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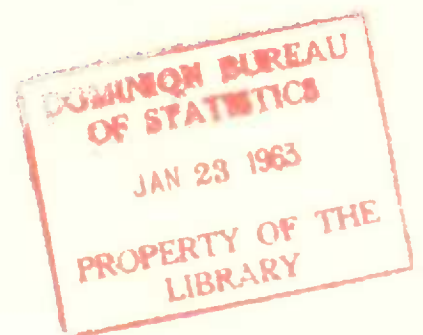
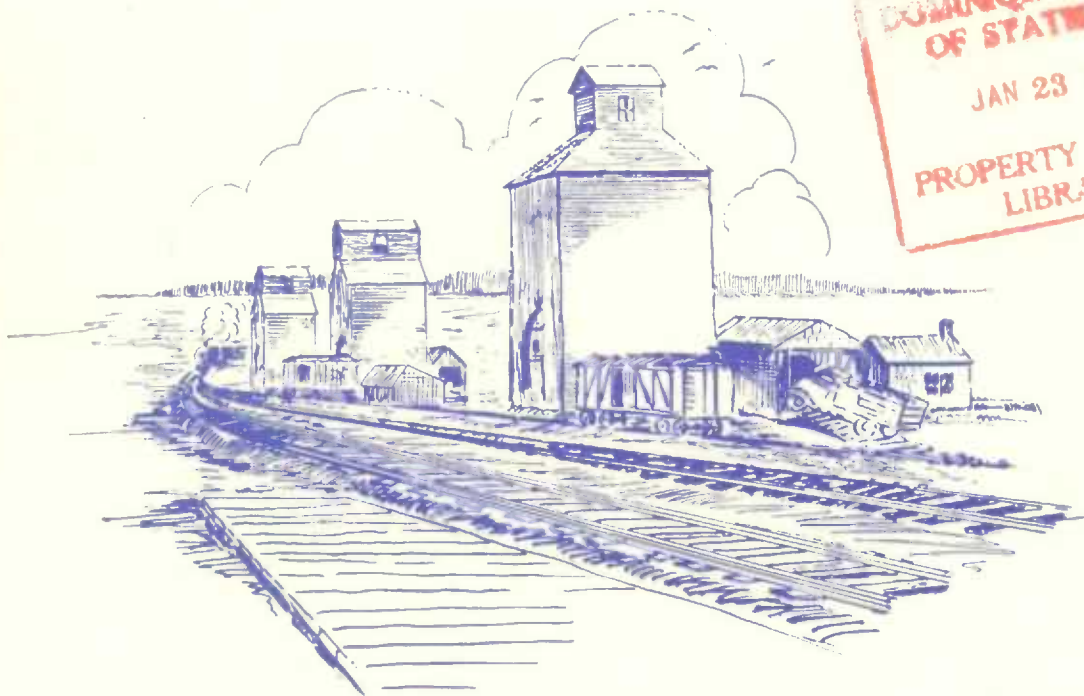


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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Wheat Supplies of Four Major Exporters Decline but World Supplies are Still Large

With the exception of Canada, wheat supplies in each of the four traditional major exporting countries are reduced from comparable levels of a year ago. As a result, total supplies of wheat remaining on or about December 1, 1962 in Canada, United States, Argentina and Australia for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, were placed at 2,277.9 million bushels, 4 per cent less than the 2,374.4 million a year ago. Supplies at December 1, 1962, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,569.8 (1,711.8); Canada, 682.5 (603.0); Argentina, 8.0 (35.3); and Australia, 17.6 (24.3). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions. Supplies shown for December 1 in the two Southern Hemisphere countries consisted only of the carryover at the end of their crop years. The supply data to appear in the January issue of this publication will include the new crop Argentine and Australian production estimate for wheat.

Significant increases in wheat production occurred this year in areas of the world which were in short supply in 1961-62. A record crop has been harvested in Western Europe and import requirements will be less than a year ago. France has about 200 million bushels available for export and much of this has already been sold. Near-record crops in India and Pakistan could reduce imports into those countries. A good wheat crop has been harvested in Africa, with most of the increase over last year occurring in the important wheat-producing countries of North Africa.

August-November Exports Below Last Year

Reduced shipments from United States, Canada and Australia have more than offset larger exports from Argentina and as a result, total exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporters during the first four months of the 1962-63 crop year, at 341.1 million bushels, are some 29 per cent less than last year's record August-November level of 478.6 million, but 17 per cent more than the ten-year (1951-60) average of 291.9 million for the same period. Shipments from the four traditional major wheat exporters during August-November 1962, with comparisons appear in the accompanying table.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August-November, 1962
with Comparisons

August-November	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950	70.2	72.8	20.2	39.7	202.9
1951	155.2	115.0	20.3	39.2	329.7
1952	104.7	138.3	-	27.4	270.4
1953	70.0	103.4	43.2	22.0	238.6
1954	75.3	97.5	45.2	26.8	244.8
1955	73.9	81.0	43.4	29.7	228.0
1956	152.7	105.9	32.0	52.5	343.1
1957	131.3	104.9	31.5	31.6	299.3
1958	141.2	99.4	28.0	21.0	289.6
1959	128.3	109.2	19.0	34.4	290.9
1960	203.0	109.8 ^{1/}	31.0	40.5	384.3 ^{1/}
1961 ^{1/}	246.2	150.5	8.0	73.9	478.6
1962 ^{2/}	175.3	120.7	13.1	32.0	341.1

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Preliminary.

Final Report
International Wheat Council
Commercial Purchases of Wheat and Flour by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries ^{1/}
Crop Year 1961-62

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES							Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.A.	
- thousand bushels -								
Austria	1,626	33	-	-	-	-	279	1,938
Belgium & Luxembourg	11,571	2,572	92	14	-	-	5,040	19,289
Brazil	-	23,067	-	-	-	-	742	23,809
Costa Rica	856	-	-	1	-	-	947	1,804
Cuba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	1,763	-	-	-	-	-	241	2,004
El Salvador	604	-	-	-	-	-	549	1,153
Germany, Federal Republic	43,918	24,986	12,299	18,385	-	5,817	16,755	122,160
Greece	8	-	-	-	-	-	16	24
Guatemala	121	-	-	-	-	-	1,941	2,062
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	524	524
Honduras Republic	110	-	-	-	-	-	724	834
Iceland	13	-	-	-	-	-	94	107
India	-	-	22,481	1	-	-	3,807	26,289
Indonesia	-	-	733	488	-	-	1	1,222
Ireland	2,284	92	1,332	26	-	-	268	4,002
Israel	829	-	-	-	-	-	2,969	3,798
Japan	48,029	-	15,042	-	-	-	34,864	97,935
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands <u>2/</u>	2,354	2,701	111	1,573	-	29	25,228	31,996
New Zealand	-	-	6,139	-	-	-	-	6,139
Nigeria	2,092	-	-	-	15	-	1,817	3,924
Norway	1,729	1,075	2,819	97	-	492	3,348	9,560
Panama	472	-	-	45	-	-	759	1,276
Peru	21	9,339	64	38	-	-	1,017	10,479
Philippines	4,827	-	136	-	-	-	8,895	13,858
Portugal <u>2/</u>	952	<u>3/</u> -	332	467	1	-	6,106	7,858
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	110	-	2,838	2	-	-	33	2,983
Saudi Arabia	942	<u>3/</u> -	732	13	3	-	2,702	4,392
Sierra Leone	393	-	-	-	-	-	61	454
South Africa	504	-	2,469	-	-	-	-	2,973
Switzerland	9,013	1,360	50	2,285	396	26	1,273	14,403
United Arab Republic	-	-	3,070	-	157	-	-	3,227
United Kingdom <u>2/</u>	91,844	14,068	33,155	9,391	459	-	26,705	175,622
Vatican City	377	-	-	-	-	-	374	751
Venezuela	4,742	1,080	-	-	-	-	9,935	15,757
To Orders	-	9,299	-	-	-	-	-	9,299
Totals	232,104	89,672	103,894	32,826	1,031	6,364	158,014	623,905
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries	37.20	14.37	16.65	5.26	0.17	1.02	25.33	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - no sales reported.

^{1/} The figures include Durum Wheat and/or Durum Flour.

^{2/} The figures include, in the case of the Netherlands, purchases by the Netherlands outside Europe, in the case of Portugal, purchases by Portuguese Overseas Provinces, and in the case of the United Kingdom, purchases by United Kingdom Territories.

^{3/} Includes bagged seed wheat.

International Wheat Council
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1962-63 — Through November 3, 1962

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES								Total
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.S.R.	U.S.A.	Purchases
- thousand bushels -									
Austria	546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	546
Belgium & Luxembourg	3,372	-	-	15	-	-	55	1,400	4,842
Brazil	-	2,205	-	-	-	-	-	8,122	10,327
Cuba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	277	-	-	-	-	-	-	228	505
El Salvador	224	-	-	-	-	-	-	298	522
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany, Federal Republic	10,070	-	603	571	-	312	735	3,009	15,300
Greece	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	25
India	-	-	3,733	-	-	-	-	-	3,733
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ireland	366	-	1,413	6	-	-	-	133	1,918
Israel	813	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,108	1,921
Japan	15,558	-	4,690	-	-	-	1,114	12,451	33,813
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	57
Libya	-	-	-	37	182	-	-	-	219
Netherlands	2,124	-	-	-	-	331	1,653	4,917	9,025
Netherlands Territories	106	-	17	6	-	-	-	212	341
New Zealand	-	-	2,606	-	-	-	-	-	2,606
Nigeria	763	-	-	-	-	-	-	461	1,224
Norway	1,568	-	1,997	694	-	-	1,653	148	6,060
Philippines	2,645	-	151	-	-	-	-	2,025	4,821
Portugal	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	2,576	2,582
Portuguese Territories	245	-	76	-	-	-	-	244	565
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	26	-	1,165	1	3	-	-	112	1,307
Saudi Arabia	248	-	354	-	1	-	257	1,282	2,142
South Africa	-	-	761	-	-	-	-	-	761
Switzerland	1,020	-	-	1,067	55	-	-	382	2,524
United Arab Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
United Kingdom	25,141	392	6,094	1,162	-	-	4,853	1,992	39,634
U.K. Territories	1,942	-	4,066	1,413	-	-	-	1,534	8,955
Vatican City	441	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	441
Venezuela	2,683	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,106	4,789
To Orders	-	1,102	-	5,977	-	-	-	-	7,079
Totals	70,221	3,699	27,727	10,949	241	643	10,320	44,790	168,590
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries ...	41.65	2.19	16.45	6.50	0.14	0.38	6.12	26.57	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - no sales reported.

Argentine figures cover the period August 1, 1962 to October 5, 1962.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1962-63 (August-July) crop year are placed at 953.2 million bushels, 7 per cent greater than the 1961-62 total of 891.2 million, with a substantial decline in carryover stocks more than offset by a sharp increase in production. After deducting 150.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1962-63 would amount to 803.2 million bushels, 7 per cent above the 753.6 million in 1961-62.

Exports of wheat as grain during the August-November period of the current crop year amounted to 110.5 million bushels, compared with 139.1 million exported during the same months a year ago. Exports of wheat flour, in terms of wheat, during August-November this year were estimated at 10.2 million bushels, bringing total exports of wheat and flour during the same four months, to some 120.7 million bushels, as against 150.5 million exported during the comparable period a year ago. The balance remaining on December 1, 1962 for export and for carryover, amounted to 682.5 million bushels, 13 per cent more than the December 1, 1961 total of 603.0 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1961-62 <u>1/</u>	1962-63 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	607.8	395.7
New Crop	283.4	557.6
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-November ...	<u>3/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total estimated supplies	891.2	953.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	137.7	150.0
Available for export and for carryover	753.6	803.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-November <u>5/</u>	138.3	110.0
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-November <u>6/</u> ...	0.8	0.5
Total exports of wheat as grain	139.1	110.5
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-November <u>6/</u>	11.4	10.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	150.5	120.7
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover ...	603.0	682.5

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

4/ Not available.

5/ As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (Includes overseas clearances and imports into the United States).

6/ Customs returns, 1961-62 adjusted for time lag.

