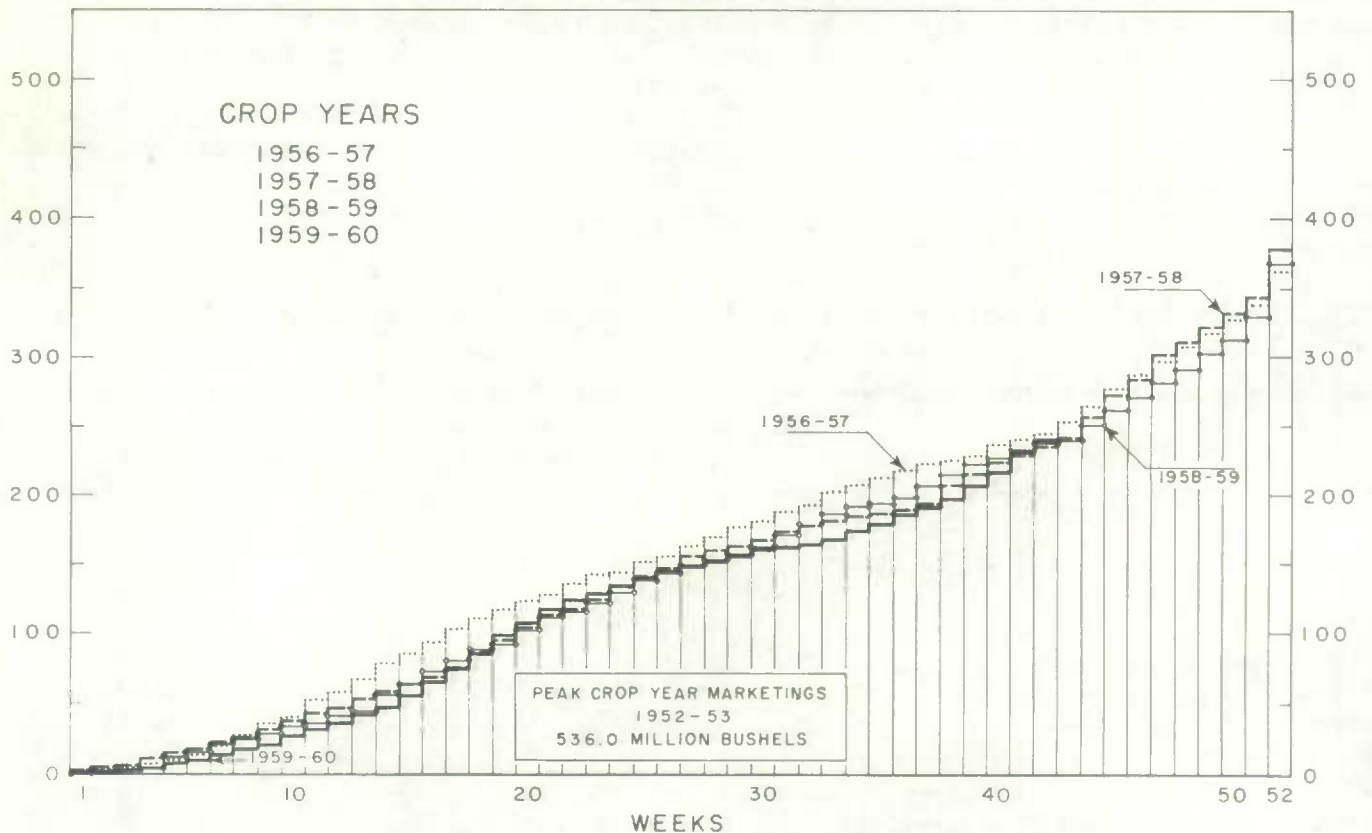
Grade	Crop Year		August-April			
	Average	1958-59	1958-59		1959-60	
	1953-54— 1957-58		cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Man. Northern ..	3.4	1.8	1,272	1.1	1,172	0.9
No. 2 Man. Northern ..	33.0	31.9	36,984	31.2	30,404	23.0
No. 3 Man. Northern ..	25.7	27.5	33,351	28.1	36,063	27.2
No. 4 Man. Northern ..	11.4	15.7	19,638	16.6	16,916	12.8
No. 5 Wheat .....	9.0	6.7	10,179	8.6	3,012	2.3
No. 6 Wheat .....	3.0	0.8	1,216	1.0	356	0.3
Feed Wheat .....	0.4	1/	60	0.1	6	1/
Others Red Spring ....	9.1	10.7	9,816	8.3	33,530	25.3
C.W. Garnet .....	0.6	1/	1	1/	125	0.1
C.W. White Spring ....	0.1	0.1	173	0.1	111	0.1
C.W. Mixed Wheat .....	0.1	1/	45	1/	54	1/
Alberta Winter .....	0.4	0.1	229	0.2	627	0.5
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum	3.9	4.4	5,443	4.6	9,639	7.3
Others C.W. Amber Durum	0.1	0.2	183	0.2	449	0.3
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	118,590	100.0	132,464	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.)			216,832,000		250,099,000	

1/ Less than .05 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, 1959 to May 18, 1960  
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1957-58 and 1958-59

Destination	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo .....	3,221,940	2,294,494	1,595,935
Chicago .....	156,933	175,436	71,022
Duluth-Superior .....	1,516,417	889,132	444,802
Totals, Vessel .....	4,895,290	3,359,062	2,111,759
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points .....	869,092	318,490	166,975
Totals, Rail .....	869,092	318,490	166,975
Totals, Shipments .....	5,764,382	3,677,552	2,278,734

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

Total shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to May 18, amounted to 2.3 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1958-59 and 1957-58 shipments amounted to 3.7 million and 5.8 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 92 per cent was shipped by vessel.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first nine months of the current crop year totalled 25.2 million bushels, 5 per cent less than the comparable August-April 1958-59 total of 26.5 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1, 1958 to April 30, 1959	August 1, 1959 to April 30, 1960
- bushels -		
Port McNicoll .....	6,730,923	8,026,429
Midland, Tiffin .....	10,304,063	9,714,275
Collingwood .....	823,444	1,070,871
Owen Sound .....	3,479,132	2,710,090
Goderich .....	79,337	1,171,042
Sarnia .....	3,241,395	1,756,818
Walkerville .....	-	113,536
Toronto .....	143,634	-
Lakefield .....	1,166,736	666,892
Trent .....	199,607	18,000
Prescott .....	303,210	2,000
Totals .....	26,471,481	25,249,953

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1956-57-1959-60

Month	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
- bushels -				
August .....	100,667	33,297	33,123	34,383
September .....	70,324	42,125	15,692	31,690
October .....	120,535	34,937	68,834	30,904
November .....	240,628	67,894	205,061	8,383
December .....	613,482	232,252	214,398	25,355
January .....	792,000	525,238	684,845	103,087
February .....	490,778	178,204	173,387	23,878
March .....	338,534	191,312	280,705	18,826
April .....	161,103	215,546	243,292	64,156
May .....	73,212	33,839	44,783	
June .....	23,281	35,368	10,128	
July .....	31,432	37,984	33,696	
Totals .....	3,055,976	1,627,996	2,007,944	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, April 1960

