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(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 March 1, 1960 in the four major export-ing countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,378.2 million bushels, virtually the same as the 2,383.8 million available a year ago. Supplies at March 1, 1960, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,493.0 (1,438.2); Canada, 631.4 (677.6); Argentina, 102.4 (129.7); and Australia, 151.4 (138.3). 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 seven months (August-February) of the current Canadian crop year, at 527.7 million bushels, were some 2 per cent above the 516.6 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-February 1959-60 were shared as follows, with corresponding percentages for the same months of 1958-59 in brackets: United States, 48 (49); Canada, 32 (32); Argentina, 6 (10); and Australia, 14 (9). Shipments from each of the four countries during August-February 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 - February 1960
with Comparisons

| August-February | United States | Canada | Argentina | Australia | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| - million bushels - | | | | | |
| 1950-51 | 160.2 | 119.6 | 42.6 | 70.0 | 392.4 |
| 1951-52 | 280.4 | 177.6 | 23.8 | 56.2 | 538.0 |
| 1952-53 | 197.7 | 207.8 | 3.2 | 45.9 | 454.6 |
| 1953-54 | 111.0 | 152.7 | 69.2 | 34.7 | 367.6 |
| 1954-55 | 154.8 | 152.3 | 78.2 | 53.9 | 439.2 |
| 1955-56 | 145.2 | 138.9 ^{1/} | 72.8 | 48.6 | 405.5 ^{1/} |
| 1956-57 | 300.7 | 160.6 ^{1/} | 51.2 | 81.9 | 594.4 ^{1/} |
| 1957-58 | 224.8 | 173.4 ^{1/} | 42.1 | 42.8 | 483.1 ^{1/} |
| 1958-59 ^{1/} | 254.5 | 165.9 | 52.3 | 43.9 | 516.6 |
| 1959-60 ^{2/} | 252.1 | 171.1 | 30.8 | 73.7 | 527.7 |

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Preliminary.

World's 1959 Breadgrain Crop Still Estimated At Near-Record According to the March 31, 1960 issue of Foreign Crops and Markets, World Summaries, published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture revised estimates for 1959 world breadgrain production bring the total slightly higher than previously estimated. Principal changes since the earlier forecast were caused by revised wheat figures for the United States, some Eastern European countries and Australia.

As now estimated at 283 million short tons, breadgrain production is 6 per cent below and second only to the record 1958 crop of 302 million tons.

World wheat production is now estimated at 8,095 million bushels, 30 million above the previous forecast. This is 7 per cent less than in 1958 but 16 per cent above the 1950-1954 average. Reductions from the large 1958 harvest are general except in Europe, where a record crop was reported. The world rye crop was less than in 1958 and also below average mainly because of reduced acreage.

Wheat production in North America is now estimated at 1,590 million bushels compared with the alltime high of 1,880 million a year earlier. The latest estimate places the U.S. crop at 1,128 million bushels, 23 per cent below the record harvest of 1958. Harvested acreage showed little change from the previous year but yields were considerably smaller. The average for 1959 was 21.3 bushels per acre compared with the record yields of 27.4 bushels per acre in 1958. The lower yields reflect less favourable weather and higher incidence of disease. Yields, however, were still well above average.

Canada's wheat crop is still tentatively estimated at 414 million bushels compared with the small harvest of 372 million in 1958. This is the third successive below-average crop for Canada. An additional feature to the situation this season is that the current estimate includes about 50 million bushels of unharvested wheat standing in the fields. It remains to be seen how much of this grain can be harvested in the spring. Even if it is possible to salvage most of it, the quality of the grain may be lowered. Mexico's crop of 48 million bushels is a near-record outturn.

Rye production in North America is the smallest of any recent year. Canada's crop was less than half an average outturn and the U.S. harvest was considerably below that of the past 2 years.

Europe's wheat production was at an alltime high despite a severe drought which was expected to reduce yields. Unusually favourable harvest weather offset any slight effects of the drought and yields were unexpectedly large. Most countries reported increased production both in Western and Eastern Europe.

Production of rye was also large in Europe despite a smaller acreage. Good outturns were reported for all of the important producers.

All evidence points to reduced crops in the Soviet Union. The wheat outturn is believed to be well below the bumper harvest of 2.3 billion bushels in 1958. A substantial reduction was reported in the area seeded to spring wheat and widespread drought in many important regions undoubtedly reduced yields below the high level of 1958 when all conditions were unusually favourable. Rye production also appears smaller than in 1958.

Wheat production in Asia is estimated at 1,885 million bushels. This is well above average and only slightly below the good 1958 harvest. Record crops were reported for India, Pakistan and Iran. Conditions in mainland China, however, were less favourable than a year earlier and a significant reduction is estimated for that country. Rye production is also down in Turkey, the only country in Asia in which it is of any importance.

Africa's wheat production is estimated at 195 million bushels, the same as in 1958. This is moderately above average; the increase is due to expanded acreage. Rye production is negligible in Africa.

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. | |
| | <u>1/</u> | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | |
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 2,703 | - | 404 | - | 321 | - | - | 442 | 3,870 |
| Belgium-Luxembourg .. | 7,622 | 235 | - | 119 | 4 | - | - | 1,712 | 9,692 |
| Brazil | - | - | - | 1,940 | - | - | - | 800 | 2,740 |
| Costa Rica | 47 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 47 |
| Cuba | 26 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,888 | 5,914 |
| Denmark | 136 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 136 |
| Dominican Republic .. | 251 | - | - | 13 | - | - | - | 662 | 926 |
| Ecuador | 56 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56 |
| El Salvador | 185 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 337 | 522 |
| Germany | 19,375 | 144 | 2,809 | 11,891 | 295 | 164 | 818 | 5,667 | 41,163 |
| Greece | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 5 |
| Guatemala | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Haiti | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 202 | 213 |
| Honduras Republic ... | 23 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 233 | 256 |
| Iceland | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 43 | 43 |
| India | 4,116 | - | 9,729 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 13,848 |
| Indonesia | 316 | - | 892 | 98 | 484 | - | - | 176 | 1,966 |
| Ireland | 950 | - | 1,069 | 30 | - | - | - | - | 2,049 |
| Israel | 485 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,238 | 1,723 |
| Japan | 31,587 | - | 10,342 | - | - | - | - | 13,308 | 55,237 |
| Korea | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Netherlands | 6,071 | - | 42 | 1,435 | - | 353 | - | 5,828 | 13,729 |
| New Zealand | - | - | 4,837 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,837 |
| Norway | 2,840 | - | - | 923 | - | - | 165 | 1,232 | 5,160 |
| Panama | 56 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | 104 |
| Peru | 2,262 | - | - | 15 | - | - | - | 1,501 | 3,778 |
| Philippines | 4,602 | - | 719 | - | - | - | - | 3,446 | 8,767 |
| Portugal | 398 | - | 443 | 999 | 2 | - | - | 235 | 2,077 |
| Rhodesia & Nyasaland. | 44 | - | 2,251 | - | 6 | - | - | 172 | 2,473 |
| Saudi Arabia | 6 | - | 82 | 54 | 19 | - | - | 2,031 | 2,192 |
| Switzerland | 5,270 | - | - | 1,451 | 679 | - | - | 573 | 7,973 |
| Union of South Africa | 6,535 | - | 1,867 | - | - | - | - | - | 8,402 |
| United Arab Republic. | 4 | - | - | - | 5,302 | - | - | 998 | 6,304 |
| United Kingdom | 76,224 | - | 19,508 | 6,541 | 72 | - | - | 17,494 | 119,839 |
| Vatican City | 221 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 221 |
| Venezuela | 2,657 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,775 | 7,432 |
| Totals | 175,084 | 379 | 54,994 | 25,509 | 7,184 | 517 | 983 | 69,046 | 333,696 |
| Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries | 52.47 | .11 | 16.48 | 7.64 | 2.15 | .16 | .30 | 20.69 | 100.00 |

NOTE: Mexico - no sales reported.

1/ Canadian Sales through February 29, 1960.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through February 6, 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-February period of 1959-60 amounted to 171.1 million bushels, 3 per cent greater than last year's seven-month total of 165.9 million, 12 per cent more than the ten-year (1948-49-1957-58) average of 153.0 million and, with the exception of the crop year 1957-58, the highest August-February total since 1952-53. The balance remaining on March 1, 1960 for export and for carryover, amounted to 631.4 million bushels, 7 per cent less than the March 1, 1959 total of 677.6 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-December . | <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-February <u>4/</u> | 141.7 | 145.4 |
| Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-February <u>5/</u> . | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| Total exports of wheat as grain | 144.6 | 148.7 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - February <u>5/</u> | 21.3 | 22.4 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 165.9 | 171.1 |
| Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover | 677.6 | 631.4 |

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.

Farmers' marketings of wheat (both east and west) up March 16 of the current crop year have amounted to 169.0 million bushels compared with 190.0 million