Farmers' marketings of wheat, (both east and west) up to December 19 of the 1962-63 crop year amounted to 200.7 million bushels and exceeded by 62 per cent last year's corresponding total of 123.7 million. Some 46.5 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks November 22 to December 19. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to about 30.6 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat recorded an increase from 363.0 million bushels at November 21 to a level of 378.8 million at December 19, 1962.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at December 19 this year represented an increase of 2 per cent over the 1961 comparable total of 370.4 million but 11 per cent less than the 1960 figure of 423.7 million. Stocks in country elevators amounted to 205.4 million bushels compared with 203.3 million in this position a year ago and 249.0 million two years ago. This year's supplies in country elevators at December 19 accounted for 54 per cent of the total visible wheat supply compared with the 1961 and 1960 corresponding percentages of 55 per cent and 59 per cent, respectively. Interior terminal stocks, at 6.8 million bushels were below both the 1961 figure of 10.9 million and the 1960 total of 11.1 million. The 20.6 million bushels "in transit rail" (Western Division) represented relatively sharp increases over both the 1961 total of 15.9 million and the 1960 figure of 14.5 million. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead, at December 19 this year, amounted to 23.1 million bushels, 2 per cent below last year's comparable total of 23.6 million and 42 per cent lower than the 39.5 million bushels in this position two years ago. Supplies in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports, at 37.8 million bushels, were 1 per cent above the 37.2 million at December 20, 1961 but 8 per cent less than the 40.9 million at December 21, 1960. The 29.5 million bushels in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports exceeded both the 28.3 million recorded in 1961 and the 27.9 million of 1960. On the west coast, total supplies in Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert at December 19, 1962 at 11.3 million bushels were also higher than the two previous years' corresponding totals of 11.0 million and 6.5 million bushels, respectively.

November 1962 Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
35.6 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during November 1962 amounted to 35.6 million bushels, 11 per cent more than the October total of 32.2 million and 21 per cent

above the ten-year (1951-60) average for the month of November of 29.4 million but 20 per cent below the November 1961 total of 44.3 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during November 1962, at 33.3 million bushels, were 12 per cent above the 29.7 million exported during the preceding month and 31 per cent more than the ten-year (1951-60) average for the month of November of 25.5 million but 18 per cent below last year's November total of 40.8 million. Exports of bagged seed wheat during November 1962, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 103 thousand bushels compared with the October figure of only 20 thousand and the November 1961 total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 333 thousand bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 2.2 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during November 1962, 12 per cent below the October total of 2.5 million and 31 per cent lower than the adjusted November 1961 total of 3.2 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-November 1962 period amounted to 110.0 million bushels. Although the quantity is 20 per cent less than the comparable 1961 total of 138.3 million it also represents an increase of 20 per cent over the ten-year (1951-60) average for the period of 92.0 million bushels. Britain, remaining in its position as Canada's leading market for

wheat, received shipments amounting to 28.9 million bushels and representing 26 per cent of the four-month total. During August-November 1961 shipments of wheat to Britain amounted to 31.2 million bushels and accounted for 23 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first four 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: Federal Republic of Germany, 15.3 (24.1); Japan, 14.3 (17.2); Poland, 14.2 (11.5); China, Communist, 12.6 (19.3); Belgium and Luxembourg, 3.5 (4.9); Italy, 3.3 (1.8); France, 3.1 (0.7); Philippines, 2.7 (0.8); and the Netherlands, 2.4 (1.2). Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-November of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 512 thousand bushels compared with last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 750 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first four months of the 1962-63 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 10.2 million bushels of wheat, 11 per cent less than the adjusted August-November 1961 total of 11.5 million bushels. As with bulk wheat, Britain was also the major market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of wheat flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 4.4 million bushels and accounted for 43 per cent of the August-November 1962 total. During the same months of the 1961-62 crop year shipments of wheat flour to Britain amounted to the equivalent of 4.3 million bushels and represented 37 per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-November period of the 1962-63 crop year, with revised data for the same months of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Ghana, 746 (643); Nigeria, 629 (485); Jamaica, 501 (534); Trinidad and Tobago, 456 (453); United States, 422 (402); Costa Rica, 345 (241); Leeward and Windward Islands, 322 (349); Hong Kong, 320 (293); Malaya and Singapore, 207 (219); and Sierra Leone, 203 (125).

China Wheat Sale

The Canadian Wheat Board has entered into a further sales contract for 870,000 long tons of wheat under the long-term agreement with China, Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton informed the House of Commons on December 18, 1962.

The sale amounts to slightly more than 34 million bushels and the estimated value is \$65 million. It was the seventh contract to be signed under the long-term agreement concluded in the spring of 1961. The long-term agreement calls for the purchase of up to 186.7 million bushels of wheat by China. Contracts signed to date account for 145 million bushels.

Mr. Hamilton said that as in the past, payment will be made in sterling. Terms are 25 per cent cash and the balance on 365 days credit, with interest. This transaction, the Minister said, was completed within the \$100 million credit guarantee made by the Government to the Canadian Wheat Board to facilitate the sale of grain to China. The wheat under the latest contract will be shipped from West Coast ports, including Prince Rupert, during the first half of the calendar year 1963.

Interim Wheat Payment

An interim payment on the 1961-62 Wheat Pool Account, to apply to Durum grades, was announced in the House of Commons on December 6, 1962 by the Hon. Douglas Harkness, on behalf of Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton.

Mr. Harkness explained that the Canadian Wheat Board Act does not make provision for separate final payments for Durum wheat and spring wheat. He said the Act does, however, provide for interim payments to be made when these can be made without loss.

Since the Canadian Wheat Board has advised that all the Durum wheat delivered to the 1961-62 Wheat Pool Account has been sold, the Government has approved an interim payment on the 1961-62 pool account that will apply only to the Durum grades, Mr. Harkness said.

There will, of course, not be any further payment with respect to the 1961-62 Durum wheat deliveries.

Producers delivered 10.5 million bushels of Durum wheat and this has all been sold. After deducting Prairie Farm Assistance levy and interim payment costs, and adding estimated additional interest earnings, there remained \$6,941,397 to be distributed.

Payments on the principal grades in cents per bushel, will be:

No. 1 Canada Western Amber Durum	63.113
No. 2 Canada Western Amber Durum	66.083
No. 3 Canada Western Amber Durum	67.320
Extra No. 4 Canada Western Amber Durum	70.290
No. 4 Canada Western Amber Durum	68.434
No. 5 Canada Western Amber Durum	31.755
No. 6 Canada Western Amber Durum	36.705

Grain Movement Via
the St. Lawrence
Seaway 1962

The following analysis of Canadian and United States grain movements through the St. Lawrence Seaway system in 1962 was extracted from the Weekly Bulletin "Canadian Grain Position" published by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for the week ending December 19, 1962.

Direct Overseas Overseas clearances of the five principal grains direct from Fort William-Port Arthur terminals amounted to 15.2 million bushels and comprised 63 individual cargoes. This reflects a slight increase (0.4 million) over the 1961 volume while the number of cargoes held relatively steady. Eastern elevators "topped off" 25 of these cargoes with some 3 million bushels of Canadian and United States grains while the remainder moved directly through the Seaway.

Direct Vessel to Maritimes Vessel shipments of grain from the Canadian Lakehead moving non-stop to the maritime ports of Halifax, Port Williams, etc. remained at the 1961 level of 4.7 million bushels.

Direct to St. Lawrence Ports The direct vessel movement from Lakehead terminals (111.2 million) as a percentage of total unloads at St. Lawrence elevators (139.2 million) reached a figure of 80 per cent during the 1962 shipping season. A similar figure was reported for these shipments during the 1960 season but fell to 70 per cent in 1961. The season just concluded witnessed decreases in both the volume of grain moving directly by vessel to St. Lawrence river ports and the total amount of Canadian grain unloaded at these ports.

Ocean Type Vessels in the Coasting Trade The number of ocean type vessels (12) participating in the Canadian inland waterways trade and the number of cargoes carried (21) both indicate declines from 1961 figures - 38 cargoes in 15 vessels. The 6.9 million bushels, all grains, carried by these vessels during the season just concluded was some 55 per cent of the 1961 figure.

United States Grain Movement Preliminary figures from U.S. trade and government organizations indicate direct overseas clearances from United States inland ports of approximately 130 million bushels - almost double the 1961 season of navigation total. The impetus for the 1962 movement has apparently been provided by heavy increases in shipments of U.S. corn and U.S. soybeans.

Canadian eastern elevators handled an increased volume of U.S. grains in transfer reloading for export and for domestic consumption within Canada compared to 1961. Receipts of U.S. grains at eastern elevators amounted to 92.4 million bushels (up 17.2 million), transshipments for export were 61.9 million (up 11.2 million) while Canadian domestic consumption totalled 20.0 million (up 5.6 million). The bulk of the overseas exports were comprised of clearances of corn (30.8 million), wheat (13.9 million) and soybeans (11.5 million). Shipments of corn (17.1 million) again made up the bulk of the domestic movement.

To U.S. Ports The vessel movement ex Fort William-Port Arthur to U.S. lake ports experienced a substantial decline (9.0 million) during the 1962 shipping season. Reduced shipments of Canadian barley totalling 3.5 million (down 8.4 million from the 1961 season) account for the major portion of the decrease occurring during 1962.

1962 Season of
Navigation Closed
at Canadian Lakehead

The 1962 season of navigation at the Canadian Lakehead, which opened on April 22, closed on December 13. Preliminary reports for the 1962 season place the lake shipping total at 249.7 million bushels of the five principal grains, a decrease of 76.4 million bushels, or 23 per cent from the 326.1 million recorded for 1961 and the lowest total since the 1950 season. Shipments of wheat, although sharply below last year's total accounted for about 73 per cent of the current total. Rye was the only one of the five grains moving in larger volume this year than last.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from Fort William-Port Arthur
Season of Navigation, 1952-63

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1952	246,093	92,704	96,863	9,089	6,058	450,808
1953	209,118	98,202	110,472	17,677	6,283	441,752
1954	140,705	58,473	80,672	8,480	4,372	292,702
1955	141,600	31,902	67,905	11,085	9,970	262,461
1956	206,136	47,517	91,990	11,070	10,292	367,005
1957	157,217	48,788	56,706	4,274	11,533	278,517
1958	191,957	41,833	74,322	5,310	8,683	322,105
1959	187,103	32,097	55,686	4,707	6,617	286,209
1960	184,480	27,100	54,981	3,645	8,421	278,627
1961 <u>1/</u>	243,777	23,784	46,255	4,284	8,002	326,102
1962	182,915	22,923	29,734	6,123	7,965	249,660

1/ Revised.

Farmers' Marketings

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to December 19 of the current crop year amounted to 198.5 million bushels, representing an increase of 67 per cent over the comparable 1961 total of 118.9 million and 44 per cent above the ten-year (1951-60) average for the period of 137.9 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings 1/ of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1962-63

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year <u>2/</u>
- bushels -						
August	8, 1962 ..	14,548	7,645	42,489	64,682	424,845
	15	1,778	38,975	176,287	217,040	682,034
	22	38,237	592,588	584,243	1,215,068	5,298,808
	29	426,174	1,911,503	1,468,566	3,806,243	9,124,000
September	5	757,304	3,085,240	1,211,254	5,053,798	6,274,071
	12	1,742,316	6,416,266	1,870,574	10,029,156	7,783,756
	19	1,699,681	8,177,978	1,709,135	11,586,794	6,733,721
	26	2,359,440	10,406,284	4,587,559	17,353,283	7,697,860
October	3	2,522,313	13,068,961	5,556,144	21,147,418	8,356,339
	10	1,585,234	12,747,546	4,121,329	18,454,109	7,025,437
	17	1,117,194	7,344,064	3,084,468	11,545,726	7,516,876
	24	1,177,866	7,435,220	2,545,531	11,158,617	7,143,464
	31	1,370,408	6,674,985	2,270,438	10,315,831	6,863,496
November	7	1,514,458	6,123,753	2,618,264	10,256,475	5,637,826
	14	1,629,145	5,879,142	1,928,069	9,436,356	7,094,998
	21	1,669,582	6,738,169	1,957,899	10,365,650	6,604,431
	28	1,783,131	7,723,197	1,816,305	11,322,633	5,789,906
December	5	1,282,296	7,478,541	1,868,468	10,629,305	3,687,344
	12	1,499,357	7,709,086	1,926,894	11,135,337	5,480,248
	19	2,183,481	8,514,663	2,732,106	13,430,250	3,635,158
Totals		26,373,943	128,073,806	44,076,022	198,523,771	118,854,618
Average similar period:						
1951-60		16,791,823	86,324,776	34,790,590	137,907,188	

1/ Includes receipts at country, interior private and mill elevators, interior semi-public terminals and platform loadings. 2/ Revised.

