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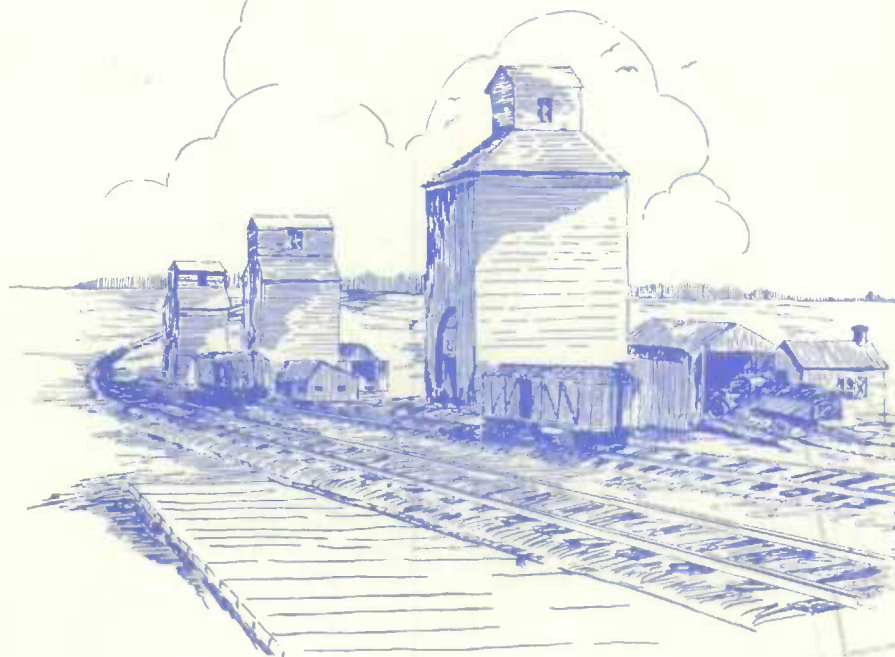


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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Wheat Exports Well Above Previous Record Primarily reflecting large shipments from North America, total exports of wheat and flour from the four traditional major exporters, Canada, United States, Argentina and Australia, amounted to 552.7 million bushels during the August-November period of the current Canadian crop year. This volume represents a margin of 15 per cent over the previous peak of 478.7 million bushels exported during the same four months in 1961 and surpasses by 80 per cent the ten-year average for the period of 306.8 million. Although wheat exports from each of the four countries, United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia were at higher levels this year than last, shipments from Canada recorded the largest increase of some 87.3 million bushels.

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

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

August-November	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950.....	70.2	72.8	20.2	39.7	202.9
1951.....	155.2	115.0	20.3	39.2	329.7
1952.....	104.7	138.3	-	27.4	270.4
1953.....	70.0	103.4	43.2	22.0	238.6
1954.....	75.3	97.5	45.2	26.8	244.8
1955.....	73.9	81.0	43.4	29.7	228.0
1956.....	152.7	105.9	32.0	52.5	343.1
1957.....	131.3	104.9	31.5	31.6	299.3
1958.....	141.2	99.4	28.0	21.0	289.6
1959.....	128.3	109.2	19.0	34.4	290.9
1960.....	203.0	109.8	31.0	40.5	384.3
1961.....	246.2	150.6	8.0	73.9	478.7
1962 <u>1/</u>	175.7	120.3	13.7	32.0	341.7
1963 <u>2/</u>	254.0	207.6	16.7	74.4	552.7

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

Wheat Supplies of Four Major Exporters One Per Cent Below a Year Ago Latest available estimates indicate that as at December 1, supplies of wheat remaining in United States and Canada for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years plus the year-end (November 30) carryover stocks in both Argentina and Australia, amounted to 2,301.9 million bushels and represented a decrease of one per cent from the 2,327.7 million available a year ago. Supplies at December 1, 1963 in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,419.1 (1,600.8); Canada, 859.6 (699.8); Argentina, 0.1 (8.9); and Australia, 23.1 (18.2). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

The supply data to appear in the January issue of this publication will include the 1963-64 production estimates for wheat in Argentina and Australia.

Near Record 1963
World Breadgrain
Crop Expected

According to the December 1963 edition of World Agricultural Production and Trade published by the United States Department of Agriculture world breadgrain production in 1963 is now estimated at 280 million short tons, based on latest information available to the Foreign Agricultural Service. This is slightly less than the first forecast. See World Agricultural Production and Trade Statistical Report, September, 1963.

Reductions from first forecasts of both wheat and rye were mainly due to lowered estimates for the Soviet Union; the full extent of the damage to grain crops there was not known at that time.

The present total of 280 million tons estimated for wheat and rye has been exceeded only twice, in 1958 and 1962. The near-record wheat crop is partly offset by the smaller rye production.

World wheat production is now estimated at 8,240 million bushels, compared with the 1955-59 average of 7,955 million and the all time high of 8,730 million a year ago. Rye production has been declining steadily to reach a low of 1,165 million bushels in 1963, contrasting with the 1955-59 average of 1,440 million and the high of 1,495 million in 1950.

North America's wheat production of 1,923 million bushels set a new record, with outturns in Canada and Mexico at all time highs and the U.S. crop one of the largest of record. The total is 317 million bushels above the average period though total acreage was the same; a substantial reduction in U.S. acreage was offset by Canada's increase.

The present estimate of 723 million bushels for Canada exceeds the previous high in 1952 by 21 million. Reported acreage of 27.6 million acres has been exceeded only once. Yields of 26.2 bushels per acre were also a near record. The November estimate placed the U.S. production at 1,133 million bushels from 44.5 million acres harvested. This is one of the smallest acreages of this century. Yields of 25.5 bushels per acre, however, are among the highest of record.

Rye production in North America is less than a year ago but still above the 1955-59 average. The reduction from a year ago was in the U.S. crop; both harvested acreage and yields were less than in 1962.

Wheat production in Eastern Europe is estimated at 625 million bushels, which is well above average, mainly because of higher yields. Rye production of 365 million bushels is the smallest since 1947.

Grain production in the Soviet Union was reduced sharply by unfavourable growing and harvesting weather. Wheat production is indicated to be 25 per cent less than in 1962. Unfavourable weather in both the winter and spring wheat areas reduced yields. This was especially true over a good part of the spring wheat region where yields were very low. Rye yields were also reduced, though not as much as wheat. The estimated outturn of 475 million bushels is the smallest since the 1920's.

Asia's wheat production of 1,995 million bushels is a record outturn. Above average acreage and high yields account for the high level. Rye production was also large because of Turkey's large crop.

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International Wheat Council
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1963-64 — Through November 30, 1963

Importing Countries	EXPORTING COUNTRIES								Total
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Sweden	U.S.S.R.	U.S.A.	Purchases
- thousand bushels -									
Austria.....	458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	458
Belgium & Luxembourg.....	12,594	348	-	2,593	-	-	110	3,542	19,187
Brazil.....	-	4,409	-	-	-	-	-	872	5,281
Costa Rica.....	441	-	-	-	-	-	-	444	885
Cuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominica Republic.....	398	-	-	-	-	-	-	174	572
El Salvador.....	308	-	-	-	-	-	-	593	901
Finland.....	357	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	357
Germany, Federal Republic	25,401	1,369	4,572	3,052	-	18	-	15,562	49,974
Greece.....	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	183
Guatemala.....	117	-	-	-	-	-	-	790	907
Iceland.....	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	9	15
India.....	-	-	505	-	-	-	-	2	507
Indonesia.....	-	-	124	-	-	-	-	1	125
Ireland.....	2,366	-	1,871	-	-	-	-	243	4,480
Israel.....	1,067	-	138	-	-	-	-	807	2,012
Japan.....	26,631	-	8,528	-	-	-	-	29,626	64,785
Korea.....	511	-	1,539	-	-	-	-	1	2,051
Liberia.....	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	83
Libya.....	-	-	-	-	384	-	-	-	384
Netherlands.....	2,894	1,795	1	1,260	-	-	2,719	14,698	23,367
Netherlands Territories	170	-	12	-	-	-	-	296	478
New Zealand.....	-	-	4,294	-	-	-	-	-	4,294
Nigeria.....	136	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,303	1,439
Norway.....	1,667	-	4,256	9	-	184	-	2,640	8,756
Peru.....	789	5,159	7	-	-	-	-	2,067	8,022
Philippines.....	5,274	-	2,009	-	-	-	-	6,713	13,996
Portugal.....	25	411	12	334	-	-	-	2,495	3,277
Portuguese Territories.	330	-	910	-	-	-	-	803	2,043
Rhodesia & Nyasaland.....	38	-	2,386	-	-	-	-	63	2,487
Saudi Arabia.....	642	-	463	-	1	-	-	1,583	2,689
Sierra Leone.....	385	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	407
South Africa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,026	3,026
Switzerland.....	8,094	59	-	23	14	5	-	1,512	9,707
Tunisia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Arab Republic.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom.....	89,028	2,019	20,270	1,005	4	60	1,867	12,553	126,806
U.K. Territories.....	3,085	-	3,252	-	-	-	-	1,177	7,514
Vatican City.....	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	205
Venezuela.....	4,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,897	10,257
Western Samoa.....	-	-	62	-	-	-	-	1	63
To Orders.....	-	6,216	-	15,619	-	360	-	-	22,195
Totals.....	187,833	21,785	55,211	23,901	403	627	4,696	109,719	404,175
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries...	46.47	5.39	13.66	5.91	0.10	.16	1.16	27.15	100.00

NOTE: Mexico and Spain - no sales reported.

Quantities for Italy cover period ending November 9, 1963.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1963-64 crop year are placed at an all-time high of 1,212.2 million bushels, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 488.8 million and the 1963 crop, estimated at a record 723.4 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent a 27 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. 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 1,067.2 million bushels, 30 per cent above the 820.1 million in 1962-63.

Exports at Record Level Total exports of wheat and flour during the August-November period of the current crop year amounted to 207.6 million bushels, exceeding by a considerable margin the previous peak of 189.7 million shipped during the same period in 1928 and surpassing by 73 per cent last season's comparable total of 120.3 million. Of the current total, shipments of wheat as grain accounted for some 196.6 million bushels as against 110.5 million a year ago. The equivalent of 10.9 million bushels were exported in the form of wheat flour compared with 9.8 million during the August-November period last year.

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	488.8
Production.....	565.6	723.4
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-November..	<u>3/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total estimated supplies.....	956.6	1,212.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year..	136.5	145.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	820.1	1,067.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-November <u>5/</u>	110.0	196.1
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-November <u>6/</u> ..	0.5	0.6
Total exports of wheat as grain.....	110.5	196.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - November <u>6/</u>	9.8	10.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	120.3	207.6
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover..	699.8	859.6

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

Record Exports Reduce
Commercial Supply

Although marketings of wheat were not heavy during the first two months of the crop year, due in part to the large carry-over in country elevators, deliveries have been relatively large since the beginning of October. The 58.8 million bushels marketed during the four-week period November 21 to December 18 represented a gain of 12.3 million over deliveries during the corresponding period a year ago and raised the current crop year total to 190.0 million bushels compared with 198.5 million marketed during August 1 - December 19, 1962. Disappearance into export and domestic channels during the four weeks November 21 to December 18, 1963 amounted to 63.9 million bushels and as a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat declined from 346.6 million bushels at November 20 to a level of 341.5 million at December 18. At the beginning of the crop year the total visible supply of Canadian wheat amounted to 421.4 million bushels.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at December 18 this year represented declines of 10 per cent from the 1962 comparable total of 378.8 million and 8 per cent less than the 1961 figure of 370.4 million. Stocks in country elevators amounted to 194.7 million bushels below both the 205.4 million in this position a year ago and the 203.3 million two years ago. This year's supplies in country elevators at December 18 accounted for 57 per cent of the total visible wheat supply compared with the 1962 and 1961 corresponding percentages of 54 per cent and 55 per cent, respectively. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at December 18, 1963 totalled 6.2 million bushels as against 6.8 million a year ago and 10.9 million two years ago. The 19.9 million bushels "in transit rail" (Western Division) represented a decrease of 4 per cent from the 20.6 million at December 19, 1962 but 25 per cent above the 15.9 million at December 20, 1961. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 23.0 million bushels, were practically unchanged from the 23.1 million last year and the 23.6 million two years ago. With the 1963 season of navigation still open at December 18, there were some 28.4 million bushels "in transit lake" in contrast to the "storage afloat" figures of 29.1 million and 25.3 million bushels in 1962 and 1961, respectively. The 28.6 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were below both the 37.8 million bushels recorded in 1962 and the 37.2 million in 1961. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at December 18, 1963 at 18.2 million bushels also registered declines from both the 1962 and 1961 corresponding totals of 29.5 million and 28.3 million bushels, respectively. The 8.3 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were lower than the two previous years' corresponding totals of 11.3 million and 11.0 million bushels, respectively.