Grade	Quebec	Ontario	U.S.A.
- bushels -			
4 Northern .....	667	1,500	-
5 Wheat .....	1,333	1,500	-
6 Wheat .....	-	-	1,500
Tough .....	-	30,000	-
Rejected .....	-	15,000	-
Amber Durum .....	4,000	2,000	-
Others .....	-	6,656	-
Totals .....	6,000	56,656	1,500

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1959-May 18, 1960  
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat 1/	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed 2/
- bushels -						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>						
Vancouver-New Westminster ...	72,527,052	2,682,966	20,242,805	205,491	5,086,259	2,419,826
Victoria .....	1,334,808	14,889	-	-	356,708	-
Prince Rupert .....	-	-	7,872,471	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u> .....	21,158,712	138,353	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u> .....	4,588,472	197,647	1,883,986	-	1,122,064	-
<u>Sarnia</u> .....	106,400	-	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>						
Montreal .....	35,843,837	809,514	702,692	89,856	1,933,621	40,906
Sorel .....	13,179,503	-	-	-	-	-
Three Rivers .....	10,407,568	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec .....	6,659,145	-	994,000	-	-	-
<u>Maritime</u>						
Saint John .....	1,829,735	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John .....	12,553,269	164,793	-	49,923	559,871	-
Halifax .....	9,941,850	-	-	-	-	-
<u>U.S. Lake Ports</u> .....	136,788	-	-	-	-	-
Totals .....	190,267,139	4,008,162	31,695,954	345,270	9,058,523	2,460,732
August 1, 1958-May 20, 1959 ...	190,345,124	5,150,177	40,572,789	1,049,477	11,801,424	5,187,086

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

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to April 30, 1960 represent the movement of some 13.7 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. During the corresponding period in 1958-59 claims had been filed for a total of 15.4 million bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the 1959-60 August-March shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 11 per cent below those of 1958-59. Revised data on the 1958-59 August-March shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1960 place the eight-month total at 15.7 million bushels. About 74 per cent of the shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August-March 1959-60 and 1958-59

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1959 .....	15	27	127	52	634	860	231	1,947
September .....	17	16	90	113	627	764	197	1,825
October .....	21	15	127	64	673	863	310	2,072
November .....	16	26	106	53	667	709	307	1,884
December .....	14	15	190	63	599	665	196	1,743
January, 1960 ....	8	12	82	52	513	544	225	1,434
February .....	11	15	127	42	397	489	208	1,290
March .....	6	17	123	52	511	587	160	1,457
Totals .....	108	144	973	492	4,623	5,480	1,834	13,652
Same period 1958-59:								
Preliminary 2/ .	94	140	1,032	496	5,394	6,612	1,632	15,399
Revised 1/ .....	99	141	1,041	506	5,457	6,674	1,776	15,694

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 396,999 tons during the August-March period of the 1959-60 crop year. This total, based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1960 surpasses by some 4 per cent the 1958-59 August-March revised total of 382,805 tons. Shipments to the provinces of Quebec and Ontario amounted to 202,336 tons and 107,345 tons, respectively, and accounted for a combined 78 per cent of the 1959-60 August-March total movement of freight-assisted millfeeds.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August-March 1959-60 and 1958-59

Province	1958-59		1959-60
	Preliminary 2/	Revised 1/	Preliminary 1/
- tons -			
Newfoundland .....	2,464	2,632	2,968
Prince Edward Island .....	4,729	4,777	6,060
Nova Scotia .....	21,064	21,465	22,861
New Brunswick .....	19,185	19,514	23,215
Quebec .....	193,816	195,983	202,336
Ontario .....	106,674	108,094	107,345
British Columbia .....	24,605	30,340	32,214
Totals .....	372,537	382,805	396,999

1/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1960.

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

Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and Month	Wheat in Bulk <u>1/</u>	Bagged Seed Wheat <u>2/</u>	Total Wheat	Wheat Flour <u>2/</u> <u>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</u>					
August .....	23,152	237	23,389	2,443	25,833
September .....	16,112	201	16,314	2,232	18,546
October .....	25,532	188	25,720	3,656	29,375
November .....	21,437	299	21,736	3,921	25,658
December .....	19,864	451	20,315	3,196	23,511
January .....	17,893	607	18,500	2,820	21,320
February .....	17,685	956	18,641	3,035	21,676
March .....	18,579	1,280	19,859	2,705	22,564
April .....	18,918	738	19,657	3,057	22,714
May .....	29,040	31	29,071	3,529	32,600
June .....	27,842	72	27,913	3,003	30,916
July .....	16,101	204	16,305	3,529	19,834
Totals .....	252,155	5,266	257,421	37,125	294,546
<u>1959-60 <u>4/</u></u>					
August .....	21,203	129	21,332	3,194	24,527
September .....	22,606	155	22,761	3,547	26,308
October .....	22,440	89	22,529	3,059	25,589
November .....	29,239	409	29,648	3,312	32,960
December .....	20,262	891	21,153	3,559	24,712
January .....	13,220	753	13,972	3,076	17,048
February .....	16,462	591	17,053	2,617	19,671
March .....	17,102	794	17,896	2,617	20,513
April .....	15,373	994	16,366	2,508	18,874
Totals .....	177,907	5,104	183,011	27,490	210,501

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 and 1958-59 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 1959-60

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 .....	1,082,331	927,678	7,579,534	10,419,672	63,114,836
<u>Africa</u>					
British East Africa .....	-	2,127	-	4,163	-
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland .....	690	2,581	-	19,433	29,867
Gambia .....	-	2,300	-	13,492	-
Ghana .....	48,583	131,052	-	1,254,592	-
Nigeria .....	6,659	83,525	-	387,258	-
Sierra Leone .....	4,140	45,112	-	252,195	-
Union of South Africa .....	-	-	1,073,333	-	4,662,410
<u>Asia</u>					
Aden .....	-	-	-	6,463	-
Ceylon .....	-	58,447	-	830,217	-
Cyprus .....	-	-	375,743	-	375,743
Hong Kong .....	19,320	62,261	-	521,260	129,733
India .....	-	-	-	-	4,116,436
Kuwait .....	8,243	1,288	-	16,937	-
Malaya and Singapore .....	39,340	40,399	-	442,451	-
Other British East Indies .....	579	129	-	1,127	-
Pakistan .....	-	17,600	-	17,844	2,157,173
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar .....	5,152	-	-	35,034	-
Malta .....	-	-	-	-	849,333
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas .....	26,811	7,563	-	204,808	-
Barbados .....	13,149	9,441	-	204,263	-
Bermuda .....	8,241	5,018	-	84,941	-
British Honduras .....	1,122	1,184	-	10,697	-
Jamaica .....	173,938	114,034	-	1,257,928	-
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	90,783	63,036	-	791,853	-
Trinidad and Tobago .....	93,171	54,565	-	1,398,050	-
<u>Oceania</u>					
Fiji .....	-	-	-	10,971	-
New Zealand .....	-	-	-	138	-
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana .....	7,199	3,071	-	238,149	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .....	1,629,451	1,632,411	9,028,610	18,423,936	75,435,533
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Africa</u>					
Algeria .....	-	-	-	-	1,862,690
Azores and Madeira .....	5,225	1,297	-	10,985	-
Belgian Congo .....	52,688	23,508	-	442,400	-
Liberia .....	-	2,070	-	14,536	-
Portuguese East Africa .....	-	529	-	2,944	174,720
Portuguese West Africa .....	2,815	4,750	-	66,767	-
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia .....	-	460	-	18,359	-
Burma .....	-	-	-	-	228,470
Indonesia .....	-	-	-	316,305	-
Iran .....	-	113	-	736	-
Iraq .....	-	-	-	-	2,033,229
Israel .....	-	-	513,333	-	513,333
Japan .....	118,595	91,793	1,449,840	834,428	30,736,474
Lebanon .....	6,182	5,923	-	33,670	386,690
Okinawa .....	-	2,300	39,200	2,300	451,733
Philippine Islands .....	329,795	346,064	272,347	3,777,347	1,318,263
Portuguese Asia .....	6,127	21,307	-	137,701	-

