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MILLION BUSHELS

450

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27 year average 1932-33
1958-59

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PEAK MARKETINGS
1952-53 CROP YEAR
536.0 MILLION BUSHELS

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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about February 1, 1961 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,704.2 million bushels, 7 per cent above the 2,528.1 million available a year ago. Supplies at February 1, 1961, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,711.4 (1,571.3); Canada, 725.1 (664.8); Argentina, 45.8 (131.0); and Australia, 221.9 (161.0). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

Exports Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries during the first six months (August-January) of the current Canadian crop year, at 572.2 million bushels, were some 30 per cent greater than the 440.6 million exported during the same months of 1959-60. Exports from each of the four countries, United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia, were at higher levels this year than last. On a percentage basis, shipments from the four countries during August-January 1960-61 were shared as follows, with corresponding percentages for the same months of 1959-60 in brackets: United States, 54 (47); Canada, 27 (34); Argentina, 7 (6); and Australia, 12 (13). Shipments from each of the four countries during August-January of the current (Canadian) and ten preceding crop years are shown in the table below.

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

August-January	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51	121.5	104.7	33.7	61.5	321.4
1951-52	234.1	154.9	23.1	50.1	462.2
1952-53	168.7	190.3	1.1	40.8	400.9
1953-54	94.8	138.7	60.8	30.2	324.5
1954-55	126.2	134.9	66.4	45.4	372.9
1955-56	119.5	117.8	63.3	42.5	343.1
1956-57	252.7	145.4	45.9	74.5	518.5
1957-58	196.1	151.3	40.2	39.7	427.3
1958-59	220.6	144.2	45.0	33.3	443.1
1959-60 <u>1/</u>	207.5	150.1	25.2	57.8	440.6
1960-61 <u>2/</u>	311.0	152.1	41.3	67.8	572.2

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary.

World Wheat - Flour Exports to Set Record According to Foreign Crops and Markets published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, under date of February 27, 1961 world wheat and flour exports in 1960-61 are expected to be 75 to 100 million bushels above the previous record of 1,328 million in 1956-57. Exports for 1959-60 were 1,321 million. In general, wheat supplies in the major exporting countries are higher than a year ago. Australia had a record harvest and is expected to market large quantities. Supplies in Canada and the United States are above last year's level. Argentina will have only a small quantity available for export owing to a below average harvest. A small crop in France will reduce exports. U.S.S.R. shipments are expected to

decrease from the high level of recent years, primarily because of a decline in production. Uruguay and Sweden have only insignificant amounts for export.

Southern Europe had a very small crop this season. Italy and Spain, both exporters under the International Wheat Agreement, required large imports. Asian import requirements, particularly in India and Pakistan, are expected to increase. Because of a poor crop in Communist China, about 80 million bushels were purchased from Australia and Canada. Additional purchases may be necessary. Although the weather in the Near East is more favorable than it has been for several years, Syria, Turkey, and other countries are importing large amounts of wheat.

Unfavorable Weather Dims
European Wheat Prospects

According to the February 27, 1961 issue of "Foreign Crops and Markets" prospects for Europe's 1961 wheat crop are less favorable than prospects at this time last year. Because excessive rains created serious delays in seeding in the fall and early winter of 1960, fall-sown acreage is much smaller than last year. Widespread rains in January prevented latesowing of winter varieties, and arrears can now be made up only through seeding spring or alternative varieties. Total acreage that will be seeded to wheat is undetermined. Adequate supplies of suitable seed for spring sowing will be an important factor. A substantial shift to barley may take place this year, especially in the United Kingdom and possibly in France. The growing wheat crop has been adversely affected by extreme wetness in several countries. In Belgium and the Netherlands, rains forced planting delays, and seeding was still slow in early January. Seeded acreage in France on January 1 was 6.6 million acres. More than 10 million acres usually have been planted to wheat by that date. Dryness is urgently needed for planted grain and field work. Condition of seeded acreage is poor over large areas. Fall-sown wheat acreage was smaller than expected in West Germany, and the general crop condition is below normal. Planting delays were general but most critical in northern parts. Harvesting of root crops was especially late in the north, and this work and wet fields interfered with the seeding of grains. Winterkill has been negligible.

In Greece, wheat acreage is about 9 per cent less than last year's. Unfavorable weather and lower prices contributed to the reduction. Conditions vary widely in Italy. After heavy fall and winter rains, acreage was curtailed, especially in the north where yields are normally highest. More than a million acres of the country's wheat land was unseeded. Condition of the crop is poor in many regions and good in others. Wet, cold weather interfered with seeding in Portugal, and much of the acreage intended for wheat was not planted. The crop outlook is also poor in Spain. Persistent rains held up seeding, and only about two-thirds of last year's acreage was sown by February 1. In the United Kingdom, wheat acreage sown by December 1 was only about 36 per cent of that planted in the corresponding period of 1959. It is predicted that a big shift to barley will occur when spring sowings begin and that the 1961 harvest will be distinguished by a small wheat crop, but a large barley outturn.

Wheat planting in Eastern Europe was also hampered by wet weather. Only about 91 per cent of planned acreage was seeded in Yugoslavia, but a larger area was planted to high-yielding Italian varieties. The crop is in good condition, and no winter damage has been reported. Heavy rains held up planting in East Germany, and late harvesting of root crops caused serious delays in fall grain seeding. Lower yields are expected this year because of unfavorable conditions. Reports are available for only scattered areas of Asia. Grain prospects are excellent in India, and the harvest, starting in March, is expected to set a record. In contrast, Pakistan's production will probably be about 20 per cent less than in 1960 chiefly because of severe drought at seeding time.

International Wheat Council
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1960-61 — Through December 31, 1960

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES						Total Purchases
	Canada	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.A.	
- thousand bushels -							
Austria	362	339	-	-	-	-	701
Belgium & Luxembourg	5,389	-	78	-	-	1,424	6,891
Brazil	-	-	-	-	-	3,723	3,723
Costa Rica	511	-	-	-	-	462	973
Cuba	599	-	2	-	-	954	1,555
Dominican Republic	671	-	-	-	-	-	671
El Salvador	121	-	-	-	-	524	645
Germany	18,736	3,436	7,427	8	2,564	3,418	35,589
Greece	27	-	-	-	-	7	34
Guatemala	58	-	-	-	-	550	608
Haiti	2	-	-	-	-	1	3
Honduras Republic	32	-	-	-	-	315	347
Iceland	3	-	-	-	-	3	6
India	-	1,324	-	-	-	2	1,326
Indonesia	-	1,994	276	-	-	263	2,533
Ireland	284	2,156	-	-	-	95	2,535
Israel	1,631	-	-	-	-	517	2,148
Japan	32,105	5,201	-	-	-	14,643	51,949
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	4,924	-	79	-	22	5,674	10,699
Netherlands Territories	80	42	29	-	-	369	520
New Zealand	-	2,844	-	-	-	-	2,844
Norway	2,840	989	-	-	51	408	4,288
Panama	179	-	21	-	-	396	596
Peru	1,471	-	20	-	-	1,357	2,848
Philippines	1,137	217	-	-	-	3,455	4,809
Portugal	97	2	318	-	-	2,725	3,142
Portuguese Territories	462	20	112	-	-	923	1,517
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	73	1,889	7	-	-	149	2,118
Saudi Arabia	4	158	56	6	-	1,039	1,263
Switzerland	4,212	-	1,044	11	-	525	5,792
Union of South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Arab Republic	5	-	-	88	-	1,062	1,155
United Kingdom	56,568	21,411	1,453	-	75	9,982	89,489
U.K. Territories	4,005	3,467	691	2	-	3,059	11,224
Vatican City	101	-	-	-	-	-	101
Venezuela	1,992	-	-	-	-	3,768	5,760
Totals	138,681	45,489	11,613	115	2,712	61,792	260,402
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries	53.26	17.47	4.46	.04	1.04	23.73	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - No sales reported.

