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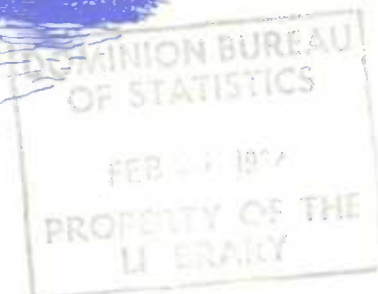
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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Wheat Exports
One Fifth
Above Record

Total shipments of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters continue in record volume. The total of 705.3 million bushels of wheat and flour as wheat equivalent exported from Canada, United States, Argentina and Australia during the August-December period of the current Canadian crop year represents an increase of 20 per cent over the previous record level of 587.9 million exported during the corresponding period in 1961. In addition, this year's August-December shipments of wheat surpassed by 60 per cent last year's comparable total of 441.4 million and exceeded by 80 per cent the ten-year average for the period of 380.2 million bushels. Although exports from each of the four traditional wheat exporting countries were at higher levels this year than last, the bulk of the increase was accounted for by the large volume of shipments from Canada and the United States. It is to be noted, however, that exports of Australian wheat are now considerably more than double the level of the previous year. Shipments of Argentine wheat are slightly above the 1962 level and further increases are anticipated in view of the better-than-expected new crop and the gradual easing of export restrictions.

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

August-December	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
- million bushels -					
1950	93.0	87.1	25.2	51.5	256.8
1951	189.6	135.5	21.8	44.2	391.1
1952	134.2	168.1	0.2	33.4	335.9
1953	82.8	121.1	53.8	26.5	284.2
1954	101.8	116.9	53.2	37.5	309.4
1955	94.4	94.9	52.7	39.8	281.8
1956	204.2	127.4	38.6	63.0	433.2
1957	161.9	128.5	37.5	34.7	362.6
1958	177.8	122.9	39.6	26.3	366.6
1959	166.4	133.5	21.3	48.2	369.4
1960	246.7	134.2	34.9	54.8	470.6
1961	308.6	173.6 ^{1/}	12.3	93.4	587.9 ^{1/}
1962 ^{1/}	232.8	144.0	21.7	42.9	441.4
1963 ^{2/}	328.5	255.1	22.6	99.1	705.3

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Preliminary.

Wheat Supplies of Four Major Exporters Relatively Unchanged From Year Ago

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at January 1, 1964 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,546.0 million bushels compared with 2,542.7 million at the same time a year ago. The newly harvested 1962-63 wheat crops in the Argentine

and Australia are taken into consideration in these totals. Larger supplies in Canada, Argentina and Australia more than offset a decline in the total for United States. Supplies at January 1, 1964, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,344.9 (1,550.9); Canada, 810.5 (674.4); Argentina, 141.2 (76.6); and Australia, 249.4 (240.8).

International Wheat Council
Reviews World Wheat Situation

In its fifth Annual Review of the World Wheat Situation, the International Wheat Council summarized the 1963-64 Outlook for production and trade as follows:

Production and Trade Outlook for 1963-64 World wheat production (excluding mainland China) in 1963-64 is provisionally estimated at 216 million tons*, about 19 million tons below the 1962-63 record. There were, however, major changes of far-reaching effect in the regional pattern of production, the most significant being the sharp decline in the U.S.S.R., Eastern and Western Europe and the larger crops in North America, particularly in Canada. The particular incidence of these changes in production has led to a substantial increase in import demand and on present estimates world trade should rise to about 50 million tons, about 3.0 million tons above the previous record of 1961-62 and 7 million tons above the level of 1962-63. This large increase in trade is due primarily to the exceptional purchases of about 9.7 million tons by the U.S.S.R., normally a substantial exporter, but also reflects the increased requirements of Western Europe and Japan. Commercial trade is likely to expand materially due to the larger demand from Western Europe and Japan, the two major commercial markets in the world, and the U.S.S.R. purchases most of which are for cash. Shipments on concessional terms to less developed countries may increase by about one million tons to 15 million tons and those on credit terms remain around 5-6 million tons.

This unprecedented level of world trade rests on a supply position which is statistically strong. Total supplies in Canada, United States, Argentina and Australia taken together are larger, following increases in production. The flow of supplies needed to satisfy this high level of world demand, however, will have to come largely from these four countries, and their ability to sustain this trade depends not only upon the physical supplies available but in two instances on the capacity of their inland transportation and port facilities to handle the traffic load. A situation of some tightness has therefore developed despite the appearance of relative abundance presented by the statistical position. The United States and Canada will together export nearly 40 million tons while Argentina and Australia are likely to find ready markets for their entire exportable surplus. The exports of France are expected to decline sharply, while those of Italy, Sweden and Spain will be small.

With the expansion in world trade, prices have risen in 1963-64 to well above the average of recent years, and this is particularly true of import prices which have reflected the effects of the sharp increase in freight rates to the highest level since the Suez crisis. Carryover stocks in the eight exporting countries may decline from 52 million tons to 44 million tons or less and be smaller than at any time since the beginning of the 1953-54 year. Nevertheless, at the level of about 44 million tons they would still be adequate to meet import requirements in 1964-65 unless a very exceptional pattern of production and demand again emerged.

Developments in National Policies With respect to national wheat policies the International Wheat Council stated that major changes in national wheat policies, some of them of wide international significance, have recently occurred or are in the process of development. In the United States, with

* One metric ton of wheat equals 36.7433 bushels.

the rejection by farmers in May 1963 of the proposals for more effective supply management, a radical change in the level and conditions of price support will take effect for 1964-65 with far-reaching implications particularly for domestic prices. In the United Kingdom, a new system proposes to set minimum prices for imported cereals combined with the limitation of the guaranteed price to a "standard quantity" or quantum of production. Amongst other important developments in national policies has been the renewal of the Australian Wheat Stabilization Plan. The new scheme is basically similar to previous ones; the guaranteed producer price, however, is lower but applies to a larger volume of exports. In the European Economic Community no major changes in the uniform system, introduced in July 1962, were put into operation for 1963-64. Target prices were raised slightly in France, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands but remained nominally unchanged in Germany. In Italy, state trading was abandoned on June 30th, 1963 but safeguard measures were introduced. The Commission of the European Economic Community has submitted proposals to the Council of Ministers designed to establish a common level of cereal prices within the Community in a single step to take effect for the crop year 1964-65. The common target price at the wholesale level proposed for wheat is DM 425 (U.S. \$106) per metric ton, which is about midway between existing German and French target prices. In other countries there was little change in the level of support prices except in South America where increases were made to offset the effects of rising costs and inflationary trends.

The Effect of the E.E.C. Grain Regulations Among its Conclusions, the International Wheat Council reported that after a careful study of the working of the E.E.C. grain regulations during their first year (1962-63) of operation the Council concluded that so far the effect of the new system upon world trade in wheat had been limited. However, the Council recognized that any assessment based on one year's experience could only be provisional and it noted that important policy decisions (e.g. on prices) still lay in the future.

From the evidence it had considered, the Council felt that there was no clear indication that the adoption of a uniform system had introduced any new factor which of itself had thus far contributed to make any material difference to the pattern of trade between the Community and third countries, except in the case of flour. Nor had access to the Community market by external suppliers been significantly impaired by any consequences flowing directly from the introduction of the new system. However, while it was too early to assess the effect of the Italian safeguard measures in 1963-64, the application of such measures had disappointed the expectation of exporting countries that they would be able to compete for their share of market opportunities upon the abandonment of the State trading monopoly on June 30th, 1963. It appeared that the reduced volume of sales to the Community in 1962-63 had resulted largely from the sharp increase in domestic production in that year, due mainly to favourable weather conditions, and from some measure of advance buying and stockpiling. The extent to which a rise in production was encouraged by the effects of cereal policies within the Community was a reflection of pre-existent national policies which have not yet been materially modified by the introduction of the common cereals system.

International Wheat Council
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries
Crop Year 1963-64 — Through December 28, 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.....	13,663	348	-	2,870	-	7	110	3,777	20,775
Brazil.....	-	4,409	-	-	-	-	-	879	5,288
Costa Rica.....	445	-	-	-	-	-	-	512	957
Cuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic.....	697	-	-	-	-	-	-	357	1,054
El Salvador.....	860	-	-	-	-	-	-	697	1,557
Finland.....	357	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	357
Germany, Federal Republic	26,084	1,369	7,903	3,146	-	18	-	17,299	55,819
Greece.....	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	188	198
Guatemala.....	492	-	-	-	-	-	-	916	1,408
Iceland.....	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	20	26
India.....	-	-	485	-	-	-	-	2	487
Indonesia.....	-	-	139	-	-	-	-	1	140
Ireland.....	2,385	-	1,891	-	-	-	-	243	4,519
Israel.....	1,067	-	138	-	-	-	-	808	2,013
Japan.....	30,684	-	9,993	-	-	-	-	36,005	76,682
Korea.....	511	-	1,539	-	-	-	-	1	2,051
Liberia.....	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	104
Libya.....	-	-	-	-	507	-	-	-	507
Netherlands.....	2,962	1,795	1	1,296	-	-	2,719	15,982	24,755
Netherlands Territories	178	-	13	-	-	-	-	351	542
New Zealand.....	-	-	4,294	-	-	-	-	-	4,294
Nigeria.....	224	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,418	1,642
Norway.....	1,667	-	4,256	9	-	213	-	2,694	8,839
Peru.....	790	5,159	7	-	-	-	-	2,032	7,988
Philippines.....	7,932	-	2,053	-	-	-	-	6,684	16,669
Portugal.....	25	411	12	334	-	-	-	4,486	5,268
Portuguese Territories.	329	-	912	-	-	-	-	826	2,067
Rhodesia & Nyasaland.....	58	-	2,403	-	-	-	-	112	2,573
Saudi Arabia.....	642	-	623	-	1	-	-	1,960	3,226
Sierra Leone.....	385	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	426
South Africa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,036	3,036
Switzerland.....	8,097	59	-	23	14	6	-	1,549	9,748
Tunisia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Arab Republic.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom.....	92,205	2,019	21,676	1,005	4	64	1,867	13,742	132,582
U.K. Territories.....	3,155	-	3,515	-	-	-	-	1,232	7,902
Vatican City.....	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	205
Venezuela.....	6,320	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,134	12,454
Western Samoa.....	-	-	73	-	-	-	-	1	74
To Orders.....	-	6,216	-	15,619	-	360	-	-	22,195
Totals.....	202,940	21,785	61,926	24,308	526	668	4,696	124,036	440,885
Percentage of Total Sales by Exporting Countries...	46.04	4.94	14.04	5.51	0.12	0.15	1.06	28.14	100.00

NOTE: Mexico - no sales reported.

