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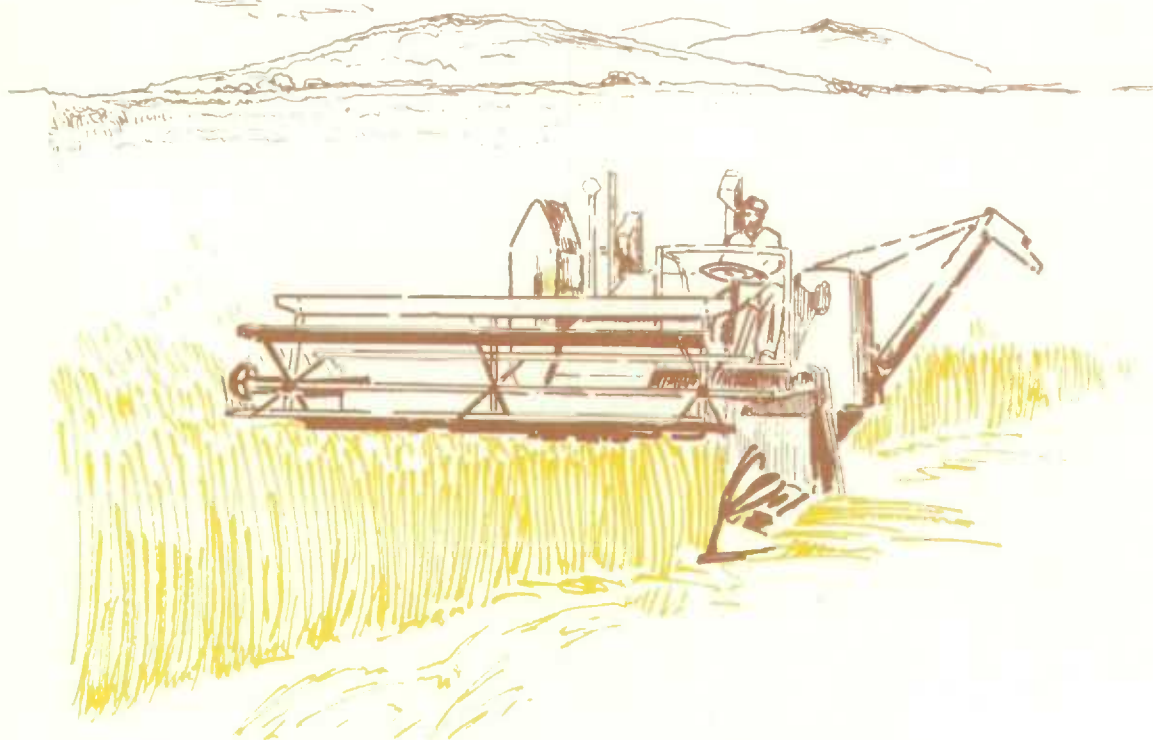
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## WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

### World Wheat Trade Expected to Set New Record

Reflecting a background of exceptionally uneven distribution with respect to both quantity and quality of the current world wheat harvest, global trade in this commodity will most likely establish a new record level in the 1963-64 crop year. Based on current conditions of supply and demand it can be expected that wheat shipments from the four traditional major exporters in the current crop year will be in the vicinity of 1.6 billion bushels or about 15 per cent greater than the previous high of 1.4 billion reached in 1961-62. When data are included for the total world trade, it is conceivable that that figure will be quite close to the two-billion bushel level as compared with the present record of 1.7 billion established in 1961-62.

Supplies in the United States for the current year have remained well above the 2 billion bushel level and, when combined with the record Canadian total of considerably more than 1 billion, it is apparent that North America will, more than at any time on record, be the granary from which the bulk of world trade in wheat and flour will originate. In the southern hemisphere, crops are not yet sufficiently advanced for outturns to be estimated. However, it is anticipated that wheat production in Argentina, reflecting a 14 per cent increase in seeded acreage, may be in the vicinity of 200 million bushels, moderately greater than the 1962-63 harvest. In Australia, excessive rains at planting time modify earlier intentions of increased plantings. However, if given favourable conditions, a large crop may still be harvested. Carryover stocks of wheat in both countries at December 1, 1963 are expected to be small. Serious crop losses are apparent in the U.S.S.R. and other areas of eastern Europe. Although wheat crops in many Asian countries are reported to be good, outturns in Japan suffered a sharp setback due to unfavourable weather conditions. Mainland China will also require substantial quantities of wheat during the crop year.

Shipments from the four traditional major wheat exporters during August 1963 with comparisons appear in the accompanying table.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1963 with Comparisons

August	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950.....	14.8	15.5	7.0	11.7	49.0
1951.....	42.7	21.7	7.1	11.5	83.0
1952.....	26.1	32.7	-	2.5	61.3
1953.....	20.5	28.7	9.9	5.0	64.1
1954.....	17.8	19.2	10.7	5.8	53.5
1955.....	25.0	23.4	10.4	6.5	65.3
1956.....	42.7	29.4	9.1	16.0	97.2
1957.....	35.8	27.6	5.8	9.5	78.7
1958.....	38.1	25.8	5.6	8.2	77.7
1959.....	33.4	24.5	5.6	9.0	72.5
1960.....	41.7	26.9	12.1	8.6	89.3
1961.....	51.2	38.8	1.2	20.6	111.8
1962 <u>1/</u> .....	44.2	25.0	5.2	8.3	82.7
1963 <u>2/</u> .....	53.3	32.5	4.1	17.4	107.3

1/ Revised.    2/ Preliminary.

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International Wheat Council  
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries  
Crop Year 1963-64 — Through August 31, 1963

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES								Total Purchases
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.S.R.	U.S.A.	
- thousand bushels -									
Austria.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Belgium & Luxembourg.....	1,887	-	-	324	-	-	110	794	3,115
Brazil.....	-	1,837	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,837
Costa Rica.....	117	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	215
Cuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic.....	168	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	169
El Salvador.....	301	-	-	-	-	-	-	203	504
Finland.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany, Federal Republic	2,390	9	112	719	-	-	-	2,106	5,336
Greece.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7
Guatemala.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	40
Iceland.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
India.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Indonesia.....	-	-	86	-	-	-	-	-	86
Ireland.....	763	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	838
Israel.....	537	-	93	-	-	-	-	2	632
Japan.....	17,530	-	4,822	-	-	-	-	13,592	35,944
Korea.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Liberia.....	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	29
Libya.....	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	50
Netherlands.....	724	127	-	241	-	-	2,719	1,836	5,647
Netherlands Territories	47	-	6	-	-	-	-	90	143
New Zealand.....	-	-	2,074	-	-	-	-	-	2,074
Nigeria.....	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	735	793
Norway.....	1,643	-	-	4	-	29	-	75	1,751
Peru.....	734	750	5	-	-	-	-	594	2,083
Philippines.....	2,365	-	657	-	-	-	-	1,188	4,210
Portugal.....	7	55	-	334	-	-	-	592	988
Portuguese Territories.	66	-	5	-	-	-	-	413	484
Rhodesia & Nyasaland.....	14	-	924	-	-	-	-	11	949
Saudi Arabia.....	215	-	301	-	-	-	-	444	960
Sierra Leone.....	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	97
South Africa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	896	896
Switzerland.....	101	-	-	7	9	-	-	126	243
Tunisia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Arab Republic.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom.....	17,422	-	7,617	288	-	60	1,867	745	27,999
U.K. Territories.....	597	-	1,230	-	-	-	-	427	2,254
Vatican City.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela.....	1,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,822	3,020
Western Samoa.....	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
To Orders.....	-	224	-	995	-	360	-	-	1,579
Totals.....	49,008	3,002	17,940	2,912	59	449	4,696	26,927	104,993
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries....	46.67	2.86	17.09	2.77	0.06	0.43	4.47	25.65	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - no sales reported.

Quantities for Argentina cover period ending August 2, 1963.

Quantities for France cover period ending August 24, 1963.

Quantities for Italy cover period ending August 24, 1963.



# CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1963-64 crop year are placed at an all-time high of 1,207.5 million bushels, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 488.4 million and the 1963 crop, forecast on the basis of conditions at September 15, at a record 719.1 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent a 26 per cent increase over the 956.6 million of a year ago and surpass by 5 per cent the previous peak of 1,152.8 million bushels established in 1956-57.

In addition to being the largest wheat crop Canada has ever produced, this year's harvest is high in quality, with the bulk of the crop expected to enter the top three grades. Preliminary estimates place the average protein content of the hard red spring wheat crop at 14.4 per cent and, although this figure may be reduced by about 0.2 per cent when more samples are included, the 1963 level is expected to be equal to the third highest average level on record.

Assuming realization of the September forecast of production and after making an allowance of 145.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1963-64 would amount to 1,062.5 million bushels, 30 per cent above the 820.4 million in 1962-63.

## Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1962-63 <u>1/</u>	1963-64 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1).....	391.1	488.4
Production.....	565.6	719.1 <u>3/</u>
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August.....	<u>4/</u>	<u>5/</u>
Total estimated supplies.....	956.6	1,207.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year..	136.2	145.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	820.4	1,062.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August <u>6/</u> .....	21.9	29.2
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August <u>7/</u> .....	0.2	0.2
Total exports of wheat as grain.....	22.1	29.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August <u>7/</u> .	2.9	3.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	25.0	32.5
Balance on September 1 for export and for carryover.	795.5	1,030.0

1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Based on September forecast of production. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels. 5/ Not available. 6/ As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (Includes overseas clearances and imports into the United States). 7/ Customs returns, 1962-63 adjusted for time lag.

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent, during August 1963 amounted to some 32.5 million bushels, 30 per cent above the 25.0 million exported during the same month a year ago. This year's August total wheat exports consisted of 29.2 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 0.2 million of bagged seed and 3.2 million of flour in terms of wheat.

Subject to realization of current production and utilization estimates, the balance remaining on September 1, 1963 for export and for carryover, amounted to 1,030.0 million bushels, 29 per cent larger than the September 1, 1962 total of 795.5 million.

Canada-U.S.S.R. Trade Agreement In a statement released on September 16, 1963 the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Trade and Commerce stated in part as follows: On August 24, the Government of the U.S.S.R. suggested that the recessed negotiations be re-opened, and the Canadian Government was pleased to agree. The Canadian Delegation, led by myself, held its first meeting with the Soviet Delegation headed by Mr. S.A. Borisov, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade for the U.S.S.R. on September 3.

Following intensive discussions over the past two weeks, between the two delegations and between representatives of the Canadian Wheat Board and the U.S.S.R. grain trading organization V/O Exportkhleb, the Canada-U.S.S.R. Trade Agreement has been renewed for a further three-year period, that is, until April 17th, 1966. In this connection the Soviet Government has undertaken to purchase from Canada 5.3 million long tons (198 million bushels) of wheat and 575 thousand long tons of flour (29.5 million bushels of wheat equivalent) to be shipped from Canadian ports by July 31, 1964. In addition, the Soviet Government has undertaken to purchase a further 500 thousand long tons (18.7 million bushels) of wheat (or flour equivalent) in the third year of the Agreement. The quantities now purchased for shipment this year total approximately 228 million bushels of wheat. When added to the recent purchase of 11 million bushels by the U.S.S.R., approximately 239 million bushels of Canadian wheat and flour will be sold to the U.S.S.R. during the 1963-64 crop year. These sales are equivalent to approximately two-thirds of total Canadian wheat and flour shipments to all countries during the 1962-63 crop year. Flour shipments alone will exceed total Canadian flour exports to all countries in the last crop year. The dollar value of all the purchases made by the U.S.S.R. for shipment this crop year will approach \$500 million.

To facilitate sales of this magnitude, the Canadian Government has authorized the Export Credits Insurance Corporation to extend export credit insurance facilities up to a maximum of Canadian \$200 million at any one time, on the basis of payment terms involving twenty-five per cent (25%) cash for each shipment with one-third of the remainder payable after six, twelve and eighteen months from date of shipment. The effect of the \$200 million ceiling on credit outstanding is that a substantial portion of the U.S.S.R. purchases of wheat and flour will be made for cash.

