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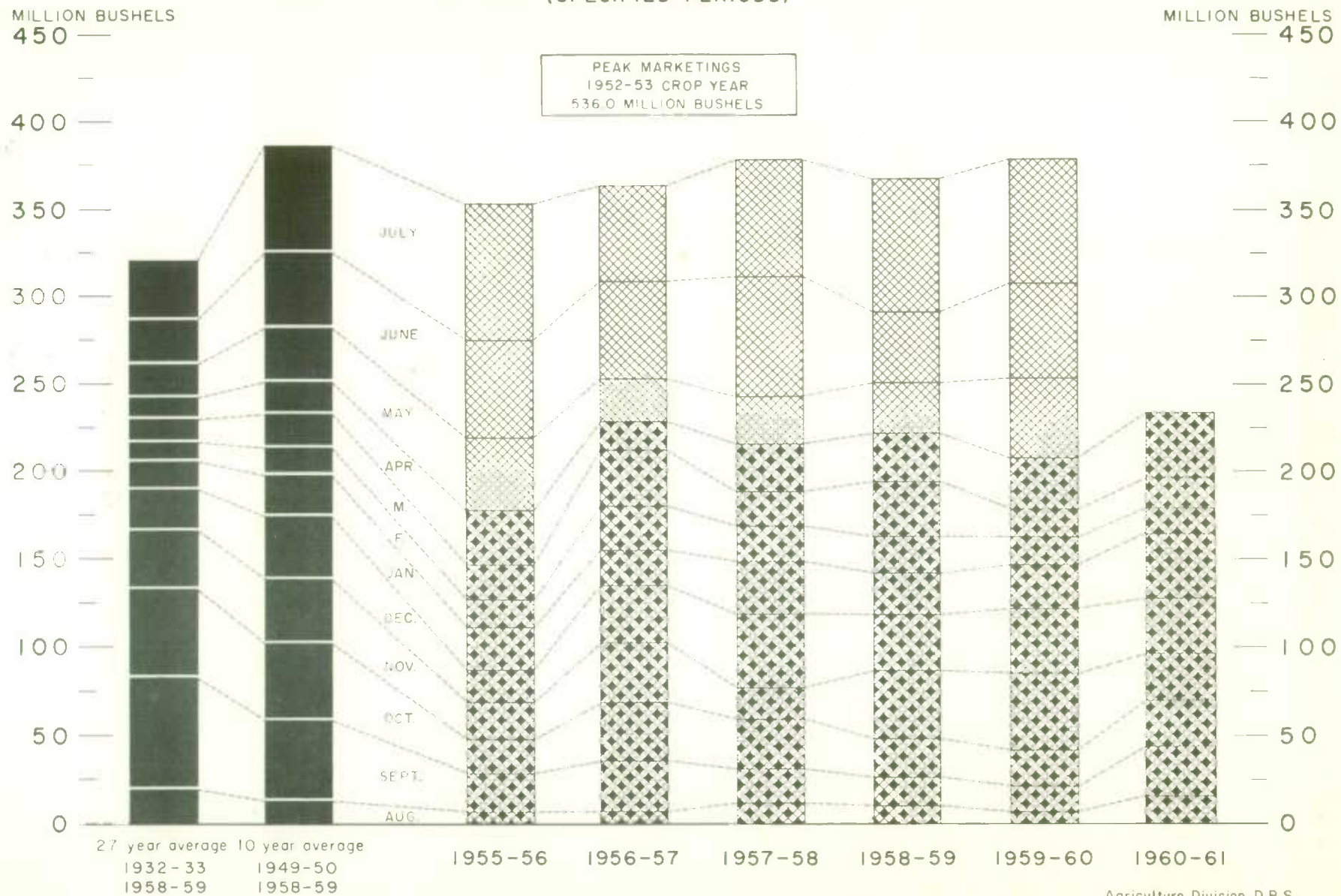
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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about May 1, 1961 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,362.0 million bushels, 5 per cent above the 2,245.6 million available a year ago. Supplies at May 1, 1961, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,529.0 (1,408.3); Canada, 636.8 (604.5); Argentina, 29.5 (102.6); and Australia, 166.7 (130.2). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

Exports Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat, from the four major exporting countries during the first nine months (August-April) of the current Canadian crop year amounted to 923.9 million bushels, some 27 per cent greater than the 725.6 million exported during the same months of 1959-60.

Total world wheat exports, including products in grain equivalent are expected to reach an all-time record of some 1,450 million bushels in the 1960-61 July-June crop year. This quantity is more than 9 per cent greater than the total 1959-60 world wheat shipments of 1,327 million bushels. These estimates of total world wheat trade include large volumes exported under various government-assisted programmes, with a substantial proportion of wheat shipments from the United States moving under such arrangements. The pace of Canadian wheat and flour exports has stepped up rapidly since January, ranging from 21.0 million bushels in that month to 34.9 million in April. Reflecting recently announced sales it is anticipated that exports of wheat and flour from Canada in the current crop year will exceed the 300 million mark by a substantial margin.

Shipments from the other major exporters, particularly the United States, are also above last year's levels. While Canada stands second to the United States in terms of total wheat and flour exports, she is by far the largest seller in the world commercial market. In 1959-60, more than 95 per cent, or some 264 million bushels, of Canada's wheat exports were sold on normal commercial terms. Only half this quantity, or 132 million bushels, were sold by the U.S. for dollars.

Wheat and flour exports, including those under government programmes, from each of the four countries, United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia were at higher levels this year than last. Shipments from these countries during August-April of the current and ten preceding crop years (Canadian) are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat August 1960 - April 1961
with Comparisons

August-April	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51	257.3	154.4	67.5	89.7	568.9
1951-52	372.5	224.5	24.0	69.8	690.8
1952-53	260.8	249.6	10.6	68.0	589.0
1953-54	146.4	187.0	86.8	43.0	463.2
1954-55	207.4	190.4	102.6	74.6	575.0
1955-56	219.4	194.5	90.2	72.4	576.5
1956-57	409.6	193.5	72.7	103.9	779.7
1957-58	295.2	224.7	54.6	49.7	624.2
1958-59	335.4	211.2	74.6	55.8	677.0
1959-60 1/	373.0	210.4	53.6	88.6	725.6
1960-61 2/	496.5	240.4	57.6	129.4	923.9
1/ Revised.	2/ Preliminary.				

International Wheat Council
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1960-61 -- Through April 29, 1961

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES							Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.A.	
	- thousand bushels -							
Austria	506	-	339	-	-	-	-	845
Belgium-Luxembourg	8,939	442	-	108	-	-	2,841	12,330
Brazil	-	13,787	-	-	-	-	3,778	17,565
Costa Rica	724	-	-	-	-	-	831	1,555
Cuba	803	-	-	15	-	-	977	1,795
Dominican Republic	926	-	-	-	-	-	111	1,037
El Salvador	167	-	-	-	-	-	1,034	1,201
Germany	28,051	2,077	5,124	12,266	8	3,981	5,751	57,258
Greece	30	-	-	-	-	-	9	39
Guatemala	96	-	-	-	-	-	1,178	1,274
Haiti	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Honduras Republic	56	-	-	-	-	-	551	607
Iceland	3	-	-	-	-	-	106	109
India	-	-	2,618	-	-	-	3	2,621
Indonesia	-	-	3,040	276	-	-	681	3,997
Ireland	2,732	205	3,994	-	-	-	205	7,136
Israel	1,592	-	-	-	-	-	1,307	2,899
Japan	46,901	-	12,213	-	-	-	26,931	86,045
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<u>Netherlands</u>	5,410	900	-	341	-	191	11,011	17,853
Netherlands Territories	154	-	86	29	-	-	642	911
New Zealand	-	-	4,912	-	-	-	-	4,912
Norway	3,820	279	1,021	-	-	373	797	6,290
Panama	251	-	-	34	-	-	638	923
Peru	1,821	6,252	-	26	-	-	2,358	10,457
Philippines	3,007	-	228	-	-	-	7,716	10,951
<u>Portugal</u>	109	992	-	318	-	-	4,944	6,363
Portuguese Territories	718	-	145	173	-	-	1,205	2,241
Rhodesia-Nyasaland	138	-	3,027	11	-	-	322	3,498
Saudi Arabia	7	-	221	70	6	-	2,561	2,865
Switzerland	5,720	443	-	1,364	12	90	1,287	8,916
Union of South Africa	-	-	3,733	-	-	-	-	3,733
United Arab Republic	5	-	3,733	-	88	-	1,737	5,563
<u>United Kingdom</u>	81,142	3,490	27,851	2,518	14	75	17,963	133,053
U.K. Territories	5,852	-	6,003	851	2	-	4,603	17,311
Vatican City	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Venezuela	2,729	257	-	-	-	-	6,508	9,494
To Orders	-	9,634	-	-	-	-	-	9,634
Totals	202,512	38,758	78,288	18,400	130	4,710	110,588	453,386
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries	44.67	8.55	17.26	4.06	.03	1.04	24.39	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - No sales reported.

Argentina figures cover period August 1, 1960 to March 17, 1961.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1960-61 crop year are placed at 1,027.2 million bushels, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 537.6 million and the 1960 production of 489.6 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent an increase of 7 per cent over the 1959-60 total of 962.5 million bushels. After deducting an estimated 150.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1960-61 would amount to 877.2 million bushels, 8 per cent above the 814.9 million in 1959-60.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 240.4 million bushels 14 per cent above the 210.4 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on May 1, 1961 for export and for carryover, amounted to 636.8 million bushels, 5 per cent more than the May 1, 1960 total of 604.5 million.

NOTE: Due to the introduction of a new commodity classification, effective January 1, 1961, official wheat flour export data for April were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The flour export figure for April included in this report represents an unofficial estimate. No allowance has been made for April exports of bagged seed wheat.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1959-60 <u>1/</u>	1960-61 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	549.0	537.6
New Crop	413.5	489.6
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-February .	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies	962.5	1,027.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .	147.6	150.0
Available for export and for carryover	814.9	877.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-April <u>4/</u>	177.9	207.0
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-April <u>5/</u>	5.3	5.5 <u>6/</u>
Total exports of wheat as grain	183.2	212.5 <u>7/</u>
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-April <u>5/</u>	27.2	27.9 <u>8/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	210.4	240.4 <u>9/</u>
Balance on May 1, for export and for carryover	604.5	636.8

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, 1959-60 adjusted for time lag. 6/ August-March only. 7/ Does not include April exports of bagged seed. 8/ Includes an estimate for April. 9/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for April but no allowance made for April exports of bagged seed wheat.