General Quota Position

The general quota position in the Western Division, as at January 3, 1963 was as follows:

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at January 3, 1963

Province	General Quota in Bushels					Closed	Total
	per Specified Acre						
	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven		
Ontario	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Manitoba	128	126	57	13	22	1	347
Saskatchewan	369	335	224	55	63	8	1,054
Alberta	55	123	157	48	148	3	534
British Columbia	-	-	3	-	2	-	5
All Provinces	552	584	441	116	236	13	1,942

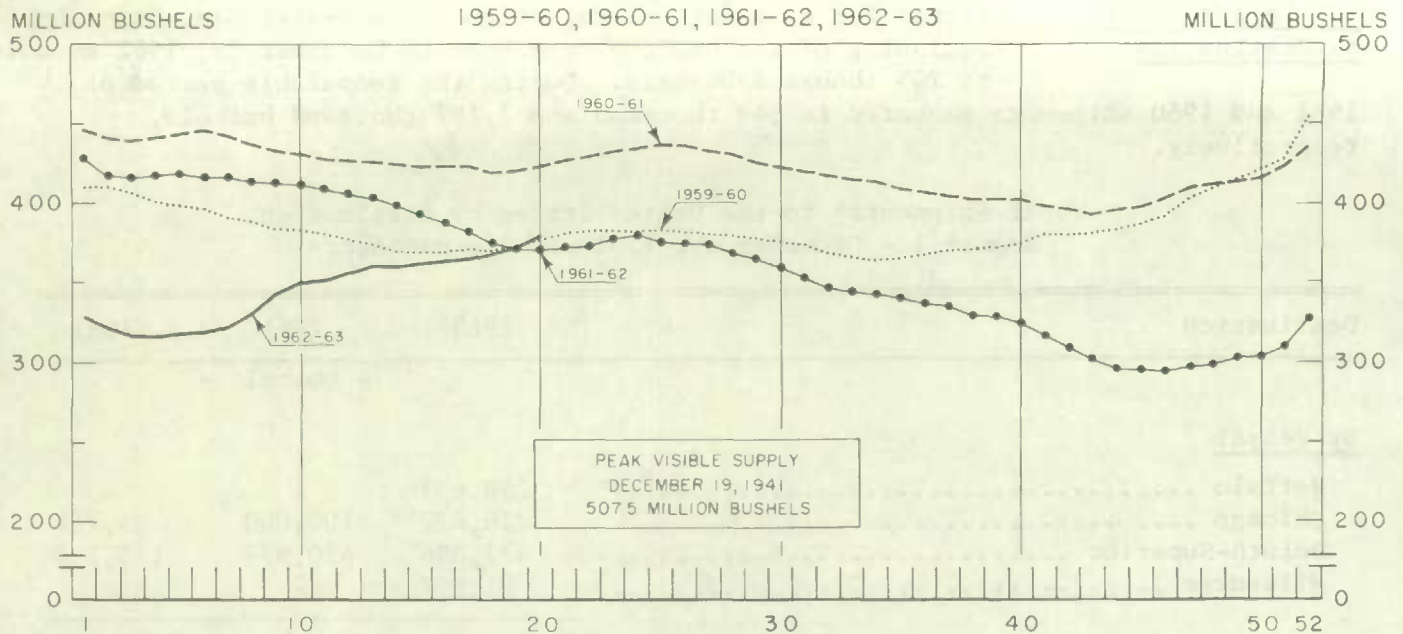
Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, December 19, 1962
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1960 and 1961

Position	1960	1961	1962
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba	32,229	27,928	24,422
Saskatchewan	143,921	112,180	121,087
Alberta	72,843	63,196	59,929
Totals	248,993	203,304	205,439
Interior private and mill	7,616	6,745	7,880
Interior terminals	11,105	10,923	6,786
Vancouver-New Westminster	6,103	10,569	9,878
Victoria	409	410	1,001
Prince Rupert	-	-	457
Churchill	4,766	4,829	4,857
Fort William-Port Arthur	39,528	23,588	23,060
Storage Afloat	-	681	-
In transit rail (Western Division)	14,500	15,904	20,610
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	40,867	37,248	37,761
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports	27,930	28,329	29,477
Storage Afloat	18,748	25,323	29,081
In transit rail (Eastern Division)	3,007	2,539	2,456
United States ports	99	-	84
Totals	423,672	370,392	378,828

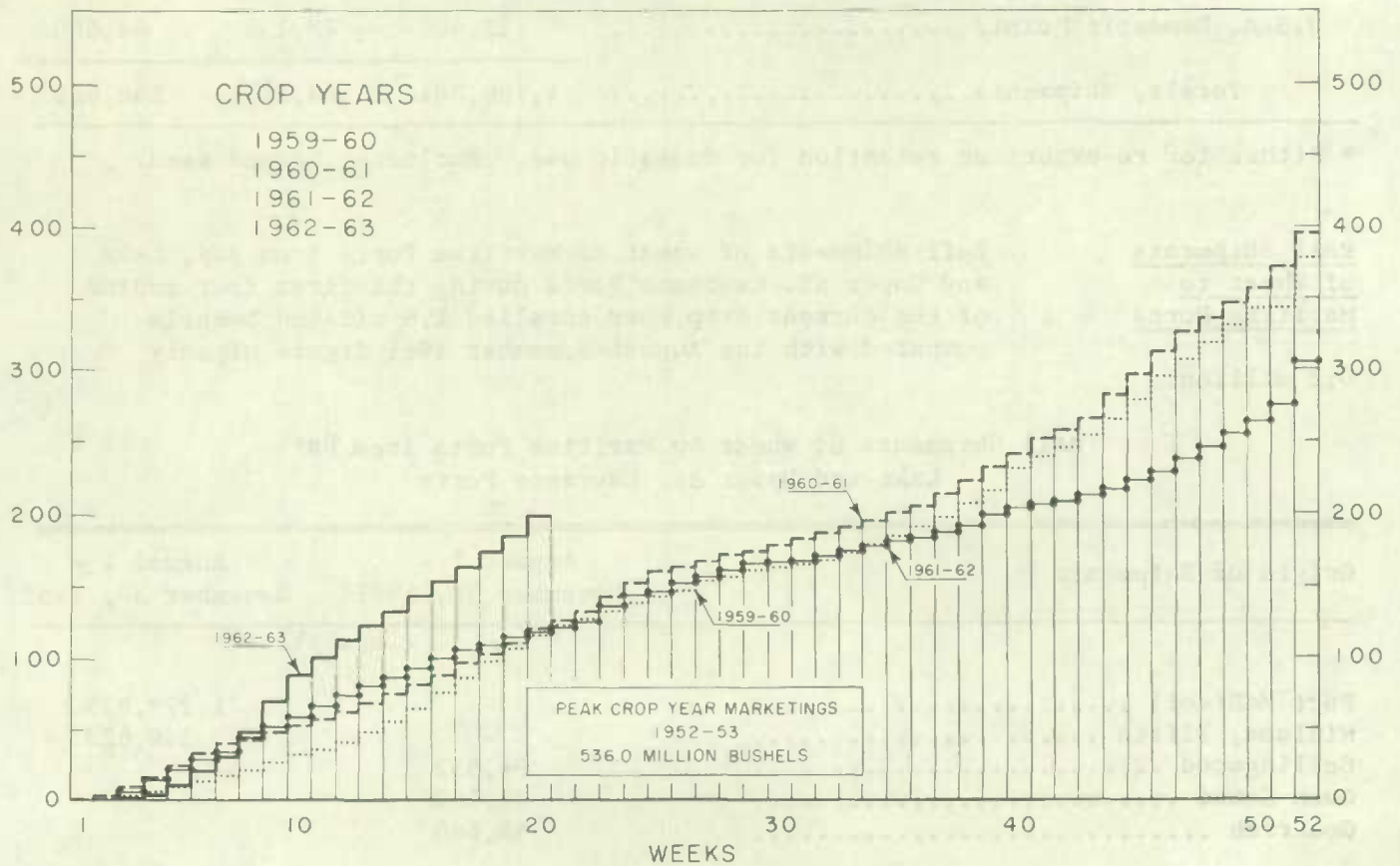
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-November 1962 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year			August-November		
	Average					
	1956-57	1961-62		1961		1962
	1960-61					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Hard	-	1/	29	1/	9	1/
No. 1 Man. Northern	1.3	20.8	8,304	10.9	12,266	18.0
No. 2 Man. Northern	29.2	52.8	40,908	53.7	26,242	38.5
No. 3 Man. Northern	28.3	15.7	14,832	19.5	8,194	12.0
No. 4 Man. Northern	14.0	3.4	4,116	5.4	5,023	7.4
No. 5 Wheat	8.3	0.7	852	1.1	2,194	3.2
No. 6 Wheat	1.9	0.2	266	0.3	529	0.8
Feed Wheat	0.1	1/	5	1/	8	1/
Others Red Spring	10.0	3.4	3,306	4.3	4,538	6.7
C.W. Garnet	1/	0.2	193	0.3	79	0.1
C.W. White Spring	0.1	0.1	74	0.1	123	0.2
C.W. Mixed Wheat	1/	1/	29	1/	31	1/
Alberta Winter	0.3	0.3	401	0.5	393	0.6
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum ...	6.3	2.3	2,745	3.6	8,210	12.0
Others C.W. Amber Durum	0.2	1/	62	0.1	396	0.6
Totals	100.0	100.0	76,122	100.0	68,235	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.)			146,223,000		130,312,000	
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

1961 and 1960 shipments amounted to 549 thousand and 1,187 thousand bushels, respectively.

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 December 19, 1962 amounted to 245 thousand bushels. During the comparable periods of

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1 - December 19, 1962 with Comparisons

Destination	1960	1961	1962
	- bushels -		
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo	298,631	-	-
Chicago	216,477	100,000	84,750
Duluth-Superior	477,836	420,978	115,208
Milwaukee	81,537	-	-
Totals, Vessel	1,074,481	520,978	199,958
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points	112,400	28,136	44,660
Totals, Shipments	1,186,881	549,114	244,618

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

Rail Shipments
of Wheat to
Maritime Ports

0.2 million.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first four months of the current crop year totalled 1.6 million bushels compared with the August-November 1961 figure of only

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1 - November 30, 1961	August 1 - November 30, 1962
	- bushels -	
Port McNicoll	-	1,279,935
Midland, Tiffin	-	340,623
Collingwood	94,552	-
Owen Sound	28,500	-
Goderich	58,660	-
Totals	181,712	1,620,558

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1959-60-1962-63

Month	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
- bushels -				
August	34,383	14,717	20,648	13,933
September	31,690	19,227	14,598	11,657
October	30,904	5,417	33,944	22,716
November	8,383	24,000	22,915	12,024
December	25,355	17,500	60,167	
January	103,087	71,335	126,533	
February	23,878	135,339	68,421	
March	18,826	28,073	37,000	
April	64,156	9,833	37,777	
May	19,513	15,805	11,203	
June	25,234	17,563	16,022	
July	26,803	10,940	17,315	
Totals	412,212	369,749	466,543	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, November 1962

Grade	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -			
5 Wheat	1,500	-	3,000
Durum	-	4,000	1,333
Others	-	-	2,191
Totals	1,500	4,000	6,524

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1-December 19, 1962
with Comparisons

Port	Wheat ^{1/}	Durum Wheat ^{1/}	Oats ^{1/}	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed ^{2/}
- bushels -							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van.-New West. ..	39,941,919	-	1,165,741	330,398	742,542	1,538,113	2,639,241
Victoria	1,232,187	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill	20,577,620	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lakehead Direct ...	2,659,002	374,098	528,463	793,621	2,198,488	843,639	-
Kingston Direct ...	336,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal	18,371,452	6,394,654	881,207	862,125	1,521,437	3,348,410	-
Sorel	6,523,907	2,450,390	-	-	-	74,321	-
Three Rivers	4,568,298	2,006,300	-	186,815	-	102,166	-
Quebec	5,479,949	-	95,735	-	-	98,407	-
Baie Comeau	12,066,432	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Maritimes</u>							
Saint John	81,667	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John .	121,334	65,333	-	-	-	-	-
Halifax	355,600	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	112,315,367	11,290,775	2,671,146	2,172,959	4,462,467	6,005,056	2,639,241
Aug. 1-Dec. 20, 1961	150,142,099	4,581,254	5,259	11,113,802	2,891,598	6,450,284	366,871

^{1/} Excluding bagged seed.

^{2/} In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to November 30, 1962 represent the movement of some 2,251 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-October period of the 1962-63 crop year. During the same months of the 1961-62 crop year claims had been filed for a total of 3,637 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 August-October shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 38 per cent below those of 1961. Revised data on the 1961 August-October shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to November 30, 1962 place the three-month total at 3,942 thousand bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current three-month period under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario, with these two provinces accounting for 43 per cent and 34 per cent of the total, respectively.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-October 1962 and 1961

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1962	9	13	48	27	373	345	82	897
September	4	7	28	18	308	227	157	750
October	2	7	36	19	294	192	53	603
Totals 1/	16	27	112	65	975	764	292	2,251
Same period 1961:								
Preliminary 2/	21	36	336	102	1,323	1,339	480	3,637
Revised 1/	30	38	353	116	1,379	1,447	580	3,942

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 102,323 tons during the August-October period of the current crop year. During the same three months of 1961 claims had been filed for a total of 132,763 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August-October shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 24 per cent below those of 1961. Revised data on the 1961 August-October shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to November 30, 1962 place the three-month total at 149,778 tons. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August - October 1962 and 1961

Province	1961		1962
	Preliminary 2/	Revised 1/	Preliminary 1/
- tons -			
Newfoundland	1,054	1,592	1,272
Prince Edward Island	2,244	2,540	1,817
Nova Scotia	8,307	9,160	7,121
New Brunswick	7,565	8,491	6,259
Quebec	68,067	74,119	49,972
Ontario	35,953	41,942	27,870
British Columbia	9,573	11,934	8,012
Totals	132,763	149,778	102,323

1/ Based on claims filed up to November 30, 1962.