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination 1959-60

Destination	January	April		August-April	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
<u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u>					
<u>Asia</u>					
Syria .....	258	492	-	2,155	-
Thailand .....	12,673	32,085	-	235,582	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Austria .....	-	-	564,659	-	2,803,252
Belgium .....	1,932	15,916	819,138	102,235	8,785,446
Denmark .....	-	460	-	3,846	136,081
Finland .....	-	-	-	-	930,958
France .....	-	-	644,885	-	3,587,266
Germany, Federal Republic .....	-	644	677,254	644	19,251,338
Greece .....	1,523	253	-	3,294	-
Iceland .....	-	-	-	7,986	-
Ireland .....	-	-	46,667	-	978,321
Italy .....	-	-	-	-	2,116,712
Netherlands .....	-	-	71,680	2,495	5,593,833
Norway .....	-	-	105,840	-	2,648,576
Poland .....	-	-	-	-	4,871,813
Portugal .....	1,495	-	-	15,838	-
Sweden .....	-	-	-	1,012	28,000
Switzerland .....	-	-	584,267	-	5,668,986
<u>North America</u>					
Costa Rica .....	82,743	101,062	-	553,196	-
Cuba .....	-	10,640	-	86,876	1,000
Dominican Republic .....	21,689	-	74,667	210,737	77,167
El Salvador .....	18,430	20,641	22,050	270,296	55,113
French West Indies .....	805	-	-	2,990	-
Guatemala .....	2,070	1,035	-	85,802	20,000
Haiti .....	414	207	-	1,656	-
Honduras .....	5,520	5,865	-	42,306	5,000
Netherlands Antilles .....	6,762	7,360	-	85,091	-
Nicaragua .....	37,525	28,203	-	261,623	-
Panama .....	19,051	20,463	-	223,611	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	920	2,070	-	15,914	-
<u>United States</u>					
Flour in terms of wheat .....	144,783	120,221	-	1,119,173	-
For milling in bond 4/ .....	-	-	-	-	110,000
For domestic use 4/ .....	-	-	29,497	-	425,126
<u>Oceania</u>					
French Oceania .....	-	-	-	186	-
Guam .....	-	-	-	2,300	-
<u>South America</u>					
Chile .....	-	-	-	1,610	-
Colombia .....	577	345	-	3,110	793,508
Ecuador .....	-	-	346,654	-	972,168
Peru .....	1,380	690	-	4,715	2,267,067
Surinam .....	9,648	6,442	-	57,520	-
Venezuela .....	908	-	82,133	3,714	2,639,104
Totals, Foreign Countries .....	892,533	875,208	6,344,111	9,065,991	102,471,437
Sub-Totals, All Countries .....	2,521,984	2,507,619	15,372,721	27,489,927	177,906,970
Bagged seed wheat 5/ .....	-	-	993,732	-	5,104,242
Totals, All Countries .....	2,521,984	2,507,619	16,366,453	27,489,927	183,011,212

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.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27

- 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

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and Domestic Sales

1 Northern .....	165/5	166/6	168/4	169/4
2 Northern .....	162/5	162/2	164	165
3 Northern .....	155/5	157/6	159/4	160/4
4 Northern .....	150/5	152/6	154/4	155/4
5 Wheat .....	149/5	150/6	152/1	151/4
6 Wheat .....	147/5	148/6	150/1	149/4
Feed Wheat .....	145/5	146/6	148/1	147/4
1 C.W. Garnet .....	157/5	158/6	160/4	161/4
2 C.W. Garnet .....	153/5	154/6	156/4	157/4
3 C.W. Garnet .....	150/5	151/6	153/4	154/4
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	158/5	159/6	161/4	162/4
2 Alberta Winter .....	155/5	156/6	158/4	159/4
3 Alberta Winter .....	151/5	152/6	154/4	155/4
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	178/5	179/6	180	180/4
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	170/5	171/6	172	172/4
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	167/5	168/6	170/4	171/4

Export - Class II

1 Northern .....	165/5	166/6	168/4	169/4
2 Northern .....	162/5	162/2	164	165
3 Northern .....	155/5	157/6	159/4	160/4
4 Northern .....	150/5	152/6	154/4	155/4
5 Wheat .....	149/5	150/6	152/1	151/4
6 Wheat .....	147/5	148/6	150/1	149/4
Feed Wheat .....	145/5	146/6	148/1	147/4
1 C.W. Garnet .....	157/5	158/6	160/4	161/4
2 C.W. Garnet .....	153/5	154/6	156/4	157/4
3 C.W. Garnet .....	150/5	151/6	153/4	154/4
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	178/5	179/6	180	180/4
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	170/5	171/6	172	172/4
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	167/5	168/6	170/4	171/4

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>				
1 Northern .....	140	140	140	140
2 Northern .....	136	136	136	136
3 Northern .....	132	132	132	132
4 Northern .....	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat .....	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat .....	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat .....	96	96	96	96
1 C.W. Garnet .....	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet .....	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter .....	119	119	119	119
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	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 .....	172/1	173/2	175	176
2 Northern .....	169/1	168/6	170/4	171/4
3 Northern .....	163/1	165/6	167/4	168/4
4 Northern .....	158/1	160/6	162/4	163/4
5 Wheat .....	151/1	152/2	154	154
6 Wheat .....	149/1	150/2	152	152
Feed Wheat .....	147/1	148/2	150	150
1 C.W. Garnet .....	158/1	159/2	161	162
2 C.W. Garnet .....	154/1	155/2	157	158
3 C.W. Garnet .....	151/1	152/2	154	155
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	162/1	163/2	165	166
2 Alberta Winter .....	159/1	160/2	162	163
3 Alberta Winter .....	155/1	156/2	158	159

Export - Class II

1 Northern .....	172/1	173/2	175	176
2 Northern .....	169/1	168/6	170/4	171/4
3 Northern .....	163/1	165/6	167/4	168/4
4 Northern .....	158/1	160/6	162/4	163/4
5 Wheat .....	151/1	152/2	154	154
6 Wheat .....	149/1	150/2	152	152
Feed Wheat .....	147/1	148/2	150	150
1 C.W. Garnet .....	158/1	159/2	161	162
2 C.W. Garnet .....	154/1	155/2	157	158
3 C.W. Garnet .....	151/1	152/2	154	155
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	162/1	163/2	165	166
2 Alberta Winter .....	159/1	160/2	162	163
3 Alberta Winter .....	155/1	156/2	158	159

# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during April 1960 amounted to 3,141,000 hundredweight, exceeding by 1 per cent the April 1959 output of 3,110,000 hundredweight, but 9 per cent below both the March 1960 output of 3,462,000 hundredweight and the ten-year (1950-1959) average production for the month of April of 3,453,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during April 1960 had a total rated capacity of 169,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 74.1 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during April 1960 amounted to 7.1 million bushels compared with 7.8 million bushels milled during the previous month and 7.0 million bushels milled during April 1959. Of the wheat milled for flour during April 1960, some 6,386,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (446,000 bushels); Durum (144,000 bushels); and all other (96,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns exports of Canadian wheat flour during April 1960 amounted to 1,090,000 hundredweight (some 2,508,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of 4 per cent from the 2,617,000 bushels exported during March 1960 and 18 per cent below the adjusted April 1959 total of 3,057,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty-three countries with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 928,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 37 per cent of the April 1960 total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Philippine Islands, 346; Ghana, 131; United States, 120; Jamaica, 114; and Costa Rica, 101.