Deliveries of wheat from farms (both east and west) up to May 17 of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 255.1 million bushels and registered an increase of 6 per cent over last year's corresponding total of 241.0 million. Some 22.7 million bushels of the current total was accounted for by deliveries of durum wheat in contrast to only 12.0 million of this type marketed during the comparable period a year ago. However, farm stocks of durum wheat are now largely depleted. During the four weeks April 20 to May 17 total deliveries of wheat (both east and west) amounted to 37.9 million bushels while disappearance through licensed elevator channels (overseas clearances, plus imports into the United States, plus Canadian domestic use and including grain milled for subsequent export) during the same four weeks totalled some 42.5 million. With export and domestic requirements exceeding marketings, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined from 403.7 million bushels at the week ending April 19 to a level of 399.1 million at May 17, 1961.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at May 17, 1961 was 5 per cent greater than the comparable 1960 total of 379.5 million bushels and 8 per cent more than the 1959 figure of 368.7 million. Stocks in country elevators, at 248.4 million bushels, accounted for 62 per cent of the current total and surpassed by wide margins both the 223.3 million of a year ago and 228.1 million of two years ago. Interior terminal stocks at May 17, 1961 amounted to 9.4 million bushels and registered declines from both the 1960 total of 11.6 million and the 1959 figure of 13.3 million bushels. Some 16.6 million bushels were in "transit rail" (Western Division), compared with 15.4 million a year ago and 13.9 million of two years ago. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead at May 17, 1961 totalled 41.2 million bushels below both the 1960 and 1959 totals of 46.9 and 44.9 million bushels, respectively. Some 10.8 million bushels were in "transit lake" at May 17 well above the 1960 total of 4.6 million and the 1959 figure of 5.4 million bushels. The 24.4 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were below the 33.8 million of a year ago, but considerably above the 18.6 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports amounted to 24.7 million bushels and represented relatively substantial increases over both the 1960 and 1959 totals of 17.7 million and 18.3 million bushels, respectively. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) totalled 11.2 million bushels, below the 13.0 million in 1960 and the 12.5 million in 1959.

Announcement of Wheat
Sale to Poland

The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, speaking in the House of Commons on June 6 stated in part that I should like to inform the house that the Canadian wheat board has concluded an agreement with the Polish national trade organization, Rolimpex, for the sale and purchase of approximately 100,000 tons of wheat, equivalent to 3.7 million bushels, for shipment this crop year.

The wheat has been purchased on a credit basis, and the Canadian government has authorized export credits insurance in order to facilitate this sale. The terms of repayment include 10 per cent cash and the balance as follows: one third payable two years from the date of shipment; one third payable two and one half years from date of shipment; one third payable three years from date of shipment.

March 1961 Exports of
Wheat Flour and Bagged
Seed Wheat Total 4.5
Million Bushels

Customs exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during March 1961 amounted to 2.7 million bushels, 2 per cent above the February total of 2.6 million but 3 per cent below the March 1960 (adjusted for time lag) of 2.7 million bushels. Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first eight months of the 1960-61 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 24.4 million bushels and represented an increase of 2 per cent over the adjusted August 1959-March 1960 total of 23.9 million bushels.

Exports of bagged seed wheat during March 1961, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 1,804 thousand bushels, compared with the February total of 984 thousand and the March 1960 adjusted figure of 991 thousand bushels. Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during the August-March period of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 5.5 million bushels, 25 per cent more than the comparable 1959-60 adjusted total of 4.4 million.

April 1961 Exports
of Wheat Total 31.4
Million Bushels

Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during April 1961 amounted to 31.4 million bushels, 34 per cent greater than the March total of 23.4 million, more than double the 15.4 million of a year ago

and 84 per cent above the ten-year (1950-59) average for the month of April of 17.1 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-April period of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 207.0 million bushels, surpassing by 16 per cent the comparable 1959-60 total of 177.9 million and 26 per cent above the ten-year (1949-50--1958-59) August-April average of 164.6 million. The United Kingdom remaining in its position as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 58.7 million bushels and representing 28 per cent of the nine-month total. During the August-April period of the 1959-60 crop year, shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 63.1 million bushels and accounted for 35 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first nine months of the current crop year, with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 41.5 (30.7); Federal Republic of Germany, 24.6 (19.3); Italy, 14.5 (2.1); Belgium-Luxembourg, 9.7 (8.8); Czechoslovakia, 6.1 (nil); France, 6.1 (3.6); China, Communist, 6.0 (nil); Netherlands, 5.4 (5.6); U.S.S.R. Russia, 4.6 (nil); Switzerland, 4.3 (5.7); and India, 4.0 (4.1).

Crop and
Weather Conditions

The telegraphic crop report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on June 7, 1961 summarized crop conditions in each of the Prairie Provinces as follows:

Most parts of Manitoba are in need of rain although recent showers have benefitted local points. The areas suffering the most from drought include the southwest corner and the western side of the province up to and including the Swan River Valley. Pastures are deteriorating rapidly and wild hay is a near failure in some districts. Tame hay is likely to yield poorly, but with immediate rains would provide a fair return. Most dugouts and sloughs are dry and this poses an immediate shortage of water for livestock. Seeding of grains and special crops is virtually completed and sugar beet thinning has commenced. The dry, hot weather is favouring grasshopper hatching and damage to margins of fields of pasture and forage crop land is occurring in the Red River Valley. Spraying for grasshoppers is in progress at Melita and weed spraying has commenced at many points. Infestation of cutworms, sunflower beetles, sweet clover weevils and flea beetles are reported.

Temperatures in Saskatchewan have continued above normal and this has resulted in rapid germination, emergence and crop growth. However, because of the hot weather, crops are drawing heavily on the limited moisture reserves and grasshoppers are hatching in large numbers. Wild oats are prevalent in many fields and weed spraying is underway in most areas. Heavy insect infestations are being experienced south and west of a line from Estevan to North Battleford. There has been severe cutworm damage in some southern and south-central districts with considerable re-seeding necessary. In the west-central part, heavy grasshopper outbreaks are causing concern as well as in other regions south of the line mentioned earlier.

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Lake Shipments of
Canadian Grain

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to May 17 this year amounted to 68.1 million bushels, 20 per cent greater than the 56.9 million shipped during the comparable period of 1960. In 1961 the season of navigation opened on April 9 while the 1960 season opened on April 10. Shipments of wheat, at 52.9 million bushels, were 24 per cent above the 1960 comparable figure and accounted for 78 per cent of the current total. Shipments of oats, rye and flaxseed were also above last year's corresponding levels, with barley the only one of the five grains shipped in smaller volume this year than last.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to May 17, 1961
and to Approximately the Same Date 1951 to 1960*

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1951	32,253	10,147	6,068	1,362	136	49,966
1952	50,532	12,876	14,006	1,882	1,392	80,688
1953	59,955	15,907	23,224	2,702	1,109	102,896
1954	4,988	12,771	11,196	1,223	1,123	31,301
1955	35,343	6,330	16,271	4,481	1,381	63,807
1956	44,706	5,096	16,483	3,385	687	70,357
1957	38,783	6,125	10,278	207	2,559	57,953
1958	43,722	8,676	18,250	994	886	72,528
1959	27,425	4,130	8,819	663	677	41,714
1960	42,619	3,265	9,788	458	750	56,880
1961	52,896	5,284	8,133	689	1,049	68,051

* Shipments from opening of navigation to the following May dates: 17, 1951; 15, 1952; 14, 1953; 17, 1954; 18, 1955; 16, 1956; 15, 1957; 14, 1958; 20, 1959; and 18, 1960.

General Quota
Position

By May 29, 1961, out of a total of 1,994 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 420 points on a quota of six bushels per specified acre while 427 points were on a five-bushel quota. Of the remainder, 836 points were on a four-bushel quota and 311 points were on a three-bushel quota.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at May 29, 1961

Province	Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre				Total
	Three	Four	Five	Six	
Ontario	-	-	-	2	2
Manitoba	121	188	34	21	364
Saskatchewan	190	635	197	54	1,076
Alberta	-	13	196	338	547
British Columbia	-	-	-	5	5
All Provinces	311	836	427	420	1,994

Farmers' Marketings 1/ of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1960-61

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year <u>2/</u>
- bushels -						
August	10, 1960.	56,492	649,061	65,314	770,867	507,483
	17	97,814	2,300,238	673,986	3,072,038	847,225
	24	774,837	4,415,360	867,207	6,057,404	2,245,462
	31	326,880	5,465,131	842,507	6,634,518	3,198,107
September	7	1,198,590	6,461,760	1,129,071	8,789,421	3,157,005
	14	857,395	6,813,286	1,362,871	9,033,552	3,703,190
	21	461,086	4,005,772	1,905,068	6,371,926	4,964,856
	28	166,115	1,800,728	1,449,760	3,416,603	3,229,119
October	5	228,241	2,901,058	1,500,157	4,629,456	6,506,983
	12	240,614	2,399,876	1,405,128	4,045,618	5,284,249
	19	273,511	3,202,723	1,310,985	4,787,219	3,350,506
	26	413,034	3,507,393	1,499,035	5,419,462	5,218,997
November	2	675,013	3,908,460	1,779,941	6,363,414	6,230,129
	9	549,105	4,299,326	2,080,662	6,929,093	7,414,222
	16	537,546	3,801,379	1,446,072	5,784,997	8,989,784
	23	706,278	4,569,217	2,065,549	7,341,044	10,723,488
	30	1,106,931	5,478,361	1,452,117	8,037,409	10,310,420
December	7	926,079	4,641,177	1,232,216	6,799,472	12,276,917
	14	898,376	4,826,469	1,680,237	7,405,082	9,082,369
	21	1,734,069	5,863,412	2,243,171	9,840,652	9,123,205
	28	1,358,474	3,134,371	1,995,771	6,488,616	7,198,192
January	4, 1961.	696,399	3,238,146	1,892,041	5,826,586	4,525,310
	11	932,263	5,620,556	3,314,388	9,867,207	5,717,270
	18	906,358	5,599,842	3,022,815	9,529,015	5,713,860
	25	519,819	3,991,792	2,700,837	7,212,448	4,008,016
February	1	225,443	1,865,771	1,387,338	3,478,552	3,726,552
	8	332,897	2,029,160	1,716,361	4,078,418	6,099,947
	15	361,465	2,774,864	1,852,249	4,988,578	3,884,470
	22	133,333	928,191	1,199,259	2,260,783	3,637,611
March	1	144,233	1,781,409	1,638,204	3,563,846	2,382,776
	8	176,063	2,401,965	2,256,648	4,834,676	1,611,527
	15	246,382	1,742,228	2,108,238	4,096,848	3,032,909
	22	277,114	2,075,186	2,054,223	4,406,523	5,681,451
	29	294,029	2,515,707	1,572,605	4,382,341	6,180,573
April	5	355,846	3,192,674	859,654	4,408,174	6,009,712
	12	574,427	3,167,418	1,435,437	5,177,282	5,851,976
	19	866,707	5,560,323	1,764,329	8,191,359	6,167,590
	26	1,432,954	5,572,868	2,253,908	9,259,730	9,611,147
May	3	1,982,792	5,755,691	2,420,332	10,158,815	9,717,362
	10	1,814,802	6,211,240	1,765,058	9,791,100	14,769,613
	17	1,872,785	5,722,074	1,157,303	8,752,162	8,022,754
Totals		27,732,591	156,191,663	68,358,052	252,282,306	239,914,334
Average similar period:						
1949-50—1958-59.		29,737,239	160,773,956	78,448,838	268,960,032	