marketed during the corresponding period of the 1958-59 crop year. Of this year's total, some 10.7 million were marketed during the four weeks February 18 to March 16. 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 23.1 million bushels. As a result the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from a level of 377.5 million at February 17, 1960 to 364.8 million at March 16 and marked the eighth consecutive week in which a decline occurred.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at March 16, 1960 represented relatively small decreases from both the 1959 and 1958 comparable totals of 376.1 million and 366.6 million bushels, respectively. Stocks in country elevators amounted to 225.0 million bushels compared with 237.0 million in this position a year ago and 224.3 million two years ago. This year's supplies in country elevators at March 16 accounted for 62 per cent of the total visible wheat supply compared with the 1959 and 1958 corresponding percentages of 63 per cent and 61 per cent, respectively. Interior terminal stocks, at 11.7 million bushels, were 12 per cent less than last year's 13.3 million and slightly below the 1958 total of 11.8 million. Some 11.9 million bushels were "In transit rail" (Western Division) at March 16 this year, above the 8.6 million of a year ago but below the 13.1 million of two years ago. Supplies at Fort William-Port Arthur at mid-March 1960 amounted to 47.7 million bushels compared with 49.6 million in 1959 and 47.7 million in 1958. Stocks of 22.6 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports exceeded both the 16.1 million of a year ago and the 19.8 million of two years ago. "Storage Afloat" accounted for 7.3 million bushels at March 16 this year compared with the 1959 total of 10.7 million and the 1958 figure of 6.9 million bushels. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports amounted to 14.0 million bushels representing a decline of 12 per cent from last year's comparable total of 15.8 million and 19 per cent lower than the 17.2 million bushels in 1958. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) amounted to 9.1 million bushels compared with 8.9 million a year ago and 9.9 million two years ago.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><u>February 1960 Exports of</u> <u>Wheat and Flour Total</u> <u>20.0 Million Bushels</u></p> | <p>Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during February 1960 amounted to 20.0 million bushels, representing an increase of 17 per cent over the January 1960 level of 17.0 million, 16 per cent above the ten-year (1948-1957) average for the month of February of 17.2 million but 8 per cent below the February 1959 figure of 21.7 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during February 1960, at 16.5 million bushels, were 25 per cent greater than the January 1960 total of 13.2 million but 7 per cent below the February 1959 figure of 17.7 million. Exports of bagged seed wheat during February 1960, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 891 <u>thousand</u> bushels, compared with the January 1960 total of 753 <u>thousand</u> and the adjusted February 1959 figure of 956 <u>thousand</u> bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 2.6 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during February 1960, representing decreases from both the January 1960 level of 3.1 million and the February 1959 adjusted total of 3.0 million.</p> |
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Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-February period of the 1959-60 crop year amounted to 145.4 million bushels, representing an increase of 3 per cent over the comparable 1958-59 total of 141.7 million. The United Kingdom, remaining in its position as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 49.1 million bushels and representing 34 per cent of the seven-month total. During the August-February period of the 1958-59 crop year shipments of

wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 56.5 million bushels and accounted for 40 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first seven 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, 24.8 (20.2); Federal Republic of Germany, 17.8 (21.0); Belgium, 7.2 (6.9); Netherlands, 5.5 (7.0); Poland, 4.5 (nil); Switzerland, 4.2 (3.5); India, 4.1 (5.6); France, 2.8 (1.1); Norway, 2.4 (2.5); Peru, 2.3 (0.4); Austria, 2.2 (1.6); Pakistan, 2.2 (2.3); Italy, 2.1 (0.3); Union of South Africa, 2.1 (2.9); and Iraq, 2.0 (nil). Customs exports of bagged seed wheat during August-February 1959-60 amounted to 3.3 million bushels compared with the adjusted 1958-59 seven-month total of 2.9 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first seven months of the current crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 22.4 million bushels and exceeded by 5 per cent the adjusted August-February 1958-59 total of 21.3 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 8.5 million bushels and accounted for 38 per cent of the August-February 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 8.1 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-February 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, 2,967 (2,703); Trinidad and Tobago, 1,243 (897); Jamaica, 1,034 (939); Ghana, 1,014 (460); United States, 866 (986); Ceylon, 772 (997); Japan, 675 (495); and Leeward and Windward Islands, 651 (593).

General Quota Position By March 28, 1960, out of a total of 2,007 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 535 points on a quota of 5 bushels per specified acre and 549 were on a 4-bushel quota. Of the remainder, 581 points were on a 3-bushel quota and 342 were on a 2-bushel quota.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at March 28, 1960

| Province | General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre | | | | Total |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|
| | Two | Three | Four | Five | |
| Ontario | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Manitoba | 119 | 153 | 62 | 37 | 371 |
| Saskatchewan | 223 | 293 | 268 | 295 | 1,079 |
| Alberta | - | 135 | 219 | 196 | 550 |
| British Columbia | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| All Provinces | 342 | 581 | 549 | 535 | 2,007 |

Area Intended for Wheat 1960 On the basis of farmers' intentions at March 1 the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 23.1 million acres unchanged from 1959 seedings, but 0.5 million acres or 2 per cent above the 1954-1958 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 5 per cent, in Saskatchewan no change is intended while in Alberta acreage may be reduced by 4 per cent.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat in Canada, as at March 1, 1960
Compared with Acreages in 1959

| Province | Acreage Seeded in 1959 <u>1/</u> | Acreage Intended to be Seeded in 1960 | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Per Cent of 1959 | Area 1960 <u>1/</u> | Indicated Change |
| | - acres - | | - acres - | - acres - |
| Prince Edward Island | 3,500 | 100 | 3,500 | unchanged |
| Nova Scotia | 600 | 100 | 600 | unchanged |
| New Brunswick | 2,300 | 104 | 2,400 | + 100 |
| Quebec | 12,300 | 98 | 12,100 | - 200 |
| Ontario | 17,300 | 98 | 17,000 | - 300 |
| Manitoba | 2,594,000 | 105 | 2,733,000 | + 139,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 14,803,000 | 100 | 14,747,000 | - 56,000 |
| Alberta | 5,160,000 | 96 | 4,938,000 | - 222,000 |
| British Columbia | 46,900 | 101 | 47,400 | + 500 |
| Totals | 22,639,900 | 99 | 22,501,000 | - 138,900 |

1/ For provinces other than Ontario includes relatively small acreages of winter wheat for which annual estimates are not available.

Prospective plantings of spring wheat of 22.5 million acres are one per cent below the 1959 acreage but 2 per cent above the 1954-1958 average. Durum wheat is included with the spring wheat figures but in view of the interest shown by Prairie farmers in this crop intended acreage was obtained separately. The results indicate a further switch out of durum wheat, amounting to 10 per cent for the three Prairie Provinces. The 0.6 million acra seeded to winter wheat last fall in Ontario is up some 32 per cent from the previous year but still 9 per cent below the 1954-1958 average.

Indicated Acreage Changes from 1959 in the Prairie Provinces

| Crop | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | Prairie Provinces |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | | | | |
| | - acres - | - acres - | - acres - | - acres - |
| Wheat | + 139,000 | - 56,000 | - 222,000 | - 139,000 |
| Oats for grain | + 173,000 | + 220,000 | - 70,000 | + 323,000 |
| Barley | - 81,000 | - 236,000 | unchanged | - 317,000 |
| Rye | - 12,200 | + 1,400 | - 9,000 | - 19,800 |
| Flaxseed | + 34,000 | + 337,000 | + 100,000 | + 471,000 |
| Summerfallow | - 163,000 | - 147,000 | unchanged | - 310,000 |

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 |
| | 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 |
| Totals | | 19,374,978 | 103,585,555 | 44,938,684 | 167,899,217 | 185,355,639 |
| Average similar period: | | | | | | |
| 1948-49-1957-58 . | | 27,076,708 | 136,595,162 | 68,659,565 | 232,331,436 | |

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

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, March 16, 1960
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1958 and 1959

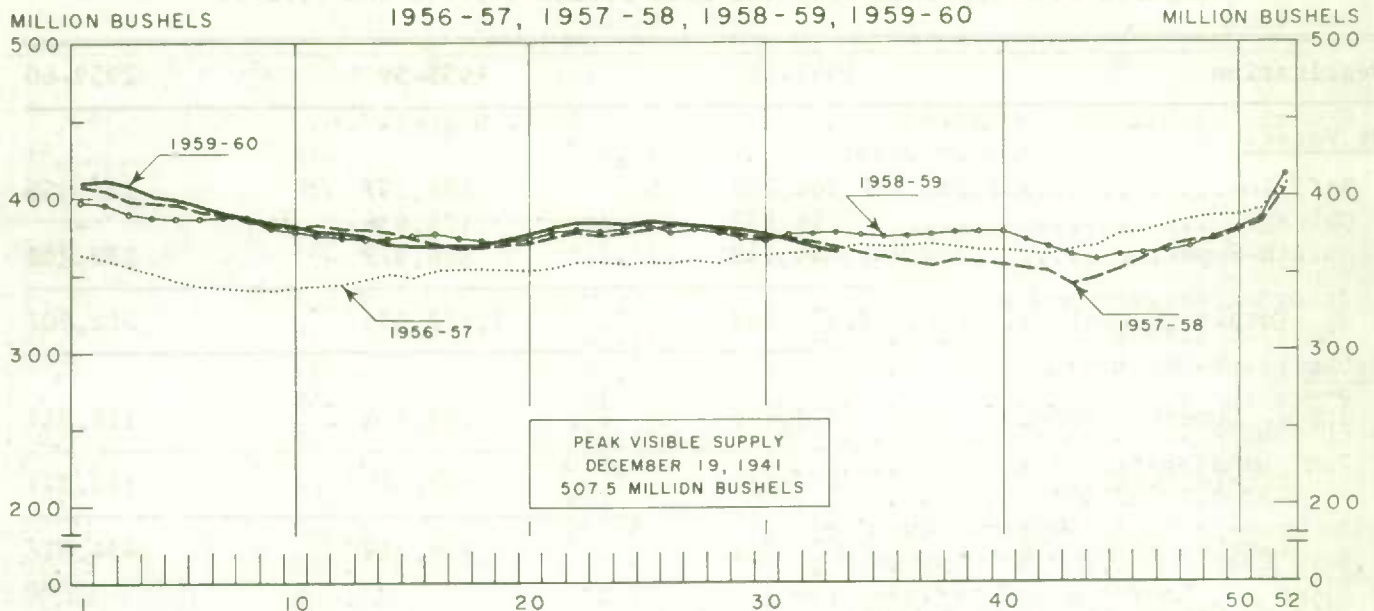
| Position | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| - thousand bushels - | | | |
| Country elevators - Manitoba | 29,974 | 27,647 | 27,100 |
| Saskatchewan | 128,387 | 132,662 | 123,661 |
| Alberta | 65,895 | 76,696 | 74,243 |
| Totals | 224,256 | 237,005 | 225,003 |
| Interior private and mill | 8,008 | 7,915 | 7,613 |
| Interior terminals | 11,822 | 13,299 | 11,723 |
| Vancouver-New Westminster | 9,716 | 8,399 | 8,860 |
| Victoria | 138 | 459 | 271 |
| Churchill | 4,620 | 4,916 | 4,871 |
| Fort William-Port Arthur | 47,710 | 49,561 | 47,732 |
| Storage afloat | 184 | 100 | - |
| In transit rail (Western Division) ... | 13,108 | 8,584 | 11,939 |
| Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports | 19,811 | 16,069 | 22,568 |
| Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports. | 17,222 | 15,826 | 13,964 |
| Storage afloat | 6,935 | 10,665 | 7,257 |
| In transit rail (Eastern Division) ... | 2,957 | 3,329 | 2,949 |
| United States ports | 155 | - | - |
| Totals | 366,643 | 376,126 | 364,750 |