November 1963 Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
69.4 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during November 1963 amounted to 69.4 million bushels, the third highest total for that month, being exceeded only by 80.6 million in November 1928 and 70.3 million in 1923. In addition, this year's November total exceeded the October figure of 61.4 million by 13 per cent and was in sharp contrast to both the November 1962 exports of 35.6 million and the ten-year (1952-61) average for the month of 29.9 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during November 1963, at 65.3 million bushels, were 11 per cent greater than the 59.0 million exported during the preceding month, nearly double the 33.3 million exported during November a year ago and one and a half times greater than the ten-year average for the month of 26.0 million bushels. Exports of bagged seed wheat during November 1963, based on Canadian Customs' returns, amounted to 245 thousand bushels as against the October 1963 total of 7 thousand and the November 1962 figure (adjusted to remove the effect of time lag) of 144 thousand bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 3.9 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during November 1963, some 63 per cent greater than the October shipment of 2.4 million and 78 per cent more than the

adjusted November 1962 total of 212 million. The November 1963 flour export total was the largest since November 1960 and included the first shipments of wheat flour under the recent trade agreement with the U.S.S.R.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the period August-November 1963 amounted to 196.1 million bushels, representing an increase of 78 per cent over the comparable 1962 total of 110 million and more than double the ten-year average for the period of 95.7 million. Clearances to the U.S.S.R. totalled 35.3 million bushels during the month of November and raised the cumulative crop year total to that destination to 65.8 million. This total represented one third of the four-month total exports of Canadian wheat in bulk form. Shipments of wheat to Britain amounted to 29.8 million bushels and accounted for 15 per cent of the August-November total. During the same period of 1962 shipments of wheat to Britain amounted to 28.8 million bushels and represented 26 per cent of the August-November total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first four months of the current crop year, with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Federal Republic of Germany, 20.2 (15.3); Japan, 17.9 (14.3); Belgium and Luxembourg, 10.8 (3.4); China Communist, 10.3 (12.6); Poland, 7.3 (14.2); Switzerland, 3.9 (1.5); Yugoslavia, 3.5 (nil); and Italy, 3.1 (3.3). Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-November of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 567 thousand bushels compared with last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 532 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first four months of the 1963-64 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 10.9 million bushels, 12 per cent above the adjusted August-November 1962 total of 9.8 million bushels. Britain was the major market for Canadian wheat flour during the period under review. Shipments of wheat flour to that country during August-November of the current crop year amounted to the equivalent of 4.3 million bushels and accounted for 39 per cent of the August-November 1963 total. During the same months of the 1962-63 crop year shipments of wheat flour to Britain also amounted to the equivalent of 4.3 million bushels but represented 44 per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-November period of the 1963-64 crop year, with revised data for the same months of the preceding crop year in brackets were as follows, in thousands of bushels: U.S.S.R. (Russia), 1,650 (nil); Ceylon, 586 (nil); Trinidad and Tobago, 473 (425); Jamaica, 431 (506); Ghana, 391 (714); Hong Kong, 359 (336); Leeward and Windward Islands, 356 (292); United States, 319 (403); Malaya and Singapore, 272 (213); and Nicaragua, 221 (180).

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Wheat production in Africa was at a new high, with expanded acreage and higher yields. Southern Hemisphere crops are now being harvested and good outturns are reported from most areas. South America's total is forecast at 310 million bushels compared with 280 million a year ago. Argentina accounts for the increase.

In Australia the wheat crop is turning out better than expected and production is estimated to be near the record crop in 1962. Wheat production in Western Europe is now estimated at 1,335 million bushels. Although this is considerably below the record outturn of 1,611 million last year, it is still above average. Damage from the wet weather at harvest time appears to have been less than was feared, though quality was reduced sharply. Rye production is still estimated at 225 million bushels, well below average. Acreage was the smallest of many years and 2 million acres below the 1955-59 average.

1963 Season of
Navigation Closed
at Canadian Lakehead

The 1963 season of navigation at the Canadian Lakehead, which opened on April 19, closed on December 19 and was the latest closing on record since back in the early 1920's.

Preliminary reports for the 1963 season place the lake shipping total at 348.3 million bushels of the five principal grains, an increase of nearly 100 million bushels, or 40 per cent over the 249.7 million recorded for 1962. Shipments of wheat at 251.4 million accounted for 72 per cent of the current total and were 37 per cent above the 182.9 million of a year ago. Oats and barley also moved in larger volume this year than last while shipments of rye and flaxseed were smaller.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from Fort William-Port Arthur
Season of Navigation, 1953-63

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
- thousand bushels -						
1953.....	209,118	98,202	110,472	17,677	6,283	441,752
1954.....	140,705	58,473	80,672	8,480	4,372	292,702
1955.....	141,600	31,902	67,905	11,085	9,970	262,461
1956.....	206,136	47,517	91,990	11,070	10,292	367,005
1957.....	157,217	48,788	56,706	4,274	11,533	278,517
1958.....	191,957	41,833	74,322	5,310	8,683	322,105
1959.....	187,103	32,097	55,686	4,707	6,617	286,209
1960.....	184,480	27,100	54,981	3,645	8,421	278,627
1961.....	243,777	23,784	46,255	4,284	8,002	326,102
1962.....	182,915	22,923	29,735	6,123	7,965	249,660
1963.....	251,438	42,452	43,557	3,725	7,152	348,324

General Quota
Position

By December 30, 1963 out of a total of 1,921 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 303 points on a delivery quota of 6 bushels per specified acre, 351 points on a 5-bushel quota and 522 points on a 4-bushel quota. Of the remainder 430 points were on a 3-bushel quota, 254 points on a 2-bushel quota and 53 points were on a one-bushel quota. Eight stations were reported as "closed".

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

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre						Closed	Total
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six		
Ontario.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Manitoba.....	-	1	15	69	91	167	2	345
Saskatchewan.....	-	80	259	371	216	111	5	1,042
Alberta.....	53	173	156	82	44	19	1	528
British Columbia.....	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
All Provinces.....	53	254	430	522	351	303	8	1,921

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to December 18 of the current crop year amounted to 190.0 million bushels, representing a decrease of 4 per cent from the comparable 1962 total of 198.5 million but 48 per cent above the ten-year (1952-61) average for the period of 128.2 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
	25	527,179	4,091,520	1,672,602	6,291,301	17,353,283
October	2	897,896	5,940,764	2,766,137	9,604,797	21,147,418
	9	991,898	7,917,939	2,398,902	11,308,739	18,454,109
	16	1,229,961	6,090,935	1,468,255	8,789,151	11,545,726
	23	1,757,450	7,878,678	1,922,268	11,558,396	11,158,617
	30	2,697,265	10,340,541	1,964,809	15,002,615	10,315,831
November	6	2,462,660	10,317,922	2,506,806	15,287,388	10,256,475
	13	1,961,553	9,352,062	2,285,644	13,599,259	9,436,356
	20	2,166,743	10,866,244	2,299,453	15,332,440	10,365,650
	27	1,634,110	8,450,399	1,763,585	11,848,094	11,322,633
December	4	1,675,155	12,895,482	2,958,327	17,528,964	10,629,305
	11	1,834,277	14,091,997	3,430,903	19,357,177	11,135,337
	18	809,924	7,114,341	2,176,998	10,101,263	13,430,250
Totals.....		24,997,293	129,836,409	35,193,316	190,027,018	198,523,771
Average similar period:						
1952-61.....		15,398,920	80,187,376	32,653,188	128,239,483	

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

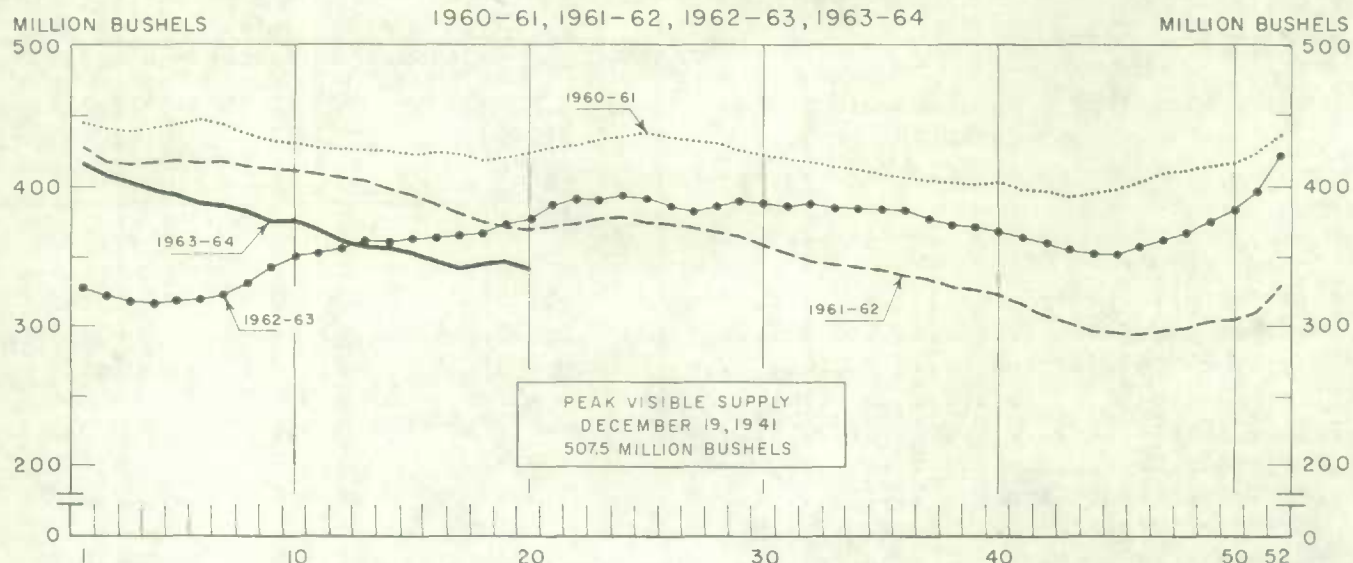
Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, December 18, 1963
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1961 and 1962

Position	1961	1962	1963
- thousand bushels -			
Country elevators - Manitoba.....	27,928	24,422	17,211
Saskatchewan.....	112,180	121,087	117,085
Alberta.....	63,196	59,929	60,359
Totals.....	203,304	205,439	194,655
Interior private and mill.....	6,745	7,880	7,149
Interior terminals.....	10,923	6,786	6,151
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	10,569	9,878	7,129
Victoria.....	410	1,001	866
Prince Rupert.....	-	457	301
Churchill.....	4,829	4,857	4,759
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	23,588	23,060	22,974
Storage Afloat.....	681	-	-
In transit rail (Western Division).....	15,904	20,610	19,876
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports..	37,248	37,761	28,567
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports...	28,329	29,477	18,150
Storage Afloat.....	25,323	29,081	-
In transit lake.....	-	-	28,441
In transit rail (Eastern Division).....	2,539	2,456	2,461
United States ports.....	-	84	-
Totals.....	370,392	378,828	341,477

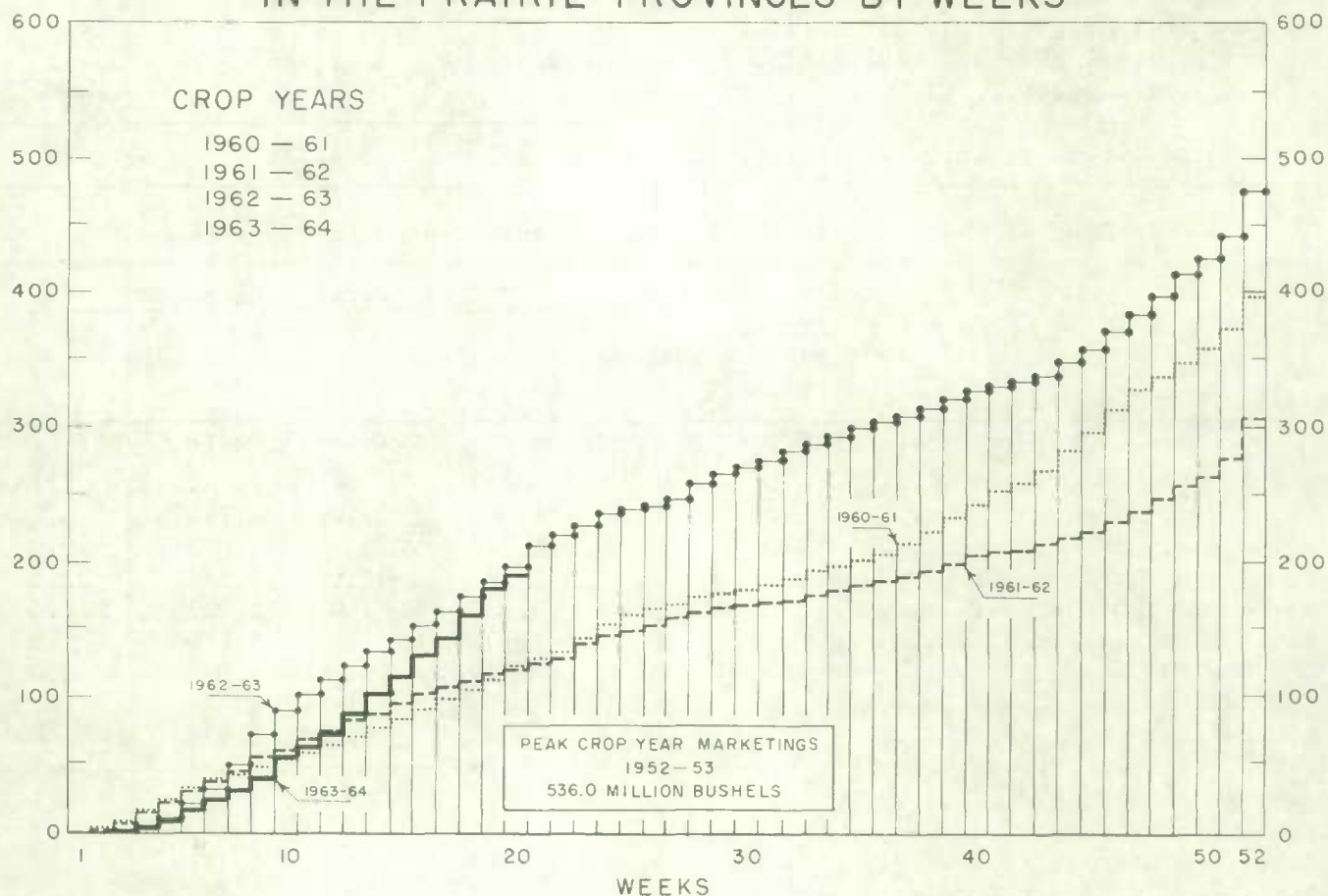
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-November 1963 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		August - November			
	Average					
	1957-58	1962-63	1962	1963		
	1961-62					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Hard.....	1/	1/	9	1/	1	1/
No. 1 Man. Northern.....	5.3	12.1	12,266	18.0	4,748	4.7
No. 2 Man. Northern.....	34.4	38.4	26,242	38.5	41,009	40.9
No. 3 Man. Northern.....	26.0	14.9	8,194	12.0	23,387	23.3
No. 4 Man. Northern.....	12.1	11.4	5,023	7.4	11,017	11.0
No. 5 Wheat.....	5.5	5.7	2,194	3.2	5,280	5.3
No. 6 Wheat.....	1.1	0.9	529	0.8	1,018	1.0
Feed Wheat.....	1/	1/	8	1/	9	1/
Others Red Spring.....	9.4	8.0	4,538	6.7	5,414	5.4
C.W. Garnet.....	0.1	0.1	79	0.1	447	0.4
C.W. White Spring.....	0.1	0.1	123	0.2	70	0.1
C.W. Mixed Wheat.....	1/	1/	31	1/	42	1/
Alberta Winter.....	0.2	0.2	393	0.6	1,337	1.3
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum...	5.6	7.7	8,210	12.0	6,271	6.3
Others C.W. Amber Durum.....	0.2	0.5	396	0.6	190	0.2
Totals.....	100.0	100.0	68,235	100.0	100,240	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.).....			130,312,000		192,897,000	
1/ Less than .05 per cent.						

WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT



CUMULATIVE RECORD OF WHEAT MARKETINGS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES BY WEEKS



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 December 18, 1963 amounted to 203 thousand bushels. During the comparable periods of 1962 and 1961 vessel and rail shipments amounted to 245 thousand and 549 thousand bushels, respectively.

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

Destination	1961	1962	1963
	- bushels -		
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Chicago.....	100,000	84,750	-
Duluth-Superior.....	420,978	115,208	123,729
Totals, Vessel.....	520,978	199,958	123,729
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points.....	28,136	44,660	79,540
Totals, Shipments.....	549,114	244,618	203,269

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

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first four months of the current crop year totalled 8.0 million bushels compared with the August-November 1962 figure of 1.6 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1 - November 30, 1962	August 1 - November 30, 1963
	- bushels -	
Port McNicoll.....	1,279,935	3,585,758
Midland, Tiffin.....	340,623	2,340,913
Owen Sound.....	-	974,653
Goderich.....	-	884,003
Sarnia.....	-	229,180
Totals.....	1,620,558	8,014,507

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	9,104
October.....	5,417	33,944	22,716	25,355
November.....	24,000	22,915	12,024	13,500
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, November 1963

Grade	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -		
5 Wheat.....	-	1,500
6 Wheat.....	7,333	-
Durum.....	4,000	-
Others.....	-	667
Totals.....	11,333	2,167

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1 - December 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.	58,528,739	-	3,616,662	4,354,240	367,000	1,775,917	2,508,381
Victoria.....	2,292,463	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert.....	2,704,801	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Churchill</u>	21,680,276	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Lakehead Direct</u>	2,618,182	724,245	1,525,363	1,913,096	620,519	866,221	-
<u>Kingston Direct</u>	818,460	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal.....	52,366,753	8,832,080	475,939	180,145	364,809	1,595,720	-
Sorel.....	12,286,544	1,514,329	-	-	-	206,698	-
Three Rivers.....	10,501,308	1,984,650	115,870	-	-	359,133	-
Quebec.....	10,270,717	-	-	-	321,608	-	-
Baie Comeau.....	24,713,631	205,763	-	-	89,887	283,961	-
<u>Maritime</u>							
Saint John.....	1,478,763	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John.....	8,602,320	683,359	-	-	-	-	-
Halifax.....	5,364,685	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.....	214,227,642	13,944,426	5,733,834	6,447,481	1,763,823	5,087,650	2,508,381
Aug. 1-Dec. 19, 1962..	112,315,367	11,290,775	2,671,146	2,172,959	4,462,467	6,005,056	2,639,241

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to November 30, 1963 represent the movement of some 4,196 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-October period of the 1963-64 crop year. This preliminary total, subject to upward revision with the filing of additional claims, already surpasses by 62 per cent the revised August-October 1962 total of 2,589 thousand bushels. Shipments amounting to 1,674 thousand bushels to Ontario and 1,586 thousand bushels to Quebec accounted for 40 per cent and 38 per cent, respectively, of the current three-month total.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-October 1963 and 1962

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1963.....	16	15	135	43	545	515	89	1,358
September.....	13	9	144	53	550	684	154	1,606
October.....	7	10	168	48	492	475	32	1,232
Totals <u>1/</u>	36	34	446	144	1,586	1,674	276	4,196
Same period 1962:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u>	16	27	112	65	975	764	292	2,251
Revised <u>1/</u>	27	30	119	76	1,077	827	433	2,589

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 99,303 tons during the August-October period of the current crop year. During the same three months of 1962 claims had been filed for a total of 102,323 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August-October shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 3 per cent below those of 1962. Revised data on the 1962 August-October shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to November 30, 1963 place the three-month total at 122,963 tons. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August - October 1963 and 1962

Province	1962		1963
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland.....	1,272	2,033	867
Prince Edward Island.....	1,817	2,140	1,646
Nova Scotia.....	7,121	7,920	5,895
New Brunswick.....	6,259	7,448	5,574
Quebec.....	49,972	58,825	48,357
Ontario.....	27,870	33,871	31,989
British Columbia.....	8,012	10,726	4,975
Totals.....	102,323	122,963	99,303

1/ Based on claims filed up to November 30, 1963.

2/ Based on claims filed up to November 30, 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</u>					
August.....	21,944	157	22,101	2,852	24,953
September.....	25,040	200	25,240	2,604	27,844
October.....	29,705	31	29,737	2,181	31,917
November.....	33,309	144	33,452	2,176	35,628
December.....	20,949	451	21,399	2,305	23,705
January.....	21,486	473	21,959	1,586	23,545
February.....	18,779	743	19,522	1,811	21,333
March.....	19,246	1,251	20,496	2,454	22,950
April.....	28,916	422	29,338	2,330	31,669
May.....	35,355	14	35,369	2,186	37,555
June.....	24,512	<u>4/</u>	24,513	2,837	27,350
July.....	20,854	-	20,854	1,943 ^o	22,798
Totals.....	300,095	3,884	303,980	27,265	331,245
<u>1963-64</u> <u>5/</u>					
August.....	29,204	160	29,364	3,039	32,403
September.....	42,556	155	42,711	1,645	44,356
October.....	59,020	7	59,027	2,384	61,411
November.....	65,296	245	65,541	3,881	69,422
Totals.....	196,076	567	196,643	10,949	207,592

1/ Export clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Commissioners for Canada.

2/ Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1961-62 and 1962-63 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.

3/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

4/ Less than 500 bushels.

5/ Preliminary.

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

Destination	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	All Wheat	
			November 1963	November 1962
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>			- bushels -	
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	5,541,984	47,075	5,589,059	9,292,067
Ireland.....	196,000	-	196,000	386,400
Malta and Gozo.....	428,000	-	428,000	243,787
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Nigeria.....	125,018	-	125,018	401,713
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong.....	74,667	-	74,667	73,733
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Barbados.....	40	-	40	-
Jamaica.....	2,350	-	2,350	1,789
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries..	6,368,059	47,075	6,415,134	10,399,489
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria.....	457,707	-	457,707	-
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	3,159,429	97,821	3,257,250	458,820
Finland.....	356,533	-	356,533	-
France.....	271,696	-	271,696	2,538,730
Germany, Federal Republic.....	4,885,719	1,143,988	6,029,707	9,395,366
Italy.....	475,627	-	475,627	899,734
Netherlands.....	343,902	-	343,902	209,805
Sweden.....	-	-	-	67,200
Switzerland.....	488,247	253,402	741,649	420,579
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania.....	1,019,200	-	1,019,200	-
Czechoslovakia.....	622,728	-	622,728	-
Poland.....	-	-	-	2,256,296
U.S.S.R. (Russia).....	33,105,229	2,153,587	35,258,816	-
<u>Middle East</u>				
Saudi Arabia.....	18,370	-	18,370	120,700
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Mozambique.....	-	-	-	22,250
<u>Other Asia</u>				
China, Communist.....	4,331,343	-	4,331,343	3,814,900
Japan.....	5,095,424	-	5,095,424	2,069,524
Philippines.....	137,946	-	137,946	211,867
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania.....	55,067	-	55,067	119,653
<u>South America</u>				
Ecuador.....	-	-	-	73,491
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Cuba.....	390,208	-	390,208	-
Dominican Republic.....	-	-	-	77,161
El Salvador.....	-	-	-	139,268
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
for domestic use 2/.....	17,264	-	17,264	13,700
Totals, Other Countries.....	55,231,639	3,648,798	58,880,437	22,909,044
Sub-Totals, All Countries.....	61,599,698	3,695,873	65,295,571	33,308,533
Bagged seed 3/.....			245,126	143,531
Totals, All Countries.....	61,599,698	3,695,873	65,540,697	33,452,064

NOTE: See footnotes on page 17.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination

Destination	August-November 1963			Aug.-Nov. 1962
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat	Total Wheat
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	29,717,476*	47,075	29,764,551*	28,836,800
Ireland.....	1,834,000	-	1,834,000	718,030
Malta and Gozo.....	709,294	-	709,294	693,654
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Nigeria.....	221,551	-	221,551	543,953
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	-	-	-	8,244
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong.....	262,266	-	262,266	221,200
Malaya and Singapore.....	58,800	-	58,800	-
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Barbados.....	40	-	40	-
Jamaica.....	4,842	-	4,842	5,370
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries..	32,808,269*	47,075	32,855,344*	31,027,251
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria.....	457,707	-	457,707	546,016
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	10,358,467*	411,167*	10,769,634*	3,440,563
Denmark.....	20,543	-	20,543	-
Finland.....	356,533	-	356,533	-
France.....	1,598,759*	802,691	2,401,450*	2,977,048
Germany, Federal Republic.....	14,852,919	5,335,899*	20,188,818*	15,268,055
Greece.....	-	-	-	10
Italy.....	3,088,606	-	3,088,606	3,342,027
Netherlands.....	1,846,353*	154,168*	2,000,521*	2,348,396
Norway.....	1,667,203	-	1,667,203	1,568,267
Sweden.....	22,400	-	22,400	67,200
Switzerland.....	2,351,392*	1,543,096*	3,894,488*	1,537,171
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania.....	1,019,200	-	1,019,200	-
Czechoslovakia.....	2,052,968	-	2,052,968	-
Poland.....	7,300,247	-	7,300,247	14,183,656
U.S.S.R. (Russia).....	62,044,707	3,762,397	65,807,104	-
Yugoslavia.....	3,501,866	-	3,501,866	-
<u>Middle East</u>				
Israel.....	1,067,248	-	1,067,248	835,000
Saudi Arabia.....	640,377	-	640,377	367,012
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Katanga.....	-	-	-	9,186
Mozambique.....	53,772	11,200	64,972	194,645

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination

Destination	August-November 1963			Aug.-Nov. 1962
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total Wheat	Total Wheat
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Burma.....	78,931	-	78,931	-
China, Communist.....	10,348,708	-	10,348,708	12,555,194
Japan.....	17,871,510	-	17,871,510	14,304,394
Korea.....	511,467	-	511,467	-
Philippines.....	2,593,422	-	2,593,422	2,671,836
Taiwan.....	77,781	-	77,781	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania.....	164,416	-	164,416	240,426
<u>South America</u>				
Ecuador.....	312,548	-	312,548	435,617
Peru.....	730,614	-	730,614	-
Venezuela.....	1,971,703	-	1,971,703	1,528,287
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Cuba.....	1,284,288	-	1,284,288	-
Dominican Republic.....	349,906	-	349,906	253,773
El Salvador.....	300,533	-	300,533	259,108
Guatemala.....	100,000	-	100,000	-
<u>North America</u>				
United States for domestic use <u>2/</u>	202,691	-	202,691	37,967
Totals, Other Countries.....	151,199,785*	12,020,618	163,220,403*	78,970,854
Sub-Totals, All Countries.....	184,008,054	12,067,693	196,075,747	109,998,105
Bagged seed <u>3/</u>			566,846	531,772
Totals, All Countries.....	184,008,054	12,067,693	196,642,593	110,529,877

* Revisions in data for previous months have been taken into account in the August-November cumulative totals.