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

2/ Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat May 17, 1961
Compared with Approximately the Same Date 1959 and 1960

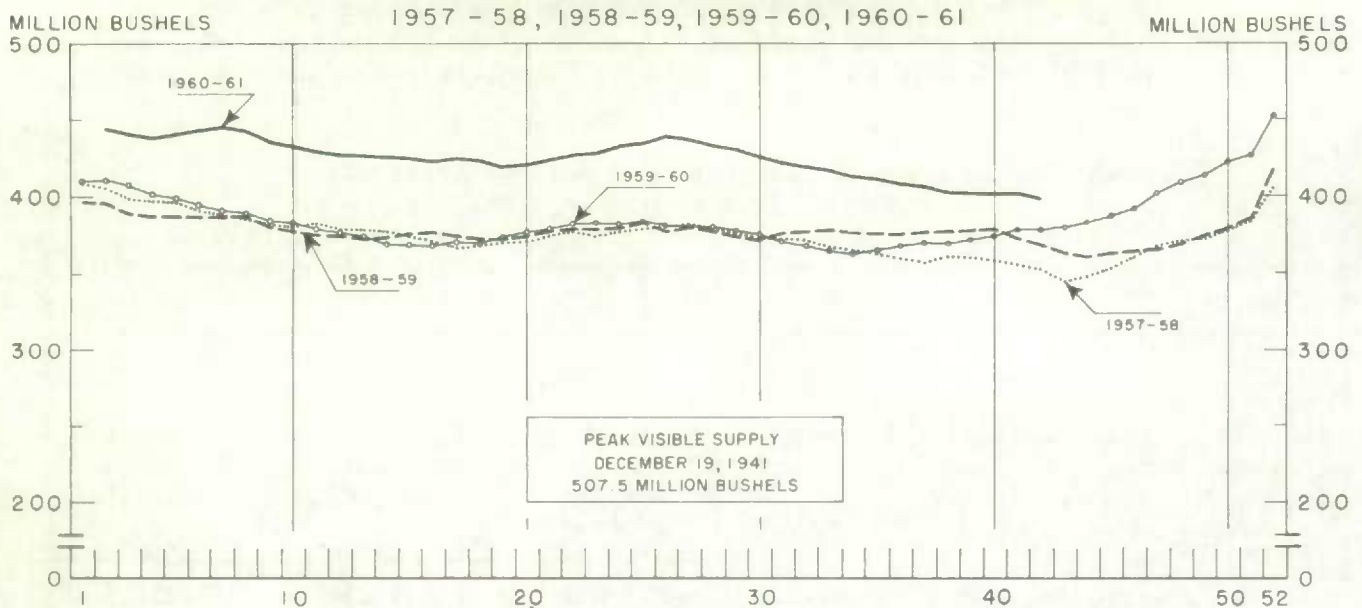
Position	1959	1960	1961
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	26,590	24,831	30,898
Saskatchewan	128,432	122,672	147,756
Alberta	73,053	75,749	69,743
Totals	228,075	223,252	248,397
Interior private and mill	7,652	6,958	7,000
Interior terminals	13,344	11,643	9,371
Vancouver-New Westminster	11,855	12,423	10,714
Victoria	657	607	519
Churchill	4,916	4,871	4,766
Fort William-Port Arthur	44,944	46,857	41,157
In transit rail (Western Division)	13,933	15,421	16,619
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ..	18,571	33,822	24,353
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ...	18,343	17,718	24,707
In transit lake	5,401	4,569	10,841
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	415	1,369	636
United States ports	622	-	-
Totals	368,728	379,508	399,080

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1960-April 1961 with Comparisons

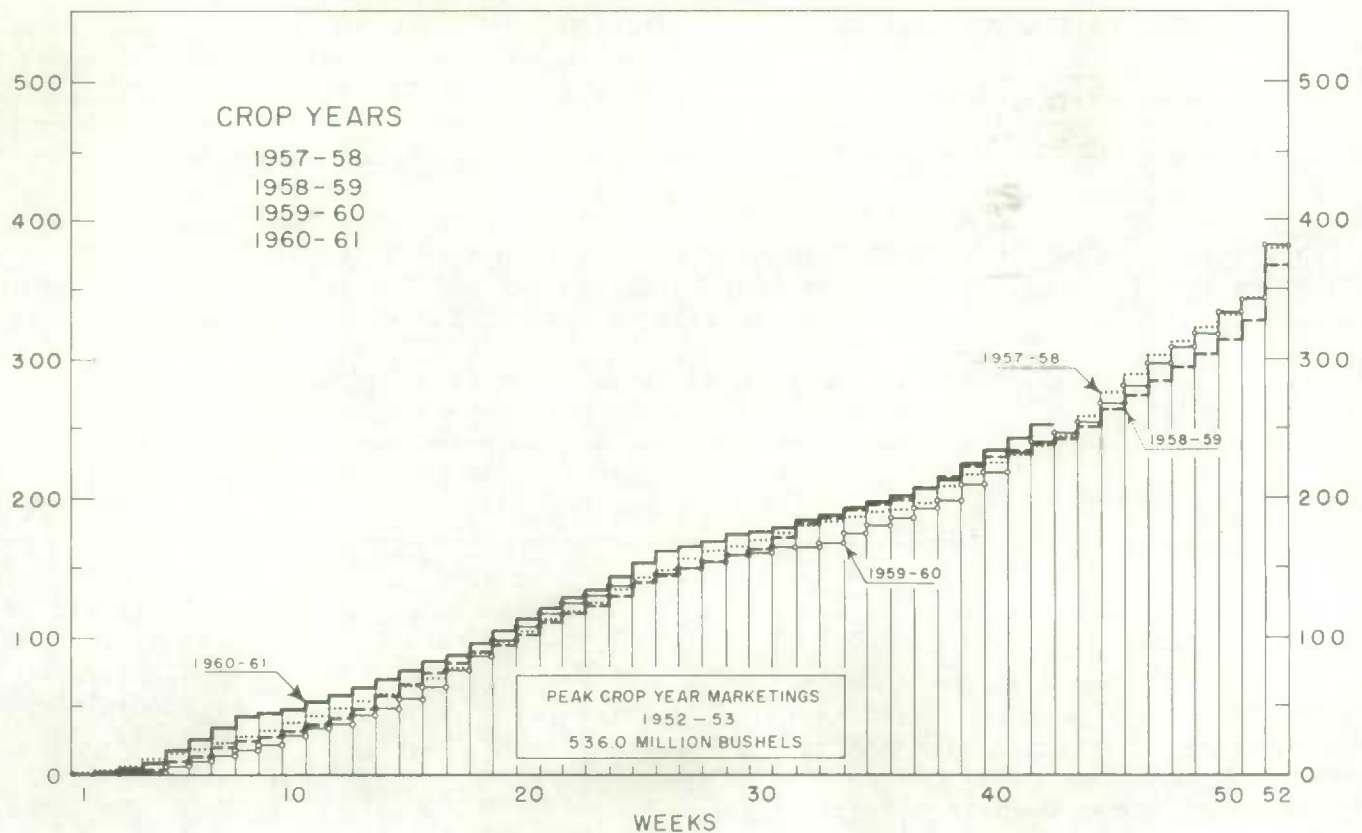
Grade	Crop Year		August-April			
	Average	1959-60	1959-60		1960-61	
	1954-55 1958-59		cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Man. Northern	2.2	1.3	1,172	0.9	2,157	1.7
No. 2 Man. Northern	30.2	25.8	30,404	23.0	32,899	26.0
No. 3 Man. Northern	27.1	29.3	36,063	27.2	32,915	26.0
No. 4 Man. Northern	13.5	10.8	16,916	12.8	15,647	12.4
No. 5 Wheat	9.4	3.7	3,012	2.3	10,328	8.2
No. 6 Wheat	2.7	0.3	356	0.3	1,375	1.1
Feed Wheat	0.4	1/	6	1/	9	1/
Others Red Spring	9.2	21.2	33,530	25.3	11,760	9.3
C.W. Garnet	0.4	0.1	125	0.1	25	1/
C.W. White Spring	0.1	0.1	111	0.1	222	0.2
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	1/	54	1/	73	0.1
Alberta Winter	0.4	0.3	627	0.5	247	0.2
Nos. 1-6C.W. Amber Durum	4.3	6.8	9,639	7.3	18,519	14.6
Others C.W. Amber Durum.	0.1	0.3	449	0.3	323	0.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	132,464	100.0	126,499	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.).			250,099,000		239,154,000	

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 Total rail and vessel shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to May 17, 1961 amounted to 2.4 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1959-60 and 1958-59 shipments amounted to 2.3 million and 3.7 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 93 per cent has been shipped by vessel.

