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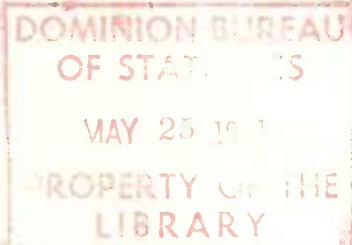
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1952-53 CROP YEAR
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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about April 1, 1961 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,470.3 million bushels, 5 per cent above the 2,348.3 million available a year ago. Supplies at April 1, 1961, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,578.0 (1,470.9); Canada, 673.4 (624.0); Argentina, 31.6 (114.7); and Australia, 187.3 (138.7). 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 eight months (August-March) of the current Canadian crop year amounted to 804.7 million bushels, some 29 per cent greater than the 622.2 million exported during the same months of 1959-60. According to the April 28 issue of the "Wheat Situation" published by the United States Department of Agriculture, world wheat exports, including products in grain equivalent, in 1960-61 are expected to reach 1,450 million bushels. This would be about 9 per cent above the previous record of 1,328 million bushels exported in 1956-57. Revised data for 1959-60 indicate exports were 1,327 million bushels, almost at the 1956-57 level.

The greatest single factor underlying the increase in the total world movement of wheat is the large shipments out of the United States, facilitated by various government programmes of that country. In the July-June, 1959-60 crop year approximately three quarters of the United States exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat were reported shipped under government programmes, such as for foreign currency, with about one-quarter (or some 132 million bushels) exported for dollars. Regarding the commercial market for wheat, Canada's share has increased from a long-term average of about 30 per cent to some 35 per cent in recent years. Of Canada's wheat and flour exports for the August-July, 1959-60 crop year more than 95 per cent (or some 264 million bushels) was sold on normal commercial terms. While similar data for United States and Canada are not at present available for the current crop year it is known that approximately the same relationships exist.

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-March 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-March 1961
with Comparisons

August-March	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950-51	198.3	135.9	54.4	80.3	468.9
1951-52	333.4	200.1	23.9	62.8	620.2
1952-53	233.0	224.7	6.0	56.7	520.4
1953-54	125.7	170.9	78.0	40.2	414.8
1954-55	188.1	172.7	92.2	62.8	515.8
1955-56	185.5	160.8	80.4	63.5	490.2
1956-57	356.3	178.0	62.8	97.6	694.7
1957-58	255.5	197.6	48.5	46.4	548.0
1958-59	297.2	188.5	61.7	50.4	597.8
1959-60 <u>1/</u>	309.7	190.9	41.5	80.1	622.2
1960-61 <u>2/</u>	436.7	203.8 <u>3/</u>	55.4	108.8	804.7

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Wheat flour and bagged seed wheat August-February only.

Final Report
International Wheat Council
Commercial Purchases of Wheat and Flour by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries ^{1/}
Crop Year 1959-60

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES								Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Spain	Sweden	U.S.A.	
	2/								
- thousand bushels -									
Austria	3,897	1,139 3/	733	-	321	-	-	442	6,532
Belgium-Luxembourg	10,635	1,686 3/	-	86	-	-	-	2,959	15,366
Brazil	-	32,518 2/	-	1,940	-	-	-	2,982	37,440
Costa Rica	209	-	-	-	-	-	-	331	540
Cuba	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,070	8,250
Dominican Republic	500	-	-	13	-	-	-	1,241	1,754
El Salvador	298	-	-	-	-	-	-	684	982
Germany	25,422	9,966 3/	4,298	16,055	329	290	1,661	8,592	66,613
Greece	393	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	397
Guatemala	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	634	655
Haiti	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	191	205
Honduras Republic	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	486	540
Iceland	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	111
India	656	-	13,055	-	-	-	-	5	13,716
Indonesia	-	-	1,526	98	572	-	-	558	2,754
Ireland	1,305	1,002 3/	1,095	30	-	-	-	56	3,488
Israel	1,540	-	-	-	275	-	-	475	2,290
Japan	47,829	-	13,740	-	-	-	-	32,939	94,508
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<u>Netherlands</u> 4/.....	6,751	1,745 3/	75	1,633	68	690	-	11,889	22,851
New Zealand	-	-	7,848	-	-	-	-	-	7,848
Norway	3,173	702 3/	-	923	99	-	235	2,423	7,555
Panama	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	353	510
Peru	2,263	5,585 2/	-	15	-	-	-	2,506	10,369
Philippines	6,437	-	913	-	-	-	-	6,700	14,050
<u>Portugal</u> 4/.....	740 5/	631	476	1,127	2	-	-	599	3,575
Rhodesia-Nyasaland	64	-	3,546	-	10	-	-	361	3,981
Saudi Arabia	1,206 5/	-	226	54	20	-	-	3,197	4,703
Switzerland	8,758	732 3/	-	1,482	923	-	11	1,253	13,159
Union of South Africa .	6,722	-	1,915	-	-	-	-	1,033	9,670
United Arab Republic ..	7	-	-	2,484	6,476	2,992	-	1,440	13,399
<u>United Kingdom</u> 4/.....	102,158	10,860 3/	29,621	7,105	290	-	23	29,329	179,386
Vatican City	221	369 3/	-	-	-	-	-	-	590
Venezuela	3,574	184	-	-	1	-	-	8,824	12,583
Totals	235,186	67,119	79,069	33,045	9,386	3,972	1,930	130,664	560,371
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries.	41.97	11.98	14.11	5.90	1.67	.71	.34	23.32	100.00

NOTE: Mexico - no sales reported.

^{1/} The figures include durum wheat and or durum flour.

^{2/} Quantities shipped.

^{3/} Quantity reported by the importing country.

^{4/} The figures include, in the case of the Netherlands, purchases by the Netherlands outside Europe, in the case of Portugal, purchases by Portuguese Overseas Provinces, and in the case of the United Kingdom, purchases by United Kingdom Territories.

^{5/} Includes bagged seed wheat.

International Wheat Council
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1960-61 — Through April 1, 1961

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES							Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.A.	
- thousand bushels -								
Austria	362	-	339	-	-	-	-	701
Belgium-Luxembourg	7,507	442	-	95	-	-	2,783	10,827
Brazil	-	13,787	-	-	-	-	3,778	17,565
Costa Rica	666	-	-	-	-	-	768	1,434
Cuba	803	-	-	2	-	-	983	1,788
Dominican Republic	930	-	-	-	-	-	107	1,037
El Salvador	146	-	-	-	-	-	868	1,014
Germany	26,574	2,077	5,005	10,995	8	3,981	5,728	54,368
Greece	30	-	-	-	-	-	8	38
Guatemala	71	-	-	-	-	-	1,078	1,149
Haiti	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Honduras Republic	54	-	-	-	-	-	462	516
Iceland	3	-	-	-	-	-	88	91
India	-	-	1,924	-	-	-	3	1,927
Indonesia	-	-	2,966	276	-	-	649	3,891
Ireland	982	205	3,993	-	-	-	206	5,386
Israel	1,566	-	-	-	-	-	1,284	2,850
Japan	45,190	-	8,610	-	-	-	24,349	78,149
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<u>Netherlands</u>	5,373	900	-	162	-	191	10,389	17,015
Netherlands Territories.	123	-	76	29	-	-	567	795
New Zealand	-	-	4,909	-	-	-	-	4,909
Norway	3,752	279	1,021	-	-	272	660	5,984
Panama	234	-	-	33	-	-	597	864
Peru	1,821	6,252	-	26	-	-	2,334	10,433
Philippines	2,484	-	228	-	-	-	6,638	9,350
<u>Portugal</u>	107	992	-	318	-	-	5,039	6,456
Portuguese Territories .	661	-	125	155	-	-	1,194	2,135
Rhodesia-Nyasaland	136	-	3,000	9	-	-	322	3,467
Saudi Arabia	6	-	164	70	6	-	2,012	2,258
Switzerland	5,575	443	-	1,364	12	-	1,074	8,468
Union of South Africa ...	-	-	3,733	-	-	-	-	3,733
United Arab Republic	5	-	-	-	88	-	1,294	1,387
<u>United Kingdom</u>	78,777	3,490	27,193	2,244	14	75	17,242	129,035
U.K. Territories	5,495	-	5,711	807	2	-	4,218	16,233
Vatican City	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Venezuela	2,743	257	-	-	-	-	6,056	9,056
To Orders	-	9,634	-	-	-	-	-	9,634
Totals	192,279	38,758	68,997	16,585	130	4,519	102,780	424,048
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries ..	45.34	9.14	16.27	3.91	.03	1.07	24.24	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - No sales reported.

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

CANADIAN SITUATION

Announcement of Grain Sale to China

The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, speaking in the House of Commons on May 2, 1961 stated in part that the house will recall that on February 2 I informed hon. members that a sale of 40 million bushels of wheat and barley, valued at approximately \$60 million, had been contracted between the Canadian wheat board and the China Resources Company.

