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(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

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PEAK MARKETINGS
1952-53 CROP YEAR
536.0 MILLION BUSHELS

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

1954-55

1955-56

1956-57

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1959-60

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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about February 1, 1960 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,458.3 million bushels, virtually the same as the 2,456.1 million available a year ago. Supplies at February 1, 1960, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,542.9 (1,470.9); Canada, 651.4 (699.3); Argentina, 108.2 (137.0); and Australia, 155.8 (148.9). 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 six months (August-January) of the current Canadian crop year, at 433.7 million bushels, were some 2 per cent below the 443.1 million exported during the same months of 1958-59. Exports from Canada and Australia were at higher levels than last year while those from United States and Argentina were lower. On a percentage basis, shipments from the four countries during August-January 1959-60 were shared as follows, with corresponding percentages for the same months of 1958-59 in brackets: United States, 46 (50); Canada, 35 (32); Argentina, 6 (10); and Australia, 13 (8). Shipments from each of the four countries during August-January 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-January 1960
with Comparisons

August-January	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51	121.5	104.7	33.7	61.5	321.4
1951-52	234.1	154.9	23.1	50.1	462.2
1952-53	168.7	190.3	1.1	40.8	400.9
1953-54	94.8	138.7	60.8	30.2	324.5
1954-55	126.2	134.9	66.4	45.4	372.9
1955-56	119.5	117.8 <u>1/</u>	63.3	42.5	343.1 <u>1/</u>
1956-57	252.7	145.4 <u>1/</u>	45.9	74.5	518.5 <u>1/</u>
1957-58	196.1	151.3 <u>1/</u>	40.2	39.7	427.3 <u>1/</u>
1958-59 <u>1/</u>	220.6	144.2	45.0	33.3	443.1
1959-60 <u>2/</u>	201.3	151.1	25.0	56.3	433.7

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary.

Small Decline in World Wheat Trade Expected According to Foreign Crops and Markets published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture under date of February 22, 1960 world exports of wheat (including flour) in 1959-60 are expected to be slightly below last year's total of 1,260 million bushels but above the 1,190 million reached in 1957-58. The record is 1,328 million bushels in 1956-57.

Western Europe's record grain harvest has reduced that area's wheat import requirements. However, demand continues strong in Asia and Latin America, and there are some new markets in Africa. Drought has been quite severe in two small exporting countries, Syria and Uruguay, and both require some imports to meet consumption needs.

Exportable supplies are generally higher than a year ago. France has considerably more wheat for export. Although Australia had a smaller wheat crop in 1959, a larger carryover should permit exports exceeding the 75 million bushels exported in 1958-59. Argentina, Turkey and Italy all have somewhat less wheat to export this season. While U.S.S.R. exports during 1959-60 remain uncertain, wheat production was down approximately 400 million bushels from last year. The United States and Canada continue to hold more wheat than they will be able to sell abroad, but their exports should remain near the 1958-59 level.

Winter Wheat Prospects
Generally Good in
Europe and Asia

According to Foreign Crops and Markets under date of February 29 weather was generally favourable for seeding winter wheat throughout Europe and Asia. Conditions continued good and crop development was promising up to mid-February. Since that time, however, cold weather has caused some concern in a number of European countries where snowcover was inadequate. No serious damage has been reported to date.

Available information on conditions in the principal producing countries is given below. This is a comprehensive coverage for Western European countries, since those listed below accounted for almost 90 per cent of total production in Western Europe in 1959.

Winterkill in West Germany has been negligible. Acreage is above last year's despite drought during seeding time. Condition on December 1, however, was less favourable than the good condition a year earlier, which led to a record outturn.

No estimate of Italy's wheat acreage has been released. It is expected to be smaller than last year since the government is encouraging a switch from wheat to livestock. The condition of winter wheat is described as mainly satisfactory though in certain sections it is unsatisfactory. If future growing conditions are normal, a larger outturn than last year may be expected since a larger proportion of the acreage is seeded to higher-yielding varieties.

The outlook is excellent in Spain. Weather favoured seeding throughout most of the country and condition at the beginning of January was much better than in January 1959.

The United Kingdom's winter wheat acreage is considerably larger than the small area sown in 1958. The increase in acreage is surprising in view of the difficulties encountered in cultivating the hard soil following the prolonged summer drought. The condition of the acreage is generally satisfactory though waterlogging is reported from some parts.

In Greece, prospects are very good. The wheat acreage is estimated to be about 4 per cent smaller than the large acreage a year ago.

Little information is available in Eastern Europe except for Yugoslavia. In that country, wheat acreage is about the same as last year, but the area seeded to high-yielding varieties is about 2 1/2 times that of a year ago. Recent weather has caused some concern that winter damage may be substantial.

India's wheat harvest, which begins in March, is expected to set a new record. Seeding took place under very favourable conditions and an

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

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES								Total Purchases
	Canada 1/	Argentina 2/	Australia 2/	France 2/	Italy 2/	Spain 2/	Sweden 2/	U.S.A. 2/	
	- thousand bushels -								
Austria	2,244	-	404	-	299	-	-	442	3,389
Belgium-Luxembourg ...	6,953	235	-	205	4	-	-	1,461	8,858
Brazil	-	-	-	1,940	-	-	-	800	2,740
Cuba	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,701	5,726
Denmark	123	-	-	618	-	-	25	472	1,238
Dominican Republic ...	225	-	-	13	-	-	-	544	782
El Salvador	164	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164
Germany	18,759	82	2,809	10,307	185	163	335	5,264	37,904
Greece	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Haiti	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	202	211
India	4,116	-	9,849	-	-	-	-	3	13,968
Indonesia	316	-	892	97	484	-	-	130	1,919
Ireland	900	-	1,069	30	-	-	-	-	1,999
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	491	491
Honduras Republic	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Japan	26,896	-	9,378	-	-	-	-	12,059	48,333
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Netherlands	5,745	-	37	1,341	-	353	-	4,438	11,914
New Zealand	-	-	4,077	-	-	-	-	-	4,077
Norway	2,839	-	-	923	-	-	-	1,161	4,923
Panama	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Peru	2,262	-	-	15	-	-	-	1,489	3,766
Philippines	4,091	-	572	-	-	-	-	3,098	7,761
Portugal	372	-	434	982	2	-	-	162	1,952
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	39	-	2,233	-	4	-	-	78	2,354
Saudi Arabia	5	-	108	-	19	-	-	1,354	1,486
Switzerland	4,464	-	-	1,218	366	-	-	482	6,530
Union of South Africa.	6,535	-	1,867	-	-	-	-	-	8,402
United Arab Republic .	3	-	-	-	1,522	-	-	476	2,001
United Kingdom	68,491	-	17,358	5,192	72	-	-	14,024	105,137
Vatican City	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221
Venezuela	2,566	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,062	6,628
Totals	158,424	317	51,087	22,881	2,957	516	360	58,395	294,937
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries	53.72	.11	17.32	7.76	1.00	.17	.12	19.80	100.00

NOTE: Mexico - no sales reported.

1/ Canadian Sales through January 31, 1960.

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

CANADIAN SITUATION

Interim Payment on 1958-59 Wheat Pool Speaking in the House of Commons on February 12, 1960, the Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce stated that "I have an announcement to make with regard to the 1958-59 wheat, oats and barley pools. The Canadian wheat board has submitted a report dealing with the financial position of this account-- that is, the 1958-59 wheat account-- and indicates it to be in a surplus position. The board has advised that it is possible to make an interim payment to producers of 10 cents per bushel on all grades of wheat delivered to the 1958-59 pool, and the government has approved this interim payment.

Producers delivered a total of 366,989,780 bushels to the 1958-59 wheat pool. The interim payment will involve the distribution of \$36,698,978. The board will be in a position to start issuing interim payment cheques in about three weeks time.

The wheat board has submitted a statement in regard to the financial position of the oats and barley pool accounts. The board reports that selling operations are well advanced and that the two pools can be closed in the near future. Therefore when the interim wheat payment has been completed there will be a distribution of the final surpluses in the 1958-59 oats and barley pools."

Supply Position

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 <u>3/</u>
New Crop	371.7	413.5
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-November .	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</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-January <u>5/</u>	124.0	129.0
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-January <u>6/</u> ..	2.0	2.4
Total exports of wheat as grain	126.0	131.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - January <u>6/</u>	18.3	19.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	144.2	151.1
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover .	699.3	651.4

1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised to give effect to an upward revision of 2.5 million bushels in commercial positions at July 31, 1959 as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels. 5/ As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. Includes overseas clearances and imports into the United States. 6/ Customs returns, 1958-59 adjusted for time lag.

Total estimated supplies of wheat for the crop year 1959-60, consisting of the revised 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 would 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-January period of 1959-60 amounted to 151.1 million bushels, 5 per cent greater than last year's six-month total of 144.2 million, 11 per cent more than the ten-year (1948-49-1957-58) average of 135.9 million and, with the exception of the crop year 1956-57, the highest August-January total since 1952-53. The balance remaining on February 1, 1960 for export and for carryover, amounted to 651.4 million bushels, 7 per cent less than the February 1, 1959 total of 699.3 million.

