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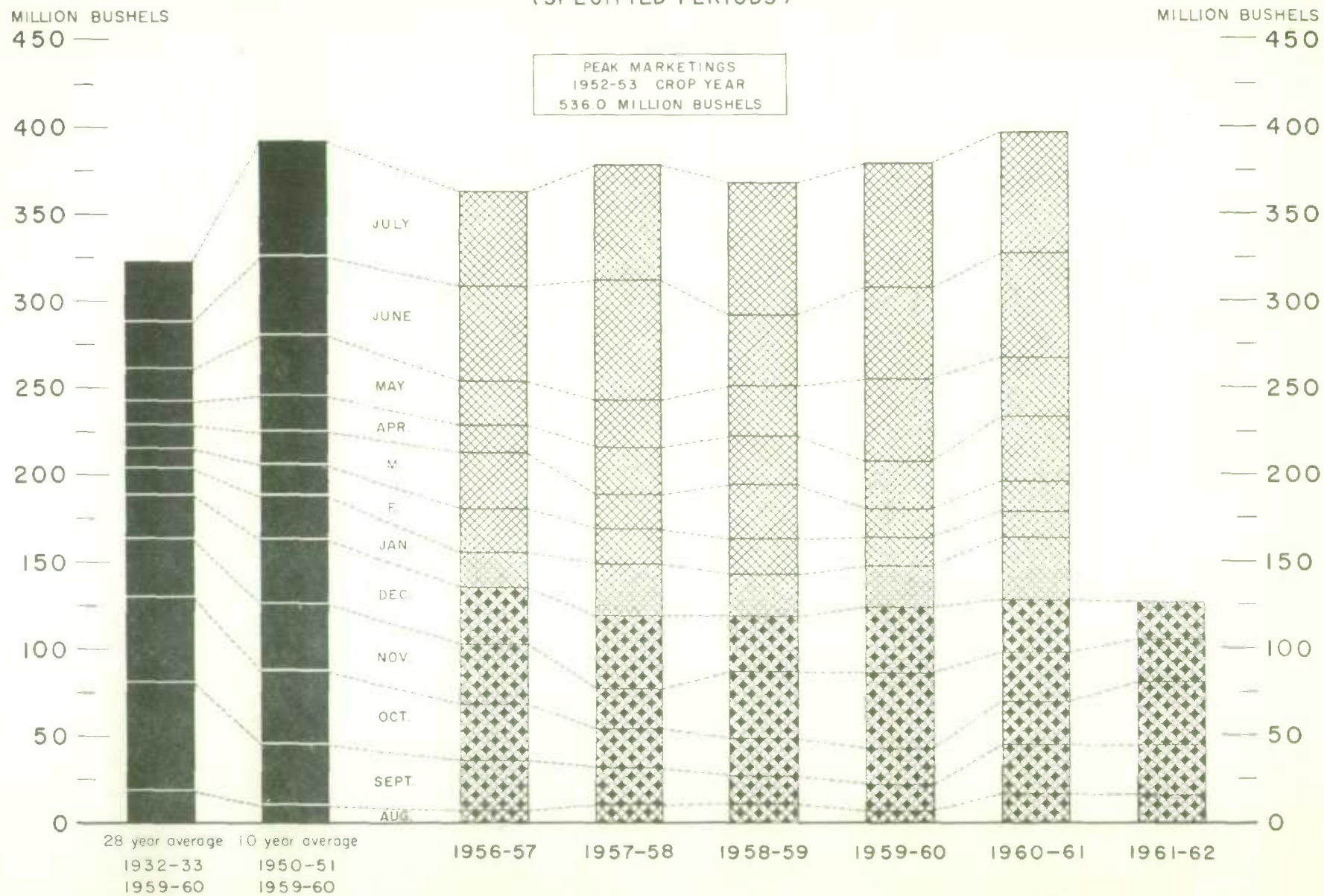
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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about January 1, 1962 in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,395.1 million bushels, 15 per cent below the 2,815.4 million available a year ago. Supplies at January 1, 1962, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,688.3 (1,767.8); Canada, 465.3 (745.9); Argentina, 69.6 (60.3); and Australia, 171.9 (241.4). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

The newly harvested 1960-61 crops in the Argentine and Australia are taken into consideration in the above estimates. It is noted that supplies available in the United States, Canada and Australia at January 1, 1962 are at lower levels this year than last, while supplies in Argentina are higher.

Exports World wheat exports in the 1960-61 crop year attained a level of 1.5 billion bushels and exceeded the previous record level of some 1.3 billion established in 1959-60. In the 1961-62 season another new record of world wheat exports is anticipated.

During the August-December period of the current crop year total exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries were at the unprecedented level of 582.1 million bushels, some 24 per cent more than the 470.6 million exported during the same months of 1960 and some 72 per cent greater than the ten-year 1950-59 August-December average of 339.1 million. Wheat and flour exports, including those under government programmes, from the United States, Canada, and Australia were at higher levels in August-December this year than last while those from Argentina were sharply reduced. Canadian wheat and flour exports during August-December 1961, based on preliminary data, amounted to some 173.2 million bushels, 29 per cent above those for the same months last year and the third largest total on record for the first five months of the crop year. Shipments from the four traditional major wheat exporters during August-December 1961 and 11 preceding years (Canadian) are shown in the table below.

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

August-December	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950 .....	93.0	87.1	25.2	51.5	256.8
1951 .....	189.6	135.5	21.8	44.2	391.1
1952 .....	134.2	168.1	0.2	33.4	335.9
1953 .....	82.8	121.1	53.8	26.5	284.2
1954 .....	101.8	116.9	53.2	37.5	309.4
1955 .....	94.4	94.9	52.7	39.8	281.8
1956 .....	204.2	127.4	38.6	63.0	433.2
1957 .....	161.9	128.5	37.5	34.7	362.6
1958 .....	177.8	122.9	39.6	26.3	366.6
1959 .....	166.4	133.5	21.3	48.2	369.4
1960 <u>1/</u> .....	246.7	134.2	34.9	54.8	470.6
1961 <u>2/</u> .....	308.2	173.2	12.4	88.3	582.1

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

International Wheat Council  
Reviews World Wheat Situation

In its third review of the World Wheat Situation the International Wheat Council stated in part as follows:

The 1961-62 Supply Situation In 1961 the world wheat crop outside the U.S.S.R. and mainland China declined by about 14 million tons. The major change in production occurred in North America where output declined 10 million tons although the quality of Spring wheat was better than usual. Wheat production in 1961 declined further in Western Europe, North Africa and mainland China. After a record crop in Australia in 1960, production in 1961 returned to average levels. Stocks carried forward into 1961-62 by the four major exporters are 53.4 million tons, about the same level as at the beginning of the preceding two years, but due to the sharp fall in production, supplies are estimated at 10 1/2 million tons below the 1960-61 level.

Outlook for Trade and Stocks in 1961-62 World trade in wheat will probably exceed the high 1960-61 level of nearly 42 million tons. Commercial demand for imports of wheat will be larger as requirements of most regions particularly Western Europe, North Africa and Asia are greater than in 1960-61. Exports under government assisted programmes seem likely to be maintained at least at the high level achieved in 1960-61. Import demand in Western Europe may also change between types of wheat. More high quality wheats will be required in Western Europe both for milling and as a substitute for durums. With smaller coarse grain production, imports of grains for livestock feeding may also increase. Import requirements of Eastern Europe, Africa and South America all seem likely to be higher. In Asia the import demand also seems likely to increase due partly to the continuance of the new trade with mainland China.

As total supplies in the four major exporting countries are lower by 10 million tons a substantial decline in stocks is indicated. End season carryover stocks may probably decline to about 45 million tons. The expected sharp fall in stocks, the first since 1956-57, arises almost entirely due to weather which resulted in poor harvests in many exporting and importing regions in both 1960 and 1961.

Longer Term Developments Over the course of the last four decades, there have been significant shifts in the pattern of wheat trade due to divergent trends in production and consumption. Imports into Western Europe have declined substantially reflecting increased production and thus a greater degree of self-sufficiency, four countries having emerged as net exporters. In contrast, Eastern Europe has shifted from a net exporting region to a net importing region. In addition, imports into densely populated developing countries have increased sharply, due in large part to supplies under trade arrangements involving special terms. In the four major exporting countries together the increase in production was not sufficiently offset by the rise in exports to prevent an increase in the level of carryover stocks.

Since the 1920's there have been violent fluctuations in the international prices of wheat which had serious effects for producers. This situation led to an increase in government intervention in wheat marketing and prices, firstly to protect domestic producers and since World War II also to achieve income and production goals. In the post World War II period the problem of instability has been less acute due to successive International Wheat Agreements which provided an internationally agreed price range, and the orderly marketing and stockholding policies followed by major exporting countries. The current level of prices is relatively higher than in the period between the wars, but if allowance is made for the inflationary factor, prices of imported wheats are lower in value in 1960-61 than in 1927 and only a little higher than in 1933 and 1938, reflecting, at least in part, increases in agricultural productivity.

One of the consequences of the extension of government intervention is seen in the large volume of trade moving under trade arrangements. During the four years



International Wheat Council  
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries  
Crop Year 1961-62 — Through December 2, 1961

Importing Countries	E X P O R T I N G   C O U N T R I E S							Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.A.	
- thousand bushels -								
Austria .....	821	33	-	-	-	-	93	947
Belgium & Luxembourg .....	5,412	18	-	14	-	-	2,737	8,181
Brazil .....	-	1,653	-	-	-	-	-	1,653
Costa Rica .....	366	-	-	-	-	-	315	681
Cuba .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic .....	460	-	-	-	-	-	111	571
El Salvador .....	323	-	-	-	-	-	305	628
Germany, Federal Republic .....	27,244	1,242	7,063	6,339	-	3,477	12,970	58,335
Greece .....	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
Guatemala .....	66	-	-	-	-	-	802	868
Haiti .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Honduras Republic .....	76	-	-	-	-	-	335	411
Iceland .....	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	7
India .....	-	-	11,169	-	-	-	1	11,170
Indonesia .....	-	-	501	488	-	-	-	989
Ireland .....	1,018	-	1,326	26	-	-	78	2,448
Israel .....	829	-	-	-	-	-	256	1,085
Japan .....	23,629	-	5,490	-	-	-	18,840	47,959
Korea .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands .....	879	68	1	296	-	588	14,262	16,094
Netherlands Territories .....	134	-	51	-	-	-	284	469
New Zealand .....	-	-	2,457	-	-	-	-	2,457
Nigeria .....	753	-	-	-	-	-	505	1,258
Norway .....	1,727	-	1,983	-	-	235	1,491	5,436
Panama .....	319	-	-	41	-	-	355	715
Peru .....	13	1,102	-	10	-	-	803	1,928
Philippines .....	1,774	-	49	-	-	-	4,531	6,354
Portugal .....	5	-	2	273	-	-	3,910	4,190
Portuguese Territories .....	641	-	183	193	-	-	275	1,292
Rhodesia & Nyasaland .....	60	-	1,796	2	-	-	1	1,859
Saudi Arabia .....	202	-	254	14	3	-	996	1,469
Sierra Leone .....	18	-	-	-	-	-	11	29
South Africa .....	-	-	1,210	-	-	-	-	1,210
Switzerland .....	4,424	73	-	810	56	-	703	6,066
United Arab Republic .....	1	-	1,187	-	-	-	-	1,188
United Kingdom .....	55,183	552	18,812	1,834	-	-	9,660	86,041
U.K. Territories .....	3,946	-	4,459	1,751	-	-	2,406	12,562
Vatican City .....	377	-	-	-	-	-	-	377
Venezuela .....	1,274	-	-	-	-	-	6,412	7,686
To Orders .....	-	2,733	-	-	-	-	-	2,733
Totals .....	131,981	7,474	57,993	12,091	59	4,300	83,456	297,354
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries .....	44.38	2.51	19.50	4.07	.02	1.45	28.07	100.00

Mexico and Spain - No sales reported.

Argentine figures cover period from August 1, 1961 to October 20, 1961.

# CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1961-62 (August-July) crop year, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 526.8 million and the 1961 production of 261.7 million, are placed at 788.5 million bushels, representing a decrease of 23 per cent from the 1960-61 total of 1,027.2 million. After deducting 150.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1961-62 would amount to 638.5 million bushels, 27 per cent below the 880.1 million in 1960-61.

Exports of wheat as grain during the August-December period of the current crop year amounted to 158.9 million bushels, 35 per cent greater than the 117.4 million exported during the same months a year ago. Exports of wheat flour, in terms of wheat, during August-December this year were estimated at 14.2 million bushels, bringing total exports of wheat and flour during the same five months, to some 173.2 million bushels, representing an increase of 29 per cent over the 134.2 million of a year ago. The balance remaining on January 1, 1962 for export and for carryover, amounted to 465.3 million bushels, 38 per cent less than the January 1, 1961 total of 745.9 million.

## Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61 <u>1/</u>	1961-62 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	537.6	526.8
New Crop .....	489.6	261.7
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August .....	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Total estimated supplies .....	1,027.2	788.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	147.1 <u>4/</u>	150.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	880.1	638.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-December <u>5/</u> .....	115.3	158.3
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-December <u>6/</u> ...	2.1	0.6 <u>7/</u>
Total exports of wheat as grain .....	117.4	158.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-December <u>6/</u> .....	16.8	14.2 <u>8/</u>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	134.2	173.2
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover ...	745.9	465.3

- 1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Less than 50,000 bushels. 4/ Revised.  
5/ As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (Includes overseas clearances and imports into the United States). 6/ Customs returns, 1960-61 adjusted for time lag.  
7/ August-November only.  
8/ Includes an estimate for December.



Farmers' marketings of wheat (both east and west) up to January 24 of the current crop year amounted to 151.5 million bushels compared with last year's corresponding total of 163.2 million. Quality of this year's deliveries continues to be unusually high. Inspections of wheat during August-December 1961 indicate that some 91 per cent of inspected marketings during that period were recorded in the grades No. 1 to No. 4 Northern. During the same months in 1960 inspections of wheat placed about 57 per cent of deliveries in these same grades. Deliveries during the five-week period December 21 to January 24 amounted to some 27.8 million bushels. During the same five weeks, disposition of Canadian wheat into export and domestic channels (overseas clearance, plus imports into the United States, plus Canadian domestic use and including grain milled for subsequent export) amounted to 24.1 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat recorded an increase from 370.4 million bushels at December 20 to a level of 374.6 million at January 24, 1962.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at January 24 this year represented declines of 14 per cent from the 1961 comparable total of 437.1 million bushels and two per cent from the 1960 figure of 381.8 million. The largest decrease, occurred in country elevator stocks, with total supplies in this position amounting to 204.3 million bushels compared with 260.4 million a year ago and 238.2 million two years ago. Wheat stocks in interior terminals, at January 24, 1962, at 10.7 million bushels, were below both the 1961 total of 11.2 million and the 1960 figure of 11.9 million. The 16.7 million bushels "In transit rail" (Western Division) exceeded both the 14.0 million of a year ago and the 10.5 million of two years ago. Supplies at the Lakehead at January 24 this year, amounted to 33.3 million bushels, below both the 1961 total of 52.9 million and the 1960 figure of 37.0 million. Some 21.8 million bushels were in "Storage Afloat" (Eastern Division) compared with 14.4 million a year ago and 12.8 million two years ago. Stocks in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports this year totalled 33.7 million bushels and represented a decline from the 35.8 million in 1961 but showed a relatively slight increase over the 32.1 million in 1960. The 27.4 million bushels in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at January 24, 1962, registered increases over both the 24.6 million a year ago and the 16.2 million of two years ago. Supplies in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster and Victoria) at 11.0 million bushels were 50 per cent above the 1961 total of 7.3 million and 54 per cent more than the 1960 figure of 7.1 million.

Preliminary Figures Indicate  
November 1961 Exports of Wheat  
Flour and Bagged Seed Wheat  
Total 2.7 Million Bushels

Based on preliminary data exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during November 1961 amounted to 2.4 million bushels, compared with the October total of 2.7 million and the adjusted November 1960 figure of 4.2 million bushels. Exports of bagged seed wheat during November 1961, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 236,000 bushels, as against the October total of 61,000 and the November 1960 adjusted figure of 570,000 bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first four months of the 1961-62 crop year, based on preliminary Customs returns, were the equivalent of 11.2 million bushels of wheat, 17 per cent less than the adjusted August-November 1960 total of 13.5 million. As with wheat as grain, Britain was the major market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 4,080 thousand bushels and accounted for 36 per cent of the four-month total. During the August-November period of 1960 shipments of wheat flour to Britain amounted to the equivalent of 5,084 thousand bushels and represented 38 per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with revised data for the August-November period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Philippines, 766 (822); Ghana, 764 (603); Lebanon, 504 (933); Jamaica, 502 (524); Trinidad, 452

(530); Nigeria, 447 (239); United States, 411 (376); and Japan, 408 (396). Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-November of the current crop year amounted to 642 thousand bushels compared with the adjusted total of 1,233 thousand bushels exported during the same months of the preceding year.

December 1961 Wheat Exports  
Total 20.0 Million Bushels

Exports of wheat in bulk, as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners, during December 1961 amounted to 20.0 million bushels, sharply below the November level of 40.8 million but virtually equal to the December 1960 figure of 20.2 million. This year's December total was, however, 17 per cent greater than the ten-year (1950-59) average for the month of 17.0 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-December period of the 1961-62 crop year amounted to 158.3 million bushels and registered increases of 37 per cent over the comparable 1960-61 total of 115.3 million and 50 per cent above the ten-year (1950-59) August-December average of 105.3 million bushels. Britain, as Canada's leading market for wheat, received shipments amounting to 36.0 million bushels and representing 23 per cent of the five-month total. During the August-December period of the 1960-61 crop year shipments of wheat to this destination amounted to 36.1 million bushels and accounted for 31 per cent of the total. The bulk of the remainder was accounted for by shipments to the Federal Republic of Germany, 28.4 million, Japan, 20.6 million and Communist China, 19.3 million bushels. Exports of Canadian wheat to these countries during the first five months of the preceding crop year were to the Federal Republic of Germany, 15.4 million, to Japan, 21.1 million bushels and China, nil. Other relatively large markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first five 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: Poland, 12.3 (nil); East Germany, 8.0 (nil); Belgium-Luxembourg, 6.0 (5.1); Switzerland, 3.6 (4.2); and India, 3.5 (2.1).

Acreage Payments

The Hon. D.S. Harkness, Acting Minister of Agriculture, speaking in the House of Commons on January 26, 1962, stated in part that it will be recalled that because of the serious financial position, particularly of the smaller western grain producers, and also due to the absence of a two-price system for wheat, previous acreage payments were made in 1958 and 1960. The reasons why this form of assistance was decided upon in those years were given at length by the Prime Minister and myself when it was originally proposed and debated in this committee. Perhaps I should refer to the Hansard reports in which those debates are recorded so that any members of the committee who would like to refresh their memories in regard to these matters will know where to find them readily. They are in Hansard of August 30 and September 6, 1958, and of August 8 and 9, 1960.

I shall not repeat the comprehensive statements made on those occasions but will very briefly sum up the principal reasons why it was decided to provide this particular form of assistance to western farmers. After a careful examination of various programs suggested to improve the income position of these farmers it became quite apparent this was the most equitable and practical method of meeting the difficulty. Secondly, this method ensures that the smaller, worse-off farmers receive the greatest proportion of benefit from the money provided, and this is one of the main considerations which must be borne in mind in extending assistance of that kind.

Thirdly, assistance by acreage does not stimulate production of particular commodities, thus creating and increasing surpluses which have been found difficult to dispose of in the past. In this connection it is encouraging to record that we have made very great progress in the last year or more in disposing of our large



surplus of grain, particularly wheat. Nevertheless a system of assistance which would considerably encourage the production of certain of these grains and cause a move away from a more diversified type of agriculture in western Canada would be a step in the wrong direction.

Fourthly, acreage payments are a type of payment which does not serve as an impediment to the marketing of agricultural commodities or to free trade in them, while many of the alternative schemes of assistance which have been suggested would have that undesirable feature. In view of the fact we are dependent to such a great extent on exports of our agricultural products, that is something which we must always keep in mind in any agricultural assistance we institute.

This year there is a very important additional reason why a payment of this kind should be made. It is to be found in the reduced farm income, particularly of people in certain areas of western Canada due to the drought which took place there last year. This drought in the long run did not prove as devastating and serious as at one time was believed would be the case, but nevertheless it did have very serious effects which are particularly apparent in the income position of many farmers in western Canada. How serious that is can be shown by comparing the average wheat yield this year with that of previous years. During the past crop year the average wheat yield is estimated to have been 10.4 bushels per acre, whereas for the previous five years it was 19.7 bushels per acre. In other words, this year's yield was not very much more than half of what had been secured on the average in the previous five years. This gives a good indication of the situation in which many farmers will find themselves, and demonstrates the necessity of assistance in the form proposed.

The payments to be made under the authority of this vote will follow the same pattern as the two previous payments. That is, each producer holding a wheat board delivery permit will receive \$1 for each cultivated acre listed in the permit, up to a maximum of \$200. Payments will be made to holders of delivery permits for the current crop year, that is 1961-62, and it is estimated that approximately 235,000 payments will be made.

On January 30, 1962 the following resolution with respect to acreage payments was adopted: Payments to western grain producers to be distributed on the following basis, namely, \$1.00 per cultivated acre up to a maximum of 200 acres per farm in accordance with regulations of the Governor in Council ..... \$42,000,000.00.

Removal of Quota on  
Soft White Spring Wheat

The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 19 under date of January 23, 1962 stated 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, 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 ten (10) 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 January 29, 1962 out of a total of 1,953 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 896 points on an open delivery quota, and 604 points on a quota of 7 bushels per specified acre. Of the remainder, 212 were on a 6-



bushel quota and the same number on a 5-bushel quota. Only 29 points were on a 4-bushel quota.

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division  
as at January 29, 1962

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre				Open Delivery Quota	Total
	Four	Five	Six	Seven		
Ontario .....	-	-	-	-	2	2
Manitoba .....	-	-	-	-	352	352
Saskatchewan .....	29	163	155	380	322	1,049
Alberta .....	-	49	57	224	215	545
British Columbia .....	-	-	-	-	5	5
All Provinces .....	29	212	212	604	896	1,953

Grain Storage to be  
Studied by Committee

The Hon. George Hees, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on January 9, 1962 that following discussions with the Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, an interdepartmental committee has been appointed to study problems related to the storage and handling of grains in Canada.

The committee includes representation from the federal departments of Agriculture, Finance, Trade and Commerce, and Transport, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The Board of Grain Commissioners and the National Harbours Board are also represented on the committee. Officials from other government departments and agencies may be called upon for their services as required.

The major function of the committee will be to prepare an initial assessment of the adequacy of Canada's present grain storage and handling facilities in relation to current and future requirements for the storage and movement of Canadian grain. This will involve a thorough inventory and appraisal of present facilities, together with an intensive study of the grain market potential, both at home and abroad. The committee will also study the pattern of grain movement with a view to determining what factors, if any, hamper the rapid and efficient flow of grain from farm to ultimate consumer.

Other items falling within the committee's purview are the impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the pattern of grain storage and handling, the handling of United States' grain through Canadian ports, and other related problems.

While it is not the intention of the committee to hold public hearings, individuals and groups associated with the grain trade may be asked to co-operate in the provision of background material and data essential to the successful completion of the committee's work.

The committee is as follows: W.D. Porter, Dominion Bureau of Statistics (chairman); E.E. Baxter, Board of Grain Commissioners; J. W. Channon, Department of Agriculture; R.M. Esdale, Department of Trade and Commerce; G.G. McLeod, Department of Transport; C. H. Malcolm, National Harbours Board; M. W. Menzies, Department of Agriculture; E.A. Oestreicher, Department of Finance; W.L. Posthumus, Department of Trade and Commerce; and G.M. Schuthe, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to December 24 of the current crop year amounted to 146.7 million bushels, representing a decrease of 9 per cent from the comparable 1960-61 total of 160.4 million and 20 per cent below the ten-year (1950-51-1959-60) average for the period of 182.8 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings 1/ of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1961-62

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year <u>2/</u>
		- bushels -				
August	9, 1961..	66,412	298,654	59,779	424,845	770,867
	16 .....	78,431	354,050	249,553	682,034	3,072,038
	23 .....	1,732,408	3,132,734	433,666	5,298,808	6,057,404
	30 .....	1,960,688	5,795,205	1,368,107	9,124,000	6,634,518
September	6 .....	972,846	3,230,317	2,070,908	6,274,071	8,789,421
	13 .....	907,424	4,617,726	2,258,606	7,783,756	9,033,552
	20 .....	721,238	3,242,834	2,769,649	6,733,721	6,371,926
	27 .....	630,826	4,260,220	2,806,814	7,697,860	3,416,603
October	4 .....	1,104,469	4,761,138	2,490,732	8,356,339	4,629,456
	11 .....	963,662	3,860,475	2,201,300	7,025,437	4,045,618
	18 .....	929,061	4,531,791	2,056,024	7,516,876	4,787,219
	25 .....	1,023,510	4,178,369	1,941,585	7,143,464	5,419,462
November	1 .....	1,127,996	3,495,742	2,239,758	6,863,496	6,363,414
	8 .....	833,376	3,129,828	1,674,622	5,637,826	6,929,093
	15 .....	697,308	4,359,574	2,038,116	7,094,998	5,784,997
	22 .....	723,530	3,759,473	2,121,428	6,604,431	7,341,044
	29 .....	654,608	3,088,767	2,046,531	5,789,906	8,037,409
December	6 .....	540,239	1,998,306	1,148,799	3,687,344	6,799,472
	13 .....	507,881	3,375,334	1,597,033	5,480,248	7,405,082
	20 .....	382,974 <u>2/</u>	1,832,893	1,419,291	3,635,158 <u>2/</u>	9,840,652
	27 .....	477,164	1,494,090	983,966	2,955,220	6,488,616
January	3, 1962 .	278,621	2,449,310	1,745,762	4,473,693	5,826,586
	10 .....	807,973	6,788,154	3,743,947	11,340,074	9,867,207
	17 .....	273,409	4,004,264	2,493,320	6,770,993	9,427,211
	24 .....	100,603	794,836	1,396,613	2,292,052	7,212,448
Totals .....		18,496,657	82,834,084	45,355,909	146,686,650	160,351,315
Average similar period:						
1950-51--1959-60 .		21,470,133	112,367,437	48,958,999	182,796,569	