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

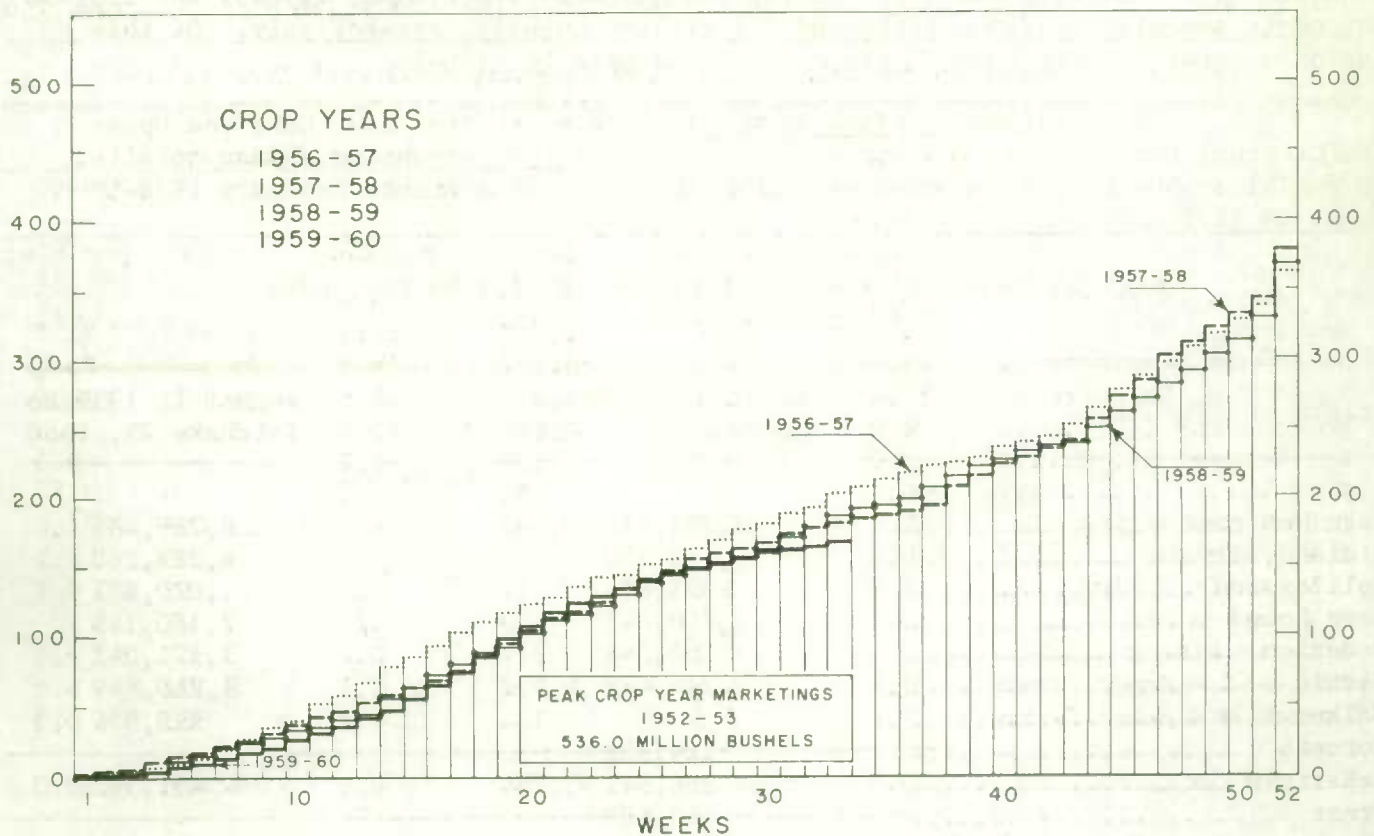
| Grade | Crop Year | | August-February | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | Average | 1958-59 | 1958-59 | | 1959-60 | |
| | 1953-54— | | cars | per cent | cars | per cent |
| | 1957-58 | | | | | |
| | per cent | per cent | | | | |
| No. 1 Man. Northern .. | 3.4 | 1.8 | 899 | 0.9 | 993 | 1.0 |
| No. 2 Man. Northern .. | 33.0 | 31.9 | 31,313 | 32.6 | 23,848 | 22.8 |
| No. 3 Man. Northern .. | 25.7 | 27.5 | 26,877 | 28.0 | 26,249 | 25.1 |
| No. 4 Man. Northern .. | 11.4 | 15.7 | 14,332 | 14.9 | 15,033 | 14.4 |
| No. 5 Wheat | 9.0 | 6.7 | 9,568 | 10.0 | 2,589 | 2.5 |
| No. 6 Wheat | 3.0 | 0.8 | 1,159 | 1.2 | 302 | 0.3 |
| Feed Wheat | 0.4 | 1/ | 56 | 0.1 | 6 | 1/ |
| Others Red Spring | 9.1 | 10.7 | 6,309 | 6.6 | 25,656 | 24.6 |
| C.W. Garnet | 0.6 | 1/ | 1 | 1/ | 125 | 0.1 |
| C.W. White Spring | 0.1 | 0.1 | 119 | 0.1 | 81 | 0.1 |
| C.W. Mixed Wheat | 0.1 | 1/ | 38 | 1/ | 41 | 1/ |
| Alberta Winter | 0.4 | 0.1 | 217 | 0.2 | 618 | 0.6 |
| Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4,902 | 5.1 | 8,522 | 8.2 |
| Others C.W. Amber Durum | 0.1 | 0.2 | 154 | 0.2 | 363 | 0.3 |
| Totals | 100.0 | 100.0 | 95,944 | 100.0 | 104,426 | 100.0 |
| Gross bushels(approx.) | | | 173,952,000 | | 196,725,000 | |

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 March 16, 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 | 778,659 | 283,314 | 112,311 |
| Totals, Rail | 778,659 | 283,314 | 112,311 |
| Totals, Shipments | 3,886,012 | 1,956,319 | 494,818 |

* 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 March 16, amounted to 0.5 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1958-59 and 1957-58 shipments amounted to 2.0 million and 3.9 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 77 per cent was shipped by vessel.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first seven months of the current crop year totalled 20.8 million bushels, 4 per cent less than the comparable August-February 1958-59 total of 21.7 million.

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

| Origin of Shipment | August 1, 1958 to February 28, 1959 | August 1, 1959 to February 29, 1960 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| - bushels - | | |
| Port McNicoll | 5,768,783 | 6,269,465 |
| Midland, Tiffin | 8,510,170 | 8,282,280 |
| Collingwood | 621,898 | 1,070,871 |
| Owen Sound | 2,700,047 | 2,180,145 |
| Goderich | 60,541 | 1,171,042 |
| Sarnia | 2,714,489 | 1,240,849 |
| Walkerville | - | 113,536 |
| Toronto | 124,582 | - |
| Lakefield | 886,541 | 451,392 |
| Trent | 190,685 | - |
| Prescott | 168,875 | 2,000 |
| Totals | 21,746,611 | 20,781,580 |

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 | |
| 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, February 1960

| Grade | Quebec | Ontario |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| - bushels - | | |
| 4 Northern | - | 4,250 |
| 5 Wheat | 6,500 | - |
| Tough | - | 7,213 |
| Amber Durum | 2,000 | - |
| Others | - | 3,915 |
| Totals | 8,500 | 15,378 |

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1959-March 16, 1960
with Comparisons

| Ports | Wheat <u>1/</u> | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | Rapeseed <u>2/</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| - bushels - | | | | | | |
| <u>Pacific Seaboard</u> | | | | | | |
| Vancouver-New Westminster ... | 56,854,222 | 1,825,012 | 17,165,167 | 103,691 | 3,753,036 | 2,257,834 |
| Victoria | 717,957 | 14,889 | - | - | 259,601 | - |
| Prince Rupert | - | - | 6,445,171 | - | - | - |
| <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 | 1,829,735 | - | - | - | - | - |
| West Saint John | 9,921,431 | 164,793 | - | 29,954 | 559,006 | - |
| Halifax | 7,519,349 | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>U.S. Lake Ports</u> | 136,788 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 153,927,026 | 3,144,017 | 23,804,976 | 223,501 | 7,081,821 | 2,291,714 |
| August 1, 1958-March 18, 1959 .. | 150,805,635 | 3,954,020 | 31,913,629 | 993,765 | 9,704,178 | 4,692,398 |

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

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to February 29, 1960 represent the movement of some 10.1 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-January period of the current crop year. During the corresponding period in 1958-59 claims had been filed for a total of 11.6 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-January shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 13 per cent below those of 1958-59. Revised data on the 1958-59 August-January shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to February 29, 1960 place the six-month total at 12.4 million 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-January 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 | 194 | 1,821 |
| October | 21 | 15 | 127 | 64 | 673 | 863 | 305 | 2,068 |
| November | 16 | 26 | 106 | 53 | 667 | 709 | 254 | 1,831 |
| December | 10 | 15 | 93 | 63 | 584 | 660 | 115 | 1,540 |
| January, 1960 | 3 | 8 | 56 | 36 | 406 | 415 | 12 | 936 |
| Totals | 81 | 107 | 600 | 381 | 3,592 | 4,271 | 1,110 | 10,142 |
| Same period 1958-59: | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary 2/ .. | 76 | 109 | 798 | 391 | 4,228 | 5,061 | 985 | 11,649 |
| Revised 1/ | 80 | 111 | 806 | 409 | 4,321 | 5,219 | 1,440 | 12,387 |

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 278,315 tons during the August-January period of the current crop year. During the same months of the 1958-59 crop year claims had been filed for a total of 275,385 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August-January shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 1 per cent above those of 1958-59. Revised data on the 1958-59 August-January shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to February 29, 1960 place the six-month total at 289,715 tons. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

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

| Province | 1958-59 | | 1959-60 |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| | Preliminary 2/ | Revised 1/ | Preliminary 1/ |
| - tons - | | | |
| Newfoundland | 1,916 | 2,084 | 1,983 |
| Prince Edward Island | 3,630 | 3,730 | 4,022 |
| Nova Scotia | 15,307 | 15,735 | 15,539 |
| New Brunswick | 13,644 | 14,214 | 16,503 |
| Quebec | 147,017 | 149,782 | 148,033 |
| Ontario | 76,975 | 81,565 | 75,907 |
| British Columbia | 16,896 | 22,605 | 16,328 |
| Totals | 275,385 | 289,715 | 278,315 |

1/ Based on claims filed up to February 29, 1960.