Farmers' marketings of wheat (both east and west) up to February 17 of the current crop year have amounted to 158.3 million bushels compared with 163.2 million marketed during the corresponding period of the 1958-59 crop year. Some 17.7 million bushels of this year's total were marketed during the four weeks, January 21 to February 17, 1960. Disappearance of Canadian wheat into export and domestic channels (overseas clearances, plus imports into the United States, plus Canadian domestic use and including grain milled for subsequent export) during the same four weeks amounted to some 22.8 million bushels and as a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined from a level of 382.9 million bushels at January 20, 1960 to 377.5 million at February 17.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at February 17, 1960 represented only relatively small increases over both the 1959 and 1958 comparable totals of 374.7 million and 375.8 million bushels, respectively. Stocks in country elevators amounted to 235.6 million bushels and exceeded the 226.5 million in this position a year ago and 221.9 million of two years ago. This year's supplies in country elevators at February 17 accounted for 62 per cent of the total visible wheat supply compared with the 1959 and 1958 corresponding percentages of 60 per cent and 59 per cent, respectively. Interior terminal stocks, at 11.5 million bushels, represented declines from both last year's 13.2 million and the 1958 total of 11.8 million. Some 10.2 million bushels were "In transit rail" (Western Division), compared with 9.9 million a year ago and 12.8 million bushels two years ago. Supplies at Fort William-Port Arthur at February 17, 1960 amounted to 43.8 million bushels, 9 per cent less than the 48.2 million in 1959 and 4 per cent lower than the 1958 figure of 45.6 million bushels. Stocks of 28.3 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were above the 22.0 million of a year ago but slightly below the 28.7 million of two years ago. "Storage Afloat" accounted for 10.5 million bushels at February 17 this year, compared with the 1959 total of 13.8 million and the 1958 figure of 8.4 million bushels. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports amounted to 15.1 million bushels, representing a decline of 14 per cent from last year's comparable total of 17.6 million and 25 per cent lower than the 20.2 million bushels in 1958. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) amounted to 7.3 million bushels compared with 7.9 million a year ago and 9.2 million two years ago.

January 1960 Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
17.0 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during January 1960 amounted to 17.0 million bushels compared with the December 1959 level of 24.7 million and the January 1959 total of 21.3 million bushels. The ten-year (1949-1958) average exports for the month of January amounted to 19.1 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada) during January 1960, at 13.2 million bushels, represented decreases from both the December 1959 total of 20.3 million and the January 1959 figure of 17.9 million bushels. Exports of bagged seed wheat during January 1960, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to some 753 thousand bushels, below the December 1959 total of 891 thousand but sharply above the adjusted January 1959 figure of 607 thousand bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 3.1 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during January 1960, representing a decrease from the December 1959 level of 3.6 million but exceeding the January 1959 adjusted total of 2.8 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-January period of the 1959-60 crop year amounted to 129.0 million bushels, representing an increase of 4 per cent over the comparable 1958-59 total of 124.0 million. The United Kingdom, remaining in its position as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 44.2 million bushels and representing 34 per cent of the six-month total. During the August-January period of the 1958-59 crop year shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 49.0 million bushels and accounted for 40 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first six 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, 19.3 (18.1); Federal Republic of Germany, 16.3 (19.2); Belgium, 6.6 (6.0); Netherlands, 5.3 (6.6); Switzerland, 4.2 (2.6); India, 4.1 (5.6); Poland, 2.8 (nil); France, 2.8 (0.4); Peru, 2.3 (0.2); Pakistan, 2.2 (2.3); Italy, 2.1 (0.2); Union of South Africa, 2.1 (1.4); and Iraq, 2.0 (nil). Customs exports of bagged seed wheat during August-January 1959-60 amounted to 2.4 million bushels compared with the adjusted 1958-59 six-month total of 2.0 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first six months of the current crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 19.7 million bushels and exceeded by 8 per cent the adjusted August-January 1958-59 total of 18.3 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 7.4 million bushels and accounted for 38 per cent of the August-January 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 6.9 million bushels and also represented 38 per cent of the total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-January 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, 2,561 (2,688); Trinidad and Tobago, 1,158 (782); Ghana, 906 (381); Jamaica, 901 (791); Ceylon, 772 (507); United States, 714 (842); Japan, 597 (369); and Leeward and Windward Islands, 559 (532).

Wheat Varieties for
North-Eastern Saskatchewan

According to a press release, issued by the Canada Department of Agriculture under date of February 24, 1960 the following varieties of wheat are recommended for north-eastern Saskatchewan. The wheat varieties, Thatcher and Selkirk, and the recently licensed Canthatch, are recommended for all zones. Selkirk and Canthatch

have superior rust resistance to Thatcher.

Pembina, also recently licensed, has more resistance to both leaf and stem rust than Selkirk and usually matures a day or so earlier than Thatcher. It is an alternative variety where rust is a serious threat.

Lake is susceptible to rust and usually matures two to three days later than Thatcher. It yields well on most soils but frequently grades lower than other recommended varieties.

Durum wheats are unsuitable for north-eastern Saskatchewan.

Delivery Policy Supplementary Quota on Soft White Spring Wheat The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 12, under date of February 11, 1960, announced in part that in order to obtain sufficient quantities of Soft White Spring Wheat to meet mill requirements, the supplementary quota of five (5) bushels per acre seeded to Soft White Spring Wheat as authorized in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 6 of November 13, 1959, will be increased to ten (10) bushels per acre seeded to Soft White Spring Wheat, effective February 15, 1960.

General Quota Position By February 29, 1960, out of a total of 2,008 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 3 points on a quota of 5 bushels per specified acre, 842 were on a 4-bushel quota and 512 were on a 3-bushel quota. Of the remainder, 414 points were on a 2-bushel quota and 237 were on a 1-bushel quota.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at February 29, 1960

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre					Total
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	
Ontario	-	-	-	2	-	2
Manitoba	111	121	73	66	-	371
Saskatchewan	126	231	248	475	-	1,080
Alberta	-	62	189	299	-	550
British Columbia	-	-	2	-	3	5
All Provinces	237	414	512	842	3	2,008

Farmers' Marketings by
Crop Districts 1958-59

Farmers in the Prairie Provinces and certain areas of British Columbia and Ontario marketed 367.7 million bushels of wheat during the 1958-59 crop year according to revised figures compiled by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners.

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

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Western Division, 1958-59

Marketing Channel	Total Wheat
	- bushels -
Country elevators	363,763,608
Platform loadings	72,881
Interior semi-public terminals	36,156
Interior private and mill elevators	3,849,953
Total	367,722,598

Farmers' Marketings through Country Elevators, 1958-59

Province and District	Wheat (Other than Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat
		- bushels -	
<u>Manitoba</u>			
Crop District 1	2,654,299	153,265	2,807,564
2	6,682,774	187,647	6,870,421
3	8,609,686	656,667	9,266,353
4	1,433,095	119,026	1,552,121
5	1,689,864	20,542	1,710,406
6	211,212	2,586	213,798
7	5,495,775	67,584	5,563,359
8	4,600,827	78,939	4,679,766
9	3,677,088	47,529	3,724,617
10	3,768,363	18,068	3,786,431
11	3,277,498	38,891	3,316,389
12	785,283	8,719	794,002
13	1,955,829	1,743	1,957,572
14	561,134	451	561,585
Totals	45,402,727	1,401,657	46,804,384
<u>Ontario</u>			
Country elevators in the Western Division	435	-	435
Totals	45,403,162	1,401,657	46,804,819

Farmers' Marketings through Country Elevators, 1958-59

Province and District	Wheat (Other than Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat
- bushels -			
<u>Saskatchewan</u>			
Crop District 1A	5,169,503	162,948	5,332,451
1B	5,546,786	94,139	5,640,925
2A	7,199,240	307,891	7,507,131
2B	12,773,988	1,345,414	14,119,402
3AN	6,628,599	902,010	7,530,609
3AS	10,196,323	1,047,463	11,243,786
3BN	12,011,966	2,707,342	14,719,308
3BS	8,770,249	1,885,423	10,655,672
4A	3,346,263	501,080	3,847,343
4B	7,684,575	2,730,400	10,414,975
5A	12,241,880	157,531	12,399,411
5B	14,696,164	130,515	14,826,679
6A	18,311,600	1,256,603	19,568,203
6B	12,997,026	614,820	13,611,846
7A	13,577,584	2,237,824	15,815,408
7B	10,081,523	192,687	10,274,210
8A	9,594,091	75,524	9,669,615
8B	13,524,283	53,460	13,577,743
9A	12,807,002	35,129	12,842,131
9B	8,647,587	26,454	8,674,041
Totals	205,806,232	16,464,657	222,270,889
<u>Alberta</u>			
Crop District 1	13,390,242	1,852,961	15,243,203
2	30,660,368	3,812,998	34,473,366
3	10,794,155	429,401	11,223,556
4	22,867,884	78,039	22,945,923
5	3,585,740	6,825	3,592,565
6	4,010,573	2,981	4,013,554
7	2,585,233	4,075	2,589,308
Totals	87,894,195	6,187,280	94,081,475
British Columbia	581,363	25,062	606,425
Totals Marketed	339,684,952	24,078,656	363,763,608

Farmers' Marketings 1/ 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	4,677,488
	16	734,026	2,391,225	577,939	3,703,190	5,633,606
	23	852,348	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	8,033,907
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	7,408,298
	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	5,418,234
	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
Totals		18,182,345	99,009,262	40,042,787	157,234,394	158,590,200

Average similar period:

1948-49-1957-58 . 26,151,150 128,730,375 62,880,804 217,762,329

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

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, February 17, 1960
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1958 and 1959