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

2/ Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, January 24, 1962  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1960 and 1961

Position	1960	1961	1962
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	27,948	34,259	29,065
Saskatchewan .....	132,046	150,896	111,579
Alberta .....	78,212	75,265	63,665
Totals .....	238,206	260,420	204,309
Interior private and mill .....	7,661	7,933	6,810
Interior terminals .....	11,936	11,240	10,741
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	6,888	6,864	10,394
Victoria .....	251	483	592
Churchill .....	4,871	4,766	4,829
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	37,007	52,928	33,342
Storage afloat .....	-	-	681
In transit rail (Western Division) .....	10,546	13,952	16,661
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ..	32,071	35,795	33,653
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ....	16,215	24,581	27,373
Storage afloat .....	12,827	14,364	21,790
In transit rail (Eastern Division) .....	3,281	3,796	3,410
Totals .....	381,761	437,122	374,585

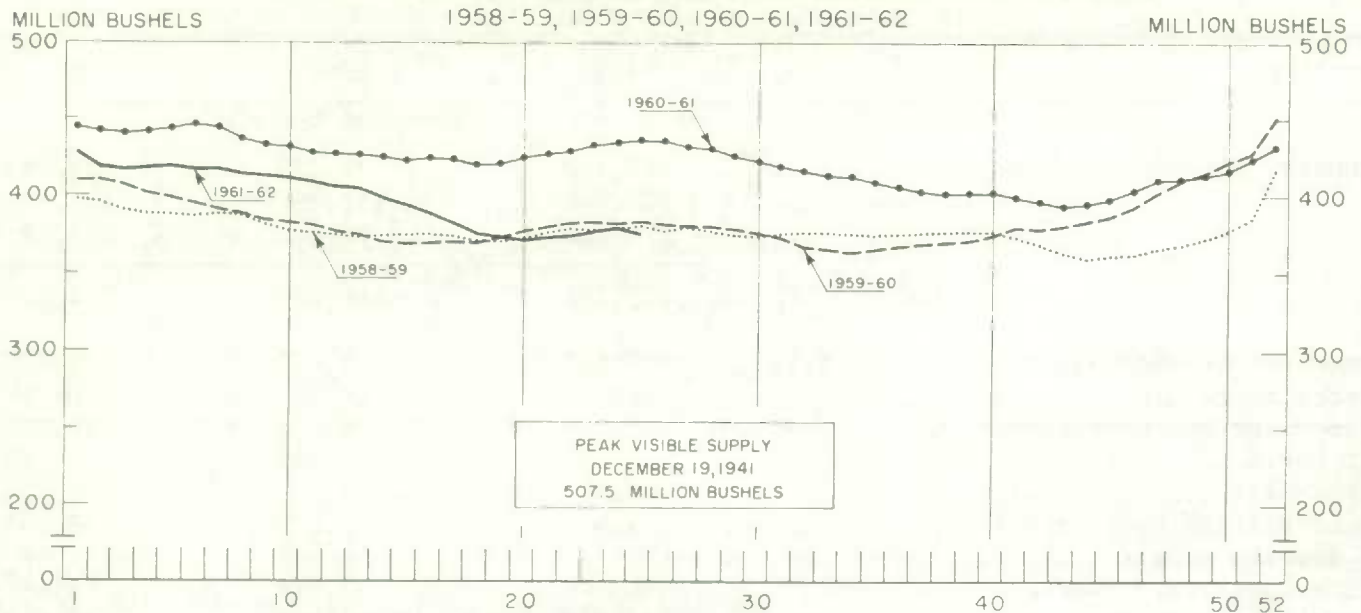
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-December 1961 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		August-December			
	Average					
	1955-56	1960-61	1960	1961		
	1959-60					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Hard .....	-	-	-	-	34	1/
No. 1 Man. Northern .....	1.6	2.1	758	1.0	12,500	13.1
No. 2 Man. Northern .....	28.2	41.1	14,735	18.6	51,318	53.8
No. 3 Man. Northern .....	27.7	25.5	17,677	22.4	17,777	18.6
No. 4 Man. Northern .....	14.0	8.5	11,909	15.1	4,841	5.1
No. 5 Wheat .....	9.2	5.2	7,517	9.5	1,007	1.1
No. 6 Wheat .....	2.3	0.8	869	1.1	316	0.3
Feed Wheat .....	0.2	1/	7	1/	5	1/
Others Red Spring .....	10.7	7.3	8,100	10.2	3,833	4.0
C.W. Garnet .....	0.2	1/	11	1/	207	0.2
C.W. White Spring .....	0.1	0.1	126	0.2	88	0.1
C.W. Mixed Wheat .....	0.1	1/	55	0.1	36	1/
Alberta Winter .....	0.3	0.2	164	0.2	449	0.5
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum ..	5.3	9.0	16,853	21.3	2,903	3.0
Others C.W. Amber Durum ....	0.2	0.2	280	0.4	63	0.1
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	79,061	100.0	95,377	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) ....			148,017,000		183,404,000	

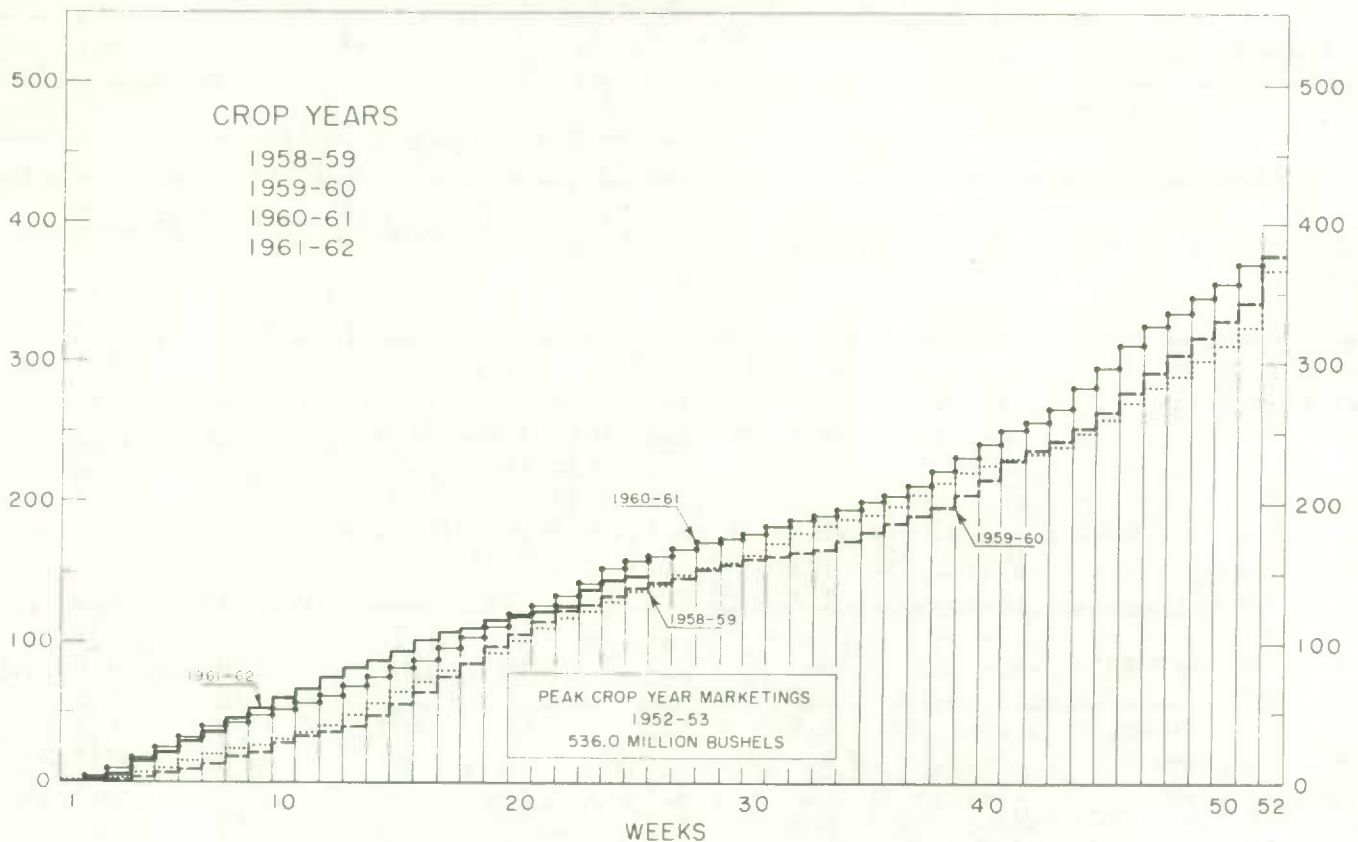
1/ Less than .05 per cent.



# 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 January 17, 1962 amounted to 0.6 million bushels. During the comparable periods of 1960-61 and 1959-60 shipments amounted to 1.2 million and 0.5 million bushels, respectively. Of this season's total to date some 93 per cent has been shipped by vessel.

Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1961 - January 17, 1962  
with Comparisons

Destination	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
		- bushels -	
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo .....	110,305	298,631	-
Chicago .....	-	216,477	100,000
Duluth-Superior .....	272,202	477,836	420,978
Milwaukee .....	-	81,537	-
Totals, Vessel .....	382,507	1,074,481	520,978
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points .....	98,244	130,600	41,336
Totals, Shipments .....	480,751	1,205,081	562,314

\* 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 five months of the current crop year totalled 4.0 million bushels compared with the August-December 1960 figure of 5.8 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1 - December 31, 1960	August 1 - December 31, 1961
	- bushels -	
Port McNicoll .....	2,317,832	1,336,074
Midland, Tiffin .....	2,158,933	2,291,691
Collingwood .....	424,459	148,150
Owen Sound .....	338,426	100,000
Goderich .....	349,905	114,763
Sarnia .....	166,972	-
Lakefield .....	55,700	-
Totals .....	5,812,227	3,990,678

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1958-59-1961-62

Month	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
- bushels -				
August .....	33,123	34,383	14,717	20,648
September .....	15,692	31,690	19,227	14,598
October .....	68,834	30,904	5,417	33,944
November .....	205,061	8,383	24,000	22,915
December .....	214,398	25,355	17,500	60,167
January .....	684,845	103,087	71,335	
February .....	173,387	23,878	135,339	
March .....	280,705	18,826	28,073	
April .....	243,292	64,156	9,833	
May .....	44,783	19,513	15,805	
June .....	10,128	25,234	17,563	
July .....	33,696	26,803	10,940	
Totals .....	2,007,944	412,212	369,749	

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

Grade	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -				
1 Northern .....	-	-	-	2,000
4 Northern .....	-	-	-	1,500
5 Wheat .....	-	-	10,500	-
Tough .....	-	1,500	5,834	-
Rejected .....	-	-	12,833	-
Durum .....	-	-	2,000	1,500
Others .....	1,500	4,500	12,000	4,500
Totals .....	1,500	6,000	43,167	9,500

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1961-January 24, 1962  
with Comparisons

Port	Wheat <u>1/</u>	Durum Wheat <u>1/</u>	Oats <u>1/</u>	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed <u>2/</u>
- bushels -							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Vancouver-New Westminster	63,556,181	-	197,977	5,561,633	710,132	3,606,231	1,550,601
Victoria .....	2,107,480	-	-	-	-	-	178,406
Prince Rupert .....	-	-	-	5,273,520	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u> .....	18,297,287	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u> .....	5,872,784	-	-	362,065	578,275	492,936	-
<u>Lower Lake</u>							
Toronto .....	-	-	-	-	-	20,184	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal .....	32,307,803	2,339,883	5,259	23,334	1,564,991	3,387,695	-
Sorel .....	12,029,426	2,111,090	-	-	200,109	-	-
Three Rivers .....	14,242,374	14,024	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec .....	7,726,502	16,876	-	-	-	-	-
Baie Comeau .....	4,846,267	99,381	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritimes</u>							
Saint John .....	296,965	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John .....	2,029,729	-	-	-	-	107,847	-
Halifax .....	2,000,870	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals .....	165,313,668	4,581,254	203,236	11,220,552	3,053,507	7,614,893	1,729,007
Aug. 1, 1960-Jan. 25, 1961.	104,242,357	23,709,745	842,315	6,003,680	400,110	6,978,042	3,965,151

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.



Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to December 31, 1961 represent the movement of some 4,655 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-November period of the 1961-62 crop year. During the corresponding period in 1960-61 claims had been filed for a total of 6,537 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 1961 August-November shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 29 per cent below those of 1960. Revised data on the 1960 August-November shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to December 31, 1961 place the four-month total at 7,006 thousand bushels. About 73 per cent of the shipments during the current period under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August-November 1961 and 1960

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1961 .....	11	10	162	38	515	548	122	1,406
September .....	11	19	97	37	422	458	262	1,308
October .....	6	8	91	37	438	417	156	1,153
November .....	8	8	55	26	350	242	99	789
Totals <u>1/</u> .....	36	46	406	138	1,725	1,665	639	4,655
Same period 1960:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u> ...	57	63	552	216	2,299	2,687	662	6,537
Revised <u>1/</u> .....	61	67	559	227	2,347	2,811	934	7,006

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 174,727 tons during the August-November period of the current crop year. During the same four months of 1960 claims had been filed for a total of 189,071 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the 1961 August-November shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 8 per cent below those of 1960. Revised data on the 1960 August-November shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to December 31, 1961 place the four-month total at 208,752 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-November 1961 and 1960

Province	1960		1961
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland .....	1,613	1,808	1,690
Prince Edward Island .....	2,913	3,223	2,861
Nova Scotia .....	12,946	13,457	11,079
New Brunswick .....	10,391	11,518	10,178
Quebec .....	92,690	99,416	89,557
Ontario .....	56,541	62,042	47,866
British Columbia .....	11,977	17,288	11,496
Totals .....	189,071	208,752	174,727

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

2/ Based on claims filed up to December 31, 1960.

Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and Month	Wheat in Bulk <u>1/</u>	Bagged Seed Wheat <u>2/</u>	Total Wheat	Wheat Flour <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Total <u>3/</u> Wheat and Wheat Flour
- thousand bushels -					
<u>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</u>					
August .....	23,908	127	24,034	2,867	26,901
September ....	26,742	232	26,974	2,694	29,668
October .....	21,172	304	21,476	3,727	25,203
November .....	23,224	570	23,794	4,198	27,992
December .....	20,222	883	21,105	3,320	24,426
January .....	16,408	773	17,181	2,104	19,285
February .....	20,517	1,043	21,560	2,404	23,964
March .....	23,377	1,934	25,312	3,088	28,399
April .....	31,395	599	31,994	3,009	35,003
May .....	42,190	135	42,325	3,166	45,491
June .....	35,532	12	35,544	2,499	38,043
July .....	26,265	4	26,269	2,607	28,876
Totals ..	310,952	6,616	317,568	35,682	353,249
<u>1961-62 4/</u>					
August .....	35,625	114	35,740	3,540	39,280
September ....	28,966	232	29,198	2,560	31,758
October .....	32,910	61	32,970	2,693 <u>5/</u>	35,663 <u>5/</u>
November .....	40,823	236 <u>6/</u>	41,059	2,436 <u>6/</u>	43,495
December .....	19,966	<u>7/</u>	19,966 <u>8/</u>	3,000 <u>9/</u>	22,966 <u>10/</u>
Totals ..	158,291	642	158,933	14,229	173,163

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, 1959-60 and 1960-61 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 December exports of bagged seed. 9/ Estimated.

10/ Includes an estimate of wheat flour for December but no allowance made for December exports of bagged seed wheat.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination 1960-61

Destination	Wheat 1/	Durum Wheat 1/	Wheat Flour 2/	Total Wheat 1/ and Wheat Flour 2/
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain .....	77,895,646	720,599	13,157,035	91,773,280
Gibraltar .....	-	-	36,837	36,837
Malta and Gozo .....	1,198,699	-	-	1,198,699
<u>Middle East</u>				
Kuwait .....	-	-	27,034	27,034
Qatar .....	-	-	6,114	6,114
British Middle East, nes .....	-	-	14,936	14,936
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Ghana .....	-	-	2,219,431	2,219,431
Nigeria .....	-	-	934,589	934,589
Rhodesia - Nyasaland .....	108,517	-	33,810	142,327
Sierra Leone .....	-	-	411,429	411,429
Tanganyika .....	-	-	17,940	17,940
British Africa, nes .....	-	-	55,310	55,310
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Ceylon .....	-	-	566,718	566,718
Hong Kong .....	523,787	-	761,636	1,285,423
India .....	3,955,436	-	-	3,955,436
Malaya - Singapore .....	-	-	559,657	559,657
Pakistan .....	2,098,690	-	-	2,098,690
British East Indies, nes .....	-	-	9,370	9,370
<u>Oceania</u>				
Fiji .....	-	-	6,037	6,037
British Oceania, nes .....	-	-	1,104	1,104
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana .....	-	-	204,222	204,222
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Bahamas .....	-	-	282,304	282,304
Bermuda .....	-	-	120,193	120,193
British Honduras .....	-	-	17,492	17,492
Barbados .....	167	-	161,471	161,638
Jamaica .....	-	-	1,518,768	1,518,768
Leeward-Windward Islands .....	-	-	1,055,670	1,055,670
Trinidad .....	-	-	1,433,694	1,433,694
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ..	85,780,942	720,599	23,612,801	110,114,342

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria .....	1,063,525	465,886	-	1,529,411
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	10,300,406	1,867,546	197,225	12,365,177
Denmark .....	-	-	1,840	1,840
Finland .....	439,284	-	-	439,284
France .....	1,882,192	8,020,711	-	9,902,903
Germany, Federal Republic .....	21,348,690	11,630,314	-	32,979,004
Greece .....	-	22,400	10,554	32,954



Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination 1960-61

Destination	Wheat <u>1/</u>	Durum Wheat <u>1/</u>	Wheat Flour <u>2/</u>	Total Wheat <u>1/</u> and Wheat Flour <u>2/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (continued)</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Iceland .....	-	-	17,022	17,022
Ireland .....	3,407,825	5,600	-	3,413,425
Italy .....	1,475,205	13,457,746	3,765	14,936,716
Netherlands .....	6,272,143	353,026	5,964	6,631,133
Norway .....	3,301,427	-	1,011,768	4,313,195
Portugal .....	-	93,333	48,192	141,525
Sweden .....	-	18,667	19,665	38,332
Switzerland .....	3,896,296	3,419,668	-	7,315,964
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania .....	2,354,800	-	-	2,354,800
Czechoslovakia .....	11,433,801	704,807	-	12,138,608
Germany, East .....	1,918,075	-	-	1,918,075
Poland .....	5,693,870	-	-	5,693,870
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	7,511,317	-	-	7,511,317
<u>Middle East</u>				
Ethiopia .....	-	-	253	253
Iran .....	-	-	2,132	2,132
Israel .....	1,592,267	-	-	1,592,267
Jordan .....	-	-	1,040	1,040
Lebanon .....	-	-	956,970	956,970
Saudi Arabia .....	-	-	8,936	8,936
U.A.R. - Syria .....	-	-	6,930	6,930
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	-	373,333	-	373,333
Angola .....	-	-	19,205	19,205
Congo .....	-	-	210,804	210,804
French Equatorial Africa .....	-	-	5,370	5,370
Liberia .....	-	-	19,216	19,216
Mozambique .....	401,257	35,467	5,048	441,772
Portuguese Africa, nes .....	-	-	103,695	103,695
Tunisia .....	-	1,439	-	1,439
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Burma .....	356,229	-	-	356,229
Cambodia - Laos .....	-	-	56,157	56,157
China, Communist .....	34,699,851	-	-	34,699,851
Indonesia .....	-	-	205,795	205,795
Japan .....	53,996,664	-	1,632,879	55,629,543
Philippines .....	987,363	-	2,633,714	3,621,077
Portuguese India .....	-	-	162,875	162,875
Portuguese Asia, nes .....	-	-	40,986	40,986
Taiwan .....	139,626	-	-	139,626
Thailand .....	-	-	343,613	343,613
Viet-Nam .....	-	-	28,083	28,083
<u>Oceania</u>				
French Netherlands Oceania .....	-	-	1,311	1,311
United States Oceania .....	313,152	-	28,750	341,902
<u>South America</u>				
Bolivia .....	-	-	954	954
Chile .....	-	-	11,587	11,587
Colombia .....	-	-	115,331	115,331

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination 1960-61

Destination	Wheat <u>1/</u>	Durum Wheat <u>1/</u>	Wheat Flour <u>2/</u>	Total Wheat <u>1/</u> and Wheat Flour <u>2/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>South America</u>				
Ecuador .....	1,190,686	-	-	1,190,686
Peru .....	1,816,267	-	4,600	1,820,867
Surinam .....	-	-	83,228	83,228
Venezuela .....	2,658,094	7	37,157	2,695,258
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Costa Rica .....	-	-	727,619	727,619
Cuba .....	5,056	-	802,912	807,968
Dominican Republic .....	922,831	-	5,405	928,236
El Salvador .....	18,372	-	187,526	205,898
French West Indies .....	-	-	4,059	4,059
Guatemala .....	60,166	-	64,274	124,440
Honduras .....	4,996	-	76,797	81,793
Netherlands Antilles .....	-	-	101,209	101,209
Nicaragua .....	-	-	396,398	396,398
Panama .....	-	-	313,085	313,085
<u>North America</u>				
St. Pierre-Miquelon .....	-	-	7,475	7,475
United States .....	2,518,758 <u>3/</u>	-	1,339,649	3,858,407
Totals, Other Countries .....	183,980,491	40,469,950	12,069,022	236,519,463
Sub-Totals, All Countries .....	269,761,433	41,190,549	35,681,823	346,633,805
Bagged Seed wheat <u>4/</u> .....	6,615,634			6,615,634
Totals, All Countries .....	276,377,067	41,190,549	35,681,823	353,249,439

nes - not elsewhere specified.

- 1/ Overseas clearances are reported by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States.
- 2/ Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. In terms of wheat equivalent. Source: Canadian Customs returns. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.
- 3/ Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.
- 4/ Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination, December 1961

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat
- bushels -			
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
Britain .....	4,784,384	18,667	4,803,051
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Rhodesia-Nyasaland .....	22,400	-	22,400
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Hong Kong .....	36,400	-	36,400
India .....	1,484,000	-	1,484,000
Totals, Commonwealth Countries .	6,327,184	18,667	6,345,851
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
Austria .....	434,476	-	434,476
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	1,130,216	37,333	1,167,549
Finland .....	317,144	-	317,144
Germany, Federal Republic .....	4,280,249	-	4,280,249
Ireland .....	210,933	-	210,933
Italy .....	390,106	-	390,106
Netherlands .....	351,867	-	351,867
<u>Eastern Europe</u>			
Albania .....	242,965	-	242,965
Poland .....	784,000	-	784,000
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Algeria .....	937,067	-	937,067
Mozambique .....	73,883	-	73,883
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Burma .....	175,467	-	175,467
Japan .....	3,377,698	-	3,377,698
Philippines .....	244,533	-	244,533
<u>Oceania</u>			
United States Oceania .....	96,133	-	96,133
<u>South America</u>			
Ecuador .....	73,491	-	73,491
Venezuela .....	381,473	-	381,473
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
El Salvador .....	54,992	-	54,992
<u>North America</u>			
United States for domestic use 2/ .....	26,534	-	26,534
Totals, Other Countries .....	13,583,227	37,333	13,620,560
Totals, All Countries .....	19,910,411	56,000	19,966,411

NOTE: See footnotes page 21.

Data re December Customs exports of bagged seed wheat not available.



Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination, August-December 1961

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat
- bushels -			
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
Britain .....	35,901,636 *	117,683	36,019,319
Malta and Gozo .....	844,667	-	844,667
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Rhodesia-Nyasaland .....	56,000	-	56,000
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Hong Kong .....	205,333	-	205,333
India .....	3,465,687	-	3,465,687
Pakistan .....	1,829,934	-	1,829,934
Totals, Commonwealth Countries	42,303,257	117,683	42,420,940

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>			
Austria .....	1,024,813	-	1,024,813
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	5,710,084 *	309,680	6,019,764
Finland .....	1,151,402	-	1,151,402
France .....	54,133	604,769	658,902
Germany, Federal Republic ....	26,026,911 *	2,349,741	28,376,652
Ireland .....	1,228,438	-	1,228,438
Italy .....	2,167,947	25,200	2,193,147
Netherlands .....	1,399,180 *	110,454	1,509,634
Norway .....	1,554,933	-	1,554,933
Switzerland .....	2,734,105	836,786	3,570,891
<u>Eastern Europe</u>			
Albania .....	1,050,336	-	1,050,336
Germany, East .....	8,040,229	-	8,040,229
Poland .....	12,293,711	-	12,293,711
<u>Middle East</u>			
Israel .....	829,100	-	829,100
Saudi Arabia .....	166,525	-	166,525
U.A.R.-Egypt .....	451,733	-	451,733
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Algeria .....	1,322,604	37,035	1,359,639
Congo .....	18,257	-	18,257
Mozambique .....	260,499	-	260,499
Tunisia .....	-	189,905	189,905

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination, August-December 1961

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat
- bushels -			
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u> (concluded)			
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Burma .....	175,467	-	175,467
China, Communist .....	19,337,585	-	19,337,585
Japan .....	20,582,322	-	20,582,322
Philippines .....	1,040,940	-	1,040,940
<u>Oceania</u>			
United States Oceania .....	240,239	-	240,239
<u>South America</u>			
Colombia .....	132,275	-	132,275
Ecuador .....	444,473	-	444,473
Venezuela .....	740,207	-	740,207
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
Dominican Republic .....	460,337	-	460,337
El Salvador .....	195,537	-	195,537
Guatemala .....	20,000	-	20,000
<u>North America</u>			
United States for domestic use <u>2/</u> .....	552,287	-	552,287
Totals, Other Countries .....	111,406,609	4,463,570	115,870,179
Sub-Totals, All Countries ...	153,709,866	4,581,253	158,291,119
Bagged seed <u>3/</u> .....			642,322 <u>4/</u>
Totals, All Countries .....	153,709,866	4,581,253	158,933,441

\* Revisions in November data have been taken into account in the August-December cumulative totals.

1/ Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States. Excluding bagged seed.

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

3/ Compiled from Canadian Customs returns.

4/ August-November only.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	July 1961 <u>1/</u>	November 1961 <u>2/</u>	August-November 1961 <u>2/</u>
- bushels -			
<u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
Britain .....	848,895	928,416	4,080,014 *
Gibraltar .....	5,667	6,698	17,517
<u>Middle East</u>			
Kuwait .....	7,084	-	10,948
Qatar .....	534	-	1,049
British Middle East, nes .....	1,546	1,803	6,955
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Ghana .....	332,180	61,288	763,837
Nigeria .....	150,464	71,380	447,414
Rhodesia-Nyasaland .....	1,187	3,528	9,591
Sierra Leone .....	38,293	5,267	113,222
Tanganyika .....	1,380	-	7,015
British Africa, nes .....	2,127	-	6,348
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Hong Kong .....	51,410	61,640	288,103
Malaya - Singapore .....	35,588	54,862	211,204
British East Indies, nes .....	1,046	1,203	4,970
<u>Oceania</u>			
Fiji .....	-	805	2,415
<u>South America</u>			
British Guiana .....	6,486	4,370	11,859
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
Bahamas .....	16,542	27,414	79,042
Bermuda .....	4,648	9,365	40,567 *
British Honduras .....	628	1,943	7,509
Barbados .....	11,870	9,591	41,085
Jamaica .....	187,425	133,117	501,547
Leeward-Windward Islands .....	92,241	96,018	363,336
Trinidad .....	129,350	109,025	452,263 *
Totals, Commonwealth Countries ....	1,926,591	1,587,733	7,467,810

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>			
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	35,960	35,857	87,531
Denmark .....	460	-	920
Greece .....	1,030	2,029	2,544
Iceland .....	761	3,220	9,557
Ireland .....	-	5,796	5,796
Italy .....	-	-	4,961
Netherlands .....	1,472	-	1,378
Portugal .....	6,670	3,602	9,851
Sweden .....	-	-	506
<u>Middle East</u>			
Iran .....	667	607	1,007
Jordan .....	-	-	109,252
Lebanon .....	5,623	7,604	504,316
Saudi Arabia .....	-	-	288
U.A.R. - Egypt .....	-	-	171,994



Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	July 1961 <u>1/</u>	November 1961 <u>2/</u>	August-November 1961 <u>2/</u>
	- bushels -		
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>			
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Angola .....	1,150	-	1,725
Congo .....	13,340	9,315	57,546
Liberia .....	1,380	230	7,613 *
Mozambique .....	115	1,518	4,301
Portuguese Africa, nes .....	14,377	4,186	38,458
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Indonesia .....	-	-	189,747
Japan .....	121,555	153,543	408,381
Philippines .....	130,636	354,418	766,438
Portuguese India .....	-	11,201	59,310
Portuguese Asia, nes .....	2,024	2,024	7,590
Thailand .....	31,685	31,915	103,404
Viet-Nam .....	28,083	-	28,083
<u>Oceania</u>			
French Netherlands Oceania .....	-	-	184
<u>South America</u>			
Chile .....	-	-	1,150
Colombia .....	460	-	1,380
Peru .....	690	460	5,297
Surinam .....	4,428	7,675	23,699 *
Venezuela .....	4,991	4,531	12,363
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
Costa Rica .....	44,229	28,118	241,213
El Salvador .....	21,257	8,320	54,630
French West Indies .....	230	1,104	1,564
Guatemala .....	5,067	2,641	29,383 *
Honduras .....	13,745	10,925	38,527
Netherlands Antilles .....	7,870	16,107	65,964
Nicaragua .....	50,483	10,522	153,258
Panama .....	36,871	19,906	137,802
<u>North America</u>			
St. Pierre-Miquelon .....	920	345	1,955
United States .....	91,752	110,883	410,690 *
Totals, Other Countries .....	679,981	848,602	3,761,556
Totals, All Countries .....	2,606,572	2,436,335	11,229,366

nes - not elsewhere specified.

\* Revised.

1/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

2/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Preliminary and unadjusted for time lag. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending				
	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern .....	140	140	140	140	140
2 Northern .....	136	136	136	136	136
3 Northern .....	132	132	132	132	132
4 Northern .....	125	125	125	125	125
5 Wheat .....	108	108	108	108	108
6 Wheat .....	102	102	102	102	102
Feed Wheat .....	96	96	96	96	96
1 C.W. Garnet .....	122	122	122	122	122
2 C.W. Garnet .....	117	117	117	117	117
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	124	124	124	124	124
2 Alberta Winter .....	119	119	119	119	119
1 C. W. Amber Durum .....	175	175	175	175	175
2 C. W. Amber Durum .....	171	171	171	171	171
3 C. W. Amber Durum .....	167	167	167	167	167

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern .....	189/2	190	189/7	189/7	190/2
2 Northern .....	188/2	189	188/7	188/7	189/2
3 Northern .....	187/2	188	187/7	187/7	188/2
4 Northern .....	182/2	183	182/7	182/7	183/2
5 Wheat .....	178/2	179	178/7	178/7	179/2
6 Wheat .....	177/2	178	177/7	177/7	178/2
Feed Wheat .....	173/2	174	173/7	173/7	174/2
1 C. W. Garnet .....	188/2	189	188/7	188/7	189/2
2 C. W. Garnet .....	184/2	185	184/7	184/7	185/2
3 C. W. Garnet .....	182/2	183	182/7	182/7	183/2
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	189/2	190	189/7	189/7	190/2
2 Alberta Winter .....	186/2	187	186/7	186/7	187/2
3 Alberta Winter .....	183/2	184	183/7	183/7	184/2
1 C. W. Amber Durum .....	348/6	349	348/7	348/7	349/2
2 C. W. Amber Durum .....	347/6	348	347/7	347/7	348/2
3 C. W. Amber Durum .....	345/6	346	345/7	345/7	346/2

Export - Class II

1 Northern .....	189/2	190	189/7	189/7	190/2
2 Northern .....	188/2	189	188/7	188/7	189/2
3 Northern .....	187/2	188	187/7	187/7	188/2
4 Northern .....	182/2	183	182/7	182/7	183/2
5 Wheat .....	178/2	179	178/7	178/7	179/2
6 Wheat .....	177/2	178	177/7	177/7	178/2
Feed Wheat .....	173/2	174	173/7	173/7	174/2
1 C. W. Garnet .....	188/2	189	188/7	188/7	189/2
2 C. W. Garnet .....	184/2	185	184/7	184/7	185/2
3 C. W. Garnet .....	182/2	183	182/7	182/7	183/2
1 C. W. Amber Durum .....	348/6	349	348/7	348/7	349/2
2 C. W. Amber Durum .....	347/6	348	347/7	347/7	348/2
3 C. W. Amber Durum .....	345/6	346	345/7	345/7	346/2

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending				
	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern .....	197/2	197/4	197/3	197/3	197/6
2 Northern .....	196/2	196/4	196/3	196/3	196/6
3 Northern .....	195/2	195/4	195/3	195/3	195/6
4 Northern .....	190/2	190/4	190/3	190/3	190/6
5 Wheat .....	184/2	184/4	184/3	184/3	184/6
6 Wheat .....	177/2	177/4	177/3	177/3	177/6
Feed Wheat .....	174/2	174/4	174/3	174/3	174/6
1 C. W. Garnet .....	188/2	188/4	188/3	188/3	188/6
2 C. W. Garnet .....	184/2	184/4	184/3	184/3	184/6
3 C. W. Garnet .....	183/2	183/4	183/3	183/3	183/6
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	188/2	188/4	188/3	188/3	188/6
2 Alberta Winter .....	186/2	186/4	186/3	186/3	186/6
3 Alberta Winter .....	185/2	185/4	185/3	185/3	185/6

Export - Class II

1 Northern .....	197/2	197/4	197/3	197/3	197/6
2 Northern .....	196/2	196/4	196/3	196/3	196/6
3 Northern .....	195/2	195/4	195/3	195/3	195/6
4 Northern .....	190/2	190/4	190/3	190/3	190/6
5 Wheat .....	184/2	184/4	184/3	184/3	184/6
6 Wheat .....	177/2	177/4	177/3	177/3	177/6
Feed Wheat .....	174/2	174/4	174/3	174/3	174/6
1 C. W. Garnet .....	188/2	188/4	188/3	188/3	188/6
2 C. W. Garnet .....	184/2	184/4	184/3	184/3	184/6
3 C. W. Garnet .....	183/2	183/4	183/3	183/3	183/6
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	188/2	188/4	188/3	188/3	188/6
2 Alberta Winter .....	186/2	186/4	186/3	186/3	186/6
3 Alberta Winter .....	185/2	185/4	185/3	185/3	185/6



# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production      Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during December 1961 amounted to 3,085,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 16 per cent from the November output of 3,668,000 hundredweight, 2 per cent less than the December 1960 figure of 3,144,000 hundredweight and 7 per cent lower than the ten-year (1951-60) average production for the month of December of 3,319,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during December 1961 had a total rated capacity of 155,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 24-day working period 83.0 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during December 1961 amounted to 6,891,000 bushels, 16 per cent less than the 8,196,000 bushels milled during the previous month and 2 per cent lower than the 7,065,000 bushels milled in December a year ago. Of the wheat milled for flour during December 1961, some 6,217,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (502,000 bushels); Durum (111,000 bushels); and all other (60,000 bushels).

Exports            According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during November 1961 amounted to 1,059,000 hundredweight (some 2,436,000 bushels of wheat equivalent), as against 2,693,000 bushels exported during the preceding month and the adjusted November 1960 total of 4,198,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-eight countries with exports to Britain amounting to 928,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 38 per cent of the November 1961 total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Philippines, 354; Japan, 154; Jamaica, 133; United States, 111; and Trinidad, 109.

NOTE:              Official wheat flour export data for December 1961 were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The figure for December 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 <sup>1/</sup>
	- 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 .....	89,731,155	39,914,644	15,513,836
1961-62 <sup>2/</sup>			
August .....	7,605,269	3,386,312	1,539,241
September .....	7,038,632	3,125,061	1,113,117
October .....	7,554,017	3,390,604	1,170,699
November .....	8,196,493	3,668,026	1,059,276 <sup>3/</sup>
December .....	6,890,583	3,084,983	1,300,000 <sup>4/</sup>
Totals .....	37,284,994	16,654,986	6,182,333
Same months 1960-61 <sup>5/</sup> .....	40,252,008	17,810,885	7,307,053

<sup>1/</sup> Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1960-61 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. <sup>2/</sup> Subject to revision. <sup>3/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>4/</sup> Estimated see NOTE above. <sup>5/</sup> Revised.

# UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1961-62 crop year (July-June) are estimated at 2,645.8 million bushels, consisting of the July 1, 1961 carryover of 1,411.1 million and the 1961 crop, now placed at 1,234.7 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated would be 1 per cent less than last year's record of 2,670.8 million bushels. Imports of wheat from Canada during July-December of the current United States crop year amounted to 1.7 million bushels. Domestic disappearance during 1961-62 is estimated at about 590 million bushels, slightly less than the 607.4 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current crop year, some 2,057.5 million remain available for export and for carryover, compared with the 2,066.5 million in 1960-61.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during the first six months (July-December) of the 1961-62 United States crop year amounted to 369.2 million bushels, 24 per cent greater than the 298.7 million exported during the same months in 1960. The balance remaining on January 1, 1962 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,688.3 million bushels a decrease of 4 per cent from the 1,767.8 million on the same date a year ago.