As reports from Argentina are not up-to-date no quantities are shown for the Argentine.

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-January period of the current crop year amounted to 152.1 million bushels one per cent above the 150.1 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on February 1, 1961 for export and for carryover, amounted to 725.1 million bushels, 9 per cent more than the February 1, 1960 total of 664.8 million.

NOTE: Due to the introduction of a new commodity classification, effective January 1, 1961, official wheat flour export data for January were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The flour export figure for January included in this report represents an unofficial estimate. No allowance has been made for January 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-November	<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-January <u>4/</u>	129.0	131.7
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-January <u>5/</u>	2.6	1.7 <u>6/</u>
Total exports of wheat as grain	131.6	133.4 <u>7/</u>
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - January <u>5/</u>	18.5	18.7 <u>8/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	150.1	152.1 <u>9/</u>
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover	664.8	725.1

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-December only. 7/ Does not include January exports of bagged seed. 8/ Includes an estimate for January. 9/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for January but no allowance made for January exports of bagged seed wheat.

Farmers' deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to February 15 of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 175.8 million bushels exceeding by 11 per cent last year's corresponding total of 158.3 million. Of the current total, some 21.8 million bushels was accounted for by marketings of durum wheat in contrast to only 8.1 million bushels of this type delivered during a comparable period a year ago. During the four weeks January 19 to February 15 total marketings of wheat (both east and west) amounted to 19.8 million bushels while disappearance of Canadian wheat 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 24.7 million bushels. With export and domestic requirements exceeding primary deliveries, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined from 435.2 million bushels at the week ending January 18 to a level of 430.3 million at February 15, 1961.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at February 15, 1961 was 14 per cent greater than the comparable 1960 total of 377.5 million bushels and 15 per cent more than the 1959 figure of 374.7 million. Stocks in country elevators, at 260.8 million bushels, represented 61 per cent of the total and exceeded by wide margins both the 235.6 million of a year ago and 226.5 million of two years ago. Interior terminal stocks at February 15, 1961 amounted to 11.4 million bushels, relatively unchanged from the 1960 comparable total of 11.5 million, but registering a decline from the 1959 figure of 13.2 million. "In transit rail" (Western Division) accounted for 12.6 million bushels, as against 10.2 million a year ago and 10.0 million two years ago. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead at February 15, 1961 totalled 56.1 million bushels, 28 per cent greater than the comparable 1960 total of 43.8 million and 16 per cent more than the 1959 figure of 48.2 million. The 30.9 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports exceeded both the 28.3 million of a year ago and the 22.0 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports amounted to 23.7 million bushels, 56 per cent greater than the 1960 total of 15.1 million and 35 per cent more than the 17.6 million in 1959. Some 11.2 million bushels were in "Storage Afloat" at February 15, 1961, above the 10.5 million of a year ago but below the 13.8 million of two years ago. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver - New Westminster and Victoria) totalled 7.5 million bushels, compared with 7.3 million at the same date in 1960 and 7.9 million in 1959.

January 1961 Exports
of Wheat Total 16.4
Million Bushels

Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during January 1961 amounted to 16.4 million bushels, 19 per cent less than the December 1960 total of 20.2 million, but 24 per cent higher than the January 1960 figure of 13.2 million and 49 per cent more than the ten-year (1949-50-1958-59) average for the month of January of 15.8 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-January period of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 131.7 million bushels, an increase of 2 per cent over the comparable 1959-60 total of 129.0 million and 12 per cent above the ten-year August-January average of 118.1 million. The United Kingdom, remaining in its position as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 42.8 million bushels and representing 32 per cent of the six-month total. During the August-January period of the 1959-60 crop year, shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 44.2 million bushels and accounted for 34 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first six 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, 26.2 (19.3); Federal Republic of Germany, 17.0 (16.3); Italy, 11.7 (2.1); Belgium-Luxembourg, 5.4 (6.6); Netherlands, 4.7 (5.3); Switzerland, 4.2 (4.2); France, 3.8 (2.8); and India, 3.2 (4.1).

Interim Payment on 1959-60 Wheat Pool An interim payment of 10 cents per bushel on the 1959-60 wheat pool was announced by Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton in the House of Commons on February 14, 1961. He said the payment, recommended by the Canadian Wheat Board, will mean the distribution to producers of approximately \$37,744,000 on some 377,438,000 bushels delivered to the pool between August 1, 1959 and July 31, 1960. Of the total wheat payment, \$23,678,000 will go to producers in Saskatchewan; \$9,213,000 to Alberta and British Columbia; and \$4,894,000 to Manitoba and Ontario.

Wheat Sale to Czechoslovakia Sale of approximately 7.3 million bushels of wheat to Czechoslovakia was announced in the House of Commons by Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton on February 17, 1961. The Minister said the wheat is to be shipped from St. Lawrence ports following the opening of navigation. The agreement was made between the Canadian Wheat Board and KOOSPOL, the Czechoslovakian purchasing agency for foodstuffs. The wheat will be purchased on a credit basis and, by agreement between the governments of Czechoslovakia and Canada, Export Credits Insurance has been provided to facilitate the sale.

Terms of payment are: ten per cent cash at date of shipment; 30 per cent payable one year later; 30 per cent payable two years from date of shipment; and the remaining 30 per cent three years from date of shipment. The agreement calls for the purchase of 200,000 metric tons — about 7.3 million bushels — of Canadian No. 2 and No. 3 wheat, with a small amount of durum included. The Canadian grain trade, said Mr. Hamilton, will act as agents of the Canadian Wheat Board and will negotiate individual contracts with the Czech purchasing agency.

World Seed Year Canada has joined the ranks of countries the world over in recognizing 1961 as "World Seed Year". Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton announced on February 17 that Canada is actively participating in the World Seed Year Campaign being sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The Minister also proclaimed March as "Good Seed Month". A concerted effort will be made during the month to improve the quality of seed being used by Canadian farmers. World Seed Year aims at focusing attention on the importance of using good seed of improved varieties. FAO directors have found that this is the most effective means of increasing food production. It brings immediate results at a relatively low cost.

Second objective is to stimulate all phases of seed improvement work, which includes plant breeding, variety testing, seed certification, seed testing, and seed control work. Canada's major contribution to the campaign is an international training course, which has already been held in 1959 and again last year. Twenty-two Colombo Plan students have investigated seed control, seed certification and plant research facilities, and the program is continuing. Along with the training course, an active educational program is under way in Canada, coupled with publicity and promotional campaigns. All provinces and many organizations serving agriculture are co-operating in this national endeavor.

Delivery Policy Supplementary Quota on Rye - Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Delivery Points The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 23, under date of February 8, 1961 announced in part that effective Monday, February 13, at all Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta delivery points, the supplementary quota of three (3) bushels per seeded acre to rye is hereby increased to eight (8) bushels per seeded acre to rye, based on the individual producer's delivery permit book. The previous minimum delivery of one hundred (100) bushels is now increased to three hundred (300) bushels.