This sale, the largest in Canadian history, is for delivery within the current crop year. As a result, a new annual record for wheat exports appears certain. The Canadian Wheat Board believes that exports for the crop year 1963-64 will be over 550 million bushels compared with the previous best years 1928-29, which was 408 million bushels and, post-war, 1952-53 which was 386 million bushels. Sales of 550 million bushels would represent foreign exchange earnings of over one billion dollars.



Marketings, Disappearance  
and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to September 18 of the current crop year have amounted to 28.8 million bushels compared with 34.1 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Disappearance of Canadian wheat through licensed elevator channels (overseas clearances, imports into the United States and Canadian domestic use, including grain milled for subsequent export) up to September 18, 1963 have amounted to a combined total of some 62.3 million bushels. With shipments to domestic and export markets more than double the quantity delivered during the period under review, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined from 421.4 million bushels at August 1 to a level of 389.4 million at September 18.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at September 18 this year represented an increase of 21 per cent over the 1962 comparable total of 321.9 million but was 7 per cent less than the 1961 figure of 416.6 million. The bulk of the increase over a year ago was accounted for by substantially larger stocks in country elevators, with stocks in this position amounting to 211.0 million bushels in contrast to the 1962 comparable total of 150.5 million, but still below the 1961 figure of 233.5 million.

Wheat stocks at interior terminals at September 18, 1963 totalled 6.0 million bushels as against 7.7 million a year ago and 11.3 million two years ago. The 14.6 million bushels "in transit rail" (Western Division) were above both the 1962 total of 13.3 million and the 1961 figure of 13.6 million. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 48.1 million bushels, were 17 per cent below last year's comparable level of 57.7 million and 11 per cent less than the 1961 figure of 54.0 million. Stocks "in transit lake", amounting to 8.2 million bushels were above the 1962 level of 7.9 million but unchanged from the 1961 total of 8.2 million. The 41.5 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were considerably greater than the 30.7 million of a year ago but less than the 42.1 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at September 18, 1963 at 35.0 million bushels, were above both the 1962 and 1961 corresponding totals of 28.8 million and 33.3 million bushels, respectively. The 15.3 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) exceeded both the 14.0 million of last year and the 10.4 million of two years ago. Wheat supplies at the port of Churchill amounted to 2.6 million bushels compared with the 1962 total of 2.7 million and the 1961 figure of 3.5 million.

August 1963 Exports of  
Wheat and Flour Total  
32.5 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during August 1963 amounted to 32.5 million bushels, 42 per cent greater than the July total of 22.9 million, 30 per cent more than the August 1962 total of 25.0 million and 17 per cent above the ten-year (1952-61) average for the month of August of 27.7 million bushels.

Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners), at 29.2 million bushels were 40 per cent more than the 20.9 million exported during the preceding month, 33 per cent above the August 1962 total of 21.9 million and exceeded by 19 per cent the ten-year (1952-61) average for the month of August of 24.4 million bushels. Exports of bagged seed wheat during August 1963, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 160 thousand bushels compared with the August 1962 total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 157 thousand bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 3.2 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during August 1963, 57 per cent greater than the July total of 2.0 million and 11 per cent above the adjusted August 1962 total of 2.9 million bushels. Britain, Canada's leading purchaser of wheat in bulk, received



shipments amounting to 7.5 million bushels during August and accounted for 26 per cent of the export movement of wheat in bulk form during the month under review. During August 1962 shipments of Canadian bulk wheat to Britain amounted to 6.4 million bushels and accounted for 29 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during August 1963 with totals for the same month of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 5.7 (4.1); Yugoslavia, 2.8 (nil); Poland, 2.1 (nil); Belgium and Luxembourg, 2.0 (0.7); Federal Republic of Germany, 1.6 (0.8); Philippines, 1.1 (0.9); and Venezuela, 1.0 (0.6). (Comparable information on exports of Canadian wheat as flour may be found on page 23 of this publication.)

Production of  
Canada's 1963  
Grain Crops

On the basis of yields indicated at September 15, production of the five major grains this year, the 1962 totals and the ten-year 1952-61 averages, respectively, in brackets, in millions of bushels, is as follows: all wheat, 719.1 (565.6, 479.8); oats, 447.6 (493.6, 374.8); barley, 215.9 (165.9, 222.5); all rye, 13.0 (12.0, 12.9); and flaxseed, 19.8 (16.0, 18.2).

The 1963 wheat crop is placed at 719.1 million bushels and is a new record, the previous record being in 1952 when 702 million were produced. In Saskatchewan, the main grain producing province, seeding, growing and harvesting conditions were near ideal and as a result record yields per acre of 27.4 bushels are anticipated. Furthermore, a record acreage was sown to wheat so that the forecast production of 491 million bushels far exceeds the previous high mark for that province of 449 million bushels produced in 1952 and is comfortably larger than the average output for all of Canada during the 1952-61 period of 480 million bushels. As could be expected, many new records and near-record average yields for other grains will be established in Saskatchewan this year. Oats yields at 53.2 bushels, barley at 39.4 are at record levels. Flaxseed at 13.3 was exceeded only in 1909, and rapeseed at 1,090 pounds is considerably above the previous 1951 record of 925. However, the excellent overall conditions experienced in Saskatchewan did not extend to all areas of the Prairie Provinces. Many sections in southern Manitoba suffered from excessive spring moisture, from late seeding, hot weather in the latter part of July and heavy infestations of leaf rust. As a result average yields of wheat in the province at 19.3 bushels are below last season's 26.3 bushels and the ten-year average of 21.0 bushels. Although average yields of many other Manitoba crops are below last season's high levels, most exceed the ten-year average. Growing conditions in Alberta were also less favourable than in Saskatchewan, with large areas in the southern part of the province experiencing early-season drought which was partially corrected by early summer rains. The Peace River area and other localities in the more northerly part of the province suffered from drought during the summer months. However, between these geographic extremes growing conditions were excellent. Although forecast wheat yields of 24.6 bushels for the province have been exceeded a number of times they are 27 per cent larger than a year ago and 14 per cent above the recent ten-year average. Ontario's winter wheat fields also turned out record yields of 41.6 bushels per acre this season.

Canada's 1963 wheat crop now placed at a record 719.1 million bushels is 27 per cent above last year's estimate of 565.6 million and 50 per cent above the ten-year (1952-61) average of 479.8 million. The increase in production compared with last year is due to a 24 per cent increase in yields as well as a 3 per cent increase in acreage. The average yield at 26.1 bushels per acre is also 31 per cent above the ten-year (1952-61) average of 19.9 bushels per acre. This year's all Canada crop of spring wheat, including durum, is forecast at 700.8 million bushels compared with the 1962 crop of 549.8 million and the ten-year (1952-61) average of 459.3 million bushels. Ontario's winter wheat crop is estimated at 18.4 million bushels, an increase of 16 per cent over last year's crop of 15.8 million.

September Forecast of the 1963 Production on Principal Grain Crops  
Canada and Prairie Provinces, Compared with Latest Estimates for 1962

Province and Crop	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1962	1963	1962	1963 <u>1/</u>	1962	1963 <u>1/</u>
	- acres -		- bushels -		- bushels -	
<u>CANADA</u>						
Winter wheat.....	450,000	442,000	35.1	41.6	15,795,000	18,387,000
Spring wheat <u>2/</u> ...	26,366,900	27,124,200	20.9	25.8	549,759,000	700,759,000
All wheat.....	26,816,900	27,566,200	21.1	26.1	565,554,000	719,146,000
Oats for grain....	10,591,100	9,487,800	46.6	47.2	493,610,000	447,639,000
Barley.....	5,287,100	6,160,100	31.4	35.0	165,888,000	215,876,000
Fall rye.....	527,200	552,800	20.5	20.3	10,784,000	11,203,000
Spring rye.....	97,300	98,800	12.9	18.5	1,260,000	1,830,000
All rye.....	624,500	651,600	19.3	20.0	12,044,000	13,033,000
Flaxseed.....	1,445,000	1,685,400	11.1	11.7	16,042,000	19,778,000
Mixed grains.....	1,521,600	1,411,300	47.4	48.4	72,186,000	68,291,000
<u>PRAIRIE PROVINCES</u>						
Spring wheat <u>2/</u> ...	26,237,000	26,996,000	20.8	25.9	546,000,000	698,000,000
Oats for grain....	7,152,000	6,260,000	45.0	47.6	322,000,000	298,000,000
Barley.....	5,097,000	5,922,000	31.0	35.1	158,000,000	208,000,000
Rye.....	556,300	582,800	18.7	19.2	10,400,000	11,180,000
Flaxseed.....	1,396,000	1,629,000	11.0	11.6	15,300,000	18,900,000

<sup>1/</sup> As indicated on basis on conditions on or about September 15.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes Durum wheat in the Prairie Provinces where Canada's commercial production of this crop is concentrated and also relatively small quantities of Winter wheat in provinces other than Ontario.

In the Prairie Provinces the 1963 wheat crop is now placed at 698.0 million bushels, some 152.0 million bushels or 28 per cent above the 1962 crop. Wheat outturns in Saskatchewan and Alberta are better than were anticipated in August and as a result the production forecast increased by 24.0 million bushels in Saskatchewan, 8.0 million in Alberta but decreased 7.0 million in Manitoba. The current crop is below that of 1962 in Manitoba where production is forecast at 61.0 million bushels compared with 80.0 million last year. Production in Saskatchewan, which accounts for about 68 per cent of this year's all Canada wheat crop, is estimated at 491.0 million bushels, some 39 per cent more than last year's outturn of 354.0 million. The Alberta crop, forecast at 146.0 million bushels, is up 30 per cent from last year's production of 112.0 million. The indicated average yield per seeded acre in the Prairie Provinces, on the basis of conditions at mid-September, is 25.9 bushels, with Manitoba averaging 19.3, Saskatchewan a record 27.4 and Alberta, 24.6 bushels per acre. Current estimates of production in the Prairie Provinces include relatively small quantities of winter wheat principally in Alberta, and an estimated 52.4 million bushels of durum wheat.

The acreage in durum wheat in the Prairie Provinces in 1963 was 37 per cent less than that seeded in 1962, but average yield estimated at 24.1 bushels per acre is 26 per cent above the 1962 outturn of 19.2 bushels. Mid-September indications are for a crop of 52.4 million bushels compared with the 1962 crop of 65.9 million. Estimated production by provinces, in millions of bushels, is as follows: Manitoba, 2.4; Saskatchewan, 45.0; and Alberta, 5.0.



September Forecast of the 1963 Production of Durum Wheat 1/  
in the Prairie Provinces Compared with 1962

Province	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1962	1963	1962	1963 2/	1962	1963 2/
	- acres -		- bushels -		- bushels -	
Manitoba.....	161,000	140,000	23.6	17.1	3,800,000	2,400,000
Saskatchewan.....	2,897,000	1,796,000	19.5	25.3	56,500,000	45,000,000
Alberta.....	371,000	234,000	15.1	21.4	5,600,000	5,000,000
Totals.....	3,429,000	2,170,000	19.2	24.1	65,900,000	52,400,000

1/ Acreage and production included with spring wheat.

2/ As indicated on the basis of conditions on or about September 15.

Wheat Sale to Bulgaria      The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Trade and Commerce speaking in the House of Commons, on October 8, 1963 stated in part that "I am pleased to announce that on behalf of the Government of Canada I have just signed a three-year Trade Agreement between Canada and the People's Republic of Bulgaria. .... The Agreement provides for an exchange of most-favoured-nation treatment between the two countries and a commitment by the People's Republic of Bulgaria to purchase a minimum of 100,000 metric tons of wheat in each of the three years of the Agreement. However, Bulgaria will purchase an additional 150,000 metric tons of Canadian wheat subject to the Canadian supply position during the current crop year and the way is open for both parties to negotiate for even greater quantities in the future. At buyer's option, all or part of the above mentioned quantities of wheat may be taken in flour equivalent".....