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

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

3/ Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1962 adjusted for time lag.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	August 1963 <u>1/</u>	November 1963 <u>2/</u>	August-November	
			1963 <u>2/</u>	1962 <u>1/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	1,159,115	975,515	4,269,929	4,318,123
Gibraltar.....	5,732	5,602	13,910	14,941
<u>Middle East</u>				
Kuwait.....	2,721	-	7,873	27,692
Qatar.....	258	-	258	527
British Middle East, nes	6,955	-	9,273	5,152
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Ghana.....	78,430	209,940	390,630	714,244
Nigeria.....	8,678	6,670	20,369	481,806
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	5,255	2,208	16,737	9,260
Sierra Leone.....	67,259	62,100	180,262	171,555
Tanganyika.....	1,840	4,600	5,290	2,300
British Africa, nes	6,221	18,860	35,420	15,176
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Ceylon.....	586,056	-	586,056	-
Hong Kong.....	76,613	99,986	358,899	336,182
Malaya and Singapore.....	58,659	74,005	272,159	213,185
British East Indies, nes.....	1,329	2,461	6,452	3,643
<u>Oceania</u>				
Australia.....	28	-	124	-
Fiji.....	874	932	2,450	1,173
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana.....	2,206	3,351	7,392	6,463
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Bahamas.....	34,725	29,470	110,950	109,443
Bermuda.....	9,849	10,932	41,053	40,089
British Honduras.....	5,315	2,418	11,797	10,131
Barbados.....	16,466	12,562	49,652	44,855
Jamaica.....	108,606	102,936	431,220	506,448
Leeward and Windward Islands.....	102,644	72,668	355,688	292,401
Trinidad and Tobago.....	171,801	104,077	473,126	424,980
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries...	2,517,635	1,801,293	7,656,969	7,749,769

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	12,880	48,222	64,913	65,226
Denmark.....	920	1,371	2,841	3,552
Germany, Federal Republic.....	-	-	-	6,463
Greece.....	1,288	1,656	3,873	22,312
Iceland.....	-	-	1,610	8,050
Italy.....	-	-	-	4,996
Netherlands.....	1,661	269	3,261	874
Norway.....	-	-	-	115
Portugal.....	14,920	10,962	44,869	30,261
Sweden.....	-	-	1,265	506
Switzerland.....	-	-	39	6,900
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia).....	-	1,650,498	1,650,498	-

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	August 1963 <u>1/</u>	November 1963 <u>2/</u>	August-November	
			1963 <u>2/</u>	1962 <u>1/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>Middle East</u>				
Iran.....	1,355	-	1,900	1,838
Israel.....	-	-	5,152	8,436
Jordan.....	103	-	356	258
Lebanon.....	4,409	2,995	14,281	158,629
Saudi Arabia.....	-	288	564	-
Syria.....	-	-	-	1,513
U.A.R. - Egypt.....	-	-	-	1,610
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Angola.....	-	1,610	2,070	-
Congo-Leo.....	-	-	16,445	41,584
French West Africa.....	-	-	-	22,867
Liberia.....	11,068	10,570	40,620	6,482
Mozambique.....	4,660	-	9,934	5,725
Portuguese Africa, nes	6,900	9,901	35,282	22,402
Togo.....	20,219	16,008	59,871	-
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Burma.....	-	-	48,686	-
Indonesia.....	-	-	-	64
Japan.....	3,685	7,606	81,275	104,174
Philippines.....	-	6,900	6,900	9,200
Portuguese Asia.....	506	4,564	10,654	5,115
Thailand.....	36,671	41,809	127,305	126,999
Viet-Nam.....	-	-	-	44,576
<u>Oceania</u>				
French Oceania.....	-	-	713	1,219
United States Oceania	-	-	-	1,150
<u>South America</u>				
Chile.....	1,150	1,150	5,778	2,818
Peru.....	2,990	4,715	19,734	9,361
Surinam.....	5,630	7,383	24,688	18,984
Venezuela.....	-	-	-	1,610
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Costa Rica.....	3,450	34,500	184,892	301,675
Cuba.....	-	29,026	29,026	-
Dominican Republic.....	11,500	-	16,689	99,889
El Salvador.....	168	900	4,897	40,266
French West Indies.....	-	345	805	1,920
Guatemala.....	2,760	2,300	7,132	6,787
Haiti.....	6,900	11,785	32,485	446
Honduras.....	1,610	7,084	17,204	25,056
Netherlands Antilles.....	20,884	23,996	96,283	87,437
Nicaragua.....	32,623	21,907	221,039	179,722
Panama.....	31,209	13,879	73,552	167,957
<u>North America</u>				
St. Pierre and Miquelon.....	230	-	4,423	2,703
United States.....	58,836	105,882	318,713	402,764
Totals, Other Countries.....	301,185	2,080,081	3,292,517	2,062,491
Totals, All Countries.....	2,818,820	3,881,374	10,949,486	9,812,260
nes - not elsewhere specified.				

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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				
	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern.....	150	150	150	150	150
2 Northern.....	146	146	146	146	146
3 Northern.....	142	142	142	142	142
4 Northern.....	135	135	135	135	135
5 Wheat.....	118	118	118	118	118
6 Wheat.....	112	112	112	112	112
Feed Wheat.....	108	108	108	108	108
1 C.W. Garnet.....	135	135	135	135	135
2 C.W. Garnet.....	130	130	130	130	130
3 C.W. Garnet.....	125	125	125	125	125
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	134	134	134	134	134
2 Alberta Winter.....	129	129	129	129	129
3 Alberta Winter.....	123	123	123	123	123
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	150	150	150	150	150
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	146	146	146	146	146
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	142	142	142	142	142

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern.....	204/2	204/3	204/5	204/7	205
2 Northern.....	201/2	201/3	201/5	201/7	202
3 Northern.....	198/2	198/3	198/5	198/7	199
4 Northern.....	191/2	191/3	191/5	191/7	192
5 Wheat.....	185/2	185/3	185/5	185/7	186
6 Wheat.....	180/2	180/3	180/5	180/7	181
Feed Wheat.....	177/2	177/3	177/5	177/7	178
1 C.W. Garnet.....	187/2	187/3	187/5	187/7	188
2 C.W. Garnet.....	185/2	185/3	185/5	185/7	186
3 C.W. Garnet.....	184/2	184/3	184/5	184/7	185
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	190/2	190/3	190/5	190/7	191
2 Alberta Winter.....	188/2	188/3	188/5	188/7	189
3 Alberta Winter.....	187/2	187/3	187/5	187/7	188
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	222/2	222/3	222/5	222/7	223
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	221/2	221/3	221/5	221/7	222
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	213/2	213/3	213/5	213/7	214

Export - Class II

1 Northern.....	204/2	204/3	204/5	204/7	205
2 Northern.....	201/2	201/3	201/5	201/7	202
3 Northern.....	198/2	198/3	198/5	198/7	199
4 Northern.....	191/2	191/3	191/5	191/7	192
5 Wheat.....	185/2	185/3	185/5	185/7	186
6 Wheat.....	180/2	180/3	180/5	180/7	181
Feed Wheat.....	177/2	177/3	177/5	177/7	178
1 C.W. Garnet.....	187/2	187/3	187/5	187/7	188
2 C.W. Garnet.....	185/2	185/3	185/5	185/7	186
3 C.W. Garnet.....	184/2	184/3	184/5	184/7	185
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	222/2	222/3	222/5	222/7	223
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	221/2	221/3	221/5	221/7	222
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	213/2	213/3	213/5	213/7	214

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

550

500

450

400

350

300

250

200

150

100

50

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MILLION BUSHEL

550

500

450

400

350

300

250

200

150

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PEAK MARKETINGS
1952-53 CROP YEAR
536.0 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

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AUG.

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

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

550 —

500 —

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

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MILLION BUSHELS

550 —

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400 —

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250 —

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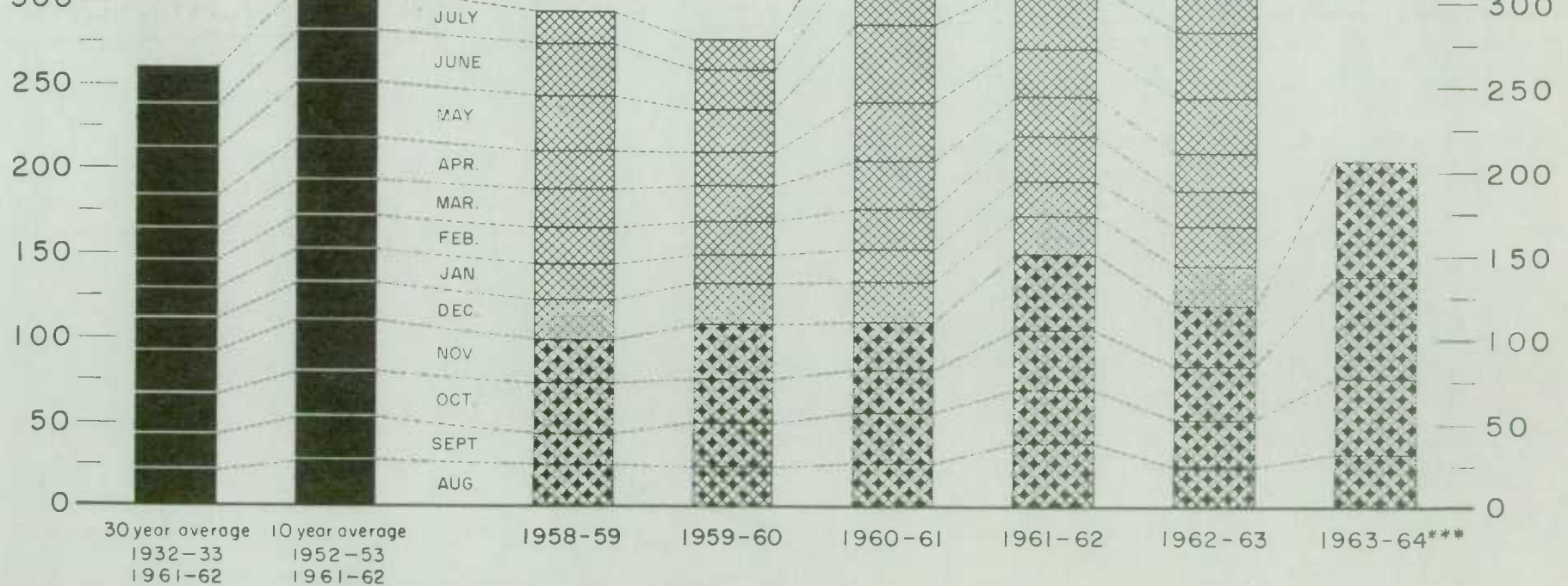
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PEAK EXPORTS
1928-29 CROP YEAR
407.6 MILLION BUSHELS



* 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 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