## 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—1954-55 average .....	100,446,328	43,847,894	21,812,041
1955-56 .....	91,770,025	40,148,750	17,391,300
1956-57 .....	85,149,373	37,623,446	14,582,431
1957-58 .....	92,288,897	40,819,678	17,556,886
1958-59 .....	90,142,957	39,826,493	16,141,267
1959-60 <sup>2/</sup>			
August .....	7,523,126	3,306,994	1,388,882
September .....	7,517,811	3,302,796	1,542,321
October .....	8,653,520	3,820,134	1,330,111
November .....	8,534,670	3,758,255	1,440,157
December .....	7,353,713	3,243,819	1,547,208
January .....	6,727,427	2,979,719	1,337,470
February .....	7,321,069	3,230,762	1,137,976
March .....	7,822,392	3,461,608	1,137,748
April .....	7,072,328	3,141,218	1,090,269
Totals .....	68,526,056	30,245,305	11,952,142
Same months 1958-59 (revised) .....	67,666,422	29,891,394	11,767,114

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1958-59 revised to remove effect of time lag in reporting. <sup>2/</sup> Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1959-60 crop year are estimated at 2,406.8 million bushels, consisting of the July 1 carryover of 1,278.6 million bushels and the 1959 crop, estimated at 1,128.2 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated represent an increase of about 3 per cent over the previous peak of 2,342.8 million bushels a year ago. Imports of wheat from Canada during the July-April period of the current United States crop year amounted to 5.9 million bushels, compared with 7.2 million during the same months of the preceding crop year. After deducting an estimated 621.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 1,779.9 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1959-60 compared with 1,707.0 million in 1958-59.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first ten months (July-April) of the 1959-60 United States crop year amounted to 406.5 million bushels, 12 per cent greater than the 361.8 million exported during the same months in 1958-59. The balance remaining on May 1, 1960 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,373.4 million bushels, 2 per cent above the 1,345.2 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1958-59	1959-60 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	881.0	1,278.6
New crop .....	1,461.7	1,128.2
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	2,342.8	2,406.8
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-April .....	7.2	5.9
Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u> .....	2,335.6	2,400.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u>	628.6	621.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,707.0	1,779.9
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-April .....	297.8	326.7
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-April <u>4/</u> .....	64.1	79.9
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>5/</u>	361.8	406.5
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover .....	1,345.2	1,373.4

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Excluding imports for May-June. 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.

Marketing Quotas Proclaimed  
for 1961 Wheat Crop  
Referendum July 21

On May 11 Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson took the following actions on 1961-crop wheat in line with currently controlling legislation:

1. Proclaimed marketing quotas on the 1961 crop. This eighth successive proclamation of wheat marketing quotas is required by a wheat supply that is 92.3 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 21, 1960 as the date for a referendum to determine producer approval or disapproval of quotas.
5. Announced a 39-State commercial and 11 State noncommercial wheat-producing area for 1961.
6. Announced that the minimum national average support price for 1961 production will be determined before the wheat referendum on the basis of the latest available supply information.

The program is announced under legislation which requires the Secretary of Agriculture to proclaim wheat marketing quotas and acreage allotments for the following year by a May 15 deadline.

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 1961 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 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 not 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 parity price of wheat as of May 1 of the year of harvest.

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, 1961) rate required by law if quotas are disapproved.

Winter Wheat Crop  
Estimated at  
992 Million Bushels

In a report released on May 10, 1960 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part that significant production gains in the Corn Belt, Oklahoma and Washington boosted winter wheat production above the level estimated on April 1 despite a relatively sharp drop in Nebraska and minor losses in Texas and several Rocky Mountain States. Production on May 1 is forecast at 992 million bushels, 15 million bushels above the April 1 forecast, with the prospect of ranking as the fourth largest crop of record. This production would be 7 per cent larger than 1959 and nearly a fifth larger than average.

The indicated yield of 24.3 bushels per acre for harvest is the second highest of record and compares with 22.8 bushels in 1959 and the average of 20.2 bushels. Conditions on May 1 did not indicate a record high yield for any State although Pennsylvania, Indiana, West Virginia, Alabama and Washington expect to equal their previous records and all States expect above-average yields.

In the last 10 years, the average change in the United States production estimate from May 1 to harvest has been 73 million bushels, ranging from a maximum of 170 million bushels to a minimum of 8 million bushels.

An estimated 40.8 million acres of winter wheat remained for harvest as grain on May 1, slightly larger than the 1959 harvested acreage but nearly a million acres less than average. The portion of the seeded acreage that will be harvested for grain is estimated at 91.9 per cent compared with 90.8 per cent for the 1959 crop and the average of 83.3 per cent. Of the 3.6 million acres seeded but not expected to be harvested as grain, about one-half is located in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. However, these 4 States expect to harvest about the same acreage as the previous year.

Marketing Quota Penalty  
Rate Set at \$1.08 per  
Bushel for 1960 Excess  
Wheat

On May 23 the United States Department of Agriculture announced a marketing quota penalty rate of \$1.08 per bushel on "excess" wheat of the 1960 crop.

As directed by law, the rate of the marketing quota penalty is 45 per cent of the parity price per bushel of wheat as of May 1 of the calendar year in which the crop is harvested. The current parity price for wheat is \$2.39 per bushel.

Growers approved marketing quotas for the 1960 wheat crop on July 23, 1959. When wheat marketing quotas are in effect, a farmer who does not comply with the wheat acreage allotment established for his farm is subject to a penalty on his farm marketing excess, unless he harvests 15 acres or less or has signed an agreement permitting him to produce up to 30 acres of wheat for feed use on the farm.

Wheat produced on a farm on which the wheat acreage is in excess of the allotment is not eligible for price support.

The national average minimum support price for 1960-crop wheat is \$1.77 per bushel, which was 75 per cent of parity. The final average support price for the 1960 crop will be 75 per cent of the effective parity as of July 1, 1960, if this is higher.