## United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61 <u>1/</u>	1961-62 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	1,313.5	1,411.1
New crop .....	1,357.3	1,234.7
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	2,670.8	2,645.8
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-December .....	3.1	1.7
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u> .....	2,673.9	2,647.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u> .	607.4	590.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	2,066.5	2,057.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-December .....	250.1	321.0
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-December <u>5/</u> .....	48.6	48.2
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	298.7	369.2
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover ....	1,767.8	1,688.3

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Excluding imports for January-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  
January 1, 1962

On January 24, 1962 the United States Department of Agriculture reported that all wheat stocks of 1,989 million bushels stored in all positions were 4 per cent below a year earlier but 43 per cent larger than average. The stocks total was nearly two-thirds larger than the 1961 production as carryover stocks contributed heavily to the total wheat stocks. Off-farm stocks of 1,631 million bushels were the second largest of record. More than two-thirds of the total stocks were either owned by the Government or were under Government loan. Durum wheat stocks were estimated at 18.4 million bushels with the off-farm stocks totaling 7 million bushels.

U.S. Wheat Stocks by Positions, January 1, 1962 with Comparisons

Position	January 1 Average 1951-60	January 1 1961	October 1 1961	January 1 1962
- thousand bushels -				
On Farms <u>1/</u> .....	351,662	422,055	465,800	358,558
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>2/</u> .....	68,645	77,940	63,554	60,305
Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/</u> <u>3/</u> .....	971,458	1,568,024	1,786,432	1,570,314
Totals .....	1,391,764	2,068,019	2,315,786	1,989,177

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, terminal elevators, and processing plants.

The Crop Reporting Board, U.S.D.A. in its Crop Production report under date of January 10, 1962 stated in part that January 1 stocks of ALL WHEAT on farms, at 359 million bushels, were 15 per cent below a year earlier but 2 per cent above average. The January 1 stocks are equivalent to 29.0 per cent of the 1961 production compared with 31.1 per cent held a year earlier and the average of 32.2 per cent. About one-third of the wheat on farms January 1 was 1961 and earlier crop wheat under Government farm-stored loan--a little lower percentage and a significantly smaller volume than a year earlier.

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 January 22, 1962. Temperatures during the period varied from well below normal along the Pacific coast and most southern sections of the country to sharply below in the northern Interior. Snowstorms during the week added to the already generally adequate snow cover throughout the Mountain States, northern and central Great Plains, and Great Lakes region to give winter grains additional protection from the severely cold weather in most areas, however. Damage from freezing in the central Great Plains was limited to a few bare fields in Nebraska and Kansas. Fall-seeded crops in the southern Great Plains are now largely dormant, with top growth frozen back mainly by the extremely low temperatures of the preceding week.

Winter injury to fall-sown grains continued unusually light in the Far Northwest, although another week of cold weather threatened crops in Oregon where snow cover was insignificant or lacking. Below-normal temperatures held small grain growth to a minimum in the Southwest for the second consecutive week. Snow, ice, rain, and alternate freezing and thawing caused considerable damage to small grain crops in the lower Mississippi Valley during the period, and little growth was again reported in the Gulf and Southeastern States.



U.S. Wheat and Flour  
Exports Continue Uptrend

U.S. wheat and flour exports from July through November 1961 totaled 305 million bushels, compared with 246 million during July-November 1960.

Wheat exports were 57 million bushels more than the 208 million exported during the same period a year earlier. Exports to Brazil were 18 million bushels above the 10 million bushels exported in July-November 1960. Shipments to Turkey were up 14.6 million bushels; and 13 million bushels were exported to Yugoslavia, compared to none the previous season. Other countries taking more wheat in July-November 1961 were Chile, Peru, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, the Philippines, and North Africa.

A large part of these increases were offset by a decline of 50 million bushels in exports to Poland and India.

Flour exports during July-November 1961 were about 2.5 million bushels larger than 37.4 million exported during the same period in 1960. Most of this gain was in larger shipments to Egypt, which totaled 12.1 million bushels, compared with 9.6 million a year earlier. Other countries importing slightly more U.S. flour were Bolivia, Greece, and Jordan. In contrast, considerably less flour went to Japan and Syria.

Wheat and flour exports during July-December 1961 (the first half of 1961-62) are preliminarily estimated at approximately 369 million bushels, compared with 299 million exported during July-December 1960.

United States Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour by Country of Destination  
July-November 1960 and 1961

Destination	July-November 1960			July-November 1961		
	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total	Wheat	Flour 1/	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>						
Canada .....	5,730	23	5,753	9,219	66	9,285
Central America .....	1,084	1,263	2,347	1,530	1,160	2,690
Cuba .....	545	866	1,411	-	-	-
Bolivia .....	-	129	129	-	1,461	1,461
Brazil .....	10,198	60	10,258	28,513	135	28,648
Chile .....	814	604	1,418	6,535	839	7,374
Colombia .....	1,300	549	1,849	1,193	500	1,693
Paraguay .....	-	48	48	2,354	59	2,413
Peru .....	1,439	253	1,692	4,316	280	4,596
Venezuela .....	4,339	68	4,407	6,735	15	6,750
Others .....	857	2,503	3,360	1,574	2,005	3,579
Totals .....	26,306	6,366	32,672	61,969	6,520	68,489
<u>Europe</u>						
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	1,486	1	1,487	2,882	1	2,883
France .....	-	1	1	2,873	-	2,873
Germany, West .....	2,856	192	3,048	9,315	82	9,397
Greece .....	607	930	1,537	594	1,091	1,685

United States Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour by Country of Destination  
July-November 1960 and 1961

Destination	July-November 1960			July-November 1961		
	Wheat	Flour <sup>1/</sup>	Total	Wheat	Flour <sup>1/</sup>	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<u>Europe (concluded)</u>						
Italy .....	7,196	2,785	9,981	11,557	2,959	14,516
Netherlands .....	2,780	1,375	4,155	11,283	1,408	12,691
Norway .....	488	219	707	1,403	3	1,406
Poland .....	21,909	186	22,095	678	440	1,118
Portugal .....	2,021	345	2,366	2,843	265	3,108
Spain .....	4,510	-	4,510	9,813	202	10,015
Switzerland .....	890	-	890	3,382	-	3,382
United Kingdom .....	7,305	435	7,740	4,211	1,168	5,379
Yugoslavia .....	-	1,154	1,154	13,031	1,017	14,048
Others .....	458	502	960	656	228	884
Totals .....	52,506	8,125	60,631	74,521	8,864	83,385
<u>Asia</u>						
India .....	68,102	112	68,214	38,960	371	39,331
Iran .....	1,173	89	1,262	304	9	313
Israel .....	3,799	95	3,894	4,444	75	4,519
Japan .....	15,251	1,113	16,364	17,142	884	18,026
Jordan .....	1,378	904	2,282	3	1,391	1,394
Korea .....	4,132	506	4,638	4,377	422	4,799
Pakistan .....	13,533	387	13,920	11,490	222	11,712
Philippines .....	1,940	690	2,630	4,229	596	4,825
Syria .....	2,396	2,212	4,608	-	-	-
Taiwan (Formosa) .....	4,796	230	5,026	4,563	498	5,061
Turkey .....	1,045	41	1,086	15,649	188	15,837
Others .....	1,624	4,561	6,185	1,156	4,481	5,637
Totals .....	119,169	10,940	130,109	102,317	9,137	111,454
<u>Africa</u>						
Algeria .....	5	129	134	5,678	153	5,831
Egypt .....	6,882	9,577	16,459	6,609	12,052	18,661
Morocco .....	416	475	891	4,141	542	4,683
Tunisia .....	863	28	891	8,263	75	8,338
Others .....	2,216	1,748	3,964	1,537	2,554	4,091
Totals .....	10,382	11,957	22,339	26,228	15,376	41,604
<u>Oceania</u>						
Oceania .....	-	17	17	-	15	15
Totals, All Countries <sup>2/</sup>	208,363	37,405	245,768	265,035	39,912	304,947

<sup>1/</sup> Wholly of U.S. wheat (grain equivalent).

<sup>2/</sup> 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 -		
January 1, 1962	.....	NEW YEAR'S DAY	January 1, 1962	.....	NEW YEAR'S DAY
2	.....	206 1/2 - 211 1/2	2	.....	232 1/4 - 233 1/4
3	.....	204 1/4 - 242 3/4	3	.....	232 - 233
4	.....	206 1/4 - 209 3/4	4	.....	232 5/8 - 233 5/8
5	.....	204 1/2 - 242 1/2 <u>1/</u>	5	.....	233 1/4 - 234 1/4
8	.....	205 1/4 - 211 3/4	8	.....	233 5/8 - 234 5/8
9	.....	206 1/4 - 209 3/4	9	.....	234
10	.....	208 - 209 1/2	10	.....	234 1/8 - 235 1/8
11	.....	207 1/4 - 208	11	.....	232 7/8 - 233 7/8
12	.....	206 3/4 - 212	12	.....	233 5/8 - 234 5/8
15	.....	204 3/4 - 208 3/4	15	.....	234 1/2 - 235 1/2
16	.....	204 1/4 - 207	16	.....	235 - 236
17	.....	206 - 209 3/4	17	.....	235 1/2 - 236 1/2
18	.....	206 1/4 - 222	18	.....	235 1/8 - 236 1/8
19	.....	211 1/4	19	.....	235 1/4 - 236 1/4
22	.....	203 3/4 - 222	22	.....	234 7/8 - 235 7/8
23	.....	206 3/4 - 212 3/4	23	.....	234 5/8 - 235 5/8
24	.....	207 1/2	24	.....	233 5/8 - 235 5/8
25	.....	205 3/4 - 207 3/4	25	.....	232 5/8 - 234 5/8
26	.....	204 3/4 - 208 3/4	26	.....	232 1/2 - 234 1/2
29	.....	205 - 220 3/4	29	.....	232 7/8 - 234 7/8
30	.....	205 - 212 1/4	30	.....	233 1/8 - 236 1/8
31	.....	204 1/4 - 246 1/4 <u>1/</u>	31	.....	234 - 237

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
January 1, 1962	.....	NEW YEAR'S DAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
2	206/4	209/3	211/2	214/1	219/4
3	206/4	209/2	211/3	214/1	219/4
4	206/6	209/4	211/5	214/1	219/6
5	207/1	209/7	212	214/6	220
8	207/1	210	211/5	214/4	219/7
9	207/1	210	211/7	214/4	219/7
10	205/7	208/5	211	213/6	219
11	204/7	207/5	209/7	212/5	217/7
12	204/6	207/4	209/6	212/4	217/6
15	204/3	207/3	209/4	212/2	217/4
16	204/6	207/5	209/3	212/1	217/4
17	204/5	207/3	209/2	211/6	217
18	203/2	206/2	208	210/6	215/6
19	203/1	206	207/5	210/1	215
22	201/4	204/5	206/4	209/2	214/2
23	202/3	205/4	207/6	210/4	215/5
24	201/5	205	207/4	210/1	215/3
25	202/7	206/4	209	212	217/2
26	202/3	206/3	209	212/1	217/4
29	204/1	208/1	210	213	218/1
30	202/7	206/7	209	212	217/1
31	202/6	206/5	208/7	212	217



# AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1961-62 (December-November) crop year amount to some 258.3 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1961 carryover of 24.3 million and the current crop estimated at 234.0 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting sharp declines in both carryover stocks and production, represent a 22 per cent reduction from the 1960-61 total of 331.4 million. After deducting 72.0 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 186.3 million are available for export and for carryover during 1961-62, as against 255.7 million in 1960-61.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1-January 6 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 14.4 million bushels compared with 14.3 million exported during the corresponding period of 1960-61. The balance remaining on January 7, 1962 for export and for carryover, at 171.9 million bushels, represented a decrease of 29 per cent from the comparable 1961 figure of 241.4 million.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61	1961-62 <sup>1/</sup>
- million bushels -		
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	60.5	24.3
New Crop .....	270.9	234.0
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	331.4	258.3
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	75.7	72.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	255.7	186.3
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-January 6 ....	11.7	12.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-January 6 .....	2.6	1.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	14.3	14.4
Balance on January 7 for export and for carryover ....	241.4	171.9

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

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Crop Position After a season of fluctuating conditions and forecasts the final picture that emerges as harvesting draws to a close in Australia is a surprisingly successful one. An official estimate made late in December by a member of the Australian Wheat Board showed that a total of 207 million bushels would be delivered to the Board, an increase of nearly 30 million bushels over a forecast made

only four weeks earlier. On a State delivery basis the following figures were released:-

New South Wales	- 65 million bushels
Victoria	- 47 million bushels
South Australia	- 27 million bushels
Western Australia	- 58 million bushels
Queensland	- 10 million bushels
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Total	207 million bushels

However, since the beginning of the New Year and as more of the crop is being delivered, it is becoming evident that even higher yields can be expected in every State except Queensland. In South Australia the crop is expected to yield up to 32 million bushels, of which 2 million bushels will be returned by the farmers. In this State it was estimated that 2.1 million acres were sown, giving an approximate average yield of 15 bushels per acre.