I now inform the house that there was an additional sale to China of 2.2 million bushels of wheat, valued at \$3.7 million, for shipment during March to May, 1961. Those connected with shipping grain through the west coast ports have made a fine effort to meet these commitments. As a result, the grain sold to China for delivery between March and August is being loaded ahead of schedule.

Simultaneously with the fulfilling of the first order there have been discussions and finally negotiations between the Canadian wheat board and the China Resources Company concerning further amounts of grain that could be made available. Because of the quantities of grain involved and other factors, the Canadian government felt there should be an over-all agreement to facilitate orderly marketing.

I am now pleased to report that a long term agreement has been signed. This long term agreement covers the period June 1, 1961 to December, 1963. Under this agreement we have committed ourselves to provide up to six million tons of barley, wheat and flour. Of this amount approximately one million tons will be barley. To put this into approximate bushels and value, it would provisionally be 186.7 million bushels of wheat and 46.7 million bushels of barley, worth approximately \$362 million.

If one adds the previous order for 28 million bushels of wheat and 12 million bushels of barley, valued at \$60 million, then the total transaction that could provisionally be expected for the three calendar years 1961, 1962 and 1963 will be 217 million bushels of wheat and 58.8 million bushels of barley, with a total approximate value of \$425.6 million.

I mentioned earlier that the first order of 40 million bushels was being moved satisfactorily. As an extension to the order now being filled, a contract to provide additional grain from June 1 to November 30 of this year has been signed. It is the first contract under the long term agreement. The amounts are 750,000 long tons of wheat, 360,000 long tons of barley and 32,500 tons of flour, to be shipped mainly from west coast ports. The equivalent in bushels is 28 million bushels of wheat, 17 million bushels of barley and 1.5 million of flour. The estimated value of this order is \$66 million. The terms of payment under the long term agreement are 25 per cent cash and the balance in 270 days.

Hon. members will appreciate that it is beyond the resources of the Canadian wheat board to extend credit facilities for the quantities involved in these transactions. Accordingly the government, reflecting its intensive efforts to sell grain in volume to new markets, is prepared to guarantee to a maximum of \$50 million the credit necessary for the Canadian wheat board to conclude these transactions on a short term credit basis. I have made it clear that there is a long term agreement. Under that agreement one contract has been signed. Each future contract will be negotiated in respect to price and quantity.

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-March period of the current crop year amounted to 203.8 million bushels 7 per cent above the 190.9 million exported during the same months of the preceding crop year. The balance remaining on April 1, 1961 for export and for carryover, amounted to 673.4 million bushels, 8 per cent more than the April 1, 1960 total of 624.0 million.

NOTE: Due to the introduction of a new commodity classification, effective January 1, 1961, official wheat flour export data for March were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The flour export figure for March included in this report represents an unofficial estimate. No allowance has been made for March 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-January ...	<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-March <u>4/</u>	162.5	175.6
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-March <u>5/</u>	4.4	3.7 <u>6/</u>
Total exports of wheat as grain	167.0	179.3 <u>7/</u>
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-March <u>5/</u>	23.9	24.5 <u>8/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	190.9	203.8 <u>9/</u>
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	624.0	673.4

1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Less than 50,000 bushels. 4/ As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (Includes overseas clearances and imports into the United States). 5/ Customs returns, 1959-60 adjusted for time lag. 6/ August-February only. 7/ Does not include March exports of bagged seed. 8/ Includes an estimate for March. 9/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for March but no allowance made for March exports of bagged seed wheat.

February 1961 Exports of
Wheat Flour and Bagged Seed
Wheat Total 3.6 Million Bushels

Customs exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during February 1961 amounted to 2.6 million bushels, below both the January total of 3.6 million and the February 1960 figure (adjusted for time lag) of 2.7 million bushels. Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first seven months of the 1960-61 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 21.7 million bushels and represented an increase of 3 per cent over the adjusted August 1959-February 1960 total of 21.2 million bushels.

Exports of bagged seed wheat during February 1961, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 984 thousand bushels, compared with the January total of 1,519 thousand and the February 1960 adjusted figure of 788 thousand bushels. Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during the August-February period of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 3.7 million bushels, 8 per cent more than the comparable 1959-60 adjusted total of 3.4 million.

March 1961 Exports
of Wheat Total 23.4
Million Bushels

Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during March 1961 amounted to 23.4 million bushels, 14 per cent greater than the February total of 20.5 million, 37 per cent above the March 1960 figure of 17.1 million and 53 per cent more than the ten-year (1950-59) average for the month of March of 15.2 million bushels. In addition, this year's March clearances were the largest on record for that month.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-March period of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 175.6 million bushels, surpassing by 8 per cent the comparable 1959-60 total of 162.5 million and 19 per cent above the ten-year (1949-50-1958-59) August-March average of 147.4 million. The United Kingdom remaining in its position as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 52.8 million bushels and representing 30 per cent of the eight-month total. During the August-March period of the 1959-60 crop year, shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 55.5 million bushels and accounted for 34 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first eight 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, 37.0 (29.3); Federal Republic of Germany, 23.3 (18.6); Italy, 14.4 (2.1); Belgium-Luxembourg, 7.5 (8.0); Netherlands, 5.3 (5.5); France, 4.9 (2.9); Switzerland, 4.2 (5.1); and India, 4.0 (4.1).

Delivery Policy

Shipment of Durum Wheat to the Lakehead The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas (General) No. 27, under date of May 4, 1961, announced in part that the Board is anxious to move to the Lakehead all Durum Wheat held in store in country elevators or which may be accumulated in the near future.

In an effort to build up stocks to carlot quantities, it will be appreciated if elevator agents will contact all Durum producers in their district and request them to make delivery, as soon as possible, of any Durum Wheat which they intend to deliver during the present crop season. To enable such deliveries to be made, the producers concerned are hereby granted an advance quota up to the difference between a quota of six bushels per specified acre and the quota in effect at their delivery point at the time of the Durum Wheat delivery. It is to be understood that deliveries under such advance quota must be entered in the delivery permit book and will apply against the subsequent quotas as and when they are authorized.

Removal of Quota on Soft White Spring Wheat The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas (General) No. 26, under date of April 13, 1961, announced in part that effective immediately, the delivery quota on all grades of Soft White Spring Wheat is hereby removed and such wheat may now be delivered to elevators at the designated delivery points of producers referred to in Paragraph 2 hereunder, regardless of the delivery quota in effect for other types of wheat.

Producers of this variety of wheat were previously issued special permits indicating the quantity of Soft White Spring Wheat that they were permitted to deliver on the first five (5) bushel supplementary quota. New special permits will not be issued but elevator agents are hereby authorized to accept from producers who received these special permits the additional quantity authorized under this Instruction.

General Quota Position By May 1, 1961, out of a total of 1,994 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 571 points on a quota of five bushels per specified acre while 404 points were on a four-bushel quota. Of the remainder, 614 points were on a three-bushel quota and 405 points were on a two-bushel quota.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at May 1, 1961

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre				Total
	Two	Three	Four	Five	
Ontario	-	-	-	2	2
Manitoba	166	144	38	16	364
Saskatchewan	239	468	256	113	1,076
Alberta	-	2	110	435	547
British Columbia	-	-	-	5	5
All Provinces	405	614	404	571	1,994

Crop and Weather Conditions The telegraphic crop report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on May 10, summarized crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces as follows:

Below normal temperatures, coupled with generally strong winds and widespread precipitation, have retarded field operations over most parts of the Prairie Provinces. Apart from local areas in Manitoba, some districts in southwestern Saskatchewan, most of southeastern Alberta and the Peace River District, relatively little seeding has been done to date. However, given favourable conditions, it is expected that seeding may become general by mid-May. Recent precipitation has improved topsoil moisture supplies which are now sufficient for germination in most areas, but subsoil reserves are still deficient in many districts, particularly on stubble. Pasture and weed growth has been extremely slow.