Spain - no sales reported up to October 31, 1963.

Quantities for Argentina cover period ending September 27, 1963.

Quantities for France cover period ending December 7, 1963.

Quantities for Italy cover period ending November 30, 1963.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies at Record Level Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1963-64 crop year are placed at an all-time high of 1,210.7 million bushels, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 487.2 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 amount to 1,065.7 million bushels, 30 per cent above the 818.5 million in 1962-63.

Exports Continue at Record Level Total exports of wheat and flour during the August-December period of the current crop year amounted to the unprecedented level of 255.1 million bushels, exceeding by 5 per cent the previous peak of 243.0 million shipped during the same period in 1928 and surpassing by 77 per cent last season's comparable total of 144.0 million. Of the current total, shipments of wheat as grain accounted for some 238.8 million bushels as against 131.9 million a year ago. The equivalent of 16.3 million bushels was exported in the form of wheat flour compared with 12.1 million during the August-December period last year. The balance remaining on January 1, 1964 for export and for carryover amounted to 810.5 million bushels, 20 per cent larger than the January 1, 1963 total of 674.4 million.

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	487.2 <u>1/</u>
Production.....	565.6	723.4
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-December...	<u>3/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Total estimated supplies.....	956.6	1,210.7 <u>1/</u>
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year...	138.1	145.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	818.5	1,065.7 <u>1/</u>
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-December <u>5/</u>	130.9	237.8
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-December <u>6/</u> ...	1.0	1.0
Total exports of wheat as grain.....	131.9	238.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - December <u>6/</u>	12.1	16.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	144.0	255.1
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover....	674.4	810.5

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

Commercial Supplies
Reverse Downward
Trend

After recording declines during most of the current crop year, the weekly visible supply of Canadian wheat increased during each of the five weeks December 18 to January 22. Primary deliveries (both east and west) during the five-week period under review amounted to some 67.4 million bushels while disappearance into export and domestic channels totalled only 40.0 million. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat climbed from 341.5 million bushels at December 18, 1963 to 370.0 million at January 22, 1964.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at January 22 this year represented declines of 6 per cent from the 1963 comparable total of 391.5 million and 1 per cent less than the 1962 figure of 374.6 million. Stocks in country elevators amounted to 208.4 million bushels below the 209.7 million in this position a year ago but above the 204.3 million two years ago. This year's supplies in country elevators at January 22 accounted for 56 per cent of the total visible wheat supply compared with the 1963 and 1962 corresponding percentages of 54 per cent and 55 per cent, respectively. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at January 22, 1964 totalled 4.9 million bushels below both the 5.6 million a year ago and 10.7 million two years ago. The 24.1 million bushels "in transit rail" (Western Division) represented an increase of 26 per cent over the 19.1 million at January 23, 1963 and 45 per cent above the 16.7 million at January 24, 1962. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 48.8 million bushels, were also above the 45.9 million last year and the 33.3 million two years ago. The 21.1 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were sharply below both the 32.9 million bushels recorded in 1963 and the 33.7 million in 1962. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at January 22, 1964 at 15.3 million bushels also registered substantial declines from both the 1963 and 1962 corresponding totals of 27.0 million and 27.4 million bushels, respectively. The 8.6 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were lower than the two previous years' corresponding totals of 9.8 million and 11.0 million bushels, respectively.

December 1963 Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
47.6 Million Bushels

Total exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1963 amounted to 47.6 million bushels, more than double both the December 1962 total of 23.7 million and the ten-year (1952-61) average for the month of December of 22.1 million, but sharply below the November 1963 level of 69.4 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during December 1963 totalled 41.8 million bushels, more than double the ten-year average for the month of 18.3 million and almost twice as great as the December 1962 figure of 20.9 million but 36 per cent less than the November 1963 total of 65.3 million bushels. Exports of bagged seed wheat during December 1963, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 397 thousand bushels compared with the November figure of 245 thousand and the December 1962 total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 451 thousand bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 5.4 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during December 1963 the largest total for that month since December 1944. In addition the December 1963 exports of wheat flour were 39 per cent greater than the November total of 3.9 million and more than double the adjusted December 1962 figure of 2.3 million bushels equivalent.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the period August-December 1963 amounted to 237.8 million bushels, representing an increase of 82 per cent over the comparable 1962 total of 130.9 million and more than double the ten-year average for the period of 114.0 million. Clearances to the U.S.S.R. totalled 25.8 million bushels during the month of December and raised the cumulative crop year total to that destination to 91.6 million. This total represented 39 per cent of the five-month total exports of Canadian wheat in bulk form. Shipments of wheat to Britain amounted to 35.3 million bushels and accounted for 15 per cent of the

August-December total. During the same period of 1962 shipments of wheat to Britain amounted to 33.1 million bushels and represented 25 per cent of the August-December total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first five months of the current crop year, with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 21.3 (16.3); Federal Republic of Germany, 20.2 (17.8); China Communist, 13.3 (18.9); Belgium and Luxembourg, 11.7 (4.2); Poland, 7.3 (14.2); Switzerland, 4.0 (1.6); Italy, 3.8 (3.5); and Yugoslavia, 3.5 (nil). Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-December of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 964 thousand bushels compared with last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 982 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first five months of the 1963-64 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 16.3 million bushels, 35 per cent above the adjusted August-December 1962 total of 12.1 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-December of the current crop year amounted to the equivalent of 4.9 million bushels and accounted for 30 per cent of the August-December 1963 total. During the same months of the 1962-63 crop year shipments of wheat flour to Britain amounted to the equivalent of 5.3 million bushels and represented 44 per cent of the total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-December 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), 4,325 (nil); Cuba, 1,095 (nil); Ceylon, 586 (nil); Trinidad and Tobago, 585 (531); Jamaica, 577 (581); Ghana, 501 (1,066); Hong Kong, 466 (419); United States, 421 (533); Leeward and Windward Islands, 404 (371); and Malaya and Singapore, 319 (265).

General Quota
Position

By February 3, 1964 out of a total of 1,921 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 651 points on a delivery quota of 6 bushels per specified acre, 607 on a 5-bushel quota and 469 on a 4-bushel quota. Of the remainder 166 points were on a 3-bushel quota and 20 on a 2-bushel quota. Eight stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division
as at February 3, 1964

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre					Closed	Total
	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six		
Ontario.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Manitoba.....	-	-	30	89	224	2	345
Saskatchewan.....	3	61	283	394	296	5	1,042
Alberta.....	17	105	156	124	125	1	528
British Columbia.....	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
All Provinces.....	20	166	469	607	651	8	1,921

Farmers'
Marketings
Accelerated

After lagging behind the 1962-63 level for the first five months of the current year, farmers' deliveries of wheat have gained considerable momentum in recent weeks. By the week ending January 15, the current crop year total had exceeded comparable marketings of the previous year by 2 per cent and, by January 22, with cumulative deliveries of wheat amounting to 257.4 million bushels, this margin had widened to 7 per cent and also represented an increase of 58 per cent above the ten-year average for the period of 162.9 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
	23	772,650	4,685,432	1,834,729	7,292,811	13,641,722
	30	896,593	8,228,088	2,114,472	11,239,153	8,379,852
January	8, 1964...	1,960,032	9,382,077	4,457,844	15,799,953	6,527,399
	15	1,101,268	11,147,003	4,478,272	16,726,543	8,831,404
	22	1,004,626	11,046,582	4,216,919	16,268,127	3,745,528
Totals.....		30,732,462	174,325,591	52,295,552	257,353,605	239,649,676
Average similar period:						
1952-53-1961-62....		18,502,615	100,424,468	43,940,261	162,867,344	

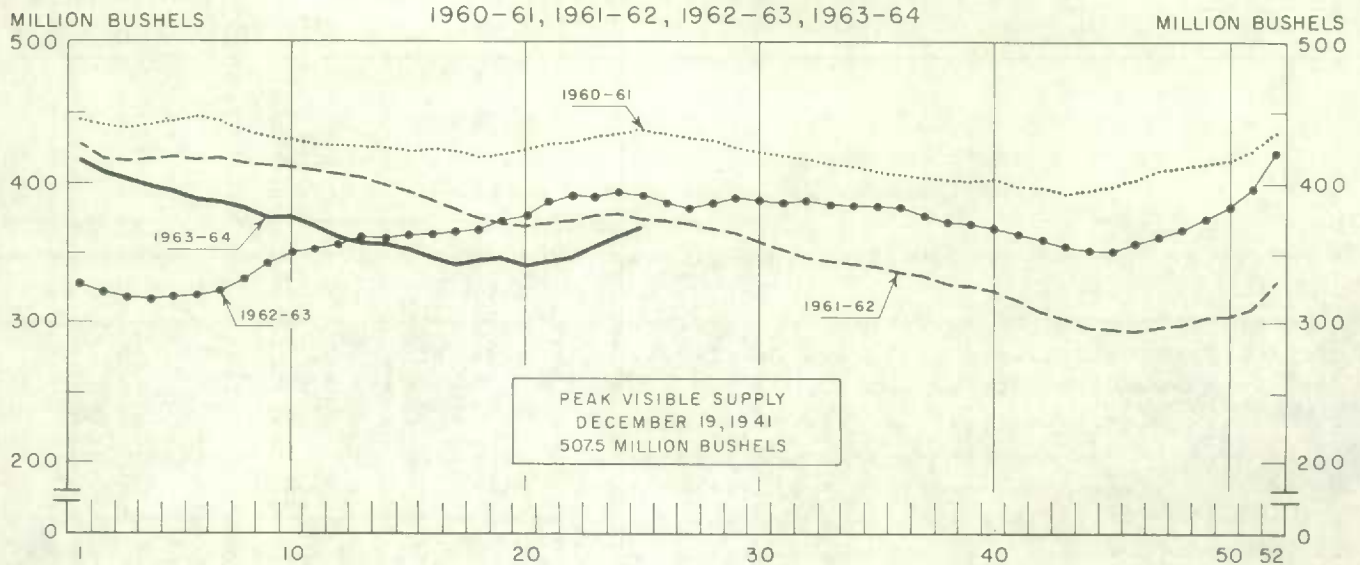
^{1/} Includes receipts at country, interior private and mill elevators, interior semi-public terminals and platform loadings.