United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination  
July-March 1958-59 and 1959-60

NOTE

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

Destination	July-March 1958-59			July-March 1959-60		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<b>Western Hemisphere</b>						
British West Indies .....	19	2,240	2,259	46	1,409	1,455
Central America .....	260	3,177	3,437	1,794	2,754	4,548
Cuba .....	3,647	2,086	5,733	3,717	1,761	5,478
Bolivia .....	-	376	376	-	1,502	1,502
Brazil .....	16,382	-	16,382	27,515	25	27,540
Colombia .....	2,212	649	2,861	815	547	1,362
Peru .....	4,941	474	5,415	3,217	229	3,446
Venezuela .....	2,246	2,282	4,528	6,467	297	6,764
Others .....	1,930	3,048	4,978	3,582	2,987	6,569
Totals .....	31,637	14,332	45,969	47,153	11,511	58,664
<b>Europe</b>						
Austria .....	805	84	889	1,240	85	1,325
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	3,290	13	3,303	2,287	14	2,301
Germany, West .....	14,859	406	15,265	8,510	429	8,939
Greece .....	1,690	1,188	2,878	128	1,694	1,822
Italy .....	-	4,626	4,626	546	6,185	6,731
Netherlands .....	6,034	2,785	8,819	4,728	2,823	7,551
Norway .....	3,135	575	3,710	1,657	343	2,000
Poland .....	9,499	175	9,674	11,842	480	12,322
Sweden .....	2,113	25	2,138	75	42	117
United Kingdom .....	17,657	2,613	20,270	15,097	543	15,640
Yugoslavia .....	17,281	2,854	20,135	8,999	2,590	11,589
Others .....	3,502	647	4,149	2,520	1,308	3,828
Totals .....	79,865	15,991	95,856	57,629	16,536	74,165
<b>Asia</b>						
Ceylon .....	-	1,777	1,777	-	2,563	2,563
India .....	94,792	44	94,836	77,516	77	77,593
Indonesia .....	-	2/	2/	10	3,659	3,669
Israel .....	5,256	118	5,374	5,876	170	6,046
Japan .....	22,547	1,990	24,537	20,142	2,252	22,394
Jordan .....	367	453	820	1,922	647	2,569
Korea .....	7,218	1,630	8,848	7,846	1,396	9,242
Lebanon .....	3,017	1,605	4,622	407	2,212	2,619
Pakistan .....	9,237	171	9,408	17,826	227	18,053
Philippines .....	579	6,571	7,150	915	3,416	4,331
Saudi Arabia .....	56	1,823	1,879	46	2,102	2,148
Taiwan (Formosa) .....	4,911	710	5,621	6,927	781	7,708
Turkey .....	1,003	-	1,003	7,805	1	7,806
Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia .....	-	2,447	2,447	2/	1,636	1,636
Others .....	1,535	1,640	3,175	2,590	1,737	4,327
Totals .....	150,518	20,979	171,497	149,828	22,876	172,704
<b>Africa</b>						
Canary Islands .....	-	-	-	1,597	4	1,601
Egypt .....	2	1,529	1,531	17,003	14,030	31,033
Nigeria .....	-	1,489	1,489	-	1,664	1,664
Tunisia .....	1,568	17	1,585	1,945	37	1,982
Union of South Africa .....	386	-	386	1,097	3	1,100
Others .....	2,159	2,581	4,740	2,406	2,652	5,058
Totals .....	4,115	5,616	9,731	24,048	18,390	42,438
Oceania .....	-	25	25	-	31	31
Unspecified .....	-	49	49	-	-	-
Totals, All Countries 3/ .....	266,135	56,992	323,127	278,658	69,344	348,002

1/ Wholly of U.S. wheat (grain equivalent). 2/ Less than 500 bushels. 3/ Includes shipments for relief or charity.

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 2, 1960	205 1/2	- 206	May 2, 1960	218 1/2	
3	206	- 207 3/4	3	219 5/8	
4	211 3/4		4	220	
5	203 3/4	- 208 3/4	5	220 5/8	
6	204 1/2		6	220 7/8	
9	214		9	221 1/4	
10	202 1/4	- 205 3/4	10	221 1/8	
11	202 1/2		11	221 1/8	
12	199 1/2	- 200	12	221 3/8	
13	197 1/2	- 205 3/4	13	221 1/4	
16	197 1/2	- 198	16	221 5/8	
17	196 1/4		17	222 3/4	
18	197		18	223	
19	194 1/2	- 211	19	222 7/8	
20	194 1/2	- 211	20	221 1/2	
23	205 3/4		23	220	
24	197 3/4	- 198	24	218 3/8	
25	197 1/2		25	218 1/8	
26	196 1/2	- 197 1/2	26	218 1/2	
27	196 1/2	- 211 1/4 1/	27	218 1/2	
30	MEMORIAL DAY		30	MEMORIAL DAY	
31	195 3/4	- 211 1/	31	217 1/2	

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
May 2, 1960	208/6	184/6	187/2	192/5	196
3	207/6	185/2	187/5	193	196/4
4	207/7	185/5	187/7	193/2	196/5
5	208/4	185/7	188	193/4	197
6	207/4	185/3	187/6	193/2	196/6
9	208/3	185/5	187/7	193/2	196/6
10	208/3	185/4	187/4	192/6	196/2
11	206/5	185/1	187/2	192/3	196
12	207/2	185/2	187/1	192/5	196/1
13	206/4	185	187/1	192/4	196
16	205/4	185/4	187/4	193/1	196/6
17	201/4	185/7	188	193/4	197
18	203	185/6	188	193/4	197/1
19	203	185/7	188/3	193/6	197/5
20		186	188/4	194	197/4
23		186	188/3	194	197/6
24		185	187/6	193/1	196/7
25		184/6	187/4	193	196/5
26		184/5	187/2	192/7	196/4
27		184/5	187/3	192/6	196/5
30			MEMORIAL DAY		
31		184/5	187/2	192/7	196/3

# ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position      Estimated total supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1959-60 (December-November) crop year amount to 258.2 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1959 revised carryover of 53.9 million and the new crop, placed at 204.3 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting a relatively substantial decline in production, are about 14 per cent less than the 1958-59 total of 301.0 million bushels. With anticipated domestic requirements now placed at 150.6 million bushels, an estimated 107.6 million are available for export and for carryover as against 154.1 million in 1958-59. Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1959-April 1960 amounted to 34.6 million bushels, in contrast to 46.6 million exported during the same months in 1958-59. The balance remaining on May 1, 1960 for export and for carryover was estimated at 73.0 million bushels, some 32 per cent below the May 1, 1959 total of 107.4 million.

## Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1958-59	1959-60 <u>1/</u>
- million bushels -		
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u>	54.1	53.9 <u>3/</u>
New Crop <u>4/</u> .....	246.9	204.3
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	301.0	258.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	147.0	150.6 <u>3/</u>
Available for export and for carryover .....	154.1	107.6
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-April .....	45.6	34.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-April .....	1.0	<u>5/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	46.6	34.6
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover ....	107.4	73.0

1/ Preliminary.      2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks.      3/ Revised.

4/ Official estimate.      5/ Revised less than 50,000 bushels.

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## Weather and Crops

The weather continues to be excellent both for late harvesting and for preparation of the soil for sowing the new crops as well as for early development of some mixed grains and wheat already sown. There were seasonal light rains last week over most of the crop growing area of Argentina and the weather is once again fine.

The corn harvest this year has been carried out under excellent conditions. In contrast to last year's heavy rains and widespread flooding at harvest time, this year's generally fine weather has seen an almost complete harvest, now all but completed, with no losses of any consequence having been reported. The Government's first official estimate of production of corn at 3,870,000 metric tons (152.4 million bushels) is still thought to be too low. The crop, both in quality and moisture content, is generally of high quality.

Early seedings of wheat are reported to be doing well, and the same is true of dual purpose and mixed forage grains, although it is still too early to make any prediction on the basis of sowings so far of whether this year's seeded areas will show any substantial change from last year's totals.