Primary marketings of wheat (both east and west) up to April 19 of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 217.2 million bushels and registered an increase of 9 per cent over last year's corresponding total of 198.9 million. Some 22.6 million bushels of the current total was accounted for by deliveries of durum wheat in contrast to only 10.3 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 March 23 to April 19 total deliveries of wheat (both east and west) amounted to 22.3 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 33.0 million bushels. With export and domestic requirements exceeding marketings, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined steadily from 414.4 million bushels at the week ending March 22 to a level of 403.7 million at April 19, 1961.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at April 19, 1961 was 9 per cent greater than the comparable 1960 total of 369.6 million bushels and 7 per cent more than the 1959 figure of 376.1 million. Stocks in country elevators, at 255.8 million bushels, accounted for 63 per cent of the current total and surpassed by wide margins both the 223.4 million of a year ago and 237.0 million of two years ago. Interior terminal stocks at April 19, 1961 amounted to 10.4 million bushels and registered declines from both the 1960 total of 11.7 million and the 1959 figure of 13.3 million bushels. Some 17.3 million bushels were in "transit rail" (Western Division), compared with 17.5 million a year ago and 16.4 million of two years ago. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead at April 19, 1961 totalled 48.2 million bushels and exceeded both the 1960 and 1959 totals of 44.9 and 47.8 million bushels, respectively. Some 12.0 million bushels were in "transit lake" at April 19 well above the 1960 total of 7.1 million and the 1959 figure of 7.5 million bushels. The 18.4 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were below the 21.9 million of a year ago but considerably above the 14.7 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports amounted to 19.6 million bushels and represented relatively substantial increases over both the 1960 and 1959 totals of 15.8 million and 13.4 million bushels, respectively. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) totalled 8.7 million bushels, sharply below the 12.8 million in 1960 and the 12.2 million in 1959.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to April 19 this year amounted to 22.2 million bushels, some 40 per cent greater than the 15.8 million shipped during the comparable period of 1960. The 1961 season of navigation opened on April 19 while the 1960 season opened on April 10. Shipments of wheat, at 16.0 million bushels, were 21 per cent above the 1960 comparable figure of 13.3 million and accounted for 72 per cent of the current total. Lake shipments of oats, barley and flaxseed during the period under review were also above comparable 1960 levels with rye being the only one of the five grains moving in smaller volume this year than last.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to April 19, 1961 and to Approximately the Same Date in 1960

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
10-Year Average						
1950-59	9,282	1,335	2,268	331	194	13,410
1960	13,270	726	1,127	413	288	15,824
1961	16,025	2,159	3,138	300	589	22,212

Canadian Wheat Stocks at March 31, 1961 Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1961 were estimated at 749.5 million bushels compared with 685.3 million on the same date in 1960 and the record 904.4 million in 1957. The ten-year (1951-60) average was 680.3 million bushels. Data for these estimates were obtained from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada relative to grain in commercial positions at the close of business on March 29. An estimated 333.9 million bushels, representing 45 per cent of the total were held on farms, 5 per cent more than last year's total of 317.9 million but 7 per cent less than the 357.2 million at March 31, 1959. All but 6.9 million bushels of the total farm stocks of wheat were held on farms in the Prairie Provinces. Farm-held stocks in Saskatchewan were placed at 228.0 million while those in Alberta and Manitoba were estimated at 55.0 million and 44.0 million bushels, respectively. Of the 415.6 million bushels held in off-farm positions, 259.3 million were in country elevators compared with 221.6 million a year ago and 236.6 million two years ago. Stocks in Lakehead positions amounted to 58.7 million bushels, and exceeded by considerable margins both the 1960 total of 51.4 million and the 1959 figure of 50.1 million bushels. Supplies in Eastern elevators, at 39.5 million bushels represented an increase of 14 per cent over the 1960 comparable total of 34.8 million and 38 per cent greater than the 1959 figure of 28.6 million bushels.

Stocks of Canadian Wheat at March 31, 1959-61 ^{1/}

Position	1959	1960	1961
- thousand bushels -			
<u>In Canada</u>			
On farms	357,180	317,900	333,900
Country elevators	236,585	221,606	259,289
Interior private and mill elevators ...	8,340	7,259	7,536
Interior terminal elevators	13,339	11,855	10,721
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators ...	9,792	9,061	10,545
Victoria elevator	432	270	714
Churchill elevator	4,916	4,871	4,766
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	50,099	51,428	58,736
Storage afloat (Lakehead)	100	-	-
In transit rail (Western Division)	9,706	16,132	12,149
Eastern elevators	28,602	34,767	39,550
Storage afloat (Eastern Division)	9,274	5,380	6,706
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	2,999	2,047	2,460
Eastern mills (mill bins only) ^{2/}	1,952	2,526 ^{3/}	2,366
Western mills (mill bins only) ^{2/}	158	179 ^{3/}	106
Totals, in Canada	733,474	685,278	749,543
<u>In United States</u>	-	-	-
Totals, in Canada and United States	733,474	685,278	749,543

^{1/} Stocks other than on farms and in mills compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, as at the close of business on April 1, 1959, March 30, 1960 and March 29, 1961.

^{2/} Small quantities of grain going into ground feeds have been excluded.

^{3/} Revised.

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
Totals		20,629,258	132,929,790	60,761,451	214,320,499	197,793,458
Average similar period:						
1949-50—1958-59.		27,474,676	143,747,775	70,927,422	242,149,873	

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

2/ Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, April 19, 1961
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1959 and 1960

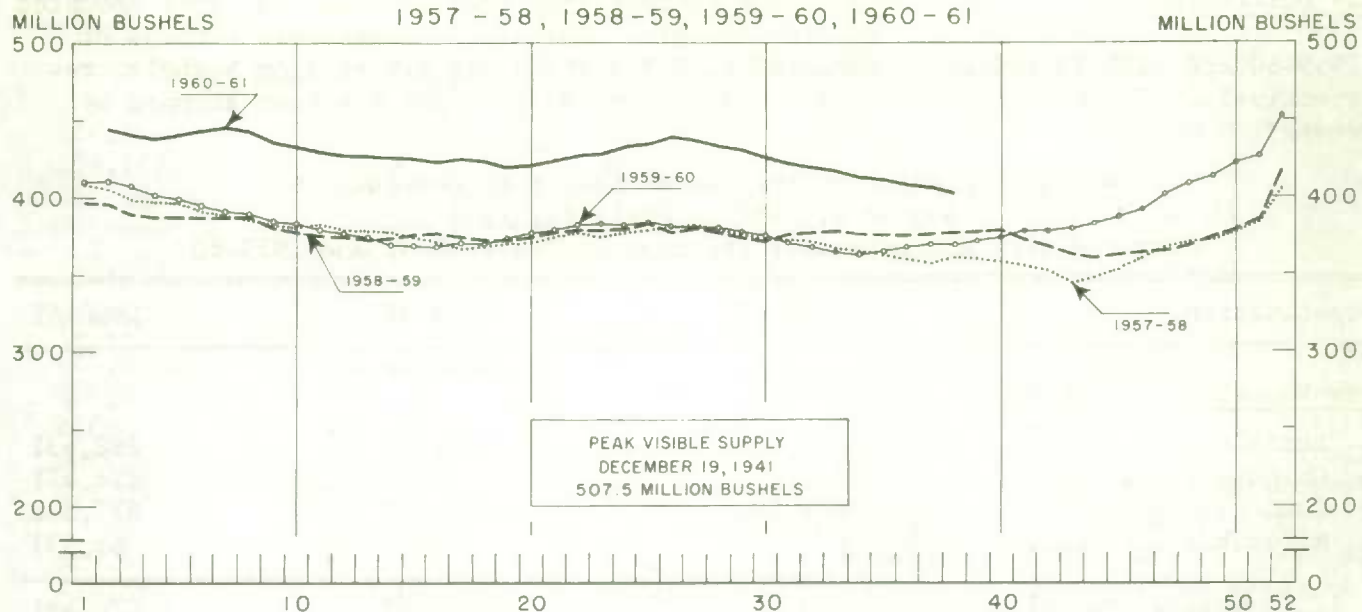
Position	1959	1960	1961
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	28,608	26,479	33,952
Saskatchewan	134,682	123,416	151,892
Alberta	73,689	73,520	69,957
Totals	236,978	223,415	255,801
Interior private and mill	8,068	7,334	7,317
Interior terminals	13,341	11,722	10,350
Vancouver-New Westminster	11,748	12,398	8,390
Victoria	492	415	335
Churchill	4,916	4,871	4,766
Fort William-Port Arthur	47,797	44,913	48,212
Storage afloat	100	-	-
In transit rail (Western Division) ...	16,359	17,527	17,298
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	14,652	21,851	18,414
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports.	13,371	15,753	19,578
In transit lake	7,470	7,140	12,007
In transit rail (Eastern Division) ...	777	2,220	1,232
Totals	376,069	369,560	403,700