Position	1962	1963	1964
	- thousand bushels -		
Country elevators - Manitoba.....	29,065	26,024	20,469
Saskatchewan.....	111,579	121,525	128,178
Alberta.....	63,665	62,111	59,704
Totals.....	204,309	209,660	208,351
Interior private and mill.....	6,810	7,824	7,731
Interior terminals.....	10,741	5,573	4,892
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	10,394	8,880	7,598
Victoria.....	592	305	564
Prince Rupert.....	-	569	443
Churchill.....	4,829	4,857	4,759
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	33,342	45,937	48,752
Storage afloat.....	681	-	-
In transit rail (Western Division).....	16,661	19,137	24,142
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports.....	33,653	32,910	21,119
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports.....	27,373	26,991	15,333
Storage afloat.....	21,790	26,414	22,854
In transit rail (Eastern Division).....	3,410	2,480	3,427
Totals.....	374,585	391,536	369,964

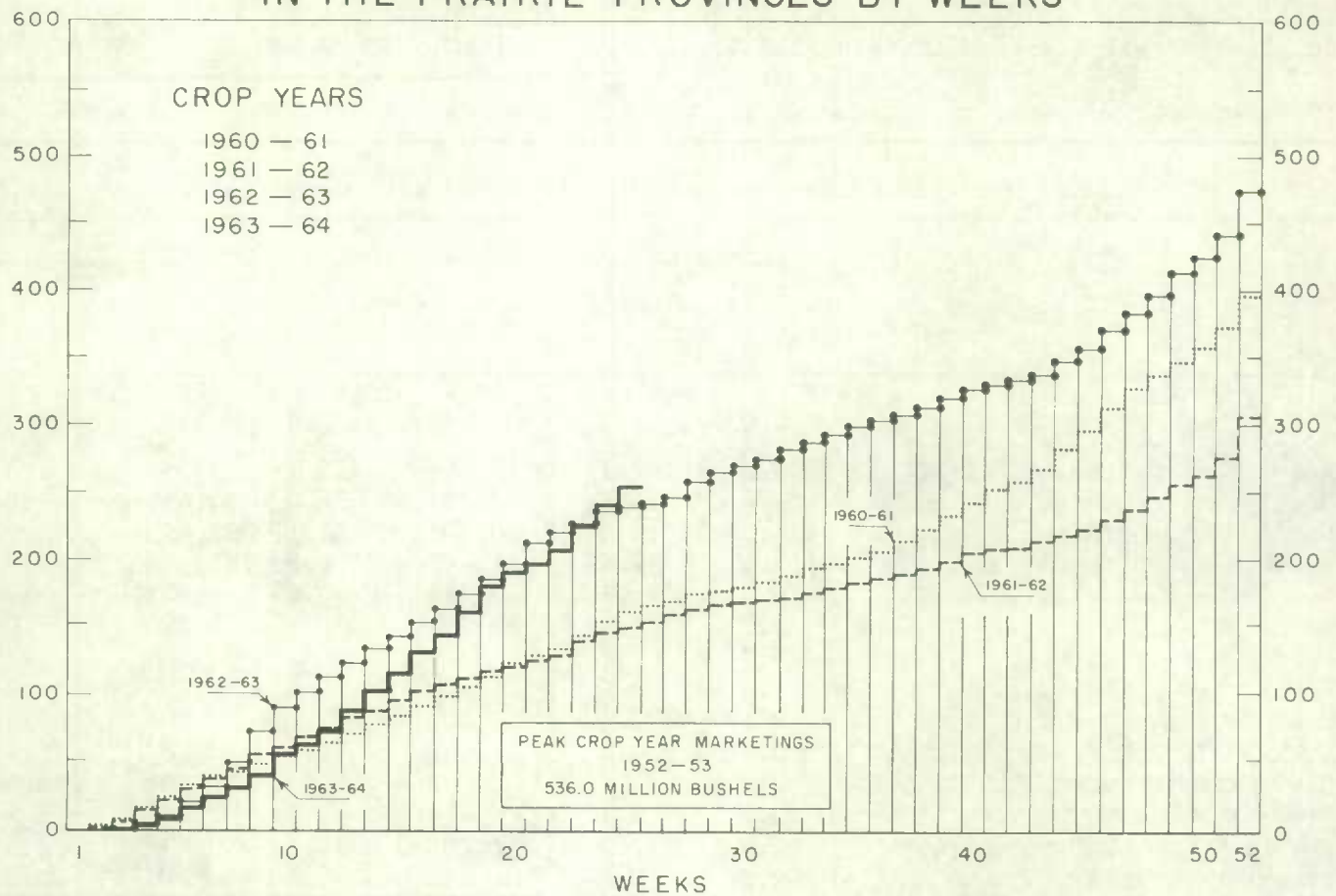
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-December 1963 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		August-December			
	Average					
	1957-58 1961-62	1962-63	1962	1963		
	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	13,364	15.3	5,556	4.3
No. 2 Man. Northern.....	34.4	38.4	33,239	38.0	54,499	41.9
No. 3 Man. Northern.....	26.0	14.9	10,606	12.1	32,555	25.0
No. 4 Man. Northern.....	12.1	11.4	7,687	8.8	12,697	9.8
No. 5 Wheat.....	5.5	5.7	3,382	3.9	6,425	4.9
No. 6 Wheat.....	1.1	0.9	969	1.1	1,296	1.0
Feed Wheat.....	1/	1/	10	1/	14	1/
Others Red Spring.....	9.4	8.0	5,807	6.6	6,057	4.7
C.W. Garnet.....	0.1	0.1	101	0.1	506	0.4
C.W. White Spring.....	0.1	0.1	143	0.2	87	0.1
C.W. Mixed Wheat.....	1/	1/	33	1/	65	0.1
Alberta Winter.....	0.2	0.2	416	0.5	1,451	1.1
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum...	5.6	7.7	11,207	12.8	8,439	6.5
Others C.W. Amber Durum.....	0.2	0.5	612	0.7	314	0.2
Totals.....	100.0	100.0	87,585	100.0	129,962	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.).....			167,159,000		249,827,000	
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 January 22, 1964 amounted to 205 thousand bushels. During the comparable periods of 1962-63 and 1961-62 vessel and rail shipments amounted to 259 thousand and 562 thousand bushels, respectively.

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1963 - January 22, 1964
with Comparisons

Destination	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
- 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.....	41,336	58,826	80,893
Totals, Shipments.....	562,314	258,784	204,622

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

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first five months of the current crop year totalled 15.8 million bushels compared with the August-December 1962 figure of 5.1 million.

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

Origin of Shipments	August 1 - December 31, 1962	August 1 - December 31, 1963
- bushels -		
Port McNicoll.....	2,756,260	5,858,260
Midland, Tiffin.....	1,808,993	5,250,511
Collingwood.....	-	281,013
Owen Sound.....	367,776	1,811,542
Goderich.....	33,000	1,288,193
Sarnia.....	134,000	1,169,667
Port Colborne.....	-	180,066
Totals.....	5,100,029	15,839,252

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	23,047
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, December 1963

Grade	Quebec	Ontario
- bushels -		
3 Northern.....	-	4,000
6 Wheat.....	13,500	-
Durum.....	2,000	-
Others.....	2,833	714
Totals.....	18,333	4,714

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1963-January 22, 1964
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.	72,533,911	-	6,684,606	5,622,312	711,187	2,644,073	3,083,171
Victoria.....	3,207,913	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert.....	3,817,334	-	-	-	-	-	-
<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.....	53,205,230	8,832,080	475,939	180,145	364,809	1,595,720	-
Sorel.....	12,286,544	1,514,329	-	-	-	206,698	-
Three Rivers.....	12,489,472	2,633,978	228,193	-	-	359,133	-
Quebec.....	10,365,548	-	-	-	439,707	-	-
Baie Comeau.....	25,551,764	205,763	-	-	89,887	283,961	-
<u>Maritime</u>							
Saint John.....	1,733,563	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Saint John.....	12,876,172	683,359	-	-	-	136,863	-
Halifax.....	7,446,617	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.....	240,630,986	14,593,754	8,914,101	7,715,553	2,226,109	6,092,669	3,083,171
Aug. 1, 1962-Jan. 23, 1963.	132,358,543	12,918,158	3,949,419	2,459,757	4,531,067	6,649,313	2,888,231

1/ Excluding bagged seed.

2/ In bushels of 50 pounds.