Open Quota on Durum Wheat Expired The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 24, under date of February 9, 1961

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
Totals		17,561,124	109,564,689	45,872,854	172,998,667	157,237,333

Average similar period:

1949-50—1958-59... 24,675,468 124,236,290 58,449,855 207,361,613

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

2/ Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, February 15, 1961
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1959 and 1960

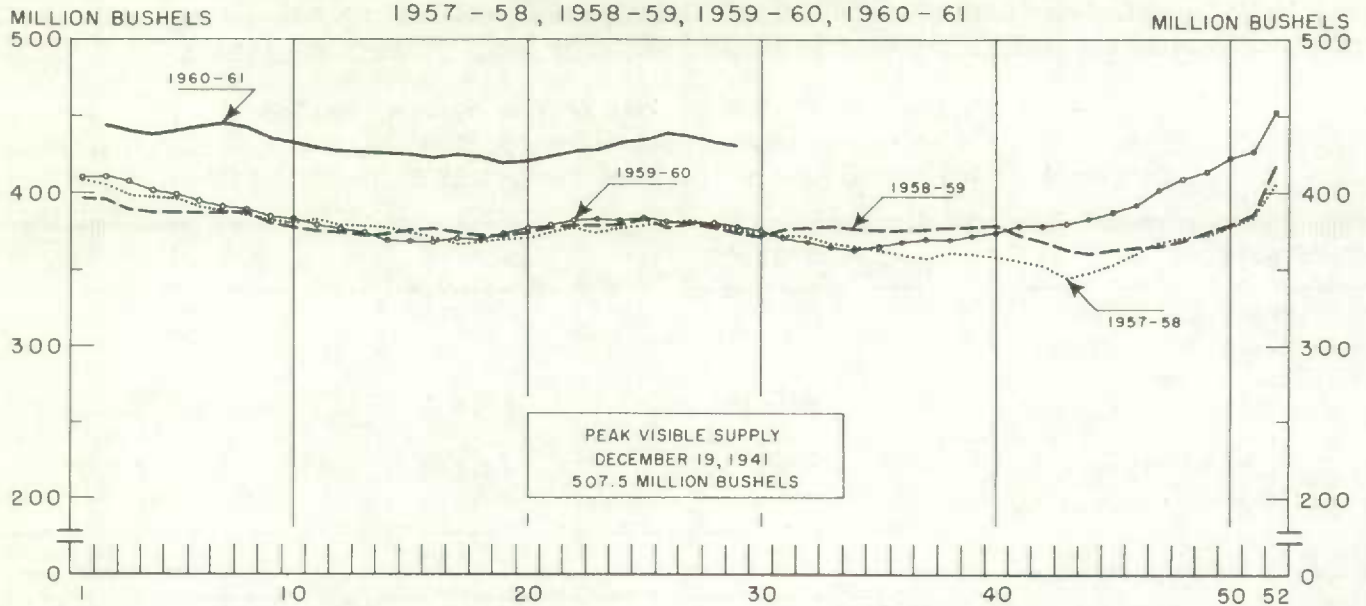
Position	1959	1960	1961
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	25,382	28,341	34,733
Saskatchewan	125,234	130,239	152,329
Alberta	75,881	76,983	73,703
Totals	226,497	235,562	260,766
Interior private and mill	7,516	7,340	7,488
Interior terminals	13,214	11,492	11,375
Vancouver-New Westminster	7,608	7,207	7,177
Victoria	263	126	306
Churchill	4,916	4,871	4,766
Fort William-Port Arthur	48,186	43,779	56,085
Storage afloat	100	-	-
In transit rail (Western Division)	9,886	10,194	12,594
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports .	21,950	28,313	30,855
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ..	17,561	15,148	23,662
Storage afloat	13,769	10,504	11,247
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	3,238	2,992	4,024
Totals	374,705	377,527	430,344

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

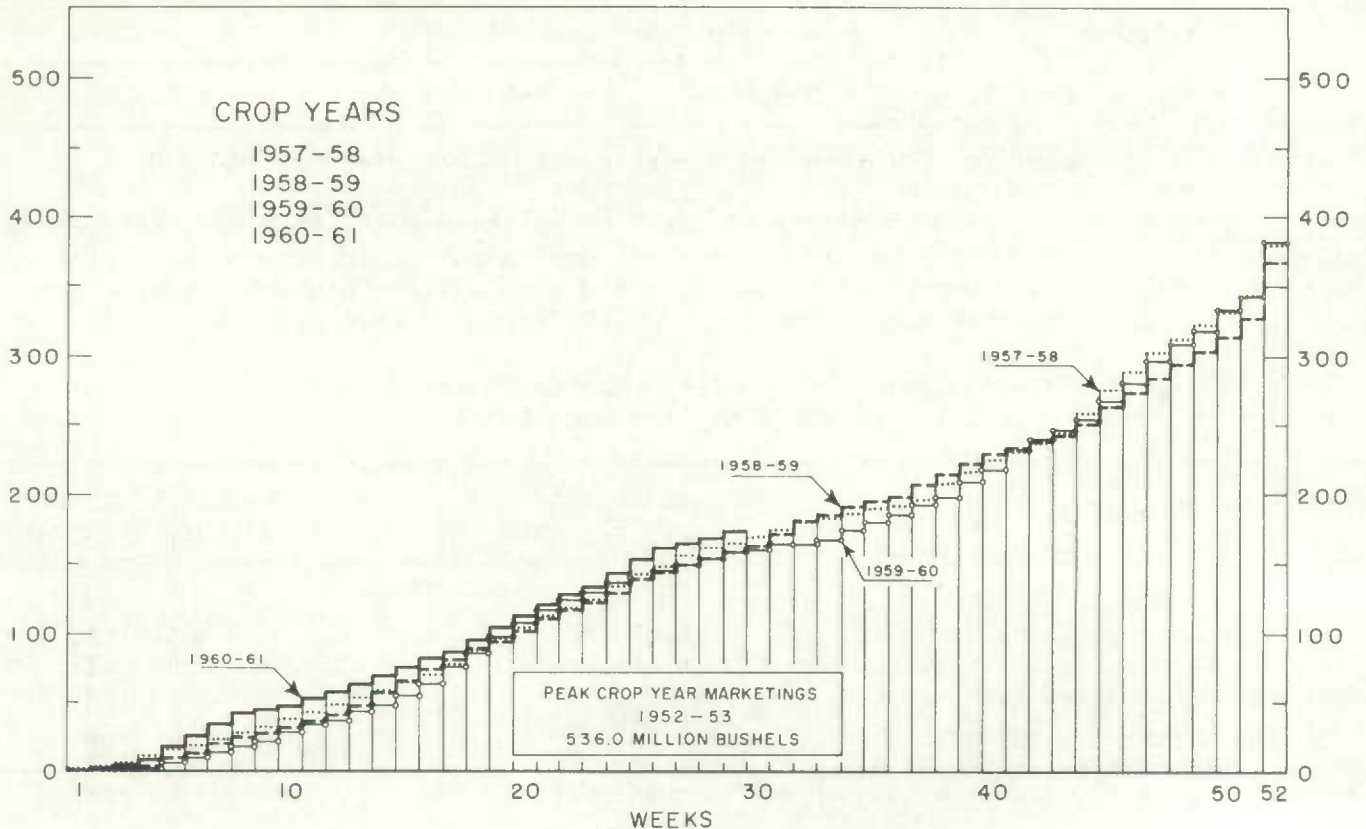
Grade	Crop Year		August-January			
	Average	1959-60	1959-60		1960-61	
	1954-55 1958-59		cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Man. Northern	2.2	1.3	932	1.0	1,153	1.3
No. 2 Man. Northern	30.2	25.8	21,771	23.7	18,877	20.8
No. 3 Man. Northern	27.1	29.3	23,713	25.9	20,906	23.1
No. 4 Man. Northern	13.5	10.8	13,455	14.7	13,321	14.7
No. 5 Wheat	9.4	3.7	2,539	2.8	8,331	9.2
No. 6 Wheat	2.7	0.3	296	0.3	911	1.0
Feed Wheat	0.4	1/	6	1/	7	1/
Others Red Spring	9.2	21.2	19,295	21.0	8,898	9.8
C.W. Garnet	0.4	0.1	125	0.1	11	1/
C.W. White Spring	0.1	0.1	70	0.1	165	0.2
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	1/	35	1/	57	0.1
Alberta Winter	0.4	0.3	609	0.7	209	0.2
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum	4.3	6.8	8,511	9.3	17,530	19.3
Others C.W. Amber Durum .	0.1	0.3	327	0.4	292	0.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	91,684	100.0	90,668	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) .			172,721,000		170,092,000	

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 February 15, 1961 amounted to 1.2 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1959-60 and 1958-59 shipments amounted to 0.5 million and 1.9 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 88 per cent has been shipped by vessel.