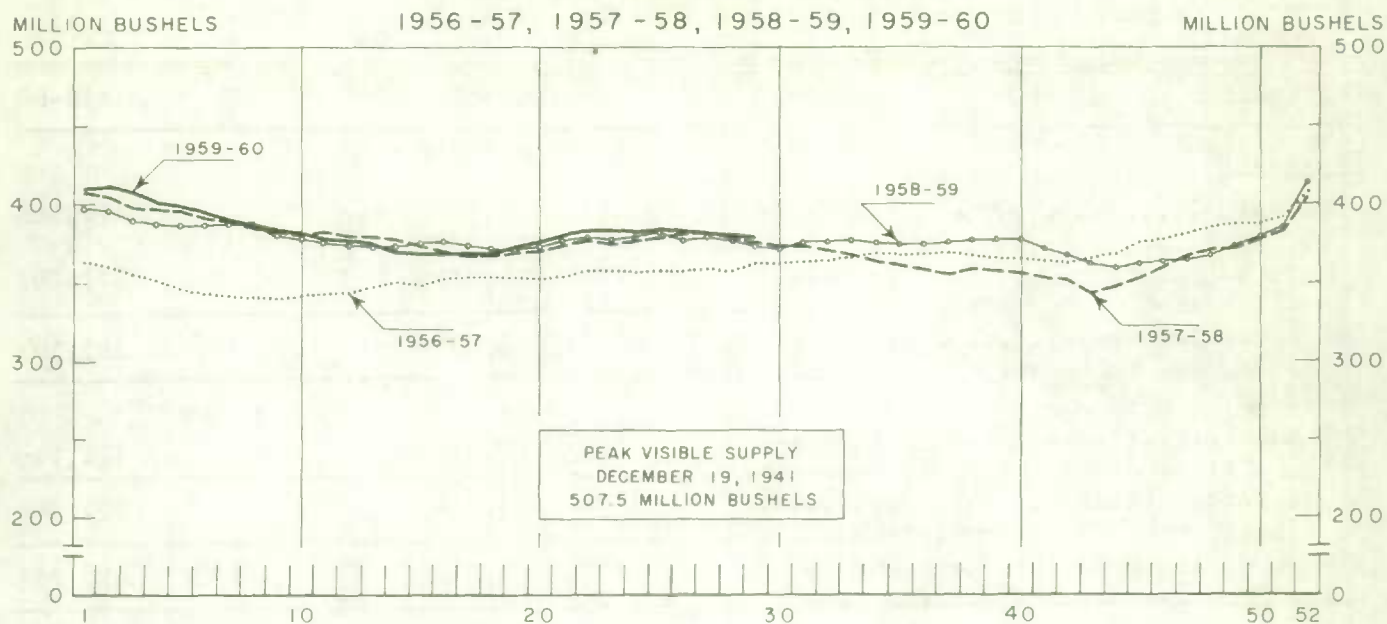
Position	1958	1959	1960
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	28,910	25,382	28,341
Saskatchewan	127,768	125,234	130,239
Alberta	65,234	75,881	76,983
Totals	221,912	226,497	235,562
Interior private and mill	8,364	7,516	7,340
Interior terminals	11,790	13,214	11,492
Vancouver-New Westminster	9,098	7,608	7,207
Victoria	112	263	126
Churchill	4,620	4,916	4,871
Fort William-Port Arthur	45,595	48,186	43,779
Storage afloat	184	100	-
In transit rail (Western Division) ...	12,845	9,886	10,194
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	28,677	21,950	28,313
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports.	20,174	17,561	15,148
Storage afloat	8,394	13,769	10,504
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ...	3,683	3,238	2,992
United States ports	320	-	-
Totals	375,768	374,705	377,527

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

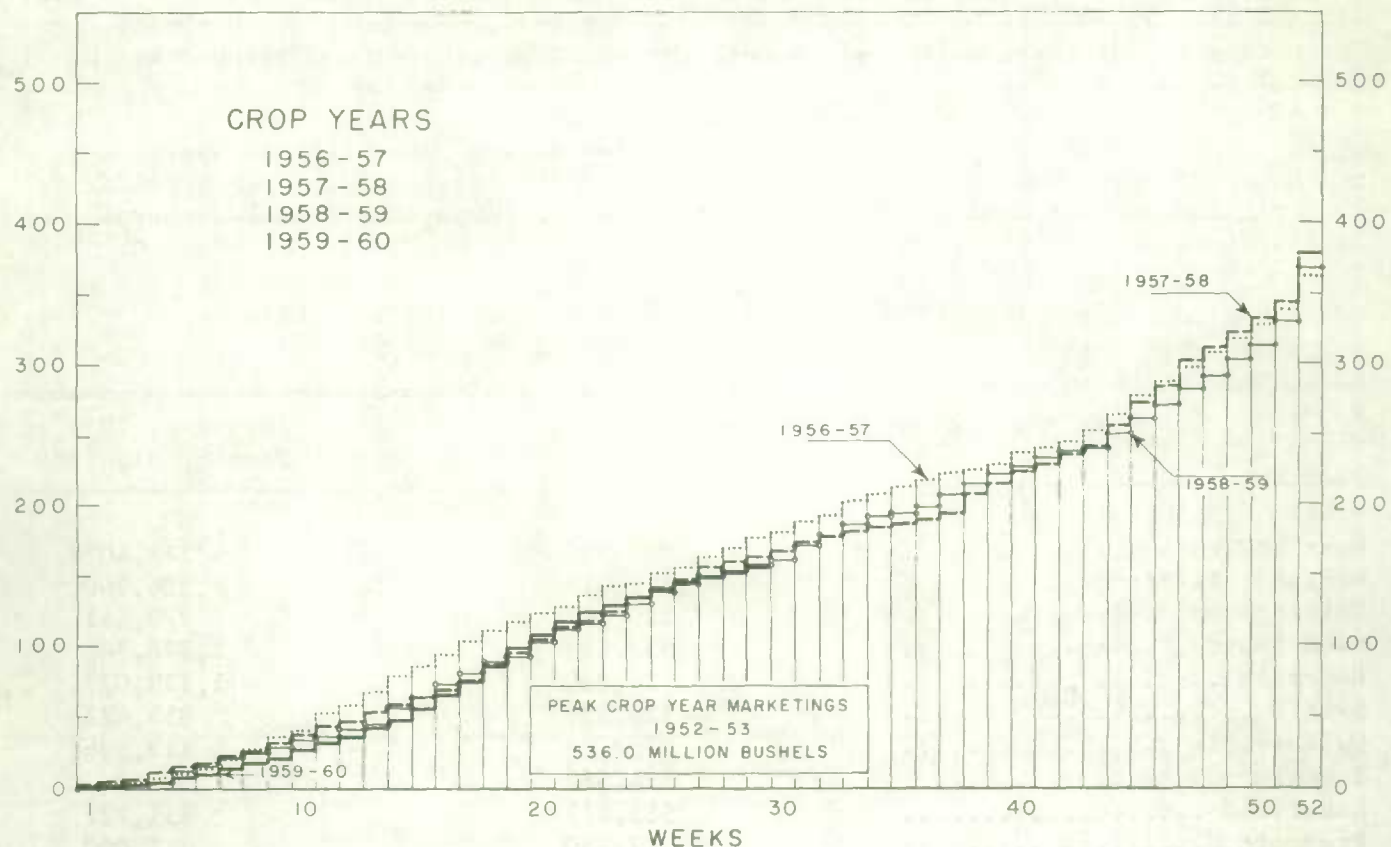
Grade	Crop Year		August-January			
	Average	1958-59	1958-59		1959-60	
	1953-54- 1957-58		cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Man. Northern ..	3.4	1.8	822	0.9	932	1.0
No. 2 Man. Northern ..	32.8	31.9	28,918	33.3	21,771	23.7
No. 3 Man. Northern ..	25.7	27.5	23,587	27.2	23,713	25.9
No. 4 Man. Northern ..	11.5	15.7	12,880	14.8	13,455	14.7
No. 5 Wheat	9.1	6.7	9,125	10.5	2,539	2.8
No. 6 Wheat	3.0	0.8	1,127	1.3	296	0.3
Feed Wheat	0.4	1/	56	0.1	6	1/
Others Red Spring	9.0	10.7	5,112	5.9	19,295	21.0
C.W. Garnet	0.5	1/	1	1/	125	0.1
C.W. White Spring	0.1	0.1	102	0.1	70	0.1
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	1/	36	1/	35	1/
Alberta Winter	0.4	0.1	208	0.2	609	0.7
Nos.1-6C.W.Amber Durum	3.9	4.4	4,648	5.4	8,511	9.3
Others C.W.Amber Durum	0.1	0.2	149	0.2	327	0.4
Totals	100.0	100.0	86,771	100.0	91,684	100.0
Gross bushels(approx.)			156,573,000		172,721,000	

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 February 17, 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	1,904,288	688,597	110,305
Chicago	156,933	175,436	-
Duluth-Superior	1,046,132	808,972	272,202
Totals, Vessel	3,107,353	1,673,005	382,507
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points.	713,551	260,814	104,744
Totals, Rail	713,551	260,814	104,744
Totals, Shipments .	3,820,904	1,933,819	487,251