2/ Based on claims filed up to February 28, 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> <u>4/</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 | 891 | 17,353 | 2,617 | 19,971 |
| Totals | 145,433 | 3,316 | 148,749 | 22,365 | 171,114 |

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 | November | February | | August-February | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Wheat Flour 1/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ - bushels - | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ |
| <u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 1,209,547 | 1,030,558 | 4,909,344 | 8,456,366 | 49,104,866 |
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | | |
| British East Africa | - | - | - | 2,036 | - |
| Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland | 2,921 | 4,478 | - | 16,507 | 11,200 |
| Gambia | - | 690 | - | 10,617 | - |
| Ghana | 75,560 | 108,744 | - | 1,014,318 | - |
| Nigeria | 11,093 | 46,732 | - | 244,695 | - |
| Sierra Leone | 7,484 | 12,528 | - | 184,520 | - |
| Union of South Africa | - | - | - | - | 2,054,864 |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | | |
| Aden | 1,288 | 2,061 | - | 3,349 | - |
| Ceylon | - | - | - | 771,770 | - |
| Hong Kong | 39,365 | 44,620 | 18,666 | 418,818 | 92,400 |
| India | - | - | - | - | 4,116,436 |
| Kuwait | - | 4,830 | - | 10,497 | - |
| Malaya and Singapore | 45,031 | 42,028 | - | 343,841 | - |
| Other British East Indies | - | 580 | - | 870 | - |
| Pakistan | - | 129 | - | 129 | 2,157,173 |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| Gibraltar | 5,152 | - | - | 29,882 | - |
| Malta | - | - | - | - | 849,333 |
| <u>North America</u> | | | | | |
| Bahamas | 9,897 | 20,778 | - | 177,166 | - |
| Barbados | 27,271 | 16,103 | - | 175,044 | - |
| Bermuda | 1,755 | 12,588 | - | 72,282 | - |
| British Honduras | 805 | 460 | - | 8,841 | - |
| Jamaica | 152,676 | 132,848 | - | 1,034,034 | - |
| Leeward and Windward Islands | 92,667 | 91,517 | - | 650,955 | - |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 185,168 | 85,373 | - | 1,243,030 | - |
| <u>Oceania</u> | | | | | |
| Fiji | 1,265 | 1,495 | - | 10,741 | - |
| New Zealand | - | - | - | 138 | - |
| <u>South America</u> | | | | | |
| British Guiana | 92,759 | 4,273 | - | 230,807 | - |
| Totals, Commonwealth Countries . | 1,961,704 | 1,663,413 | 4,928,010 | 15,111,253 | 58,386,272 |
| <u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | | |
| Algeria | - | - | 305,354 | - | 1,811,614 |
| Azores and Madeira | - | 844 | - | 7,721 | - |
| Belgian Congo | 63,078 | 48,307 | - | 397,925 | - |
| Liberia | 276 | 1,012 | - | 9,890 | - |
| Portuguese East Africa | 230 | - | 52,266 | 2,415 | 93,333 |
| Portuguese West Africa | 4,335 | 5,946 | - | 52,615 | - |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | | |
| Arabia | 12,788 | - | - | 17,899 | - |
| Burma | - | - | - | - | 228,470 |
| Indonesia | - | - | - | 316,305 | - |
| Iran | - | - | - | 511 | - |
| Iraq | - | - | - | - | 2,033,229 |
| Japan | 97,663 | 77,549 | 5,534,631 | 674,557 | 24,841,466 |
| Lebanon | 3,057 | - | - | 27,250 | 386,690 |
| Okinawa | - | - | 141,867 | - | 334,133 |
| Philippine Islands | 607,343 | 405,584 | 430,920 | 2,966,653 | 1,045,916 |
| Portuguese Asia | 1,012 | 5,060 | - | 99,273 | - |
| Syria | - | - | - | 1,518 | - |
| Thailand | 14,660 | 4,830 | - | 191,077 | - |

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

| Destination | November | February | | August-February | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Wheat Flour 1/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ |
| FOREIGN COUNTRIES | | | | | |
| - bushels - | | | | | |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| Austria | - | - | 399,467 | - | 2,238,593 |
| Belgium | 18,494 | 7,829 | 589,497 | 65,453 | 7,151,134 |
| Denmark | 460 | 460 | - | 3,386 | 136,081 |
| Finland | - | - | 156,745 | - | 677,367 |
| France | - | - | - | - | 2,750,999 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | - | - | 1,485,452 | - | 17,777,003 |
| Greece | - | - | - | 2,282 | - |
| Iceland | 2,300 | 1,610 | - | 7,986 | - |
| Ireland | - | - | - | - | 884,987 |
| Italy | - | - | - | - | 2,116,712 |
| Netherlands | - | - | 253,400 | 2,495 | 5,522,153 |
| Norway | - | - | 561,494 | - | 2,426,667 |
| Poland | - | - | 1,616,262 | - | 4,466,102 |
| Portugal | 1,233 | - | - | 11,188 | - |
| Sweden | - | - | - | 1,012 | 28,000 |
| Switzerland | - | - | - | - | 4,151,386 |
| <u>North America</u> | | | | | |
| Costa Rica | 58,570 | 89,585 | - | 397,992 | - |
| Cuba | - | 6,371 | - | 72,326 | 1,000 |
| Dominican Republic | 1,840 | 3,680 | - | 183,597 | 2,500 |
| El Salvador | 32,101 | 35,245 | - | 228,295 | 22,044 |
| French West Indies | - | 345 | - | 2,875 | - |
| Guatemala | 25,072 | 2,415 | - | 83,502 | 20,000 |
| Haiti | 207 | - | - | 1,035 | - |
| Honduras | 2,300 | 3,450 | 1,666 | 33,789 | 5,000 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 9,280 | 10,392 | - | 72,349 | - |
| Nicaragua | 19,642 | 59,690 | - | 203,585 | - |
| Panama | 33,711 | 22,696 | - | 181,063 | - |
| St. Pierre and Miquelon | 1,493 | 3,220 | - | 13,844 | - |
| United States | | | | | |
| Flour in terms of wheat | 112,148 | 152,198 | - | 865,936 | - |
| For milling in bond 4/ | - | - | - | - | 110,000 |
| For domestic use 4/ | - | - | 5,000 | - | 376,562 |
| <u>Oceania</u> | | | | | |
| French Oceania | - | - | - | 186 | - |
| <u>South America</u> | | | | | |
| Chile | 690 | - | - | 1,610 | - |
| Colombia | - | - | - | 2,305 | 793,508 |
| Ecuador | - | - | - | - | 460,984 |
| Peru | 115 | 690 | - | 3,910 | 2,267,067 |
| Surinam | 7,629 | 4,924 | - | 44,486 | - |
| Venezuela | - | - | - | 2,139 | 1,885,531 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 1,131,727 | 953,932 | 11,534,021 | 7,254,235 | 87,046,231 |
| Sub-Totals, All Countries | 3,093,431 | 2,617,345 | 16,462,031 | 22,365,488 | 145,432,503 |
| Bagged seed wheat 5/ | | | 891,155 | | 3,316,384 |
| Totals, All Countries | 3,093,431 | 2,617,345 | 17,353,186 | 22,365,488 | 148,748,887 |

- 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 | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | March 4 | March 11 | March 18 | March 25 | April 1 |

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Northern | 165/3 | 164/7 | 164/3 | 164/3 | 165/1 |
| 2 Northern | 162/3 | 161/7 | 161/3 | 161/3 | 162/1 |
| 3 Northern | 155/3 | 154/7 | 154/3 | 154/3 | 155/1 |
| 4 Northern | 150/3 | 149/7 | 149/3 | 149/3 | 150/1 |
| 5 Wheat | 147/3 | 146/7 | 146/3 | 146/3 | 147/1 |
| 6 Wheat | 145/3 | 144/7 | 144/3 | 144/3 | 145/1 |
| Feed Wheat | 143/3 | 142/7 | 142/3 | 142/3 | 143/1 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 154/3 | 154/3 | 154/3 | 154/3 | 155/1 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150/3 | 150/3 | 150/3 | 150/3 | 151/1 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 147/3 | 147/3 | 147/3 | 147/3 | 148/1 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 155/3 | 155/3 | 155/3 | 155/3 | 156/1 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 152/3 | 152/3 | 152/3 | 152/3 | 153/1 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 148/3 | 148/3 | 148/3 | 148/3 | 149/1 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 177/3 | 177/3 | 176/2 | 175/3 | 176/1 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 171/3 | 171/3 | 170/2 | 169/3 | 170 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 165/3 | 165/3 | 164/6 | 164/3 | 165/1 |

Export - Class II

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Northern | 165/3 | 164/7 | 164/3 | 164/3 | 165/1 |
| 2 Northern | 162/3 | 161/7 | 161/3 | 161/3 | 162/1 |
| 3 Northern | 155/3 | 154/7 | 154/3 | 154/3 | 155/1 |
| 4 Northern | 150/3 | 149/7 | 149/3 | 149/3 | 150/1 |
| 5 Wheat | 147/3 | 146/7 | 146/3 | 146/3 | 147/1 |
| 6 Wheat | 145/3 | 144/7 | 144/3 | 144/3 | 145/1 |
| Feed Wheat | 143/3 | 142/7 | 142/3 | 142/3 | 143/1 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 154/3 | 154/3 | 154/3 | 154/3 | 155/1 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150/3 | 150/3 | 150/3 | 150/3 | 151/1 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 147/3 | 147/3 | 147/3 | 147/3 | 148/1 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 177/3 | 177/3 | 176/2 | 175/3 | 176/1 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 171/3 | 171/3 | 170/2 | 169/3 | 170 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 165/3 | 165/3 | 164/6 | 164/3 | 165/1 |