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1960 to May 17, 1961
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1958-59 and 1959-60

Destination	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
		- bushels -	
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo	2,294,494	1,595,935	1,360,683
Chicago	175,436	71,022	216,477
Duluth-Superior	889,132	444,802	597,958
Milwaukee	-	-	81,537
Totals, Vessel	3,359,062	2,111,759	2,256,655
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points	318,490	166,975	180,900
Totals, Rail	318,490	166,975	180,900
Totals, Shipments	3,677,552	2,278,734	2,437,555

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

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first nine months of the current crop year totalled 29.9 million bushels compared with the August-April 1959-60 figure of 25.2 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1, 1959 to April 30, 1960	August 1, 1960 to April 30, 1961
	- bushels -	
Port McNicoll	8,026,429	7,712,026
Midland, Tiffin	9,714,275	10,448,760
Collingwood	1,070,871	1,222,967
Owen Sound	2,710,090	3,401,368
Goderich	1,171,042	1,843,017
Sarnia	1,756,818	3,447,572
Walkerville	113,536	-
Lakefield	666,892	1,210,263
Prescott	2,000	-
Peterborough	-	584,195
Trent	18,000	-
Totals	25,249,953	29,870,168

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1957-58-1960-61

Month	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
- bushels -				
August	33,297	33,123	34,383	14,717
September	42,125	15,692	31,690	19,227
October	34,937	68,834	30,904	5,417
November	67,894	205,061	8,383	24,000
December	232,252	214,398	25,355	17,500
January	525,238	684,845	103,087	71,335
February	178,204	173,387	23,878	135,339
March	191,312	280,705	18,826	28,073
April	215,546	243,292	64,156	9,833
May	33,839	44,783	19,513	
June	35,368	10,128	25,234	
July	37,984	33,696	26,803	
Totals	1,627,996	2,007,944	412,212	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, April 1961

Grade	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -		
4 Northern	-	3,000
5 Wheat	1,333	-
Durum	4,000	1,500
Totals	5,333	4,500

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1960-May 17, 1961
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat 1/	Oats 1/	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed 2/
- bushels -						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>						
Vancouver-New Westminster .	86,060,309	147,246	11,971,321	865,423	5,929,713	6,378,378
Victoria	3,867,264	56,000	-	-	248,325	1,296,475
Prince Rupert	-	-	6,262,574	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u>	19,041,157	108,376	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u>	7,867,623	65,881	1,453,975	-	1,818,079	-
<u>Kingston Direct</u>	149,571	-	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>						
Montreal	41,166,195	684,529	52,979	600	2,392,834	212,959
Sorel	10,135,019	-	-	-	-	-
Three Rivers	8,984,751	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	4,055,929	-	-	-	-	-
Baie Comeau	11,474,112	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime Ports</u>						
Saint John	2,552,852	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John	16,499,434	-	71,512	-	332,911	-
Halifax	14,493,630	-	-	-	19,997	-
Totals	226,347,846	1,062,032	19,812,361	866,023	10,741,859	7,887,812
August 1, 1959-May 18, 1960 .	190,267,139	4,008,162	31,695,954	345,270	9,058,523	2,460,732

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to April 30, 1961 represent the movement of some 12.4 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-March period of the current crop year. During the corresponding period in 1959-60 claims had been filed for a total of 13.7 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 1960-61 August-March shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 9 per cent below those of 1959-60. Revised data on last year's August-March shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1961 place the eight-month total at 13.8 million bushels. About 73 per cent of the shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-March 1960-61 and 1959-60

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1960	13	21	84	52	547	771	171	1,659
September	13	19	155	57	553	710	296	1,803
October	24	10	147	60	647	661	191	1,740
November	11	16	172	58	600	669	277	1,803
December	20	11	114	43	472	707	123	1,491
January, 1961	10	13	113	45	350	558	289	1,377
February	12	16	131	41	480	489	172	1,342
March	6	13	115	26	420	421	156	1,156
Totals <u>1/</u>	108	119	1,032	383	4,069	4,985	1,675	12,371
Same period 1959-60:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u>	108	144	973	492	4,623	5,480	1,834	13,652
Revised <u>1/</u>	113	145	985	497	4,664	5,549	1,884	13,837

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate the movement of 391,570 tons during the first eight months of the 1960-61 crop year, only 1 per cent below the comparable 1959-60 figure of 396,999 tons. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the current crop year total is based on claims submitted up to April 30, 1961 and may be subject to considerable upward revision with the filing of additional claims. Shipments amounting to 187,635 tons and 115,381 tons to destinations in Quebec and Ontario, respectively, accounted for a combined 77 per cent of the August-March total.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-March 1960-61 and 1959-60

Province	1959-60		1960-61
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland	2,968	3,126	3,711
Prince Edward Island	6,060	6,243	6,112
Nova Scotia	22,861	23,527	26,688
New Brunswick	23,215	23,359	22,485
Quebec	202,336	203,620	187,635
Ontario	107,345	110,026	115,381
British Columbia	32,214	32,737	29,558
Totals	396,999	402,638	391,570

1/ Based on claims filed up to April 30, 1961.

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

Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and Month	Wheat in Bulk 1/	Bagged Seed Wheat 2/	Total Wheat	Wheat Flour 2/ 3/	Total 3/ Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<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>					
August	21,203	157	21,360	3,090	24,451
September	22,606	133	22,739	2,873	25,611
October	22,440	124	22,565	3,705	26,270
November	29,239	532	29,771	3,093	32,864
December	20,262	881	21,144	3,168	24,311
January	13,220	809	14,029	2,522	16,551
February	16,462	788	17,250	2,734	19,984
March	17,102	991	18,093	2,737	20,830
April	15,373	871	16,244	3,281	19,525
May	21,210	224	21,434	3,522	24,956
June	21,011	26	21,037	3,323	24,359
July	14,589	67	14,656	2,923	17,578
Totals	234,717	5,604	240,321	36,970	277,291
<u>1960-61 4/</u>					
August	23,908	144	24,052	2,795	26,848
September	26,742	244	26,986	2,732	29,719
October	21,172	159	21,331	2,448	23,779
November	23,224	497	23,720	4,441	28,161
December	20,222	657	20,879	3,124	24,003
January	16,408	1,024	17,432	3,592	21,025
February	20,517	984	21,501	2,600 5/	24,101
March	23,377	1,804 6/	25,181	2,651 6/	27,833
April	31,395	7/	31,395 8/	3,500 9/	34,895 10/
Totals	206,965	5,513 11/	212,478	27,884 12/	240,362 10/

- 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, 1958-59 and 1959-60 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. 5/ Revised. 6/ Preliminary. 7/ Not available. 8/ Does not include April exports of bagged seed. 9/ Estimated. 10/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for April but no allowance made for April exports of bagged seed wheat. 11/ August-March only. 12/ Includes an estimate for April.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment 1960-61

Destination	November 1/	March 2/	August-March 2/
		- bushels -	
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
United Kingdom	1,750,583	829,152	8,883,655 *
Gibraltar	6,182	-	19,835
<u>Middle East</u>			
Kuwait.....	-	-	21,238
Qatar	-	-	3,707 **
British Middle East, nes	1,546	1,546	8,501 **
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Ghana	178,995	129,771	1,112,315
Nigeria	80,764	117,396	530,835
Rhodesia - Nyasaland	515	4,315	26,462
Sierra Leone	25,783	23,839	219,300
Tanganyika	-	2,300	9,200
British Africa, nes	-	1,610	36,255
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Hong Kong	80,661	59,248	516,769
Malaya - Singapore	49,381	55,265	371,979
Pakistan	-	-	230
British East Indies, nes	435	1,240	6,746
<u>Oceania</u>			
Fiji	-	115	5,808
British Oceania, nes	644	-	1,058
<u>South America</u>			
British Guiana	45,896	1,244	186,797
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
Bahamas	5,964	30,029	208,960
Bermuda	10,622	6,077	81,243
British Honduras	1,612	115	9,198
Barbados	18,244	13,006	127,107
Jamaica	168,562	135,081	1,077,225
Leeward-Windward Islands	71,990	59,961	750,076
Trinidad	170,704	84,113	969,112
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	2,669,083	1,555,423	15,183,611

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>			
Belgium-Luxembourg	15,971	1,803	96,450
Denmark	-	460	1,380
Greece	1,776	-	4,563
Iceland	1,610	1,610	14,651
Netherlands	329	161	4,998
Norway	466,861	57,201	1,011,767
Portugal	7,300	3,818	66,318
Sweden	18,400	-	19,159
<u>Middle East</u>			
Ethiopia	253	-	253
Iran	193	317	996
Israel	-	-	68,561
Jordan	403	-	1,039
Lebanon	69,909	5,152	1,308,003
Saudi Arabia	3,199	-	8,648
U.A.R. - Egypt	-	-	2,376
U.A.R. - Syria	515	902	6,930

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment 1960-61

Destination	November <u>1/</u>	March <u>2/</u>	August-March <u>2/</u>
- bushels -			
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>			
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Angola	3,105	2,415	14,605
Congo	9,246	26,144	155,696
French Equatorial Africa	-	1,610	2,473
Liberia	1,265	1,610	10,426
Mozambique	479	-	2,097
Portuguese Africa, nes	7,089	13,018	71,817
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Cambodia - Laos	56,157	-	56,157
Indonesia	157,143	-	205,795
Japan	78,556	202,536	977,772
Philippines	268,350	321,175	1,606,187
Portuguese India	13,618	16,871	136,586
Portuguese Asia, nes	2,530	5,060	32,890
Thailand	18,067	40,721	228,551
<u>Oceania</u>			
French Netherlands Oceania	-	345	1,127
United States Oceania	4,025	2,300	25,875
<u>South America</u>			
Bolivia	-	-	954
Chile	5,750	87	11,587
Colombia	748	-	114,181
Peru	-	1,840	3,220
Surinam	2,923	14,793	55,745
Venezuela	3,691	3,266	23,748
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
Costa Rica	61,332	69,805	491,082
Cuba	50,600	92,000	728,507
Dominican Republic	-	-	21,275
El Salvador	25,875	7,475	122,213
French West Indies	230	230	2,622
Guatemala	6,343	1,778	31,448
Honduras	4,457	1,948	48,330
Netherlands Antilles	6,371	7,947	63,961
Nicaragua	31,804	25,157	282,063
Panama	25,383	10,651	210,790
<u>North America</u>			
St. Pierre-Miquelon	-	2,300	2,939
United States	97,060	151,543	841,789
Totals, Other Countries	1,528,916	1,096,049	9,200,600
Sub-Totals, All Countries	4,197,999	2,651,472	24,384,211

nes - not elsewhere specified.

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. Preliminary and unadjusted for time lag. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

* February 1961 add United Kingdom 5,635 bushels.

** August 1960 add Qatar and deduct British Middle East, nes 1,704 bushels.

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination 1960-61

Destination	April	August-April
- bushels -		
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>		
<u>Western Europe</u>		
United Kingdom	7,294,218	58,730,916 *
Malta and Gozo	-	836,566
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Rhodesia - Nyasaland	29,867	97,317
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Hong Kong	18,293	356,160
India	-	3,955,436
Pakistan	373,333	2,090,853
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Barbados	-	167
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	7,715,711	66,067,415

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>		
Austria	-	945,759 **
Belgium-Luxembourg	2,227,978	9,703,604
Finland	-	90,837
France	1,198,865	6,136,970
Germany, Federal Republic	1,414,535	24,562,263 **
Greece	-	22,400
Ireland	505,120	2,395,659 *
Italy	52,660	14,492,910
Netherlands	100,240	5,411,676
Norway	156,333	2,433,736
Portugal	-	93,333
Sweden	-	18,667
Switzerland	126,849	4,331,336
<u>Eastern Europe</u>		
Czechoslovakia	4,464,333	6,145,080
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	1,944,683	4,647,430
<u>Middle East</u>		
Israel	567,467	1,592,267
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Mozambique	42,859	326,591

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination 1960-61

Destination	April	August-April
- bushels -		
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>		
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Burma	-	356,229
China, Communist	4,739,850	6,028,636
Japan	4,476,509	41,519,670
Philippines	96,133	572,029
Taiwan	-	102,293
<u>Oceania</u>		
United States Oceania	-	313,152
<u>South America</u>		
Ecuador	-	862,153
Peru	-	1,816,267
Venezuela	378,000	2,658,101
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Cuba	-	5,056
Dominican Republic	227,871	922,831
Guatemala	10,000	10,000
Honduras	-	3,331
<u>North America</u>		
United States		
For domestic use <u>2/</u>	10,500	1,242,098
Continent for orders	938,633	1,134,933
Totals, Other Countries	23,679,418	140,897,297
Sub-Totals, All Countries	31,395,129	206,964,712
Bagged seed	<u>3/</u>	5,512,859 <u>4/</u>
Totals, All Countries	31,395,129	212,477,571 <u>5/</u>

1/ Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States. Subject to revision.