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

Total shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to February 17, amounted to 0.5 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1958-59 and 1957-58 shipments amounted to 1.9 million and 3.8 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 78 per cent was shipped by vessel.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first six months of the current crop year totalled 15.0 million bushels and exceeded by 37 per cent the comparable August-January 1958-59 total of 16.3 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1, 1958 to January 31, 1959	August 1, 1959 to January 31, 1960
- bushels -		
Port McNicoll	4,308,119	4,272,403
Midland, Tiffin	6,777,411	6,326,760
Collingwood	589,898	773,541
Owen Sound	1,853,883	1,378,768
Goderich	14,000	1,139,027
Sarnia	1,920,339	855,421
Walkerville	-	113,536
Toronto	124,582	-
Lakefield	585,477	151,727
Prescott	77,350	2,000
Totals	16,251,059	15,013,183

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	
March	338,534	191,312	280,705	
April	161,103	215,546	243,292	
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, January 1960

Grade	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -		
4 Northern	-	1,500
Tough	-	12,787
Rejected	3,133	51,167
Amber Durum	2,000	2,000
Others	-	30,500
Totals	5,133	97,954

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1959-February 17, 1960
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat <u>1/</u>	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed <u>2/</u>
- bushels -						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>						
Vancouver-New Westminster ...	47,978,210	1,597,553	14,441,298	103,691	2,555,374	1,706,997
Victoria	603,717	14,889	-	-	198,646	-
Prince Rupert	-	-	5,969,171	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u>	21,158,712	138,353	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u>	3,758,822	197,647	147,513	-	947,725	-
<u>Sarnia</u>	106,400	-	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>						
Montreal	28,878,020	803,323	47,125	89,856	1,562,453	33,880
Sorel	9,879,143	-	-	-	-	-
Three Rivers	7,829,075	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	5,337,372	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime</u>						
Saint John	1,357,027	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John	6,810,477	164,793	-	29,954	313,469	-
Halifax	4,421,553	-	-	-	-	-
<u>U.S. Lake Ports</u>	136,788	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	138,255,316	2,916,558	20,605,107	223,501	5,577,667	1,740,877
August 1, 1958-February 18, 1959.	133,209,397	3,171,676	29,306,036	853,682	8,588,902	4,068,398

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to January 31, 1960 represent the movement of some 8,768 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-December period of the current crop year. During the corresponding period in 1958-59 claims had been filed for a total of 9,614 thousand bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the 1959 August-December shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 9 per cent below those of 1958. Revised data on the 1958 August-December shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to January 31, 1960 place the five-month total at 10,380 thousand bushels. About 78 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-December 1959 and 1958

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1959	15	27	127	52	634	860	229	1,945
September	17	16	90	113	627	764	192	1,820
October	21	15	127	64	673	863	293	2,056
November	16	26	106	53	663	703	151	1,718
December	7	14	73	49	510	568	7	1,228
Totals	76	98	524	331	3,108	3,758	873	8,768
Same period 1958:								
Preliminary 2/ ...	66	93	617	323	3,542	4,200	773	9,614
Revised 1/	68	97	640	334	3,636	4,448	1,157	10,380

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 246,744 tons during the August-December period of the 1959-60 crop year. This total, based on claims submitted up to January 31, 1960 surpasses by some 2 per cent the 1958-59 August-December revised total of 242,606 tons. Shipments to the provinces of Quebec and Ontario amounted to 134,050 tons and 67,059 tons, respectively, and accounted for a combined 82 per cent of the 1959-60 August-December total movement of freight-assisted millfeeds.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-December 1959 and 1958

Province	1958		1959
	Preliminary 2/	Revised 1/	Preliminary 1/
- tons -			
Newfoundland	1,590	1,669	1,776
Prince Edward Island	2,927	3,078	3,514
Nova Scotia	11,991	12,834	13,038
New Brunswick	10,922	11,275	14,170
Quebec	123,404	128,398	134,050
Ontario	60,595	66,950	67,059
British Columbia	11,600	18,402	13,137
Totals	223,029	242,606	246,744

1/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1960.

2/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1959.

Supply and Disposition of Wheat and Rye, Canada
Crop Year 1958-59

Item	Wheat	Rye
	- bushels -	
Stocks at commencement of crop year -		
On farms	231,900,000	6,030,000
Pacific coast elevators	11,813,535	69,557
Western country elevators	236,245,229	1,723,029
Fort William-Port Arthur	45,137,344	1,325,563
Eastern elevators	63,386,043	294,039
In transit rail	20,661,862	515,816
In transit lake	5,353,762	-
Other Canadian positions	24,955,966	39,467
U.S.A. positions	-	64,482
Totals, in store July 31, 1958	639,453,741	10,061,953
1958 production	371,730,000	8,002,000
Imports <u>1/</u>	4,076	12,140
Totals, supplies	1,011,187,817	18,076,093
Export clearances including U.S.A. <u>2/</u> ...	294,545,520	3,222,076
Consumed in Canada -		
Human food <u>3/</u>	54,951,000	440,000
Seed requirements	32,658,000	626,000
Industrial use <u>4/</u>	-	1,074,312
Loss in handling <u>5/</u>	212,245	73,777
Animal feed, waste and dockage <u>6/</u>	79,819,588	4,720,123
Totals, domestic use	167,640,833	6,934,212
Stocks at end of crop year -		
On farms	130,000,000	3,440,000
Pacific coast elevators	9,905,611	333
Western country elevators	251,179,720	1,871,515
Fort William-Port Arthur	46,382,789	844,799
Eastern elevators	56,215,042	210,142
In transit rail	17,594,039	539,449
In transit lake	9,759,847	975,190
Other Canadian positions	27,805,327	38,377
U.S.A. positions	159,089	-
Totals, in store July 31, 1959	549,001,464	7,919,805
Totals, disposition	1,011,187,817	18,076,093

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

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> <u>4/</u>					
August	21,203	129 <u>5/</u>	21,332 <u>5/</u>	3,194	24,527 <u>5/</u>
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
Totals	128,970	2,425	131,396	19,748	151,144

- 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. 5/ Revised.

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

Destination	October	January		August-January	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
- bushels -					
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					
United Kingdom	1,226,669	1,402,782	5,167,840	7,425,808	44,195,522
<u>Africa</u>					
British East Africa	690	-	-	2,036	-
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	-	3,045	-	12,029	11,200
Gambia	3,220	-	-	9,927	-
Ghana	234,273	71,893	-	905,574	-
Nigeria	59,521	9,414	-	197,963	-
Sierra Leone	34,842	6,928	-	171,992	-
Union of South Africa	-	-	37,333	-	2,054,864
<u>Asia</u>					
Aden	-	-	-	1,288	-
Ceylon	-	-	-	771,770	-
Hong Kong	103,017	15,985	18,667	374,198	73,734
India	-	-	-	-	4,116,436
Kuwait	-	5,667	-	5,667	-
Malaya and Singapore	71,721	45,266	-	301,813	-
Other British East Indies	97	-	-	290	-
Pakistan	-	-	3,140	-	2,157,173
<u>Europe</u>					
Gibraltar	-	5,152	-	29,882	-
Malta	-	-	-	-	849,333
<u>North America</u>					
Bahamas	38,258	29,470	-	156,388	-
Barbados	33,476	16,698	-	158,941	-
Bermuda	1,546	15,290	-	59,694	-
British Honduras	2,376	1,571	-	8,381	-
Jamaica	130,960	205,825	-	901,186	-
Leeward and Windward Islands	97,260	76,353	-	559,438	-
Trinidad and Tobago	285,159	225,876	-	1,157,657	-
<u>Oceania</u>					
Fiji	2,231	1,725	-	9,246	-
New Zealand	-	-	-	138	-
<u>South America</u>					
British Guiana	45,004	7,054	-	226,534	-
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .	2,370,320	2,145,994	5,226,980	13,447,840	53,458,262
FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
<u>Africa</u>					
Algeria	-	-	-	-	1,506,260
Azores and Madeira	2,496	-	-	2,496	-
Belgian Congo	47,667	87,043	-	349,618	-
Liberia	3,383	460	-	8,878	-
Mozambique	-	920	-	920	-
Portuguese Africa	11,797	5,428	-	48,164	41,067
<u>Asia</u>					
Arabia	-	-	-	17,899	-
Burma	-	-	-	-	228,470
Indonesia	213,100	-	-	316,305	-
Iran	382	-	-	511	-
Iraq	-	-	-	-	2,033,229
Japan	39,861	141,330	2,785,813	597,008	19,306,835
Lebanon	15,467	15,867	-	27,250	386,690
Okinawa	-	-	36,213	-	192,266
Philippine Islands	522,463	323,863	148,329	2,561,069	614,996
Portuguese Asia	4,048	1,012	-	56,417	-
Portuguese India	-	37,796	-	37,796	-