2/ Based on claims filed up to November 30, 1961.

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>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</u>					
August	35,625	89	35,714	3,123	38,837
September	28,966	242	29,209	2,786	31,995
October	32,910	86	32,996	2,391	35,386
November	40,823	333	41,156	3,150	44,307
December	19,966	392	20,359	2,643	23,002
January	17,534	458	17,992	2,304	20,295
February	23,739	433	24,173	2,546	26,719
March	20,482	574	21,056	2,968	24,023
April	24,981	539	25,520	2,389	27,909
May	35,150	77	35,227	2,486	37,713
June	23,559	5	23,564	2,456	26,020
July	19,016	44	19,060	2,711	21,772
Totals	322,752	3,273	326,025	31,953	357,978
<u>1962-63</u> <u>4/</u>					
August	21,944	160	22,105	2,670	24,775
September	25,040	228	25,268	2,939	28,207
October	29,705	20	29,725	2,451	32,176
November	33,309	103	33,412	2,158	35,570
Totals	109,998	512	110,510	10,219	120,729

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, 1960-61 and 1961-62 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/ Preliminary.

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination, November 1962 and 1961

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat	
			November 1962	November 1961
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain	9,241,666	78,401	9,320,067	8,918,025
Ireland	386,400	-	386,400	321,067
Malta and Gozo	243,787	-	243,787	213,326
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Nigeria	401,713	-	401,713	-
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	-	-	-	7,646
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong	73,733	-	73,733	35,466
India	-	-	-	1,981,687
Pakistan	-	-	-	1,224,334
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Jamaica	1,789	-	1,789	-
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries .	10,349,088	78,401	10,427,489	12,701,551
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria	-	-	-	142,337
Belgium and Luxembourg	526,020	-	526,020	1,045,419
Finland	-	-	-	155,300
France	9,333	2,688,922	2,698,255	434,933
Germany, Federal Republic	5,948,281	3,400,442	9,348,723	8,874,399
Italy	899,734	-	899,734	643,066
Netherlands	258,695	-	258,695	234,467
Switzerland	82,854	147,953	230,807	1,009,849
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	-	-	-	807,371
Germany, East	-	-	-	200,704
Poland	2,256,296	-	2,256,296	7,969,650
<u>Middle East</u>				
Saudi Arabia	120,700	-	120,700	24,890
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Mozambique	22,250	-	22,250	39,947
<u>Other Asia</u>				
China, Communist	3,814,900	-	3,814,900	1,723,568
Japan	2,069,524	-	2,069,524	3,921,319
Philippines	211,867	-	211,867	190,027
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania	119,653	-	119,653	-
<u>South America</u>				
Ecuador	73,491	-	73,491	73,491
Venezuela	-	-	-	283,694
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Dominican Republic	77,161	-	77,161	239,867
El Salvador	139,268	-	139,268	96,452
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
for domestic use 2/	13,700	-	13,700	11,136
Totals, Other Countries	16,643,727	6,237,317	22,881,044	28,121,886
Sub-Totals, All Countries	26,992,815	6,315,718	33,308,533	40,823,437
Bagged seed 3/			103,317	333,004
Totals, All Countries	26,992,815	6,315,718	33,411,850	41,156,441

NOTE: See footnotes on page 18.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination

Destination	August-November 1962			Total same period last year
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat	
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain	28,657,002	207,798	28,864,800	31,216,268
Ireland	710,563	7,467	718,030	1,017,505
Malta and Gozo	693,654	-	693,654	844,667
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Nigeria	543,953	-	543,953	-
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	8,244*	-	8,244*	33,600
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong	221,200	-	221,200	168,933
India	-	-	-	1,981,687
Pakistan	-	-	-	1,829,934
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Jamaica	5,370	-	5,370	-
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries .	30,839,986*	215,265	31,055,251*	37,092,594

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria	382,779	163,237	546,016	590,337
Belgium and Luxembourg	3,544,406*	-	3,544,406*	4,852,215
Finland	-	-	-	834,258
France	9,333	3,127,240	3,136,573	658,902
Germany, Federal Republic	9,585,303*	5,679,746	15,265,049*	24,096,403
Greece	-	10	10	-
Italy	3,342,027	-	3,342,027	1,803,041
Netherlands	2,404,753	-	2,404,753	1,157,767
Norway	1,568,267	-	1,568,267	1,554,933
Switzerland	613,063	646,589	1,259,652	3,570,891
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	-	-	-	807,371
Germany, East	-	-	-	8,040,229
Poland	14,183,656	-	14,183,656	11,509,711
<u>Middle East</u>				
Israel	835,000	-	835,000	829,100
Saudi Arabia	367,012	-	367,012	166,525
U.A.R.-Egypt	-	-	-	451,733

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination

Destination	August-November 1962			Total same period last year
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat	
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Algeria	-	-	-	422,572
Congo	-	-	-	18,257
Katanga	9,186	-	9,186	-
Mozambique	194,645*	-	194,645*	186,616
Tunisia	-	-	-	189,905
<u>Other Asia</u>				
China, Communist	12,555,194	-	12,555,194	19,337,585
Japan	14,304,394	-	14,304,394	17,204,624
Philippines	2,671,836	-	2,671,836	796,407
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania	240,426	-	240,426	144,106
<u>South America</u>				
Colombia	-	-	-	132,275
Ecuador	435,617	-	435,617	370,982
Venezuela	1,528,287	-	1,528,287	358,734
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Dominican Republic	253,773	-	253,773	460,337
El Salvador	259,108	-	259,108	140,545
Guatemala	-	-	-	20,000
<u>North America</u>				
United States for domestic use <u>2/</u>	37,967	-	37,967	525,753
Totals, Other Countries	69,326,032*	9,616,822	78,942,854*	101,232,114
Sub-Totals, All Countries	100,166,018	9,832,087	109,998,105	138,324,708
Bagged seed <u>3/</u>			511,744	749,965
Totals, All Countries	100,166,018	9,832,087	110,509,849	139,074,673

* Revisions in October data have been taken into account in the August-November 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, 1961 adjusted for time lag.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	August 1962 <u>1/</u>	November 1962 <u>2/</u>	August - November	
			1962 <u>2/</u>	1961 <u>1/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain	1,016,568	1,095,858	4,401,110	4,285,489
Gibraltar	1,288	1,546	4,637	11,850
<u>Middle East</u>				
Kuwait	7,728	-	19,320	10,304
Qatar	-	-	527	515
British Middle East, nes	-	-	5,152	7,213
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Ghana	220,871	97,246	745,754	643,310
Nigeria	348,167	2,576	629,376	484,989
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	-	3,818	14,069	8,404
Sierra Leone	83,706	14,030	202,936	124,812
Tanganyika	1,150	1,150	4,600	5,865
British Africa, nes	2,121	5,060	17,475	12,558
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong	75,723	94,933	319,507	292,691
Malaya and Singapore	65,989	62,967	206,885	218,882
British East Indies, nes	1,320	1,614	3,643	5,630
<u>Oceania</u>				
Fiji	598	-	1,173	2,415
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana	3,004	1,550	5,660	6,157
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Bahamas	36,046	25,206	106,042	86,758
Bermuda	10,511	10,248	40,084	44,505
British Honduras	1,789	2,282	8,878	7,510
Barbados	10,056	7,473	58,471	41,448
Jamaica	134,916	132,294	501,216	534,070
Leeward and Windward Islands	88,922	54,800	322,046	348,832
Trinidad and Tobago	116,198	43,592	455,589	453,263
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries .	2,226,671	1,658,243	8,074,150	7,637,470

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Belgium and Luxembourg	39,291	22,416	49,151	51,571
Denmark	460	1,545	3,551	920
Germany, Federal Republic	1,955	2,180	6,463	-
Greece	1,014	20,038	22,319	2,028
Iceland	3,220	3,220	8,050	9,557
Italy	3,726	3,726	6,265	7,381
Netherlands	195	-	874	1,378
Norway	-	-	115	-
Portugal	6,983	9,101	33,060	13,834
Sweden	506	-	506	506
Switzerland	-	-	6,900	-
<u>Middle East</u>				
Iran	927	-	1,838	800
Israel	8,179	-	8,437	-
Jordan	-	-	258	109,749
Lebanon	135,445	460	173,208	531,210

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	August 1962 <u>1/</u>	November 1962 <u>2/</u>	August - November	
			1962 <u>2/</u>	1961 <u>1/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>Middle East</u>				
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	288
Syria	851	-	1,513	-
U.A.R. - Egypt	1,610	-	12,880	171,994
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Angola	-	-	-	575
Congo	7,740	11,843	42,734	57,295
French Equatorial Africa	1,150	460	1,610	-
French West Africa	5,065	7,659	20,199	-
Liberia	1,035	-	10,587	9,212
Mozambique	3,303	2,335	7,944	4,701
Portuguese Africa, nes	2,875	7,475	25,082	29,744
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Indonesia	-	-	64	189,748
Japan	52,578	9,483	127,174	483,058
Philippines	1,150	-	9,200	815,173
Portuguese India	-	-	-	59,310
Portuguese Asia	2,042	1,031	4,085	7,590
Taiwan	22,611	-	-	-
Thailand	10,741	36,015	124,699	96,504
Viet-Nam	-	-	44,576	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
French and Netherlands Oceania	368	425	1,219	184
United States Oceania	-	-	1,150	-
<u>South America</u>				
Chile	2,760	58	2,818	1,150
Colombia	-	-	-	1,840
Peru	1,541	2,070	9,361	5,297
Surinam	3,774	6,247	17,841	23,699
Venezuela	-	1,610	1,610	7,371
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Costa Rica	85,388	17,652	345,375	241,270
Dominican Republic	6,440	78,085	92,676	-
El Salvador	12,146	5,693	40,266	55,453
French West Indies	1,518	402	2,150	1,564
Guatemala	2,187	1,150	5,980	28,715
Haiti	-	115	115	-
Honduras	9,968	1,610	25,056	35,307
Netherlands Antilles	14,157	27,025	83,166	68,480
Nicaragua	18,009	76,933	179,550	126,463
Panama	44,229	28,290	158,757	158,987
<u>North America</u>				
St. Pierre and Miquelon	2,325	-	2,608	1,035
United States	105,761	113,893	421,544	401,909
Totals, Other Countries	625,223	500,245	2,144,584	3,812,850
Totals, All Countries	2,851,894	2,158,488	10,218,734	11,450,320

nes - not elsewhere specified.

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

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

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

MILLION BUSHEL

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

PEAK MARKETINGS
1952-53 CROP YEAR
536.0 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR

M

F

JAN

DEC

NOV

OCT

SEPT

AUG

29 year average 10 year average
1932-33 1951-52
1960-61 1960-61

1957-58

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

30 year average 10 year average

1931-32

1951-52

1960-61

1960-61

1957-58

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63 ***

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR.

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PEAK EXPORTS

1928-29 CROP YEAR

407.6 MILLION BUSHELS

MILLION BUSHELS

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

*Beginning with 1956-57 includes bagged seed wheat.