MILLION BUSHELS

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

30 year average
1932-33
1961-62

10 year average
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1961-62

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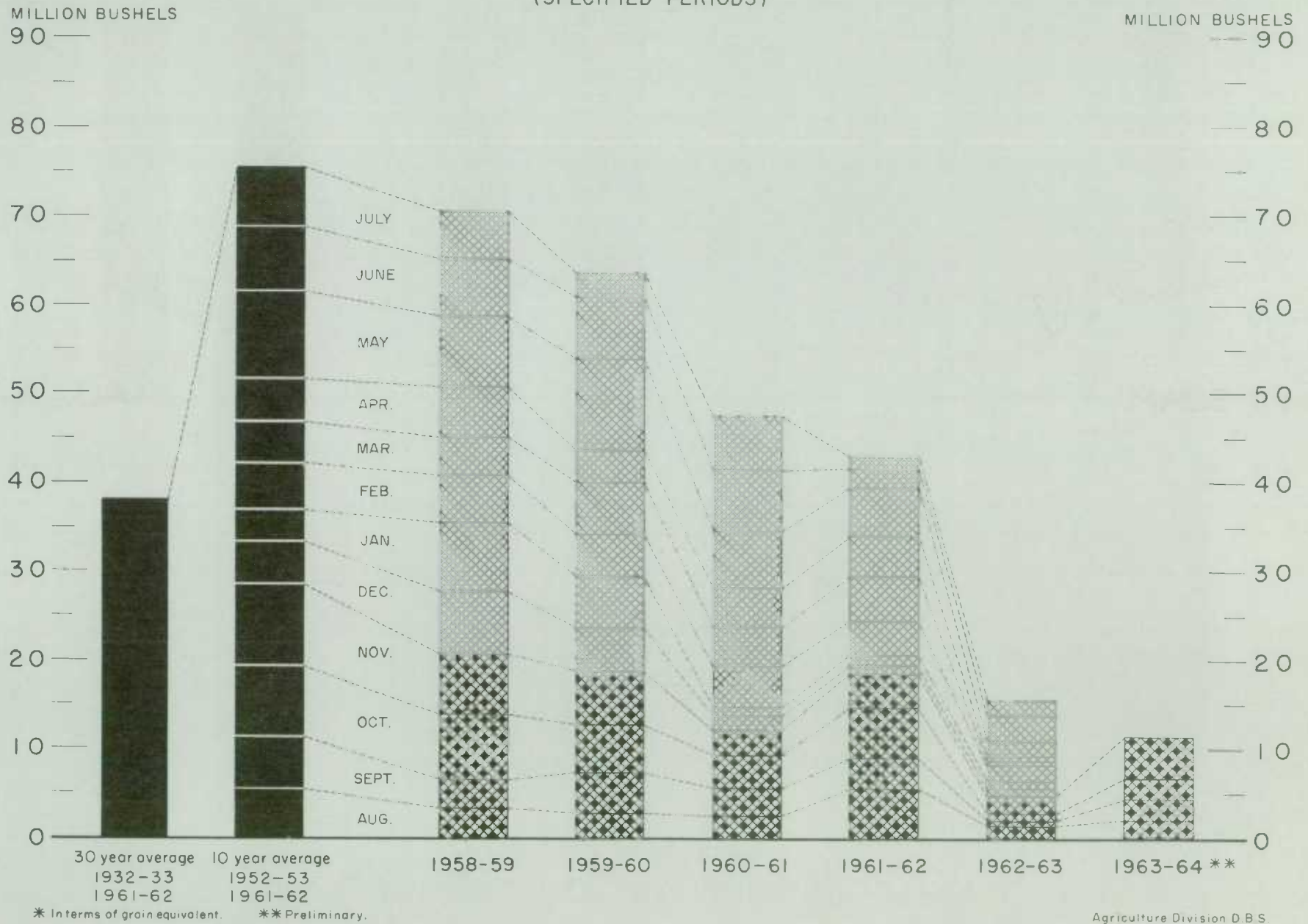
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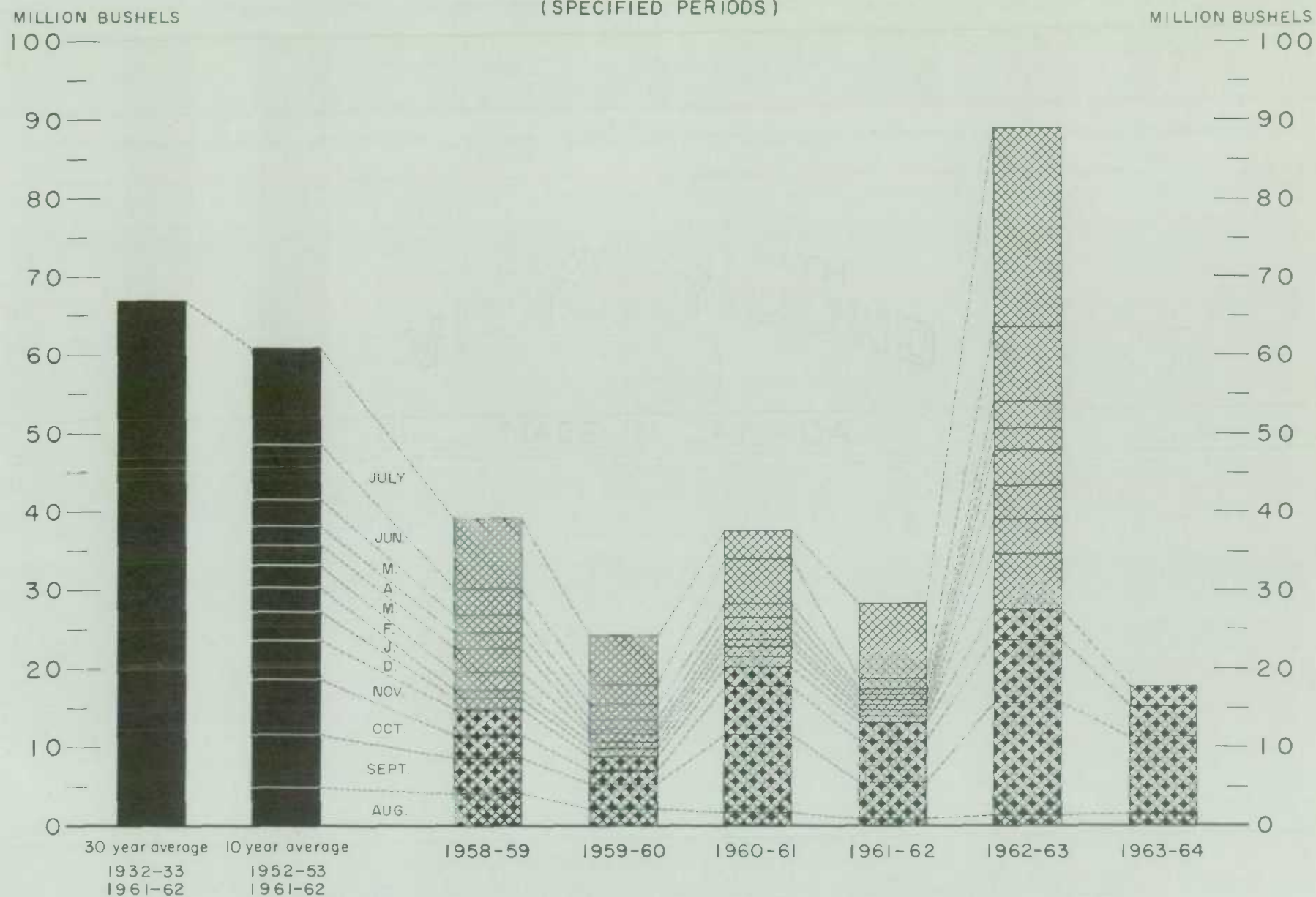
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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS* AND OAT PRODUCTS** (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

45 —

40 —

35 —

30 —

25 —

20 —

15 —

10 —

5 —

0 —

MILLION BUSHEL

45 —

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35 —

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20 —

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30 year average 10 year average
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1962-63

1963-64***

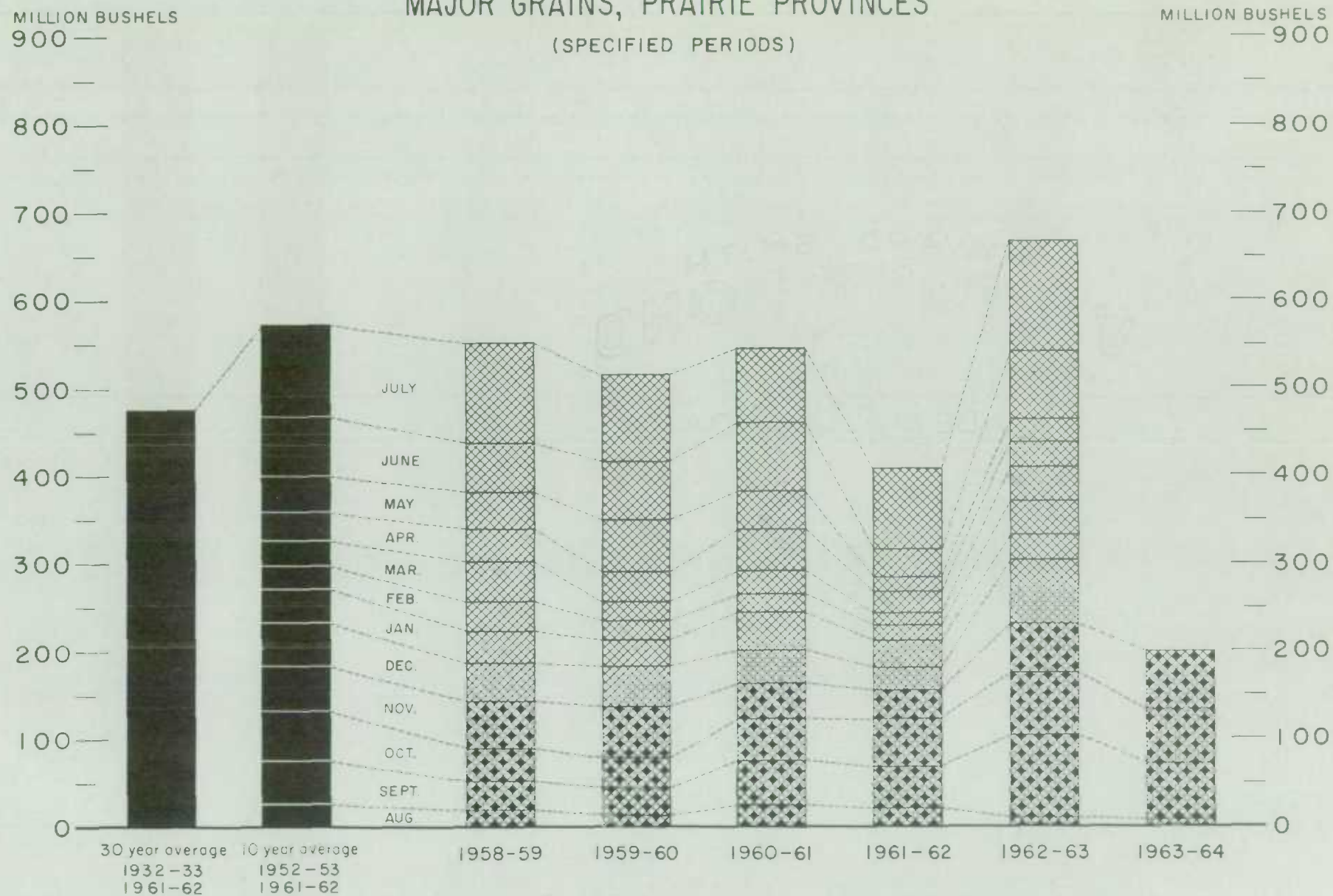
*Beginning with 1960-61 includes relatively small quantity of bagged seed. **In terms of grain equivalent. ***Preliminary.

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

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



* Wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed.

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EXPORTS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

650 —
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350 —
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300 —
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200 —
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150 —
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100 —
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MILLION BUSHELS

650 —
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30 year average 10 year average
1932-33 1952-53
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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.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending				
	Dec. 6	Dec. 13.	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

1 Northern.....	150	150	150	150	150
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3 Northern.....	142	142	142	142	142
4 Northern.....	135	135	135	135	135
5 Wheat.....	118	118	118	118	118
6 Wheat.....	112	112	112	112	112
Feed Wheat.....	108	108	108	108	108
1 C.W. Garnet.....	135	135	135	135	135
2 C.W. Garnet.....	130	130	130	130	130
3 C.W. Garnet.....	125	125	125	125	125
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	134	134	134	134	134
2 Alberta Winter.....	129	129	129	129	129
3 Alberta Winter.....	123	123	123	123	123
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	150	150	150	150	150
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	146	146	146	146	146
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	142	142	142	142	142

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern.....	208/4	208/5	208/7	209/1	209/2
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3 C.W. Garnet.....	186/4	186/5	186/7	187/1	187/2
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	188/4	188/5	188/7	189/1	189/2
2 Alberta Winter.....	187/4	187/5	187/7	188/1	188/2
3 Alberta Winter.....	186/4	186/5	186/7	187/1	187/2

Export - Class II

1 Northern.....	208/4	208/5	208/7	209/1	209/2
2 Northern.....	204/4	204/5	204/7	205/1	205/2
3 Northern.....	203/4	203/5	203/7	204/1	204/2
4 Northern.....	196/4	196/5	196/7	197/1	197/2
5 Wheat.....	187/4	187/5	187/7	188/1	188/2
6 Wheat.....	185/4	185/5	185/7	186/1	186/2
Feed Wheat.....	182/4	182/5	182/7	183/1	183/2
1 C.W. Garnet.....	188/4	188/5	188/7	189/1	189/2
2 C.W. Garnet.....	187/4	187/5	187/7	188/1	188/2
3 C.W. Garnet.....	186/4	186/5	186/7	187/1	187/2
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	188/4	188/5	188/7	189/1	189/2
2 Alberta Winter.....	187/4	187/5	187/7	188/1	188/2
3 Alberta Winter.....	186/4	186/5	186/7	187/1	187/2

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during November 1963 amounted to 4,737,000 hundredweight, representing an increase of 1 per cent over the October output of 4,668,000 hundredweight, 54 per cent above the November 1962 figure of 3,068,000 hundredweight and 30 per cent more than the ten-year (1953-62) average production for the month of November of 3,645,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during November 1963 had a total rated capacity of 174,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 104.6 per cent of this rated capacity was effective. Many mills, because of the large volume of forward commitments, were operating at more than the standard 26 working days in the month.

Wheat milled for flour during November 1963 amounted to 10,565,000 bushels, 1 per cent more than the 10,423,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 55 per cent higher than the 6,816,000 bushels milled during November 1962. Of the wheat milled for flour during November 1963 some 9,686,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (560,000 bushels); Durum (209,000 bushels); and all other (110,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during November 1963 amounted to 1,688,000 hundredweight (some 3,881,000 bushels of wheat equivalent), 63 per cent above the 2,384,000 bushels exported during the previous month and 78 per cent above the adjusted November 1962 total of 2,176,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty countries with exports to U.S.S.R. amounting to 1,650,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 43 per cent of the November 1963 total. Shipments of wheat flour to Britain during November 1963 were equivalent to 976,000 bushels of wheat and represented 25 per cent of the total for the month. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during November this year with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Ghana, 210; United States, 106; Trinidad and Tobago, 104; Jamaica, 103; and Hong Kong, 100.