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to December 31, 1963 represent the movement of 5,771 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-November period of the 1963-64 crop year. During the same months last year claims had been filed for a total of 3,085 thousand bushels, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both the current and preceding crop years that the August-November shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 87 per cent above those of 1962. Revised data on the August-November 1962 shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to December 31, 1963 place the four-month total at 3,508 thousand bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current four months under review went to destinations in Ontario and Quebec, with these two provinces accounting for 37 per cent and 40 per cent of the total, respectively.

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

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
- thousand bushels -								
August, 1963.....	16	15	143	43	584	515	93	1,410
September.....	17	12	155	57	614	685	164	1,704
October.....	18	14	187	73	650	608	102	1,651
November.....	6	10	138	32	475	305	40	1,006
Totals <u>1/</u>	57	52	622	205	2,323	2,113	398	5,771
Same period 1962:								
Preliminary <u>2/</u>	26	35	158	80	1,341	1,043	402	3,085
Revised <u>1/</u>	39	37	160	95	1,480	1,122	575	3,508

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate shipments of 150,047 tons during the August-November period of the current crop year. During the same four months of 1962 claims had been filed for a total of 142,341 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-November shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 5 per cent above those of 1962. Revised data on the 1962 August-November shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to December 31, 1963 place the four-month total at 163,965 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 - November 1963 and 1962

Province	1962		1963
	Preliminary <u>2/</u>	Revised <u>1/</u>	Preliminary <u>1/</u>
- tons -			
Newfoundland.....	2,072	2,780	1,366
Prince Edward Island.....	2,300	2,680	2,274
Nova Scotia.....	10,144	10,524	8,615
New Brunswick.....	8,433	9,942	7,756
Quebec.....	72,158	81,091	76,186
Ontario.....	37,000	43,029	46,955
British Columbia.....	10,234	13,919	6,895
Totals.....	142,341	163,965	150,047

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

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

Supply and Disposition of Wheat and Rye, Canada
Crop Year 1962-63

Item	Wheat	Rye
	- bushels -	
Stocks at commencement of crop year -		
On farms.....	59,170,000	1,190,000
Pacific coast elevators.....	12,369,841	17,397
Western country elevators.....	160,966,460	733,490
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	62,938,225	1,250,339
Eastern elevators.....	55,624,204	171,357
In transit rail.....	13,778,626	178,911
In transit lake.....	4,903,116	145,000
Other Canadian positions.....	21,307,801	31,292
U.S.A. positions.....	-	71,000
Totals, in store July 31, 1962.....	391,058,273	3,788,786
1962 Production.....	565,554,000	12,044,000
Imports <u>1/</u>	12,874	56,210
Totals, supplies.....	956,625,147	15,888,996
Exports <u>2/</u>	331,245,171	7,309,825
Consumed in Canada -		
Human food <u>3/</u>	52,861,000	432,000
Seed requirements.....	39,078,000	743,000
Industrial use <u>4/</u>	1,607,473 <u>5/</u>	1,287,611
Loss in handling <u>6/</u>	186,193	81,480
Animal feed, waste and dockage <u>7/</u>	44,400,069	1,875,681
Totals, domestic use.....	138,132,735	4,419,772
Stocks at end of crop year -		
On farms.....	64,700,000	550,000
Pacific coast elevators.....	15,153,299	21,603
Western country elevators.....	231,420,969	1,605,693
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	57,223,355	1,167,432
Eastern elevators.....	71,092,886	405,857
In transit rail.....	22,789,175	235,880
In transit lake.....	4,690,485	137,682
Other Canadian positions.....	20,177,072	35,252
U.S.A. positions.....	-	-
Totals, in store July 31, 1963.....	487,247,241	4,159,399
Totals, disposition.....	956,625,147	15,888,996

1/ Import data for wheat and rye, respectively, include wheat flour in terms of wheat and rye flour in terms of rye. 2/ Export data for wheat includes bagged seed wheat, wheat flour in terms of wheat and rye flour in terms of rye. 3/ Food uses estimated as follows: wheat - wheat flour and breakfast foods; rye - rye flour and breakfast foods. 4/ Industrial uses: wheat - distilling and alcohol industry; wheat flour - feeds, starch, adhesives, miscellaneous chemicals, explosives and pulp and paper industries; and rye - distilling. 5/ Partly estimated. 6/ Includes drying loss, outturn loss (lake and rail), fire loss, storage loss, etc. 7/ Residual after estimating for other uses.

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	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
December.....	41,763	397	42,160	5,393	47,553
Totals.....	237,839	964	238,803	16,342	255,145

1/ Export clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. 2/ Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 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, December 1963 and 1962

Destination	December 1963			December 1962
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total All Wheat	Total All Wheat
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u> - bushels -				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	5,501,643	37,333	5,538,976	4,242,084
Ireland.....	196,000	-	196,000	56,000
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Hong Kong.....	56,933	-	56,933	39,200
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Jamaica.....	1,196	-	1,196	1,196
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries..	5,755,772	37,333	5,793,105	4,338,480
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria.....	-	-	-	135,039
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	461,627	-	461,627	723,334
Finland.....	-	-	-	350,933
France.....	103,143	-	103,143	713,155
Germany, Federal Republic.....	634,611	-	634,611	2,522,958
Italy.....	670,171	-	670,171	132,799
Netherlands.....	130,666	-	130,666	1,390,658
Switzerland.....	138,602	-	138,602	44,800
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia).....	23,970,093	1,839,398	25,809,491	-
<u>Middle East</u>				
Saudi Arabia.....	-	-	-	59,955
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Mozambique.....	37,085	-	37,085	104,332
<u>Other Asia</u>				
China, Communist.....	2,927,399	-	2,927,399	6,388,280
Japan.....	3,450,392	-	3,450,392	2,022,262
Philippines.....	-	-	-	317,632
Taiwan.....	97,813	-	97,813	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania.....	39,200	-	39,200	58,053
<u>South America</u>				
Ecuador.....	54,133	-	54,133	92,213
Venezuela.....	517,212	-	517,212	1,263,598
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Cuba.....	802,512	-	802,512	-
El Salvador.....	95,129	-	95,129	-
Guatemala.....	-	-	-	81,667
<u>North America</u>				
United States				
for domestic use <u>2/</u>	542	-	542	208,633
Totals, Other Countries.....	34,130,330	1,839,398	35,969,728	16,610,301
Sub-Totals, All Countries.....	39,886,102	1,876,731	41,762,833	20,948,781
Bagged seed <u>3/</u>			397,248	450,583
Totals, All Countries.....	39,886,102	1,876,731	42,160,081	21,399,364

NOTE: See footnotes on page 18.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination

Destination	August-December 1963			Aug.-Dec. 1962
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total All Wheat	Total All Wheat
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	35,219,119	84,408	35,303,527	33,078,884
Ireland.....	2,030,000	-	2,030,000	774,030
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.....	319,199	-	319,199	260,400
Malaya and Singapore.....	58,800	-	58,800	-
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Barbados.....	40	-	40	-
Jamaica.....	6,038	-	6,038	6,566
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries..	38,564,041	84,408	38,648,449	35,365,731

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Austria.....	524,904*	-	524,904*	681,055
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	11,243,284*	411,167	11,654,451*	4,163,897
Denmark.....	20,543	-	20,543	-
Finland.....	356,533	-	356,533	350,933
France.....	1,785,799*	802,691	2,588,490*	3,690,203
Germany, Federal Republic.....	14,885,775*	5,335,899	20,221,674*	17,791,013
Greece.....	-	-	-	10
Italy.....	3,758,777	-	3,758,777	3,474,826
Netherlands.....	2,004,490*	154,168	2,158,658*	3,739,054
Norway.....	1,667,203	-	1,667,203	1,568,267
Sweden.....	22,400	-	22,400	67,200
Switzerland.....	2,489,994	1,543,096	4,033,090	1,581,971
<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).....	86,014,800	5,601,795	91,616,595	-
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	426,967
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Katanga.....	-	-	-	9,186
Mozambique.....	90,857	11,200	102,057	298,977

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat 1/ by Destination

Destination	August-December 1963			Aug.-Dec. 1962
	Wheat (Except Durum)	Durum Wheat	Total All Wheat	Total All Wheat
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES</u> (concluded)				
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Burma.....	78,931	-	78,931	-
China, Communist.....	13,276,107	-	13,276,107	18,943,474
Japan.....	21,321,902	-	21,321,902	16,326,656
Korea.....	511,467	-	511,467	-
Philippines.....	2,593,422	-	2,593,422	2,989,468
Taiwan.....	175,594	-	175,594	-
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania.....	203,616	-	203,616	298,479
<u>South America</u>				
Ecuador.....	366,681	-	366,681	527,830
Peru.....	730,614	-	730,614	-
Venezuela.....	2,488,915	-	2,488,915	2,791,885
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Cuba.....	2,086,800	-	2,086,800	-
Dominican Republic.....	349,906	-	349,906	253,773
El Salvador.....	395,662	-	395,662	259,108
Guatemala.....	100,000	-	100,000	81,667
<u>North America</u>				
United States for domestic use <u>2/</u>	203,233	-	203,233	246,600
Totals, Other Countries.....	185,330,115	13,860,016	199,190,131	95,581,155
Sub-Totals, All Countries.....	223,894,156	13,944,424	237,838,580	130,946,886
Bagged seed <u>3/</u>			964,094	982,355
Totals, All Countries.....	223,894,156	13,944,424	238,802,674	131,929,241