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1960 to February 15, 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	688,597	110,305	298,631
Chicago	175,436	-	216,477
Duluth-Superior	808,972	272,202	477,836
Milwaukee	-	-	81,537
Totals, Vessel	1,673,005	382,507	1,074,481
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points ...	260,814	104,744	148,900
Totals, Rail	260,814	104,744	148,900
Totals, Shipments ...	1,933,819	487,251	1,223,381

* 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 six months of the current crop year totalled 12.6 million bushels compared with the August-January 1959-60 figure of 15.0 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1, 1959- January 31, 1960	August 1, 1960 - January 31, 1961
	- bushels -	
Port McNicoll	4,272,403	4,043,124
Midland, Tiffin	6,326,760	4,783,955
Collingwood	773,541	793,704
Owen Sound	1,378,768	910,311
Goderich	1,139,027	1,102,771
Sarnia	855,421	651,787
Walkerville	113,536	-
Toronto	-	-
Lakefield	151,727	309,452
Prescott	2,000	-
Peterborough	-	40,000
Totals	15,013,183	12,635,104

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	203,061	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	
March	191,312	280,705	18,826	
April	215,546	243,292	54,156	
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, January 1961

Grade	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -			
5 Wheat	1,500	1,333	3,833
Tough	-	24,388	-
Rejected	3,000	18,203	-
Amber Durum	-	4,000	-
Others	-	15,078	-
Totals	4,500	63,002	3,833

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1960-February 15, 1961
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat 1/	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed 2/
- bushels -						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>						
Vancouver-New Westminster .	52,211,956	-	3,932,678	675,871	4,001,820	3,487,469
Victoria	2,045,259	-	-	-	64,078	997,056
Prince Rupert	-	-	943,133	-	-	-
Churchill	19,041,157	108,376	-	-	-	-
Lakehead Direct	5,861,013	65,881	1,218,199	-	1,732,224	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>						
Montreal	30,451,867	668,058	41,326	600	2,162,918	212,959
Sorel	4,049,910	-	-	-	-	-
Three Rivers	3,897,428	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	3,063,915	-	-	-	-	-
Baie Comeau	6,361,330	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime Ports</u>						
Saint John	1,236,219	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John	7,068,277	-	47,414	-	292,917	-
Halifax	6,061,587	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	141,349,918	842,315	6,182,750	676,471	8,253,957	4,697,484
August 1, 1959-February 17, 1960	138,255,316	2,916,558	20,605,107	223,501	5,577,667	5,577,667

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to January 31, 1961 represent the movement of some 8,080 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-December period of the current crop year. During the corresponding period in 1959 claims had been filed for a total of 8,768 thousand bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the 1960 August-December shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 8 per cent below those of 1959. Revised data on the 1959 August-December shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to January 31, 1961 place the five-month total at 9,471 thousand bushels. About 76 per cent of the shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-December 1960 and 1959

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	178	1,727
November	11	16	172	58	600	669	196	1,723
December	14	7	97	35	432	573	12	1,169
Totals 1/ ...	75	74	655	262	2,779	3,384	852	8,080
Same period 1959:								
Preliminary 2/ ..	76	98	524	331	3,108	3,758	873	8,768
Revised 1/	82	99	641	345	3,201	3,861	1,241	9,471

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 243,798 tons during the August-December period of the current crop year. During the same five months of 1959 claims had been filed for a total of 246,744 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-December shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about one per cent below those of 1959. Revised data on the 1959 August-December shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to January 31, 1961 place the five-month total at 262,485 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-December 1960 and 1959

Province	1959		1960
	Preliminary 2/	Revised 1/	Preliminary 1/
- tons -			
Newfoundland	1,776	1,982	2,202
Prince Edward Island	3,514	3,608	3,661
Nova Scotia	13,038	13,743	16,148
New Brunswick	14,170	14,903	14,093
Quebec	134,050	139,062	119,840
Ontario	67,059	68,861	72,421
British Columbia	13,137	20,326	15,433
Totals	246,744	262,485	243,798

1/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1961.

2/ Based on claims filed up to January 31, 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	5/	16,408 6/	3,200 7/	19,608 8/
Totals	131,675	1,701 9/	133,376 6/	18,740 10/	152,117 8/

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. Unadjusted Customs returns. 5/ Not available. 6/ Does not include January exports of bagged seed. 7/ Estimated. 8/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for January but no allowance made for January exports of bagged seed wheat. 9/ August-December only. 10/ Includes an estimate for January.

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination 1960-61

Destination	January	August-January
- bushels -		
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>		
<u>Western Europe</u>		
United Kingdom	5,339,540	42,765,473
Malta and Gozo	-	462,933
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Rhodesia - Nyasaland	-	45,050
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Hong Kong	17,733	226,800
India	1,065,867	3,206,734
Pakistan	-	1,717,520
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Barbados	-	167
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	6,423,140	48,424,677

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>		
Austria	-	802,026
Belgium-Luxembourg	251,627	5,351,124
France	163,491	3,793,742
Germany, Federal Republic	1,567,100	16,953,265
Greece	-	22,400
Ireland	-	283,733
Italy	709,333	11,658,003
Netherlands	499,893	4,748,822
Norway	108,827	1,687,835
Portugal	-	93,333
Sweden	-	18,667
Switzerland	-	4,163,420
<u>Middle East</u>		
Israel	372,878	574,933
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Mozambique	-	201,599
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Burma	-	175,371
Japan	5,082,834	26,189,454
Philippines	35,467	159,608
Taiwan	-	64,960

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination 1960-61

Destination	January	August-January
- bushels -		
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>		
<u>Oceania</u>		
United States Oceania	95,125	242,219
<u>South America</u>		
Ecuador	-	862,153
Peru	403,200	1,816,267
Venezuela	261,333	1,466,343
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Cuba	-	5,056
Dominican Republic	307,627	694,960
Honduras	-	3,331
<u>North America</u>		
United States		
For domestic use <u>2/</u>	126,300	1,218,098
Totals, Other Countries	9,985,035	83,250,722
Sub-Totals, All Countries	16,408,175	131,675,399
Bagged seed	<u>3/</u>	1,700,998 <u>4/</u>
Totals, All Countries	16,408,175 <u>5/</u>	133,376,397 <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-December only.