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

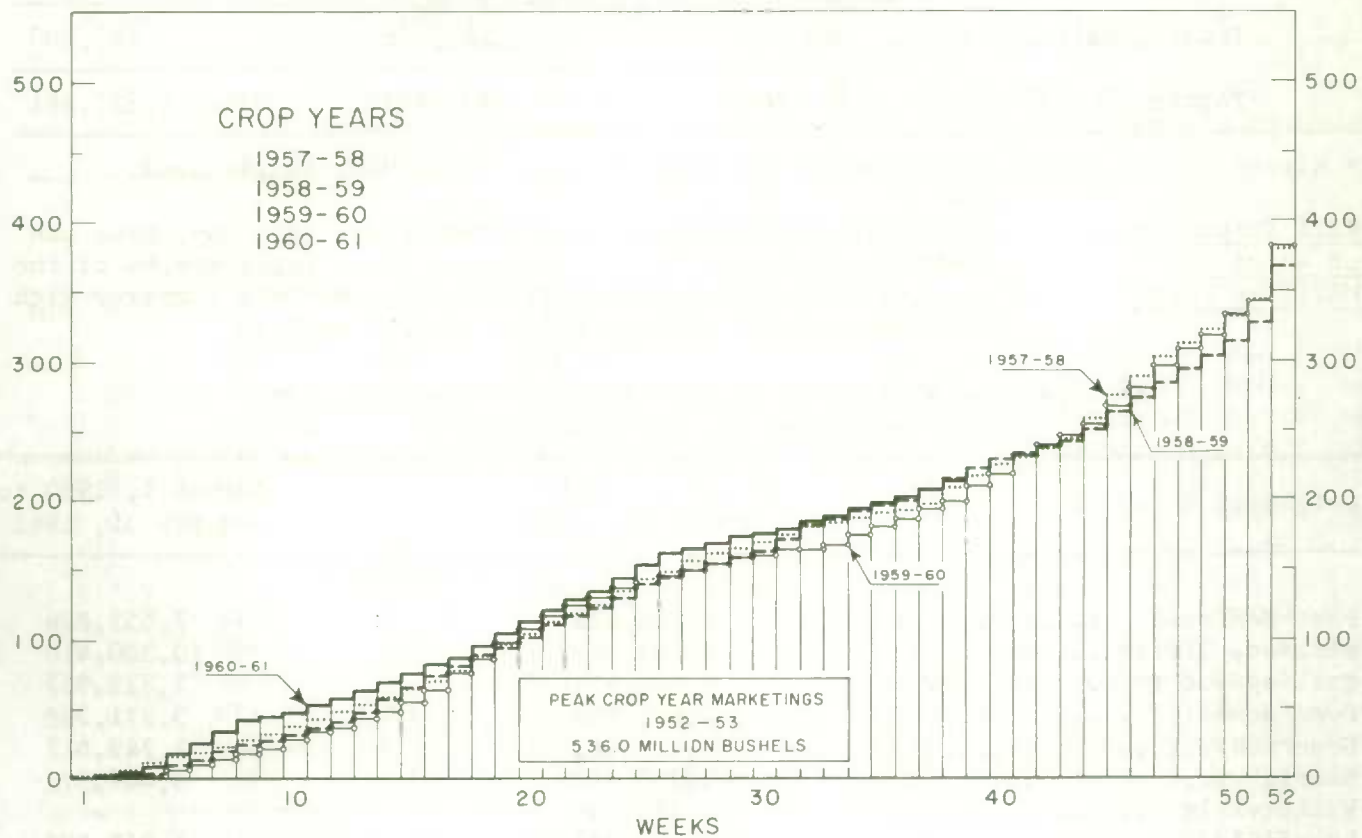
Grade	Crop Year		August-March			
	Average	1959-60	1959-60		1960-61	
	1954-55 1958-59					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Man. Northern ...	2.2	1.3	1,084	0.9	1,446	1.3
No. 2 Man. Northern ...	30.2	25.8	26,663	22.9	24,460	22.2
No. 3 Man. Northern ...	27.1	29.3	29,958	25.7	28,657	26.0
No. 4 Man. Northern ...	13.5	10.8	16,291	14.0	14,979	13.6
No. 5 Wheat	9.4	3.7	2,652	2.3	9,940	9.0
No. 6 Wheat	2.7	0.3	316	0.3	964	0.9
Feed Wheat	0.4	1/	6	1/	7	1/
Others Red Spring	9.2	21.2	29,484	25.3	10,792	9.8
C.W. Garnet	0.4	0.1	125	0.1	14	1/
C.W. White Spring	0.1	0.1	100	0.1	207	0.2
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	1/	46	1/	64	0.1
Alberta Winter	0.4	0.3	625	0.5	233	0.2
Nos.1-6C.W. Amber Durum	4.3	6.8	8,852	7.6	18,042	16.4
Others C.W. Amber Durum	0.1	0.3	402	0.3	307	0.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	116,604	100.0	110,112	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.)			220,053,000		207,545,000	

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 April 19, 1961 amounted to 1.2 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1959-60 and 1958-59 shipments amounted to 0.5 million and 2.0 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 87 per cent has been shipped by vessel.

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1960 to April 19, 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 ...	302,990	147,308	163,400
Totals, Rail	302,990	147,308	163,400
Totals, Shipments ...	1,975,995	529,815	1,237,881

* 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 eight months of the current crop year totalled 29.2 million bushels compared with the August-March 1959-60 figure of 25.0 million.

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

Origin of Shipment	August 1, 1959 to March 31, 1960	August 1, 1960 to March 31, 1961
- bushels -		
Port McNicoll	7,826,429	7,552,826
Midland, Tiffin	9,667,725	10,380,410
Collingwood	1,070,871	1,222,967
Owen Sound	2,692,090	3,271,368
Goderich	1,171,042	1,743,017
Sarnia	1,756,818	3,447,572
Walkerville	113,536	-
Lakefield	666,892	1,041,506
Prescott	18,000	-
Peterborough	2,000	584,195
Totals	24,985,403	29,243,861

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	
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, March 1961

Grade	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -			
4 Northern	-	-	1,500
Tough	1,567	9,500	-
Rejected	-	-	1,500
Durum	-	5,358	-
Others	-	8,648	-
Totals	1,567	23,506	3,000

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1 1960-April 19, 1961
with Comparisons

Ports	Wheat ^{1/}	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed ^{2/}
- bushels -						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>						
Vancouver-New Westminster..	76,096,926	120,235	9,436,296	768,674	4,966,590	5,440,840
Victoria	3,662,864	-	-	-	203,378	1,296,475
Prince Rupert	-	-	5,185,600	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u>	19,041,157	108,376	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u>	5,861,013	65,881	1,218,199	-	1,732,224	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>						
Montreal	32,270,328	684,529	52,979	600	2,182,907	212,959
Sorel	5,723,937	-	-	-	-	-
Three Rivers	6,430,695	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	3,489,996	-	-	-	-	-
Baie Comeau	7,890,608	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritime Ports</u>						
Saint John	2,552,852	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John	15,666,208	-	71,512	-	332,911	-
Halifax	14,493,630	-	-	-	19,997	-
Totals	193,180,214	979,021	15,964,586	769,274	9,438,007	6,950,274
August 1, 1959-April 20, 1960	168,988,367	3,992,962	27,504,140	345,270	8,019,476	2,456,706

^{1/} Excluding bagged seed.

^{2/} In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to March 31, 1961 represent the movement of some 10,908 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-February period of the current crop year. During the corresponding period in 1959-60 claims had been filed for a total of 11,778 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 1960-61 August-February shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 7 per cent below those of 1959-60. Revised data on the 1959-60 August-February shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to March 31, 1961 place the seven-month total at 12,196 thousand bushels. About 74 per cent of the shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-February 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	278	1,804
December	20	11	114	43	472	707	118	1,486
January, 1961	10	13	113	45	350	558	262	1,349
February	5	14	123	34	412	437	40	1,066
Totals 1/	95	105	909	351	3,581	4,512	1,355	10,908
Same period 1959-60:								
Preliminary 2/...	97	121	836	432	4,065	4,819	1,407	11,778
Revised 1/	102	126	850	440	4,112	4,893	1,674	12,196

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 338,256 tons during the August-February period of the current crop year. During the same months of the 1959-60 crop year claims had been filed for a total of 335,726 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-February shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about one per cent above those of 1959-60. Revised data on the 1959-60 August-February shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to March 31, 1961 place the seven-month total at 351,112 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 (30 per cent) and Quebec (48 per cent).

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

Province	1959-60		1960-61
	Preliminary 2/	Revised 1/	Preliminary 1/
- tons -			
Newfoundland	2,569	2,747	3,131
Prince Edward Island	4,901	5,321	5,312
Nova Scotia	19,371	20,209	23,229
New Brunswick	19,802	20,210	19,640
Quebec	173,632	177,949	161,776
Ontario	92,406	95,712	102,363
British Columbia	23,045	28,964	22,805
Totals	335,726	351,112	338,256

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

2/ Based on claims filed up to March 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	1,024 5/	17,432	3,592	21,025
February	20,517	984 6/	21,501	2,594 6/	24,095
March	23,377	7/	23,377 8/	2,800 9/	26,177 10/
Totals ...	175,570	3,709 11/	179,278 8/	24,527 12/	203,806 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 March exports of bagged seed. 9/ Estimated. 10/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for March but no allowance made for March exports of bagged seed wheat. 11/ August-February only. 12/ Includes an estimate for March.