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Wheat Supplies of Four Major Exporters Five Per Cent Above a Year Ago      Record supplies of wheat in Canada, as well as larger Australian supplies, more than offset smaller totals in United States and Argentina, at September 1, 1963. As a result, total supplies in these four traditional major export countries, for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, totalled 2,716.9 million bushels and exceeded by 5 per cent the comparable 1962 figure of 2,584.2 million. Supplies at September 1, 1963, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,592.5 (1,730.5); Canada, 1,030.0 (795.5); Argentina, 13.8 (16.9); and Australia, 80.6 (41.3).

Near Record 1963 World Bread Grain Crop Forecast      According to World Agricultural Production and Trade, published by the U.S.D.A., Foreign Agricultural Service, another near-record world breadgrain production is expected in 1963, according to preliminary information. Production of wheat and rye, together, is forecast at 284 million short tons. This has been exceeded only in 1958 with a total of 303 million and in 1962 with a total of 297 million tons. World wheat production, as forecast at 8,325 million bushels is the third largest crop on record. Rye production continued its downward trend and is forecast at 1,225 million bushels, 15 per cent below the 1955-59 average. Present forecasts are tentative and subject to change as revised estimates become available for Northern Hemisphere countries and as crops develop in the Southern Hemisphere, where harvesting normally begins in November. Thus, growing conditions up to early December will play a large part in determining the final outturns in Argentina and Australia, the leading producers in the Southern Hemisphere.

Licensed Storage Capacity of Canadian Grain Elevators Total licensed grain storage capacity as at August 1, 1963, according to records of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, amounted to 660.5 million bushels. Storage capacity in the 5,181 public country elevators in the Western Division accounted for 368.6 million bushels and represented 56 per cent of the total. Most of the remainder was accounted for by the storage capacity of semi-public terminal elevators, 151.4 million bushels, and eastern elevators, 119.6 million.

On a regional basis, storage capacity amounting to some 404.6 million bushels and accounting for 61 per cent of the total, was located in the Prairie Provinces.

Licensed Storage Capacity <sup>1/</sup> of Canadian Grain Elevators  
as at August 1, 1963

<u>Province</u> Number and Capacity	Public Country	Private Country	Semi-Public Terminal	Private Terminal	Mill	Eastern	Total Licensed Elevators
<u>Manitoba</u>							
Number.....	676	2	2	2	6	-	688
Capacity....	47,561,500	45,000	6,000,000	3,602,800	2,088,200	-	59,297,500
<u>Saskatchewan</u>							
Number.....	2,864	1	2	-	5	-	2,872
Capacity....	193,642,800	22,000	11,000,000	-	4,941,500	-	209,606,300
<u>Alberta</u>							
Number.....	1,619	3	3	1	9	-	1,635
Capacity....	123,860,400	82,500	6,100,000	1,490,000	4,117,000	-	135,649,900
<u>British Columbia</u>							
Number.....	19	-	9	-	1	-	29
Capacity....	2,101,000	-	24,846,500	-	18,300	-	26,965,800
<u>Ontario</u>							
Number.....	3	-	24	2	3	18	50
Capacity....	1,460,000	-	103,447,210	2,973,900	1,480,000	56,666,000	166,027,110
<u>Quebec</u>							
Number.....	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
Capacity....	-	-	-	-	-	55,690,000	55,690,000
<u>Maritimes</u>							
Number.....	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Capacity....	-	-	-	-	-	7,229,300	7,229,300
<u>Totals</u>							
Number.....	5,181	6	40	5	24	32	5,288
Capacity....	368,625,700	149,500	151,393,710	8,066,700	12,645,000	119,585,300	660,465,910

Source: Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

<sup>1/</sup> Capacity in terms of bushels.

General Quota Position By September 30, 1963 out of a total of 1,920 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 117 points on a delivery quota of 2 bushels per specified acre and 753 on a one-bushel quota. Of the remainder 1,046 points were on an Initial Unit Quota. Only 4 stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division  
as at September 30, 1963

Province	Initial Unit Quota	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre		Closed	Total
		One	Two		
Ontario.....	-	-	1	-	1
Manitoba.....	153	154	38	-	345
Saskatchewan.....	516	475	47	4	1,042
Alberta.....	375	122	30	-	527
British Columbia.....	2	2	1	-	5
All Provinces....	1,046	753	117	4	1,920

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to September 18 of the current crop year amounted to 24.4 million bushels, representing a decrease of 24 per cent from the comparable 1962 total of 32.0 million and 17 per cent below the ten-year (1952-61) average for the period of 29.3 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings 1/ of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1963-64

Week Ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last Year
- bushels -						
August	7, 1963...	5,607	49,346	16	54,969	64,682
	14 .....	110,875	180,957	199,749	491,581	217,040
	21 .....	171,927	507,568	134,487	813,982	1,215,068
	28 .....	418,689	2,215,916	324,163	2,958,768	3,806,243
September	4 .....	1,180,171	1,906,057	583,877	3,670,105	5,053,798
	11 .....	1,537,062	4,022,800	1,886,765	7,446,627	10,029,156
	18 .....	926,891	5,604,941	2,449,570	8,981,402	11,586,794
Totals.....		4,351,222	14,487,585	5,578,627	24,417,434	31,972,781
Average similar period:						
1952-61 .....		4,252,494	18,771,397	6,289,566	29,313,457	

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



Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to September 18 this year amounted to 165.4 million bushels, 41 per cent greater than the 117.6 million shipped during the comparable period of 1962. In 1963 the season of navigation opened on April 19 while the 1962 season opened on April 22. Shipments of wheat, at 117.2 million bushels accounted for 71 per cent of the current total. During the period under review shipments of wheat, oats, barley and flaxseed were above last year's corresponding levels, while those for rye were lower.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to September 18, 1963 and to Approximately the Same Date, 1953 to 1962

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1953 .....	156,884	55,496	73,533	8,977	3,181	298,071
1954 .....	81,776	34,411	44,023	4,703	2,303	167,216
1955 .....	98,704	21,243	37,703	8,412	3,448	169,510
1956 .....	154,232	25,692	56,241	9,878	3,696	249,740
1957 .....	105,245	26,009	28,669	3,792	7,596	171,311
1958 .....	119,475	27,082	47,629	4,817	3,765	202,767
1959 .....	119,778	17,906	28,187	3,903	4,030	173,804
1960 .....	126,366	14,223	30,853	3,159	4,883	179,484
1961 .....	156,176	15,988	27,215	1,723	4,610	205,713
1962 <sup>1/</sup> .....	87,287	9,318	14,647	2,686	3,699	117,637
1963 .....	117,189	25,225	17,464	1,656	3,875	165,409

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

Wheat Shipments to the United States by Destination

Total vessel and rail 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 September 18, 1963 amounted to 158 thousand bushels. During the comparable periods of 1962 and 1961 rail and vessel shipments amounted to 10 thousand and 165 thousand bushels, respectively.

Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination  
August 1 - September 18, 1963 with Comparisons

Destination	1961	1962	1963
- bushels -			
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Duluth-Superior.....	163,399	-	123,729
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points.....	1,500	10,100	33,900
Totals, Shipments.....	164,899	10,100	157,629

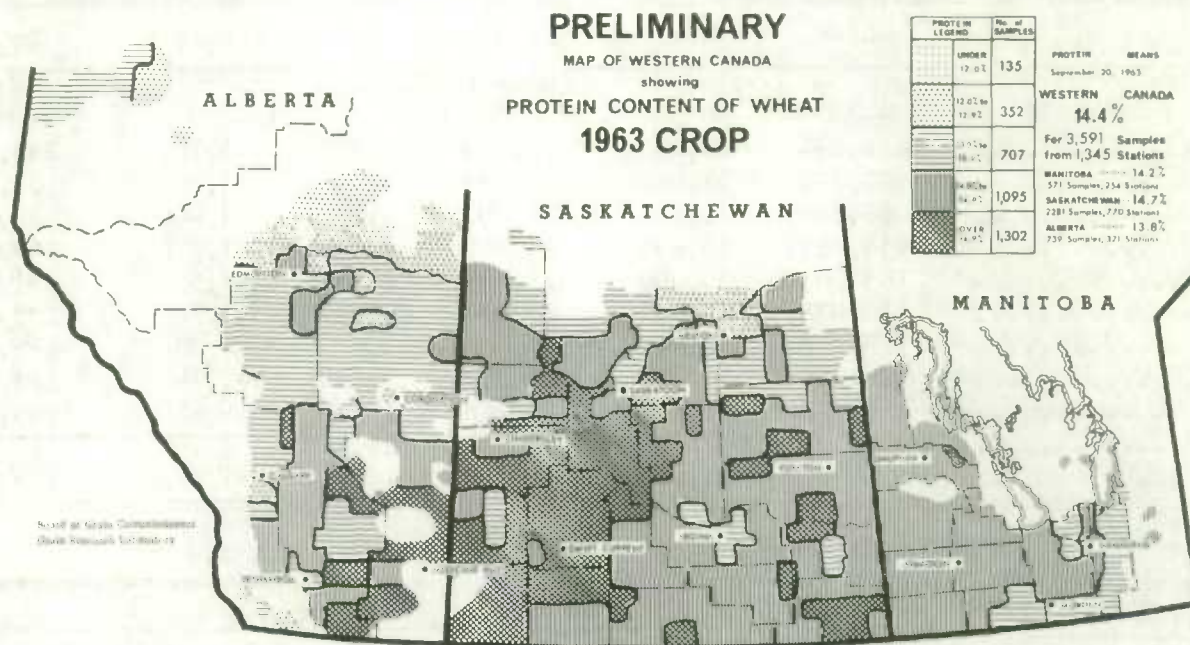
\* Either for re-export or retention for domestic use. Excluding bagged seed.

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports

There were no rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during August 1963. During August 1962 these shipments amounted to 470,635 bushels.

Protein Content of  
Western Canadian  
1963 Spring Wheat

The preliminary protein map released by the Board of Grain Commissioners' Laboratory on September 20 shows an average of 14.4% for the 1963 red spring wheat crop. Though this level will be reduced by about 0.2% when more samples from lower protein areas are included in the survey, the 1963 level is expected to be equal to the third highest average level on record. The highest average levels on record since protein surveys were started by the Board's Laboratory in 1927 are 15.1% in 1941 and 14.9% in 1936. The 14.4% figure is 0.5% higher than last year's final figure of 13.9% and is well above the long-term average of 13.6%. Protein levels in Western Canada for the last six years have been above average; the last below-average level was in 1956 when protein content dropped to 12.4%. Up to September 20, the Laboratory has tested 3,591 samples from 1,345 stations in Western Canada. Provincial protein averages, with the number of stations represented in brackets, are: Manitoba 14.2% (254); Saskatchewan 14.7% (770); and Alberta 13.8% (321). Compared with last year's final provincial levels, Manitoba is 1% higher, Saskatchewan is 0.5% higher and Alberta is at the same level. Protein data for crop districts are given in the table below.



The above map shows the geographic distribution of wheat of different protein levels. Most of western Saskatchewan is covered by an above-average protein area (over 14.9%) while below-average areas cover the northern half of Alberta, extreme northern sections of Saskatchewan and eastern Manitoba.