2/ Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American Grain correspondents. Excluding bagged seed.

3/ Not available.

4/ Unadjusted Canadian Customs returns. August-March only.

5/ No allowance for April exports of bagged seed.

* Destination revised - previously shown as United Kingdom now reported as Ireland: 11,200 bushels in September 1960; 230,636 in October; 834,400 in November; 74,667 in December and 205,333 in February 1961.

** For the month of March 1961 add Austria and deduct Germany 143,733 bushels.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending				
	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern	140	140	140	140	140
2 Northern	136	136	136	136	136
3 Northern	132	132	132	132	132
4 Northern	125	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat	108	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat	102	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat	96	96	96	96	96
1 C.W. Garnet	122	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet	117	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter	124	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter	119	119	119	119	119
1 C.W. Amber Durum	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	166/7	167	167/1	166/7	167
2 Northern	163/7	164	164/1	163/7	164
3 Northern	161/7	162	162/1	161/7	162
4 Northern	157/1	157	157/1	156/7	157
5 Wheat	152/7	153	153/1	152/7	153
6 Wheat	151/7	152	152/1	151/7	152
Feed Wheat	147/7	148	148/1	147/7	148
1 C.W. Garnet	163/7	164	164/1	163/7	164
2 C.W. Garnet	159/7	160	160/1	159/7	160
3 C.W. Garnet	156/7	157	157/1	156/7	157
1 Alberta Red Winter	164/7	165	165/1	164/7	165
2 Alberta Winter	161/7	162	162/1	161/7	162
3 Alberta Winter	157/7	158	158/1	157/7	158
1 C.W. Amber Durum	187/6	189	189/1	188/7	189
2 C.W. Amber Durum	184/6	186	186/1	185/7	186
3 C.W. Amber Durum	181/6	183	183/1	182/7	183

Export - Class II

1 Northern	166/7	167	167/1	166/7	167
2 Northern	163/7	164	164/1	163/7	164
3 Northern	161/7	162	162/1	161/7	162
4 Northern	157/1	157	157/1	156/7	157
5 Wheat	152/7	153	153/1	152/7	153
6 Wheat	151/7	152	152/1	151/7	152
Feed Wheat	147/7	148	148/1	147/7	148
1 C.W. Garnet	163/7	164	164/1	163/7	164
2 C.W. Garnet	159/7	160	160/1	159/7	160
3 C.W. Garnet	156/7	157	157/1	156/7	157
1 C.W. Amber Durum	187/6	189	189/1	188/7	189
2 C.W. Amber Durum	184/6	186	186/1	185/7	186
3 C.W. Amber Durum	181/6	183	183/1	182/7	183

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending				
	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern	140	140	140	140	140
2 Northern	136	136	136	136	136
3 Northern	132	132	132	132	132
4 Northern	125	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat	108	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat	102	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat	96	96	96	96	96
1 C.W. Garnet	122	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet	117	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter	124	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter	119	119	119	119	119
1 C.W. Amber Durum	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	175/3	175/4	175/5	175/3	175/4
2 Northern	172/3	172/4	172/5	172/3	172/4
3 Northern	170/3	170/4	170/5	170/3	170/4
4 Northern	164/5	164/4	164/5	164/3	164/4
5 Wheat	158	158/4	158/5	158/3	158/4
6 Wheat	152	152/4	152/5	152/3	152/4
Feed Wheat	149/3	149/4	149/5	149/3	149/4
1 C.W. Garnet	164/3	164/4	164/5	164/3	164/4
2 C.W. Garnet	160/3	160/4	160/5	160/3	160/4
3 C.W. Garnet	158	158/4	158/5	158/3	158/4
1 Alberta Red Winter	167/3	167/4	167/5	167/3	166/2
2 Alberta Winter	164/3	164/4	164/5	164/3	163/2
3 Alberta Winter	160/3	160/4	160/5	160/3	160/4

Export - Class II

1 Northern	175/3	175/4	175/5	175/3	175/4
2 Northern	172/3	172/4	172/5	172/3	172/4
3 Northern	170/3	170/4	170/5	170/3	170/4
4 Northern	164/5	164/4	164/5	164/3	164/4
5 Wheat	158	158/4	158/5	158/3	158/4
6 Wheat	152	152/4	152/5	152/3	152/4
Feed Wheat	149/3	149/4	149/5	149/3	149/4
1 C.W. Garnet	164/3	164/4	164/5	164/3	164/4
2 C.W. Garnet	160/3	160/4	160/5	160/3	160/4
3 C.W. Garnet	158	158/4	158/5	158/3	158/4
1 Alberta Red Winter	167/3	167/4	167/5	167/3	166/2
2 Alberta Winter	164/3	164/4	164/5	164/3	163/2
3 Alberta Winter	160/3	160/4	160/5	160/3	160/4

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during April 1961 amounted to 3,066,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 9 per cent from the March output of 3,386,000 hundredweight, 2 per cent below the April 1960 total of 3,142,000 hundredweight and 11 per cent less than the ten-year (1951-60) average production for the month of April of 3,455,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during April 1961 had a total rated capacity of 155,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 79.0 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during April 1961 amounted to 6,863,000 bushels compared with 7,582,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 7,073,000 bushels milled during April 1960. Of the wheat milled for flour during April 1961, some 6,053,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (477,000 bushels); Durum (279,000 bushels); and all other (54,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during March, 1961 amounted to 1,153,000 hundredweight (some 2,651,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing an increase of 2 per cent over the 2,600,000 bushels exported in February 1961, but 3 per cent below the March 1960 adjusted total of 2,737,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to 56 countries with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 829 thousand bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 31 per cent of the March 1961 total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, were as follows: Philippines, 321; Japan, 203; United States, 152; Jamaica, 135; Ghana, 130; and Nigeria, 117.

NOTE: Official wheat flour export data for April were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The figure for April included in this report represents an unofficial estimate.

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	91,389,801	40,344,578	16,073,893
1960-61 ^{2/}			
August	7,794,120	3,417,531	1,215,428
September	8,268,037	3,654,262	1,188,035
October	8,479,583	3,754,453	1,064,265
November	8,633,739	3,835,054	1,930,774
December	7,066,109	3,145,011	1,358,197
January	6,091,533	2,719,988	1,561,857
February	6,656,242	2,969,311	1,130,461
March	7,582,449	3,386,378	1,152,814 ^{3/}
April	6,863,180	3,065,635	1,500,000 ^{4/}
Totals	67,434,992	29,947,623	12,101,831
Same months 1959-60 (revised) ...	68,509,587	30,245,710	11,827,454

^{1/} Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1959-60 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. ^{2/} Subject to revision. ^{3/} Preliminary. ^{4/} Estimated see NOTE above.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1960-61 crop year are estimated at 2,678.3 million bushels, consisting of the July 1 carryover of 1,314.9 million and the 1960 crop, placed at 1,363.4 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated represent an increase of about 11 per cent over the previous peak of 2,421.8 million bushels a year ago. Imports of wheat from Canada during the July-April period of the current United States crop year amounted to 6.3 million bushels, compared with 6.0 million during the same months of the preceding crop year. After deducting an estimated 609 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 2,075.6 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1960-61 compared with 1,820.6 million in 1959-60.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first ten months (July-April) of the 1960-61 United States crop year amounted to 546.5 million bushels, 33 per cent greater than the 412.2 million exported during the same months in 1959-60. The balance remaining on May 1, 1961 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,529.0 million bushels compared with 1,408.3 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1959-60	1960-61 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	1,295.1	1,314.9
New crop	1,126.7	1,363.4
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,421.8	2,678.3
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-April	6.0	6.3 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,427.8	2,684.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u> .	607.2	609.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,820.6	2,075.6
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-April	333.7	458.8
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat July-April <u>5/</u>	78.5	87.7
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	412.2	546.5
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	1,408.3	1,529.0

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Excluding wheat flour and bagged seed for April.

3/ Excluding imports for May-June.

4/ Includes allowance for shipment of United States wheat and wheat products to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands and Wake Island. These shipments are not included in exports as set out in the table.

5/ Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond".

6/ These figures now include all shipments under relief programs which formerly were not available from Census data.

Winter Wheat Crop
Estimated at
1,096 Million Bushels

In a report released on May 10, 1961 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part that Winter wheat production, forecast at 1,096 million bushels, is 2 per cent below last year but 30 per cent above average. The forecast represents practically no change from the forecast a month ago as the earlier favorable weather conditions have continued to date. Production prospects showed improvement in Montana with recent improved soil moisture but declined sharply in South Dakota. Other major producing States show little change.

In the last 10 years, the average change in the United States production estimate from May 1 to harvest has been 81 million bushels, ranging from a maximum of 170 million bushels to a minimum of 8 million.

The indicated yield, at 26.5 bushels per harvested acre, is the third highest of record--1 bushel below last year but 5.6 bushels above average. The acreage for harvest is indicated at 41.3 million acres, about 2 per cent above last year and average. The portion of the seeded acreage for grain harvest, at 94 per cent, is at last year's high level and far above average.

Marketing Quotas and
Acreage Allotments
Proclaimed for 1962
Wheat Crop

On May 12, 1961 Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman proclaimed marketing quotas and a national acreage allotment of 55 million acres for the 1962 wheat crop in line with current legislation. State acreage allotments and a 39-State commercial and 11-State noncommercial wheat-producing area were also announced. Existing law sets a May 15 deadline by which the Secretary of Agriculture must proclaim marketing quotas and acreage allotments for the next year's crop of wheat.

Secretary Freeman said: "The action taken today does not by any means preclude the possibility of an improved program for wheat growers this next year. In view of this, we are not now announcing a date for the referendum in which farmers would vote on marketing quotas under the present law.