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

Destination	Wheat Flour 1/	
	February 2/	August-February
- bushels -		
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>		
<u>Western Europe</u>		
United Kingdom	1,239,327	8,048,868
Gibraltar	-	19,835
<u>Middle East</u>		
Kuwait	2,576	21,238
Qatar	1,373	2,003
British Middle East, nes	1,030	8,659
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Ghana	108,986	982,544
Nigeria	60,674	413,439
Rhodesia - Nyasaland	2,420	22,147
Sierra Leone	13,317	195,461
Tanganyika	1,150	6,900
British Africa, nes	10,511	34,645
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Hong Kong	52,670	457,521
Malaya - Singapore	55,110	316,714
Pakistan	-	230
British East Indies, nes	1,642	5,506
<u>Oceania</u>		
Fiji	1,035	5,693
British Oceania, nes	-	1,058
<u>South America</u>		
British Guiana	2,054	185,553
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Bahamas	30,137	178,931
Bermuda	7,323	75,166*
British Honduras	2,900	9,083
Barbados	3,257	114,101*
Jamaica	130,879	942,144*
Leeward-Windward Islands	101,414	690,115*
Trinidad	68,338	884,999
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	1,898,123	13,622,553
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>		
<u>Western Europe</u>		
Belgium-Luxembourg	-	94,647
Denmark	-	920
Greece	-	4,563
Iceland	1,610	13,041
Netherlands	1,127	4,837
Norway	121,072	954,566
Portugal	2,797	62,500
Sweden	-	19,159
<u>Middle East</u>		
Ethiopia	-	253
Iran	104	679
Israel	-	68,561
Jordan	-	1,039
Lebanon	-	1,302,851
Saudi Arabia	287	8,648
U.A.R. - Egypt	-	2,376
U.A.R. - Syria	901	6,028

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

Destination	Wheat Flour 1/	
	February 2/	August-February
- bushels -		
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>		
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Angola	-	12,190
Congo	10,718	129,552
French Equatorial Africa	863	863
Liberia	-	8,816
Mozambique	-	2,097
Portuguese Africa, nes	6,969	58,799
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Cambodia - Laos	-	56,157
Indonesia	-	205,795
Japan	93,845	775,236
Philippines	83,745	1,285,012
Portuguese India	19,768	119,715
Portuguese Asia, nes	2,024	27,830
Thailand	24,334	187,830
<u>Oceania</u>		
French Netherlands Oceania	-	782
United States Oceania	-	23,575
<u>South America</u>		
Bolivia	-	954
Chile	-	11,500
Colombia	977	114,181
Peru	690	1,380
Surinam	6,799	40,952
Venezuela	4,313	20,482
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Costa Rica	66,010	421,277
Cuba	-	636,507
Dominican Republic	-	21,275
El Salvador	11,385	114,738
French West Indies	230	2,392
Guatemala	11,452	29,670
Honduras	16,705	46,382
Netherlands Antilles	7,042	56,014
Nicaragua	69,265	256,906
Panama	18,513	200,139
<u>North America</u>		
St. Pierre-Miquelon	-	639
United States	112,757	690,246
Totals, Other Countries	696,302	8,104,551
Totals, All Countries	2,594,425	21,727,104

nes - not elsewhere specified.

* Revised.

1/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

2/ Preliminary.

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination 1960-61

Destination	March	August-March
- bushels -		
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>		
<u>Western Europe</u>		
United Kingdom	5,313,490	52,792,934 *
Malta and Gozo	-	836,566
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Rhodesia - Nyasaland	11,200	67,450
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Hong Kong	36,400	337,867
India	-	3,955,436
Pakistan	-	1,717,520
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Barbados	-	167
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	5,361,090	59,707,940

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>		
Austria	-	802,026
Belgium-Luxembourg	752,813	7,475,626
Finland	90,837	90,837
France	420,681	4,938,105
Germany, Federal Republic	3,552,056	23,291,461
Greece	-	22,400
Ireland	-	534,303 *
Italy	2,066,567	14,440,250
Netherlands	543,947	5,311,436
Norway	-	2,277,403
Portugal	-	93,333
Sweden	-	18,667
Switzerland	18,667	4,204,487
<u>Eastern Europe</u>		
Czechoslovakia	1,479,047	1,680,747
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	1,704,725	2,702,747
<u>Middle East</u>		
Israel	-	1,024,800
<u>Other Africa</u>		
Mozambique	31,733	283,732

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination 1960-61

Destination	March	August-March
- bushels -		
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>		
<u>Other Asia</u>		
Burma	135,875	356,229
China, Communist	1,288,786	1,288,786
Japan	5,200,495	37,043,161
Philippines	128,053	475,896
Taiwan	-	102,293
<u>Oceania</u>		
United States Oceania	70,933	313,152
<u>South America</u>		
Ecuador	-	862,153
Peru	-	1,816,267
Venezuela	328,720	2,280,101
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>		
Cuba	-	5,056
Dominican Republic	-	694,960
Honduras	-	3,331
<u>North America</u>		
United States		
For domestic use <u>2/</u>	6,000	1,231,598
Continent for orders	196,300	196,300
Totals, Other Countries	18,016,235	115,861,643
Sub-Totals, All Countries ...	23,377,325	175,569,583
Bagged seed	<u>3/</u>	3,708,903 <u>4/</u>
Totals, All Countries	23,377,325	179,278,486 <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-February only. February preliminary.

5/ No allowance for March exports of bagged seed.

* Destination revised, 224,437 bushels and 26,133 bushels reported to United Kingdom for the months of September 1960 and January 1961, respectively, now shown as Ireland.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28

- 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	167/3	167/3	167/2	167/1
2 Northern	164/3	164/3	164/2	164/1
3 Northern	162/3	162/3	162/2	162/1
4 Northern	160/3	159/4	159/2	158/2
5 Wheat	153/7	153/6	153/2	153/1
6 Wheat	152/7	152/6	152/2	152/1
Feed Wheat	148/7	148/6	148/2	148/1
1 C.W. Garnet	164/3	164/3	164/2	164/1
2 C.W. Garnet	160/3	160/3	160/2	160/1
3 C.W. Garnet	157/3	157/3	157/2	157/1
1 Alberta Red Winter	165/3	165/3	165/2	165/1
2 Alberta Winter	162/3	162/3	162/2	162/1
3 Alberta Winter	158/3	158/3	158/2	158/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum	183/7	184/1	185/2	185/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum	180/7	181/1	182/2	182/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum	177/7	178/1	179/2	179/1

Export - Class II

1 Northern	167/3	167/3	167/2	167/1
2 Northern	164/3	164/3	164/2	164/1
3 Northern	162/3	162/3	162/2	162/1
4 Northern	160/3	159/4	159/2	158/2
5 Wheat	153/7	153/6	153/2	153/1
6 Wheat	152/7	152/6	152/2	152/1
Feed Wheat	148/7	148/6	148/2	148/1
1 C.W. Garnet	164/3	164/3	164/2	164/1
2 C.W. Garnet	160/3	160/3	160/2	160/1
3 C.W. Garnet	157/3	157/3	157/2	157/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum	183/7	184/1	185/2	185/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum	180/7	181/1	182/2	182/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum	177/7	178/1	179/2	179/1

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28

- 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	175/7	175/7	175/6	175/5
2 Northern	172/7	172/7	172/6	172/5
3 Northern	170/7	170/7	170/6	170/5
4 Northern	168/7	167/7	166/6	165/6
5 Wheat	158/3	158/2	157/6	157/5
6 Wheat	152/3	152/2	151/6	151/5
Feed Wheat	150/3	150/2	149/6	149/5
1 C.W. Garnet	164/3	164/4	164/6	164/5
2 C.W. Garnet	160/3	160/4	160/6	160/5
3 C.W. Garnet	157/3	157/4	157/6	157/5
1 Alberta Red Winter	168/3	168/2	167/6	167/5
2 Alberta Winter	165/3	165/2	164/6	164/5
3 Alberta Winter	161/3	161/2	160/6	160/5

Export - Class II

1 Northern	175/7	175/7	175/6	175/5
2 Northern	172/7	172/7	172/6	172/5
3 Northern	170/7	170/7	170/6	170/5
4 Northern	168/7	167/7	166/6	165/6
5 Wheat	158/3	158/2	157/6	157/5
6 Wheat	152/3	152/2	151/6	151/5
Feed Wheat	150/3	150/2	149/6	149/5
1 C.W. Garnet	164/3	164/4	164/6	164/5
2 C.W. Garnet	160/3	160/4	160/6	160/5
3 C.W. Garnet	157/3	157/4	157/6	157/5
1 Alberta Red Winter	168/3	168/2	167/6	167/5
2 Alberta Winter	165/3	165/2	164/6	164/5
3 Alberta Winter	161/3	161/2	160/6	160/5

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during March 1961 amounted to 3,386,000 hundredweight, exceeding by 14 per cent the February output of 2,969,000 hundredweight, but 2 per cent less than the March 1960 production of 3,462,000 hundredweight and 5 per cent below the ten-year (1951-60) average production for the month of March of 3,553,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during March 1961 had a total rated capacity of 155,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 84.0 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during March 1961 amounted to 7,582,000 bushels compared with 6,656,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 7,822,000 bushels milled during March 1960. Of the wheat milled for flour during March 1961, some 6,624,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (521,000 bushels); Durum (358,000 bushels); and all other (80,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during February 1961 amounted to 1,128,000 hundredweight (some 2,594,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of 28 per cent from the January 1961 figure of 3,592,000 bushels and 5 per cent below the February 1960 adjusted total of 2,734,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty countries with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 1,239 thousand bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 48 per cent of the February 1961 total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, were as follows: Jamaica, 131; Norway, 121; United States, 113; Ghana, 109; and Leeward and Windward Islands, 101.