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

Destination	October	January		August-January	
	Wheat Flour 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/	Wheat Flour 2/	Wheat 3/
FOREIGN COUNTRIES					
- bushels -					
<u>Asia</u>					
U.A.R.-Syria	515	258	-	1,518	-
Thailand	70,221	12,673	-	186,247	-
<u>Europe</u>					
Austria	-	-	-	-	1,839,126
Belgium	12,211	18,547	347,685	57,624	6,561,637
Denmark	2,006	-	21,123	2,926	136,081
Finland	-	-	-	-	520,622
France	-	-	433,067	-	2,750,999
Germany, Federal Republic	-	-	1,553,398	-	16,291,551
Greece	-	1,523	-	2,282	-
Iceland	1,776	-	-	6,376	-
Ireland	-	-	74,667	-	884,987
Italy	-	-	-	-	2,116,712
Netherlands	460	-	137,760	2,495	5,268,753
Norway	-	-	230,160	-	1,865,173
Poland	-	-	1,222,107	-	2,849,840
Portugal	2,417	5,877	-	15,569	-
Sweden	-	-	-	1,012	28,000
Switzerland	-	-	685,216	-	4,151,386
<u>North America</u>					
Costa Rica	70,242	47,265	-	308,407	-
Cuba	690	2,788	-	65,955	1,000
Dominican Republic	27,209	20,194	-	179,917	2,500
El Salvador	40,020	13,197	-	193,050	22,044
French West Indies	460	920	-	2,530	-
Guatemala	17,250	3,680	-	81,087	20,000
Haiti	-	414	-	1,035	-
Honduras	4,738	4,370	-	30,339	3,334
Netherlands Antilles	11,006	6,872	-	61,957	-
Nicaragua	23,667	32,552	-	143,895	-
Panama	56,265	11,558	-	158,367	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon	2,235	2,528	-	10,624	-
United States					
Flour in terms of wheat	122,079	119,938	-	713,738	-
For milling in bond 4/	-	-	-	-	110,000
For domestic use 4/	-	-	12,729	-	371,562
<u>Oceania</u>					
French Oceania	186	-	-	186	-
<u>South America</u>					
Chile	-	-	-	1,610	-
Colombia	460	980	-	2,305	793,508
Ecuador	-	-	-	-	460,984
Peru	1,035	690	-	3,220	2,267,067
Surinam	6,422	9,161	-	39,562	-
Venezuela	725	483	304,453	2,139	1,885,531
Totals, Foreign Countries	1,334,959	930,187	7,992,720	6,300,303	75,512,210
Sub-Totals, All Countries	3,705,279	3,076,181	13,219,700	19,748,143	128,970,472
Bagged seed wheat 5/			752,501		2,425,229 6/
Totals, All Countries	3,705,279	3,076,181	13,972,201	19,748,143	131,395,701

- 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. 6/ Revised - 4,800 bushels added to August 1959 total.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26

- 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	165/6	165/7	165/5	165/5
2 Northern	162/6	162/7	162/5	162/5
3 Northern	155/6	155/7	155/5	155/5
4 Northern	150/6	150/7	150/5	150/5
5 Wheat	147/6	147/7	147/5	147/5
6 Wheat	145/6	145/7	145/5	145/5
Feed Wheat	143/6	143/7	143/5	143/5
1 C.W. Garnet	154/6	154/7	154/5	154/5
2 C.W. Garnet	150/6	150/7	150/5	150/5
3 C.W. Garnet	147/6	147/7	147/5	147/5
1 Alberta Red Winter	155/6	155/7	155/5	155/5
2 Alberta Winter	152/6	152/7	152/5	152/5
3 Alberta Winter	148/6	148/7	148/5	148/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum	177/6	177/7	177/5	177/5
2 C.W. Amber Durum	171/6	171/7	171/5	171/5
3 C.W. Amber Durum	165/6	165/7	165/5	165/5

Export - Class II

1 Northern	165/6	165/7	165/5	165/5
2 Northern	162/6	162/7	162/5	162/5
3 Northern	155/6	155/7	155/5	155/5
4 Northern	150/6	150/7	150/5	150/5
5 Wheat	147/6	147/7	147/5	147/5
6 Wheat	145/6	145/7	145/5	145/5
Feed Wheat	143/6	143/7	143/5	143/5
1 C.W. Garnet	154/6	154/7	154/5	154/5
2 C.W. Garnet	150/6	150/7	150/5	150/5
3 C.W. Garnet	147/6	147/7	147/5	147/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum	177/6	177/7	177/5	177/5
2 C.W. Amber Durum	171/6	171/7	171/5	171/5
3 C.W. Amber Durum	165/6	165/7	165/5	165/5

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26

- 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	118	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	171/2	171/3	170/1	170/1
2 Northern	169/2	169/3	168/1	168/1
3 Northern	162/2	162/3	161/1	161/4
4 Northern	157/2	157/3	156/1	156/4
5 Wheat	154/2	154/3	153/1	153/4
6 Wheat	152/2	152/3	151/1	151/4
Feed Wheat	150/2	150/3	149/1	149/4
1 C.W. Garnet	156/2	156/3	156/1	156/1
2 C.W. Garnet	152/2	152/3	152/1	152/1
3 C.W. Garnet	149/2	149/3	149/1	149/1
1 Alberta Red Winter	160/2	160/3	160/1	160/1
2 Alberta Winter	157/2	157/3	157/1	157/1
3 Alberta Winter	153/2	153/3	153/1	153/1

Export - Class II

1 Northern	171/2	171/3	170/1	170/1
2 Northern	169/2	169/3	168/1	168/1
3 Northern	162/2	162/3	161/1	161/4
4 Northern	157/2	157/3	156/1	156/4
5 Wheat	154/2	154/3	153/1	153/4
6 Wheat	152/2	152/3	151/1	151/4
Feed Wheat	150/2	150/3	149/1	149/4
1 C.W. Garnet	156/2	156/3	156/1	156/1
2 C.W. Garnet	152/2	152/3	152/1	152/1
3 C.W. Garnet	149/2	149/3	149/1	149/1
1 Alberta Red Winter	160/2	160/3	160/1	160/1
2 Alberta Winter	157/2	157/3	157/1	157/1
3 Alberta Winter	153/2	153/3	153/1	153/1

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during January 1960 amounted to 2,980,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 8 per cent from the December 1959 total of 3,244,000 hundredweight, 9 per cent less than the January 1959 output of 3,263,000 hundredweight and 10 per cent below the ten-year (1950-1959) average production for the month of January of 3,321,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during January 1960 had a total rated capacity of 169,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 70.4 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during January 1960 amounted to 6,727,000 bushels compared with 7,354,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 7,357,000 bushels milled during January 1959. Of the wheat milled for flour during January 1960, some 6,052,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (422,000 bushels); Durum (168,000 bushels); and all other (85,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during January 1960 amounted to 1,337,000 hundredweight (some 3,076,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of 14 per cent from the 3,559,000 bushels exported during December 1959 but 9 per cent greater than the adjusted January 1959 figure of 2,820,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-nine countries with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 1.4 million bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 46 per cent of the January 1960 total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Philippine Islands, 324; Trinidad and Tobago, 226; Jamaica, 206; Japan, 141; and United States, 120.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports ^{1/}
	- 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 ^{2/}			
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
Totals	46,310,267	20,411,717	8,586,149
Same months 1958-59 (revised) ...	46,723,849	20,609,137	7,942,496

^{1/} Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1958-59 revised to remove effect of time lag in reporting.

^{2/} Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1959-60 crop year, 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-January period of the current United States crop year amounted to 3.4 million bushels, compared with 4.2 million during the same months of the preceding crop year. After deducting an estimated 625 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 1,785.2 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1959-60 compared with 1,718.0 million in 1958-59.

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 <u>2/</u>
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-January	4.2	3.4
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,346.9	2,410.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u>	628.9 <u>2/</u>	625.0 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover	1,718.0	1,785.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-January	200.2	190.0
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-January <u>5/</u>	47.0	52.3
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	247.1	242.3
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover ..	1,470.9	1,542.9

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised. 3/ Excluding imports for February-June.

4/ 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. 5/ Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond". 6/ 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 first seven months (July-January) of the 1959-60 United States crop year amounted to 242.3 million bushels 2 per cent less than the 247.1 million exported during the same months in 1958-59. The balance remaining on February 1, 1960 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,542.9 million bushels, 5 per cent above the 1,470.9 million on the same date a year ago.

Crop and Weather Conditions The following extract has been taken from the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin published by the United States Department of Commerce for the week ending February 29, 1960. An extremely cold week over most of the Nation kept small grains at a standstill. Winter wheat in the northern and central Great Plains was dormant and well protected from very low temperatures by snow cover, while in the southern Great Plains the crop made very little growth. More favourable moisture supplies than usual in the Great Plains, particularly in the southern portion, give a bright glow to winter wheat prospects despite a slow start for the crop last fall. Corn Belt winter wheat acreage was also heavily snow-covered and is in generally good condition. In the Northwest, progress for the crop was slow to about normal.

Small grains progressed satisfactorily in the Far Southwest and planting in the lower elevations of California neared completion. Most small grains in the Yuma, Arizona area have reached the joint stage. Condition of small grains tended to decline in the lower Mississippi Valley and Southeast as soils remained very wet and cold. Land preparation for seeding spring grains lagged in these regions and in the southern Great Plains.

According to the February 29, 1960 issue of the "Wheat Situation" published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

<u>Season Average Price of</u> <u>1959-Crop Wheat Estimated</u> <u>at about 3 Cents Above</u> <u>Effective Support</u>	The season average price received by farmers for the 1959 wheat crop was estimated at \$1.75 per bushel, the same as for the 1958 crop. This season's estimate is based on sales through November with an allowance for marketings for the remainder of the marketing year and for unredeemed loans at the average rate.
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The price for the 1959 crop is about 3 cents above the effective support rate, assuming the effective rate about 9 cents under the \$1.81 announced rate to allow for storage charges. This strength in prices reflects heavy participation in the support program.