5/ No allowance for January exports of bagged seed.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	February 10	February 17	February 24	March 3

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement
and Domestic Sales

1 Northern	167/5	167/4	167	166/6
2 Northern	162/5	162/6	162/7	163
3 Northern	160/5	160/6	160/7	161
4 Northern	158/5	158/6	158/7	159
5 Wheat	152/1	152/2	152/3	152/4
6 Wheat	151/1	151/2	151/3	151/4
Feed Wheat	147/1	147/2	147/3	147/4
1 C.W. Garnet	162/5	162/6	162/7	163
2 C.W. Garnet	158/5	158/6	158/7	159
3 C.W. Garnet	155/5	155/6	155/7	156
1 Alberta Red Winter	163/5	163/6	163/7	164
2 Alberta Winter	160/5	160/6	160/7	161
3 Alberta Winter	156/5	156/6	156/7	157
1 C.W. Amber Durum	182/1	182/2	182/3	182/4
2 C.W. Amber Durum	179/1	179/2	179/3	179/4
3 C.W. Amber Durum	176/1	176/2	176/3	176/4

Export - Class II

1 Northern	167/5	167/4	167	166/6
2 Northern	162/5	162/6	162/7	163
3 Northern	160/5	160/6	160/7	161
4 Northern	158/5	158/6	158/7	159
5 Wheat	152/1	152/2	152/3	152/4
6 Wheat	151/1	151/2	151/3	151/4
Feed Wheat	147/1	147/2	147/3	147/4
1 C.W. Garnet	162/5	162/6	162/7	163
2 C.W. Garnet	158/5	158/6	158/7	159
3 C.W. Garnet	155/5	155/6	155/7	156
1 C.W. Amber Durum	182/1	182/2	182/3	182/4
2 C.W. Amber Durum	179/1	179/2	179/3	179/4
3 C.W. Amber Durum	176/1	176/2	176/3	176/4

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	February 10	February 17	February 24	March 3

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement
and Domestic Sales

1 Northern	176/1	176	175/4	175/2
2 Northern	171/1	171/2	171/3	171/4
3 Northern	169/1	169/2	169/3	169/4
4 Northern	167/1	167/2	167/3	167/4
5 Wheat	156/5	156/6	156/7	157
6 Wheat	150/5	150/6	150/7	151
Feed Wheat	148/5	148/6	148/7	149
1 C.W. Garnet	162/5	162/6	162/7	163
2 C.W. Garnet	158/5	158/6	158/7	159
3 C.W. Garnet	155/5	155/6	155/7	156
1 Alberta Red Winter	166/5	166/6	166/7	167
2 Alberta Winter	163/5	163/6	163/7	164
3 Alberta Winter	159/5	159/6	159/7	160

Export - Class II

1 Northern	176/1	176	175/4	175/2
2 Northern	171/1	171/2	171/3	171/4
3 Northern	169/1	169/2	169/3	169/4
4 Northern	167/1	167/2	167/3	167/4
5 Wheat	156/5	156/6	156/7	157
6 Wheat	150/5	150/6	150/7	151
Feed Wheat	148/5	148/6	148/7	149
1 C.W. Garnet	162/5	162/6	162/7	163
2 C.W. Garnet	158/5	158/6	158/7	159
3 C.W. Garnet	155/5	155/6	155/7	156
1 Alberta Red Winter	166/5	166/6	166/7	167
2 Alberta Winter	163/5	163/6	163/7	164
3 Alberta Winter	159/5	159/6	159/7	160

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during January 1961 amounted to 2,720,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 14 per cent from the December 1960 output of 3,145,000 hundredweight, 9 per cent less than the January 1960 figure of 2,980,000 hundredweight and 18 per cent lower than the ten-year (1951-60) average production for the month of January of 3,318,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during January 1961 had a total rated capacity of 151,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 71.8 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during January 1961 amounted to 6,092,000 bushels compared with 7,066,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 6,728,000 bushels milled during January 1960. Of the wheat milled for flour during January 1961, some 5,355,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (467,000 bushels); Durum (215,000 bushels); and all other (55,000 bushels).

NOTE: Due to the introduction of a new commodity classification, effective January 1, 1961, official wheat flour export data for January were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The flour export figure for January 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	100,446,323	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	1,400,000 ^{3/}
Totals	46,333,121	20,526,299	8,156,699
Same months 1959-60 (revised)	46,292,857	20,411,717	8,022,232

^{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/} 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-January period of the current United States crop year amounted to 3.1 million bushels, compared with 3.5 million during the same months of the preceding crop year. After deducting an estimated 609 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 2,072.4 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1960-61 compared with 1,813.1 million in 1959-60.

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-January	3.5	3.1 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,425.3	2,681.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u> ...	607.2	609.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,818.1	2,072.4
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-January	196.2	302.4
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-January <u>5/</u>	50.5	58.6
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u> ..	246.8	361.0
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover	1,571.3	1,711.4

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Excluding wheat flour and bagged seed for January. 3/ Excluding imports for February-June. 4/ Includes allowance for shipments of United States wheat and wheat products to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands and Wake Island. These shipments are not included in exports as set out in the table. 5/ Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond". 6/ These figures now include all shipments under relief programs which formerly were not available from Census data.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first seven months (July-January) of the 1960-61 United States crop year amounted to 361.0 million bushels, 46 per cent greater than the 246.8 million exported during the same months in 1959-60. The balance remaining on February 1, 1961 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,711.4 million bushels compared with 1,571.3 million on the same date a year ago.

Crop and
Weather
Conditions

The following extract has been taken from the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin published by the United States Department of Commerce for the week ending February 27, 1961. Above-average temperatures throughout most of the country continued favorable for the development and growth of small grains, but excess rainfall in most Gulf States caused some damage. Flooding along streams and rivers and in low areas from Louisiana to South Carolina damaged small grains and winter grazing crops. The warm, rainy weather was generally favorable for optimum growth, however, on the higher land in the Southeast. Small grains showed considerable progress in Florida during the week. Oats and other spring-seeded grains made excellent growth in Texas, Arizona, the northern half of California, and most sections of the Far Northwest.

Snow and cold temperatures temporarily halted the growth of winter wheat in the Great Plains areas. Fall-sown grains continued to make good growth in the Far Northwest. Except for water erosion in a few localities, no significant winter damage occurred in that part of the country. Winter wheat and other fall-seeded grains started to green up in some sections of the Midwest after the recent warm rains.

According to the March 1, 1961 issue of the "Wheat Situation" published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Large Increase Expected
in Carryover of Hard
Red Winter Wheat; Decrease
in White Wheat

Analysis of supply and distribution by classes indicates probable changes in the distribution of the carryover by classes on July 1, 1961, compared with July 1, 1960.

Total carryover on July 1, 1961 is estimated at 171 million bushels above a year earlier. An indicated increase of 175 million bushels in hard red winter and 15 million hard red spring much more than offsets a possible 25-million-bushel decline in white wheat. The increases indicate that last year's production of hard red winter and hard red spring wheats were in excess of domestic disappearance and exports. The carryover of durum may be up about 3 million bushels. The expected reduction in the white wheat carryover reflects the smaller crop in 1960.

Estimated July 1, 1961 Carryover of Wheat by Classes, with Comparisons

Class	Total Disappearance 1955-59 Average 1/	<u>Carryover July 1</u>			Percentage 1961 Carry- over is of Average Disappearance	<u>1961 Carryover change from -</u>	
		1952 2/	1960	1961		1952	1960
	- million bushels -				per cent	- million bushels -	
Hard red winter	483	97	1,008	1,183	245	+1,086	+175
Soft red winter	183	16	10	13	7	- 3	+ 3
Hard red spring	182	117	219	234	129	+ 117	+ 15
Durum	26	15	12	15	58	0	+ 3
White	175	11	65	40	23	+ 29	- 25
Totals	1,049	256	1,314	1,485	142	+1,229	+171

1/ Year begins July 1. Includes exports and domestic use for food, feed, seed and industry.

2/ A year when wartime demands drew stocks down to low levels.

Carryover stocks of hard red winter wheat have almost doubled since the 613 million bushels on July 1, 1958 and continues exceedingly large. Stocks of hard red spring are more than ample but may not be considered burdensome. Stocks of soft red winter, white and durum are not large.

Season Average Price of
1960-Crop Wheat Estimated
at About 6 Cents Above
Effective Support

The season average price received by farmers for the 1960 wheat crop was estimated at \$1.75 per bushel compared with \$1.76 for the 1959 crop. This season's estimate is based on sales through November with an allowance for marketings for the remainder of the

marketing year and for unredeemed loans at the average rate.

The estimated price for the 1960 crop is about 6 cents above the effective support rate, assuming about 9 cents for storage charges from the \$1.78 announced rate. The price for the 1959 crop was about 4 cents above the effective support.