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

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

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

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

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	September 1963 1/	December 1963 2/	August-December	
			1963 2/	1962 1/
- bushels -				
<u>COMMONWEALTH AND PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES</u>				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	954,304	582,882	4,852,811	5,280,183
Gibraltar.....	2,576	-	13,910	19,835
<u>Middle East</u>				
Kuwait.....	5,152	5,382	13,255	50,232
Qatar.....	-	-	258	975
British Middle East, nes	-	6,183	15,456	8,501
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Ghana.....	5,343	110,593	501,223	1,065,735
Nigeria.....	115	389	20,758	513,450
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	5,134	3,255	19,992	12,954
Sierra Leone.....	3,301	22,621	202,883	215,186
Tanganyika.....	-	-	5,290	2,300
British Africa, nes	-	-	35,420	30,747
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Ceylon.....	-	-	586,056	-
Hong Kong.....	83,085	107,454	466,353	419,364
Malaya and Singapore.....	68,457	47,099	319,258	265,144
British East Indies, nes	1,787	1,271	7,723	4,094
<u>Oceania</u>				
Australia.....	-	-	124	-
Fiji.....	575	115	2,565	2,357
<u>South America</u>				
British Guiana.....	2,463	1,904	9,296	7,555
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Bahamas.....	23,571	23,989	134,939	134,124
Bermuda.....	10,757	7,222	48,275	48,624
British Honduras.....	3,763	3,466	15,263	12,735
Barbados.....	14,225	10,270	59,922	55,842
Jamaica.....	147,798	145,944	577,164	581,387
Leeward and Windward Islands.....	88,187	48,314	404,002	371,425
Trinidad and Tobago.....	116,720	111,706	584,832	530,679
Totals, Com. and Pref. Countries....	1,537,313	1,240,059	8,897,028	9,633,428

OTHER COUNTRIES

<u>Western Europe</u>				
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	16,691	22,926	87,839	73,984
Denmark.....	-	-	2,841	5,557
Germany, Federal Republic.....	-	-	-	6,463
Greece.....	2,079	-	3,873	22,312
Iceland.....	1,610	1,610	3,220	8,050
Italy.....	-	-	-	4,996
Netherlands.....	506	-	3,261	1,415
Norway.....	-	-	-	115
Portugal.....	9,925	5,409	50,278	34,631
Sweden.....	759	-	1,265	1,265
Switzerland.....	-	-	39	6,900
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia).....	-	2,674,194	4,324,692	-

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	September 1963 <u>1/</u>	December 1963 <u>2/</u>	August-December	
			1963 <u>2/</u>	1962 <u>1/</u>
- bushels -				
<u>OTHER COUNTRIES (concluded)</u>				
<u>Middle East</u>				
Ethiopia.....	-	253	253	-
Iran.....	207	285	2,185	1,884
Iraq.....	-	-	-	948
Israel.....	-	-	5,152	8,436
Jordan.....	253	-	356	564
Lebanon.....	5,152	5,897	20,178	159,415
Saudi Arabia.....	276	276	840	1,104
Syria.....	-	-	-	2,787
U.A.R. - Egypt.....	-	-	-	12,880
<u>Other Africa</u>				
Angola.....	460	920	2,990	-
Congo-Leo.....	9,775	-	16,445	57,102
French West Africa.....	-	-	-	23,442
Liberia.....	3,220	2,300	42,920	14,219
Mozambique.....	1,265	2,461	12,395	7,105
Portuguese Africa, nes	11,672	17,917	53,199	38,514
Togo.....	8,349	8,662	68,533	5,578
<u>Other Asia</u>				
Burma.....	66,100	17,414	66,100	-
Indonesia.....	-	-	-	64
Japan.....	37,950	4,025	85,300	127,266
Philippines.....	-	-	6,900	9,200
Portuguese Asia.....	3,054	3,588	14,242	5,115
Thailand.....	34,564	62,254	189,559	157,911
Viet-Nam.....	-	-	-	44,576
<u>Oceania</u>				
French Oceania.....	356	357	1,070	1,219
United States Oceania.....	-	1,122	1,122	1,150
<u>South America</u>				
Chile.....	1,178	-	5,778	3,968
Peru.....	3,565	10,005	29,739	11,431
Surinam.....	5,470	4,520	29,208	24,520
Venezuela.....	-	230	230	1,610
<u>Central America and Antilles</u>				
Costa Rica.....	97,952	48,760	233,652	323,582
Cuba.....	-	1,066,416	1,095,442	-
Dominican Republic.....	-	-	16,689	105,639
El Salvador.....	1,424	2,300	7,197	45,965
French West Indies.....	230	230	1,035	2,150
Guatemala.....	920	1,150	8,282	12,084
Haiti.....	6,900	11,500	43,985	446
Honduras.....	5,290	11,845	29,049	26,321
Netherlands Antilles.....	21,926	9,680	105,963	113,590
Nicaragua.....	116,967	36,803	257,842	220,306
Panama.....	20,070	12,930	86,482	208,456
<u>North America</u>				
St. Pierre and Miquelon.....	1,437	2,150	6,573	5,003
United States.....	70,817	102,330	421,043	532,907
Totals, Other Countries.....	568,369	4,152,719	7,445,236	2,484,145
Totals, All Countries.....	2,105,682	5,392,778	16,342,264	12,117,573
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.

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

550 —

500 —

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

MILLION BUSHEL

550 —

500 —

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

PEAK MARKETINGS
1952-53 CROP YEAR
536.0 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

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

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

1963-64

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

550 —

500 —

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

PEAK EXPORTS
1928-29 CROP YEAR
407.6 MILLION BUSHEL

MILLION BUSHEL

550 —

500 —

450 —

400 —

350 —

300 —

250 —

200 —

150 —

100 —

50 —

0

JULY

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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***

* Beginning with 1956-57 includes bagged seed wheat.

** Terms of wheat equivalent. *** Preliminary.

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

MILLION BUSHEL

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

MILLION BUSHEL

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

30 year average
1932-33
1961-62

10 year average
1952-53
1961-62

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

1962-63

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JULY

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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

90 —

80 —

70 —

60 —

50 —

40 —

30 —

20 —

10 —

0

MILLION BUSHELS

90 —

80 —

70 —

60 —

50 —

40 —

30 —

20 —

10 —

0

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

1958-59

1959-60

1960-61

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1962-63

1963-64 **

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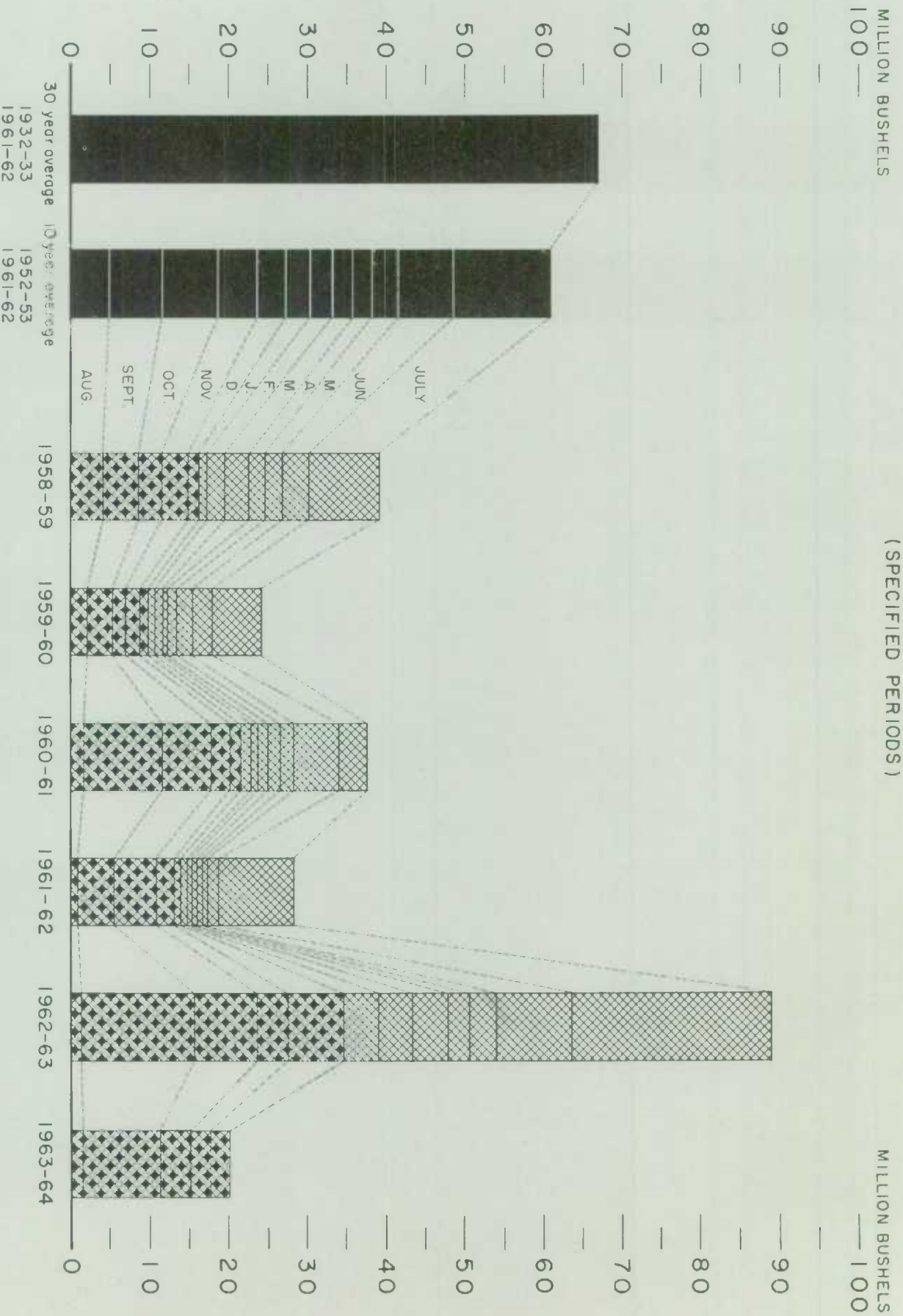
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* In terms of grain equivalent. ** Preliminary.