Protein Content of 1963 - Hard Red Spring Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, by Crop Districts

Manitoba			Saskatchewan			Alberta		
C.D.	Mean	Range	C.D.	Mean	Range	C.D.	Mean	Range
- per cent -			- per cent -			- per cent -		
1	14.4	12.1-16.8	1A	15.0	12.0-17.0	1	14.8	11.3-17.9
2	13.9	11.5-17.2	1B	14.4	12.7-16.4	2	14.6	10.7-18.0
3	13.9	10.9-16.4	2A	14.7	12.8-16.4	3	13.7	11.3-16.7
4	14.4	13.3-15.4	2B	14.2	12.2-16.4	4	13.3	10.3-17.7
5	13.9	12.0-16.0	3AN	14.8	10.9-18.1	5	13.6	10.5-16.9
6	14.2	12.9-15.8	3AS	14.8	11.8-17.3	6	12.5	10.6-16.2
7	14.3	12.2-15.7	3BN	15.5	11.3-17.9	7	13.5	10.9-15.4
8	14.3	11.4-16.1	3BS	15.4	12.1-18.1			
9	14.4	12.0-15.5	4A	16.0	12.7-17.9			
10	14.4	12.4-16.8	4B	15.2	11.4-17.4			
11	14.3	12.1-16.6	5A	14.7	11.9-16.4			
12	14.0	13.4-14.6	5B	14.4	9.8-18.4			
13	14.7	12.6-16.4	6A	14.7	11.4-19.2			
14	14.1	13.1-15.3	6B	15.1	10.5-18.6			
			7A	15.3	11.8-18.0			
			7B	14.6	12.6-16.8			
			8A	13.6	10.6-17.9			
			8B	14.5	10.8-18.4			
			9A	14.2	10.8-16.9			
			9B	14.1	10.5-17.4			



Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, September 18, 1963  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1961 and 1962

Position	1961	1962	1963
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba.....	30,655	16,949	23,901
Saskatchewan.....	136,604	88,444	123,992
Alberta.....	66,258	45,072	63,076
Totals.....	233,517	150,465	210,969
Interior private and mill.....	6,658	7,979	7,031
Interior terminals.....	11,349	7,742	5,987
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	10,174	13,371	13,532
Victoria.....	208	658	961
Prince Rupert.....	-	-	834
Churchill.....	3,470	2,733	2,571
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	53,974	57,714	48,071
In transit rail (Western Division).....	13,565	13,265	14,555
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports..	42,136	30,744	41,459
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports...	33,288	28,828	35,025
In transit lake.....	8,215	7,890	8,151
In transit rail (Eastern Division).....	-	539	265
Totals.....	416,555	321,929	389,412

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1963 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		A U G U S T			
	Average					
	1957-58	1962-63	1962	1963	1963	1963
	1961-62					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Hard.....	1/	1/	-	-	1	1/
No. 1 Man. Northern.....	5.3	12.1	6,048	36.8	1,078	5.8
No. 2 Man. Northern.....	34.4	38.4	6,878	41.8	7,406	39.9
No. 3 Man. Northern.....	26.0	14.9	1,713	10.4	2,596	14.0
No. 4 Man. Northern.....	12.1	11.4	320	1.9	2,743	14.8
No. 5 Wheat.....	5.5	5.7	79	0.5	1,221	6.6
No. 6 Wheat.....	1.1	0.9	24	0.1	127	0.7
Feed Wheat.....	1/	1/	-	-	1	1/
Others Red Spring.....	9.4	8.0	604	3.7	1,788	9.6
C.W. Garnet.....	0.1	0.1	7	1/	25	0.1
C.W. White Spring.....	0.1	0.1	5	1/	58	0.3
C.W. Mixed Wheat.....	1/	1/	9	0.1	7	1/
Alberta Winter.....	0.2	0.2	27	0.2	671	3.6
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum...	5.6	7.7	718	4.4	822	4.4
Others C.W. Amber Durum.....	0.2	0.5	12	0.1	38	0.2
Totals.....	100.0	100.0	16,444	100.0	18,582	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.).....			31,465,000		35,956,000	
1/ Less than .05 per cent.						



Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1960-61-1963-64

Month	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
- bushels -				
August.....	14,717	20,648	13,933	5,500
September.....	19,227	14,598	11,657	
October.....	5,417	33,944	22,716	
November.....	24,000	22,915	12,024	
December.....	17,500	60,167	12,778	
January.....	71,335	126,533	39,534	
February.....	135,339	68,421	22,967	
March.....	28,073	37,000	86,398	
April.....	9,833	37,777	69,067	
May.....	15,805	11,203	11,851	
June.....	17,563	16,022	15,746	
July.....	10,940	17,315	11,158	
Totals.....	369,749	466,543	329,829	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, August 1963

Grade	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -		
5 Wheat.....	-	2,833
Durum.....	2,000	-
Others.....	-	667
Totals.....	2,000	3,500

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1 - September 18, 1963  
with Comparisons

Port	Wheat <u>1/</u>	Durum Wheat <u>1/</u>	Oats <u>1/</u>	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed <u>2/</u>
- bushels -							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van.-New West. ....	15,587,275	-	5,882	1,240,686	-	560,421	402,911
Victoria.....	246,400	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u> .....	14,045,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u> .....	1,327,793	-	541,910	856,333	-	36,000	-
<u>Kingston Direct</u> .....	253,867	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal.....	5,494,068	977,012	121,324	95,177	124,606	219,667	-
Sorel.....	1,430,893	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three Rivers.....	1,285,729	-	-	-	-	107,188	-
Quebec.....	1,900,569	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baie Comeau.....	7,359,225	-	-	-	-	265,459	-
Totals.....	48,931,818	977,012	669,116	2,192,196	124,606	1,188,735	402,911
Aug. 1-Sept. 19, 1962.	35,138,928	660,338	136,004	997,262	1,129,233	1,696,028	47,768

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to August 31, 1963 represent the movement of some 10.6 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the 1962-63 crop year. During the 1961-62 crop year claims had been filed for a total of 12.4 million bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both crop years that the 1962-63 shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 14 per cent below those of 1961-62. Revised data on the 1961-62 shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to August 31, 1963 place the twelve-month total at 12.6 million bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current crop year went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario, with these two provinces accounting for 40 per cent and 32 per cent of the total, respectively.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August-July 1962-63 and 1961-62

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1962.....	10	13	48	29	381	354	84	919
September.....	7	7	29	21	335	234	200	833
October.....	9	10	43	25	361	239	149	837
November.....	12	7	41	20	402	295	142	919
December.....	8	6	47	23	309	270	124	787
January, 1963.....	11	7	66	30	382	291	199	984
February.....	6	6	61	28	240	241	146	729
March.....	6	9	63	25	319	257	125	805
April.....	8	5	71	28	246	243	149	749
May.....	6	9	59	31	483	310	136	1,035
June.....	9	10	113	29	364	298	129	954
July.....	2	7	129	26	442	405	55	1,067
Totals <u>1/</u> .....	95	96	769	316	4,264	3,437	1,639	10,617
Same period 1961-62:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u> ...	101	131	1,116	386	4,615	4,093	1,961	12,404
Revised <u>1/</u> .....	108	132	1,121	392	4,644	4,148	2,088	12,634

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 462,189 tons during the 1962-63 crop year. During 1961-62 claims had been filed for a total of 525,561 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both crop years that the 1962-63 shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 12 per cent below those of 1961-62. Revised data on the 1961-62 shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to August 31, 1963 place the twelve-month total at 547,932 tons. Shipments amounting to 232,522 tons and 125,155 tons to destinations in Quebec and Ontario, respectively, accounted for a combined 77 per cent of the 1962-63 total.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy  
August-July 1962-63 and 1961-62

Province	1961-62		1962-63
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland.....	6,134	6,495	6,558
Prince Edward Island.....	8,934	9,061	7,502
Nova Scotia.....	36,213	36,920	31,853
New Brunswick.....	32,539	33,578	27,583
Quebec.....	258,815	267,164	232,522
Ontario.....	143,229	148,696	125,155
British Columbia.....	39,697	46,018	31,016
Totals.....	525,561	547,932	462,189

1/ Based on claims filed up to August 31, 1963.

2/ Based on claims filed up to August 31, 1962.

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>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	377	41,200	3,150	44,351
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	3,317	326,069	31,953	358,022
<u>1962-63 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
December.....	20,949	340	21,289	1,771	23,059
January.....	21,486	520	22,006	2,234	24,240
February.....	18,779	590	19,370	1,420	20,789
March.....	19,246	1,088	20,334	1,939	22,273
April.....	28,916	1,316	30,232	2,441	32,673
May.....	35,355	68	35,423	2,827	38,250
June.....	24,512	1	24,513	2,693	27,206
July.....	20,854	-	20,854	2,015	22,869
Totals.....	300,095	4,434	304,529	27,558	332,087
4/	29,204	160	29,364	3,166	32,530

including shipments to the United States compiled by the  
of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

returns, 1961-62 adjusted to remove effect of time

our conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.



Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination, August 1963 and 1962

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat	
			August 1963	August 1962
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	7,501,308	-	7,501,308	6,393,811
Ireland.....	828,800	-	828,800	11,030
Malta and Gozo.....	281,294	-	281,294	449,867
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Nigeria.....	56,933	-	56,933	-
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong.....	77,093	-	77,093	74,667
Malaya and Singapore.....	58,800	-	58,800	-
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Jamaica.....	997	-	997	1,095
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Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries.	8,805,225	-	8,805,225	6,930,470

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	1,980,838	65,321	2,046,159	731,752
France.....	70,889	229,087	299,976	-
Germany, Federal Republic.....	1,219,511	368,032	1,587,543	801,909
Greece.....	-	-	-	10
Italy.....	485,464	-	485,464	858,911
Netherlands.....	786,442	39,200	825,642	924,732
Norway.....	606,936	-	606,936	1,056,800
Sweden.....	22,400	-	22,400	-
Switzerland.....	77,522	23,147	100,669	495,763
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Poland.....	2,097,267	-	2,097,267	-
Yugoslavia.....	2,837,333	-	2,837,333	-
<u>Middle East</u>				
Israel.....	537,040	-	537,040	835,000
Saudi Arabia.....	145,743	-	145,743	21,497
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Katanga.....	-	-	-	9,186
Mozambique.....	24,600	-	24,600	102,441

Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination, August 1963 and 1962

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat	
			August 1963	August 1962
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u> (concluded)				
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Burma.....	78,931	-	78,931	-
China, Communist.....	-	-	-	3,443,067
Japan.....	5,668,533	-	5,668,533	4,080,711
Philippines.....	1,082,356	-	1,082,356	879,835
Taiwan.....	38,581	-	38,581	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania.....	5,712	-	5,712	65,707
<u>South America</u>				
Peru.....	354,667	-	354,667	-
Venezuela.....	1,014,916	-	1,014,916	576,690
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Dominican Republic.....	156,800	-	156,800	-
El Salvador.....	300,533	-	300,533	119,840
Guatemala.....	50,000	-	50,000	-
<u>North America</u>				
United States for domestic use <u>2/</u> .....	31,033	-	31,033	10,100
Totals, Other Countries.....	19,674,047	724,787	20,398,834	15,013,951
Sub-Totals, All Countries.....	28,479,272	724,787	29,204,059	21,944,421
Bagged seed <u>3/</u> .....			159,865	156,895
Totals, All Countries.....	28,479,272	724,787	29,363,924	22,101,316

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, 1962 adjusted for time lag.

# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

550—

500—

450—

400—

350—

300—

250—

200—

150—

100—

50—

0

30 year average

1932-33

1961-62

10 year average

1952-53

1961-62

JULY

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1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

1963-64

PEAK MARKETINGS

1952-53 CROP YEAR

536.0 MILLION BUSHELS

MILLION BUSHELS

550—

500—

450—

400—

350—

300—

250—

200—

150—

100—

50—

0



## EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT\* AND WHEAT FLOUR\*\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

550 —

500 —

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0 —

MILLION BUSHELS

550 —

500 —

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

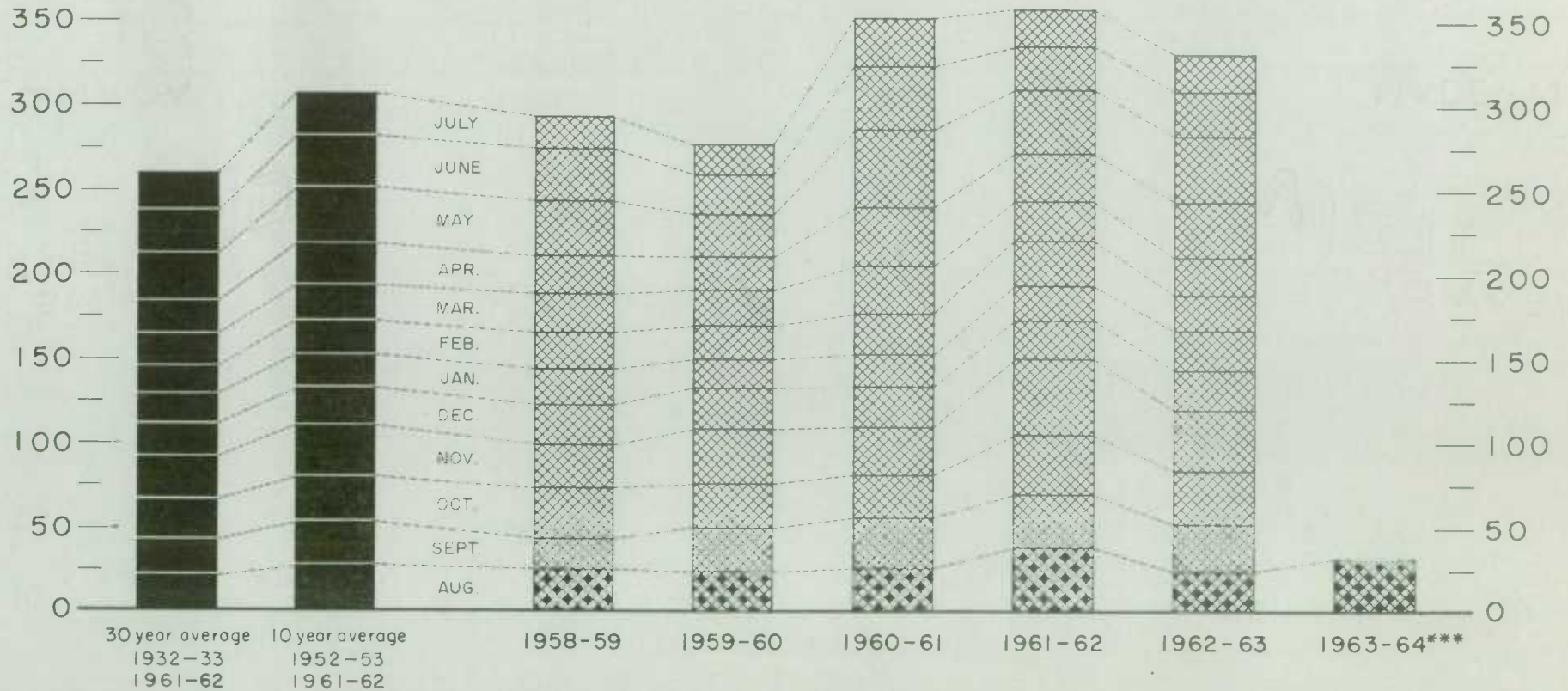
150 —

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PEAK EXPORTS  
1928-29 CROP YEAR  
407.6 MILLION BUSHELS



\* 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 BUSHELS  
140 —

MILLION BUSHELS  
140 —

120 —

120 —

100 —

100 —

80 —

80 —

60 —

60 —

40 —

40 —

20 —

20 —

0

0

30 year average  
1932-33  
1961-62

10 year average  
1952-53  
1961-62

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

1963-64

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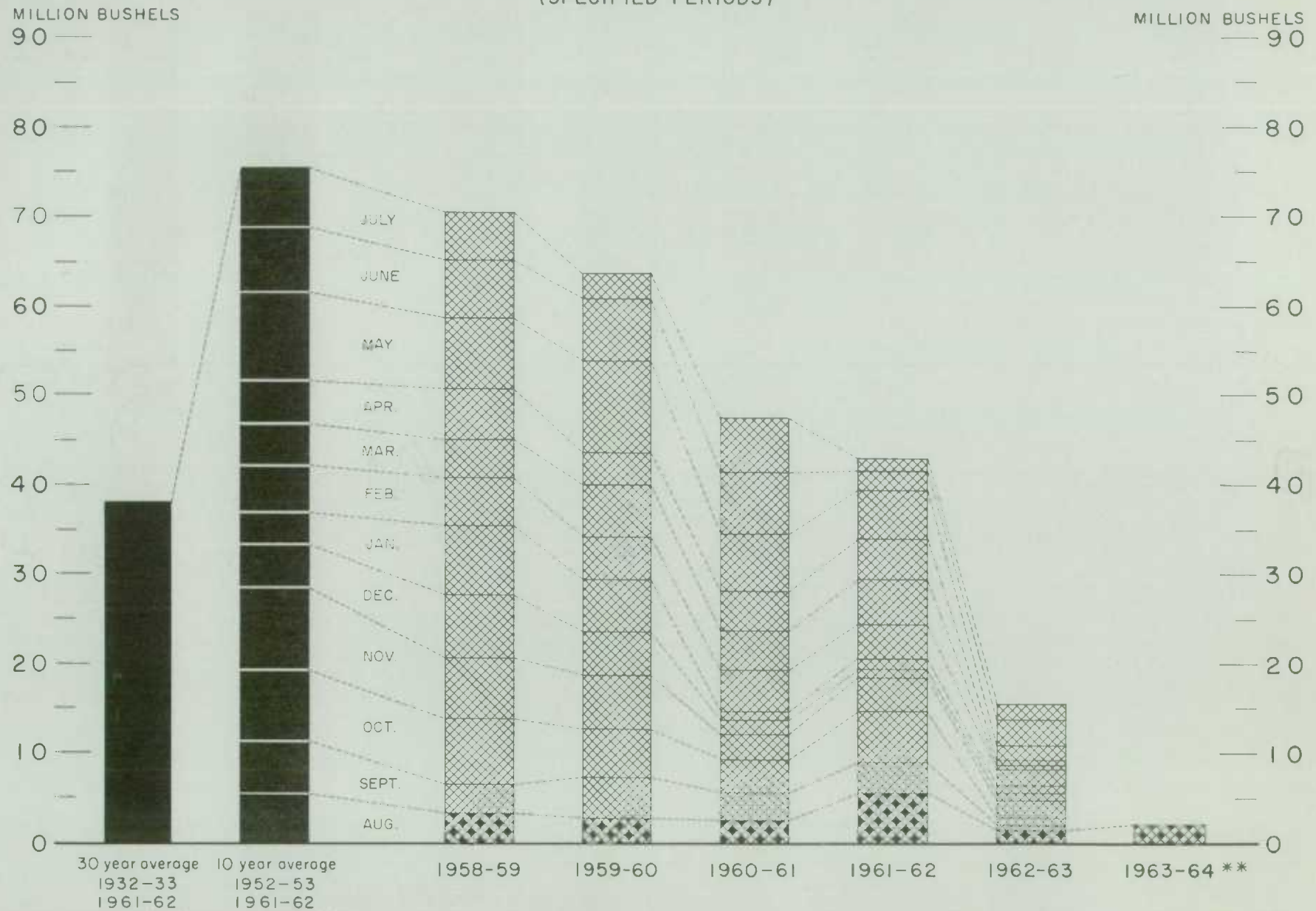
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# EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS \*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)





# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

100 —  
—  
90 —  
—  
80 —  
—  
70 —  
—  
60 —  
—  
50 —  
—  
40 —  
—  
30 —  
—  
20 —  
—  
10 —  
—  
0

MILLION BUSHEL

100 —  
—  
90 —  
—  
80 —  
—  
70 —  
—  
60 —  
—  
50 —  
—  
40 —  
—  
30 —  
—  
20 —  
—  
10 —  
—  
0

30 year average

1932-33  
1961-62

10 year average

1952-53  
1961-62

JULY  
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1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

1963-64

## EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS\* AND OAT PRODUCTS\*\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

45 —

MILLION BUSHELS

— 45

40 —

— 40

35 —

— 35

30 —

— 30

25 —

— 25

20 —

— 20

15 —

— 15

10 —

— 10

5 —

— 5

0 —

0

30 year average

1932-33

1961-62

10 year average

1952-53

1961-62

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

1963-64\*\*\*

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J  
M  
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M  
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\*Beginning with 1960-61 includes relatively small quantity of bagged seed. \*\*In terms of grain equivalent. \*\*\*Preliminary.

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

MILLION BUSHEL

900 —

800 —

700 —

600 —

500 —

400 —

300 —

200 —

100 —

0

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

900 —

800 —

700 —

600 —

500 —

400 —

300 —

200 —

100 —

0

30 year average 10 year average  
1932-33 1952-53  
1961-62 1961-62

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

1963-64

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\* Wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed.

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## EXPORTS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

650 —  
—  
600 —  
—  
550 —  
—  
500 —  
—  
450 —  
—  
400 —  
—  
350 —  
—  
300 —  
—  
250 —  
—  
200 —  
—  
150 —  
—  
100 —  
—  
50 —  
—  
0

MILLION BUSHEL

650 —  
—  
600 —  
—  
550 —  
—  
500 —  
—  
450 —  
—  
400 —  
—  
350 —  
—  
300 —  
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200 —  
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150 —  
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100 —  
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0

30 year average  
1932-33  
1961-62

10 year average  
1952-53  
1961-62

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

1963-64\*\*

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\* Wheat, bagged seed wheat, and wheat flour; oats, bagged seed oats, and oatmeal and rolled oats; barley, malt and pot and pearl; rye and flaxseed.

\*\* Preliminary.

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Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	May 1963 <u>1/</u>	August	
		1963 <u>2/</u>	1962 <u>1/</u>
- bushels -			
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>			
<u>Western Europe</u>			
Britain.....	1,044,851	1,448,250	1,016,568
Gibraltar.....	-	1,610	1,288
<u>Middle East</u>			
Kuwait.....	1,833	2,576	7,728
Qatar.....	-	258	-
British Middle East, nes .....	-	2,834	-
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Ghana.....	62,850	32,750	220,871
Mauritius and Dependencies.....	460	-	-
Nigeria.....	9,255	225	349,317
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	2,475	7,197	-
Sierra Leone.....	63,767	31,337	83,706
Tanganyika.....	-	690	1,150
British Africa, nes .....	1,196	10,235	2,121
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Ceylon.....	-	561,430	-
Hong Kong.....	57,385	121,714	75,723
Malaya and Singapore.....	65,221	72,954	65,989
British East Indies, nes .....	1,858	1,329	1,320
<u>Oceania</u>			
Australia.....	-	97	-
Fiji.....	345	874	598
<u>South America</u>			
British Guiana.....	58	492	3,004
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
Bahamas.....	23,281	34,396	36,046
Bermuda.....	9,083	9,101	10,511
British Honduras.....	3,139	-	1,789
Barbados.....	17,995	11,242	10,056
Jamaica.....	106,214	114,124	134,916
Leeward and Windward Islands.....	74,200	113,213	88,922
Trinidad and Tobago.....	95,524	102,260	116,198
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries.....	1,640,990	2,681,188	2,227,821

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>			
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	14,697	-	39,291
Denmark.....	987	1,010	460
Germany, Federal Republic.....	-	-	1,955
Greece.....	3,268	-	1,014
Iceland.....	-	-	3,220
Italy.....	-	-	3,726
Netherlands.....	989	1,773	195
Portugal.....	11,249	15,955	6,983
Sweden.....	-	506	506
Switzerland.....	-	39	-
<u>Middle East</u>			
Iran.....	506	1,265	927
Israel.....	-	5,152	8,179

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	May 1963 <u>1/</u>	August	1962 <u>1/</u>
		1963 <u>2/</u>	
		- bushels -	
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>			
<u>Middle East</u>			
Jordan.....	-	103	-
Lebanon.....	5,497	4,409	135,445
Syria.....	-	-	851
U.A.R.-Egypt.....	-	-	1,610
<u>Other Africa</u>			
Angola.....	920	-	-
Cameroons.....	-	1,150	-
Congo-Leo.....	-	6,670	7,740
French West Africa.....	-	-	5,065
Liberia.....	7,659	12,059	1,035
Mozambique.....	1,288	8,669	3,303
Portuguese Africa, nes .....	17,066	19,228	2,875
Togo.....	7,877	13,225	-
<u>Other Asia</u>			
Japan.....	84,516	35,719	52,578
Philippines.....	690	127,312	1,150
Portuguese Asia.....	-	1,518	2,042
Thailand.....	31,526	24,785	33,352
<u>Oceania</u>			
French Oceania.....	426	-	368
<u>South America</u>			
Chile.....	1,150	2,300	2,760
Peru.....	3,910	2,990	1,541
Surinam.....	6,509	4,069	3,774
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>			
Costa Rica.....	102,063	26,330	85,388
Dominican Republic.....	9,200	5,189	6,440
El Salvador.....	-	255	12,146
French West Indies.....	-	230	1,518
Guatemala.....	1,150	-	2,187
Haiti.....	58	6,900	-
Honduras.....	-	690	9,968
Netherlands Antilles.....	15,244	21,680	14,157
Nicaragua.....	-	46,389	18,009
Panama.....	20,470	28,715	44,229
<u>North America</u>			
St. Pierre and Miquelon.....	30	1,380	2,325
United States.....	196,137	57,238	105,761
Totals, Other Countries.....	545,082	484,902	624,073
Totals, All Countries.....	2,186,072	3,166,090	2,851,894

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.