On the basis of the average price, the value of production of the 1960 crop is estimated at \$2,383 million, 20 per cent above the \$1,985 million for the 1959 crop and 16 per cent above the 1954-58 average of \$2,060 million.

Payments Advanced on
Resealed Loan Wheat

A program providing for advance payments on grain resealed was announced on February 8. One-half of the storage payments for reseal of farm-stored wheat under

price support loans for the 1960-61 storage season will be advanced to farmers in early March. Advance storage payments will be made on 1957-59 crop wheat resealed. These advance storage payments will be made at the rate of 7 cents per bushel. Remaining storage payments due will be paid after the maturity date of the loans. The program, which also includes payments on other reseal grains, enables farmers to hold their price-supported grains in farm storage for another year and at the same time provides payments to help defray storage costs.

Wheat Consumption Per
Person Continues Slight
Downward Trend

The total quantity of wheat used as food in continental United States is little different today from what it was 50 years ago. The decline in per-person consumption has been offset by the increase in population. The

total quantity consumed in 1960, 484 million bushels, was only slightly larger than the 478 million in 1910.

Consumption averaged 164 pounds per person in the calendar year 1960, down 2 pounds from a year earlier and down 66 pounds from 1945. Except for 1958, per-person consumption has declined every year since 1945. The 164 pounds of wheat consumed per-person in 1960 was only a little more than half of the 315 pounds per capita of a half century ago.

Because of the increase in population, total consumption of wheat for food declined by a smaller percentage from 1945 to 1956 than per-person consumption. The total consumption for 1960 of 484 million bushels was down only 2 per cent from the 495 million in 1945. The 487 million in 1960 represented a 3 per cent increase from the 468 million bushels in 1956.

United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination
July-December 1959 and 1960

NOTE

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

Destination	July-December 1959			July-December 1960		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- thousand bushels -						
Western Hemisphere						
Canada	964	68	1,032	5,729	25	5,754
Central America	1,215	1,749	2,964	1,381	1,490	2,871
Federation of the W. Indies	37	850	887	34	1,191	1,225
Cuba	3,226	1,102	4,328	547	1,069	1,616
Brazil	22,638	25	22,663	10,949	2	10,951
Chile	-	603	603	1,200	634	1,834
Colombia	22	312	334	1,625	654	2,279
Peru	2,265	119	2,384	1,794	269	2,063
Venezuela	4,783	235	5,018	4,690	73	4,763
Others	1,305	1,903	3,208	1,223	2,332	3,555
Totals	36,455	6,966	43,421	29,172	7,739	36,911
Europe						
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,163	8	1,171	1,958	3	1,961
Germany, West	7,358	272	7,630	3,010	231	3,241
Greece	128	1,313	1,441	1,191	997	2,188
Italy	546	4,730	5,276	8,783	3,146	11,929
Netherlands	3,143	1,876	5,019	3,154	1,612	4,766
Poland	9,565	343	9,908	26,532	348	26,880
Portugal	89	406	495	2,022	463	2,485
Spain	-	-	-	6,904	228	7,132
United Kingdom	8,286	404	8,690	7,805	624	8,429
Yugoslavia	8,999	1,655	10,654	-	1,365	1,365
Others	3,369	558	3,927	2,344	618	2,962
Totals	42,646	11,565	54,211	63,703	9,635	73,338
Asia						
Ceylon	-	2,244	2,244	-	1,358	1,358
India	33,855	26	33,881	80,434	135	80,569
Iran	-	80	80	1,658	142	1,800
Israel	3,063	100	3,163	3,799	97	3,896
Japan	14,903	1,518	16,421	18,283	1,399	19,682
Jordan	1,484	470	1,954	1,469	1,042	2,511
Korea	4,009	813	4,822	5,003	562	5,565
Lebanon	407	1,779	2,186	184	332	516
Pakistan	6,570	127	6,697	15,614	484	16,098
Philippines	515	2,504	3,019	2,627	817	3,444
Syria	357	3	360	3,358	2,804	6,162
Taiwan (Formosa)	5,939	344	6,283	5,980	230	6,210
Turkey	357	5	362	2,217	67	2,284
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia	-	1,259	1,259	-	1,885	1,885
Others	436	2,500	2,936	1,704	3,248	4,952
Totals	71,895	13,772	85,667	142,330	14,602	156,932
Africa						
Canary Islands	1,211	4	1,215	943	4	947
Egypt	6,836	7,751	14,587	9,136	13,494	22,630
Nigeria	-	1,088	1,088	-	996	996
Tunisia	594	1	595	2,093	34	2,127
Union of South Africa	1,082	1	1,083	-	1	1
Others	1,720	1,767	3,487	2,033	1,833	3,866
Totals	11,443	10,612	22,055	14,205	16,362	30,567
Oceania	-	20	20	-	17	17
Totals, All Countries 2/	162,439	42,935	205,374	249,410	48,355	297,765

1/ Wholly of U.S. wheat (grain equivalent). 2/ Includes shipments for relief or charity.

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City			No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis		
Date	Price		Date	Price	
	- cents per bushel -			- cents per bushel -	
February 1, 1961	210		February 1, 1961	211 3/4	
2	204 1/2 - 226 3/4	1/	2	211 5/8	
3	205	- 227	3	212 1/4	
6	204 3/4 - 226 3/4	1/	6	212 3/4	
7	204 3/4		7	211 3/4	
8	203 1/2		8	211 1/2	
9	206 1/2		9	210 5/8	
10	206 1/2		10	210 3/8	
13	204 1/2 - 205 1/2		13	209 1/8	
14	203 1/4		14	207 3/4	
15	203 1/4 - 224 3/4	1/	15	208	
16	203 1/2 - 207		16	209	
17	204 1/4		17	209 3/4	
20	209		20	210 1/8	
21	203 1/4 - 210 1/4		21	211 7/8	
22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY		22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	
23	204 1/4		23	212 1/4	
24	201 1/2 - 223 1/2	1/	24	212	
27	202 1/2 - 203		27	212 3/4	
28	202 1/4 - 203 3/4		28	212 7/8	

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
February 1, 1961	214/1	213/3	194/2	196/6	202/4
2	214/4	214	194/6	197/1	203
3	214/2	214/1	195	197/5	203/4
6	213/6	213/5	195/3	198/1	204/2
7	211/3	211/5	191/6	195/1	201/2
8	211	211	192/5	195/6	201/6
9	211	211/6	191/6	194/6	200/6
10	210/4	210/7	192/2	195/1	201
13	209	210/2	192/3	195/2	201
14	208/6	209/3	192/3	195/2	201/2
15	210/2	210/3	193/2	196/1	202/1
16	211/4	211/2	193/7	196/5	202/4
17	210/4	210/2	192/3	195/1	201/2
20	211/3	211/5	192/4	195/3	201/2
21	212/2	212/3	192/7	195/6	201/7
22		WASHINGTON'S	BIRTHDAY		
23	212	212/3	193/2	196	202/2
24	210/2	211/5	194/6	197/6	203/6
27	209/7	211/5	197/2	200/2	206/4
28	210/4	212	197/4	200/5	206/4

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1960-61 (December-November) crop year amount to some 320.6 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1960 carryover of 60.6 million and the current crop estimated at a record 260.0 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting a substantially larger production which more than offset a decline in carryover, represent an increase of 22 per cent over the 1959-60 total of 263.2 million bushels. After deducting 72.0 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 248.6 million are available for export and for carryover during 1960-61, 35 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 February 4 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 26.7 million bushels compared with 23.4 million exported during the corresponding period of 1959-60. The balance remaining on February 5, 1961 for export and for carryover, at 221.9 million bushels, exceeded by 38 per cent the comparable 1960 total of 161.0 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	60.6
New Crop	198.0	260.0 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies	263.2	320.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	78.8	72.0 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover	184.4	248.6
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-February 4	19.3	21.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-February 4	4.1	5.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	23.4	26.7
Balance on February 5, for export and for carryover	161.0	221.9

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Revised.