Victoria's harvest is now expected to reach 50 million bushels. If weather conditions had been normal a new record could have been established this year. The decrease, from 67 million bushels of last year is attributed, despite an increased acreage, to the long dry growing season and wet harvest.

Western Australia, whose official forecast was for 61.5 million bushels, would almost certainly reach 63 million bushels. The Secretary of the West Australian Wheat Pool said that the Australian harvest could yield 220 million bushels, a total which, although equalled in 1947-48, has been exceeded only once, in the record-breaking 1960-61 harvest of 270 million bushels.

Marketing Position Australia's wheat exports for the cereal year ended November 30 totalled 232 million bushels of wheat and flour, well over twice the average annual export quantity. The previous record export was in 1931-32 when 156 million bushels were exported. The 1960-61 wheat exports were worth about £150 million Australian (\$351 million) in overseas earnings.

Continuing this state of affairs, it is reported that the Wheat Board has already found markets for a large proportion of the current wheat crop and carryover stocks. The New South Wales grower member of the Board said that it was unfortunate Australia would have little wheat to sell to Mainland China this year. Nevertheless the Board would shortly be sending a delegation to Hong Kong to offer what it could to Chinese buyers. He added that it was most desirable for the Board to maintain the Chinese market.

Recent sales have included 2,912,000 bushels to Britain; 5,512,000 to Spain; 1,837,000 to Egypt; 681,000 to Japan and 441,000 bushels to Algeria. Principal buyers of export flour were Malaya, Singapore and Britain.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 - January 6, 1961-62 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
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- thousand bushels -				
Aden .....	12	66	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T .....	-	-	90	71

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -  
January 6, 1961-62 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
- thousand bushels -				
Aden and Aden I/T (Atta Flour) .	-	-	8	18
Algeria .....	344	-	-	-
Britain .....	3,534	2,068	191	333
British North Borneo .....	<u>1/</u>	-	35	12
British West Indies .....	-	-	-	<u>1/</u>
Brunei .....	-	-	5	3
Burma .....	-	57	11	13
Ceylon .....	-	3	526	3
China .....	-	2,803	-	-
Cocos Islands .....	-	-	<u>1/</u>	-
Congo .....	-	-	4	-
Dutch New Guinea .....	<u>1/</u>	-	10	7
Eire .....	359	514	-	-
Germany, West .....	241	939	-	-
Hong Kong .....	244	217	-	-
Hong Kong (General) .....	-	-	14	33
India .....	283	120	-	-
Indonesia .....	-	-	528	-
Iran .....	115	-	-	-
Iraq .....	1,829	526	-	-
Italy .....	2,224	1,504	-	-
Japan .....	580	904	-	-
Kenya .....	31	312	-	-
Laos .....	-	-	-	4
Lebanon, Jordan and Syria .....	-	303	-	-
Macao .....	-	-	-	1
Malaya .....	2	42	235	344
Malaya (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	2	6
Malta .....	-	228	-	-
Mauritius .....	<u>1/</u>	-	182	78
New Zealand .....	557	262	-	-
Norway .....	118	570	-	-
Nyasaland .....	-	-	37	11
Pacific Islands .....	4	3	289	126
Pakistan .....	875	-	-	-
Persian Gulf .....	9	<u>1/</u>	21	-
Persian Gulf (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	75	58
Philippines .....	-	-	4	-
Port Said (a/c S/S) .....	-	-	1	5
Portugal .....	-	-	-	2
Portuguese East Africa .....	-	63	-	-
Portuguese India (Goa) .....	5	11	4	<u>1/</u>
Rhodesia .....	1	280	-	-
Sarawak .....	-	-	14	21
Saudi Arabia .....	-	45	15	-
Seychelles Islands .....	-	-	-	4
Singapore .....	1	6	198	263
Singapore (a/c War Office) .....	-	-	-	7



Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat December 1 -  
January 6, 1961-62 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
- thousand bushels -				
Singapore (Atta Flour) .....	-	-	1/	1
Somaliland, British .....	-	-	-	1
Spain .....	334	1,052	-	-
Thailand .....	1/	1/	68	59
Timor .....	-	-	1	3
Zanzibar .....	-	1/	22	5
Royal Navy .....	-	1	3	-
Ships' Stores .....	-	-	8	8
Totals .....	11,700	12,900	2,600	1,500

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated total supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1961-62 (December-November) crop year amount to 213.5 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1961 carryover of 24.3 million and the new crop, placed at 189.2 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting a 30 per cent increase in production which more than offset a decline in carryover stocks, are about 5 per cent more than the 1960-61 total of 203.9 million bushels. After making an allowance of 139.6 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 73.9 million are available for export and for carryover compared with 64.2 million in 1960-61.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61	1961-62 1/
- million bushels -		
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) 2/ ....	58.4	24.3
New Crop 3/ .....	145.5	189.2
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	203.9	213.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	139.6	139.6
Available for export and for carryover .....	64.2	73.9
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December .....	3.9	4.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December ...	4/	4/
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	3.9	4.3
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover .....	60.3	69.6

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks. 3/ Official estimate.  
4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1961 amounted to 4.3 million bushels, 10 per cent above the 3.9 million exported during the same month in 1960. The balance remaining on January 1, 1962 for export and for carryover was estimated at 69.6 million bushels, 15 per cent greater than the January 1, 1961 total of 60.3 million.

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Weather  
and Crops

The summer to date has been rather cool although the weather was very changeable during December. Short periods of very hot weather have almost inevitably been followed by heavy downpours and cool, breezy weather. There have been a few freak storms in some areas (including hail) but in general little if any damage was done to the grain crops.

The wheat harvest is now finished in the northern grain regions. The harvesting of flax is now under way and good yields and qualities are being reported. Infestations of "Isoca" (caterpillars) have been evident throughout the grain growing regions but in most cases these are being controlled successfully with the spraying of insecticides.

Wheat

With the harvest now completed in the northern grain zone early reports indicate that the crop was high in quality and of good quantity. Argentina's northern grain zone includes the provinces of Santa Fe, Entre Rios and Cordoba. By the end of December about 60 per cent of the total wheat area of the province of Buenos Aires had been harvested and results obtained were good with the exception of a few areas in the southwestern and western sections which still suffer from the early drought.

In the province of La Pampa wheat production will be higher than expected and a fair crop is envisaged even though it will not be as high as that of normal years.

The Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock has just issued its second official production estimate of 5,150,000 metric tons (189.2 million bushels). This figure is only slightly higher than the first estimate of 5,100,000 metric tons (187.4 million bushels) and is 30.1 per cent higher than the production of the 1960-61 crop year. However, the second official estimate is 11.7 per cent and 12.5 per cent below the production averages for the last 10-year and 5-year periods, respectively.

The following table shows wheat production by provinces for the present and for the 1960-61 crop years:

<u>Province</u>	<u>Argentine wheat production (official figures)</u>	
	- thousand bushels -	
	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>
Buenos Aires	87,816	102,146
Santa Fe	23,479	32,518
Cordoba	23,167	31,526
La Pampa	4,152	10,656
Others	<u>6,889</u>	<u>12,382</u>
	<u>145,503</u>	<u>189,228</u>



There is still no official estimate available for carry-over stocks of wheat at the beginning of the present crop year. It seems that our figure of 461,632 metric tons (16,962,000 bushels) would be quite a close estimate. As at mid-January 1962 the Grain Board had stocks of some 460,000 tons (16,902,000 bushels) of old crop wheat and had already purchased about 600,000 tons (22,046,000 bushels) of new crop grain. During the period under review no sales by the Grain Board have been reported.

For the present crop year Argentina may reckon with an exportable surplus of approximately 2,000,000 tons (73,487,000 bushels). It is not anticipated that there will be any major problems in disposing of this amount especially considering the agreement recently signed with Brazil which will be discussed later in this report.

Deliveries of new crop grain in up-river ports have been heavy and the crop is in general of excellent quality. Port facilities in Rosario became congested which forced exporters to restrict purchases for immediate delivery. By the end of December exporters were buying for delivery only after the 15th of January and as far forward as April and May. This situation caused prices to drop to the minimum guaranteed to the farmers by the Government 430 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.41 per bushel) but also forced some producers to sell to the Grain Board when they required ready cash.

Prices in Europe for Argentine wheat have been declining. "Rosafe" wheat for January-February shipments has been quoted at £25.17.6d. (\$2.08 per bushel) to British ports. Southern wheat to the Continent was traded at US\$ 69.75 (\$1.90 per bushel) for February-March shipment and "Rosafe" (up-river) at US\$ 70 (\$1.91 per bushel) C.I.F.

It was reported that Brazil purchased 80,000 tons (2,939,000 bushels) of Argentine wheat for shipment during the second half of January-February at about US\$ 62 per ton (\$1.69 per bushel) f.o.b.

The highlight of the period under review was the agreement signed between Argentina and Brazil on January 16, 1962, whereby ways and means have been established for Brazil to buy wheat from private Argentine firms during 1962, 1963 and 1964. The main points of this agreement are:

- a) Brazil will undertake to purchase 1,000,000 tons (36,743,000 bushels) of Argentine wheat yearly with the exception of the present year when purchases could be limited to 700,000 tons (25,720,000 bushels);
- b) Each year before the 28th of February the dates for the calling of the Brazilian tenders and dates for the various shipments will be established;
- c) If no offers for Argentine wheat are received following the calling of the tenders, Brazil will be relieved of her engagement established by the Agreement;
- d) Whenever possible monthly shipments will be not less than 50,000 tons (1,837,000 bushels) and not more than 100,000 tons (3,674,000 bushels);
- e) If during any given year there is an increase in Brazilian wheat production (unforeseen) or, if for any other pertinent reason Brazil should not require the quantity stipulated, she would have the right to reduce her purchases but such reductions must be proportionate from all supplying countries.



It is reported that an initial 100,000 metric tons (3,674,000 bushels) of the 1962 quota had already been purchased by Brazil from private exporters by the end of December 1961.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1961 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	- thousand bushels -		- thousand bushels -
Belgium .....	136	Italy .....	11
Brazil .....	1,286	Japan .....	27
Britain .....	1,346	Netherlands .....	1,182
Finland .....	18	Paraguay .....	16
Germany .....	274		
		Total .....	4,297
Same period:			
December 1960 .....			3,906
1959 .....			2,314
1958 .....			11,394
1957 .....			6,063
1956 .....			6,583

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 January 22, 1962, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Weather and Crops Temperature and rainfall have varied considerably during the last month. A week of below-zero temperatures in some areas without snow protection brought some fears, particularly in the Loire Valley, that late-seeded grains might suffer some damage. However, this brief period was followed by moderating temperatures and little damage has been reported. Rainfall has been moderate and so far conditions have been very satisfactory for the record acreage sown to winter grains last fall.

Area Sown to Winter Cereals - January 1, 1962

Grain	Average 1958-61	1961	1962
		- thousand acres -	
Wheat .....	9,475	6,589	10,848
Wheat and rye .....	48	35	30
Rye .....	784	643	680
Barley .....	807	665	810
Oats .....	947	702	849
Mixed grains .....	75	61	96
Totals .....	12,135	8,695	13,314

As indicated in the accompanying table, the area sown to winter wheat as of January 1, 1962, is 14.5 per cent higher than the 1958-1961 average, while the area sown to other winter cereals has declined. Barley acreage, however, remains about average. Compared with January 1 last year, winter cereal acreage is considerably larger, especially for wheat, which is 64.5 per cent higher this year than last. However, last year winter cereals were rained out in the fall and subsequently balanced with spring cereals.

French Grain Market

Comparing the crop year to December 1, 1961, with the same period a year earlier, French exports of wheat are running about 140,000 tons (5,144,000 bushels) behind, of which roughly 100,000 tons (3,674,000 bushels) represents a decline in sales to the Franc Zone. Exports of flour to foreign countries however, are ahead by about 40,000 tons this crop year, so that on balance, total exports are about 100,000 tons less this year compared with last. However, a recent contract with Communist China calls for shipment during the current crop year of 125,000 tons (4,593,000 bushels) of French wheat and 25,000 tons (1,148,000 bushels) of barley. This contract includes a further 250,000 tons of wheat, barley or corn for shipment during the second half of 1962, and for 300,000 tons each year during 1963 and 1964. The French barley situation is in good shape compared with last year. A contract with Italy calls for delivery of 50,000 tons each of barley and corn this year, 100,000 tons of each in 1963 and 150,000 tons of each in 1964.

Since November 30, 1961, France has purchased 20,500 tons (753,000 bushels) of Argentine wheat and 24,000 tons (882,000 bushels) of Dark Hard Winters for use in Algeria. A further quantity of 64,000 tons (2,352,000 bushels) of Argentine wheat and 1,000 tons (37,000 bushels) of decorticated Canadian durum wheat have been purchased by France during this period. The durum requirements of France are no longer regarded as critical, although some substitution wheat purchases, to supplement the durum requirements in Algeria, will continue.