NOTE: Official wheat flour export data for March were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The figure for March 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	1,128,011 ^{3/}
March	7,582,449	3,386,378	1,200,000 ^{4/}
Totals	60,571,812	26,881,988	10,646,567
Same months 1959-60 (revised)	61,436,318	27,104,087	10,400,729

^{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-March period of the current United States crop year amounted to 4.6 million bushels, compared with 5.2 million during the same months of the preceding crop year. After deducting an estimated 609 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 2,064.7 million remain available for export and for carryover during 1960-61 compared with 1,819.8 million in 1959-60.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first nine months (July-March) of the 1960-61 United States crop year amounted to 486.7 million bushels, 39 per cent greater than the 349.0 million exported during the same months in 1959-60. The balance remaining on April 1, 1961 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,578.0 million bushels compared with 1,470.9 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-March	5.2	4.6 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,427.0	2,673.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u> .	607.2	609.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,819.8	2,064.7
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-March	279.3	412.4
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat July-March <u>5/</u>	69.7	74.3
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	349.0	486.7
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	1,470.9	1,578.0

1/ Preliminary

2/ Excluding wheat flour and bagged seed for March.

3/ Excluding imports for April-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.

Stocks of Wheat
in All Positions
April 1, 1961

On April 24, the United States Department of Agriculture reported that wheat stocks in all storage positions April 1 were a record for the third consecutive year. These holdings at 1,706 million bushels were 9 per cent above a year earlier and 66 per cent above average. Stocks of 258 million on farms show a greater percentage increase than stocks in commercial storage. Disappearance of wheat from all positions during the January-March quarter was a record 362 million bushels, up sharply from the 314 million during the same quarter a year ago, and reflecting the heavy export movement. Stocks were above a year earlier in all major producing wheat States except the Pacific Northwest where 1960 production fell below the preceding year. Nearly eight-tenths of the United States stocks were Government owned or under price support.

U.S. Wheat Stocks by Positions, April 1, 1961 with Comparisons

Position	April 1 Average 1950-59	April 1 1960	January 1 1961	April 1 1961
- thousand bushels -				
On Farms <u>1/</u>	223,285	204,478	421,469	257,823
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>2/</u>	57,109	62,589	77,940	72,259
Mills, Elev. and Whses. <u>1/</u> <u>3/</u>	748,280	1,295,163	1,568,024	1,375,832
Totals	1,028,674	1,562,230	2,067,433	1,705,914

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Owned by C.C.C. and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by C.C.C.; other C.C.C.-owned grain is included in the estimates by positions.

3/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated, including flour mills and terminal elevators.

Wheat Stocks
on Farms

The Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, in its production report under date of April 10, stated in part that farm stocks of wheat on April 1 totalled 258 million bushels, 26 per cent above April 1 last year and 15 per cent greater than the 10-year average. Stocks on farms April 1 were reported at 18.9 per cent of the 1960 production. This compares with April 1, 1960 when stocks totalled 18.1 per cent of the 1959 production. Government loan or purchase agreements accounted for approximately two-thirds of the total wheat stocks on farms April 1, 1961.

Winter Wheat Crop
Estimated at
1,099 Million Bushels

In a report released on April 10, 1961 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part that the 1961 winter wheat crop, planted under generally favourable conditions last fall, suffered little winter injury. With generally excellent soil moisture about April 1, the crop shows promise of an excellent yield per acre. Production is forecast at 1,099 million bushels, down 2 per cent from the huge 1960 crop but 31 per cent above the 10-year average.

The indicated yield per seeded acre at 25.0 bushels has been exceeded only by the 1958 and 1960 crops. This yield forecast is based on growing conditions about April 1 as reported by crop correspondents and taking into account such factors as soil moisture, insect activity, plant disease, and the assumption that weather conditions from now to harvest will be near normal. In the last 10 years, the average change in the United States production estimate from April 1 to harvest has been 100 million bushels, ranging from a maximum of 216 million bushels to a minimum of 24 million.

The acreage expected to be harvested for grain at 41.2 million acres represents about 94 per cent of the seeded acreage, about the same percentage as the 1960 crop but far above average.

The 1961 winter wheat crop was seeded in good time and made favourable fall growth under generally good moisture conditions except in some Northern and Northwestern areas. Low winter temperatures prevailed in Northeastern and East North Central areas but ample snow cover generally protected the plants. In the West North Central area, the winter was open but temperatures were relatively mild. With less freezing and thawing than usual in Northern areas, the crop suffered little from heaving. In the Southern Great Plains, ample moisture has been the rule to date.

In Kansas, wheat shows a uniformly high condition. Moisture supplies are on the short side only in the western third of the State. The crop has reached the jointing stage in southern sections. In Oklahoma, about one-third of the crop has jointed. Wheat has stooled well, and is growing rapidly with abundant moisture. In Texas, wheat is heading in most sections except the High Plains with excellent moisture and good prospects in all sections. Greenbug infestation is present in the High Plains of Texas and in Oklahoma with a high potential for damage if weather remains cool.

In Nebraska and South Dakota, sub-soil moisture reserves are low in most sections and generous rainfall is needed. This situation is more serious in Montana where the winter was unusually warm and dry and the moisture situation is critical.

Winter conditions were favourable for the crop in the mid-Atlantic and Southeastern areas with the crop having furnished good pasture and showing high yield prospects. In the West, moisture supplies are favourable except in Montana. The Colorado crop was favoured with good precipitation in the fall and again in the late winter. In Washington and Oregon, loss of acreage from winter-kill has been small.

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

According to the April 28, 1961 issue of the Wheat Situation, published by the U.S.D.A. the current analysis of supply and distribution by classes, which takes into account the larger exports estimated for 1960-61, indicates changes from estimates shown in the February 1961 Wheat Situation for hard red winter and white wheat.

Exports, including shipments, of hard red winter wheat are now estimated at 391 million bushels, up 24 million from the February estimate; white wheat exports are estimated at 133 million bushels, up 6 million. These two classes account for all of the increase in total exports and shipments from the earlier estimate.

Breakdown of the 1,455 million bushels of wheat expected to be carried over July 1, 1961, indicates the following increases: 151 million hard red winter, 15 million hard red spring, 3 million soft red winter and 3 million durum. These increases more than offset an indicated 31-million-bushel reduction in white wheat.

The prospective carryover stocks of the various classes July 1, 1961 as a percentage of the 1955-59 average total disappearance are as follows: Hard red winter, 240 per cent; hard red spring, 129 per cent; durum, 58 per cent; white, 19 per cent and soft red winter, 7 per cent.

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

Destination	July-February 1959-60			July-February 1960-61		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- thousand bushels -						
Western Hemisphere						
Canada	964	80	1,044	5,730	42	5,772
Central America	1,722	2,415	4,137	1,974	2,012	3,986
Federation of West Indies ..	45	1,257	1,302	34	1,487	1,521
Cuba	3,710	1,447	5,157	547	1,120	1,667
Bolivia	-	1,381	1,381	-	1,903	1,903
Brazil	25,024	25	25,049	20,309	3	20,312
Chile	-	141	141	1,200	738	1,938
Colombia	394	397	791	1,741	663	2,404
Peru	3,111	225	3,336	2,385	232	2,617
Venezuela	5,889	252	6,141	5,380	82	5,462
Others	1,547	2,428	3,975	1,222	1,575	2,797
Totals	42,406	10,048	52,454	40,522	9,857	50,379
Europe						
Belgium-Luxembourg	2,023	11	2,034	3,041	3	3,044
Germany, West	8,180	341	8,521	5,002	256	5,258
Greece	128	1,672	1,800	2,212	1,417	3,629
Italy	546	5,586	6,132	23,706	3,953	27,659
Netherlands	3,925	2,491	6,416	4,341	2,161	6,502
Poland	10,127	449	10,576	34,833	462	35,295
Portugal	89	498	587	2,022	654	2,676
Spain	-	361	361	11,731	228	11,959
Switzerland	619	-	619	1,449	-	1,449
United Kingdom	12,191	492	12,683	11,422	977	12,399
Yugoslavia	8,619	2,042	10,661	2,903	1,677	4,580
Others	4,414	680	5,094	2,768	781	3,549
Totals	50,861	14,623	65,484	105,430	12,569	117,999
Asia						
Ceylon	-	2,468	2,468	-	2,924	2,924
India	61,832	27	61,859	94,613	166	94,779
Indonesia	10	2,704	2,714	-	367	367
Iran	-	103	103	3,768	145	3,913
Israel	3,431	130	3,561	4,963	112	5,075
Japan	17,733	1,904	19,637	22,772	1,880	24,652
Jordan	1,484	530	2,014	2,233	1,182	3,415
Korea	5,701	1,076	6,777	7,652	786	8,438
Lebanon	407	2,211	2,618	740	509	1,249
Pakistan	14,407	227	14,634	21,418	645	22,063
Philippines	655	3,081	3,736	3,933	889	4,822
Saudi Arabia	46	1,578	1,624	20	1,634	1,654
Syria	990	3	993	4,977	4,226	9,203
Taiwan (Formosa)	6,223	750	6,973	7,406	810	8,216
Turkey	6,732	34	6,766	6,585	67	6,652
Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.	-	1,448	1,448	575	2,388	2,963
Others	2,797	1,426	4,223	2,222	2,420	4,642
Totals	122,448	19,700	142,148	183,877	21,150	205,027
Africa						
Canary Islands	1,596	4	1,600	943	4	947
Egypt	13,997	10,781	24,778	12,844	17,462	30,306
Morocco	459	346	805	827	583	1,410
Nigeria	-	1,379	1,379	-	1,374	1,374
Tunisia	1,854	37	1,891	3,577	57	3,634
Union of South Africa	1,097	-	1,097	-	1	1
Others	1,599	1,988	3,587	3,408	1,825	5,233
Totals	20,602	14,535	35,137	21,599	21,306	42,905
Oceania	-	30	30	-	29	29
Totals, All Countries 2/	236,317	58,936	295,253	351,428	64,911	416,339