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

| Class and Grade | Week Ending | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | March 4 | March 11 | March 18 | March 25 | April 1 |
| - cents and eighths per bushel - | | | | | |
| <u>Initial Payment to Producers</u> | | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| 2 Northern | 136 | 136 | 136 | 136 | 136 |
| 3 Northern | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 |
| 4 Northern | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 |
| 5 Wheat | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| 6 Wheat | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 |
| Feed Wheat | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 117 | 117 | 117 | 117 | 117 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 |
| 1 Alberta Winter | 119 | 119 | 119 | 119 | 119 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 136 | 136 | 136 | 136 | 136 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 |

International Wheat Agreement
and Domestic Sales

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Northern | 169/7 | 169/7 | 169/7 | 169/7 | 170/1 |
| 2 Northern | 167/7 | 167/7 | 167/7 | 167/7 | 168/1 |
| 3 Northern | 161/7 | 161/7 | 161/7 | 161/7 | 162/1 |
| 4 Northern | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 157/1 |
| 5 Wheat | 153/4 | 151/7 | 151/7 | 151/5 | 151 |
| 6 Wheat | 151/4 | 149/7 | 149/7 | 149/5 | 149 |
| Feed Wheat | 149/4 | 147/7 | 147/7 | 147/5 | 147 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 155/7 | 155/7 | 155/7 | 155/7 | 156/1 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 151/7 | 151/7 | 151/7 | 151/7 | 152/1 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 148/7 | 148/7 | 148/7 | 148/7 | 149/1 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 159/7 | 159/7 | 159/7 | 159/7 | 160/1 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 157/1 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 152/7 | 152/7 | 152/7 | 152/7 | 153/1 |

Export - Class II

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Northern | 169/7 | 169/7 | 169/7 | 169/7 | 170/1 |
| 2 Northern | 167/7 | 167/7 | 167/7 | 167/7 | 168/1 |
| 3 Northern | 161/7 | 161/7 | 161/7 | 161/7 | 162/1 |
| 4 Northern | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 157/1 |
| 5 Wheat | 153/4 | 151/7 | 151/7 | 151/5 | 151 |
| 6 Wheat | 151/4 | 149/7 | 149/7 | 149/5 | 149 |
| Feed Wheat | 149/4 | 147/7 | 147/7 | 147/5 | 147 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 155/7 | 155/7 | 155/7 | 155/7 | 156/1 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 151/7 | 151/7 | 151/7 | 151/7 | 152/1 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 148/7 | 148/7 | 148/7 | 148/7 | 149/1 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 159/7 | 159/7 | 159/7 | 159/7 | 160/1 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 156/7 | 157/1 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 152/7 | 152/7 | 152/7 | 152/7 | 153/1 |

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during February 1960 amounted to 3,231,000 hundredweight, exceeding by 8 per cent the January 1960 output of 2,980,000 hundredweight, 3 per cent more than the February 1959 production of 3,140,000 hundredweight but 2 per cent below the ten-year (1950-1959) average production for the month of February of 3,291,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during February 1960 had a total rated capacity of 170,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 76.2 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during February 1960 amounted to 7,321,000 bushels compared with 6,727,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 7,106,000 bushels milled during February 1959. Of the wheat milled for flour during February 1960, some 6,630,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (475,000 bushels); Durum (133,000 bushels); and all other (83,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during February 1960 amounted to 1,138,000 hundredweight (some 2,617,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of 15 per cent from the 3,076,000 bushels exported during January 1960 and 14 per cent below the adjusted February 1959 total of 3,035,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-six countries with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 1,031 thousand bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 39 per cent of the February 1960 total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Philippine Islands, 406; United States, 152; Jamaica, 133; Ghana, 109; Leeward and Windward Islands, 92; Costa Rica, 90; and Trinidad and Tobago, 85.

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 |
| February | 7,321,069 | 3,230,762 | 1,137,976 |
| Totals | 53,631,336 | 23,642,479 | 9,724,125 |
| Same months 1958-59 (revised) | 53,829,955 | 23,749,193 | 9,261,910 |

^{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 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-February period of the current United States crop year amounted to 4.3 million bushels, compared with 5.2 million during the same months of the preceding crop year. After deducting an estimated 625 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 1,786.1 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1959-60 compared with 1,719.1 million in 1958-59.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first eight months (July-February) of the 1959-60 United States crop year amounted to 293.1 million bushels 4 per cent more than the 280.9 million exported during the same months in 1958-59. The balance remaining on March 1, 1960 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,493.0 million bushels, 4 per cent above the 1,438.2 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-February | 5.2 | 4.3 |
| Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u> | 2,348.0 | 2,411.1 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u> | 628.9 | 625.0 |
| Available for export and for carryover | 1,719.1 | 1,786.1 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, July-February | 228.6 | 234.4 |
| Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-February <u>4/</u> | 52.3 | 58.7 |
| Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>5/</u> | 280.9 | 293.1 |
| Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover | 1,438.2 | 1,493.0 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Excluding imports for March-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.

Prospective Plantings
of Spring Wheat

The following report on prospective plantings of spring wheat in the United States was taken from the March 18 report of the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture. Plantings of all spring wheat in the United States in 1960 are expected to total 12.8 million acres, down 5 per cent from the acreage planted in 1959 and 28 per cent below average.

A total of 57.2 million acres of all wheat is indicated by combining the intended seeded acreage of spring wheat with the acreage of winter wheat planted as estimated last December. This is a decrease of less than one million acres from the acreage planted for the 1959 crop.

Intended plantings of durum wheat total 1.7 million acres, more than a third larger than 1959 but nearly a fourth less than average. Increases in intended durum acreage were shown for all major producing States. Growers in North Dakota, where nearly four-fifths of the acreage is grown, expect to increase seedings by a third with South Dakota expanding acreage by a fourth. Favourable outturns in 1959 compared with hard spring wheat together with competitive prices have encouraged growers to expand durum acreage.

The acreage of other spring wheat farmers intend to plant is indicated at 11.1 million acres, 9 per cent below last year, nearly a third below average and the second smallest seeded acreage of record. The major producing States of the Dakotas and Montana expect declines of 7 to 10 per cent with only Minnesota, Colorado and Oregon expecting to increase acreage above last year.

If growers fulfill their planting intentions and yields per planted acre this year equal the 1955-1959 average, by States, an all spring wheat crop of 230 million bushels would be produced. Based on conditions as of December 1, 1959, a winter wheat crop of 926 million bushels was forecast for 1960. These add to a possible all wheat crop of 1,156 million bushels, compared with the all wheat production of 1,128 million bushels in 1959.

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 March 21, 1960. The blanket of snow that has covered the Nation for a prolonged period was peeled back slightly around the edges this past week, revealing winter wheat possessing a very satisfactory appearance. However, heavy snow still covers many wheat fields in eastern Kansas, Nebraska and the Middle Mississippi Valley States. Winter wheat made the best growth so far this year in the southern Great Plains, although still at a seasonally slow rate. Some greening of plants also took place in the Northwest. Moisture supplies for winter wheat continue to be very favourable.

Small grains in the Southeast showed little change as growth was held to a minimum by low temperatures. Wet fields were also delaying application of fertilizer. In the Southwest, small grains are "in step" seasonally and prospects continue favourable, as early barley begins to head in California.

Seeding of spring oats and barley continues to lag seriously in the Gulf and Great Plains region. Practically no seeding of grains has taken place in Kansas to-date, compared with an average of two-thirds for spring oats and two-fifths for spring barley.

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

NOTE

These data on exports by destination cover only the first seven months of the United States crop year beginning July 1. The table on United States wheat supplies (see page 20) contains a preliminary estimate of total exports for the first eight 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-January 1958-59 | | | July-January 1959-60 | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|----------|---------|
| | Wheat | Flour 1/ | Total | Wheat | Flour 1/ | Total |
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | |
| Western Hemisphere | | | | | | |
| British West Indies | 13 | 1,644 | 1,657 | 38 | 1,050 | 1,088 |
| Central America | 762 | 2,353 | 3,115 | 1,439 | 2,063 | 3,502 |
| Cuba | 2,937 | 1,520 | 4,457 | 2,960 | 1,247 | 4,207 |
| Brazil | 16,382 | - | 16,382 | 25,024 | 25 | 25,049 |
| Colombia | 1,661 | 424 | 2,085 | 335 | 364 | 699 |
| Peru | 3,199 | 433 | 3,632 | 2,491 | 157 | 2,648 |
| Venezuela | 1,319 | 2,221 | 3,540 | 5,012 | 244 | 5,256 |
| Others | 1,038 | 2,840 | 3,878 | 2,424 | 3,194 | 5,618 |
| Totals | 27,311 | 11,435 | 38,746 | 39,723 | 8,344 | 48,067 |
| Europe | | | | | | |
| Austria | 805 | 36 | 841 | 1,240 | 61 | 1,301 |
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 2,981 | 12 | 2,993 | 1,943 | 11 | 1,954 |
| Finland | 278 | - | 278 | - | - | - |
| Germany, West | 12,067 | 317 | 12,384 | 7,908 | 314 | 8,222 |
| Greece | 393 | 1,059 | 1,452 | 128 | 1,462 | 1,590 |
| Italy | - | 3,572 | 3,572 | 546 | 5,136 | 5,682 |
| Netherlands | 5,135 | 2,317 | 7,452 | 3,132 | 2,214 | 5,346 |
| Norway | 2,167 | 468 | 2,635 | 1,382 | 264 | 1,646 |
| Poland | 9,499 | 150 | 9,649 | 9,953 | 351 | 10,304 |
| Sweden | 2,020 | 18 | 2,038 | 37 | 40 | 77 |
| United Kingdom | 15,417 | 2,324 | 17,741 | 9,985 | 442 | 10,427 |
| Yugoslavia | 7,712 | 2,313 | 10,025 | 8,619 | 1,775 | 10,394 |
| Others | 1,901 | 455 | 2,356 | 2,005 | 558 | 2,563 |
| Totals | 60,375 | 13,041 | 73,416 | 46,878 | 12,628 | 59,506 |
| Asia | | | | | | |
| Ceylon | - | 1,751 | 1,751 | - | 2,244 | 2,244 |
| India | 70,678 | 33 | 70,711 | 46,017 | 27 | 46,044 |
| Indonesia | - | 2/ | 2/ | 10 | 1,899 | 1,909 |
| Israel | 4,887 | 118 | 5,005 | 3,431 | 102 | 3,533 |
| Japan | 17,134 | 1,469 | 18,603 | 15,854 | 1,554 | 17,408 |
| Jordan | - | 347 | 347 | 1,483 | 477 | 1,960 |
| Korea | 6,189 | 1,272 | 7,461 | 4,887 | 1,003 | 5,890 |
| Lebanon | 1,519 | 1,541 | 3,060 | 407 | 1,916 | 2,323 |
| Pakistan | 4,964 | 170 | 5,134 | 9,116 | 227 | 9,343 |
| Philippines | 390 | 6,461 | 6,851 | 515 | 2,833 | 3,348 |
| Taiwan (Formosa) | 4,136 | 519 | 4,655 | 6,081 | 666 | 6,747 |
| Turkey | 1,003 | - | 1,003 | 2,871 | 13 | 2,884 |
| Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia | - | 1,597 | 1,597 | - | 1,429 | 1,429 |
| Others | 374 | 2,478 | 2,852 | 1,193 | 2,521 | 3,714 |
| Totals | 111,274 | 17,756 | 129,030 | 91,865 | 16,911 | 108,776 |
| Africa | | | | | | |
| Canary Islands | - | - | - | 1,597 | 3 | 1,600 |
| Egypt | 2 | 861 | 863 | 11,193 | 9,253 | 20,446 |
| Tunisia | 607 | 17 | 624 | 1,266 | 32 | 1,298 |
| Union of South Africa | - | - | - | 1,097 | 2/ | 1,097 |
| Others | 970 | 3,325 | 4,295 | 1,792 | 3,157 | 4,949 |
| Totals | 1,579 | 4,203 | 5,782 | 16,945 | 12,445 | 29,390 |
| Oceania | - | 22 | 22 | - | 25 | 25 |
| Unspecified | - | 16 | 16 | - | - | - |
| Totals, All Countries 3/ | 200,539 | 46,473 | 247,012 | 195,411 | 50,353 | 245,764 |