The following information relative to the Australian situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. H.A. Gilbert, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Melbourne, under date of February 13, 1961 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of £1 equals \$2.2188 (Canadian) the quotation in effect on February 13, 1961.

Crop Situation By the last week in January harvesting of Australia's wheat crop had been practically completed and earlier estimates of a record crop of 260 million bushels substantiated. Comments on the crop by States follows:

New South Wales Apart from late maturing crops mainly in the Tablelands, by the end of January the wheat harvest had been completed. Estimated production appears to be close to the official forecast of 78 million bushels, despite the damage caused by unfavourable weather conditions early in December. As at January 17, receivals by the Australian Wheat Board totalled approximately 63 million bushels. The rain which fell early in the month disrupted the harvest in many centres and with wind, caused damage to standing crops. Overall the damage was not great, though bleaching and reduction in bushel weight was experienced in some areas.

Victoria Harvesting except for the Wimmera was completed by the month's end. Everywhere yields were in excess of anticipation with a harvest of 62 million bushels. Quality was generally good and the quantity of wheat below standard was singularly much less than in normal years.

Queensland This State was the only one in Australia that did not enjoy a record wheat harvest in the 1960-61 crop year. Drought was the reason for this. Rains fell in December but too late to save the wheat crop estimated at 8,500,000 bushels. With a crop so low, it is not expected that any will be available for export.

South Australia Deliveries by growers of bulk wheat have been slightly impeded owing to the lack of sufficient storage and the exceptionally heavy harvest. It is estimated that total deliveries to the Board for the season will be in the vicinity of 38 million bushels possibly 21 million bushels of bulk and 17 million bushels of bagged. Indications are that the milling quality will be good.

Western Australia In the agricultural area of this State October rains had prevented the proper filling of the grain and some damage from hailstones (for the most part slight) had been received in December. On the whole, however, crop yields were good and very few reports were received in which results were disappointing. It is estimated that for the first time Western Australia will produce 90 million bushels of grain, 59 million bushels of wheat, 22 million bushels of oats and 9 million bushels of barley.

Marketing Position The big news in Australia's wheat position is the largest transaction since the 1914-18 War when 3 million tons (112,000,000 bushels) of wheat were sold to Britain. This time, 1,050,000 tons (39,200,000 bushels) of wheat, and an additional 40,000 tons (2,061,000 bushels) of flour have been sold to Communist China. There was much speculation as to the size of the sale prior to the announcement made by the Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board on February 6 of this year. Earlier announcement had not been possible because the Chinese Government had requested the Board to refrain from any statements regarding this sale in order to give them time to charter ships on the world market to move this vast quantity of wheat and flour from Australia to China. It is aimed to ship the whole of the wheat sale by the end of June. The flour is due to be shipped during February and March. All the sales are for cash on shipment. An irrevocable letter of credit without recourse is established at a Melbourne bank for each shipment. The value of this wheat and flour is approximately £A27 million (\$60 million).

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -
February 4, 1960-61 and Corresponding Period 1959-60

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1959-60	1960-61	1959-60	1960-61
	- thousand bushels -			
Aden	-	48	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T	-	-	195	176
Aden and Aden I/T (Atta Flour)	-	-	13	52
Albania	-	678	-	-
Algeria	-	343	-	-
British North Borneo	-	-	47	79
British West Indies	-	-	-	1/
Brunei	-	-	13	13
Burma	-	-	14	44
Ceylon	4	-	8	598
China	-	2,122	-	213
Cocos Islands	-	-	-	1/
Cyprus	-	-	2	1/
Dutch New Guinea	-	-	13	31
Eire	346	546	-	-
Germany, West	333	673	-	-
Ghana	-	-	-	1/
Greece	-	-	-	1
Hong Kong	497	484	-	-
Hong Kong (General)	-	-	63	37
India	4,030	283	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	499	907
Iran	62	278	-	-
Iraq	1,651	2,572	-	-
Italy	-	4,026	-	-
Japan	3,484	745	-	-
Kenya	43	92	-	-
Korea, North	-	411	-	-
Macao	-	-	4	-
Malaya	42	50	774	489
Malaya (Atta Flour)	-	-	17	11
Maldives Islands	-	-	29	-
Mauritius	-	-	348	203
New Zealand	1,477	1,115	-	-
Norway	-	720	-	-
Nyasaland	-	-	38	47
Okinawa	83	34	-	-
Pacific Islands	7	6	347	514
Pakistan	1,164	875	-	-
Persian Gulf	21	23	77	25
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour)	-	-	304	243
Philippines	101	-	39	8
Port Said (a/c S/S)	-	-	8	-
Portuguese East Africa	46	-	-	1
Portuguese India (Goa)	-	13	-	4
Republic of the Congo	-	-	-	4
Rhodesia	777	328	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	32	36
Saudi Arabia	28	66	11	45
Seychelles Islands	-	-	5	9
Singapore	10	9	499	456
Singapore (a/c War Office)	-	-	19	11
Singapore (Atta Flour)	-	-	4	1
Spain	-	333	-	-
Thailand	-	1	98	164
Timor	-	-	3	3
United Kingdom	5,130	4,809	393	499
Zanzibar	3	2	140	32
Royal Navy	4	2	5	3
Ships' Stores	-	-	25	25
Totals	19,343	21,687	4,084	4,985

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

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-January 1961 amounted to 10.3 million bushels, well above the 6.2 million exported during the same months in 1959-60. The balance remaining on February 1, 1961 for export and for carryover was estimated at 45.8 million bushels, substantially below the February 1, 1960 total of 131.0 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-January	6.2	10.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - January	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	6.2	10.3
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover	131.0	45.8

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks.

3/ Official estimate.

4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather
and Crops

The weather during the period under review continued to be most favourable for the summer sown crops. Widespread, recurrent rains greatly benefitted these crops, especially the corn, on which, particularly this year, so many hopes have been placed. Unfortunately some wheat areas continued to deteriorate right up to the moment of being harvested. During January a number of violent rain and wind storms further damaged some of the stands in the South West part of the Province of Buenos Aires which prompted the Ministry of Agriculture to reduce the estimate of wheat production to 4,000,000 metric tons (147,000,000 bushels).

At the time of writing this report growing conditions continue to favour the summer-sown crops. However, these have not yet passed through the critical stages and substantial deterioration could still take place.

Wheat

No data are available yet as regards quantities of the new crop wheat bought so far by the National Grain Board, or by local millers. On the other hand it has been confirmed that exporters have been buying heavily, a total to date of about 600,000 to 650,000 metric tons (22,046,000 to 23,883,000 bushels). The National Grain Board became worried about these operations as there seemed to be danger that inadequate reserves would be retained for home consumption should these export purchases continue at the existing rate. As a result the Board contacted all private exporters and earnestly suggested that they discontinue their purchases for the time being, until a full assessment of the available wheat supplies could be carried out. Should they not conform voluntarily it is likely that an official decree would be issued to regulate such purchases. Local millers are pressing for a 500,000 metric tons (18,372,000 bushels) reserve stock to be available at the end of the crop year 1960-61, i.e. December 1, 1961. Local traders are of the opinion that the Grain Board considers it unnecessary to retain such a large tonnage, and favours instead a reserve stock of 200,000 to 300,000 metric tons, (7,349,000 to 11,023,000 bushels). If no more than this tonnage is kept in reserve exports during 1961 could reach 1,000,000 metric tons (36,743,000 bushels).