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

Crop Year	Wheat Milled for Flour bushels	Wheat Flour	
		Production	Exports ^{1/}
		- 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—1959-60 average.....	90,148,211	39,752,589	16,349,156
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	11,854,458
1963-64 ^{2/} August.....	6,719,665	3,003,765	1,321,208
September.....	7,712,078	3,459,156	715,309
October.....	10,422,696	4,667,613	1,036,575
November.....	10,564,882	4,737,321	1,687,554
Totals.....	35,419,321	15,867,855	4,760,646
Same months 1962-63 ^{3/}	26,995,327	12,155,686	4,266,200

^{1/} Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46—1962-63 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

^{2/} Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1963-64 crop year (July-June) are estimated at 2,333.0 million bushels, consisting of the July 1, 1963 carryover of 1,195.4 million and the 1963 crop, now placed at 1,137.6 million bushels. Domestic supplies of the size indicated would be 3 per cent less than last year's total of 2,415.5 million and 13 per cent smaller than the record 1960-61 figure of 2,670.8 million bushels. Imports of wheat from Canada during July-November of the current United States crop year amounted to 1.0 million bushels. Domestic disappearance during 1963-64 is estimated at about 602.0 million bushels, one per cent more than the 595.1 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year some 1,732.0 million remained available for export and for carryover, a decrease of 5 per cent from the 1,821.5 million in 1962-63.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during July-November 1963 amounted to 313.0 million bushels, 42 per cent above the 220.7 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on December 1, 1963 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,419.1 million bushels compared with 1,600.8 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	1,195.4
Production.....	1,093.7 <u>1/</u>	1,137.6 <u>1/</u>
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	2,415.5	2,333.0
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-November.....	1.1	1.0
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,416.6	2,334.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u>	595.1	602.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	1,821.5	1,732.0
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-November.....	182.7	279.3
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-November <u>5/</u>	38.0	33.6
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	220.7	313.0
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover..	1,600.8	1,419.1

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Excluding imports for December-June. 4/ Includes shipments to United States Territories and wheat for military food use at home and abroad. 5/ Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond". 6/ These figures now include all shipments under relief programs which formerly were not available from Census data.

1963 Wheat Crop
Estimated at 1,138
Million Bushels

In a report released December 18, 1963 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part that production of all wheat in 1963 is 1,138 million bushels, 4 per cent above 1962 but 7 per cent below the 1957-61 average. The increased production from 1962 was the result of a 4 per cent increase in harvested acreage because yield per acre was the same both years. The acreage harvested in 1963, at 45.3 million acres, although larger than 1962 is 10 per cent below average. Yield per harvested acre averaged 25.1 bushels, equal to the third highest of record.

Land seeded to wheat for the 1963 crop totalled 53 million acres, 8 per cent above 1962 but 3 per cent below average. There was no mandatory reduction from 1963 allotted acres as was the case with the 1962 crop. Of the total 1963 crop planted acreage, 85.3 per cent was harvested for grain, compared with 88.6 per cent in 1962 and with the average of 92.2 per cent. The 1963 program permitted growers to voluntarily divert acreage a minimum of 20 per cent of the farm acreage allotment or small farm base up to a maximum of 50 per cent. Many growers in the important Plains States had completed seedings of allotment acreage prior to the announcement of the 1963 program but later availed themselves of the voluntary diversion provisions of the program. This necessitated the voluntary destruction of part of their planted acreage and contributed to the smaller per cent harvested for grain in 1963.

Production of winter wheat in 1963 is 905 million bushels, 10 per cent more than 1962 but 9 per cent below the 1957-61 average. The yield of 26.1 bushels per harvested acre is 1.6 bushels above last year and the fourth highest of record.

The acreage seeded for the 1963 crop of winter wheat was 42.0 million acres, 3.3 million acres more than for the previous crop. Acreage harvested for grain in 1963 totalled 34.6 million acres, about 1.0 million acres more than in 1962. Abandonment and diversion to uses other than grain accounted for 17.7 per cent of the seeded acres, the largest since 1956.

Production of all spring wheat in 1963 totalled 233 million bushels, 15 per cent less than the 1962 crop of 273 million bushels, but 2 per cent more than the 1957-61 average production of 228 million bushels. The 11.0 million acres seeded to all spring wheat in 1963 are 6 per cent more than the 1962 seedings of 10.4 million acres, but 12 per cent below average. Abandonment this year amounted to 3.4 per cent of the planted acreage while last year it was 4.2 per cent. The 10.6 million acres of all spring wheat harvested this year are 7 per cent more than the 10.0 million acres harvested in 1962.

Durum production for 1963 was 49.8 million bushels, 29 per cent less than the 1962 crop, but 81 per cent above average. Generally, the growing season was favourable until July. Then hot, dry winds across Montana, the Dakotas, and Minnesota hastened maturity of the crop resulting in lowered yields.

The per acre yields were below the record levels set in 1962 for all the durum producing States. The average yield of 25.7 bushels per acre is 4.0 bushels less than the record 1962 yield, but 7.1 bushels above average.

The 1963 crop of durum wheat was harvested from 1,936,000 acres, 18 per cent less than 1962, but 28 per cent above the average. Planted acreage totalled 1,990,000 acres, 18 per cent less than the 2,418,000 acres planted in 1962. Abandonment was 2.7 per cent, slightly lower than last year's abandonment of 2.8 per cent.

The 1963 production of spring wheat other than durum is 183 million bushels, 10 per cent less than the 1962 crop and 9 per cent less than average. Spring seeding was delayed by rain and cool weather in Idaho, Washington and Oregon resulting in a late maturing crop and an extended harvest season in these areas. Damage from hot winds when the crop was nearing maturity occurred across Montana, the Dakotas, and Minnesota. The Idaho crop was limited by stripe rust damage.

The average yield per acre for the 1963 crop is 21.0 bushels per acre, well below the record yield of 26.7 bushels last year, but 1.7 bushels above average. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nevada are the only States showing a greater yield than last year. Wisconsin and Nevada had record yields.

Acreage and Production of Winter Wheat 1964 According to a report on "Winter Wheat and Rye" released by the Crop Reporting Board on December 19, 1963 acreage seeded to winter wheat in the fall of 1963 totalled 43.0 million acres, 2 per cent more than the 42.0 million seeded in the fall of 1962 and 1 per cent above the 1958-62 average of 42.4 million acres. The 1963 fall seedings were planted with national and farm acreage allotments in effect but with compliance on a voluntary basis. The 1964 all-wheat national allotment was established at 49.5 million acres excluding increases permitted in allotments on farms with small farm allotments. The 1963 wheat allotment was 55 million acres.

A 1964 winter wheat crop of 959 million bushels is indicated, based on conditions as of December 1 and other factors. A crop of this size would be 6 per cent larger than the 1963 crop but 6 per cent below the 1958-62 average.

In addition to the usual factors of weather, insects, and disease that exert significant influence on the final crop size, the 1964 outturn will be dependent on the final decision of growers relative to the acreage to be harvested. Growers that overseeded their allotments can wait until the plow-up date next spring before making a decision on whether to destroy any excess acreage. Crop conditions next spring and prospective prices will have an important bearing upon their final decisions. The production and abandonment estimates by States indicate an allowance for anticipated destruction over and above normal causes. In the past 10 years, the average change in the United States production estimate from December 1 to harvest has been 95 million bushels, ranging from a maximum change of 267 million bushels to a minimum of 5 million bushels.

Seeding of the 1964 winter wheat crop was delayed in many areas by dry soils but November rains and a late fall have permitted the crop to go into the winter in generally good to fair condition. Moisture supplies were favourable over most of the Central and Northern Plains, permitting early seeding. Abundant fall growth in some areas is causing concern about wheat development that may have advanced too far before going into dormancy. The rank growth has drawn heavily on soil moisture reserves. In most other areas of the Nation, soil moisture was in short supply at wheat seeding time, causing slow germination and uneven stands. November rains helped fill in stands and improved wheat prospects.

Kansas growers seeded the same acreage as the previous year with current crop prospects indicating a production above 1963 but below average. Kansas wheat was seeded early in the western half of the State and made good initial growth. In eastern Kansas, seedings were delayed by dry soils and germinated slowly but were helped considerably by late November rains. Wheat generally made good top growth in all areas but dry fall weather limited root development, particularly in western Kansas. The proportion of wheat seeded on summerfallow was up from a year ago and the highest in recent years.

Oklahoma plantings started early but dry weather during the early fall slowed seedings with considerable acreage "dusted in". Late November rains were in sufficient amounts to germinate "dusted in" wheat and "tie down" the root systems of stands already established. A small acreage in southwest and south central Oklahoma that died from lack of moisture was reseeded following the November rains.

Wheat seedings in Texas were delayed by a shortage of moisture during September and October and made only limited fall growth. Rains during November sharply improved prospects in the Low Plains and eastward across north Texas. Dryland acreage on the High Plains, particularly north of the Canadian River, is still in need of moisture. Irrigated High Plains wheat made excellent fall growth and has supplied considerable grazing.

Soil moisture in Colorado was generally favourable for seeding wheat this fall, except in the dry southeast where the crop germinated slowly and stands were somewhat spotted. Over the rest of the State good stands were obtained and with mild fall weather wheat made extensive growth, drawing heavily on soil moisture supplies.

The Nebraska wheat was seeded at about the usual time with favourable soil moisture. Germination was rapid and the crop came up to good stands. Early heavy rains in southwest Nebraska caused some reseeded. Mild, dry October and November weather permitted rank growth that reduced soil moisture reserves. Leaf rust has been unusually heavy but cold weather during late November checked the spread of this disease.

The Pacific Northwest States seeded the crop under quite variable conditions with plantings delayed in many areas by dry soils. Late October and November rains were beneficial for germination and gave emerged plants a needed boost. Some wheat was seeded in Washington following the November rains and had not emerged by December 1.

Much of the wheat in the central and eastern Corn Belt States was seeded in dry soils. Germination was slow and in many areas uneven. November rains provided needed moisture to germinate wheat seeded in the "dust" and aided development of emerged plants. Most plants have now emerged and stands are generally good but plants are small.

The Atlantic Coast and Southeastern States were dry during most of September and October delaying wheat seeding and hindering early development. Seeding extended over a long period with considerable acreage seeded late following early November rains. A number of southeastern States seeded sharply higher acreages than a year ago. The extensive winter kill of oats last winter caused some farmers to switch to wheat. Also, lack of fall pasture due to dry weather has encouraged some planting of wheat for fall and winter grazing.

The indicated yield of 22.3 bushels per seeded acre for the United States is above the 1963 yield of 21.5 bushels but below the 1958-62 average yield of 24.0 bushels. December 1 conditions indicate that 12.3 per cent of the national acreage seeded for all purposes will not be harvested for grain compared with 17.7 per cent for the 1963 crop and the average of 8.2 per cent.

U.S. Wheat and Flour Exports Continue Upward Trend United States exported 251 million bushels of wheat and wheat flour during July-October 1963 or 35 per cent more than the 185 million bushels in the same period of 1962. Shipments of wheat as grain increased 46 per cent over those for July-October 1962. They totalled 225 million bushels this year as compared with 154 million bushels last year at this time. During these same comparable periods, however, flour shipments dropped 14 per cent, from 31 million bushels to 27 million (grain equivalent).

Exports of wheat and flour by country of destination comparing the July-October periods of 1963 and 1962 are shown in Table A. Virtually all of the shipments to Canada are for transshipment to other destinations.

The quantities and destinations of U.S. wheat inspected for export from Canadian ports and exports for specified countries as adjusted to include these inspections are shown in Table B. Transshipments through Canadian ports were more than 3 times greater during July-October 1963 than they were during the same period in 1962, and were more than double in October 1963 than they were during July-September 1963. Substantial increases in grain shipments occurred to the Common Market countries, India, Japan, Korea, and Pakistan. Other increased exports were to Poland, Spain, and Egypt. Exports of grain declined during these comparable periods to Brazil, Chile, and Tunisia. Egypt and the Congo received 33 per cent of the 27 million bushels of flour (grain equivalent). Although Egypt was still the largest market for flour, exports decreased by 23 per cent. This was offset by increased exports to the Congo and Sudan. Total wheat and flour exports for July-November 1963 are estimated to be approximately 313 million bushels or 42 per cent more than exported during the same months of 1962.