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 - | |
| March 1, 1960 | 213 1/4 | - 214 | March 1, 1960 | 218 1/2 | |
| 2 | 209 | - 223 1/2 1/ | 2 | 218 1/2 | |
| 3 | 210 | - 211 | 3 | 217 5/8 | |
| 4 | 211 3/4 | - 213 3/4 | 4 | 217 1/2 | |
| 7 | 211 3/4 | | 7 | 218 | |
| 8 | 209 1/2 | - 209 3/4 | 8 | 219 3/4 | |
| 9 | 210 1/2 | | 9 | 229 1/2 | |
| 10 | 212 1/4 | | 10 | 218 3/4 | |
| 11 | 212 | - 214 1/4 | 11 | 217 3/4 | |
| 14 | 212 1/2 | - 213 1/4 | 14 | 217 5/8 | |
| 15 | 216 1/2 | - 217 1/2 | 15 | 216 5/8 | |
| 16 | 211 1/4 | - 227 1/4 | 16 | 216 1/2 | |
| 17 | 211 1/2 | - 227 | 17 | 218 5/8 | |
| 18 | 211 | - 226 1/4 | 18 | 218 1/2 | |
| 21 | 210 3/4 | - 215 3/4 | 21 | 218 7/8 | |
| 22 | 210 | - 224 1/2 | 22 | 219 | |
| 23 | 211 1/4 | - 212 1/2 | 23 | 219 1/4 | |
| 24 | 212 | - 212 1/2 | 24 | 219 5/8 | |
| 25 | 211 | - 217 1/2 | 25 | 218 7/8 | |
| 28 | 209 3/4 | - 215 1/2 | 28 | 218 1/4 | |
| 29 | 210 1/4 | | 29 | 216 3/4 | |
| 30 | 214 | | 30 | 217 1/4 | |
| 31 | 210 1/2 | - 215 1/4 | 31 | 218 5/8 | |

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

| Date | March | May | July | September | December |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|
| | - cents and eighths per bushel - | | | | |
| March 1, 1960 | 197/6 | 200/2 | 183/4 | 186/1 | 191 |
| 2 | 197/6 | 200/2 | 183/4 | 186 | 191 |
| 3 | 198/3 | 200/6 | 183/7 | 186/4 | 191/4 |
| 4 | 197/6 | 200/1 | 183/4 | 186/2 | 190/6 |
| 7 | 199/2 | 201 | 184/1 | 186/7 | 191/5 |
| 8 | 200/3 | 201/7 | 184/2 | 187 | 191/6 |
| 9 | 200/1 | 201/6 | 184/1 | 186/6 | 191/4 |
| 10 | 198/3 | 200/5 | 184/4 | 187/2 | 192/1 |
| 11 | 199/4 | 201/7 | 184/1 | 186/6 | 191/5 |
| 14 | 202/1 | 203/5 | 184/4 | 187/2 | 192/1 |
| 15 | 203 | 204/3 | 184/2 | 187 | 191/7 |
| 16 | 203/2 | 204/7 | 184/3 | 187 | 192 |
| 17 | 203/1 | 204/3 | 184/3 | 186/6 | 191/6 |
| 18 | 203 | 204/2 | 183/6 | 186/2 | 191/1 |
| 21 | 204/2 | 205/1 | 183/6 | 186 | 191 |
| 22 | 206/6 | 205/5 | 184/1 | 186/3 | 191/4 |
| 23 | | 207/2 | 184 | 186/1 | 191/2 |
| 24 | | 208/3 | 184/3 | 186/4 | 191/2 |
| 25 | | 207/7 | 184/2 | 186/1 | 191/1 |
| 28 | | 206/3 | 183/7 | 186 | 190/7 |
| 29 | | 206/3 | 183/5 | 185/5 | 190/6 |
| 30 | | 207/4 | 183/6 | 185/7 | 190/7 |
| 31 | | 207/6 | 184/1 | 186/2 | 191/2 |

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-February 1960 amounted to 12.1 million bushels, in contrast to 24.4 million exported during the same months in 1958-59. The balance remaining on March 1, 1960 for export and for carryover was estimated at 102.4 million bushels, some 21 per cent below the March 1, 1959 total of 129.7 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 |
| 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-February | 23.9 | 11.9 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-February | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 24.4 | 12.1 |
| Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover ... | 129.7 | 102.4 |

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

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Weather and Crops

During the latter half of February the weather was generally clear and warm with scattered rainfalls which were considered to be of more benefit for soil preparation and seeding operations than for growing crops, particularly corn, now approaching their harvest time. Fairly heavy general rains occurred in mid-February so that the sub-soil moisture reserve

has been reasonably well maintained. In early March the warm, dry weather continued. However, on March 8 and 9 heavy rains fell over a large area of the country including almost the entire crop growing area. This benefited practically every line of agricultural production, including pasture, meat and dairy, as well as seeding operations and the land being worked in preparation for seeding, more than it did the corn crop. In the corn belt, the area which most needed the rain, the smallest amount of rain fell. From that date to the time of writing this report there have been no further rains and the weather is dry, clear and hot once again. From now on, rainfall will have much less influence on the corn crop than during the past weeks. It will have an effect on the moisture content of the grain when it is harvested, and also some effect on the kernel size, but little effect on the actual total volume of the crop.

Wheat

The wheat market continues to be very slow with little private trading taking place, but with a marked increase in sales to the National Grain Board. This is because of a general slump in international prices which has resulted in private grain dealers limiting their purchases to those necessary to cover former commitments and short sales. At the official floor price of 300 pesos per 100 kilos (98 cents per bushel) on the basis of Semi-Hard, Grade 2, 78 kilos per hectolitre (62 pounds per bushel), the Grain Board has purchased 376,297 metric tons (13,826,000 bushels) of 1959-60 wheat, according to an official report published on March 17. Of this total, 95,453 metric tons (3,507,000 bushels) were acquired during the three-month period December 1, 1959 - February 29, 1960. The remaining 280,844 metric tons (10,319,000 bushels) were all bought by the Board in the two-and-a-half week period since March 1.

A few sales have taken place in Bahía Blanca, to cover private commitments, at prices of 320 and 321 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.05 per bushel), on the basis of Hard Wheat, Grade 1, 80 kilos per hectolitre (64 pounds per bushel). On this basis the equivalent minimum price in terms of the Semi-Hard, Grade 2, 78 kilos per hectolitre (62 pounds per bushel) official price would be 317.30 pesos (\$1.04 per bushel). This is calculated as follows: there is a 3 per cent bonus for hard wheat over semi-hard, a 1 per cent bonus for Grade 1 wheat over Grade 2, and a 2 per cent bonus for 80 kilos per hectolitre (64 pounds per bushel) wheat over 78 kilos per hectolitre (62 pounds per bushel) wheat. This gives a total bonus of 6 per cent, which on the basis of the 300 peso (98 cents per bushel) official price adds 18 pesos (6 cents per bushel) for an equivalent official value of 318 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.04 per bushel). However, there is a 0.70 peso per 100 kilos (0.2 cents per bushel) discount for sales made in Bahía Blanca, the official floor price for wheat being 300 pesos (98 cents per bushel) F.O.R. Buenos Aires.

Another consideration is that the National Grain Board is now paying 80 per cent cash for its purchases of wheat from producers, instead of 50 per cent as was the case formerly. Private exporters continue to pay up to 95 per cent cash.

Grain Sales

There were only two sales of wheat made by the National Grain Board during the period under review. One was of 2,000 metric tons (73,000 bushels) of smelly, out-of-grade wheat of the 1958-59 harvest at 3,012.50 pesos per metric ton (99 cents per bushel). The second was of 96 metric tons (3,500 bushels) of smutty out-of-grade wheat sold at 2,970 pesos per metric ton (97 cents per bushel). Both lots were for local milling for use in cattle feed mixes, not for export or for human consumption.

A lack of interest abroad in purchasing Argentine grain persists

because of prices here at the moment being reportedly higher than those abroad. Uncertainty of deliveries due to the port situation is also keeping exporters out of the market. The ports, which have inadequate facilities for unloading, storing and moving grain to begin with, and which are usually congested at this time of year anyway, have this year had to contend with a series of strikes and other labour troubles. To make matters worse, the corn harvest began abnormally early this year and already certain quantities of this grain are reaching the ports.