The price for the 1958 crop was about 2 cents above the effective support. Even though the crop was record large, the average price was favourable compared with the loan because large quantities were placed under the support program and delivered to the CCC at the loan rate.

On the basis of the average price, the value of production of the 1959 crop is estimated at \$1,972 million, 23 per cent below the \$2,551 million for the record 1958 crop, and below the 1953-1957 average of \$2,028 million.

Reseal Program Announced The Department of Agriculture announced a reseal program to permit keeping 1959-crop wheat, together with some other grains, under price support loan for another year following maturity dates of original loan in 1960. In addition, price support reseal loans already in effect on 1958- and 1957-crop wheat are being extended for another year.

Announcement of the reseal program was made to assist farmers in making their storage plans. Estimated grain carryovers will be at record levels this year and substantially higher than the carryovers at the time 1959-crop harvests began.

Under the reseal program, a farmer earns storage payments during

the time the grain is under reseal. Storage payments to producers for the entire reseal period will be in line with the storage rates to be effective July 1, 1960, under the Uniform Grain Storage Agreement between the CCC and commercial warehousemen.

The reseal program, which is similar to those in past year, will be made available in designated areas on the basis of determinations by State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committees that the program should apply in their State.

Under the program, farmers will be able to extend their farm-storage loans on these grains, or to convert their purchase agreements on the 1959 crop to loans for another year.

In areas where State ASC Committees announce a program, farmers who desire to participate should make application to their county ASC offices before loan maturity dates. The maturity date for wheat is March 31, 1960. If a farmer redeems his resealed grain prior to the new maturity date, his storage payment will be prorated.

Hard Red Winter Carryover
July 1, 1960 Expected to
Increase; Other Classes to
Decrease Slightly

Analysis of supply and distribution by classes indicate probable changes in the distribution of the carryover by classes from July 1, 1959 to July 1, 1960. However, much depends on export developments during the remainder of the marketing year.

Present estimates indicate that the July 1, 1960 carryover will be about 71 million bushels above a year earlier. An increase of 123 million bushels in hard red winter wheat more than offsets declines in the other classes, which are as follows: Hard red spring, 35 million; white, 9 million; durum, 6 million; and soft red winter, 2 million. These decreases indicate that last year production was less than domestic disappearance and exports of these classes. Production of hard red spring wheat was just a little larger than was needed for domestic use and production of durum was a little less than domestic requirements. At the same time, the prospective carryover of hard red spring wheat is abundantly ample while that of durum is large enough to supplement a moderately short crop. Production of soft red winter wheat was not large enough to maintain our level of exports and still maintain a normal carryover. While a reduction in the carryover of white wheat is indicated, the prospective carryover is still large. Carryover stocks of hard red winter wheat are burdensome and continue to increase.

Estimated July 1, 1960 Carryover of Wheat by Classes, with Comparisons

Class	Total Disappearance 1954-1958 Average 1/	Carryover July 1			Percentage 1960 Carry- over is of Average Disappearance	1960 Carryover change from —	
		1952	1959	1960		1952	1959
		2/					
	- million bushels -				- per cent -	- million bushels -	
Hard red winter	448	97	938	1,061	237	+ 964	+123
Soft red winter	190	16	19	17	9	+ 1	- 2
Hard red spring	179	117	247	212	118	+ 95	- 35
Durum	23	15	18	12	52	- 3	- 6
White	167	11	57	48	29	+ 37	- 9
Totals	1,007	256	1,279	1,350	134	+1,094	+ 71

1/ Year begins July 1. Includes exports and domestic use for food, feed, seed and industry. 2/ A year when wartime demands drew stocks down to low levels.

United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination
July-December 1958 and 1959

NOTE

These data on exports by destination cover only the first six months of the United States crop year beginning July 1. The table on United States wheat supplies (see page 23) contains a preliminary estimate of total exports for the first seven months of the United States crop year. Neither of these tables should be confused with the United States export figure shown on page one of this publication which, for comparative purposes, is based on the Canadian crop year beginning August 1.

Destination	July-December 1958			July-December 1959		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- thousand bushels -						
Western Hemisphere						
British West Indies	13	1,495	1,508	36	846	882
Central America	740	2,152	2,892	1,215	1,742	2,957
Cuba	2,396	1,395	3,791	2,682	1,093	3,775
Brazil	16,270	19	16,289	22,567	25	22,592
Colombia	1,114	209	1,323	22	312	334
Peru	2,808	424	3,232	2,265	119	2,384
Venezuela	1,245	1,654	2,899	4,624	235	4,859
Others	867	2,216	3,083	2,261	2,571	4,832
Totals	25,453	9,564	35,017	35,672	6,943	42,615
Europe						
Austria	805	-	805	872	61	933
Belgium-Luxembourg	2,564	12	2,576	1,163	8	1,171
Finland	278	-	278	-	-	-
Germany, West	11,665	295	11,960	7,358	272	7,630
Greece	1	947	948	128	1,313	1,441
Italy	-	3,098	3,098	546	4,730	5,276
Netherlands	4,327	2,027	6,354	3,105	1,876	4,981
Norway	1,162	382	1,544	716	238	954
Poland	9,131	-	9,131	9,953	343	10,296
Sweden	1,880	14	1,894	-	22	22
United Kingdom	12,558	2,143	14,701	8,191	402	8,593
Yugoslavia	7,277	1,860	9,137	8,619	1,655	10,274
Others	1,904	387	2,291	1,871	642	2,513
Totals	53,552	11,165	64,717	42,522	11,562	54,084
Asia						
Ceylon	-	1,154	1,154	-	2,219	2,219
India	53,233	21	53,254	33,939	23	33,962
Israel	3,101	52	3,153	3,063	100	3,163
Japan	13,795	1,198	14,993	14,903	1,518	16,421
Jordan	-	261	261	1,483	475	1,958
Korea	5,397	930	6,327	4,011	863	4,874
Lebanon	1,188	1,184	2,372	407	1,779	2,186
Pakistan	3,272	156	3,428	6,570	126	6,696
Philippines	390	5,972	6,362	515	2,404	2,919
Taiwan (Formosa)	3,315	388	3,703	5,939	344	6,283
Turkey	1,003	-	1,003	357	4	361
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia	-	1,146	1,146	-	1,259	1,259
Others	206	2,094	2,300	791	2,734	3,525
Totals	84,900	14,556	99,456	71,978	13,848	85,826
Africa						
Canary Islands	-	-	-	1,211	4	1,215
Egypt	-	743	743	6,836	7,751	14,587
Union of South Africa	-	-	-	1,082	-	1,082
Others	1,117	2,813	3,930	2,311	2,852	5,163
Totals	1,117	3,556	4,673	11,440	10,607	22,047
Oceania	-	16	16	-	20	20
Unspecified	-	-	-	2	43	45
Totals, All Countries 2/	165,022	38,857	203,879	161,614	43,023	204,637

1/ Wholly of U.S. wheat (grain equivalent). 2/ 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 -	
February 1, 1960	206 1/4	206 3/4	February 1, 1960	216 3/4	
2	207 1/4	212 3/4	2	216 7/8	
3	204 1/2	226 3/4 <u>1/</u>	3	216 3/4	
4	204 1/4	226 3/4	4	216 5/8	
5	205 3/4	212 1/2	5	216 3/4	
8	211		8	216 1/2	
9	210 1/4	210 3/4	9	216 3/8	
10	205 1/2	222	10	216 3/8	
11	206	209	11	216 3/4	
12	206 3/4	210 1/4	12	216 5/8	
15	207 1/2		15	216 3/4	
16	207 1/2	211	16	217 3/8	
17	208		17	217 1/8	
18	207 1/4	221 1/2	18	217 1/4	
19	208 1/2		19	217 5/8	
22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY		22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	
23	209	213	23	217 7/8	
24	208 1/2	223 <u>1/</u>	24	218 3/8	
25	213 1/4	213 3/4	25	219 3/8	
26	209 1/4		26	218 1/4	
29	208	209 1/4	29	219 1/4	

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
February 1, 1960	199/5	200/5	184/4	187	192
2	199/1	200/1	184/5	187	192
3	198/1	199/4	184/7	187/4	192/5
4	198/4	199/5	184/5	187/2	192/2
5	198/6	200/3	184/4	187/2	192/2
8	198/5	200/3	184/7	187/5	192/4
9	199	200/5	185	187/5	192/5
10	198/3	200/1	185/2	188	192/6
11	199/1	201/1	186/2	189/1	193/6
12	200/2	201/7	185/7	188/6	193/4
15	199/6	201/5	185/3	187/7	192/6
16	200/2	202	184/5	187/3	192/2
17	199/7	201/5	184/5	187/2	192/2
18	199/5	201/4	185	187/4	192/3
19	199/7	202	185/2	187/6	192/2
22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY				
23	199/6	201/5	185	187/4	192/1
24	199/2	201/1	184/6	187/3	191/6
25	197/6	199/6	184/3	186/6	191/3
26	197/2	199/4	184/3	186/7	191/3
29	197/7	200/1	184/1	186/7	191/4

1/ Nominal.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated total supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1959-60 (December-November) crop year amount to 261.4 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1959 carryover of 57.1 million and the new crop, now placed at 204.3 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting a relatively substantial decline in production, are about 13 per cent less than the 1958-59 total of 301.0 million bushels. After making an allowance of 147.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 114.5 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-January 1960 amounted to 6.3 million bushels, in contrast to 17.1 million exported during the same months in 1958-59. The balance remaining on February 1, 1960 for export and for carryover was estimated at 108.2 million bushels, some 21 per cent below the February 1, 1959 total of 137.0 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	57.1
New Crop <u>3/</u>	246.9	204.3 <u>4/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies	301.0	261.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	147.0	147.0
Available for export and for carryover	154.1	114.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-January	16.7	6.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-January	0.4	0.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	17.1	6.3
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover ..	137.0	108.2
<u>1/</u> Preliminary. <u>2/</u> Includes allowances for farm stocks. <u>3/</u> Official estimate. <u>4/</u> Second official estimate.		