Table A. United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination
July-October 1962 and 1963 ^{1/}

Destination	July-October 1962			July-October 1963		
	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>						
Canada ^{3/}	7,004	50	7,054	20,410	95	20,505
Mexico.....	31	315	346	-	363	363
Central America.....	1,249	903	2,152	1,847	561	2,408
Haiti.....	523	30	553	351	15	366
Trinidad and Tobago....	17	^{4/}	17	2	366	368
Bolivia.....	274	1,652	1,926	-	807	807
Brazil.....	18,459	140	18,599	11,612	142	11,754
British Guiana.....	-	373	373	-	321	321
Chile.....	4,064	588	4,652	984	175	1,159
Colombia.....	1,612	237	1,849	1,683	176	1,859
Paraguay.....	-	16	16	155	126	281
Peru.....	2,843	165	3,008	1,548	86	1,634
Venezuela.....	1,654	51	1,705	3,732	143	3,875
Others.....	431	1,107	1,538	506	494	1,000
Totals.....	38,161	5,627	43,788	42,830	3,870	46,700

Table A. United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination
July-October 1962 and 1963 1/

Destination	July-October 1962			July-October 1963		
	Wheat	Flour <u>2/</u>	Total	Wheat	Flour <u>2/</u>	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<u>Europe</u>						
EEC						
Belgium-Luxembourg...	1,302	2	1,304	2,281	11	2,292
France.....	799	14	813	2,660	-	2,660
Germany, West.....	1,673	3	1,676	3,171	7	3,178
Italy.....	38	791	829	1,129	1,044	2,173
Netherlands.....	3,817	466	4,283	5,339	422	5,761
EEC sub-totals.....	7,629	1,276	8,905	14,580	1,484	16,064
Greece.....	-	582	582	437	834	1,271
Norway.....	13	1	14	69	9	78
Poland.....	-	213	213	2,639	211	2,850
Portugal.....	917	228	1,145	-	250	250
Spain.....	-	-	-	2,916	-	2,916
Switzerland.....	1,510	-	1,510	3,673	-	3,673
United Kingdom.....	1,576	76	1,652	2,259	46	2,305
Yugoslavia.....	1,161	493	1,654	1,680	201	1,881
Others.....	2,036	139	2,175	546	151	697
Totals.....	14,842	3,008	17,850	28,799	3,186	31,985
<u>Asia</u>						
India.....	40,693	187	40,880	55,814	68	55,882
Indonesia.....	2	9	11	-	436	436
Iran.....	2	476	478	95	255	350
Israel.....	3,948	98	4,046	2,462	22	2,484
Japan.....	11,920	703	12,623	27,129	1,026	28,155
Jordan.....	1	990	991	539	1,099	1,638
Korea.....	5,351	298	5,649	12,503	386	12,889
Lebanon.....	-	322	322	45	274	319
Pakistan.....	14,105	534	14,639	21,628	17	21,645
Philippines.....	1,955	150	2,105	2,502	109	2,611
Saudi Arabia.....	7	1,029	1,036	-	800	800
Taiwan.....	2,311	511	2,822	4,414	370	4,784
Turkey.....	2,851	258	3,109	4,259	55	4,314
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.....	72	1,766	1,838	6	1,079	1,085
Others.....	258	2,429	2,687	2,196	1,343	3,539
Totals.....	83,476	9,760	93,236	133,592	7,339	140,931

Table A. United States Exports of Wheat and Flour by Country of Destination
July-October 1962 and 1963 ^{1/}

Destination	July-October 1962			July-October 1963		
	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total
- thousand bushels -						
Africa						
Algeria.....	2,469	1,152	3,621	3,172	379	3,551
British East Africa....	1,202	13	1,215	122	48	170
Congo (Leopoldville)...	6	913	919	47	2,175	2,222
Egypt.....	8,565	8,381	16,946	11,623	6,488	18,111
Morocco.....	133	919	1,052	66	1,022	1,088
Nigeria.....	308	183	491	469	13	482
Sudan.....	-	-	-	748	1,352	2,100
Tunisia.....	4,528	73	4,601	522	88	610
South Africa, Republic of.....	-	-	-	2,063	32	2,095
Others.....	754	898	1,652	786	556	1,342
Totals.....	17,965	12,532	30,497	19,618	12,153	31,771
Oceania.....	-	18	18	0	17	17
Totals, All Countries.....	154,444	30,945	185,389	224,839	26,565	251,404

^{1/} Data includes shipments for relief or charity. ^{2/} Grain equivalent. ^{3/} The bulk of exports to Canada are for transshipment to other destinations - see Table B.

^{4/} Less than 500 bushels.

Table B. United States Exports of Wheat and Flour as Adjusted for Transshipment
Through Canadian Ports, July-October 1962 and 1963

Destination	July-October 1962		July-October 1963	
	Wheat in- spected for export from Canadian ports	Adjusted totals for listed countries	Wheat in- spected for export from Canadian ports	Adjusted totals for listed countries
- thousand bushels -				
EEC				
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	221	1,525	2,989	5,281
France.....	506	1,319	-	2,660
Germany, West.....	788	2,464	167	3,345
Italy.....	-	829	-	2,173
Netherlands.....	1,562	5,845	7,016	12,777
EEC sub-totals.....	3,077	11,982	10,172	26,236
Brazil.....	-	18,599	108	11,862
Venezuela.....	-	1,705	742	4,617
United Kingdom.....	827	2,479	835	3,140
Ireland.....	28	204	194	55
Spain.....	-	-	230	3,146
Portugal.....	981	2,126	331	581
Egypt.....	-	16,946	4,301	22,412
Canary Islands.....	-	-	708	708
Nigeria.....	397	883	197	679
Madeira Islands.....	-	226	331	423
Mozambique.....	224	336	413	536
Totals.....	5,534	55,486	18,562	74,395

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City			No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis		
Date	Price		Date	Price	
	- cents per bushel -			- cents per bushel -	
December 2, 1963.....	215	- 239 1/2 1/	December 2, 1963.....	229 1/2	
3	220 1/2		3	228 1/4 - 229 1/4	
4	212 3/4 - 219	1/	4	230 1/8 - 231 1/8	
5	216 1/2 - 241 1/2 1/		5	229 1/4 - 230 1/4	
6	216 1/2 - 240 1/2 1/		6	228 3/4 - 229 3/4	
9	216 3/4 - 241 1/4 1/		9	228 1/2 - 229 1/2	
10	222		10	229 1/8 - 230 1/8	
11	223 - 224		11	229 1/4 - 230 1/4	
12	218 - 239	1/	12	230 3/8	
13	218 1/2 - 221 3/4		13	230 1/2	
16	218 3/4 - 237	1/	16	231 1/4	
17	218 - 238	1/	17	230 5/8	
18	218 1/4 - 238 1/2 1/		18	231 1/4	
19	224 3/4		19	231 5/8	
20	218 1/2 - 239 1/4 1/		20	231 3/4	
23	218 3/4 - 239 3/4 1/		23	231 3/8	
24	223 1/4		24	232 5/8	
25	Christmas Day		25	Christmas Day	
26	Not Available		26	233 1/8 - 234 1/8	
27	220 3/4		27	233 3/8 - 234 3/8	
30	221 3/4 - 233 1/4		30	231 3/8 - 232 3/8	
31	223 1/4		31	230 1/8 - 231 1/8	

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	December	March	May	July	September
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
December 2, 1963.....	215/6	217/3	213	170/2	171/4
3	213/4	216	211/5	170/3	171/6
4	215/4	217/7	213/5	174/5	176/2
5	213/5	216	212	173/2	174/4
6	214/6	217/7	212/7	173/4	174/6
9	216	217	213/3	174/2	175/4
10	216/4	217/7	212/7	174/6	176
11	217/3	217/4	213	174	175/4
12	219/2	219/6	214	174/4	175/5
13	218/2	219/2	213/3	173/7	175
16	217/5	218/3	213	174/4	175/6
17	216/6	217/3	211/5	173/6	175/2
18	217/2	218/2	212/2	175	176/4
19	218/2	218/6	213/1	176/7	178/4
20		218/5	213/1	175/4	177
23		219/2	213/5	177	178/6
24		219	213/6	176/7	178/7
25			Christmas Day		
26		219/2	214/1	176/5	178/7
27		220	215/1	177/1	178/7
30		219/4	214/6	176/3	178/2
31		219/5	215	176/6	178/4

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Disposition of Australian wheat supplies during the crop years (December-November) 1961-62 and 1962-63 is set out in the accompanying table. Total estimated supplies in the crop year recently completed at 325.4 million bushels, represented an increase of 20 per cent over the 1961-62 total of 271.8 million due to a substantially larger production which more than offset a smaller carryover at December 1, 1962. After deducting 73.7 million for domestic requirements, some 251.7 million were available for export and for carryover during 1962-63, exceeding by 28 per cent the 1961-62 total of 196.1 million.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the crop year recently completed amounted to 228.6 million bushels, 28 per cent more than the 177.9 million exported during the corresponding period of 1961-62. The preliminary estimate places carryover stocks at December 1, 1963, at 23.1 million bushels and represented an increase of 27 per cent over the comparable 1962 level of 18.2 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1961-62	1962-63 <u>1/</u>
	- 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 <u>2/</u> .	75.7	73.7
Available for export and for carryover.....	196.1	251.7
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-November 30...	152.8	203.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-November 30.....	25.1	24.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	177.9	228.6
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover....	18.2	23.1

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised.

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Crop Position Heavy rains in New South Wales during the period under review may have prevented Australian wheat farmers from producing their record crop. Until the advent of the rains, the harvest was being brought in under ideal weather conditions and it was confidently expected that the crop would reach 320 million bushels. This would have meant an increase of 13 million bushels over last season's record harvest.

However, the bumper crop in New South Wales was severely damaged in some areas by heavy rain storms which caused considerable flooding. Although it is too early for an official analysis of the damage it is generally believed that the rains will reduce the New South Wales crop by up to 20 million bushels.

Apart from Western Australia where harvesting is slower than during previous years the rest of Australia's wheat growing areas report perfect conditions and yields. The crop expected in Western Australia is 61 million bushels, a decrease of 12 million bushels compared with 1962-63. The reason for the poorer crop in that State is that during the early part of the season heavy rains slowed the growth rate and the yield has consequently been lowered.

In Victoria, earlier reports indicated that a record crop of 69 million bushels would be harvested. This would have been a one million bushel increase over the previous record crop produced last season. However, press reports indicate that due to dry spring weather conditions the yield in some areas of Victoria might not reach the high levels anticipated. Both Queensland and South Australia continue to report good harvest results. In Queensland it is expected that the harvest will total 20 million bushels, which if achieved, will be a record crop for that State.

Marketing Position Until the current harvest is brought in, Australia has no surplus wheat to sell to other than established markets, said Mr. J.V. Moroney, Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board. Mr. Moroney was announcing details of an additional \$73 million sale to wheat to Mainland China.

The present sale of 41 million bushels brings the total purchased by China from Australia to more than 260 million bushels valued at \$485 million. The terms and conditions of this sale are similar to those of previous contracts.

The Board has sold 67 million bushels in the form of wheat and flour since October 1, 1963. Total sales to date for home consumption and export between December 1, 1962 and November 30, 1963 were about 282 million bushels. Mr. Moroney added that the marketing outlook for Australian wheat for a minimum of a year is a very satisfactory one.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1, 1962 - November 30, 1963 and Corresponding Period 1961-62

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1961-62	1962-63	1961-62	1962-63
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Europe</u>				
Albania.....	-	2,294	-	-
Britain.....	18,903	21,653	3,004	2,432
Eastern Europe.....	-	8,565	-	-
Eire.....	1,798	2,529	-	-
France.....	450	-	-	-
Italy.....	4,846	-	-	-

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1, 1962 - November 30, 1963 and Corresponding Period 1961-62

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1961-62	1962-63	1961-62	1962-63
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Europe (concluded)</u>				
Malta.....	736	445	-	-
Norway.....	2,572	3,209	-	-
Spain and Canary Islands.....	11,528	1,235	-	-
Switzerland.....	50	-	-	-
West Germany.....	8,857	1,835	-	-
Others.....	-	-	12	19
<u>Middle East</u>				
Aden.....	953	1,110	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T.....	-	-	1,126	1,340
Aden Atta.....	-	-	480	555
Arabian Gulf.....	-	-	304	216
Arabian Gulf Atta.....	-	-	1,600	1,291
Egypt.....	1,882	-	-	-
Iran.....	635	1,025	-	-
Iraq.....	733	1,817	-	-
Lebanon, Jordan, Syria.....	4,081	3,277	-	-
Saudi Arabia.....	-	-	337	369
Others.....	585	517	21	27
<u>Africa</u>				
Africa South.....	2,019	-	-	-
Algeria.....	446	-	-	-
Kenya.....	882	343	-	-
Mauritius.....	-	-	791	588
Nyasaland.....	-	-	256	310
Port. East Africa.....	258	-	-	-
Rhodesia.....	2,974	3,548	-	-
Zanzibar.....	-	-	136	216
Others.....	17	17	93	83
<u>Asia</u>				
Brunei.....	-	-	45	42
Burma.....	169	876	326	119
Ceylon.....	22	7	5,551	4,468
China.....	42,642	108,989	-	-
Hong Kong.....	3,178	2,120	373	228
India.....	13,158	5,636	-	-
Indonesia.....	-	-	228	384
Irian.....	-	-	84	7
Japan.....	16,802	13,454	-	-
Korea, North.....	-	4,987	-	-
Korea, South.....	-	1,539	-	-

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1, 1962 - November 30, 1963 and Corresponding Period 1961-62

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1961-62	1962-63	1961-62	1962-63
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Asia (concluded)</u>				
Malasia				
Malaya.....	572	387	3,468	3,577
Malaya Atta.....	-	-	87	97
Sabah.....	-	-	235	189
Sarawak.....	-	-	299	253
Singapore.....	59	373	2,843	2,998
Singapore Atta.....	-	-	14	13
Pakistan.....	3,767	3,890	-	-
Singapore a/c B.W.O.	-	-	33	38
Thailand.....	-	-	708	789
Others.....	335	852	312	1,245
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Chile.....	357	-	-	-
Cuba.....	-	457	-	-
New Zealand.....	6,425	6,656	-	-
Pacific Islands etc.	53	55	2,172	2,507
Peru.....	56	-	11	14
Royal Navy.....	2	-	-	-
Ships' Stores and Sundries.....	-	-	152	488
Totals.....	152,800	203,700	25,100	24,900

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Disposition of Argentine wheat for the crop years (December-November) 1961-62 and 1962-63 appears in the accompanying table. Total estimated domestic supplies in the crop year 1962-63, at 193.3 million bushels, were some 19 per cent lower than the comparable 1961-62 level of 237.4 million and reflected declines in both carryover stocks and production. After making an allowance of 127.1 million bushels for apparent domestic disappearance, some 66.2 million were available for export and for carryover during 1962-63 compared with 110.0 million in 1961-62.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the crop year recently completed, amounted to 66.1 million bushels, representing a decrease of 35 per cent from the 101.2 million exported during 1961-62. The tentative estimate places carryover stocks at December 1, 1963 at the extremely low level of 0.1 million bushels in contrast to the 8.9 million at December 1, 1962.