Grain Shipments Wheat shipments totalled 155,717 metric tons (5,722,000 bushels), with the United Kingdom taking 33,228 metric tons (1,221,000 bushels) bushels); the Netherlands, 23,242 (854,000 bushels); West Germany, 22,933 (843,000 bushels); Brazil, 19,190 (705,000 bushels); Belgium, 12,049 (443,000 bushels); and Peru, 11,062 (406,000 bushels). Smaller lots went to Austria, France, Italy and Paraguay.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1959 - February 1960 with Comparisons

| Destination | Wheat | Destination | Wheat |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | - thousand bushels - | | - thousand bushels - |
| Austria | 366 | Lebanon | 375 |
| Belgium | 754 | Netherlands | 1,847 |
| Brazil | 2,143 | Paraguay | 585 |
| Denmark | 41 | Peru | 1,013 |
| Germany | 1,443 | Switzerland | 164 |
| Italy | 825 | United Kingdom | 2,080 |
| France | 308 | | |
| | | Total | 11,943 |
| Same Period: December-February 1958-59 | | | |
| | 1958-59 | | 23,902 |
| | 1957-58 | | 10,521 |
| | 1956-57 | | 19,020 |
| | 1955-56 | | 28,253 |
| | 1954-55 | | 32,375 |

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated commercial 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 six months of the current crop year amounted to 33.8 million bushels compared with the August 1958-January 1959 total of 23.2 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on February 1, 1960, at 63.3 million bushels, exceeded by a wide margin the February 1, 1959 total of 34.1 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> |
| Imports, August-January | <u>3/</u> | - |
| Total estimated commercial 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-January | 16.8 | 20.7 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-January | 6.4 | 13.1 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 23.2 | 33.8 |
| Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover . | 34.1 | 63.3 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Estimated. 3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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 March 21, 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.

Weather and Crops

No further official crop report has been issued since that appearing in last month's Review. However, any information on sowings is for the moment inconclusive, since spring seeding has begun in many areas, which will obviously influence the relative areas sown to the various grains. The area to winter wheat, at 4.2 million hectares (10.4 million acres) in February was 1.5 per cent above the same period of 1959, but still 2 per cent below the past five-year average. Not much spring wheat is sown in France, and field work will now be devoted mainly to coarse grains. There have been no reports of any frost damage, and abundant rains during the winter have helped replace moisture reserves depleted by last summer's drought.

Fall sowings to coarse grains were considerably below normal but this was due to the delay in plowing caused by the drought, and it is expected that the next two months will bring the area up to normal, with some gain in prospect for barley and also for corn.

New Basis for Official Pricing

During the past few months, French farm organizations have held frequent meetings to protest against stagnation in farm income in relation to other sections of the economy. Statistical studies have shown that per capita farm income rose at only half the rate of other sectors over the past decade. Financial difficulties were enhanced by the severe drought this past summer which adversely affected root crops and livestock products, even

though earlier grain crops were harvested before the full onslaught of drought had reached record levels.

As a result of farm pressure to revise pricing so as to take costs fully into account, the French government on March 5 established a new basis for support prices. A partial automaticity is introduced by weighting prices 55 to 70 per cent, according to product, by indexes of production costs. For grain, which is in the lowest bracket (55 per cent), prices will be adjusted 10 per cent each by the following cost factors: minimum guaranteed agricultural wage, energy, pest control products, machinery and equipment, and other industrial goods used in agriculture, plus 5 per cent for building maintenance costs. The reference period is June 30, 1959.

The French government thus retains flexibility for 45 per cent of the official price; the Prime Minister has promised that the government would introduce an independent price increase if farm income did not follow increases in other sectors.

The only new price put into effect on the basis of the new decree is that for milk. So far, therefore, the target prices for 1960 remain those reported in the "Wheat Review" of October 1959.

Farmers'
Marketings

Farmers' marketings on February 1 showed a marked advance over the two previous seasons for barley, oats and corn whereas deliveries of wheat lagged behind the level forecast and remain considerably below February 1, 1958 with a crop of approximately the same size.

Farmers' Marketings at February 1

| Grain | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | | - thousand bushels - | |
| Soft wheat | 260,803 | 203,416 | 239,190 |
| Durum wheat | 506 | 1,402 | 1,918 |
| Rye | 4,200 | 2,907 | 2,152 |
| Barley | 53,403 | 61,181 | 80,320 |
| Oats | 8,460 | 10,855 | 14,115 |
| Corn | 4,882 | 9,777 | 13,787 |

Marketings
Uncertain

Great uncertainty still prevails on the eventual size of farmers' marketings from the 1959 crop. France had a bumper crop of 11 million tons (404.2 million bushels) and deliveries were estimated at 8.2 - 8.4 million tons (301,295,000 - 308,644,000 bushels) in the early fall. Such estimates have been regularly scaled down, and are now not expected to total more than 7.7 - 7.8 million tons (282,923,000 - 286,598,000 bushels). Deliveries amounted to 6.5 million (238,831,000 bushels) by February 1 and the season will draw to a close in mid-April when carrying charges on the farm cease.

Editor's Note: Estimated deliveries of 293.9 million bushels have been retained in preceding table re supplies of soft wheat due to uncertainty over farmers' marketings.

Greater disappearance on the farm is attributed to the summer's drought which cut into feed reserves and current pricing which places wheat on a par

with barley and lower than the corn price.

At the end of February, some 700,000 tons (25,720,000 bushels) of wheat had been exported to foreign countries, according to the trade, of which 384,000 (14,109,000 bushels) to Germany, 110,600 (4,064,000 bushels) to the United Kingdom, 52,400 (1,925,000 bushels) to Brazil, 41,000 (1,506,000 bushels) to the Netherlands, 40,000 (1,470,000 bushels) to Switzerland, 25,000 (919,000 bushels) to Norway, 17,000 (625,000 bushels) to Denmark, etc. In all, around a million tons (36,743,000 bushels) have been committed, for shipment from the current crop.

In addition, commitments to countries of the franc zone include 300,000 tons (11,023,000 bushels) for Algeria, 30,000 (1,102,000 bushels) for Tunisia, plus over 300,000 (11,023,000 bushels) in wheat and flour for States of the French Community.

Purchases of durum wheat have continued. By mid-March, import contracts for France and Algeria had reached 195,000 tons (7,165,000 bushels), of which 125,000 tons (4,593,000 bushels) from Canada, 42,000 (1,543,000 bushels) from Argentina and 28,000 (1,029,000 bushels) from Spain. In addition, 150,000 tons (5,511,000 bushels) are in the course of shipment from both Tunisia and Morocco.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1959-60 (December-November) crop year amount to some 258.1 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1959 carryover of 65.1 million and the current crop estimated at 193.0 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting a substantially larger carryover which more than offset a decline in production, represent an increase of 11 per cent over the 1958-59 total of 231.6 million bushels. After deducting 72.0 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 186.1 million are available for export and for carryover during 1959-60, 15 per cent above the 161.2 million in 1958-59.

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 | 193.0 <u>2/</u> |
| Total estimated domestic supplies | 231.6 | 258.1 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year. | 70.4 | 72.0 |
| Available for export and for carryover | 161.2 | 186.1 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-March 5 ... | 16.8 | 29.5 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-March 5 | 6.1 | 5.2 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 22.9 | 34.7 |
| Balance on March 6 for export and for carryover ... | 138.3 | 151.4 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent up to March 5 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 34.7 million bushels compared with 22.9 million exported during the corresponding period of 1958-59. The balance remaining on March 6, 1960 for export and for carryover, at 151.4 million bushels, exceeded by 9 per cent the comparable 1959 total of 138.3 million.

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The Wheat Crop The size of the 1959-60 crop continues to be a surprise, particularly production in Western Australia and Victoria. Deliveries to the Australian Wheat Board now are just short of 180 million bushels and the total crop is estimated at approximately 193 million. The latter figure compares with 215.1 million bushels for the 1958-59 crop and early estimates of the current crop which ranged from 145 to 160 million. The present estimate may be taken as close to the final although late deliveries in August, when the Board imposes penalties for late delivery, may raise the total somewhat. Production and deliveries by States are as follows, in million bushels with the corresponding figures for 1958-59 in parentheses.

| | <u>Total Production</u> | <u>Deliveries</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Queensland | 13.0 | 11.8 (15.2) |
| New South Wales | 72.5 | 65.9 (59.6) |
| Victoria | 39.0 | 36.9 (41.2) |
| South Australia | 11.7 | 9.1 (12.0) |
| Western Australia | 57.0 | 54.2 (52.8) |

The unexpectedly high figure for Western Australia as compared with early estimates appears to have been due to general under-estimation by the individual growers by as much as eight bushels per acre. Too much attention was paid to the light total rainfall and insufficient to the timing and manner in which rain fell in the wheatbelt. In Victoria weather conditions fluctuated greatly making estimates difficult in the main growing areas. In addition the yield in some of the new sections was much greater than anticipated. The New South Wales wheatbelt as a whole had good rainfall throughout the season and timely rains fell in those areas less favoured in the earlier part of the crop year. In general the quality of the Australian production is good. Bushel weight is down, particularly in the drier regions, but reports indicate that much of the crop has a higher than usual protein content. On the whole seasonal conditions during the past month having been satisfactory for the time of year and preparations for seeding of the 1960-61 crop have been normal.