#### Wheat

The Grain Board is continuing to buy wheat in substantial amounts but, for the moment, not other grains at the support price, and it is expected that by the end of the year the Grain Board's wheat purchases will have amounted to something in the neighbourhood of one million metric tons (36,743,000 bushels). A Brazilian tender for the purchase of 50,000 metric tons (1,837,000 bushels) of wheat was awarded to Argentina during the early part of May at FOB prices of US\$56.23 per ton (\$1.53 per bushel) for 1959-60 wheat, and US\$55.23 (\$1.50 per bushel) for 1958-59 wheat. Brazil has since called for a further tender for 80,000 metric tons (2,939,000 bushels) of wheat, but although the tender closed a week ago it is not yet known whether it will be awarded to Argentina. However, it is expected that it will be. The purchase by Chile of 100,000 metric tons (3,674,000 bushels) of wheat is also expected shortly.

The Grain Board has been in and out of the market during the period under review, but only to receive offers for old wheat. So far it has made no sales to exporters of new crop wheat. Since May 9 it has been out of the market.

The private trade in wheat continues to be rather quiet. Within the last few days there have been sellers of hard Grade 1 wheat in Necochea asking 317.30 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.03 per bushel), which is equivalent to the support price, for immediate delivery. However, there were buyers only for delivery in June and very little business was done. Some sales were made in Bahía Blanca at prices of 321 and 322 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.05 per bushel). In up-river ports there were some sales reported of hard Grade 1 wheat for delivery after June 1 at 320 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.04 per bushel). Some sales were made from Buenos Aires also of hard Grade 1 wheat for delivery after June 1 at prices of 331 and 332 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.08 per bushel). The prices paid for wheat for shipment from the port of Buenos Aires are higher than elsewhere because local millers are willing to pay more for their supplies of wheat in Buenos Aires than at other points. This competition forces up the price of export wheat available for shipment from Buenos Aires.

Private estimates of the total amount of wheat produced this year are generally close to the Government's second estimate of 5,560,000 metric tons (204.3 million bushels). One or two estimates slightly lower than the official figure have been heard, but for the moment there seems to be no good reason to doubt the Government's figure.

Since our last report when the Government's new minimum support prices for all grains including wheat were announced, there has been a variety of reactions. The consensus of opinion at the outset varied. Some felt that although the new support price for wheat at 360 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.17 per bushel) would be favourable if in force at present, that by next December 1, when the new crop

year starts and the new price comes into effect, that the costs of production and labour costs, which have both been moving steadily upward, will have nullified the benefit of the increased price. Most of those who expressed an opinion said that if costs could be held down, or if the Government would put the support price on a sliding scale tied to the costs of production, that the price would be a fair one. Practically everyone among the producers' organizations thought that the new price could have been higher, but expressed an appreciation of the seriousness of Argentina's economic problems, under which circumstances the new price seemed to be not unfair and about the most that should have been expected.

The private grain trade is trying to guess what the Government will do or is hoping for between now and December 1. The present situation is that it is claimed that no private exporting could be done on a profitable basis at the new minimum producer's price of 360 pesos (\$1.17 per bushel) with the peso-dollar exchange where it is now. Several things could happen: the most likely seems to be that the Government will reduce or abolish the export retentions which are at present 20 per cent on all grains; there could be some attempt to manipulate the exchange rate as was done until the beginning of 1959 by providing special rates of exchange, which was previously done to regulate the export earnings of private exporters; the Government could be hoping for a sharp price improvement in world wheat markets; or the Government could be contemplating buying most of next year's wheat crop, which it would undoubtedly have to do unless any one of the other three possible developments takes place. That the Government will reduce export retentions, if not abolish them, is thought to be the most likely of several possibilities. The Minister of Economy has on one or two occasions held out hope that this would take place, although at other times he has said that it would be impossible until the Argentine budget is balanced. All things considered, it appears most likely to the majority of observers here that the Government will be forced to reduce the grain export retentions - probably in September this year, which is just before purchasing negotiations for the new wheat begin. If the retention were to be reduced from 20 to 10 per cent, rather than completely eliminated, it would still mean a saving by the trade of 47 or 48 pesos on every 100 kilos of wheat (15 or 16 cents per bushel), which would be more than enough to close the gap between the present prices being paid by private exporters for wheat, and the new minimum price.

Grain Sales The private trade has been generally quiet during the period under review for all grains except corn, of which there was some brisk trading. At the end of April offers were heavy because the early corn harvest this year made more of this grain available for sale at an earlier date than usual. Because of the larger offerings, prices dropped slightly to around 282 pesos per 100 kilos (86 cents per bushel) at up-river ports.

The Grain Board has been selling substantial amounts of wheat of the 1958-59 crop following announcements made on April 25 and May 2 to the effect that the Board would receive purchase offers for this grain. On May 9 the Board announced that it was withdrawing from the wheat market until further notice. During the period in which offers were received 96,500 metric tons (3,546,000 bushels) were disposed of, all for shipment from Bahía Blanca or Necochea during May-June-July, at prices varying between 3,162.70 pesos to 3,235.30 pesos per metric ton (\$1.03 to \$1.05 per bushel).

Wheat Shipments The 328,423 metric tons (12,067,000 bushels) of wheat shipped were distributed as follows: Brazil, 168,247 metric tons (6,182,000 bushels); W. Germany, 42,074 (1,546,000 bushels); the United Kingdom, 38,117 (1,401,000 bushels); Peru, 25,333 (931,000 bushels); Italy, 15,498 (569,000 bushels); and France, 14,030 (516,000 bushels). Lots of less than 10,000 metric tons (367,000 bushels)

each went to Paraguay, Portugal, the Netherlands, Lebanon, Belgium and Switzerland.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1959 - April 1960 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Austria .....	770	Netherlands .....	2,697
Belgium .....	901	Norway .....	551
Brazil .....	11,693	Paraguay .....	1,022
Denmark .....	58	Portugal .....	257
France .....	1,890	Peru .....	2,704
Germany .....	4,148	Switzerland .....	230
Italy .....	1,715	United Kingdom .....	5,159
Lebanon .....	759		
		Total .....	34,555
Same Period:			
December-April 1958-59 .....			45,605
1957-58 .....			22,935
1956-57 .....			40,435
1955-56 .....			45,586
1954-55 .....			56,942

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated commercial supplies of wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1959-60 are placed at 299.2 million bushels, consisting of the August 1, 1959 carryover of 23.6 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 275.6 million. Domestic commercial supplies of the size indicated, reflecting the effect of the record 1959 wheat crop in France, would represent an increase of 10 per cent over the 1958-59 total of 271.2 million bushels. After deducting 220.5 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, a total of 78.7 million are available for export and for carryover compared with the 1958-59 level of 60.0 million.

French Supplies of Soft Wheat

Item	1958-59	1959-60 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Commercial carryover, August 1 .....	31.7	23.6
Deliveries to Grain Board .....	236.8	275.6 <u>2/</u>
Imports, August-March .....	2.7	-
Total estimated commercial supplies .....	271.2	299.2
Less domestic requirements for crop year .....	211.3	220.5
Available for export and for carryover .....	60.0	78.7
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, August-March .....	18.1	39.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-March .....	9.1	10.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	27.2	50.4
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover ...	32.7	28.4

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Estimated.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first eight months of the current crop year amounted to 50.4 million bushels, sharply above the August 1958-March 1959 total of 27.2 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on April 1, 1960, at 28.4 million bushels, represented a decrease of 13 per cent from the April 1, 1959 total of 32.7 million.