"We are hopeful that we'll have a more effective method of dealing with the serious problem of wheat supplies and wheat producers' incomes. The great interest of all concerned in fashioning a better program gives much encouragement toward this end. Of course, the decision on the level of support for the 1962 crop also awaits future developments".

Wheat marketing quotas to be effective must be approved by two-thirds of the wheat producers voting in a referendum. When quotas are in effect, producers who stay within their acreage allotments may market all the wheat they produce. Producers who plant more than their acreage allotments call for are subject to marketing quota penalties on their "excess" production if they have more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest.

1962 Acreage Allotments The 1962 national wheat acreage allotment of 55 million acres is the minimum fixed by law and is the same as for the 1961 crop. Legislation provides for establishing a national wheat acreage allotment each year except in the event of a national emergency. The supply formula used to determine the national allotment indicates an acreage at the minimum level.

1962 Marketing Quotas The Secretary of Agriculture is required by legislation to proclaim wheat marketing quotas not later than May 15 of the preceding year when the available supply is more than 20 per cent above the normal supply. The estimated supply for the 1961-62 marketing year is actually 92.2 per cent above the normal supply. This requires a marketing quota proclamation for

the 1962-63 marketing year. For marketing quota purposes, the total supply of wheat is estimated at 2,789,000,000 bushels, consisting of a 1961 crop now estimated at 1,327,000,000 bushels, a carryover on July 1, 1961 estimated at 1,455,000,000 bushels, and imports of 7 million bushels.

The normal supply of wheat is 1,451,000,000 bushels, based on an estimated domestic consumption of 609,000,000 bushels during the 1960-61 marketing year, and exports of 600 million bushels during the 1961-62 marketing year, plus a 20-per cent carryover allowance of 242 million bushels. The marketing quota level (120 per cent of the normal supply) is 1,741,000,000 bushels. The estimated total supply of 2,789,000,000 bushels is 192.2 per cent of the normal supply.

State Acreage Allotments The minimum national wheat acreage allotment of 55 million acres (less 30,000 acres held as a national reserve) has been apportioned among all the States on the basis of acreage seeded for the production of wheat during the 10 years 1951-60, with adjustments for abnormal weather and for trends in planting. County allotments will be determined essentially on the same basis as the State allotments. The county allotments will be apportioned among individual farms according to past acreage of wheat, tillable acres, crop rotation practices, type of soil, and topography. Wheat producers will be informed of the acreage allotments for their farms in advance of a wheat quota referendum.

Commercial and Noncommercial Wheat Areas As authorized by legislation, 11 States which have wheat allotments of 25,000 acres or less have been designated as noncommercial wheat States for 1962. Farm wheat allotments and marketing quotas would not apply in these States. The noncommercial wheat area is unchanged from that for the 1961 wheat crop. The 11 noncommercial wheat States and the allotments that -- except for the 25,000-acre provision -- would have been the basis for 1962 county and farm allotments in each State follow: Alaska, 40 acres; Connecticut, 496 acres; Florida, 4,896 acres; Hawaii, zero acres; Louisiana, 21,663 acres; Maine, 1,082 acres; Massachusetts, 614 acres; Nevada, 12,488 acres, New Hampshire, 54 acres; Rhode Island, 408 acres; and Vermont, 562 acres. In the non-commercial States under present legislation, price support will be at 75 per cent of what the rate would be if the State were in the commercial area.

Marketing Quota Penalty
Rate Set at \$1.08 per
Bushel for 1961 Excess
Wheat

On May 23 the United States Department of Agriculture announced a marketing quota penalty rate of \$1.08 per bushel on "excess" wheat of the 1961 crop, the same as for the 1960 crop.

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

Growers approved marketing quotas for the 1961 wheat crop, as announced August 16, 1960. When wheat marketing quotas are in effect, a farmer who does not comply with the wheat acreage allotment established for his farm is subject to a penalty on his farm marketing excess, unless he harvests 15 acres or less or has signed an agreement permitting him to produce up to 30 acres of wheat for feed use on the farm.

Wheat produced on a farm on which the wheat acreage is in excess of the allotment is not eligible for price support. The national average minimum support price for 1961-crop wheat is \$1.79 per bushel. The final average support price for the 1961 crop will be 75 per cent of the effective parity as of July 1, 1961, if this is higher.

United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination
July-March 1959-60 and 1960-61

Destination	July-March 1959-60			July-March 1960-61		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
	- thousand bushels -					
Western Hemisphere						
Canada	964	93	1,057	5,735	53	5,788
Central America	1,794	2,754	4,548	2,243	2,272	4,515
Federation of West Indies..	46	1,406	1,452	320	1,870	2,190
Cuba	4,262	1,761	6,023	547	1,188	1,735
Bolivia	-	1,502	1,502	-	2,385	2,385
Brazil	27,586	25	27,611	25,313	97	25,410
Chile	-	730	730	1,200	748	1,948
Colombia	815	547	1,362	2,066	717	2,783
Peru	3,217	229	3,446	2,603	342	2,945
Venezuela	6,628	297	6,925	5,999	96	6,095
Others	2,624	2,167	4,791	1,606	1,413	3,019
Totals	47,936	11,511	59,447	47,632	11,181	58,813
Europe						
Belgium-Luxembourg	2,287	14	2,301	3,830	3	3,833
Germany, West	8,510	429	8,939	6,094	271	6,365
Greece	128	1,694	1,822	2,626	1,605	4,231
Italy	546	6,185	6,731	33,257	4,690	37,947
Netherlands	4,766	2,823	7,589	5,049	2,470	7,519
Norway	1,657	343	2,000	886	310	1,196
Poland	11,454	480	11,934	37,087	654	37,741
Portugal	89	684	773	2,857	659	3,516
Spain.....	-	361	361	15,645	228	15,873
Switzerland	800	-	800	3,161	-	3,161
United Kingdom	15,192	543	15,735	13,936	1,314	15,250
Yugoslavia	9,379	2,590	11,969	3,870	1,849	5,719
Others	2,946	390	3,336	1,448	574	2,022
Totals	57,754	16,536	74,290	129,746	14,627	144,373
Asia						
Ceylon	-	2,563	2,563	-	3,226	3,226
India	77,433	77	77,510	103,346	190	103,536
Indonesia	10	3,602	3,612	-	367	367
Iran	-	142	142	4,742	146	4,888
Israel	5,876	130	6,006	5,516	170	5,686
Japan	20,142	2,252	22,394	25,594	2,082	27,676
Jordan	1,692	647	2,339	3,004	1,925	4,929
Korea	7,846	1,345	9,191	8,853	883	9,736
Lebanon	407	2,212	2,619	741	600	1,341
Pakistan	17,826	227	18,053	26,665	757	27,422
Philippines	915	3,416	4,331	4,798	1,075	5,873
Saudi Arabia	46	2,102	2,148	27	2,048	2,075
Syria	1,810	3	1,813	5,599	5,905	11,504
Taiwan (Formosa)	6,927	781	7,708	7,774	1,166	8,940
Turkey	7,805	1	7,806	10,125	78	10,203
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.	2/	1,604	1,604	575	2,729	3,304
Others	780	1,617	2,397	2,459	1,774	4,233
Totals	149,515	22,721	172,236	209,818	25,121	234,939
Africa						
Algeria	-	108	108	2,675	358	3,033
Canary Islands	1,597	4	1,601	1,328	5	1,333
Egypt	17,003	14,030	31,033	14,316	21,903	36,219
Morocco	474	412	886	851	678	1,529
Nigeria	-	1,664	1,664	-	1,576	1,576
Tunisia	1,945	37	1,982	4,335	63	4,398
Union of South Africa	1,097	3	1,100	-	1	1
Others	1,932	2,132	4,064	2,097	1,769	3,866
Totals	24,048	18,390	42,438	25,602	26,353	51,955
Oceania	-	31	31	-	31	31
Totals, All Countries 3/ ..	279,253	69,189	348,442	412,798	77,313	490,111

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

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City		No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis	
Date	Price	Date	Price
	- cents per bushel -		- cents per bushel -
May 1, 1961	193 1/4 - 201 1/2	May 1, 1961	214 - 215
2	196 1/2 - 221 1/2	2	214 1/4 - 215 1/4
3	186 - 196 1/2	3	214 5/8 - 215 5/8
4	197	4	214 1/2 - 215 1/2
5	192 1/2 - 217 1/2 1/2	5	214 3/4 - 215 3/4
8	203 1/2	8	214 - 215
9	190 3/4 - 217 1/2	9	214 1/4 - 215 1/4
10	189 1/2 - 216 1/2 1/2	10	214 1/8 - 215 1/8
11	190 - 216	11	214 1/2 - 215 1/2
12	192 1/4	12	214 5/8 - 215 5/8
15	192 - 218 1/2	15	214 1/8 - 215 1/8
16	192 1/4 - 219 1/4	16	213 1/8 - 214 1/8
17	191 3/4 - 217 1/2	17	213 7/8 - 214 7/8
18	197 1/2	18	213 3/8 - 214 3/8
19	194 1/2	19	213 1/8 - 214 1/8
22	193 1/4 - 217 1/4	22	212 5/8 - 213 5/8
23	194 1/4	23	212 3/4 - 213 3/4
24	193 3/4	24	212 3/4 - 213 3/4
25	192 3/4 - 207	25	213 5/8 - 214 5/8
26	190 3/4 - 216 1/4	26	213 7/8 - 214 7/8
29	190 - 215 3/4	29	213 7/8 - 214 7/8
30	MEMORIAL DAY	30	MEMORIAL DAY
31	188 1/2 - 215 1/2	31	214 3/4 - 215 3/4

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
May 1, 1961	191/1	188/5	191/7	197/6	202/4
2	190/5	188/7	191/6	197/6	202/4
3	189/7	188	191/1	196/7	201/6
4	188/1	187/6	190/6	197	201/4
5	187/5	187/4	190/6	196/7	201/6
8	186	186/5	190	196/1	201/1
9	186/1	187	190/5	196/3	201/6
10	186/2	186/6	190/2	196/2	201/1
11	186/5	187/2	190/6	196/5	201/4
12	186/4	187/6	191/2	197/2	202/2
15	187/6	188/6	192/1	198/1	203
16	186/6	188	191/3	197/4	202/2
17	187/3	187/6	191/4	197/4	202/4
18	186/5	187/6	191/2	197/2	202/1
19	186/6	187/2	190/5	196/7	201/5
22		186/3	190	196/1	201/4
23		186/3	190/1	196/1	201
24		185/7	189/4	195/5	200/3
25		185	188/4	195	192/4
26		185/6	189/1	195/5	200/2
29		185/5	189/2	195/5	200/1
30			MEMORIAL DAY		
31		186	189/2	195/6	200/5

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated total supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1960-61 (December-November) crop year amount to 195.7 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1960 carryover of 48.7 million and the new crop, placed at 147.0 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting a sharp decline in production and a decrease of 17 per cent in carryover stocks, are about 28 per cent less than the 1959-60 total of 273.1 million bushels. After making an allowance of 139.6 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 56.1 million are available for export and for carryover in contrast to 137.2 million in 1959-60.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1960-April 1961 amounted to 26.6 million bushels, compared with 34.6 million exported during the same months in 1959-60. The balance remaining on May 1, 1961 for export and for carryover was estimated at 29.5 million bushels, substantially below the May 1, 1960 total of 102.6 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1959-60	1960-61 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u>	58.6	48.7
New Crop <u>3/</u>	214.5	147.0
Total estimated domestic supplies	273.1	195.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	136.0	139.6
Available for export and for carryover	137.2	56.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-April	34.6	26.5
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-April	<u>4/</u>	0.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	34.6	26.6
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	102.6	29.5

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks.