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 -		
April 3, 1961	197 1/4 - 199	April 3, 1961	210 3/8 - 211 3/8
4	196 - 223 1/	4	210 3/4 - 211 3/4
5	197	5	211 3/4 - 212 3/4
6	197 - 198 1/2	6	211 3/4 - 212 3/4
7	196 3/4 - 222 3/4 1/	7	212 1/8 - 213 1/8
10	197 1/2	10	211 1/8 - 212 1/8
11	197 1/2 - 224	11	209 5/8
12	198	12	209 1/2 - 210 1/2
13	198 - 223 1/2	13	208 5/8 - 209 5/8
14	197 1/4 - 223 3/4 1/	14	208 3/4 - 209 3/4
17	197 3/4 - 223 1/2	17	208 3/4 - 209 3/4
18	197 - 223 1/	18	208 1/2 - 209 1/2
19	197 1/2 - 223 1/	19	210 1/4 - 211 1/4
20	197 1/2 - 222 1/2 1/	20	210 1/2 - 211 1/2
21	202	21	211 3/4 - 212 3/4
24	198 - 223 1/	24	213 - 214
25	198	25	213 1/4 - 214 1/4
26	197 1/2 - 222 3/4 1/	26	213 1/4 - 214 1/4
27	196 3/4 - 222 1/	27	213 1/4 - 214 1/4
28	196 1/2 - 221 1/2 1/	28	213 5/8 - 214 5/8

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
April 3, 1961	196/7	188	191	197/1	200/4
4	197/2	188/5	191/5	197/5	201/4
5	196/4	188/2	191/4	197/4	201/3
6	197/4	188/2	191	197	201
7	198/7	188	190/7	196/6	201
10	196/1	187/4	190/2	196/3	200/2
11	195/1	187/6	190/4	196/4	200/2
12	192/6	187/4	190/4	196/4	200/3
13	192/2	187/2	190/2	196/1	200/1
14	191/7	187/2	190/2	196/1	200/2
17	189/5	186/6	189/6	195/7	200
18	189/1	186/6	190	196	200/3
19	191/6	188/3	191/4	197/5	202
20	191/6	187/5	191/2	197	201/4
21	191/4	187/6	190/7	196/7	201/1
24	189/7	188/2	191/3	197/4	201/6
25	189/7	188/3	191/5	197/4	201/7
26	189/5	188/4	191/7	197/6	202/7
27	190/1	188/4	191/6	197/7	202/5
28	189/3	188/5	191/7	197/7	202/7

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-March 1961 amounted to 24.5 million bushels, compared with 22.5 million exported during the same months in 1959-60. The balance remaining on April 1, 1961 for export and for carryover was estimated at 31.6 million bushels, substantially below the April 1, 1960 total of 114.7 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 - March	22.5	24.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - March	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	22.5	24.5
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	114.7	31.6

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks.

3/ Official estimate.

4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops

Argentina has experienced a fairly wet autumn interspersed with spells of rather warm humid weather, although at the time of writing this report cool weather seems to be establishing itself.

During late March soil conditions were most favourable throughout the grain growing

regions, enabling soil preparations for the coming autumn and winter-sown crops to be carried steadily ahead. There should be excluded from this optimistic picture certain areas in the central western and north-western parts of the Province of Buenos Aires, where there continued to be a lack of adequate moisture in the soil.

This same overall situation continues at present. However, the rains of the first half of April were still more widespread and intense and in other than the grain-growing regions extensive floods have developed. This is so, especially in the Province of Chaco, where many hundreds of hectares sown to cotton and other semi-tropical crops are under water, and in some parts of the Province of Santa Fé. These floods are the result of the swelling of the upper Parana river.

While extensive rains provide reserves of soil moisture for the autumn and winter-sown grains, they are now proving to be somewhat excessive for corn harvesting. Some lots have already had to be artificially dried upon their arrival in up-river ports. The delays and troubles that this operation entails are similar to those experienced during 1959. The inadequacy of the grain drying facilities available at that time still persists, so it is hoped that only certain scattered lots will have to be dried. Rains are also adversely affecting rural roads leading to the main highways and to the ports, and thus transport of this grain is somewhat bogged down at present. However, cool dry weather is now expected, and thus both the quality of the harvested corn and its delivery to the ports should improve.

Wheat

Practically all the wheat that is being purchased from producers is ear-marked for the home market, as exporters had practically fulfilled their needs prior to the request made by the Grain Board, curtailing purchases for this purpose. Thus the market in the past month has been on the quiet side, since millers just buy for their immediate needs. Neither has there been any announcement of new outstanding export commitments.

Grain Board sales were also very few in number during the period under review. These consisted only of 5,000 metric tons (184,000 bushels) of the 1959-60 crop sold for export from Rosario at 3,650 pesos per metric ton (\$1.20 per bushel) and 340 tons (12,500 bushels) sold for local milling at 3,350 pesos (\$1.10 per bushel). Prices paid by local millers for grain bought directly from producers, averaged 398 pesos per 100 kilos, i.e. (\$1.31 per bushel) slightly above the official minimum price of 380 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.25 per bushel). Wheat shipments during March totalled 237,883 metric tons (8,741,000 bushels). It is expected that producers will follow the urgings of the Minister of Economy and the Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock during the recent "Wheat Festival" to extend the seeded wheat area well above the 1960-61 acreage.

The official decree covering the establishment of the minimum official wheat prices for 1961-62 (and that of linseed) has now been promulgated. It confirms the announcement made on the above occasion.

The prices, and their respective bases, have been established as follows: hard wheat, grade 1, 80 kilos per hectolitre basis (64 pounds per bushel), 430 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.41 per bushel); Candeal-Taganrock ("Durum"), grade 2, 78 kilos hectolitre basis (62 pounds per bushel), 430 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.41 per bushel), both f.o.r., in bags, Port of Buenos Aires. According to a cable from Mr. Bissett the price for semi-hard wheat has been established at 420 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.38 per bushel), grade 1, 80 kilos hectolitre basis (64 pounds per bushel).

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1960 - March 1961 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Algeria	381	Peru	2,144
Belgium	685	Portugal	1,033
Bolivia	197	Spain	2,772
Brazil	3,618	Switzerland	37
Germany	2,361	United Kingdom	3,962
Italy	4,775	Venezuela	270
Netherlands	869	Yugoslavia	48
Norway	429		
Paraguay	829	Total	24,410

Same Period:

December-March 1959-60	22,487
1958-59	32,998
1957-58	16,894
1956-57	30,593
1955-56	35,897

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 April 25, 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

Pleasant weather conditions generally have continued favourable to the growth of cereals throughout most of France, except in a few areas which have been subjected to occasional hail showers.

Late seedings have been completed, but earlier starts on wet soil in preparation for spring seeding and followed by warm, dry weather resulted in compacted and difficult-to-work soils in several areas. On the other hand, good weather has assisted, at least in the Paris area, the work of applying post-emergent fertilizers. Winter barley and some varieties of winter wheat are now on the point of heading-out in Southern areas three weeks earlier than normal. A good yield is anticipated, and first estimates of the wheat crop suggest a harvest of approximately 7,650,000 metric tons (281.1 million bushels). However, large quantities of barley and corn in storage now plus future crop deliveries may result in a good deal of congestion and complicate the problem of wheat deliveries and collections.