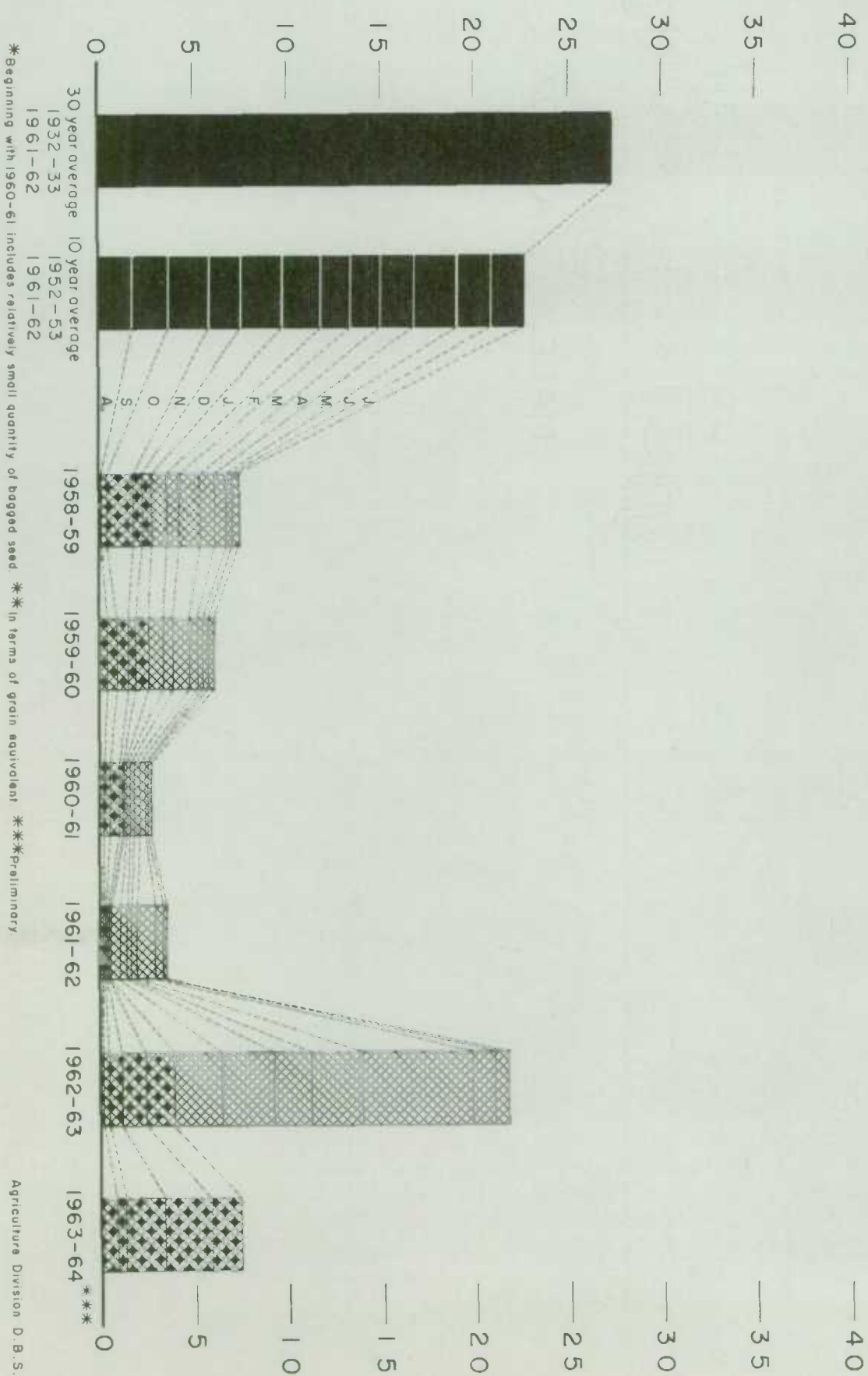
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