In terms of wheat equivalent. *Preliminary

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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

MILLION BUSHEL

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

JULY

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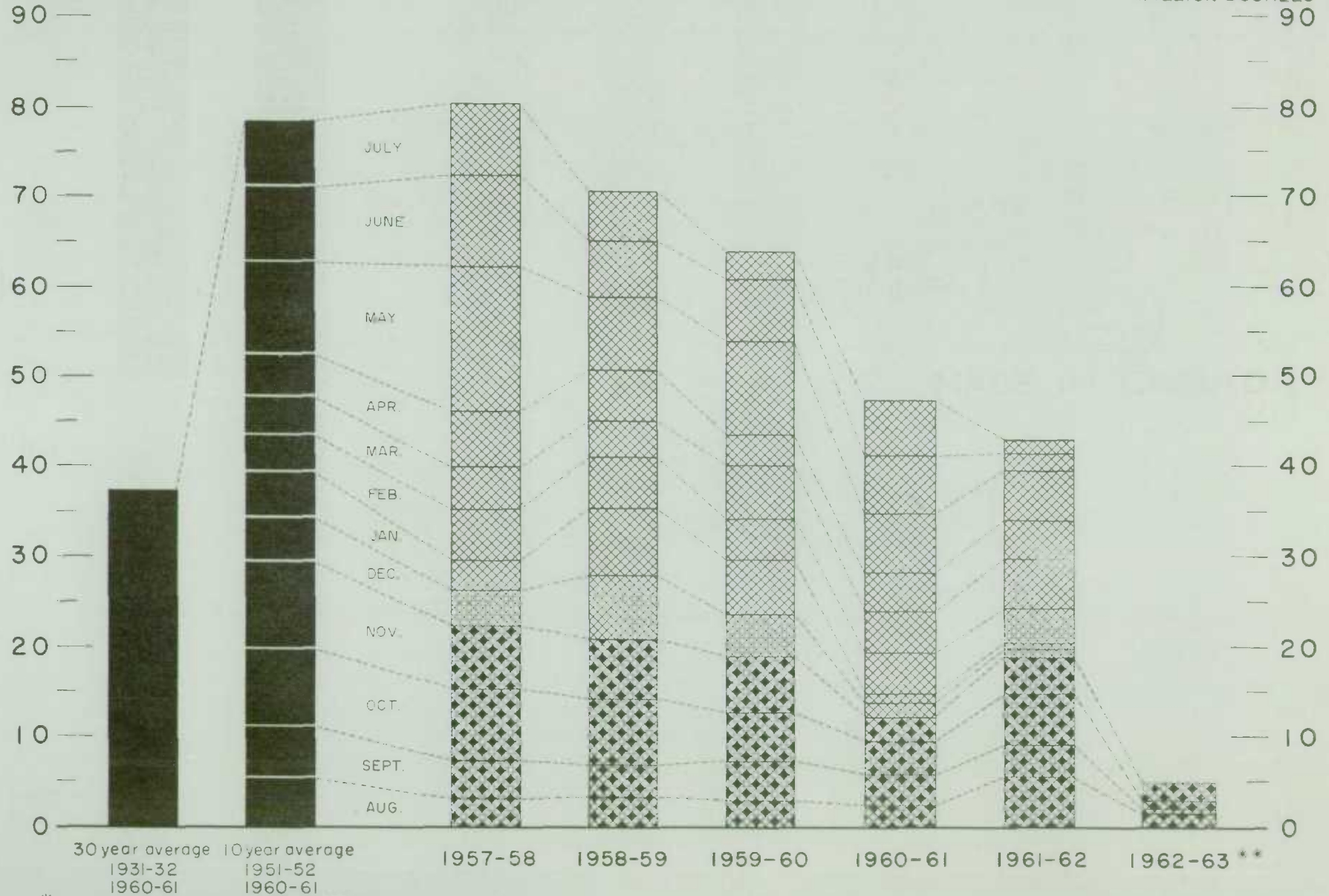
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MILLION BUSHELS



FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

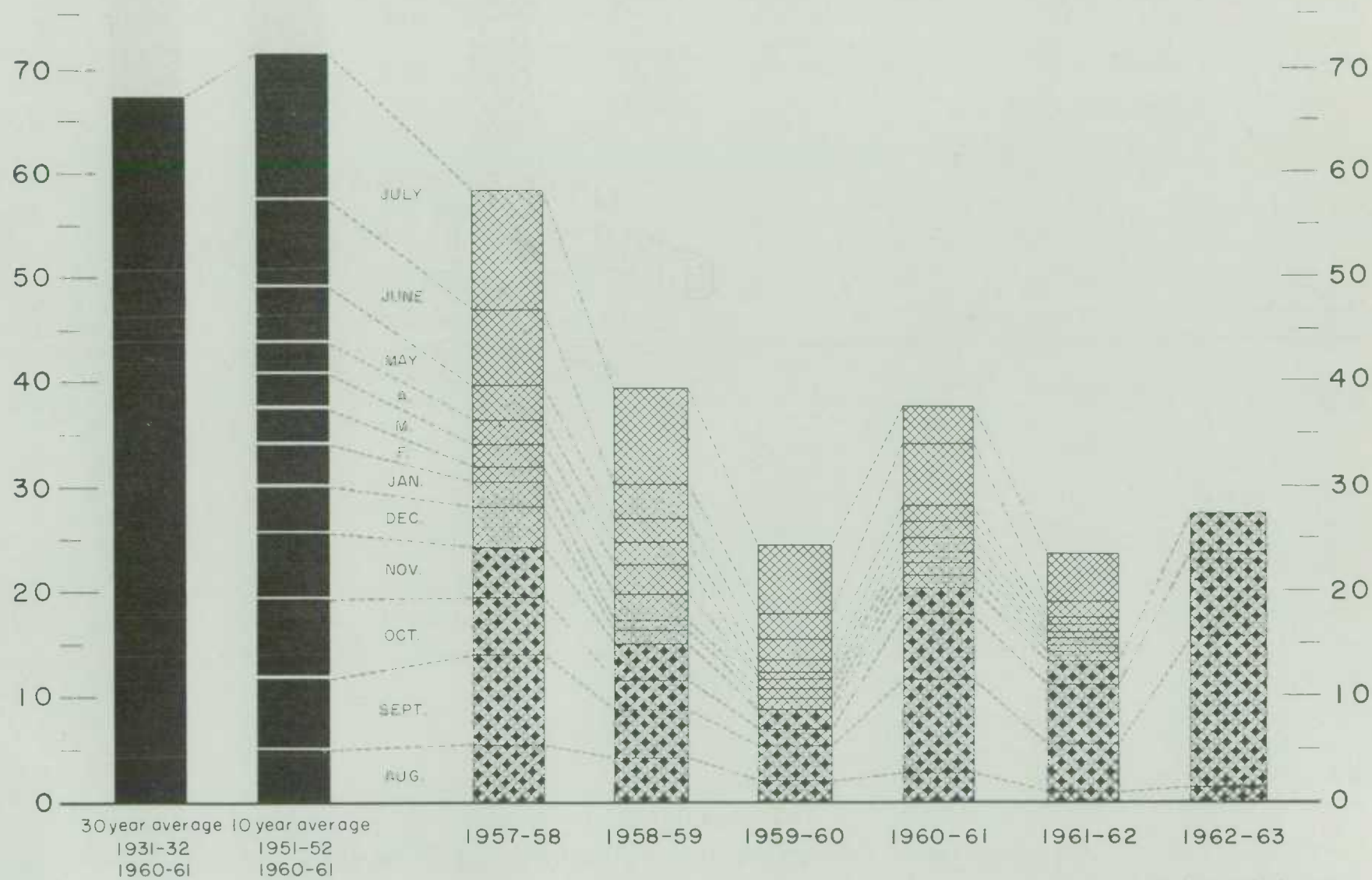
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MILLION BUSHELS

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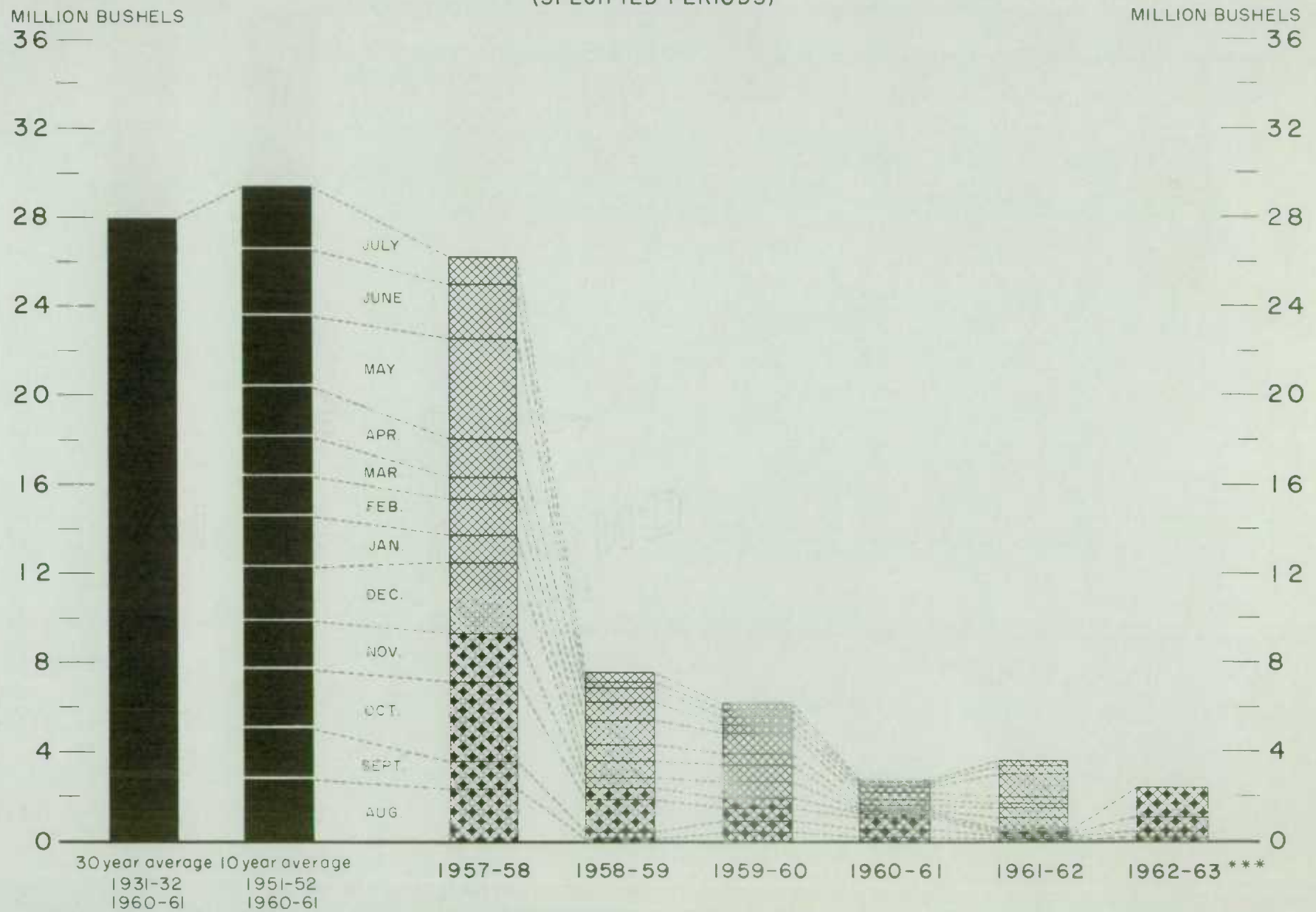
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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS* AND OAT PRODUCTS**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



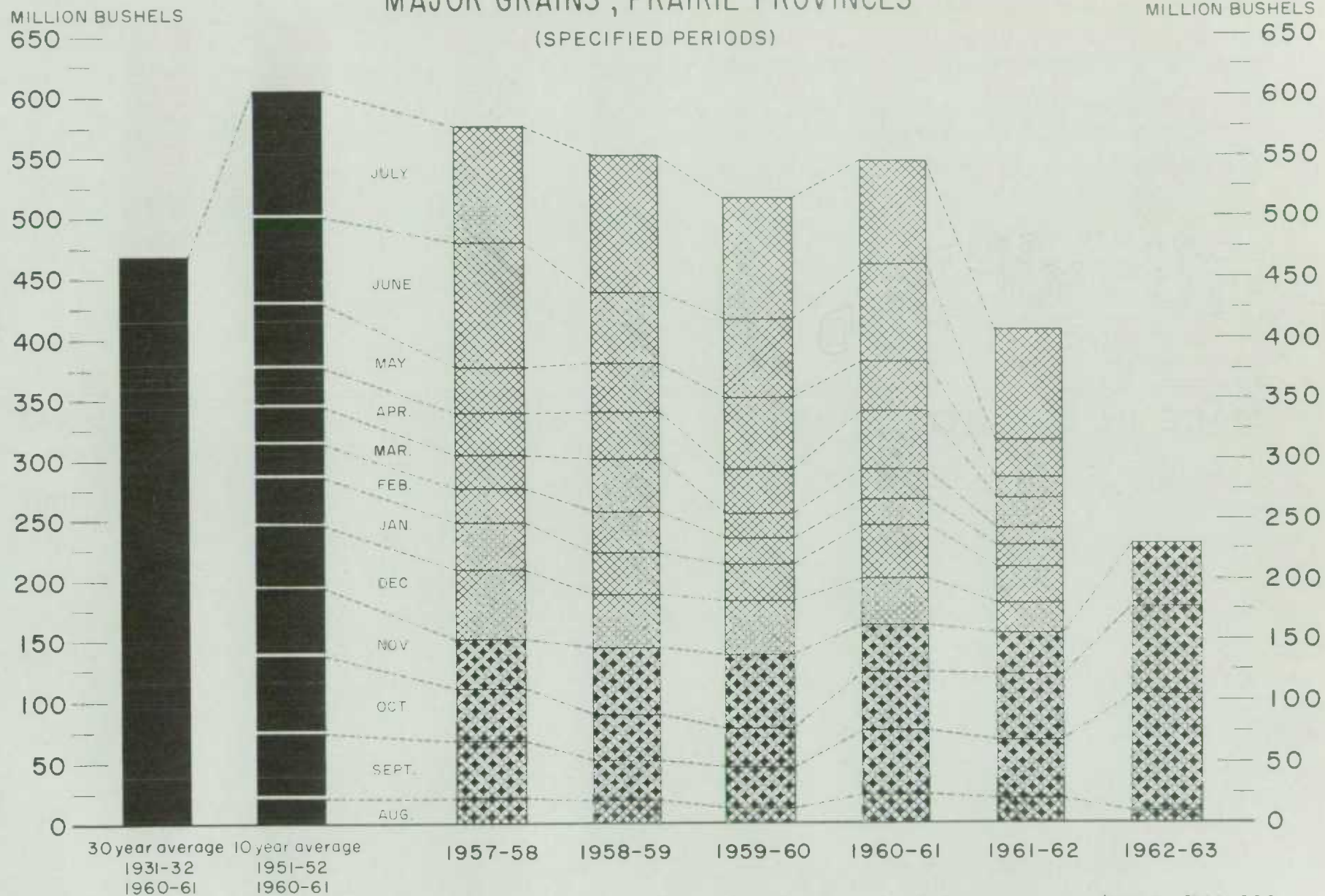
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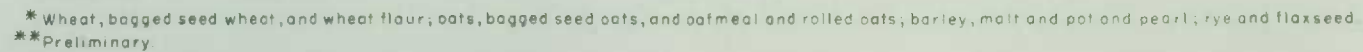
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES



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

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

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern	150	150	150	150
2 Northern	146	146	146	146
3 Northern	142	142	142	142
4 Northern	135	135	135	135
5 Wheat	118	118	118	118
6 Wheat	112	112	112	112
Feed Wheat	108	108	108	108
1 C. W. Garnet	135	135	135	135
2 C. W. Garnet	130	130	130	130
3 C. W. Garnet	125	125	125	125
1 Alberta Red Winter	134	134	134	134
2 Alberta Winter	129	129	129	129
1 C. W. Amber Durum	150	150	150	150
2 C. W. Amber Durum	146	146	146	146
3 C. W. Amber Durum	142	142	142	142

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern	196/6	195/2	194/1	194/6
2 Northern	196/2	194/6	193/5	194/2
3 Northern	195/2	193/6	192/5	193/2
4 Northern	189/2	187/3	186/1	186/6
5 Wheat	184/2	181/7	180/1	180/6
6 Wheat	183/2	180/7	179/1	179/6
Feed Wheat	179/2	176/7	175/1	175/6
1 C. W. Garnet	194/2	192/3	191/1	191/6
2 C. W. Garnet	192/2	190/3	189/1	189/6
3 C. W. Garnet	191/2	189/3	188/1	188/6
1 Alberta Red Winter	194/2	192/3	191/1	191/6
2 Alberta Winter	192/2	190/3	189/1	189/6
3 Alberta Winter	191/2	189/3	188/1	188/6
1 C. W. Amber Durum	264/2	262/3	261/1	261/6
2 C. W. Amber Durum	263/2	261/3	260/1	260/6
3 C. W. Amber Durum	259/2	257/3	256/1	256/6

Export - Class II

1 Northern	196/6	195/2	194/1	194/6
2 Northern	196/2	194/6	193/5	194/2
3 Northern	195/2	193/6	192/5	193/2
4 Northern	189/2	187/3	186/1	186/6
5 Wheat	184/2	181/7	180/1	180/6
6 Wheat	183/2	180/7	179/1	179/6
Feed Wheat	179/2	176/7	175/1	175/6
1 C. W. Garnet	194/2	192/3	191/1	191/6
2 C. W. Garnet	192/2	190/3	189/1	189/6
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3 C. W. Amber Durum	259/2	257/3	256/1	256/6

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

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

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern	150	150	150	150
2 Northern	146	146	146	146
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International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern	201/6	199/2	198/6	199/6
2 Northern	201/2	198/6	198/2	199/2
3 Northern	200/2	197/6	197/2	198/2
4 Northern	192/2	188/3	187/6	188/6
5 Wheat	185/2	180/7	179/6	180/6
6 Wheat	181/2	178/7	177/6	178/6
Feed Wheat	178/2	175/7	174/6	175/6
1 C. W. Garnet	192/2	190/3	189/6	190/6
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CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during November 1962 amounted to 3,064,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 6 per cent from the October 1962 output of 3,265,000 hundredweight, 16 per cent less than the November 1961 figure of 3,668,000 hundredweight and 19 per cent below the ten-year (1952-61) average production for the month of November of 3,765,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during November 1962 had a total rated capacity of 166,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 71.2 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during November 1962 amounted to 6,816,000 bushels, 6 per cent less than the 7,256,000 bushels milled during the preceding month, and 17 per cent lower than the 8,196,000 bushels milled during November 1961. Of the wheat milled for flour during November 1962 some 6,000,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (631,000 bushels); Durum (120,000 bushels); and all other (65,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during November 1962 amounted to 938,000 hundredweight (some 2,158,000 bushels of wheat equivalent), representing a decrease of 12 per cent from the 2,451,000 bushels exported during the previous month and 31 per cent lower than the adjusted November 1961 exports of 3,150,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty-one countries with exports to Britain amounting to 1,096,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 51 per cent of the November 1962 total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Jamaica, 132; United States, 114; Ghana, 97; Hong Kong, 95; Dominican Republic, 78; and Nicaragua, 77.

Wheat Milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour bushels	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <u>1/</u>
		- 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	88,240,580	39,539,651	13,892,676
1962-63 <u>2/</u>			
August	6,576,578	2,952,879	1,160,900
September	6,346,386	2,863,042	1,277,841
October	7,256,425	3,265,003	1,065,714
November	6,815,604	3,064,494	938,473
Totals	26,994,993	12,145,418	4,442,928
Same months 1961-62 <u>3/</u>	30,395,048	13,563,346	4,978,400

1/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46--1961-62 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. 2/ Subject to revision. 3/ Revised.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1962-63 crop year (July-June) are estimated at 2,396.1 million bushels, consisting of the July 1, 1962 carryover of 1,304.3 million and the 1962 crop, now placed at 1,091.8 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated would be 9 per cent less than last year's total of 2,645.9 million and 10 per cent smaller than the record 1960-61 figure of 2,670.8 million bushels. Imports of wheat from Canada during July-November of the current United States crop year amounted to 1.1 million bushels. Domestic disappearance during 1962-63 is estimated at about 605.0 million bushels, 4 per cent less than the 630.5 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,792.1 million remain available for export and for carryover, a decrease of 11 per cent from the 2,017.1 million in 1961-62.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during July-November 1962 amounted to 222.3 million bushels, 27 per cent below the 305.2 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on December 1, 1962 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,569.8 million bushels compared with 1,711.8 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1961-62 <u>1/</u>	1962-63 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	1,411.2	1,304.3
New Crop	1,234.7	1,091.8 <u>1/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,645.9	2,396.1
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-November	1.7	1.1
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,647.6	2,397.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u>	630.5	605.0
Available for export and for carryover	2,017.1	1,792.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-November	265.0	184.2
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-November <u>5/</u>	40.2	38.1
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	305.2	222.3
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover .	1,711.8	1,569.8

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Excluding imports for December-June. 4/ Includes shipments to United States Territories and wheat for military food use at home and abroad. 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.

1962 Wheat Crop
Estimated at 1,092
Million Bushels

In a report released on December 18, 1962 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part that production of all wheat in 1962 was 1,092 million bushels, 12 per cent less than in 1961, and the smallest crop since 1957. Average production in the 1951-60 period was 1,129 million bushels. Yield per harvested acre, estimated at 25.1 bushels, was 1.1 bushels more than a year earlier and 4.4 bushels above average. The 1962 average yield is the third highest of record and 2.4 bushels below the 1958 high.

Land seeded to wheat for the 1962 crop totaled 49.1 million acres, 12 per cent less than was seeded for the 1961 crop and the smallest acreage of record extending back to 1919. Abandonment and diversion in 1962 was 11.3 per cent of the total planted acreage and accounted for 5.5 million acres. Wheat acreage harvested in 1962 was 43.5 million acres, 16 per cent less than in 1961, 21 per cent below average and the smallest harvested acreage since 1934.

The 1962 winter wheat crop of 816 million bushels was 24 per cent under the 1961 production and 7 per cent below average. It was the smallest crop of winter wheat since 1957. The yield per harvested acre estimated at 24.4 bushels, was the fourth highest of record, 2.4 bushels above average, but 2.0 bushels below the 1961 yield.

Planted acreage for the 1962 crop is estimated at 38.6 million acres, 11 per cent under the 1961 seeded acreage and the smallest acreage planted since 1957. Acreage seeded but not harvested for grain amounted to 5.1 million acres, 13.3 per cent of the total planted. While abandonment and diversion was greater than in 1961, it was less than average. Harvested acreage was 33.5 million acres, 18 per cent below 1961 and 16 per cent less than average.

Production of all spring wheat in 1962 totaled 275 million bushels, 72 per cent more than the small 1961 crop of 160 million bushels, and 9 per cent above the average production of 252 million bushels. The higher production resulted from record yielding crops of both durum wheat and other spring wheat and the 1962 all spring wheat average yield was boosted to 27.4 bushels per harvested acre, 3.8 bushels above the previous high.

Only 10.5 million acres were seeded to all spring wheat in 1962. This was 14 per cent less than 1961 seedings of 12.3 million acres, and 35 per cent below average. Abandonment this year amounted to 4.1 per cent of the planted acreage. Last year abandoned acreage was 11.4 per cent of the total seeded. The 10.1 million acres harvested was 7 per cent less than the 1961 level of 10.9 million acres and was the smallest harvested acreage of spring wheat since 1934.

The 1962 production of durum wheat turned out even larger than anticipated earlier and the 71.8 million bushel crop was the largest since 1928. The 1961 crop was 21.2 million bushels and the 1951-60 average was 25.0 million bushels.

Per acre yields for 1962 attained a record level in all of the durum wheat producing States except South Dakota. The average yield of 29.7 bushels per acre for 1962 was more than double the 1961 average of 13.1 bushels, and the 1951-60 average of 14.6 bushels per acre.

The 2,418,000 acres of durum wheat harvested in 1962 was half again larger than the 1,617,000 acres cut for grain in 1961, and was 38 per cent above the 10-year average of 1,751,000 acres. The planted acreage totaled 2,478,000 acres,

39 per cent more than the 1,781,000 acres planted in 1961. There were allowable increases granted for durum wheat under the 1962 Wheat Program. Abandonment was only 2.4 per cent in 1962, a sharp decrease from the 9.2 per cent abandonment for the drought-ridden 1961 crop.

The 1962 crop of spring wheat other than durum is estimated at 203.6 million bushels, 47 per cent more than the small 1961 crop, but 10 per cent less than average. The 1962 crop was harvested from 7,645,000 acres, 17 per cent less than the 1961 level of 9,235,000 acres, and was the smallest spring wheat acreage of record back to 1919. Planted acreage totaled 8,012,000 acres for 1962, 24 per cent less than the 10,474,000 acres planted in 1961 and also was the smallest of record. Abandonment from planted acreage was 4.6 per cent this year, compared with 11.8 per cent in 1961.

The record high average yield per acre for the 1962 crop was 26.6 bushels per acre compared with 15.0 bushels in 1961 and the average yield of 17.3 bushels per acre during the 1951-60 period. The previous high yield was the 23.6 bushel average for the 1958 crop.

Acreage and Production
of Winter Wheat 1963

According to a report on "Winter Wheat and Rye" released by the Crop Reporting Board on December 19, 1962 seedings of winter wheat in the fall of 1962, for harvest in 1963, totaled 42 million acres, 9 per cent more than was seeded for the 1962 winter wheat crop, but 9 per cent below average.

A 1963 winter wheat crop of 1,028 million bushels is indicated, based on conditions as of December 1 and other factors. A crop of this size would be 26 per cent larger than the 1962 crop and 12 per cent above average.

In addition to the usual factors of weather, disease, and insects that exert significant influence on the final crop size, the 1963 outturn will be dependent on the final decision of how much acreage growers will harvest.

The 1962 fall seedings were planted under acreage allotments and marketing quotas, with the all wheat national allotment at 55 million acres. The 1963 program differs from the 1962 program in that the mandatory 10 per cent reduction in farm acreage allotments required for compliance in 1962 is not in effect for 1963.

The 1963 program permits growers to voluntarily divert a minimum of 20 per cent of the farm acreage allotment up to a maximum of 50 per cent. Acreage signed up through November 29 amounted to 1.7 million acres, however, producers had until December 14 to complete the winter wheat sign-up.

By the date of announcement of the 1963 program, with the relatively early seeding season, many growers in the important Plains States had completed seedings of allotment acreage prior to learning the provisions of the voluntary diversion program. The full extent to which producers will avail themselves of the voluntary diversion provisions of the program is not known at this time. The production and abandonment estimates by States reflect an allowance for anticipated destruction over and above normal causes. In the past ten years the average change in the United States production estimate from December 1 to harvest has been 110 million bushels varying from a maximum change of 274 million bushels to a minimum of 5 million bushels.