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Miss V.F. Wightman, Agricultural Attaché, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of May 17, 1960 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 new franc equals 0.20 Canadian dollar.

Weather and Crops The month of April was marked by lower than average rainfall and relatively cool weather, which slowed down plant growth and impeded field operations, according to the Ministry of Agriculture crop report as of May 1. The end of April brought sharp frosts which caused damage to orchards and vineyards but merely retarded grain crops. The first half of May has witnessed more seasonable temperatures but lack of rainfall is causing concern.

Fall-sown wheat had a good start during the relatively mild winter and continues to develop well. Spring-sown grains, mainly the coarse grains, have developed slowly due to lack of soil moisture. While the appearance of grain-fields is not considered on a par with last year at the same period, it should be borne in mind that 1959 was an exceptionally good year.

The total area sown to grain on May 1 was on much the same level as in 1959. There is a very small reduction of 0.7 per cent for wheat but more substantial for rye and oats. The area to barley shows a gain of 2.9 per cent over 1959; spring sowings are 7 per cent higher.

The May 1 official estimate of sowings compared with the previous year is as follows:

Area Seeded to Grain May 1

Grain	May 1, 1959	May 1, 1960	Comparison May 1 1960 with 1959
	- thousand acres -		- per cent -
Wheat .....	10,843	10,767	- 0.7
Wheat and rye .....	52	43	- 17.3
Rye .....	842	768	- 8.8
Barley .....	4,627	4,762	+ 2.9
Oats .....	3,636	3,470	- 4.6
Mixed grains .....	176	148	- 15.9
Totals .....	20,175	19,959	- 1.1

1959-60 Wheat Crop Disposal With farmers' marketings at 7.3 million tons (268,226,000 bushels) in mid-April (after which date carrying charges on farms ceased) the Central Council of the Grain Board estimates total deliveries from the 1959 crop at 7.4 - 7.5 million tons (271,900,000 - 275,575,000 bushels).

This may be compared with their estimate of 8.4 million tons (308,644,000 bushels) last fall. Greater disappearance resulted from short feed reserves arising from the summer's drought and the relatively low price for wheat compared with barley and corn.

The export surplus is largely disposed of by now. Slightly over 1 million tons (36,743,000 bushels) have been sold to the non-franc zone, along with some 700,000 tons (25,720,000 bushels) committed to the franc zone. Flour sales have amounted to around 300,000 tons (11,023,000 bushels) wheat equivalent. The following foreign markets have been the most important, (the tonnage being at mid-April): Germany, 383,800 tons (14,102,000 bushels); United Kingdom, 112,500 tons (4,134,000 bushels); Brazil, 52,400 tons (1,925,000 bushels); Netherlands, 42,000 tons (1,543,000 bushels); Switzerland, 41,500 (1,525,000 bushels); etc.

Wheat denatured for use as feed, which is sold to farmers at the subsidized price of 31.00 NF per quintal (\$1.69 per bushel), has so far amounted to 343,800 tons (12,632,000 bushels), plus 139,000 tons (5,107,000 bushels) to the mixed feeds industry and 71,000 tons (2,609,000 bushels) taken back direct by farmers. This domestic feeding program has been practised for several years in order to reduce the export surplus and give the French farmer rather than the foreign importer the benefit of a subsidized price. Furthermore, it costs less: 31.00 NF (\$1.69 per bushel) compared with the average price obtained at export of 23.40 NF per quintal (\$1.27 per bushel).

Final 1959 Crop By decree on April 27, the French government announced final  
Payments on Wheat payments for 1959 crop wheat for deliveries above the guaranteed quota of 6.8 million tons (249,854,000 bushels). The quota, covering French market requirements and some exports to the franc zone etc., is paid at the full support price of 38.00 NF per quintal (\$2.07 per bushel) minus taxes, whereas export of the remainder is at the expense of growers. Farmers' marketings are now estimated at 7.4 - 7.5 million tons (271,900,000 - 275,575,000 bushels), compared with the official estimate of 8.4 million (308,644,000 bushels) last fall; hence the final price to growers is now higher than originally anticipated. The decree indicates that the average weighted price at which French wheat was exported is 23.40 NF per quintal (\$1.27 per bushel).

For deliveries over 50 quintals (184 bushels), an interim payment was made on the understanding that once the export program terminated, any money remaining in the pool would accrue to growers. The initial price was on a graduated basis, as is the final payment, as follows:

<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>Initial Price</u>	<u>Supplementary Payment</u>	<u>Final Price</u>
		- dollars per bushel -	
to 184 bushels	2.01	-	2.01
185 - 735 bushels	1.84	0.12	1.96
736 - 2,205 bushels	1.74	0.18	1.92
over 2,205 bushels	1.65	0.24	1.89

The French Wheat Producers Association estimates that income from the 1959 crop on this basis will amount to 2,688 million NF (\$538 million).

#### AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1959-60 (December-November) crop year amount to some 259.2 million bushels, consist-

ing of the December 1, 1959 carryover of 65.1 million and the current crop estimated at 194.1 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting a substantially larger carryover which more than offset a decline in production, represent an increase of 12 per cent over the 1958-59 total of 231.6 million bushels. After deducting 72.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 187.2 million are available for export and for carryover during 1959-60, 16 per cent above the 161.2 million in 1958-59.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent up to April 30 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 53.7 million bushels, sharply above the 34.8 million exported during the corresponding period of 1958-59. The balance remaining on May 1, 1960 for export and for carryover, at 133.5 million bushels, exceeded by 6 per cent the comparable 1959 total of 126.4 million.

#### Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1958-59	1959-60 <u>1/</u>
- million bushels -		
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	16.5	65.1
New Crop .....	215.1	194.1 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	231.6	259.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	70.4	72.0
Available for export and for carryover ....	161.2	187.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-April 30.	25.9	44.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-April 30 .....	8.9	8.8
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour ....	34.8	53.7
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover ...	126.4	133.5

1/ Preliminary.      2/ Revised.

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#### The Wheat Crop - Current Seasonal Conditions

The past month has been notable for the widespread rains throughout most of the grain growing areas of Australia. Although some regions will require follow up rains seeding operations are underway in the earlier districts and the wheat lands as a whole are going into the winter months with an encouraging amount of moisture in the soil. Already estimates are being made of intended plantings but, based mainly as they are on seed sales, they must be regarded with caution. A commercial firm in South Australia has estimated an increase of 12.84 per cent. In New South Wales

the State authorities speak cautiously of an acreage equal to or greater than that of last year and an increase in Victoria likewise is anticipated. A greater area under wheat is indicated in Western Australia also.