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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
- cents and eighths per bushel -				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>				
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
3 Alberta Winter.....	123	123	123	123
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
<u>International Wheat Agreement</u>				
<u>and Domestic Sales</u>				
1 Northern.....	193/3	193	192/6	192/3
2 Northern.....	190/3	190	189/6	189/3
3 Northern.....	187/3	187	186/6	186/3
4 Northern.....	180/3	180	179/6	179/3
5 Wheat.....	174/3	174	173/6	173/3
6 Wheat.....	169/3	169	168/6	168/3
Feed Wheat.....	166/3	166	165/6	165/3
1 C.W. Garnet.....	176/1	176	175/6	175/3
2 C.W. Garnet.....	174/1	174	173/6	173/3
3 C.W. Garnet.....	173/1	173	172/6	172/3
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	179/1	179	178/6	178/3
2 Alberta Winter.....	177/1	177	176/6	176/3
3 Alberta Winter.....	176/1	176	175/6	175/3
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	210/7	208	207/6	207/3
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	209/7	207	206/6	206/3
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	201/7	199	198/6	198/3
<u>Export - Class 11</u>				
1 Northern.....	193/3	193	192/6	192/3
2 Northern.....	190/3	190	189/6	189/3
3 Northern.....	187/3	187	186/6	186/3
4 Northern.....	180/3	180	179/6	179/3
5 Wheat.....	174/3	174	173/6	173/3
6 Wheat.....	169/3	169	168/6	168/3
Feed Wheat.....	166/3	166	165/6	165/3
1 C.W. Garnet.....	176/1	176	175/6	175/3
2 C.W. Garnet.....	174/1	174	173/6	173/3
3 C.W. Garnet.....	173/1	173	172/6	172/3
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	210/7	208	207/6	207/3
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	209/7	207	206/6	206/3
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	201/7	199	198/6	198/3

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27

- 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
3 Alberta Winter.....	123	123	123	123
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.....	197/5	197/2	197	196/5
2 Northern.....	193/5	193/2	193	192/5
3 Northern.....	192/5	192/2	192	191/5
4 Northern.....	184/5	184/2	184	183/5
5 Wheat.....	174/5	174/2	174	173/5
6 Wheat.....	172/5	172/2	172	171/5
Feed Wheat.....	169/5	169/2	169	168/5
1 C. W. Garnet.....	176/5	176/2	176	175/5
2 C. W. Garnet.....	174/5	174/2	174	173/5
3 C. W. Garnet.....	173/5	173/2	173	172/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	176/5	176/2	176	175/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	174/5	174/2	174	173/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	173/5	173/2	173	172/5

Export - Class II

1 Northern.....	197/5	197/2	197	196/5
2 Northern.....	193/5	193/2	193	192/5
3 Northern.....	192/5	192/2	192	191/5
4 Northern.....	184/5	184/2	184	183/5
5 Wheat.....	174/5	174/2	174	173/5
6 Wheat.....	172/5	172/2	172	171/5
Feed Wheat.....	169/5	169/2	169	168/5
1 C. W. Garnet.....	176/5	176/2	176	175/5
2 C. W. Garnet.....	174/5	174/2	174	173/5
3 C. W. Garnet.....	173/5	173/2	173	172/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	176/5	176/2	176	175/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	174/5	174/2	174	173/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	173/5	173/2	173	172/5

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during August 1963 amounted to 3,004,000 hundredweight, representing an increase of 5 per cent over the July output of 2,859,000 hundredweight, 2 per cent above the August 1962 figure of 2,955,000 hundredweight but 7 per cent below the ten-year (1953-62) average production for the month of August of 3,235,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during August 1963 had a total rated capacity of 166,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 27-day working period 66.9 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during August 1963 amounted to 6,720,000 bushels, 6 per cent more than the 6,347,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 2 per cent higher than the 6,577,000 bushels milled during August 1962. Of the wheat milled for flour during August 1963, some 5,960,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (585,000 bushels); Durum (100,000 bushels); and all other (74,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during August 1963 amounted to 1,377,000 hundredweight (some 3,166,000 bushels of wheat equivalent), representing an increase of 57 per cent over the 2,015,000 bushels exported during the previous month and 11 per cent more than the adjusted August 1962 exports of 2,852,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty-seven countries with exports to Britain amounting to 1,448,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 46 per cent of the August 1963 total. During August 1962 exports of wheat flour to Britain amounted to 1,017,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounted for 36 per cent of the total. Other principal markets for Canadian flour in terms of wheat during the month under review, with August 1962 totals in brackets, in thousands of bushels were as follows: Ceylon, 561 (nil); Philippines, 127 (1); Hong Kong, 122 (76); Jamaica, 114 (135); Leeward and Windward Islands, 113 (89); and Trinidad and Tobago, 102 (116).

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour bushels	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports <sup>1/</sup>
		- 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 .....	78,789,332	35,505,220	11,981,585 <sup>2/</sup>
1963-64 <sup>2/</sup>			
August.....	6,719,665	3,003,765	1,376,561
Same month 1962-63 <sup>3/</sup> .....	6,577,285	2,954,832	1,239,954

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> Subject to revision.

<sup>3/</sup> Revised.



UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1963-64 crop year, at 2,323.5 million bushels, are 4 per cent less than the previous year's total of 2,414.4 million, with a decline in carryover stocks more than offsetting a relatively small increase in production. In addition, current crop year domestic supplies may be supplemented by imports of about 5 million bushels, composed mostly of wheat for seed and feeding quality wheat. Imports of wheat from Canada during July-August 1963 have amounted to 0.3 million bushels.

Domestic disappearance during 1963-64 is estimated at about 619.0 million bushels, 4 per cent more than the 595.1 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,704.8 million remain available for export and for carryover, a decrease of 6 per cent from the 1,819.8 million in 1962-63. Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during July-August 1963 amounted to 112.3 million bushels, 26 per cent above the 89.3 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on September 1, 1963 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,592.5 million bushels compared with 1,730.5 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1962-63 <u>1/</u>	1963-64 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1).....	1,321.9	1,189.4
Production.....	1,092.6	1,134.1 <u>1/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	2,414.4	2,323.5
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-August.....	0.4	0.3
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u> .....	2,414.8	2,323.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u>	595.1	619.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	1,819.8	1,704.8
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-August.....	78.4	99.9
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-August <u>5/</u> .....	10.9	12.4
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	89.3	112.3
Balance on September 1 for export and for carryover...	1,730.5	1,592.5

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Excluding imports for September-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.

1963 Wheat Crop  
Forecast at 1,134  
Million Bushels

In a report released on September 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part that production of all wheat is estimated at 1,134 million bushels, down 1 per cent from a month ago. The present estimate is 41 million bushels or 4 per cent more than was produced in 1962, but 7 per cent less than average. The drop from August 1 was entirely the result of lowered prospects in spring wheat production. Durum is currently estimated 4 per cent below the August 1 forecast and other spring wheat 7 per cent lower. The August 1 estimate of winter wheat increased slightly and stands at 896 million. Prospective yield per acre of 25.5 bushels is the third highest of record, exceeded in 1958 and 1960.

Production of winter wheat totalled 896 million bushels as harvest of the late maturing acreage in the Northwest generally confirmed the previous month's estimate. Extension of the estimating period to September 1 was initiated this year for the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. Yield and production data for all other States are carried forward from August 1.

The clean-up of winter wheat harvest in the Northwest gave a moderate production increase in Oregon with the other 3 States maintaining the August 1 level. Weather was favourable for maturity and harvest of the later acreage and by September 1 harvest was nearly complete.

Other spring wheat production is estimated at 187 million bushels, 8 per cent less than last year and 6 per cent below average. The current estimate is 15 million bushels below the August 1 forecast. The yield of 21.6 bushels per acre is 5 bushels below last year's record yield but is the third highest of record.

Harvest of other spring wheat is complete except for northern producing counties of North Dakota and Montana and at higher elevations of the Northwest. Rains late in August hindered the completion of harvest in the late northern areas. Harvest outturn was diminished by hot, dry weather during August in Minnesota and North Dakota and by a severe disease infestation in Idaho. Major yield per acre declines from August 1 were: 3 bushels in Minnesota, 2 bushels in the Dakotas and 4 bushels in Idaho. The Montana estimate was unchanged from August 1.

Production of durum wheat is estimated at 51 million bushels compared with last year's crop of 72 million and the average of 27 million. The current estimate is 4 per cent less than the August 1 forecast. Yield per acre is 25.4 bushels compared with last year's record yield of 29.7 bushels and is the second highest yield of record.

Hot, dry weather in early August limited the development of durum in late developing areas of North Dakota. Rain showers and heavy morning dews at the end of August hampered the completion of harvest in Canadian border counties. In South Dakota, post harvest evaluation of the crop cut the estimate from the August 1 level. On September 1 durum was about 90 per cent harvested in North Dakota, completed in South Dakota and Minnesota, and virtually all combined in Montana. Harvest was completed well ahead of average in the main producing areas.

Flour Production

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce estimated wheat flour production in the United States in August 1963, at 22,886,000 hundredweight, an average of 1,040,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 986,000 hundredweight last month and 1,009,000 hundredweight in August 1962. Wheat flour mills in August 1963 operated at 95.3 per cent of capacity compared with 90.4 per cent and 91.9 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in August ground 51,990,000 bushels of wheat compared with 49,215,000 bushels during the previous month. Wheat offal output during August amounted to 424,940 tons.