Seeding of the 1963 winter wheat crop started early in nearly all areas. Germination and early growth were vigorous because of favorable soil moisture and mild temperatures. By December 1 soil moisture in wheat fields of the Plains States had diminished because of dry fall weather and heavy moisture demands of the developing wheat stands. Early seeding and favorable weather for Hessian fly caused some damage in parts of Nebraska and Kansas. In the Northeastern and Atlantic Coast States the seeding season was interrupted. After a slow start because of dry soil, seeding was nearly stopped by wet soils during September and October. Late plantings made in November have done well. Growth was prolonged in northern winter wheat areas because of the mild fall temperatures. On December 1, the condition of winter wheat in the Corn Belt and South Central States was high following nearly ideal seeding conditions and subsequent favorable rainfall.

Along the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains from Montana south into Colorado dry soil has caused some spotty stands. Dry weather in southeastern Idaho and northern Utah lowered the condition of winter wheat grown without irrigation. Ample rainfall and favorable temperatures promoted one of the best fall conditions of recent years for winter wheat in the Pacific Northwest.

Kansas wheat seedings had an early start in central and western parts of the State. The wheat came up to good stands and made excellent early season progress, but dry fall weather limited root development in some areas. Hessian fly infestation has been serious in a number of west central areas, causing some reseeding. Leaf rust has been prevalent in many areas, but is not considered a serious deterrent to the crop at this time. In eastern Kansas seedings were delayed until late October. Late seedings are developing well. The proportion of wheat seeded on summer fallow was up from a year ago and has been exceeded in recent years only in the fall of 1950.

Oklahoma had favorable moisture during the fall. The crop was seeded early, germinated well, and has grown rapidly. By December 1 soil moisture was becoming short in the Panhandle and northwest areas of the State.

Texas winter wheat prospects are unusually promising. Fall rains maintained good topsoil moisture and built up subsoil reserves. Wheat has made marked growth and is providing plentiful grazing. The upper Panhandle has less promising prospects.

Colorado plantings started early in the eastern part of the wheat belt with satisfactory moisture present. Later plantings in the western areas of the belt were in dry soil and germination was not complete until moisture was received in mid-November. Subsequent growth has been rapid.

Nebraska winter wheat seedings were made with favorable soil moisture. Germination was good and stands emerged thick and uniform. Early planted fields in the southeast and southcentral counties were subjected to a heavy infestation of Hessian fly. Some reseeding was necessary and further acreage loss in the spring is possible. Leaf rust has been unusually heavy this fall, but is not considered a threat to the crop. Lush growth and the prolonged fall growing season have drawn heavily on topsoil moisture supplies. The crop is well rooted.

The Pacific Northwest States seeded winter wheat in excellent moisture. Fall rains have brought the crop to one of the best prospects of record. While rainfall has been plentiful, little erosion has resulted. Stripe rust is present, but cold weather could erase the threat.

Planting conditions in the Central and Eastern Corn Belt States were generally favorable. Completion of seeding was accomplished by the usual or earlier dates. Growth has been aided by a long fall growing season.

The indicated yield of 24.5 bushels per seeded acre for the United States is well above the 1962 yield of 21.2 bushels and a fifth more than the average of 20.2 bushels. Present estimates indicate that 7.5 per cent of the national acreage seeded for all purposes will not be harvested for grain compared with 13.2 per cent for both the 1962 crop and the average.

Flour Production According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in November 1962 was 22,744,000 hundredweight, an average of 1,083,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 1,035,000 hundredweight in October 1962 and 1,092,000 hundredweight in November 1961. Production of wheat flour in November 1962 was at 98.4 per cent of capacity compared with 94.0 per cent and 100.0 per cent respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in November ground 51,743,000 bushels of wheat compared with 54,165,000 bushels during the previous month. Wheat offal output during November amounted to 421,531 tons.

Signup Set for 1963 Feed Grain, Spring Wheat Diversion Programs On December 17 the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that February 1 through March 22 will be the signup period for 1963-crop corn, grain sorghum, barley, and wheat in spring wheat areas under the voluntary 1963 feed grain and wheat stabilization programs. Wheat stocks will be down about 100 million bushels next July 1 as a result of participation in the 1962 wheat program.

U.S. Wheat and Flour Exports Continue Down U.S. wheat and flour exports during July-October 1962 at 185 million bushels were 53.5 million below the same period in 1961.

Practically all of the reduction was the result of smaller shipments of wheat. In the Western Hemisphere, exports to Brazil were down 6 million bushels. In Europe, exports to West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Yugoslavia were 31 million bushels below last season.

In Asia, there were sharp reductions in shipments to Japan and Turkey. However, there was an increase of 13.8 million bushels to India and Pakistan.

Wheat exports to Africa totaled 18 million bushels, about the same as a year ago, although significant changes occurred in destinations. An increase of 4.3 million bushels went to Egypt, but it was largely offset by smaller shipments to Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia.

Flour exports (in grain equivalent) during July-October totaled 31 million bushels, slightly less than a year earlier. About 27 per cent or 8.6 million bushels, went to Egypt during the first 4 months of 1962-63, compared with 31 per cent of the total, or 10 million bushels the previous season.

Total wheat and flour exports during July-November are preliminarily estimated at about 27 per cent below the 305 million bushels exported during the first 5 months of 1961-62.

1/ Grain equivalent. 2/ Includes shipments for relief or charity.

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City				No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis			
Date		Price		Date		Price	
- cents per bushel -				- cents per bushel -			
December	3, 1962	225 1/2	<u>1/</u>	December	3, 1962	232 1/4 - 235 1/4	
	4	221 1/4 - 245 1/4			4	231 3/4 - 234 3/4	
	5	222 1/2			5	232 1/8 - 236 1/8	
	6	221 3/4 - 267 1/2	<u>1/</u>		6	232 1/8 - 236 1/8	
	7	221 3/4 - 267 1/4	<u>1/</u>		7	231 3/4 - 236 3/4	
	10	222 3/4			10	232 - 237	
	11	221 1/4 - 266 1/4	<u>1/</u>		11	231 1/2 - 236 1/2	
	12	221 1/4 - 267 1/4	<u>1/</u>		12	231 7/8 - 236 7/8	
	13	222 1/2 - 267 1/4	<u>1/</u>		13	231 3/4 - 236 3/4	
	14	224 - 225 3/4			14	231 3/4 - 236 3/4	
	17	238 1/4			17	231 1/4 - 236 1/4	
	18	222 3/4 - 266 3/4	<u>1/</u>		18	230 1/4 - 234 1/4	
	19	222 3/4 - 266 3/4	<u>1/</u>		19	230 1/4 - 234 1/4	
	20	222 3/4 - 266 1/2	<u>1/</u>		20	229 3/4 - 233 3/4	
	21	226 3/4			21	230 1/2 - 234 1/2	
	24	HOLIDAY			24	HOLIDAY	
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY			25	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	26	223 - 224 1/2			26	229 1/8 - 232 1/8	
	27	223 - 225 1/2			27	229 - 232	
	28	222 1/2 - 266 3/4	<u>1/</u>		28	229 - 232	
	31	222 1/2 - 267 1/2	<u>1/</u>		31	229 1/8 - 232 1/8	

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	December	March	May	July	September
- cents and eighths per bushel -					
December 3, 1962	207/3	211/2	210	191/1	194
4	206/5	210/2	209/2	190/7	193/7
5	207/1	210/3	209/1	190/4	193/5
6	208/3	210/4	209	190/3	193/2
7	208/3	210/4	209	189/7	192/6
10	208	210/3	208/6	189/4	192/2
11	206/5	209/2	208	189/1	192
12	208/3	210/2	209	189/6	192/4
13	208/4	210/5	208/4	189/3	192/2
14	209/2	211/1	208/7	189/4	192/4
17	209/3	211	208/4	189/1	192
18	209/4	210/4	208	188/4	191/3
19		211	208/1	188/4	191/3
20		211/3	208/2	187/4	190/2
21		211/4	208/6	188/2	191
24		HOLIDAY			
25		CHRISTMAS DAY			
26		210/7	208/4	188/2	191/1
27		210/6	208/3	188/5	191/4
28		210/7	208/5	189	191/7
31		211/2	209/1	189/3	192/2

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Disposition of Australian wheat supplies during the crop years (December-November) 1960-61 and 1961-62 is set out in the accompanying table. Total estimated supplies in the crop year recently completed at 271.5 million bushels, represented a decrease of 18 per cent from the 1960-61 total of 331.4 million due to a substantially smaller December 1 carryover as well as a reduction in production. After deducting 76.0 million for domestic requirements, some 195.5 million were available for export and for carryover during 1961-62, as against 255.7 million in the 1960-61 Australian crop year.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the crop year recently completed amounted to 177.9 million bushels, 23 per cent less than the 231.4 million exported during the corresponding period of 1960-61. The preliminary estimate places carryover stocks at December 1, 1962, at 17.6 million bushels and represented a decrease of 28 per cent from the comparable 1961 level of 24.3 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61	1961-62 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	60.5	24.3
New Crop	270.9	247.2
Total estimated domestic supplies	331.4	271.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	75.7	76.0 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover	255.7	195.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-November 30 .	202.0	152.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-November 30	29.4	25.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	231.4	177.9
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover ..	24.3	17.6

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Revised.

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Crop Position Further revisions in the estimates of the Australian wheat crop reveal that a record harvest totalling 290 million bushels is expected this year, providing conditions remain satisfactory. The increase over last month's estimate of 15 million bushels is attributed entirely to the favourable

harvesting conditions which were experienced in New South Wales where it is now anticipated that the crop will be 101 million bushels. The highest previously recorded production in New South Wales was 95.2 million bushels in 1947-48.

Deliveries to the Australian Wheat Board are expected to reach 262 million bushels, of which 52 million will be disposed of locally. Thus 210 million bushels, which includes last season's carryover of approximately 18 million bushels, will be available for sale overseas.

In New South Wales, where harvesting is well under way, grain samples so far have been the best for some years. There have been no moisture problems to date and the sample was clean and of good weight. It is expected that there will be a much better bushel weight than last year's 63 1/4 lb. northern f.a.q. when the wheat was seriously affected by rain at harvest time.

The situation in other wheat-growing States remains very favourable. South Australia has experienced some severe windy weather during the period under review but damage to wheat crops was slight. In Western Australia unusually cool weather for the first three weeks of November delayed the beginning of the harvest but warmer conditions have prevailed since and prospects are excellent. Well over 13 million bushels have already been delivered in Queensland making the estimated record marketings of 17 million bushels well within actuality.

Marketing Position A trade delegation from the Australian Wheat Board is now in Hong Kong preparing to make a thorough survey of the market potential for Australian wheat in South-East Asia. The mission is expected to have talks with buyers in Hong Kong, including representatives of the Chinese Government. Later the mission, led by the Board's General Manager, Mr. C.J. Perrett, will visit other countries in the area, exploring the possibility of new markets for this season's expected record wheat crop. Announcing the details of the mission's visit, Mr. J.V. Moroney, Chairman of the Board, said that Australia has a larger surplus to export this year and with the decreased demand in Europe the Board is looking for possible new markets.

After allowing for home consumption requirements and earmarking sufficient quantities for traditional and known markets, the Board estimated that it would have some 80 million bushels additional wheat to sell.