Wheat Marketing and Supplies Export sales during the past month were only slightly below those of the previous month although purchases by United Kingdom millers dropped by over fifty per cent. Germany came back into the market with a substantial purchase. The main buying interest came from Iran and Pakistan but no sales were made to Japan. In all, reported sales during the period totalled 153,325 long tons (5,724,000 bushels), distributed as follows:

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| United Kingdom | 17,000 long tons (635,000 bushels) |
| Germany | 80,825 long tons (3,017,000 bushels) |
| Rhodesia | 1,000 long tons (37,000 bushels) |
| Iran | 43,000 long tons (1,605,000 bushels) |
| Pakistan | 47,000 long tons (1,755,000 bushels) |
| Hong Kong | 3,500 long tons (131,000 bushels) |
| Philippines | 11,000 long tons (411,000 bushels) |
| New Zealand | 10,000 long tons (373,000 bushels) |

Miscellaneous By the end of February the Australian Wheat Board had sold 62,389,000 bushels from the 1958-59 crop carryover and new crop deliveries. This was approximately 18 million bushels more than at the same date a year ago Ceylon has placed an order for a further 50,000 tons of Australian flour (2,576,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) for March-June delivery The New South Wales Wheat Research Committee has allocated over £A41,000 (\$87,000) for wheat research and improvement. Of this £A25,000 (\$53,000) is destined for the 1,100 acre NorthWest Wheat Research Institute at Narrabri and £A7,900 (\$17,000) for the Wagga Wagga Research Institute. Funds are provided by growers by means of a levy of a farthing (about 1/4 of a cent) a bushel on all wheat produced in the State Of the total intake of wheat by the Queensland State Wheat Board 4.6 million bushels were delivered in bulk and 7.2 million in bags. Slightly more than 50,000 tons (1,867,000 bushels) will go to South Africa during the March-May period The New South Wales Government has rejected an appeal to delay the application of the increased rail freight rates until the new home consumption price is fixed on December 1 next.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -
March 5, 1959-60 and Corresponding Period 1958-59

| Destination | Wheat | | Wheat Flour | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | 1958-59 | 1959-60 | 1958-59 | 1959-60 |
| - thousand bushels - | | | | |
| Aden | 95 | 1 | - | - |
| Aden and Aden I/T | - | - | 350 | 250 |
| Aden and Aden (Atta Flour) . | - | - | 77 | 32 |
| Belgian Congo | - | - | 1 | 1/ |
| British North Borneo | - | - | 48 | 64 |
| Brunei | - | - | 10 | 18 |
| Burma | 97 | - | 91 | 24 |
| Ceylon | 2 | 4 | 1,349 | 21 |
| Cyprus | - | - | - | 1 |
| Dutch New Guinea | - | - | 19 | 23 |
| Eire | 615 | 503 | - | - |
| Germany, West | 1,509 | 845 | - | - |
| Ghana | - | - | 2 | - |
| Hong Kong | 590 | 557 | - | - |
| Hong Kong (General) | - | - | 48 | 88 |
| India | 121 | 5,943 | - | - |
| Indonesia | - | - | 314 | 442 |
| Iran | 101 | 1,456 | - | - |
| Iraq | - | 3,154 | - | - |
| Japan | 1,370 | 4,308 | - | - |

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -
March 5, 1959-60 and Corresponding Period 1958-59

| Destination | Wheat | | Wheat Flour | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | 1958-59 | 1959-60 | 1958-59 | 1959-60 |
| - thousand bushels - | | | | |
| Kenya | 353 | 48 | - | - |
| Laos | - | - | 1 | - |
| Macao | - | - | 1 | 5 |
| Malaya | 176 <u>2/</u> | 78 | 1,419 <u>2/</u> | 965 |
| Malaya (Atta Flour) | - | - | 25 <u>2/</u> | 28 |
| Maldiv Islands | - | - | 15 | 26 |
| Mauritius | - | - | 280 | 394 |
| New Zealand | 1,659 | 1,848 | <u>1/</u> | - |
| Nigeria | - | - | 2 | - |
| Nyasaland | - | - | 44 | 57 |
| Okinawa | - | 83 | - | - |
| Pacific Islands | 7 | 14 | 592 | 642 |
| Pakistan | 367 | 1,665 | - | - |
| Persian Gulf | 29 | 29 | 59 | 77 |
| Persian Gulf (Atta Flour) .. | - | - | 398 | 364 |
| Philippine Islands | 37 | 181 | 53 | 43 |
| Port Said (a/c S/S) | - | - | - | 7 |
| Portuguese East Africa | 37 | 68 | - | - |
| Portuguese India (Goa) | 65 | - | 49 | - |
| Rhodesia | 587 | 856 | - | - |
| Sarawak | - | - | 40 | 53 |
| Saudi Arabia | - | 31 | - | 18 |
| Seychelles Islands | - | - | 9 | 13 |
| Singapore | <u>2/</u> | 13 | - | 672 |
| Singapore (a/c War Office) . | - | - | 16 | 25 |
| Singapore (Atta Flour) | - | - | - | 6 |
| Somaliland, British | - | - | 4 | - |
| Thailand | - | 1 | 138 | 111 |
| Timor | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| United Kingdom | 8,951 | 7,815 | 557 | 563 |
| Zanzibar | 2 | 3 | 58 | 130 |
| Royal Navy | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Ships' Stores | - | - | 28 | 29 |
| Totals | 16,779 | 29,507 | 6,100 | 5,200 |

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

2/ Malaya and Singapore.

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The wheat crop recently harvested in South America is tentatively estimated at 280 million bushels compared with 330 million in 1958 and the 1950-1954 average of 310 million. Argentina's production, estimated at 200 million bushels, accounts for about 70 per cent of the total.* This is a below-average crop for Argentina largely because of lower acreage. Unfavourable conditions in Brazil and Uruguay resulted in poor crops in those countries. Rye production is slightly larger than last year because of the larger crop in Argentina - the only important rye producer of the area.

Australia's wheat crop turned out better than had been expected and is now tentatively estimated at 190 million bushels. Earlier forecasts had placed the outturn at 175 million bushels. The current estimate is 25 million bushels below the good 1958 crop but is a little above average.* Quality of the crop is reported generally excellent. Harvested acreage was 11.5 million acres, a million below announced intentions.

* Editor's Note: Estimates of wheat production in Argentina and Australia do not agree exactly with those referred to elsewhere in this publication. The latter are based on reports received from Canadian commercial secretaries in these countries.

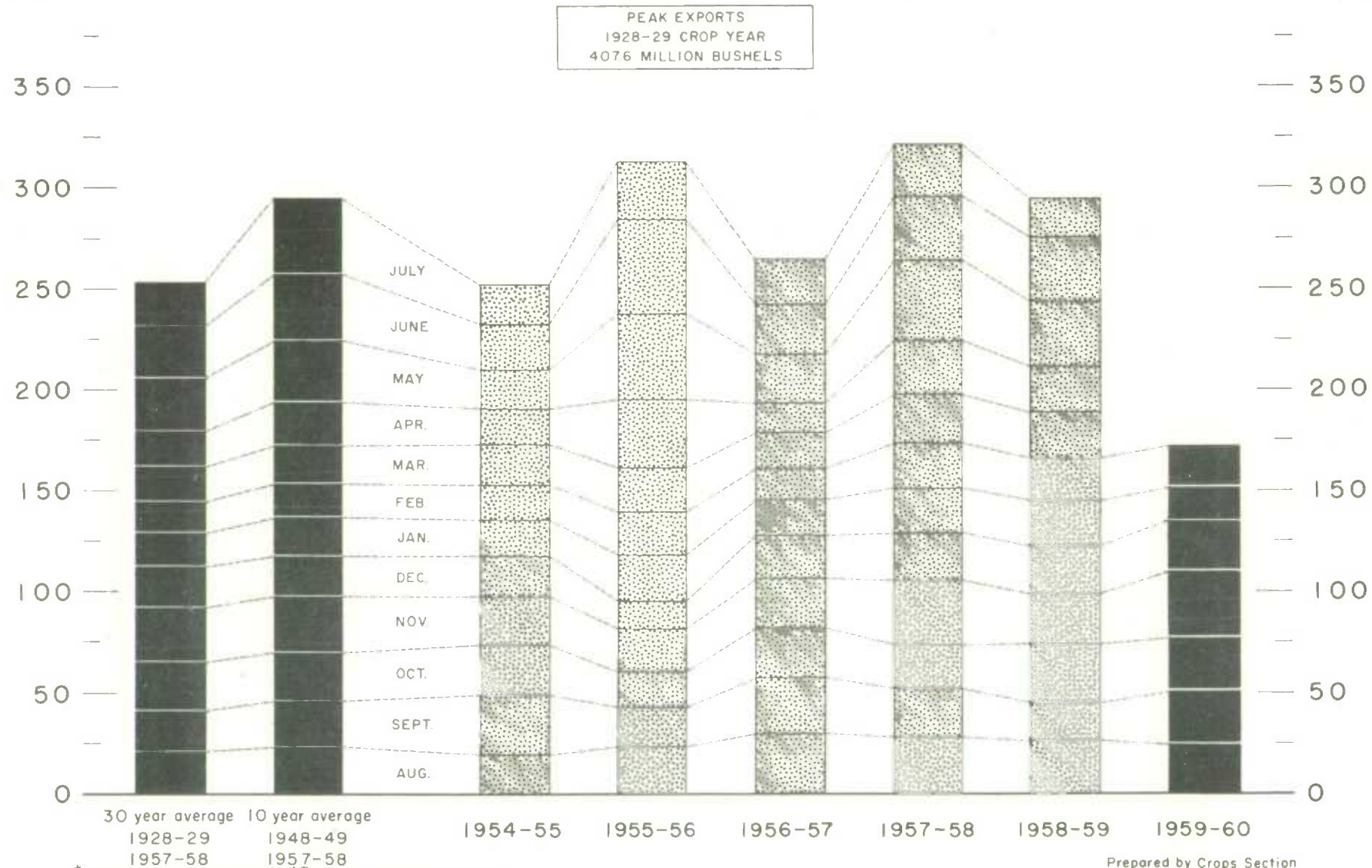
CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- March 16 Based on farmers' intentions at March 1, the acreage seeded to all wheat in Canada in 1960 will be 23.1 million acres unchanged from 1959 seedings, but 0.5 million acres or 2 per cent above the 1954-1958 average.
- The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States during January 1960 at 21,884,000 sacks, an average of 1,094,000 sacks per working day.
- 18 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, prospective plantings of all spring wheat in the United States for 1960 are expected to total 12.8 million acres, 5 per cent less than the 13.4 million planted in 1959 and 28 per cent below the ten-year (1949-1958) average of 17.8 million.
- 21 The 1960 season of navigation for ocean vessels opened the earliest on record at the Port of Montreal. The previous record was March 30, in both 1954 and 1958.
- 23 According to a report received from Mr. T.G. Major, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Melbourne, the 1959-60 Australian wheat crop is estimated at approximately 193 million bushels.
- 31 According to Foreign Crops and Markets, World Summaries, published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, world wheat production for 1959 is estimated at 8,095 million bushels, 7 per cent less than the 1958 total of 8,700 million but 16 per cent greater than the 1950-1954 average of 6,980 million.
- April 1 The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States during February 1960 at 20,396,000 sacks, an average of 971,000 sacks per working day.
- 4 According to Foreign Crops and Markets, published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, the outlook is poor for Iran's 1960 wheat crop. Continued dryness has caused considerable crop deterioration, and it is expected that the outturn on dry lands of southern Iran will be small.

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