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Weather and Crops

There was a general lack of rainfall during most of the period under review. However, the drought ended on February 15 when a widespread rain of between 10 and 25 mm. (0.4 and 1.0 inches) fell over almost all of the grain growing area of Argentina. Some serious losses of corn had already taken place, but what remains is now considered to be in excellent condition. For the wheat and other grain crops the rain came too late to

have any beneficial effect as harvesting had almost been completed. At present the weather is fine, bright and dry, and not excessively hot.

Wheat The second official wheat production estimate was issued, which
1959-60 at 5,560,000 metric tons (204.3 million bushels), represents a 3 per cent increase over the first estimate.

The harvest is all but completed. This second estimate was given on February 1, confirming the growing feeling in the trade here that the first estimate had been too low. However, it is an increase of only 180,000 tons (6.6 million bushels) over the first estimate and is still below last year's production by 17.3 per cent and below the average production figures of the latest five and ten year periods by 14.6 per cent and 6.5 per cent, respectively. The harvest was reported to be of generally high quality grain.

Activity on the wheat market has been very slow with little interest being shown on the part of buyers and sellers alike. There has been a general slump in prices. A few recent purchases for export have been made. These were at prices of 318 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.04 per bushel) for "Rivers" wheat and 323 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.06 per bushel) for "Southern" wheat. These sales were made on the basis of Hard Wheat, Grade 1, 80 kilos per hectolitre (64 pounds per bushel). The most tangible indication of the recent weakness here of the wheat market, is the fact that the Grain Board has made purchases from producers of some 80,000 tons (2,939,000 bushels) of wheat during the period under review, at the official floor price of 300 pesos per 100 kilos (98 cents per bushel) on the basis of Semi-Hard Wheat, Grade 2, 78 kilos per hectolitre (62 pounds per bushel). The Secretariat of Agriculture has been advising grain growers to delay sales in the expectation that higher prices will again prevail before long. Two factors which have contributed to the currently low prices are first, that local millers have already purchased stocks of wheat sufficient to take care of current needs, and second, that as usual, congestion in the port areas and the lack of adequate transport facilities to the ports has slowed down the flow of wheat for export. The latter situation has been aggravated recently by a series of strikes and slowdowns among stevedores and other port workers.

Grain Shipments

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1959 - January 1960 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Belgium	312	Netherlands	993
Brazil	1,396	Paraguay	364
Denmark	41	Peru	606
Germany	600	Switzerland	35
Italy	599	United Kingdom	859
Lebanon	375	Total	6,180
Same Period:			
December-January 1958-59			16,676
1957-58			8,608
1956-57			13,842
1955-56			18,920
1954-55			20,814

Grain Sales Several weeks ago the sale of 80,000 tons (2,939,000 bushels) of wheat to Brazil was reported. More recently negotiations have been going on for the sale to Uruguay of another 80,000 tons (2,939,000 bushels) of wheat. This is urgently needed to cover immediate requirements and also to offset the later effects of a reportedly poor crop in that country. Both sales are being dealt with by the private grain trade here. The National Grain Board made only one sale during the period under review. It was of a 10,000 metric ton lot (367,000 bushels) of smutty wheat for delivery FOB Bahía Blanca during the first half of March, sold at 3,098.80 pesos per ton (\$1.02 per bushel).

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated commercial domestic supplies of wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1959-60 are placed at 317.6 million bushels, consisting of the August 1, 1959 carryover of 23.6 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 293.9 million. Domestic commercial supplies of the size indicated, reflecting the effect of the record 1959 wheat crop in France, would represent an increase of 18 per cent over the 1958-59 total of 268.6 million bushels. After deducting 220.5 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, a total of 97.1 million are available for export and for carryover in contrast to the 1958-59 level of 57.3 million.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first five months of the current crop year amounted to 26.5 million bushels compared with the August-December 1958 total of 20.8 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on January 1, 1960 at 70.6 million bushels, exceeded by a wide margin the January 1, 1959 total of 36.1 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	293.9 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies ...	268.6	317.6
Less domestic requirements for crop year	211.3	220.5
Available for export and for carryover	57.3	97.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, August-December	15.2	15.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-December	5.6	10.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	20.8	26.5
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover ..	36.1	70.6

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Estimated.

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a recent report by Miss V.F. Wightman, Agricultural Attaché, Canadian Embassy, Paris, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner

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Weather
and Crops

Late January brought the winter's first serious frosts but in most areas fall-sown grains were protected by snow. On the whole, such frosts have had a beneficial effect in retarding plant growth.

Before the onslaught of frost, field work had continued up to mid-January, and by the end of the month an additional 70,000 hectares (173,000 acres) of wheat had been sown, along with smaller areas to barley and oats. The condition of grainfields is considered good.

As will be seen in the accompanying table, the area seeded to wheat is on much the same level as last year and the past five year average. That planted to coarse grains is considerably lower due to the persistence of drought until late October, but Spring sowings are expected to bring the total up to the normal level, and some expansion is forecast for barley.

The February 1 estimate of sowings compared with the same period in 1959 and the past five year average is as follows:

Area Seeded to Grain

Grain	Average February 1 1955 - 1959	February 1 1959	February 1 1960
- thousand acres -			
Wheat	10,725	10,368	10,525
Wheat and rye	52	49	43
Rye	922	844	768
Barley	948	912	780
Oats	1,222	1,031	948
Mixed grains	82	87	72
Totals	13,951	13,291	13,136

Source: French Ministry of Agriculture.

French Grain
Market

Recent meetings of the Grain Board Council have confirmed that total marketings for the 1959-60 season should amount to 7.8 million to 8.0 million metric tons (286.6 million to 293.9 million bushels), compared with earlier estimates of 8.2 million to 8.4 million metric tons (301.3 million to 308.6 million bushels). This results from a much higher consumption on farms than had been anticipated. In order to speed up deliveries and thus have a better assessment of total availabilities, the French government announced on February 6 that (1) carrying charges for grain held on the farm would cease in mid-April instead of mid-May as originally announced and (2) the right to take back wheat for use on the farm at the subsidized price would likewise terminate in mid-April.

At the end of January, exports, either made or contracted, totalled 1,239,000 metric tons (45,525,000 bushels), broken down as follows:

Shipments to Algeria - 230,000 tons (8,451,000 bushels)
To foreign countries - 694,000 tons (25,500,000 bushels) of wheat and
315,000 tons (11,574,000 bushels) of flour in wheat
equivalent.

The export subsidy required has averaged 1,500 francs per quintal (82 cents per bushel).

According to trade information, the principal market for wheat was Germany, 338,000 tons (12,419,000 bushels); followed by the United Kingdom, 99,000 tons (3,638,000 bushels); Brazil, 52,000 tons (1,911,000 bushels); Switzerland, 37,000 tons (1,360,000 bushels); Netherlands, 36,000 tons (1,323,000 bushels); and Norway, 25,000 tons (919,000 bushels).

In early February, France purchased 40,000 tons (1,470,000 bushels) of Argentine and Spanish durum wheat, of which half was for Algeria and half for French mills. This is in addition to the 110,000 tons (4,042,000 bushels) purchased earlier from Canada and 20,000 tons (735,000 bushels) from Spain.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1959-60 (December-November) crop year amount to some 245.1 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1959 carryover of 65.1 million and the current crop estimated at 180.0 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting a substantially larger carryover which more than offset a decline in production, represent an increase of 6 per cent over the 1958-59 total of 231.6 million bushels. After deducting 72.0 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 173.1 million are available for export and for carryover during 1959-60, 7 per cent above the 161.2 million in 1958-59.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1958-59	1959-60 ^{1/}
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	16.5	65.1
New Crop	215.1	180.0
Total estimated domestic supplies	231.6	245.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year.	70.4	72.0
Available for export and for carryover	161.2	173.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-January 23.	9.0	14.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-January 23	3.3	3.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	12.3	17.3
Balance on January 24 for export and for carryover.	148.9	155.8

^{1/} Preliminary.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent up to January 23 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 17.3 million bushels compared with 12.3 million exported during the corresponding period of 1958-59. The balance remaining on January 24, 1960 for export and for carryover, at 155.8 million bushels, exceeded by 5 per cent the comparable 1959 total of 148.9 million.

Weather and Crops According to Broomhall's Grain Service Report under date of March 3 favourable threshing returns are still being received and it is believed that the final official production estimate will be well above current trade expectations.

Last week heavy rains were received over most of Western Australia, at one point, the normal annual rainfall was received in less than a three week period. Pastures and fodder crops should benefit from this precipitation.