Wheat Marketing Export sales continued at the active level attained during the previous month with the biggest purchases being made by Pakistan and the United Kingdom. In all, reported sales amounted to 222,560 long tons (8,309,000 bushels) distributed as follows:

United Kingdom	38,990 long tons (1,456,000 bushels)
Rhodesia	19,200 long tons ( 717,000 bushels)
Kenya	4,500 long tons ( 168,000 bushels)
Iraq	26,800 long tons (1,001,000 bushels)
India	8,000 long tons ( 299,000 bushels)
Pakistan	75,000 long tons (2,800,000 bushels)
Japan	31,570 long tons (1,179,000 bushels)
Hong Kong	3,500 long tons ( 131,000 bushels)
New Zealand	15,000 long tons ( 560,000 bushels)

Miscellaneous The Commonwealth Bureau of Agricultural Economics has issued recently what has been referred to as a "Portrait" of the Australian Wheat Industry. During 1957-58 a survey was conducted of 400 wheat farms throughout the country. Among other results the survey showed that between the seasons 1954-55 and 1956-57, nearly 16 per cent of the farmers surveyed did not cover costs, that the average net income per year was £A1,668 (\$3,600) and that the average return on capital was 0.76 per cent. It was shown also that hire purchase (instalment buying) is being used to an increasing extent in the buying of machinery .... Officials of a wheat growers' organization in Western Australia have expressed the opinion that in planning storage requirements an increase of a million bushels a year should be anticipated, irrespective of seasonal conditions .... The Australian Government has received assurances from the French Government that exports of subsidized French flour to markets in south-east Asia will be kept within a reasonable limit and that undue concentration of exports in any single market will be avoided. Both Governments also have agreed to exchange information on flour exports to all markets of interest on a regular monthly basis and to be prepared to consult should difficulties arise .... The Minister for Trade told the Australian Parliament that the sale of 16 million tons (597,333,000 bushels) of wheat by the United States to India had the approval of the Government. However, the subsequent indication that the Indian Government would like to reduce imports of Australian wheat has caused some concern in wheat growing circles..... Overseas sales of wheat by the Australian Wheat Board up to the middle of May have amounted to 71.5 million bushels. Recently the Board was successful in selling two cargoes of 9,800 tons (366,000 bushels) of bagged premium quality wheat for the Premium Wheatgrowers' Association.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 - April 30, 1959-60 and Corresponding Period 1958-59

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1958-59	1959-60	1958-59	1959-60
- thousand bushels -				
Aden .....	131	5	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T .....	-	-	606	384
Aden and Aden I/T(Atta Flour)	-	-	168	62
Africa, South .....	782	981	-	-

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -  
April 30, 1959-60 and Corresponding Period 1958-59

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1958-59	1959-60	1958-59	1959-60
- thousand bushels -				
Austria .....	74	325	-	-
Belgian Congo .....	-	-	1	1/
British North Borneo .....	-	-	82	95
British West Indies .....	-	-	1/	1/
Brunei .....	-	-	13	27
Burma .....	116	-	117	142
Canary Islands .....	-	328	-	-
Ceylon .....	2	6	1,340	1,316
Cocos Islands .....	-	-	1/	-
Cyprus .....	-	-	1	1
Dutch New Guinea .....	-	-	35	33
Eire .....	1,671	671	-	-
Formosa .....	-	37	-	-
Germany, West .....	1,877	2,024	-	-
Ghana .....	-	-	8	-
Guam .....	-	-	-	1/
Hong Kong .....	934	881	-	-
Hong Kong (General) .....	-	-	86	112
India .....	663	8,221	-	-
Indonesia .....	-	-	528	440
Iran .....	162	3,342	-	-
Iraq .....	718	3,172	-	-
Japan .....	2,557	5,316	-	-
Kenya .....	353	48	-	-
Laos .....	-	-	2	1/
Macao .....	-	-	1	8
Malaya .....	224	141	1,106	1,449
Malaya (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	4	35
Maldiv Islands .....	-	-	26	43
Malta .....	-	470	-	-
Mauritius .....	-	-	382	530
New Zealand .....	2,762	2,769	1/	1/
Nigeria .....	-	-	2	-
Nyasaland .....	-	-	73	93
Okinawa .....	-	83	-	-
Pacific Islands .....	9	16	886	804
Pakistan .....	367	2,695	-	-
Persian Gulf .....	76	34	95	96
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour) .	-	-	573	413
Philippine Islands .....	117	224	53	68
Port Said (a/c S/S) .....	-	-	4	9
Portuguese East Africa ....	37	208	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa) ....	65	55	49	22
Rhodesia .....	1,079	1,288	-	-
Sarawak .....	-	-	59	103
Saudi Arabia .....	49	46	-	72
Seychelles Islands .....	-	-	17	20
Singapore .....	61	19	1,135	1,098

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -  
April 30, 1959-60 and Corresponding Period 1958-59

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1958-59	1959-60	1958-59	1959-60
- thousand bushels -				
Singapore (a/c War Office).	-	-	21	36
Singapore (Atta Flour) ....	-	-	30	7
Somaliland, British .....	-	-	5	1
Thailand .....	2	2	222	212
Timor .....	-	-	8	10
United Kingdom .....	10,990	11,435	1,038	872
Zanzibar .....	6	6	79	134
Royal Navy .....	20	7	2	7
Ships' Stores .....	-	-	45	45
Totals .....	25,904	44,855	8,900	8,800

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

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Seeding is nearing completion and early crops are above ground in the Manyberries district of southeastern Alberta. Summerfallowing is underway, ranges are growing well and livestock are in good condition. Seeding is also nearing completion around Medicine Hat, with early seedings up 4 inches and showing well. Summerfallow operations are 75 per cent finished. Recent rains have promoted pasture and hay growth and livestock are doing well.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- May 9 The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade announced the removal of the quota on soft white spring wheat.
- 10 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture the U.S. winter wheat crop for harvest in 1960, based on conditions at May 1, was forecast at 992 million bushels.
- 11 The United States Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, proclaimed marketing quotas on the 1961 wheat crop and set July 21, 1960 as the date for a referendum to determine producer approval or disapproval of quotas.
- 23 The United States Department of Agriculture announced a marketing quota penalty rate of \$1.08 per bushel on "excess" wheat of the 1960 crop.
- June 3 The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce estimated wheat flour production in the United States during April 1960 at 19,350,000 sacks, an average of 921,000 sacks per working day.
- 6 According to Foreign Crops and Markets published by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the United States Department of Agriculture Yugoslavia's 1960 wheat production is expected to approach the record 1959 harvest of 152 million bushels.



# CANADIAN WHEAT\* AND WHEAT FLOUR\*\* EXPORTS

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

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400 —

350 —

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PEAK EXPORTS  
1928-29 CROP YEAR  
4076 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR.

MAR.

FEB.

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

30 year average 10 year average

1928-29

1948-49

1957-58

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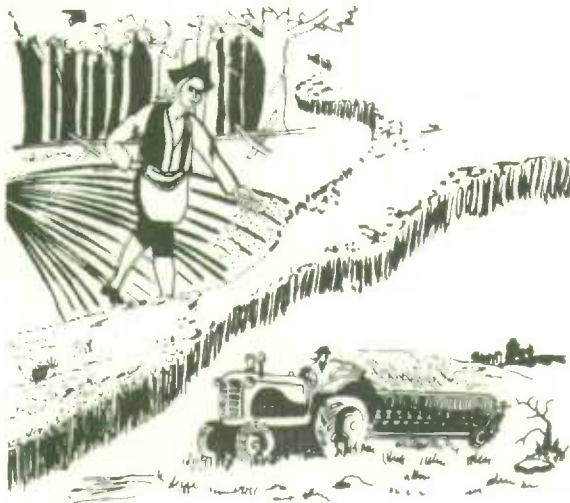
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