Miscellaneous The Minister for Primary Industry, Mr. Adermann, has announced that, under the Wheat Industry Stabilization Plan, the guaranteed price for wheat for the 1962-63 season will be 15/10d. (\$1.91) per bushel, bulk basis, f.o.r. ports. This represents an increase of one penny (1 cent) a bushel over the guaranteed price for wheat last season. This price provides the basis of the home consumption price and is paid on up to 100 million bushels of exports from the new season's crop.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1, 1961 - November 30, 1962 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Europe</u>				
Albania	678	-	-	-
Britain	23,916	18,903	2,761	3,004
Eire	4,381	1,798	-	-

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1, 1961 - November 30, 1962 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Europe</u>				
France	-	450	-	-
Italy	17,548	4,846	-	-
Malta	303	736	-	-
Norway	1,268	2,572	-	-
Spain and Canary Islands	7,288	11,528	-	-
Switzerland	135	50	-	-
West Germany	8,122	8,857	-	-
Others	-	-	3	12
<u>Middle East</u>				
Aden	585	953	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T	-	-	1,044	1,126
Aden Atta	-	-	359	480
Egypt	5,132	1,882	-	-
Iran	986	635	-	-
Iraq	4,550	733	-	-
Lebanon, Jordan, Syria	3,215	4,081	-	-
Persian Gulf	-	-	289	304
Persian Gulf Atta	-	-	1,003	1,600
Saudi Arabia	-	-	213	337
Others	348	585	52	21
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	1,147	446	-	-
Kenya	148	882	-	-
Mauritius	-	-	787	791
Nyasaland	-	-	221	256
Port. East Africa	58	258	-	-
Rhodesia	2,675	2,974	-	-
South Africa	3,820	2,019	-	-
Tunisia and Morocco	412	-	-	-
Zanzibar	-	-	219	136
Others	34	17	79	93
<u>Asia</u>				
British North Borneo	-	-	275	235
Brunei	-	-	47	45
Burma	163	169	278	326
Ceylon	11	22	6,036	5,551
Ceylon Atta	-	-	-	1
China	73,718	42,642	2,229	-
Hong Kong	2,542	3,178	280	373
India	14,736	13,158	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	3,437	228
Japan	12,730	16,802	-	-
Malaya	490	572	3,408	3,468
Malaya Atta	-	-	75	87

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1, 1961 - November 30, 1962 and Corresponding Period 1960-61

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1960-61	1961-62	1960-61	1961-62
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Asia</u>				
North Korea	2,518	-	-	-
Pakistan	1,242	3,767	-	-
Sarawak	-	-	276	299
Singapore	94	59	2,614	2,843
Singapore Atta	-	-	10	14
Singapore a/c War Office	-	-	54	33
Thailand	-	-	671	708
Others	470	335	169	311
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
West New Guinea	-	-	105	84
New Zealand	6,472	6,425	-	-
Pacific Islands etc.	57	53	2,272	2,172
Chile	-	357	-	-
Peru	-	56	-	11
Royal Navy	7	2	-	-
Ships' Stores and Sundries	-	-	136	152
Totals	202,000	152,800	29,400	25,100

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Disposition of Argentine wheat for the crop years (December-November) 1960-61 and 1961-62 appears in the accompanying table. Total estimated domestic supplies in the crop year 1961-62, at 237.4 million bushels, were some 20 per cent greater than the comparable 1960-61 level of 197.1 million due to a 39 per cent increase in production, which more than offset a decrease of 32 per cent in carryover stocks. After making an allowance of 128.6 million bushels for apparent domestic disappearance, some 108.8 million were available for export and for carryover during 1961-62 compared with 75.3 million in 1960-61.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the crop year recently completed, amounted to 100.8 million bushels exceeding by a considerable margin the 40.0 million exported during 1960-61. The preliminary estimate places carryover stocks at December 1, 1962 at 8.0 million bushels, substantially below the 35.3 million at December 1, 1961 and the lowest since 1952 when carryover stocks amounted to only 1.8 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1960-61	1961-62 <u>1/</u>
- million bushels -		
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u> ..	51.6	35.3
New Crop <u>3/</u>	145.5	202.1
Total estimated domestic supplies	197.1	237.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	121.8 <u>4/</u>	128.6
Available for export and for carryover	75.3	108.8
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-November	39.7	100.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-November	0.3	0.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	40.0	100.8
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover ...	35.3	8.0

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks.

3/ Official estimate.

4/ Revised.

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Weather and Crops Rain has continued to fall throughout most of the important Argentine agricultural areas, and the outlook is generally favourable for most crops, with the exception of areas in southern Buenos Aires and eastern La Pampa provinces, which never did recover from the prolonged drought earlier in the year.

Wheat harvesting operations in the southern grain belt are progressing well, and in many areas good to outstanding yields are being reported. As regards summer grown crops, there are many indications that the area being sown with corn and sorghum will be larger than last year, while the area sown to sunflower seed may be reduced. Weather conditions for these crops have been almost ideal and there are good possibilities of an abundant harvest.

Wheat The first official production estimate has recently been published at 4,500,000 metric tons (165.3 million bushels) which represents a decrease of 11.8 per cent compared with the previous year and 18 per cent and 26.6 per cent from the average for the last five and ten-year periods, respectively.

The province of Buenos Aires accounts for 2,045,000 tons (75.1 million bushels) of the above total, followed by Santa Fé with 1,040,000 tons (38.2 million bushels) and Cordoba with 1,036,000 tons (38.1 million bushels). The province of La Pampa, which last year produced 322,000 tons (11.8 million bushels), is expected to produce only 80,000 tons (2.9 million bushels) for the present crop

The province of Buenos Aires presents a mixed picture. In the northern and central areas normal yields are expected; the situation gradually worsens in a south-westerly direction, and near Bahía Blanca many areas have been written off as lost. The situation improves considerably in the south-eastern districts, and in the Necochea-Tres Arroyos area a good crop is expected, especially of "durum" wheat.

Trade and Grain Board estimates tend to agree that the "durum" crop will reach 350,000 metric tons (12.9 million bushels). Such a crop would result in an availability of about 320,000 tons (11.8 million bushels), as local consumption does not normally exceed 30,000 tons (1.1 million bushels). At present there are practically no old stocks of "durum".

The first official grain production estimate is considered by practically all members of the trade to be too low.

If the export surplus is 1,400,000-1,500,000 metric tons (51,441,000-55,115,000 bushels), there should be no difficulty in placing it in foreign markets. The government wanted to postpone export sales as long as possible in order to ascertain how much could be held back for Brazil. Because of the rapid build-up of grain stocks in up-river ports, especially Rosario, the government issued a decree allowing the export of lots which had been declared to the Board up to November 16. This waived the gentlemen's agreement whereby no sales would be made prior to November 30. It is reported that some 600,000 tons (22,046,000 bushels) have already been sold, and it is believed that very little of this quantity is for Brazil.

It is evident that the agreement of December 30, 1961, whereby Brazil contracted to buy 1,000,000 metric tons (36,743,000 bushels) from Argentina during 1963 and 1964 will not be fulfilled during this coming year. Nothing definite has yet been agreed as to the actual quantity to be bought by Brazil, but it is expected that it will not exceed 600,000 tons (22,046,000 bushels). It would appear, therefore, that at most there will only be some 250,000-350,000 tons (9,186,000-12,860,000 bushels) available for export to all other markets over and above quantities already sold.

Exporters obtained most of the business during November because they were able to offer cash payment as against credit terms asked by millers. Prices were firm at the beginning of November, but later weakened due to the large number of offers. At the end of the month up to 670 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.25 per bushel) was being paid for bread wheat in Rosario for delivery up to December 20, while in Buenos Aires the price closed at 690 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.29 per bushel).

Britain bought several parcels paying £24. 12. 6d per ton (\$2.02 per bushel) C.I.F. for December shipment and 2/6d (1 cent per bushel) more for January, while the Netherlands, Belgium and West Germany paid about \$US 67.50 per metric ton (\$1.84 per bushel) C.I.F. for December shipment.

By the end of November Candeal and Taganrock was firm at 850 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.58 per bushel) while its C.I.F. continental ports' price was \$US 78 per metric ton (\$2.12 per bushel).

The market is at present on the dull side, as exporters seem to be satisfied with their commitments, while at present millers lack ready cash to buy substantial quantities.

The official decision to allow export of lots for which sales had been declared up to November 16 was one of a number of measures implemented by the former government economic team just before their resignation in early December. The measures affecting wheat included:

- a) Tax on export sales for the National Grain Board. This has been set once more at 1 per cent of the F.O.B. value (according to the Board's by-laws up to 2 per cent can be implemented as a contribution for its own funds). This tax is applied on exports of wheat, flax, corn, oats, barley, rye, millet, rapeseed, rice and residues.
- b) Purchases at prices higher than the minimum official producers' prices.

The National Grain Board is required to buy all grains and oil-seeds offered to it at the officially established minimum producers prices. However, at present price levels producers would not be selling to the Board, so in order to build up reserves to adequate levels the Board has now been authorized to pay higher prices than the minimum official ones. It is not certain, however, whether the Board has adequate funds at this time to purchase quantities of any size.

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1961-November 1962 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	'000 bushels		'000 bushels
Algeria	732	Italy	3,040
Belgium	1,651	Japan	27
Bolivia	445	Kenya	377
Brazil	24,814	Netherlands	9,531
Britain	15,433	Norway	898
Bulgaria	384	Paraguay	229
China, Communist	6,842	Peru	8,479
Finland	18	Switzerland	442
France	4,942	Venezuela	1,127
Germany	19,603	Total	99,014
Compared with:			
December-November 1960-61	38,256		
1959-60	88,333		
1958-59	96,132		
1957-58	73,029		
1956-57	99,136		

GRAIN CROPS AND MARKETS IN FRANCE

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 December 19, 1962, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions from French to Canadian measures have been made and rounded for the convenience of our readers.

Weather Mild and damp conditions were characteristic in many regions followed by violent wind and rain storms which advanced across France around the middle of the month. Subsequently moderating temperatures and intermittent rain have favoured fall-seeded cereals and on the whole the situation is described as being excellent.

French Grain Market Import statistics based on import levies collected are reported for the current crop year to December 7, as follows: hard wheat, 10,659 tons (392,000 bushels); durum wheat, 262,000 tons (9,627,000 bushels); and barley, 13,500 tons (620,000 bushels). Similarly French exports based on export certificates issued were as follows: soft wheat to EEC, 34,500 tons (1,268,000 bushels); and to third countries, 670,000 (24,618,000 bushels); barley to EEC, 120,000 tons (5,512,000 bushels); and to third countries, 244,000 tons (11,207,000 bushels). Subsequently, French semolina millers have purchased 30,000 tons (1,102,000 bushels) of Canadian No. 4 Amber Durum for shipment December 15-January.

In Algeria, durum wheat production this year is somewhat obscure, with reports of a good crop not harvested. A growing requirement for durum wheat and durum substitutes therefore appears to be developing in this country which would normally have durum wheat available for export.

CROP SITUATION IN BRITAIN

The following account of the current crop situation in Britain has been extracted from a report received from Mr. D. B. Laughton, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, London, under date of December 18, 1962 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

General Conditions Weather conditions were variable during the month of November with showers and rain early in the period and temperatures above average. During the middle ten days there were widespread frosts, sleet and snow all over the country but for the remaining part conditions were dry and settled.

Good seed beds are reported to have been obtained in all areas. Wheat and barley crops germinated well with mainly healthy and vigorous growth. Oats are described as generally satisfactory.

Production The latest estimate of 1962 wheat production in Britain exceeds earlier estimates and is now 130.5 million bushels. Barley reached a further record of nearly 257 million bushels. Oats, despite improved yields continued to decline due to diminishing acreages.

The official figures are as follows: -

Grain Production

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
	- million bushels -		
Wheat	111.0	93.3	130.5
Barley	196.1	208.8	256.8
Oats	131.6	118.4	111.8

Grain Stocks Stocks of grain on farms are larger this year reflecting the heavy crops as well as market prices which are now well below the "floor". The current standard price for wheat is 27/6d., per 112 lb. (\$2.21 per bushel) compared with the Mark Lane (London) price of 17/6d., ex farm (\$1.42 per bushel) for hard wheat and 16/-d., for soft (\$1.40 per bushel). The official stock figures are as follows: -

Stocks remaining unsold or unused
on Farms - England and Wales

	<u>End of</u> <u>October</u> <u>1960</u>		<u>End of</u> <u>October</u> <u>1961</u>		<u>End of</u> <u>October</u> <u>1962</u>	
	mil.	bu. %	mil.	bu. %	mil.	bu. %
Wheat	63.4	61	48.4	54	72.0	67
Barley	88.7	50	121.4	60	154.1	68
Oats	62.5	82	55.2	80	51.9	83

The above stocks include grain which has still to be used as feed and so will not come on the market. The survey is based on about half of the 2,000 farms in the sample.

Grain
Deficiency
Payments The Ministry of Agriculture announced that for the first accounting period (July 1 - September 30, 1962) the deficiency payment on wheat will be 52 cents per bushel. This was the difference between the seasonal standard price, \$1.98 per bushel, and the average price realized, \$1.46 per bushel, on 23 million bushels. The payment totalled \$11.16 million and was distributed to 21,000 growers.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- December 6 An interim payment on the 1961-62 Wheat Pool Account, to apply to Durum grades, was announced in the House of Commons by the Hon. Douglas Harkness, speaking on behalf of the Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture. After deducting the P.F.A.A. levy and interim payment costs, and adding estimated additional interest earnings, the interim payment averaged 65.9 cents per bushel.
- 12 According to a report received from Mr. C.O.R. Rousseau, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Buenos Aires, the first official production estimate places the 1962-63 wheat crop in Argentina at 4.5 million metric tons or about 165 million bushels.
- 13 The 1962 season of navigation, which opened on April 22, closed at the Canadian Lakehead, with the clearing of the S.S. Fort York. Preliminary reports place the 1962 lake shipping total at 249.7 million bushels of the five principal grains.
- 18 According to a report received from Mr. H.A. Gilbert, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Melbourne, the current harvest of Australian wheat is expected to total a record 290 million bushels providing conditions remain satisfactory.
- 18 Speaking in the House of Commons, the Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, announced that the Canadian Wheat Board had entered into a further sales contract for 870,000 long tons of wheat under the long-term agreement with China. The sale amounts to slightly more than 34 million bushels and the estimated value is \$65 million.
- 18 According to the Annual Summary of Crop Production, published by the United States Department of Agriculture, the estimated production of all wheat in the United States in 1962 amounted to 1,091.8 million bushels.
- 19 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, 1963 winter wheat crop of 1,028 million bushels is indicated on the basis of conditions at December 1 and other factors.
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