45 — MILLION BUSHEL

MILLION BUSHELS
— 45

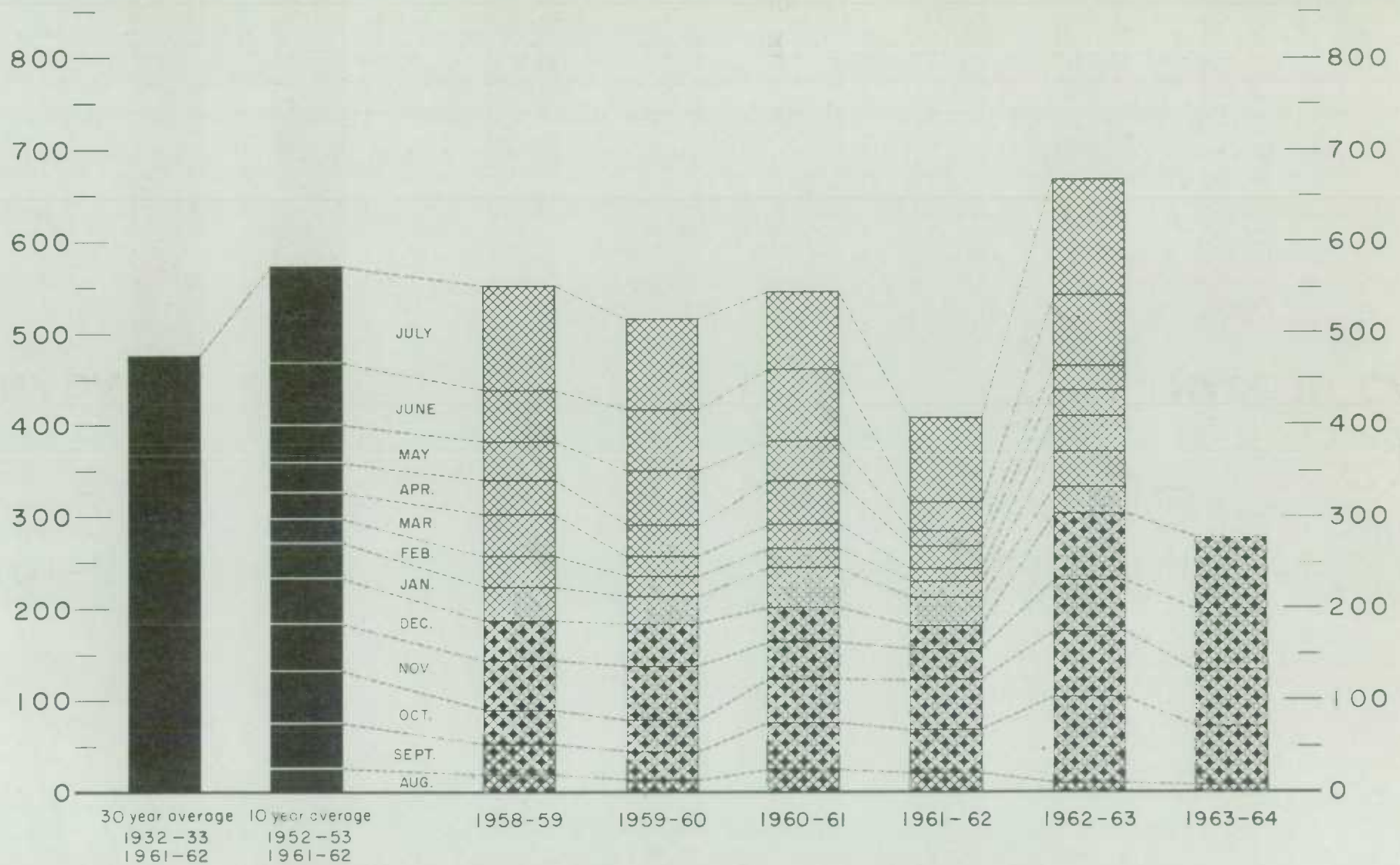


FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS,* PRAIRIE PROVINCES

MILLION BUSHELS
900 —

MILLION BUSHELS
— 900

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

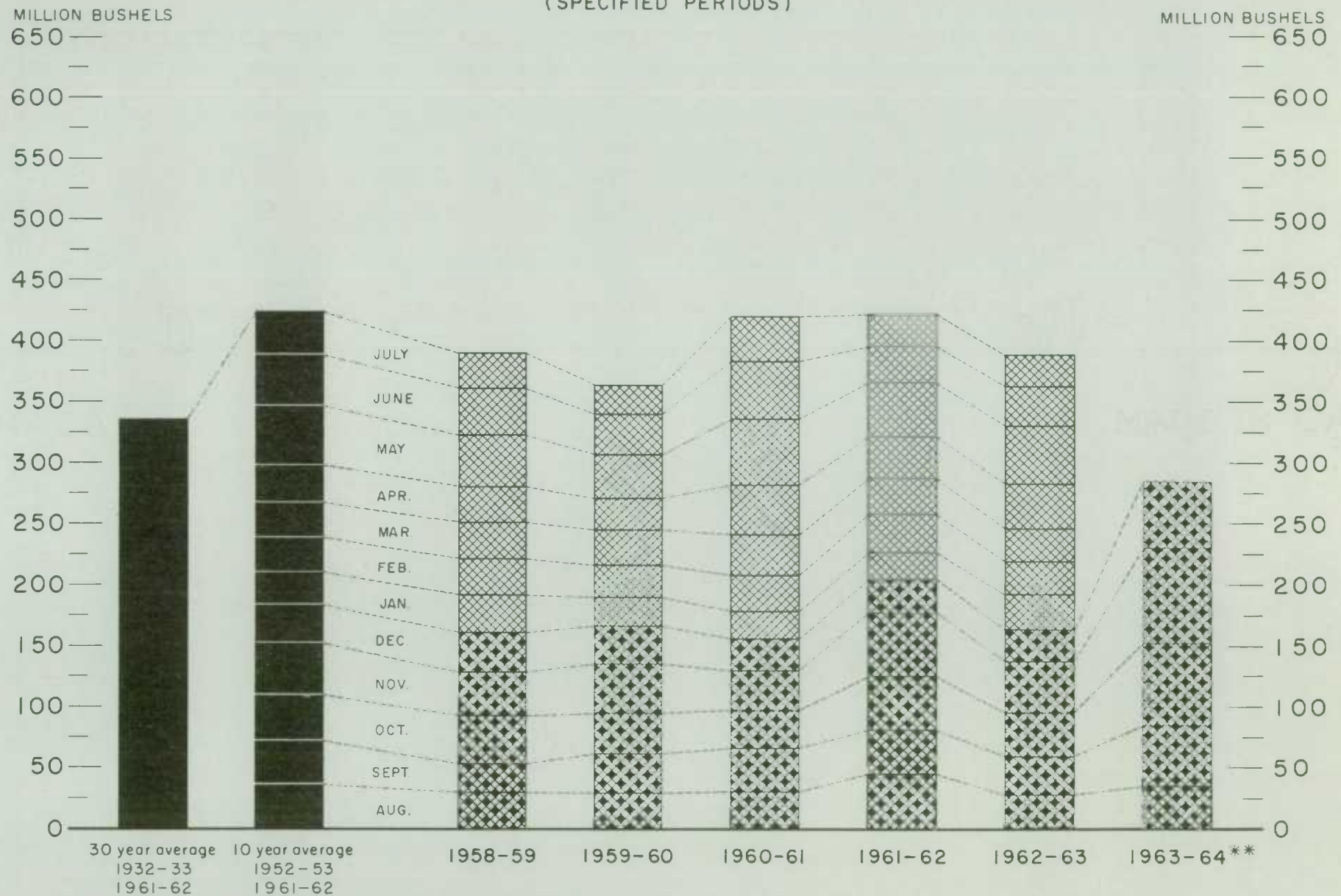


* Wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed.

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EXPORTS OF CANADA'S FIVE MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



* 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.

Agriculture Division D.B.S.

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern.....	205	205/1	205/3	208
2 Northern.....	202	202/1	202/3	205
3 Northern.....	199	199/1	199/3	202
4 Northern.....	192	192/1	192/3	195
5 Wheat.....	186	186/1	186/3	189
6 Wheat.....	181	181/1	181/3	184
Feed Wheat.....	178	178/1	178/3	181
1 C.W. Garnet.....	188	188/1	188/3	191
2 C.W. Garnet.....	186	186/1	186/3	189
3 C.W. Garnet.....	185	185/1	185/3	188
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	191	191/1	191/3	194
2 Alberta Winter.....	189	189/1	189/3	192
3 Alberta Winter.....	188	188/1	188/3	191
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	223	223/1	223	221/6
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	222	222/1	222	220/6
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	214	214/1	214	211/5

Export - Class II

1 Northern.....	205	205/1	205/3	208
2 Northern.....	202	202/1	202/3	205
3 Northern.....	199	199/1	199/3	202
4 Northern.....	192	192/1	192/3	195
5 Wheat.....	186	186/1	186/3	189
6 Wheat.....	181	181/1	181/3	184
Feed Wheat.....	178	178/1	178/3	181
1 C.W. Garnet.....	188	188/1	188/3	191
2 C.W. Garnet.....	186	186/1	186/3	189
3 C.W. Garnet.....	185	185/1	185/3	188
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	223	223/1	223	221/6
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	222	222/1	222	220/6
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	214	214/1	214	211/5

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

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

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

1 Northern.....	209/2	209/3	209/5	212/2
2 Northern.....	205/2	205/3	205/5	208/2
3 Northern.....	204/2	204/3	204/5	207/2
4 Northern.....	197/2	197/3	197/5	200/2
5 Wheat.....	188/2	188/3	188/5	191/2
6 Wheat.....	186/2	186/3	186/5	189/2
Feed Wheat.....	183/2	183/3	183/5	186/2
1 C.W. Garnet.....	189/2	189/3	189/5	192/2
2 C.W. Garnet.....	188/2	188/3	188/5	191/2
3 C.W. Garnet.....	187/2	187/3	187/5	190/2
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	189/2	189/3	189/5	192/2
2 Alberta Winter.....	188/2	188/3	188/5	191/2
3 Alberta Winter.....	187/2	187/3	187/5	190/2

Export - Class II

1 Northern.....	209/2	209/3	209/5	212/2
2 Northern.....	205/2	205/3	205/5	208/2
3 Northern.....	204/2	204/3	204/5	207/2
4 Northern.....	197/2	197/3	197/5	200/2
5 Wheat.....	188/2	188/3	188/5	191/2
6 Wheat.....	186/2	186/3	186/5	189/2
Feed Wheat.....	183/2	183/3	183/5	186/2
1 C.W. Garnet.....	189/2	189/3	189/5	192/2
2 C.W. Garnet.....	188/2	188/3	188/5	191/2
3 C.W. Garnet.....	187/2	187/3	187/5	190/2
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	189/2	189/3	189/5	192/2
2 Alberta Winter.....	188/2	188/3	188/5	191/2
3 Alberta Winter.....	187/2	187/3	187/5	190/2

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during December 1963 amounted to 4,585,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 3 per cent from the November 1963 output of 4,737,000 hundredweight but in sharp contrast to both the December 1962 figure of 2,497,000 hundredweight and the ten-year (1953-62) average production for the month of December of 3,172,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during December 1963 had a total rated capacity of 175,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 105.0 per cent of this rated capacity was effective. Many mills, because of forward commitments, continue to operate at more than the standard 25 working days in the month.

Wheat milled for flour during December 1963 amounted to 10,234,000 bushels, 3 per cent less than the 10,565,000 bushels milled during the preceding month, but much greater than the 5,540,000 bushels milled during December 1962. Of the wheat milled for flour during December 1963 some 9,464,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (508,000 bushels); Durum (182,000 bushels); and all other (80,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during December 1963 amounted to 2,345,000 hundredweight (some 5,393,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) and the highest total for that month since the equivalent of 5,591,000 bushels was shipped in December 1944. In addition, the December 1963 total was some 39 per cent greater than 3,881,000 bushels equivalent exported during the previous month and considerably more than double the adjusted December 1962 figure of 2,305,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to fifty three countries, with exports to the U.S.S.R. amounting to 2,674,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 50 per cent of the December 1963 total. Shipments of Canadian wheat flour to Cuba during December 1963, at 1,066,000 bushels equivalent, represented 20 per cent of the total for the month, while exports of flour to Britain amounted to 583,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounted for 11 per cent of the December total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour during December this year with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: Jamaica, 146; Trinidad and Tobago, 112; Ghana, 111; Hong Kong, 107; and United States, 102.

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
December.....	10,234,008	4,585,013	2,344,686
Totals.....	45,653,329	20,452,868	7,105,332
Same months 1962-63 ^{3/}	32,535,736	14,653,024	5,268,510

^{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.

^{3/} Revised.

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, 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-December of the current United States crop year amounted to 1.4 million bushels. Domestic disappearance during 1963-64 is estimated at about 602.0 million bushels, 2 per cent more than the 588.6 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year some 1,732.5 million remained available for export and for carryover, a decrease of 5 per cent from the 1,828.7 million in 1962-63.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour and other products in terms of grain equivalent during July-December 1963 amounted to 387.5 million bushels, 39 per cent above the 277.9 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on January 1, 1964 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,344.9 million bushels compared with 1,550.9 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	1,137.6
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	2,415.5	2,333.0
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-December.....	1.8	1.4
Total estimated supplies <u>3/</u>	2,417.3	2,334.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>4/</u>	588.6	602.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	1,828.7	1,732.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-December.....	231.6	343.1
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-December <u>5/</u>	46.3	44.5
Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>6/</u>	277.9	387.5
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover...	1,550.9	1,344.9

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

Crop and Weather
Conditions

The following extract has been taken from the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin published jointly by the United States Department of Commerce and the United States Department of Agriculture for the week ending February 3, 1964. Mild weather prevailed during the week in the Great Plains area - the third consecutive week of above normal temperatures in most Plains States. Fall-sown small grains remained in generally satisfactory condition in most States in the area. Light to moderate rains over most of the Central and Southern Plains States, along with the mild weather, brought forth new plant growth on small grains. The rains, although very light in most of the drier areas with some areas receiving no rain, were much needed and helped to relieve the dry topsoil moisture condition. A short subsoil moisture condition continued to exist. The dry winter wheat areas in western Oklahoma and Kansas, eastern Colorado and the north Plains area of Texas did not receive the much needed rain. Soils continued dry in these areas with some damage from wind and blowing soil.

In Oklahoma, small grains made some growth and the seeding of spring small grains was underway. The topsoil moisture supply was improved by the light to moderate rains, except in the west where no rain fell, but the subsoil moisture supply continued short over 90 per cent of the State. The mild weather and light rains resulted in renewed growth of small grains in Kansas. Minor wind damage is evident in the drier western areas of the State. The planting of spring small grains was underway. In Nebraska, the condition of the winter wheat crop changed little, although the rain did much to relieve the surface soil moisture deficiency. In the Mountain States of Colorado and Wyoming, some wind erosion damage occurred. The lack of snow cover and the generally dry soils were conducive to wind erosion. In the Dakotas and Montana, most of the winter small grainfields were bare, or the snow cover was insufficient for cold protection.