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 -		
September 2, 1963.....	LABOUR	DAY	September 2, 1963.....	LABOUR	DAY
3 .....	200	- 220 1/2	3 .....	230 3/4	- 232 3/4
4 .....	199 1/4	- 243 1/2 <u>1/</u>	4 .....	221 5/8	- 223 5/8
5 .....	208 1/4		5 .....	222 5/8	- 223 5/8
6 .....	209	- 211	6 .....	222 1/8	- 223 1/8
9 .....	202 3/4		9 .....	221 3/4	- 222 3/4
10 .....	201 1/4	- 246 <u>1/</u>	10 .....	220 5/8	- 221 5/8
11 .....	202 1/2	- 246 1/4 <u>1/</u>	11 .....	221 7/8	- 227 7/8
12 .....	203 1/4	- 206 3/4	12 .....	224	- 225
13 .....	210	- 210 1/2	13 .....	225	- 226
16 .....	203	- 208 1/4	16 .....	227 1/4	- 228 1/4
17 .....	208 1/2		17 .....	228 1/4	- 229 1/4
18 .....	206 1/2		18 .....	228 1/2	- 229 1/2
19 .....	205 3/4	- 246 1/4 <u>1/</u>	19 .....	228 7/8	- 229 7/8
20 .....	211 1/4	- 215	20 .....	231 1/2	- 232 1/2
23 .....	210 1/2		23 .....	230 1/8	- 231 1/8
24 .....	214	- 214 1/2	24 .....	233 5/8	- 234 5/8
25 .....	223 1/4		25 .....	233 3/8	- 234 3/8
26 .....	214 3/4		26 .....	229 3/4	- 230 3/4
27 .....	207 3/4	- 245 1/4 <u>1/</u>	27 .....	228 5/8	- 229 5/8
30 .....	218 3/4		30 .....	231 3/4	- 232 3/4

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	September	December	March	May	July	September
- cents and eighths per bushel -						
September 2, 1963.....			LABOUR	DAY		
3 .....	179/2	185/3	188/3	185	157/7	160
4 .....	181/6	187/3	190/2	186/2	158/3	160/2
5 .....	182/2	188/2	191	187/2	158/4	160/6
6 .....	183/3	189/2	191/2	187	158/2	160/3
9 .....	184/4	189/5	191/4	186/5	158/2	160/2
10 .....	186/2	190/3	192	187	158/4	160/5
11 .....	186/6	191	193	187/4	158/5	160/4
12 .....	187	191/1	193/2	188/4	160	162
13 .....	189/4	193/3	195/2	190/3	161	163/2
16 .....	191/6	195	197/4	193/4	163/3	165/2
17 .....	193/2	196	198/4	194/4	164/2	166/4
18 .....	193	195/6	198/4	195/4	164	166
19 .....	194/4	197/7	200/6	197/4	166	168
20 .....		203/4	205/4	204/6	169/4	171/6
23 .....		202/2	204/4	201/2	168	170/4
24 .....		204/2	206/4	203/1	169/2	171/4
25 .....		206	208/2	206/4	168/6	170/6
26 .....		202/4	205	202/2	165/2	167/4
27 .....		202/2	204/2	201/3	164/3	166/3
30 .....		206/6	208/4	205/4	166/6	168/4



# AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the current (December-November) crop year amount to some 325.4 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1962 carryover of 18.2 million and the 1962-63 crop officially estimated at a record 307.2 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated, reflecting a substantially larger production which more than offset a decline in carryover, represent an increase of 20 per cent over the 1961-62 total of 271.8 million bushels. After deducting 73.2 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 252.2 million are available for export and for carryover during 1962-63, 29 per cent above the 195.5 million in 1961-62.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1-August 31 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 171.6 million bushels compared with 154.2 million exported during the corresponding period of 1961-62. The balance remaining on September 1, 1963 for export and for carryover, at 80.6 million bushels, was sharply above the comparable 1962 total of 41.3 million.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1961-62	1962-63 <sup>1/</sup>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1).....	24.6	18.2
Production.....	247.2	307.2
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	271.8	325.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year....	76.3	73.2 <sup>2/</sup>
Available for export and for carryover.....	195.5	252.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-August 31 ....	135.4	154.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-August 31.....	18.8	17.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	154.2	171.6
Balance on September 1 for export and for carryover...	41.3	80.6

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2/</sup> Revised.

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Crop Position

Generally crop prospects over the Australian wheat-growing areas are better than last month. As reported earlier excessive rains in a number of important wheat areas in the four main wheat growing States tended to modify or cancel earlier intentions of increased plantings and also to cause damage to crops already planted. The Wheat Board have announced, however, that the acreage planted over Australia will still be substantial and, provided favourable growing conditions are experienced during the present spring season the total Australian crop may well be a very satisfactory one.

The following picture emerges as a State-by-State basis:

New South Wales In all areas and particularly the North-West, poor sowing conditions have given patchy growth with consequent general reduction in harvestable areas. However, crop prospects have shown an overall improvement since the end of July.

Victoria Above average rainfall continued during August but the wet conditions in some instances were beneficial to the bulk of the crop and prospects are now very good. The areas of land and crops suffering from the effects of too much rain did not show the improvement hoped for during this period.

Western Australia Owing to excessive August rains farmers now expect this year's grain yield to be well below normal. Although it is still difficult to assess the final situation due to possible seasonal peculiarities the main wheat belt has been subjected to heavy rains and has no doubt suffered soil erosion, washing out of seed and is still waterlogged.

South Australia It is reported from this State that the August rainfall was close to normal in the wheatgrowing districts and crop conditions are still favourable.

Queensland Until near the end of the period under review certain sectors of this State were experiencing abnormally dry conditions but excellent rains were recorded at the end of the month. These should be of great benefit to wheat growers and given normal spring conditions a successful harvest is assured.

Marketing Position

The Commonwealth Government has announced details of the new five-year Wheat Stabilization Plan which operates from the 1963-64 crops. The main change in the plan is that the guaranteed price on export wheat will be based on 150 million bushels instead of 100 million bushels, as previously. In addition, for the first year of the plan the guaranteed price will be 14/5 (\$1.75) a bushel bulk basis f.o.r. ports, a decrease of 1/5 (17 cents). In assessing the basic information on costs of production a yield basis of 17 bushels an acre was used instead of 15.5 bushels.

Sale to  
Soviet Bloc

Australia has sold 58.5 million bushels of wheat and flour to Soviet Bloc countries with the option for a further 5.5 million. The total value in Australian pounds is between forty and fifty million (\$96.9 million and \$121.2 million). The shipments are to take place next year on full cash payment terms.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1-August 31, 1962-63 and Corresponding Period 1961-62

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1961-62	1962-63	1961-62	1962-63
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Europe</u>				
Albania.....	-	2,295	-	-
Britain.....	17,008	16,955	2,276	1,453
Eire.....	1,013	1,810	-	-
France.....	450	-	-	-
Italy.....	4,845	-	-	-
Malta.....	549	446	-	-
Norway.....	2,571	3,210	-	-
Spain and Canary Islands.....	11,525	1,236	-	-
Switzerland.....	50	-	-	-
West Germany.....	8,719	1,212	-	-
Others.....	-	-	10	10
<u>Middle East</u>				
Aden.....	735	760	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T.....	-	-	868	1,055
Aden Atta.....	-	-	316	411
Arabian Gulf.....	-	-	127	127
Arabian Gulf Atta.....	-	-	901	897
Egypt.....	1,882	-	-	-
Iran.....	375	835	-	-
Iraq.....	733	-	-	-
Lebanon, Jordan, Syria.....	3,905	2,315	-	-
Saudi Arabia.....	-	-	194	200
Others.....	495	214	15	18
<u>Africa</u>				
Africa South.....	2,019	-	-	-
Algeria.....	446	-	-	-
Kenya.....	882	-	-	-
Mauritius.....	-	-	536	397
Nyasaland.....	-	-	168	254
Port. East Africa.....	197	-	-	-
Rhodesia.....	2,263	2,330	-	-
Zanzibar.....	-	-	92	154
Others.....	12	15	65	49
<u>Asia</u>				
British North Borneo.....	-	-	174	128
Brunei.....	-	-	31	34
Burma.....	169	876	201	106
Ceylon.....	19	7	5,019	3,017
China.....	38,059	89,411	-	-
Hong Kong.....	2,674	1,597	286	171
India.....	11,232	5,337	-	-
Indonesia.....	-	-	229	336
Irian.....	-	-	75	7
Japan.....	13,697	10,597	-	-
Korea, North.....	-	4,988	-	-



Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1-August 31, 1962-63 and Corresponding Period 1961-62

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1961-62	1962-63	1961-62	1962-63
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Asia (continued)</u>				
Malaya.....	442	335	2,530	2,460
Malaya Atta.....	-	-	65	70
Pakistan.....	3,242	1,847	-	-
Sarawak.....	-	-	197	182
Singapore.....	52	298	2,114	2,233
Singapore Atta.....	-	-	10	10
Singapore a/c War Office.....	-	-	22	29
Thailand.....	-	-	501	586
Others.....	290	618	117	704
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Chile.....	357	-	-	-
New Zealand.....	4,400	4,815	-	-
Pacific Islands etc. ....	-	-	1,559	1,721
Peru.....	56	-	7	10
Royal Navy.....	2	-	-	-
Ships' Stores and Sundries.....	35	42	96	372
Totals.....	135,400	154,400	18,800	17,200

FRENCH SITUATION

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Mr. R. G. Woolham, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of September 25, 1963, 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. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of one franc equals .2209 Canadian dollars the quotation in effect on September 9, 1963.

Weather and Crops France has been doubly fated this year with poor weather. After a severe winter, the success last Spring of strenuous efforts by French farmers at re-seeding the acreage of winter-killed cereals promised a good chance for a bumper crop, especially for wheat and barley. This optimism changed to anxiety and then to dismay as rain and cool weather continued from July into August, and without much let-up into September.

During August average temperatures in the wheat growing area of France were about four degrees below normal. Rainfall during the month was about two inches above long-term averages, and the number of days of rain was about twenty-two days out of thirty-one. By the middle of September it was estimated that only 40 per cent of the wheat harvest would contain less than 5 per cent of sprouted kernels; 30 per cent would have between 5 and 10 per cent and the balance would contain sprouted kernels in excess of 10 per cent.

High moisture content, heating and low protein levels also characterize some of this year's wheat crop. Because of the quality problems for wheat and barley this year, the French Cereals Office instructed elevators to establish a type of grading system to become effective September 1, 1963. This system in effect provides producers with some extra benefits compared with the original price formula fixed at the beginning of the crop year. The grade characteristics for wheat are given in the accompanying table.

French Wheat Grades Effective September 1, 1963

		Specific Weight Min. pounds	Humidity Max. - per cent -	Sprouting Max. -	New Base Price 1/ - dollars per bushel -	Original Price 2/ -
<u>Wheat</u>	I	58	17.5	2	2.49	2.37
	II	54	19.0	5	2.37	2.13
	III	54	19.0	10	2.19	2.07
	IV	54	19.0	10	1.89	

- 1/ Commencing September 1, 1963, these prices are increased by a monthly storage benefit of 4 francs (2 cents per bushel) for wheat.
- 2/ The original price to producers was 414.90 francs per ton (\$2.49 per bushel) based on a specific weight of 60 pounds per bushel; moisture, 16 per cent; sprouting, 1 per cent. The prices in this column were calculated on basis of maximum original penalty charges, except that wheat with a specific weight under 56 pounds per bushel was to have been open for bargaining between buyer and seller.

Storage operations also have been complicated and slowed, on the one hand because of the need for drying, and on the other because of new problems in moving last years stocks to export markets. The fact that international prices to Europe have risen because of Canada's large sale of wheat to Russia has meant lower import levies to which French export subsidies are tied under the Common Market Grain Regulation. Lower export subsidies, with higher international freight charges, also resulting from the massive wheat movements to Russia, have combined to lower potential export movements of French wheat.

For barley the outlook is somewhat better with 75 per cent to 80 per cent of the crop harvested under fairly good conditions. The corn harvest, just now beginning is expected to be excellent. Most of the corn is grown in the Southern part of France where weather conditions have so far been much better.

French Grain  
Market

The estimated French requirement for wheat for bread flour including domestic consumption and exports is 5.5 million metric tons (202.1 million bushels). This year's estimated production is about 9 million tons (330.7 million bushels) of which only 40 per cent or 3.6 million tons (132.3 million bushels) is expected to contain less than 5 per cent sprouted kernels. The carryover is about 1.6 million tons (58.8 million bushels). Local sources anticipate that 5 million tons (183.7 million bushels) of French wheat will be suitable for milling, including carryover and new crop, and that the balance of domestic milling requirements in the amount of 500,000 tons (18.4 million bushels) will have to be imported, unless French flour exports are drastically reduced.