The Grain Board sold no wheat at all during the period under review. As regards export private sales, the 30,000 tons (1,102,000 bushels) sale to Spain has been confirmed at U.S. \$59.90 (\$1.63 per bushel) f.o.b. Some parcels of southern wheat were sold to Germany, at U.S. \$69.10 (\$1.88 per bushel) c.i.f., for shipment during February, but later the market firmed up so that shippers will not sell now at that c.i.f. price.

In the meantime, the wheat crop continued up to the last moments of the harvesting period to suffer the effects of unfavourable weather conditions. While the last parcels were being harvested in southwestern Buenos Aires, a strong rain and wind storm hit many of the stands, damaging them heavily. That was the main reason behind the reduction to 4,000,000 metric tons (147 million bushels) announced in the second official estimate released in January.

Prices in pesos per 100 kilograms (dollars per bushel) in the Buenos Aires Futures Market were as follows: for March delivery from 406 to 411 (\$1.34 to \$1.36); for April delivery, from 419 to 434 (\$1.38 to \$1.43); for May delivery from 430 to 442 (\$1.42 to \$1.46); and for June, 443 to 461 (\$1.46 to \$1.52).

Shipments of wheat during January totalled 173,735 metric tons (6,384,000 bushels), the most important buyer being Brazil with 44,064 tons (1,619,000 bushels), closely followed by Spain, with 43,934 tons (1,614,000 bushels). Germany acquired 24,542 tons (902,000 bushels), the United Kingdom 18,806 (691,000), Italy 13,857 (509,000), the Netherlands 12,517 (460,000), and smaller lots of 6,230, 5,000 and 4,785 tons (228,900, 183,700 and 175,800 bushels) were shipped to Paraguay, Perú and Belgium, respectively.

In order to alleviate the financial situation of producers who will in many cases be getting less money for their poor quality wheat, and in order to encourage private local trading of this grain, the Grain Board is paying now up to 85 per cent cash on all of its purchases, in lieu of the formerly ruling 70 per cent. This applies also to all other winter-sown grains and linseed.

It is more or less evident now that this present year 1961 will witness a sizeable increase in the area sown to wheat, should weather conditions permit it. Economically it is against the best Argentine interests to have a poor wheat crop. The official date now established for the announcement each year of the official price for wheat (April 15) is still distant, but it can be already stated that it will be set noticeably above the 400 pesos (\$1.32 per bushel) level. That would entail the need to eliminate completely the present 10 per cent export retention levied on this grain, as well as on all others, to enable Argentine wheat to remain competitive in foreign markets.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1960-February 1961 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Belgium	273	Netherlands	675
Brazil	3,618	Paraguay	558
Germany	902	Peru	895
Italy	885	Spain	1,614
		United Kingdom	868
		Total	10,289
Same Period:			
	December-February 1959-60		6,180
	1958-59		16,676
	1957-58		8,608
	1956-57		13,842
	1955-56		18,920

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 February 20, 1961, 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

After the wet, cold months in the fall and most of January, mid-February has brought some good drying weather in the form of unseasonably warm, sunny days to most areas in France.

Earlier wet soil conditions have, however, generally put cultivation and seeding behind schedule, and as of February 1, the area sown to wheat was 31 per cent less than for the same period last year. Some late seeding has suffered from excessive moisture, the emergent wheat showing yellowing from suffocation, or irregular germination. In some areas re-planting is anticipated. The durum wheat acreage now totals about 22,000 hectares (54,000 acres), and with improved weather, is reportedly making satisfactory progress.

Area Seeded to Grain

Grain	Average February 1 1956-60	February 1 1960	February 1 1961 ^{1/}
- thousand acres -			
Wheat	10,689	10,525	7,343
Wheat and rye	48	43	32
Rye	874	768	643
Barley	908	780	657
Oats	1,128	948	708
Mixed grains	81	72	70
Totals	13,728	13,136	9,453

Source: French Ministry of Agriculture.

^{1/} In addition, the quality of seeding this year is rated considerably less than the 1956-60 average.

French
Grain Market

Farmers' marketings of wheat have been slow, and in fact the estimated total collection has been recently revised downwards to 5,400,000 quintals (19,841,000 bushels) compared with last September's estimate of 7,400,000 quintals (27,190,000 bushels). In addition, poorer crop prospects this year have resulted in some slack in current and prospective export sales. To conserve sufficient supplies for traditional export markets, sales to Algeria are being replaced by foreign imports. The French Grain Board recently authorized the purchase of another 50,000 tons (1,837,000 bushels) of foreign soft wheat for this market. This included 2 cargoes from Australia, 2 cargoes of United States Red Winter and 1 cargo from Argentina. The trade suggests further purchases of soft wheat for the Algerian market in the order of 30 - 40,000 tons (1,102,000 - 1,470,000 bushels) per month until the new crop comes in.

So far, France has imported about 100,000 tons (3,674,000 bushels) of durum wheat (principally from Canada) for domestic use since the end of the last crop year to make up for quantities not obtainable because of the short supply position in Tunisia and Morocco. According to the trade, it seems likely that a further 80 - 100,000 tons (2,939,000 - 3,674,000 bushels) will be purchased from foreign sources between now and the end of this crop year.

High quality spring wheat has been in demand for seed this year as an alternative crop to the customary fall wheat, much of which was rained out. Ten thousand tons (367,000 bushels) of Manitoba No. 2 have already been purchased for seed purposes, and local millers are asking for further imports of 60,000 tons (2,205,000 bushels) of high quality wheat with good baking properties, to offset a similar amount which would have normally been available domestically, if it had not been used for seed. An initial 20,000 tons (735,000 bushels) for these mills are expected to be authorized for import shortly.

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announced in part that in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 11, issued September 22, 1960, the open quota on Durum grades of wheat was extended to February 28, 1961. The Board now wishes to remind all concerned that the open quota on Durum grades of wheat expires at midnight, February 28, 1961 and from that date Durum grades of wheat will be deliverable against the specified acreage quota.

General Quota Position By February 27, 1961 out of a total of 1,995 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed five points on a quota of five bushels per specified acre and 231 on a four bushel quota. Most points, however, were on two and three bushel quotas, with 839 points on a two bushel quota and 684 points on a three bushel quota, while 236 points were on a one bushel quota per specified acre.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at February 27, 1961

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre					Total
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	
Ontario	-	-	-	2	-	2
Manitoba	155	154	44	11	-	364
Saskatchewan	81	619	302	75	-	1,077
Alberta	-	66	338	143	-	547
British Columbia	-	-	-	-	5	5
All Provinces	236	839	684	231	5	1,995

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- February 6 The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce estimated wheat flour production in the United States in December 1960 at 21,615,000 sacks, an average of 1,029,000 sacks per working day.
- 13 According to a report from Mr. H.A. Gilbert, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Melbourne, the Australian Wheat Board recently completed a sale to Communist China of some 39.2 million bushels of wheat and an additional 40,000 tons of flour.
- 17 The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture announced the sale of approximately 7.3 million bushels of wheat to Czechoslovakia.
- 27 According to Foreign Crops and Markets, published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture prospects for Europe's 1961 wheat crop are less favourable than prospects at this time last year.
- March 7 According to Broomhall harvesting of food grain and flaxseed crops in India has started in earlier districts and reports remain very optimistic regarding prospective yields.

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

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PEAK EXPORTS
1928-29 CROP YEAR
407.6 MILLION BUSHELS

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR.

MAR.

FEB.

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

30 year average 10 year average
1929-30 1949-50
1958-59 1958-59

1955-56

1956-57

1957-58

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1959-60

1960-61

*Includes bagged seed wheat. **In terms of grain equivalent.
***January 1961 includes an estimate for wheat flour exports; excludes bagged seed.

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