3/ Official estimate.

4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather
and Crops

During the month of April, weather conditions were in general favourable throughout the grain-growing regions, with the exception of those areas in the central and south-western and north-eastern parts of the Province of Buenos Aires and in the Province of La Pampa, where the lack of adequate rainfall has given cause for concern. A serious drought seems to be impending, similar in severity to the one affecting the more westerly livestock areas. During the first half of May, drought became widespread in the above-mentioned parts of the Province of Buenos Aires and La Pampa, and preparation of the soil for the coming crops and actual sowings were practically paralyzed in many areas. In addition, the dry weather contributed to a heavy infestation by green aphids, affecting especially early-sown double-purpose lots of rye, oats and barley in the Province of Buenos Aires. During the last few days, however, the situation has changed considerably for the better. On May 16 scattered rains occurred and these became widespread during the next two or three days, benefitting appreciably many of the drought-stricken areas. They were especially heavy in most of the central and northern provinces of the country. Wind and rain storms were registered in Cordoba and Santa Fé Provinces. Similar storms resulted in floods in the Province of Corrientes. The south-western regions of the Province of Buenos Aires were perhaps benefitted most by these rains. Ploughing and seeding can now be started once again, and the infestation of green aphids, more than ever a menace to the local grain crops, will be at least partially checked.

At the time of writing this report, even though full information is not yet available as regards the actual extent of, and the benefits resulting from these recent rains, it can be said that in general there is a promising outlook for the fall and winter-sown grains. At present the weather is generally fine and cold, following a long period of variable weather mostly damp and warm, but interspersed with cold days, during which frosts were registered in some areas of Buenos Aires and La Pampa, Mendoza and San Luis.

Wheat

The National Grain Board, continuing its policy of voluntary agreement with all those concerned with the grain trade, has made it known that an understanding has been reached, whereby the total quantity of wheat to be allowed for export this year will be 920,000 metric tons (33,804,000 bushels). Grain Board officials have stated that there will be no reduction this year in the estimated home consumption tonnages. On the contrary, if wheat acreage is increased this year, seed requirements will also increase. In short, the final carry-over at the end of crop year 1960-61 (December 1, 1961) will probably amount to about 300,000 tons (11,023,000 bushels). Present Grain Board stocks amount to some 850,000 tons (31,232,000 bushels). In the meantime, the market has continued on the quiet side. At the end of April the prices paid by millers in the Province of Santa Fé, amounted to 398.00 and 404.00 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.31 and \$1.32 per bushel), f.o.r. in port. Since then no noticeable changes have taken place in these prices. In the Buenos Aires Cereal Exchange prices average at present 402.00 (\$1.32 per bushel) for hard wheat, grade 1, and 392.00 (\$1.29 per bushel) for semi-hard, also grade 1, both in pesos per 100 kilos. No data are available as regards actual tonnage dealt with by the private trade. Grain Board sales included 20,934 tons (769,000 bushels) of the 1959-60 crop, sold for export at 3,552 pesos per ton (\$1.16 per bushel) for delivery May-June from Rosario, and 800 tons (29,000 bushels) of the 1958-59 crop sold at 3,350 pesos (\$1.10 per bushel), for local milling purposes. The Grain Board has now again withdrawn from the market. The Decree covering the minimum official price for semi-hard wheat has now been published, fixing it at 420 pesos (\$1.38 per bushel) per 100 kilos f.o.r. Buenos Aires port in bags for grade 1 grain, 80 kilos hectolitre basis (64 pounds per bushel). This price now completes those previously set for the hard and "Durum" wheat types.

Policy Government interest in increased wheat acreage (1961-62) No sowings are normally allowed in Argentina of seed wheat, other than a fiscalized or certified seed. This is to insure as much as possible, a good sound crop. However, the crop year 1960-61 was an exceptionally bad one for this grain, and the top need now is to increase sowings of wheat for this year, in every conceivable way. For this purpose the following official resolutions have been announced:

- (a) Sales will be allowed of "emergency seed wheat" harvested from unfiscalized parcels originally sown with fiscalized i.e. certified seed. This emergency seed may be used only for the 1961-62 crop, and it must conform to the following specifications:

Minimum: hectolitic weight, 73 kilos (58 pounds per bushel)
germinating power, 90 per cent
varietal purity, 95 per cent
physical purity, by weight, 95 per cent

Maximum: foreign seeds, by weight, 0.25 per cent
common weeds, by weight, 0.05 per cent
noxious weeds that have been declared
"national pest" (i.e. those whose destruction
is compulsory) none.
Smutty grains, none.

- (b) On account of the renewed increased interest in "Durum" (Candeal-Taganrog) wheat, sales will be allowed, as "common seed", of parcels of the 1961-62 crop, since present production of fiscalized seed is not enough to meet the demand for this grain for seeding purposes.

Grain Shipments Shipments amounted to 57,844 metric tons (2,125,000 bushels) during April, a very reduced tonnage indeed, the lowest since the 62,989 tons (2,314,000 bushels) exported during December 1959.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1960-April 1961 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -	
Algeria	381	Peru	2,403
Belgium	685	Portugal	1,033
Bolivia	197	Spain	2,772
Brazil	3,618	Switzerland	37
Germany	2,480	United Kingdom	4,842
Italy	5,290	Venezuela	270
Netherlands	1,012	Yugoslavia	48
Norway	429		
Paraguay	1,038	Total	26,535

Same Period:

December-April 1959-60	34,555
1958-59	45,605
1957-58	22,935
1956-57	40,435
1955-56	45,586

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1960-61 (December-November) crop year amount to some 332.0 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1960 carryover of 61.2 million and the current crop estimated at a record 270.8 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting a substantially larger production which more than offset a decline in carryover, represent an increase of 26 per cent over the 1959-60 total of 263.2 million bushels. After deducting 77.0 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 255.0 million are available for export and for carryover during 1960-61, 38 per cent above the 184.4 million in 1959-60.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent up to April 29 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 88.3 million bushels compared with 54.2 million exported during the corresponding period of 1959-60. The balance remaining on April 30, 1961 for export and for carryover, at 166.7 million bushels, exceeded by 28 per cent the comparable 1960 total of 130.2 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1959-60	1960-61 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	65.2	61.2
New Crop	198.0	270.8
Total estimated domestic supplies	263.2	332.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	78.8	77.0
Available for export and for carryover	184.4	255.0
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-April 29	44.9	76.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-April 29	9.3 <u>2/</u>	11.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	54.2	88.3
Balance on April 30, for export and for carryover ...	130.2	166.7

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Revised.

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Crop During the past month, all the states have reported good rainfalls
Position in their respective wheatbelts, which will ensure early seeding. As it has been forecast that a record 15 million acres will be sown to wheat this season, there is a strong possibility that yet another record crop will be harvested throughout Australia if the weather remains favourable throughout the coming season. Conditions generally have continued good for land preparation and early wheat sowings but the rainfall in May will finally determine the acreage to be sown. Should the forecast of 15 million acres be achieved, this will be the highest area sown in Australia since the depression years, when 18.2 million acres were planted to wheat in 1930-31, given average yields, this could mean a crop of 243 million bushels.

Marketing Australia's carryover problem has been considerably lessened by the
Position recent additional sale of 750,000 tons (25,000,000 bushels) of wheat to mainland China. This new deal, following closely on the larger cash sale of 1,050,000 tons (35,000,000 bushels), is believed to be worth £20 million (\$44.2 million) and is a credit transaction. The Chairman of the Wheat Board has stated that the tonnage would be shipped between July 1 and November 15 this year. Payment would be 10 per cent cash on shipment, 40 per cent in six months and the remaining 50 per cent, twelve months after shipment. In addition to the firm contract, the Board has agreed to provide 250,000 tons (8,333,000 bushels) for shipment between November 15 and December 31, "if mutually agreed at the time by the Chinese buyers and the Board". Recent sales of wheat, totalling £5.5 million (\$12.1 million) were made to Egypt, Japan and Malta. The contract with Egypt for 100,000 tons (3,333,000 bushels) is the first the Wheat Board has made with that country since 1952.

From published figures therefore, it would appear that the Australian Wheat Board has less than 67 million bushels of its export wheat surplus left. This is little more than the carryover of 62 million bushels from last year's harvest and there are still some months of the wheat-selling year to go. The Board has sold a record quantity - approximately 200 million bushels - out of this year's large surplus.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -
 April 29, 1960-61 and Corresponding Period 1959-60

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1959-60	1960-61	1959-60	1960-61
- thousand bushels -				
Aden	5	214	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T	-	-	405	494
Aden and Aden I/T (Atta Flour)	-	-	66	134
Africa, South	981	-	-	-
Albania	-	678	-	-
Algeria	-	1,147	-	-
Austria	325	-	-	-
British North Borneo	-	-	100	126
British West Indies	-	-	1/	1/
Brunei	-	-	28	25
Burma	-	75	150	114
Canary Islands	328	-	-	-
Ceylon	6	4	1,391	570
China	-	26,431	-	2,223
Cocos Islands	-	-	-	1/
Congo	-	-	1/	6
Cyprus	-	-	1	1

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -
April 29, 1960-61 and Corresponding Period 1959-60