French Cereal Production Estimates at September 1, 1963

		<u>1962 1/</u> - thousand bushels -	<u>1963</u>
<u>Soft Wheat</u>	Winter	482,965	252,962
	Spring	23,090	80,311
	Totals	<u>506,055</u>	<u>333,273</u>
<u>Durum Wheat</u>	Winter	2,337	574
	Spring	648	1,439
	Totals	<u>2,984</u>	<u>2,014</u>
<u>Wheat &amp; Rye</u>	Winter	648	1,686
<u>Rye</u>	Winter	14,291	13,232
<u>Barley</u>	Winter	35,542	18,678
	Spring	236,414	303,008
	Totals	<u>271,956</u>	<u>321,685</u>
<u>Oats</u>	Winter	38,835	7,846
	Spring	129,744	164,028
	Totals	<u>168,579</u>	<u>171,874</u>
<u>Corn</u>		69,227	141,904
<u>Other Mixed Cereals 2/</u>		7,312	13,751

1/ Final Evaluation November 1, 1962.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

It is difficult to estimate the quantity of wheat which farmers will retain on their farms, but last year out of a total production of 13.7 million metric tons (506.1 million bushels) 10 million tons (367.4 million bushels) were delivered. Of the 10 million tons (367.4 million bushels) delivered 760,000 tons (27.9 million bushels) were re-sold as feed wheat. It is likely that more corn and barley will be available for animal feed this year than last, but nevertheless, at least 2.5 million tons (91.9 million bushels) of wheat will probably be channelled into animal feeds. Although the feed wheat figure and the quantity of this year's wheat crop which will remain on farms is uncertain, a rough estimate of the French wheat available for export this year is in the neighbourhood of 2.5 million tons (91.9 million bushels). Of this quantity, 500,000 tons (18.4 million bushels) have already been contracted for export sale. In addition the quality of French wheat available for export may discourage export shipments.

The durum wheat situation also indicates substantial import requirements in France. Annual requirements are now in the neighbourhood of 480,000 metric tons (17,637,000 bushels) per year or 40,000 tons (1,470,000 bushels) per month. At the beginning of August stocks amounted to 100,000 tons (3,674,000 bushels). A contract with Tunisia for 100,000 tons (3,674,000 bushels) was also completed; this year the French Semolina millers preferring to import Tunisian wheat rather than compete with Tunisian Semolina imports as was the case last year. In addition, domestic production is estimated at 40,000 tons (1,470,000 bushels). Although the quality of French durum wheat is not attractive this year, the French Semolina millers nevertheless contracted to take up domestic offerings before the end of the year in exchange for enhanced government subsidies on Semolina products.



Farmers' Deliveries of Grain, Specified Periods

	<u>July and August 1962</u>	<u>July and August 1963</u>	<u>1962-63 Crop Year</u>
	- thousand bushels -		
Soft Wheat.....	155,751	48,167	371,045
Rye.....	803	571	1,992
Barley.....	68,894	87,908	129,704
Oats.....	4,299	5,129	19,517
Corn.....	1,850	3,472	29,959

The balance of the requirements for durum wheat is therefore about 250,000 tons (9,186,000 bushels) plus whatever stock or carryover is programmed for next year. About 70,000 tons (2,572,000 bushels) have already been purchased, including a cargo of Russian durum wheat. At the present time France is concerned about the difficulty of obtaining Canadian durum wheat this year, particularly before the close of navigation.

French Wheat Trade July 1 - September 13, 1963 1/

<u>Exports</u>		<u>Imports</u>	
		- thousand bushels -	
<u>Soft Wheat</u>		<u>Wheat</u>	
E.E.C.	1,693	E.E.C.	2/
Senegal	1,025	Other	2,504
China	3,254		
Poland	7,900	Total	2,504
Other	5,647		
Total	19,519	<u>Durum Wheat</u>	2,594

1/ Based on certificates issued by the French Cereals Office (O.N.I.C.). Valid for three months.

2/ Less than 500 bushels.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated total supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1962-63 (December-November) crop year amount to 193.3 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1962 carryover of 8.9 million and a production of 184.5 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting decreases in both carryover stocks and production, are about 19 per cent less than the 1961-62 total of 237.4 million bushels. After making an allowance of 126.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 67.3 million are available for export and for carryover in 1962-63, in contrast to 109.7 million the previous year.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1962-August 1963 amounted to 53.5 million bushels, 42 per cent below the 92.7 million exported during the same months in 1961-62. The balance remaining on September 1, 1963 for export and for carryover was estimated at 13.8 million bushels, compared with the September 1, 1962 total of 16.9 million.

### Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1961-62 <u>1/</u>	1962-63 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>3/</u> ....	35.3	8.9
Production <u>4/</u> .....	202.1	184.5
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	237.4	193.3
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year.....	127.7	126.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	109.7	67.3
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-August.....	92.4	53.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - August.....	0.3	0.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat and wheat flour..	92.7	53.5
Balance on September 1 for export and for carryover....	16.9	13.8

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes allowances for farm stocks. 4/ Official estimate.

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Weather and Crops Large sections of central and southern Argentina have been suffering recently from recurring rainfall and high winds and, in some areas, snow storms. Downpours were heaviest in the Buenos Aires area and in the southern part of the Province of Buenos Aires, and flood conditions were common. The heaviest downpours occurred in livestock producing areas, and little damage has been reported to the winter crops, with the exception of a few delays in the seeding of "durums" in some areas.

Many areas in the northern grain belt, however, continue to suffer from a severe drought, which first became evident several months ago. It is estimated that in the Province of Cordoba alone, some 7,200,000 hectares (17.8 million acres) of cereal and livestock areas have been adversely affected by drought. Some wheat stands in the drought area have been written off completely, while milk production has decreased sharply in the central part of Cordoba Province, particularly in the area around Villa Maria, which is one of the most important dairy centers of the country.



Unseasonal snow storms have been reported from many areas of southern Patagonia, with temperatures well below freezing. At the present time, weather conditions are improving throughout the country, and temperatures are closer to the levels that should prevail around the first day of spring, which in the southern hemisphere is September 21.

# Wheat

The first official acreage estimate for wheat for the present crop year was published in late August, and the 5,250,000 hectares (13.0 million acres) represents an increase of 13.9 per cent over the previous season. With the exception of some areas in the Province of Cordoba, where drought delayed seeding, weather and soil conditions were generally favourable during the seeding season in most areas, especially in La Pampa Province and in southern and western portions of Buenos Aires Province. The following table shows comparative acreage figures by province for the current crop year, compared to the previous year, and is indicative of the favourable prospects for wheat in all areas except Cordoba Province:

Argentina Wheat Acreage

Province	Crop Year 1961-62	Crop Year 1962-63
- thousand acres -		
Buenos Aires.....	5,196	6,620
Cordoba.....	2,475	2,297
Santa Fe.....	1,855	1,877
La Pampa.....	1,104	1,346
Entre Rios.....	646	692
Others.....	109	136
Totals.....	11,387	12,968

The second official acreage estimate for wheat has just been published. At 5,240,000 hectares (12.9 million acres) it represents only a very slight decrease from the first estimate. Although it is far too early for any sort of crop estimate, the trade is expecting a fairly good crop, probably in the neighbourhood of from 5,300,000 to 5,500,000 metric tons (194.7 million to 220.1 million bushels). As indicated earlier, the only really bleak picture is in the Province of Cordoba, where drought conditions and accompanying attacks of green aphids have resulted in some wheat fields being ploughed under and the land used for other crops.

The wheat market was rather weak during the second half of August, but strengthened toward the end of the month, at which time 730 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.57 per bushel) were being paid in Rosario, 740 pesos (\$1.59 per bushel) in Buenos Aires and 720 to 725 pesos (\$1.55 to \$1.56 per bushel) in southern ports.

Some business has already been carried out for new crop wheat at the new minimum official price of 710 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.53 per bushel). It is reported that exporters are paying an advance of 200 pesos per 100 kilos (43 cents per bushel) for new crop wheat, with interest being calculated at 18 per cent per annum. There is no ban on export sales of new crop grain, and sales have been reported to Europe for December-January shipment. The first sales to the continent were made at \$US 66.25 per m. ton (\$1.80 per bushel) c.i.f., the price later increasing to \$US 67.25 (\$1.83 per bushel).



The first sales to Britain were made at £24.10.0 (\$2.02 per bushel) later rising to £24.15.0 (\$2.04 per bushel) c.i.f. for December-January shipment.

The only other export sales during the period under review were in connection with the recent tender by Brazil for 70,000 metric tons (2,572,000 bushels). A number of Argentine exporters bid on this tender, and sales were made between \$US 63.72 and 64.03 per metric ton (\$1.73 and \$1.74 per bushel) f.o.b. It should be noted that the f.o.b. price of wheat for Brazil is always higher than the normal international price, due to the special trade agreement arrangements between the two countries. At the present time, the f.o.b. price for wheat for Europe is averaging \$US 59.00 per metric ton (\$1.61 per bushel).

Prices of Hard wheat in the Buenos Aires Futures market during the period under review were as follows:

Delivery in:		<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>	<u>Sept. 4</u>	<u>Sept. 16</u>
		- dollars per bushel -			
August	1963	1.58	1.62	-	-
September	1963	1.61	1.65	1.64	1.76
November	1963	1.63	1.67	1.68	1.76
December	1963	1.57	1.60	1.59	1.75
January	1964	-	-	1.61	1.83

Prices in the Buenos Aires Cereal Exchange at present are as follows: Hard Wheat 790 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.70 per bushel) and Semi-Hard Wheat 766 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.65 per bushel). Prices in up-river and southern ports are approximately the same.

The price for "Durums" is at present averaging around 820 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.76 per bushel) while some sales of new crop grain have been reported at 800 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.72 per bushel) with an advance payment of 250 pesos (54 cents per bushel) and interest at 18 per cent.

#### Argentine Wheat Exports December-July 1962-63 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	'000 bushels		'000 bushels
Africa, North.....	198	Netherlands.....	4,381
Algeria.....	1,516	Norway.....	725
Belgium.....	4,241	Paraguay.....	495
Brazil.....	11,096	Peru.....	7,724
Britain.....	6,421	Portugal.....	411
Finland.....	147	Sweden.....	53
France.....	2,788	Switzerland.....	368
Germany.....	1,700	Venezuela.....	373
Italy.....	5,729		
		Total.....	48,365
Compared with:			
December-July 1961-62.....			87,386
1960-61.....			31,559
1959-60.....			48,458
1958-59.....			77,129
1957-58.....			38,261

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- August 1 According to records of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, total licensed storage capacity of Canadian Grain Elevators amounted to 660.5 million bushels.
- September 10 Based on conditions at September 1, production of all wheat in the United States in 1963 was estimated at 1,134 million bushels, 4 per cent more than the 1962 crop of 1,092.6 million, but 7 per cent below the 1957-61 average of 1,225.3 million.
- 16 The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced a trade agreement between Canada and the U.S.S.R. whereby the Soviet Government has undertaken to purchase from Canada 5.3 million long tons (198 million bushels) of wheat and 575 thousand long tons of flour (29.5 million bushels of wheat equivalent) to be shipped from Canadian ports by July 31, 1964. In addition, the Soviet Government has undertaken to purchase a further 500 thousand long tons (18.7 million bushels) of wheat (or flour equivalent) in the third year of the Agreement. When added to the recent purchase of 11 million bushels by the U.S.S.R., approximately 239 million bushels of Canadian wheat and flour will be sold to the U.S.S.R. during the 1963-64 crop year.
- 17 According to a report received from Mr. M.B. Bursey, Canadian Commercial Counsellor, Buenos Aires, the second official acreage estimate for wheat in Argentina has just been published and, at 12.9 million acres, represents an increase of 14 per cent over last year's 11.4 million.
- 19 According to a report received from Mr. R.D. Lucas, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada, Melbourne, Australia has sold 58.5 million bushels of wheat and flour to Soviet Bloc countries with the option for a further 5.5 million. The shipments are to take place next year on full cash payment terms.
- 20 The preliminary protein map, published by the Board of Grain Commissioners' Laboratory shows an average of 14.4 per cent for the 1963 Prairie spring wheat crop.
- October 4 On the basis of yields indicated at September 15, Canada's 1963 wheat crop was forecast at a record 719.1 million bushels, 27 per cent above last year's estimate of 565.6 million and 50 per cent greater than the ten-year (1952-61) average of 479.8 million. Production of wheat in the Prairie Provinces was placed at 698.0 million, some 152.0 million bushels or 28 per cent above the 1962 crop.
- 8 The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced the signing of a three-year trade agreement between Canada and the People's Republic of Bulgaria. The agreement provides for an exchange of most-favoured-nation treatment between the two countries and a commitment by the People's Republic of Bulgaria to purchase a minimum of 100,000 metric tons of wheat in each of the three years of the Agreement.
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