ITALIAN SITUATION

The following account of the current crop situation in Italy has been extracted from a report by Mr. M.S. Strong, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Rome, under date of January 25, 1962, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions from Italian to Canadian measures have been made and rounded for the convenience of our readers. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of one lira equals .001681 Canadian dollars, the quotation in effect on December 29, 1961.

Crops

Compared with the very poor crops of 1960, those harvested in 1961 appear very good, especially when it is taken into account that the crop year started very badly. Abundant rains which had fallen in the autumn of 1960 had been an obstacle to sowing operations throughout Italy and, in some areas, had even prevented seeding. However, the mild winter allowed re-sowing at the beginning of 1961 and the warm and early spring as well as the extended summer season were favourable to all crops.

There have been increases in the areas sown to barley and oats and reductions in those sown to rye and wheat. But, as regards wheat, it should be noted that notwithstanding a reduction of 13 per cent in the area sown (11,254,399 acres in 1960 and 9,783,950 acres in 1961) the crop increased by 20 per cent from 6.8 million tons (249.9 million bushels) in 1960 and 8.3 million tons (305.0 million bushels) in 1961, due to a very considerable increase in the average yield per acre 0.78 tons (29 bushels per acre). It is interesting to note that this is the smallest acreage since the crop year 1918-19 when 9,517,260 acres were sown to wheat and the crop totalled only 4,855,600 tons (178.4 million bushels), with a yield of 0.45 tons (17 bushels) per acre.



The following table gives the crop figures for 1961, as compared with those for 1960:

Wheat Production in Italy in 1960 and 1961

Grain	1960 crop	1961 crop	Increase
		- thousand bushels -	
Soft wheat .....	209,970	246,180 *	36,211
Durum wheat .....	39,995	58,789 *	18,794
All wheat .....	249,965	304,969 *	55,005

\* Provisional figures.

Imports

The trend in wheat imports naturally depends on the size of the crops as could be seen in the year just ended. In the first part of the year, following the meagre crop of 1960, large quantities of wheat were imported, while in the second part of 1961, when it was known that the new crop would be quite sizeable, even if not sufficient to cover all domestic requirements, imports diminished considerably. In 1960 exactly the opposite had occurred. In the first half of the year imports were reduced and when it was known that the new crop would be poor, they rapidly increased.

The following are comparative figures for the two periods in both 1960 and 1961.

Wheat Arrivals in Italy

1960		1961	
January-July	August-December	January-July	August-December
			- thousand bushels -
3,327	17,827	71,498	16,534 *

\* Provisional figure.

Exports

Italy's exports had always been confined to seed wheat and wheat flour and pasta. However, following the bumper crop of 9.8 million tons (360.1 million bushels), in 1958 application was made for the country's entry in the International Wheat Agreement as an exporter and during the 1958-59 crop year considerable quantities of soft wheat were in fact exported by Italy to several countries. In 1959-60, with a less abundant crop of 8.4 million tons (308.6 million bushels) these exports greatly fell and in the last crop year (1960-61), with a very small crop of 6.8 million tons (249.9 million bushels) they practically ceased. On the other hand it should be noted that exports of flour and semolina and of pasta are constantly increasing. The following table shows comparative import figures for the first seven months in each of the last three years:

Sales of Wheat and Wheat Products to Foreign Countries

Product	1959 Jan.-July	1960 Jan.-July	1961 Jan.-July
		- thousand bushels -	
Wheat .....	22,331	5,282	26
		- thousand hundredweight -	
Flour and Semolina .....	1,287	1,858	2,052
Pasta .....	171	210	270



Wheat Pools and  
Sales to Millers

As is well known, there are in Italy two sets of Collecting Pools: the Government Collecting Pools, deliveries to which are compulsory, and the Voluntary Collecting Pools. The importance of the Government

Collecting Pools is gradually decreasing and also this year a reduction was made by the Cabinet of Ministers with respect to the total amount to be delivered by farmers to such pools, namely from 1 million tons to 800,000 tons (36,743,000 to 29,395,000 bushels) of which 640,000 tons (23,516,000 bushels) soft and 160,000 tons (5,879,000 bushels) durum wheat. It is also doubtful this year whether the total quota, required to be delivered to the Government Collecting Pools as regards soft wheat, will be reached. That for durum wheat was already more than covered by October 31 last - that is to say one month before the closing date for these pools.

The accompanying table shows the position as to deliveries to the Government Collecting Pools on October 31, 1961, together with comparable figures for the previous two years.

Deliveries to Government Collecting Pools in Last Three Years

Year	Total compulsory quota	Deliveries made	Difference
- thousand bushels -			
Soft wheat			
1959 .....	36,743	35,861	- 882
1960 .....	29,395	11,118	- 18,277
1961 .....	23,516	18,461	- 5,055
Durum wheat			
1959 .....	7,349	6,540	- 808
1960 .....	7,349	3,991	- 3,357
1961 .....	5,879	6,504	+ 625
All wheat			
1959 .....	44,092	42,402	- 1,690
1960 .....	36,743	15,109	- 21,634
1961 .....	29,395	24,965	- 4,430

On the other hand deliveries to the Voluntary Collecting Pools, which are run by a Government agency and are Government subsidized, show an encouraging increase, as can be seen from the accompanying figures:

Deliveries to Voluntary Collecting Pools

Type of wheat	1959	1960	1961
- thousand bushels -			
Soft wheat .....	8,157	5,632	20,433
Durum wheat .....	661	1,109	4,879
All wheat .....	8,818	6,741	25,312

The reason why farmers are now more inclined to deliver their wheat to the Voluntary Collecting Pools is no doubt due to the hope they have of getting a better price than that paid by the Government Collecting Pools, since a contribution of

two billion lire (about \$3.4 million) has been made by the Government to the Voluntary Pools for the purpose of safeguarding wheat production and ensuring stability in prices.

If to the wheat delivered to the Government Compulsory Pools is added that delivered to the Voluntary Pools, the total figures given in the accompanying table are obtained:

Total Deliveries to All Collecting Pools

Type of wheat	1959	1960	1961
- thousand bushels -			
Soft wheat .....	44,018	16,750	38,894
Durum wheat .....	7,202	5,100	11,383
All wheat .....	51,220	21,850	50,277

As regards allocations to millers from the Government Collecting Pools these have naturally been in relation to the quantities of domestic wheat available at the time on the free market. For instance in 1961 there were two distinct phases: in the first part of the year (Jan. 1 to July 31) when the market was still under the influence of the poor crop of 1960, allocations amounted to 1,639,586 tons (60,244,000 bushels), while after the abundant recent crop (from August 1 to December 31) they totalled 349,899.4 tons (12,856,000 bushels) only. In 1960, with the crop situation reversed, what happened was exactly the opposite. In the first part of the year, under the influence of the good crop of 1959, allocations amounted to 865,448.0 tons (31,799,000 bushels) whereas, after it was known that a poor crop had been harvested - they rose to a total of 993,891.5 tons (36,519,000 bushels) between August 1 and December 31.

#### Prices

Wheat prices are, generally, fairly stable, even if there are frequent limited oscillations in both directions. This fundamental stability is due to the balancing influence of the Collecting Pools - both Government and Voluntary - and to the Government allocations of imported wheats.

As regards other grains, including maize, prices depend almost entirely on arrivals of foreign products which, also in 1961, have continued to be regular and abundant since producing countries are endeavouring to further develop export possibilities.

On the whole, wheat prices in Italy have continued to be favourable to farmers - as will be seen from the following table giving average prices for the last three years in Milan:

Average Prices of Wheat - Delivered at Milan

Type of wheat	1959	1960	1961
- dollars per bushel -			
Soft Wheat			
Domestic, top Grade .....	3.10	3.32	3.23
Domestic, Good Mercantile Grade ....	2.92	3.17	3.13
Domestic, Mercantile Grade .....	2.82	3.09	3.06
Foreign (Manitoba) .....	4.37	4.15	3.84
Durum Wheat			
Domestic, Good Mercantile Grade ....	3.98	4.12	4.01



In summarizing the situation, it can be said that in 1961 crops were excellent as regards wheat and maize and satisfactory as regards other grains. Deliveries to Collecting Pools have improved especially with respect to those to the Voluntary Pools. Both imports of wheat and allocations of wheat to millers from Government stocks were considerable during the first part of the year and fell after August 1. As regards other grains, considerable quantities were imported throughout the year. Wheat exports have practically ceased, while exports of wheat products are increasing. Prices have kept, on the whole, firm and stable.

Forecasts  
for 1962

Although it is too early to make any estimates as regards the 1962 crop, wheat sowing, was carried out in most favourable conditions almost everywhere in Italy and the weather to date has continued to be good. In addition, it is believed that there has been an increase in the acreage sown to wheat and consequently prospects with respect to the 1962 crop are at present most favourable.

Nothing much is known about the sowing of other grains, but it is believed that there will be a decrease in the acreages sown with respect to some of them, wheat having been sown in their place. Production of rye will also decline since mountain farming is increasingly being abandoned in view of difficulties encountered in trying to organize such farming on an industrial basis.

It may be that before the end of the present crop year further imports of wheat will have to be made by the Italian Government to meet domestic requirements. Furthermore, facilities such as waiving of customs duty up to end of May 1962 have been extended in connection with the importation of wheat to replace that used in the manufacture of pasta and semolina (durum wheat) and flour and bakery products (soft wheat) exported. In addition, the export of these goods is steadily increasing.

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1957-58 to 1960-61, wheat moving under bilateral trading arrangements of all kinds increased continuously from 15 to 21 million tons and made up just over half of world trade. Sales for local currency and donations, mainly to developing countries, constituted the largest part of the total. In the case of many countries, exports under trade arrangements formed a moderate to substantial proportion of their total exports; however, the major share of the total consists of exports by the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. A very large number of importing countries were also dependent on trade arrangements for at least part of their supplies.

World consumption of wheat has continually increased though at a lesser rate than production. The main factors affecting trends in consumption are the increases in population, tending to increase overall consumption, and rising levels of income which in most wealthy countries are leading to lower per caput consumption for food and greater use for feed and in the other areas to increases in per caput consumption for food.

Conclusions The main features of the world wheat situation, as seen by the Council in November 1961, confirm the findings of previous annual reviews, both as regards the continuing serious imbalance between supplies and commercial demand and the longer term factors underlying this situation. These factors are continuing government intervention in production and trade, accelerated application of technology and the divergent trends in consumption in the different regions of the world. It is the strength and inter-relationship of these basic factors which have brought about the present state of imbalance in the world wheat economy, and there



appears to have been no significant change in their force and direction. There are prospects for a further increase in world trade and for lower end-year stocks for 1961-62, but as these, though of great importance, are to a large extent the result of adverse weather conditions, they are seen as no more than a temporary halt in the long-term trend. Nevertheless, there are some important changes in prospect which may indicate some modification of the forces that have resulted in the present state of imbalance in the world wheat economy.

#### CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- January 9      The Hon. George Hees, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that, following discussions with the Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, an interdepartmental committee has been appointed to study problems related to the storage and handling of grains in Canada.
- 22      According to Foreign Crops and Markets, published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S.D.A. the outlooks for the 1962 wheat crop in Morocco is below normal as severe drought continued throughout the fall of 1961.
- Excessive rains in the Rio Grande do Sul area in late 1961 caused serious damage to the Brazilian wheat crop. Official estimates are not yet available but some sources predict that the crop may be less than 7.5 million bushels, compared with the small crop of 13 million in 1960 and the 1950-54 average of 18.5 million.
- According to a report received from Mr. R.C. Woolham, Commercial Secretary for Canada, Paris, a recent contract with Communist China calls for shipment during the current crop year of 125,000 tons (4.6 million bushels) of French wheat and 25,000 tons (1.1 million bushels) of barley.
- 23      According to a report received from Mr. C.O.R. Rousseau, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Buenos Aires, the second official estimate of the 1961-62 wheat crop in Argentina places production at 5,150,000 metric tons or 189,200,000 bushels.
- Mr. Rousseau also reports that on January 16, 1962 an agreement was signed between Argentina and Brazil whereby ways and means have been established for Brazil to buy wheat from private Argentine firms during 1962, 1963 and 1964. The main points of this agreement may be found by referring to page 37 of this publication.
- 24      The Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, reported that wheat stocks in all positions in the United States at January 1, 1962, were estimated at 1,989 million bushels, 4 per cent below a year earlier but 43 per cent larger than the 1951-60 average.
- 25      According to a report received from Mr. M.S. Strong, Commercial Secretary for Canada, Rome, a considerable increase in the average yield per acre more than offset a decline in the area seeded to wheat in Italy. As a result production of wheat in Italy increased from 6.8 million tons (249.9 million bushels) in 1960 to 8.3 million (305.0 million bushels) in 1961.







# 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

1930-31

1950-51

1959-60

1959-60

\*includes bagged seed wheat.

\*\*In terms of wheat equivalent.

\*\*\*Preliminary.

PEAK EXPORTS  
1928-29 CROP YEAR  
407.6 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR.

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F.

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

1956-57

1957-58

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

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