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1959-60	1960-61	1959-60	1960-61
	- thousand bushels -			
Dutch New Guinea	-	-	35	46
Egypt	-	384	-	-
Eire	671	2,668	-	-
Formosa	37	-	-	-
Germany, West	2,024	3,534	-	-
Ghana	-	-	-	1/
Greece	-	-	-	1
Guam	-	-	1/	4
Hong Kong	881	1,114	118	100
India	8,221	1,421	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	465	1,398
Iran	3,342	417	-	-
Iraq	3,172	3,775	-	-
Italy	-	12,323	-	-
Japan	5,316	3,185	-	-
Kenya	48	148	-	2
Korea, North	-	411	-	-
Laos	-	-	1/	1
Lebanon	-	653	-	-
Macao	-	-	9	1/
Malaya	141	220	1,531	1,455
Malaya (Atta Flour)	-	-	37	30
Maldiv Islands	-	-	46	-
Malta	470	-	-	-
Mauritius	-	-	560	380
Netherlands	-	-	-	1/
New Zealand	2,769	2,600	1/	-
Norway	-	1,021	-	-
Nyasaland	-	-	98	108
Nyasaland (Atta Flour)	-	-	-	1
Okinawa	83	56	-	-
Pacific Islands	16	19	850	808
Pakistan	2,695	875	-	-
Persian Gulf	34	38	102	230
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour) .	-	-	436	507
Philippines	224	-	71	14
Port Said (a/c S/S)	-	-	10	11
Portuguese East Africa	208	-	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa)	55	40	23	7
Rhodesia	1,288	1,341	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	109	100
Saudi Arabia	46	66	76	39
Seychelles Islands	-	-	21	17
Singapore	19	44	1,160	1,127
Singapore (a/c War Office).	-	-	38	25
Singapore (Atta Flour)	-	-	8	4
Somaliland, British	-	-	1	2
Somaliland, French	-	-	-	2

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -
April 29, 1960-61 and Corresponding Period 1959-60

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1959-60	1960-61	1959-60	1960-61
- thousand bushels -				
Spain	-	745	-	-
Thailand	2	1	224	305
Timor	-	-	10	11
United Kingdom	11,435	11,048	921	1,036
Zanzibar	6	6	142	77
Royal Navy	7	2	8	6
Ships' Stores	-	-	48	49
Totals	44,855	76,704	9,300	11,600

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Mr. R.G. Woolham, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of May 26, 1961, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Weather
and Crops

Weather conditions have been generally satisfactory in most areas of France. Sufficient precipitation has helped crop growth, except in some of the South and Southwest regions where lack of rain is reported. Generally, however, growth is from two to three weeks in advance of normal. Winter wheat is already heading out in some regions.

The total area sown to grains is now almost the same as it was last year, that is, about 8 million hectares (19.8 million acres). The acreages of wheat, wheat and rye, and rye are down 10 per cent, 15 per cent and 16 per cent, respectively, while barley, oats, and mixed cereal acreages have increased 14 per cent, 4 per cent and 18 per cent, respectively.

Collections

Collections of grains up to March 31, 1961, and compared with the same date last year are reported as follows:

	1960	1961
	- million bushels -	
Soft wheat	262.0	262.3
Durum wheat	1.8	2.2
Rye	2.4	2.4
Barley	93.2	124.0
Oats	18.8	20.7
Corn	18.9	30.3

In Algeria, dry weather has been the rule, although some light showers were received in April. Nevertheless, total rainfall is well below average, and above average temperatures combined with dry winds have resulted in very mediocre growth of winter grains in this country. Forecasts for the winter wheat crop in Algeria are about 13 million quintals (47.8 million bushels), down considerably from last year's 24 million quintals (88.2 million bushels).

Conditions in Morocco and Tunisia have also been considerably less than satisfactory as regards cereals. Crop forecasts for Morocco are as follows in millions of bushels: soft wheat, 5.9; durum wheat, 17.6; barley, 25.7; and corn, 7.1.

On May 5, 1961, the U.S.A., under P.L. 480, announced a credit of \$17,800,000 to Morocco for 200,000 tons (7,349,000 bushels) of Hard Winter Wheat, and 110,000 tons (5,052,000 bushels) of barley. There is some possibility that Morocco may also purchase commercially Durum and Hard Spring Wheat for delivery next spring.

It is anticipated that Tunisia will need to import about 60,000 tons (2,756,000 bushels) of barley, and 200,000 tons (7,349,000 bushels) of soft wheat this year. Tunisia recently purchased 10,000 tons (367,000 bushels) of Hard Amber Durum No. 3 for June delivery.

Area Seeded to Grains in France

Spring and Winter Grains	May 1, 1960	May 1, 1961
	- thousand acres -	
Wheat	10,767	9,638
Durum Wheat	43	122
Wheat and Rye	43	37
Rye	768	650
Barley	4,762	5,428
Oats	3,470	3,593
Mixed Grains	148	174
Totals	20,002	19,641

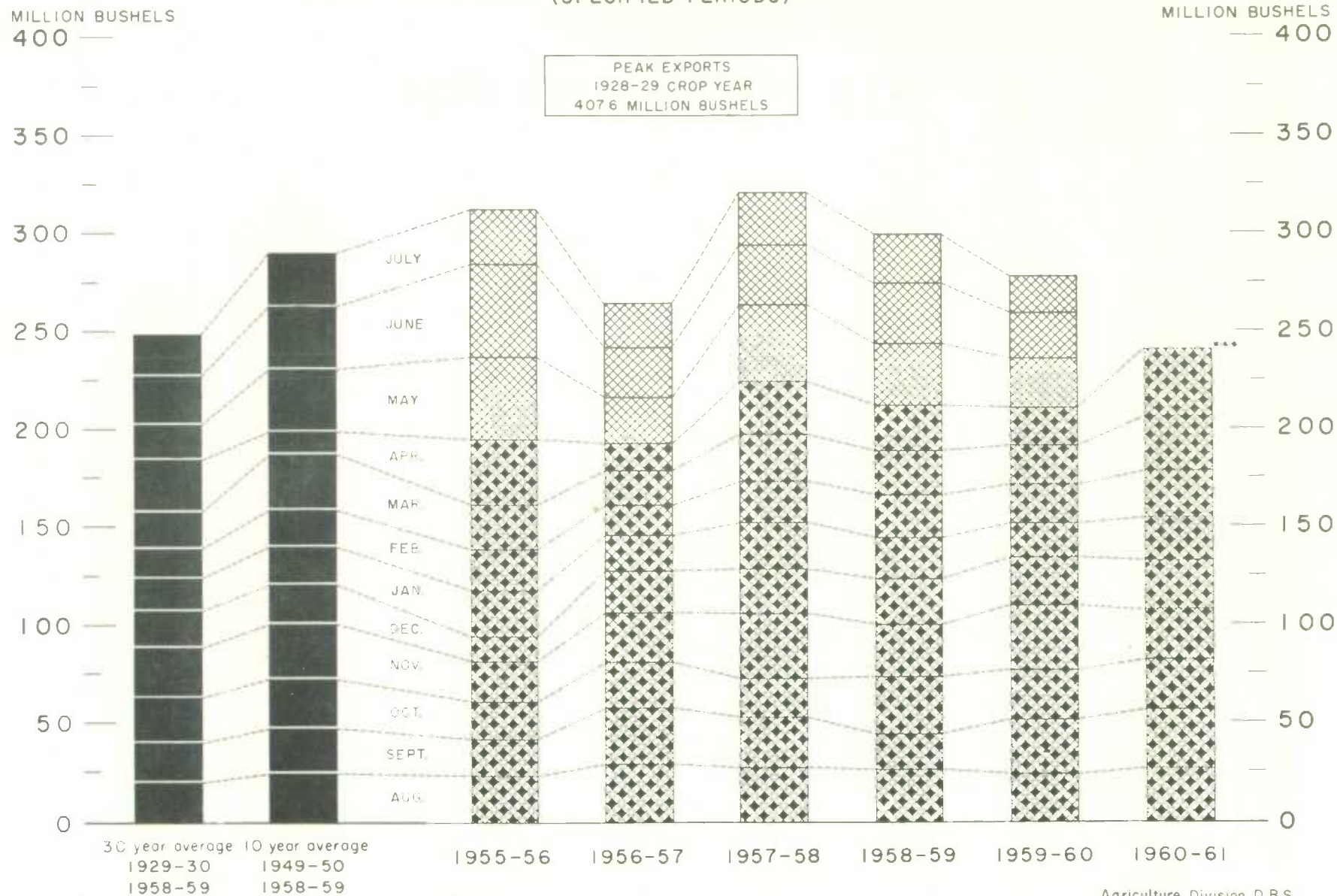
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Seeding is practically completed in the Province of Alberta. The weather has continued hot and dry and shows no sign of breaking. Surface moisture conditions are deteriorating, but crops are not yet far enough advanced to cause a severe drain on reserves. However, crops on stubble will soon show the effect of limited moisture supplies. Moisture received two weeks ago brought pastures along rapidly but growth is slowing now. Grazing could be seriously limited if less than normal precipitation is received during the summer. A good spring nectar flow favoured brood production and bee colonies will be strong in time to take advantage of the major honey flow.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- May 10 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture the U.S. winter wheat crop for harvest in 1961, based on conditions at May 1, was forecast at 1,096 million bushels.
- According to a report from Mr. D.B. Laughton, Agricultural Secretary, Canadian Embassy, London, stocks of grain remaining unsold on farms continue to be high in comparison with a year ago. At the end of March 1961 stocks of wheat were 23.5 million bushels compared with 14.9 million a year earlier.
- 23 The United States Department of Agriculture announced a marketing quota penalty rate of \$1.08 per bushel on "excess" wheat of the 1961 crop.
- 30 The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, Shippers and Exporters, No. 15 announced that effective June 1, 1961 and until further notice, the rate of interest applicable to all transactions relevant to the handling of Board Agency Wheat will be decreased from 5 1/2 per cent to 5 1/4 per cent per annum.
- June 6 The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, announced the sale of 100,000 tons or about 3.7 million bushels of wheat to Poland.
- The Bureau of Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States during April 1961 at 18,701,000 hundredweight, an average of 935,000 sacks per working day.
- According to the United States Department of Commerce total commercial production of wheat flour in 1960 amounted to 255.1 million hundredweight, about 4.6 million hundredweight above the previous year's production. Production in 1960 was at 92.4 per cent of total annual capacity.
- According to Broomhall: It has been warm and dry in the United Kingdom apart from a one day drizzle in southern areas which was totally inadequate. Rain is wanted generally, especially for barley and oats which have been showing effects of the deficiency. Wheat, however, has been holding up satisfactorily thus far.
- Improved weather is reported in West Germany after a cold, wet spell. Crops have shown improvement and the general outlook is now considered favourable.
- Northern portions of Italy have received beneficial rains. Despite recent improvement in crop conditions the wheat outturn is still expected to fall considerably short of requirements with the trade maintaining ideas of probable imports of that grain around two million tons.
- A preliminary official report places wheat production in Iraq this year at 850,000 metric tons (31,232,000 bushels) in 1961 and 592,000 tons (21,752,000 bushels) in 1960.
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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR** (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



*Includes bagged seed wheat. **In terms of grain equivalent.
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