In the State of Victoria the "fair average quality" wheat standard for the 1959-60 crop has been fixed at 62 1/2 pounds per bushel, compared with 64 pounds last year. The Chairman of the Standards Committee said that considering seasonal conditions, the results of the crop had been spectacular, both as regards quantity and quality.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 - January 23, 1959-60 and Corresponding Period 1958-59

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1958-59	1959-60	1958-59	1959-60
- thousand bushels -				
Aden	15	-	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T	-	-	161	143
Aden and Aden (Atta Flour) ..	-	-	11	6
Belgian Congo	-	-	1	-
British North Borneo	-	-	33	38
Brunei	-	-	6	10
Burma	78	-	80	10
Ceylon	-	-	839	4
Cyprus	-	-	-	1
Dutch New Guinea	-	-	11	10
Eire	297	346	-	-
Germany, West	775	333	-	-
Ghana	-	-	1	-
Hong Kong	249	317	-	-
Hong Kong (General)	-	-	31	51
India	-	2,887	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	112	446
Iran	-	62	-	-
Iraq	-	1,286	-	-
Japan	302	2,915	-	-
Kenya	353	37	-	-
Macao	-	-	-	3
Malaya	109 2/	37	668	583
Malaya (Atta Flour)	-	-	11	14
Maldiv Islands	-	-	-	5
Mauritius	-	-	155	310
New Zealand	1,290	1,107	1/	-
Nyasaland	-	-	17	32

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -
January 23, 1959-60 and Corresponding Period 1958-59

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1958-59	1959-60	1958-59	1959-60
- thousand bushels -				
Okinawa	-	83	-	-
Pacific Islands	4	6	358	257
Pakistan	-	742	-	-
Persian Gulf	15	21	30	68
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour) ...	-	-	301	270
Philippine Islands	37	38	50	35
Port Said (a/c S/S)	-	-	-	6
Portuguese East Africa	37	-	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa)	30	-	1/	-
Rhodesia	587	350	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	31	27
Saudi Arabia	-	28	-	10
Seychelles Islands	-	-	3	5
Singapore	-	10	-	392
Singapore (a/c War Office) ..	-	-	12	17
Singapore (Atta Flour)	-	-	-	3
Somaliland, British	-	-	1	-
Thailand	-	-	74	59
Timor	-	-	1	2
United Kingdom	4,837	3,383	240	317
Zanzibar	-	2	43	118
Royal Navy	4	2	-	4
Ships' Stores	-	-	16	17
Totals	9,019	13,992	3,300	3,275

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

2/ Malaya and Singapore.

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organized official campaign to help farmers get improved seed and the right kind of fertilizer contributed to the promising outlook. Weather conditions have been favourable in most areas except in some Northwest districts where drought is lowering crop prospects.

A slightly larger wheat harvest is expected in Egypt in May. Acreage is up about 2 per cent largely because of continued enforcement of minimum wheat acreage controls. Conditions favoured seeding in Morocco except in the North where rains were excessive.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

February 1 The second official estimate of wheat production in Argentina placed production at 5,560,000 metric tons (204.3 million bushels) representing a decrease of some 17 per cent from last year's production of 6,720,000 tons (246.9 million bushels).

February 5 The United States Department of Agriculture announced a reseal program to permit farmers in certain areas to keep farm-stored 1959-crop corn, wheat, barley and grain sorghums under price-support loans for another year following maturity dates of original loans in 1960. In addition, price-support reseal loans already in effect on 1958- and 1957-crop corn and wheat, 1958-crop grain sorghums and barley and 1956-crop corn are being extended for another year.

- 12 The United States Department of Agriculture announced an agreement with Poland for financing the sale of \$41.5 million worth (including certain ocean transportation costs) or about 22 million bushels of United States wheat for Polish currency.

The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce announced an interim payment to producers of 10 cents per bushel on all grades of wheat delivered to the 1958-59 pool The interim payment will involve the distribution of \$36,698,978.

- 22 According to Foreign Crops and Markets, published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture New Zealand's 1959 wheat crop is now estimated at a record 10.5 million bushels. New highs for harvested acreage and yields bring the current production 55 per cent above the previous record in 1958.

Foreign Crops and Markets also reports that the wheat harvest recently completed in the Union of South Africa was estimated at 25 million bushels, about 10 per cent above the 1958 outturn and well above average.

CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**EXPORTS (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

400 —

350 —

300 —

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150 —

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MILLION BUSHELS

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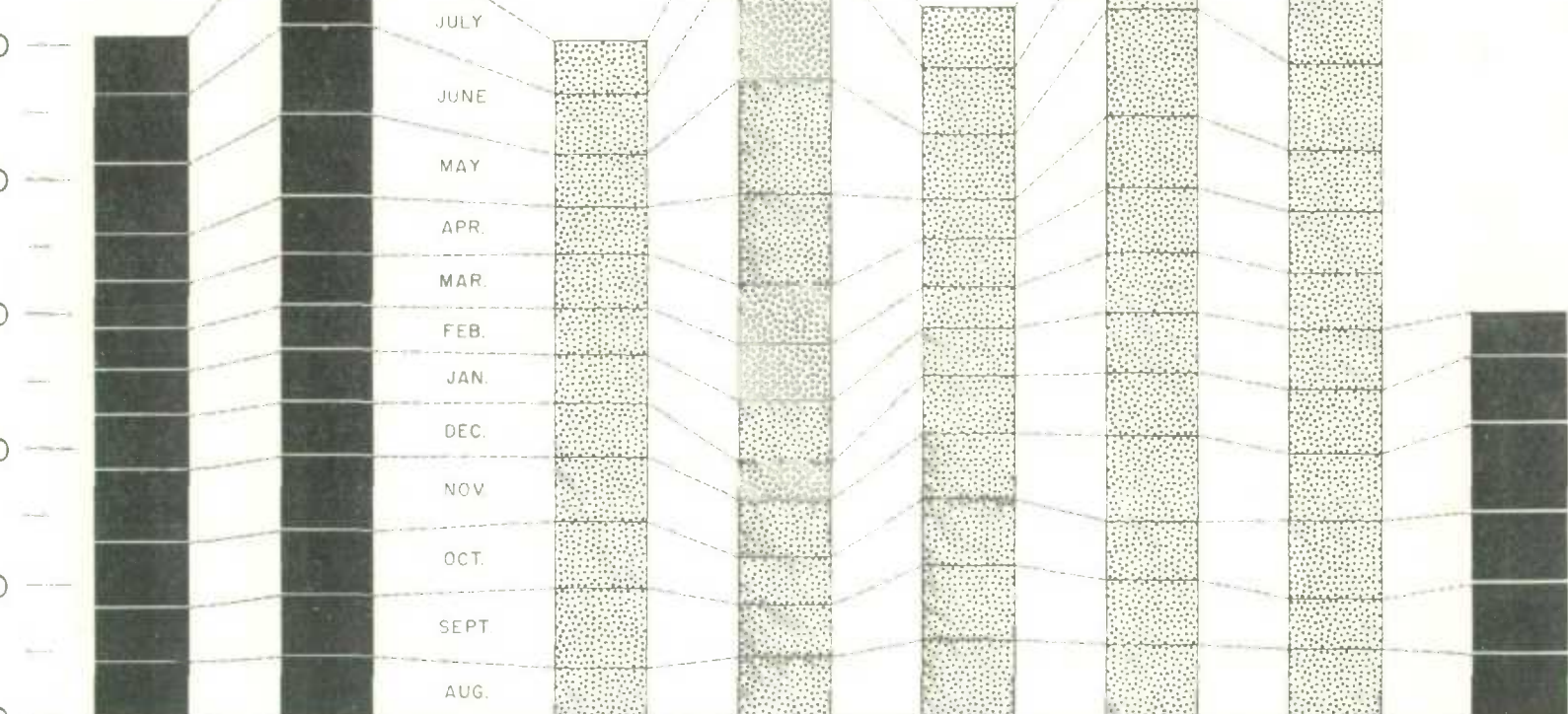
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PEAK EXPORTS
1928-29 CROP YEAR
4076 MILLION BUSHELS



30 year average 1928-29

10 year average 1948-49

1954-55

1955-56

1956-57

1957-58

1958-59

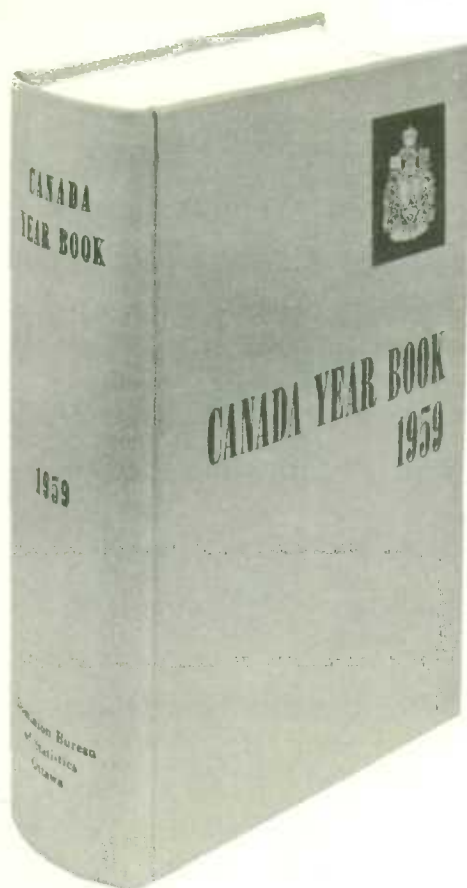
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