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.....	127.4 <u>1/</u>	127.1
Available for export and for carryover.....	110.0	66.2
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-November.....	100.6	65.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-November.....	0.6	0.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	101.2	66.1
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover.....	8.9	0.1
<u>1/</u> Revised. <u>2/</u> Preliminary. <u>3/</u> Includes allowances for farm stocks. <u>4/</u> Official estimate.		

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Weather and Crops The Argentine weather continues to be wet and cool. It appeared that conditions had finally settled down during the first week of December, but after a short spell of fine, warm weather, there occurred once again torrential downpours in many parts of the country. To date, there have been few reports of physical damage to growing crops, but the excessive rainfall has, in some areas, caused lush growth of grain stalks and has hindered proper heading. The grain harvest has also been delayed, and about two weeks of fine weather are required before the main harvest gets under way. At present there are reports of fine weather throughout the country, but the forecast for the next few days is once again unsettled.

Many of the grain crops have taken just about all the water they can absorb, and further rainfall could be highly detrimental.

Wheat The first official production estimate has recently been published by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock and, at 6,250,000 metric tons, (229.6 million bushels) represents an increase of 24.5 per cent over the previous season, and 17.3 per cent and 6.5 per cent over the averages for the last 5 and 10 year periods. This first estimate is only provisional, and substantial changes can occur, depending on weather conditions. The outlook is for a bumper crop in the southern grain belt (areas which suffered seriously from drought during 1961 and 1962), and a reduced crop in many areas of the northern grain belt, which areas suffered from drought this year. The first estimate indicates a production of 3,610,000 metric tons (132.6 million bushels) for the Province of Buenos

Aires - a 73 per cent increase from the previous year - and a production of 544,000 tons (20.0 million bushels) from the Pampa Province - a more than 10-fold increase over the 53,200 tons (2 million bushels) of 1962-63.

The National Grain Board announced on December 11 that it has begun purchasing new crop wheat. The Board Chairman indicated that some 12 billion pesos (\$95 million) will be required for Board purchases this year, which would suggest total Board purchases of from 1.3 to 1.5 million metric tons (47,766,000 to 55,115,000 bushels) at present minimum official producers prices: Hard wheat 820 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.77 per bushel); semi-hard 800 pesos (\$1.73 per bushel); and "durums" 850 pesos (\$1.84 per bushel) for purchases up to January 31, 1964, with a bonus of 20 pesos (4 cents per bushel) per month from that date onwards for hard and semi-hard types.

Although producers can frequently obtain better prices from private traders, there are, nevertheless, many occasions when they prefer to sell to the Board. Normally, the Board pays cash, but this has not been possible for the past few years, as Grain Board funds have been diverted to other government ministries. At the present time, the Board is paying 70 per cent in cash, and the balance from between 120 and 180 days.

Millers were about the only buyers of wheat during the period under review, as export business was very sporadic. Millers were paying as high as 900 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.95 per bushel) for payment, 50 per cent in 30 days, balance in 60 days; but other quantities were transacted at prices very close to the official minimum levels, namely, 830 to 840 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.79 to \$1.82 per bushel). The Grain Board has reported sales of 64,700 metric tons (2,377,000 bushels) for export at some 875 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.89 per bushel) f.o.b.

Recent prices in Europe for Argentine wheat have not been considered to be very attractive, and only recently Italy was paying \$US 81.00 per ton (\$2.20 per bushel) for southern wheat for November-December shipment, but prices have fallen to around \$US 76.00 (\$2.07 per bushel) for both northern and southern wheat - the price c.i.f. British ports has fallen to around £28.5.0 - per ton (\$2.32 per bushel). Brazil has recently purchased a further quantity of 50,000 metric tons (1,837,000 bushels) at \$US 64.48 per ton (\$1.75 per bushel) for shipment between December 10 and January 10.

New crop "durums" were being quoted at 910 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.97 per bushel) at the end of November, about 10 per cent lower than the previous month, while in Europe prices were around \$US 78.00 per metric ton (\$2.12 per bushel) c.i.f. continental ports.

Present prices in the Buenos Aires Cereal Exchange are as follows: Hard wheat, grade 1, basis 80 kilograms per hectolitre (64 pounds per bushel), 835 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.80 per bushel); semi-hard, grade 1, basis 80 kilograms per hectolitre (64 pounds per bushel), 810 pesos (\$1.75 per bushel); and "durums", 850 pesos (\$1.84 per bushel). Prices in the Buenos Aires Futures Market during the period under review were as follows:

	<u>Nov. 20</u>	<u>Nov. 27</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>	<u>Dec. 12</u>
For delivery in:	- dollars per bushel -			
December	1.80	1.76	-	-
January	1.79	1.77	1.77	1.77
February	1.85	1.82	1.82	1.82
March	1.89	1.86	1.86	1.86
April	-	-	-	1.92

Argentine Wheat Exports December-November 1962-63 with Comparisons

Destination	Wheat	Destination	Wheat
	'000 bushels		'000 bushels
Africa, North.....	198	Italy.....	9,247
Algeria.....	1,516	Netherlands.....	5,470
Belgium.....	4,485	Norway.....	725
Bolivia.....	73	Paraguay.....	561
Brazil.....	17,812	Peru.....	10,798
Britain.....	6,737	Portugal.....	821
Czechoslovakia.....	664	Sweden.....	53
Finland.....	147	Switzerland.....	368
France.....	3,417	Venezuela.....	373
Germany.....	2,327	Total.....	65,792
Compared with:			
December-November 1961-62.....			99,014
1960-61.....			38,256
1959-60.....			88,333
1958-59.....			96,132
1957-58.....			73,029

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated commercial domestic supplies of wheat in France for the crop year (July-June) 1963-64, consisting of the July 1 carry-over of 100.4 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 246.3 million amount to some 346.7 million bushels, 19 per cent less than the 1962-63 total of 429.8 million. Imports of wheat during the July-November period of 1963 amounted to 5.5 million bushels. After deducting 210.7 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover is about 141.5 million bushels compared with 211.6 million last year.

French Supplies of Soft Wheat

Item	1962-63	1963-64 <u>1/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Commercial carryover, July 1.....	58.7	100.4
Deliveries to Grain Board.....	371.1	246.3
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	429.8	346.7
Imports, July-November.....	0.8	5.5
Total estimated commercial supplies.....	430.6	352.3
Less domestic requirements for crop year.....	219.0	210.7 <u>2/</u>
Available for export and for carryover.....	211.6	141.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain July-November.....	28.4	30.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July-November.....	9.4	6.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	37.9	36.9
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover.	173.7	104.7

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first five months of the 1963-64 crop year amounted to 36.9 million bushels, and represented a decrease of 3 per cent from the comparable 1962-63 total of 37.9 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on December 1, 1963 for export and for carryover amounted to 104.7 million bushels in contrast to the November 1, 1962 total of 173.7 million.

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Mr. R.G. Woolham, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of December 23, 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.

Crop Situation Winter seeding of cereals has now been completed and in general the situation is reported as being very satisfactory. Fall seeding conditions for the period were very mild and favoured planting and growth. Precipitation has been light. Cereal acreage estimates as of December 1, 1963 were reported as follows:

<u>Grain</u>	5-Year Average	December 1
	<u>1958-62</u>	<u>1963</u>
	- thousand acres -	
Wheat	8,167	8,621
Wheat and rye	32	34
Rye	675	582
Barley	736	683
Oats	782	640
Mixed cereals	79	96
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Totals	10,470	10,657
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Seeding of winter cereals this year is slightly above average. While wheat acreage has increased, acreage of other cereals has been cut back slightly.

Durum Wheat Receipts of durum wheat by French Semolina industry during July 1 - November 30, 1963 are reported as follows in thousands of bushels: Domestic, 935; Algeria, 79; Argentina, 919; Canada, 1,585; Syria, 382; Tunisia, 2,131; and United States, 609. Figures given for Tunisia are imports under a special contract for 3,674,000 bushels for delivery to end of March 1964. Currently an additional 1,837,000 bushels of Tunisian durum wheat is being negotiated for delivery to the end of June. A further one cargo of hard amber durum from the United States and another cargo from Argentina have been purchased for January delivery.

CROP SITUATION IN BRITAIN

The following account of the current crop situation and grain prices in Britain has been extracted from a report received from Mr. W.M. Miner, Commercial Secretary, (Agriculture) for Canada, London, under date of December 16, 1963 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Yields of the 1963 Grain Crop
in England and Wales

The latest estimate of yield per acre of all cereals is above average, but not so high as last year.

October 31, were as follows:

The latest estimates of yield per acre, as at

	5-year average 1958-62	Final Estimate 1962	Forecasts October 31, 1963
	- bushels per acre -		
Wheat	53.0	60.1	56.7
Barley	60.2	67.7	63.2
Oats	73.7	83.0	77.4

The Ministry of Agriculture reports that autumn sown cereals have germinated well and looked healthy and vigorous. Most autumn sowings were completed in October and early November before the weather broke.

Deficiency Payments

The deficiency payment for wheat for the first accounting period (July 1 - September 30, 1963 for the cereal year 1963-64) will be \$12.75 per long ton. This represents the difference between the seasonal standard price of \$1.95 per bushel and the ascertained average price of \$1.57 per bushel for 9.8 million cwt. of millable wheat qualifying during the period. In addition about 1 million cwt. of wheat brought up to millable standard after sale will be included in the payment. About \$6.9 million will be paid to some 25,000 growers shortly.

Advances will be made on account of deficiency payments for the cereal year 1963-64 at the rate of \$18.00 per acre for barley. For oats and mixed corn \$15.00, subject to a deduction of \$2.25 per long ton for deliveries made during the period July 1 - October 31 in accordance with the incentive scheme introduced in 1961 to encourage growers to spread their sales. The total advance will amount to approximately \$105 million.

MEXICAN WHEAT EXPORTS SIZABLE

According to the December 23, 1963 issue of "Foreign Agriculture", published by the Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture the Mexican press reports that the Government of Mexico has sold 440,000 metric tons (16,167,000 bushels) of wheat for export - destination, Europe and the Far East, value \$26.8 million. Of this quantity, 320,000 tons (11,758,000 bushels) will come from the 1962-63 crop and 120,000 tons (4,409,000 bushels) from the 1963-64 crop, which is now being planted and will be harvested beginning at the end of April 1964. Delivery is to be completed by July 15, 1964.

This is the first time Mexico has exported substantial quantities of wheat, though it has been self-sufficient in wheat production since 1955. The 1962-63 crop of 1,786,000 tons (65.6 million bushels) set a record and left a surplus of 382,000 tons (14,036,000 bushels), including carryover and export availabilities. With planted area for 1963-64 forecast at nearly 2 million acres, only slightly below that for 1962-63, and with the use of higher yielding varieties, the coming crop may equal or exceed this record.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- December 13 According to a report received from Mr. H.A. Gilbert, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Melbourne, heavy rains in New South Wales may have prevented Australian wheat farmers from producing another record crop.
- 18 According to a report received from Mr. M.B. Bursey, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Buenos Aires, the first official production estimate for wheat has recently been published by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock and, at 229.6 million bushels represents an increase of 24.5 per cent over the previous harvest of 184.5 million.
- According to the Annual Summary of Crop Production, published by the United States Department of Agriculture, wheat production in the United States in 1963 is estimated at 1,138 million bushels.
- 19 According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, a 1964 winter wheat crop of 959 million bushels is indicated on the basis of conditions at December 1 and other factors.
- The 1963 season of navigation at the Canadian Lakehead, which opened on April 19, closed with the clearing of the S.S. Coverdale.
- 23 According to a report received from Mr. R.G. Woolham, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, winter seeding of cereals has now been completed and, in general, the situation is reported as being very satisfactory.
- January 3 According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the U.S. in November 1963 amounted to 22,220,000 hundredweight, an average of 1,111,000 hundredweight per working day.
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