Drought conditions in Morocco are causing serious concern, with some sources predicting the possibility of United States gifts of wheat and barley later in the year. Reports indicate that Tunisia's crop prospects are also poor

and suggest that wheat and barley imports will likely be required. Algeria on the other hand, is expected to have an adequate crop of barley, but may import some soft wheat from France.

Seeded Acreage in France The latest figures indicate that the area seeded to all cereals increased by 157,300 hectares (389,000 acres), or 2.3 per cent compared with the same period last year. On the other hand, the total area of winter seeded cereals is 997,200 hectares (2.5 million acres) less than a year earlier. Spring seedings, however, increased by 1,154,600 hectares (2.9 million acres).

In total, the drop in wheat acreage of 519,200 hectares (1.3 million acres), 12 per cent less than last year, has been more than made up by increased sowings of barley, oats, and to some extent, of corn, although no statistics for the latter are available.

Area Seeded to Grains in France

Grain	April 1, 1960	April 1, 1961
	- thousand acres -	
Wheat ^{1/}	10,653	9,371
Wheat and rye	46	37
Rye	752	645
Barley	3,051	4,177
Oats	2,504	3,104
Mixed grains	97	156
Totals	17,101	17,489

^{1/} In addition 119,000 acres have been planted to durum wheat this year.

French Grain Market The French market for imported grain has not been particularly active this month. Ten thousand tons (367,000 bushels) of hard wheat, possibly Manitoba No. 2 are still outstanding, which, when taken up, will bring the 1961 figures for hard wheat imports to 60,000 tons (2,205,000 bushels). This 10,000 ton (367,000 bushels) potential may be purchased shortly, and is contingent upon an equivalent amount of flour being exported from France.

Durum wheat purchases in April totalled 40,000 tons (1,470,000 bushels), of which 30,000 tons (1,102,000 bushels) were Canadian Western Amber Durum No. 2. The balance of 10,000 tons (367,000 bushels) was purchased from the United States. A second tender for a similar quantity is expected towards the end of May.

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 26.1 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 1 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 67.7 million bushels compared with 45.7 million exported during the corresponding period of 1959-60. The balance remaining on April 2, 1961 for export and for carryover, at 187.3 million bushels, exceeded by 35 per cent the comparable 1960 total of 138.7 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 <u>2/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies	263.2	332.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	78.8	77.0 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover	184.4	255.0
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-April 1	39.1	58.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - April 1	6.6	9.4
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	45.7	67.7
Balance on April 2, for export and for carryover	138.7	187.3

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 April 14, 1961 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Crop Position The current wheat crop has been officially announced by the Commonwealth Statistician and his final figure is rather surprising, being 6.8 million bushels more than was suggested four weeks ago. A bumper crop of 270.8 million bushels has been acknowledged officially and the Australian Wheat Board anticipate that final deliveries to the Board will reach 250 millions. Owing to the record harvests in Victoria and South Australia, fairly substantial quantities were held on farms pending availability of bulk storage space at sidings. This season's

crop exceeds the previous record year of 1947-48 by 50 million bushels.

Marketing
Position

Although it is anticipated that 255 million bushels will be available for export as wheat or flour, on present indications disposal should not be particularly difficult and, despite the increase in production, the carryover at the end of the season should not be larger than the 60 million bushels on hand at November 1960. There has been a great deal of speculation about the sale of wheat on credit to China but the Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, Sir John Teasdale, dispelled these rumours last month, when he issued a statement denying that a contract had been drawn up to supply wheat on credit to China. The Chairman continued by saying that any specific propositions for such sales would be referred to the Federal Minister "in accordance with the usual practice".

Australian grain ports have never been so busy and every grain port, except Brisbane, is booked to capacity until June at least. As a matter of fact, it seems as if loading will continue on an "around the clock" basis, if present sales continue. Apart from the recent cash sales to China, Italy has purchased 16.8 million bushels of wheat and good sales have been made to the United Kingdom and the Western Continent.

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

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1959-60	1960-61	1959-60	1960-61
- thousand bushels -				
Aden	2	165	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T	-	-	304	374
Aden and Aden I/T (Atta Flour)	-	-	55	100
Africa, South	981	-	-	-
Albania	-	678	-	-
Algeria	-	828	-	-
British North Borneo	-	-	81	112
British West Indies	-	-	-	1/
Brunei	-	-	22	22
Burma	-	75	116	88
Canary Islands.....	328	-	-	-
Ceylon	6	4	286	565
China	-	18,271	-	1,845
Cocos Islands	-	-	-	1/
Congo	-	-	1/	6
Cyprus	-	-	1	1
Dutch New Guinea	-	-	27	38
Eire	664	2,369	-	-
Germany, West	1,689	2,970	-	-
Ghana	-	-	-	1/
Greece	-	-	-	1
Guam	-	-	-	4
Hong Kong	661	993	-	-
Hong Kong (General)	-	-	100	83
India	7,696	1,421	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	430	1,085
Iran	2,442	379	-	-
Iraq	3,172	3,349	-	-
Italy	-	8,149	-	-
Japan	4,820	2,019	-	-

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

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1959-60	1960-61	1959-60	1960-61
- thousand bushels -				
Kenya	48	129	-	-
Korea, North	-	411	-	-
Laos	-	-	1/	-
Lebanon	-	653	-	-
Macao	-	-	7	1/
Malaya	109	147	1,241	1,140
Malaya (Atta Flour)	-	-	32	24
Maldives Islands	-	-	32	-
Malta	470	-	-	-
Mauritius	-	-	383	304
Netherlands	-	-	-	1/
New Zealand	2,397	2,046	1/	-
Norway	-	1,021	-	-
Nyasaland	-	-	71	81
Nyasaland (Atta Flour)	-	-	-	1
Okinawa	83	56	-	-
Pacific Islands	15	14	684	691
Pakistan	2,028	875	-	-
Persian Gulf	34	30	83	224
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour) ...	-	-	402	411
Philippines	224	-	57	14
Port Said (a/c S/S)	-	-	8	10
Portuguese East Africa	68	-	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa)	55	26	21	7
Rhodesia	1,235	1,341	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	78	66
Saudi Arabia	35	66	54	39
Seychelles Islands	-	-	13	15
Singapore	17	35	888	944
Singapore (a/c War Office) ..	-	-	30	20
Singapore (Atta Flour)	-	-	7	3
Somaliland, British	-	-	-	2
Spain	-	745	-	-
Thailand	1	1	169	216
Timor	-	-	7	9
United Kingdom	9,762	9,038	744	757
Zanzibar	5	4	127	54
Royal Navy	7	2	5	6
Ships' Stores	-	-	38	38
Totals	39,054	58,310	6,600	9,400

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- April 10 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, the U.S. winter wheat crop for harvest in 1961, based on conditions at April 1, was forecast at 1,099 million bushels, 2 per cent less than the huge 1960 crop but 31 per cent greater than the 1950-59 average.
- 14 According to a report from Mr. H.A. Gilbert, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Melbourne, the 1960-61 wheat crop in Australia has been officially estimated at a record 270.8 million bushels.
- 24 The Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, reported that wheat stocks in all positions in the United States at April 1, 1961 were estimated at 1,706 million bushels, a record for the third consecutive year.
- 25 According to a report from Mr. R.G. Woolham, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, the decline of 1.3 million acres in wheat acreage in France this year has been more than made up by increased sowings of barley, oats, and to some extent, corn.
- May 2 The Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, in announcing an additional grain sale to China, stated in part that if one adds the previous order for 28 million bushels of wheat and 12 million bushels of barley, valued at \$60 million, then the total transaction that could provisionally be expected for the three calendar years 1961, 1962 and 1963 will be 217 million bushels of wheat and 58.8 million bushels of barley, with a total approximate value of \$425.6 million.
- The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States during March 1961 at 22,495,000 sacks, an average of 978,000 sacks per working day.
- 9 According to Broomhall: Rainy weather has been experienced over wide areas of Europe during the past week, maintaining satisfactory moisture conditions in most countries, and growth, for the most part, has been good. The weather has been changeable in Italy, but, in general, has been favorable for growing crops. Due to the reduced acreage, however, it is still considered doubtful that the wheat crop will exceed last year's modest outturn, at least to any appreciable extent. Wheat and barley crops in Iraq show satisfactory promises and production of each is expected to be well above last year. Wheat threshing returns in India have been holding up very well and some upward revision in the official preliminary production estimate is held probable.
- 12 United States Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L. Freeman, proclaimed marketing quotas and a national acreage allotment of 55 million acres in line with current legislation. State acreage allotments and a 39-State commercial and 11-State noncommercial wheat-producing area were also announced.

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

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

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1928-29 CROP YEAR
407.6 MILLION BUSHEL

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400 —

350 —

300 —

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150 —

100 —

50 —

0

1955-56

1956-57

1957-58

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

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