The condition of the winter small grain crops in the eastern Corn Belt States generally varied from fair to good, with some acreage in the drier areas of Ohio in poor condition. Fertilizer was being applied where field conditions were favourable. The short moisture supply continued to have some effect on the small grain crops in some areas of Kentucky, west Tennessee, and West Virginia. In the lower Mississippi River Valley States, the condition of most of the fall-seeded small grains improved. Soil moisture was adequate to surplus in Louisiana and Mississippi but remained short in Arkansas. Fall-sown small grains in the South-eastern States made some growth. Rains during recent weeks have resulted in an ample to excessively wet soil moisture condition. The colour of the winter grains was improved. In the Middle Atlantic States, the topdressing of small grains made favourable progress, except in areas where topsoils were too wet.

In Texas, rains during the week were beneficial in improving small grain prospects, however, some parts of the small grains production areas continued dry, mostly the northern High Plains. In New Mexico, the shortage of soil moisture continued to slow the growth of winter grains. Small grains in California are in generally good condition. In the Northwest, fall-sown grains are in satisfactory condition. Most winter fields are free of snow cover, except in some areas of Washington. Mild temperatures have resulted in some plant growth.

U.S.D.A. Announces
Changes in Wheat
Standards

On January 22, 1964, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced in part that the U.S. Department of Agriculture would tighten official United States standards for grades of wheat as an important step to increase dollar sales of U.S. wheat in overseas markets.

Secretary Freeman said the new standards which become effective on May 1, 1964 would:

- (a) Improve the competitive position of U.S. wheat in world markets - where competition will intensify in the future.
- (b) Help combat increasingly restrictive trade policies in some areas, particularly the Common Market.
- (c) Enable the Commodity Credit Corporation to better guarantee the quality of grain owned by the public.
- (d) Provide substantial taxpayer savings in the export subsidy program.
- (e) Strengthen the price of wheat for the farmer who grows quality wheat.

In general, the new standards - based on smaller ranges of tolerance for grades - will mean less dirt, foreign matter and dockage in American wheat than in the past. Quality factors of weight, soundness and cleanliness can be more readily and more precisely measured today than in the past. Current standards have too great a tolerance within grades to provide a reliable basis for judging soundness or cleanliness.

The following principal changes are being made:

Maximum limits are set for "total defects" - damaged kernels, foreign material, and shrunken and broken kernels. No limits for "total defects" exist in present standards, except for the summation of the maximum limits for each of these three factors. The change sets limits for total defects in grade No. 1 at 3 per cent, in grade No. 2 at 5 per cent. Limits are also set in the other numerical grades.

Limits for shrunken and broken kernels are lowered from 5 to 3 per cent for grade No. 1. Limits are set at 12 per cent for grade No. 4 and 20 per cent for grade No. 5.

Minimum moisture content for wheat graded "tough" is reduced from 14 or 14.5 per cent (depending on the class) to 13.5 per cent for all classes. The change also eliminates moisture as a factor in determining sample grade.

"Dockage" is recorded in half per cent, whole per cent, or whole and half per cent, with other fractions reduced to the nearest whole or half. Dockage is material other than wheat which may be removed readily by cleaning. It is not a grade determining factor but is recorded on inspection certificates. At present, dockage - when equal to 1 per cent or more - is recorded in whole per cent. Fractions of a per cent are reduced to the nearest whole per cent.

Percentages of White Club Wheat and Common White Wheat in the subclass Western White Wheat are to be stated on inspection certificates.

Stocks of Wheat
in All Positions
January 1, 1964

On January 24, 1964 the United States Department of Agriculture reported that all wheat stored in all positions on January 1 totalled 1,614 million bushels - the smallest January 1 holdings since 1958. Stocks were 11 per cent below a year earlier and 12 per cent below the 1958-62 average. Both farm and off-farm stocks were down from January 1 a year ago, with declines of 2 and 13 per cent, respectively. Nearly 70 per cent of the total stocks was either owned by the Government or under Government loan. Disappearance during the October-December quarter was 327 million bushels.

Durum wheat stocks of 70.2 million bushels in all storage positions on January 1 were 8 per cent above the 65.3 million bushels a year earlier. Farm stocks totalled 39.1 million bushels, while off-farm holdings were 31.1 million bushels.

U.S. Wheat Stocks by Positions, January 1, 1964 with Comparisons

Grain and Position	January 1 Average 1958-62	January 1 1963	October 1 1963	January 1 1964
- thousand bushels -				
<u>All Wheat</u>				
On Farms <u>1/</u>	372,298	316,483	408,667	308,576
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>2/</u>	73,785	58,221	34,028	30,633
Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/</u> <u>3/</u> ..	1,380,019	1,441,817	1,498,593	1,274,708
Totals.....	1,826,102	1,816,521	1,941,288	1,613,917
<u>Durum Wheat</u> <u>4/</u>				
On Farms <u>1/</u>	-	48,308	42,430	39,119
Commodity Credit Corp. <u>2/</u>	-	-	4,168	4,226
Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/</u> <u>3/</u> ..	-	16,967	31,481	26,894
Totals.....	-	65,275	78,079	70,239

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board. 2/ Owned by C.C.C. and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by C.C.C.; other C.C.C.-owned grain is included in the estimates by positions. 3/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated, including flour mills, terminal elevators, and processing plants. 4/ Totals included in all wheat.

U.S. Exports of
Wheat and Flour
Record High

Wheat and wheat flour exports by the United States during July-November 1963 were higher than any similar period since World War II. Total exports of 317 million bushels represent a 43 per cent increase over the 221 million shipped during July-November 1962. Exports to Asiatic countries increased 58 million bushels or 52 per cent over the 112 million bushels in July-November 1962. Shipments to the Western European countries were more than double the 21 million during July-November 1962. In most cases, this increase in exports is the direct consequence of the smaller crop harvested in Western Europe in 1963 and the subsequent increased requirements to import wheat for blending. Wheat grain shipments were 54 per cent higher than at this time last year. The 281 million bushels exported during July-November 1963 compares with 183 million bushels shipped in 1962. Flour shipments, however, decreased 8 per cent, from 38 million bushels to 35 million.

Table A shows exports of wheat and flour by country of destination comparing the July-November periods of 1963 and 1962. Shipments of wheat to Canada are largely for transshipment to other destinations.

Inspections of United States wheat for export from Canadian ports and exports for specified countries as adjusted to include these inspections are shown by country and destination in Table B. July-November 1963 tripled those reported for July-November 1962. Weather conditions for most European countries including Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. proved disastrous to their 1963 wheat harvests. As a result exports from France have decreased and the U.S.S.R. will be a substantial importer. U.S. exports have benefited from this as well as the small crop and sales to Western European countries have increased by 121 per cent over the July-November 1962 period. Countries showing substantial increases are France, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Exports of wheat to Hungary, although small in volume, were significant in that the last such shipments occurred in August 1956. Exports of wheat and flour to Poland were more than 9 times greater than during July-November 1962.

A substantial increase in exports of wheat to Asiatic countries is evidenced by the 170 million bushels or 61 per cent more than during the July-November 1962 period. Shipments to Japan are 141 per cent more than the same period last year. India and Pakistan are in supply deficit positions and show increases of 34 and 67 per cents, respectively over last year. Total shipments of 26 million bushels to African countries during July-November 1963 denote an increase of 30 per cent over those of the previous year. Of the 35 million bushels of flour exported during July-November 1963 Egypt received 27 per cent. Total wheat and flour exports for July-December 1963 are estimated to be approximately 40 per cent more than the 277 million bushels shipped during the same months of 1962.

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

Destination	July-November 1962			July-November 1963		
	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>						
Canada ^{3/}	8,333	74	8,407	22,540	111	22,651
Mexico.....	34	396	430	^{4/}	594	594
Central America.....	1,360	1,163	2,523	2,204	771	2,975
Haiti.....	523	30	553	351	48	399
Trinidad and Tobago....	17	617	634	2	485	487
Bolivia.....	278	1,920	2,198	-	1,248	1,248
Brazil.....	21,942	233	22,175	17,670	143	17,813
British Guiana.....	-	479	479	-	371	371
Chile.....	5,158	779	5,937	984	299	1,283
Colombia.....	1,617	367	1,984	2,101	336	2,437
Paraguay.....	-	24	24	155	126	281
Peru.....	3,823	185	4,008	1,938	121	2,059
Venezuela.....	2,088	68	2,156	4,174	147	4,321
Others.....	471	778	1,249	891	631	1,522
Totals.....	45,644	7,113	52,757	53,010	5,431	58,441

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

Destination	July-November 1962			July-November 1963		
	Wheat	Flour <u>2/</u>	Total	Wheat	Flour <u>2/</u>	Total
- thousand bushels -						
<u>Western Europe</u>						
EEC						
Belgium-Luxembourg...	1,544	2	1,546	2,738	11	2,749
France.....	1,033	14	1,047	5,725	-	5,725
Germany, West.....	2,173	3	2,176	4,450	8	4,458
Italy.....	38	888	926	2,348	1,162	3,510
Netherlands.....	4,617	511	5,128	6,932	570	7,502
EEC sub-totals.....	9,405	1,418	10,823	22,193	1,751	23,944
Greece.....	5	922	927	446	871	1,317
Norway.....	629	10	639	967	9	976
Portugal.....	917	315	1,232	799	333	1,132
Spain.....	-	-	-	2,915	-	2,915
Switzerland.....	2,342	-	2,342	3,864	-	3,864
United Kingdom.....	1,806	110	1,916	5,212	79	5,291
Yugoslavia.....	1,161	748	1,909	1,902	643	2,545
Others.....	1,423	226	1,649	943	193	1,136
Totals.....	17,688	3,749	21,437	39,241	3,879	43,120
<u>Eastern Europe</u>						
Hungary.....	-	-	-	110	-	110
Poland.....	112	422	534	3,028	392	3,420
Totals.....	112	422	534	3,138	392	3,530
<u>Asia</u>						
India.....	50,528	188	50,716	67,752	81	67,833
Indonesia.....	-	9	9	-	444	444
Iran.....	1,454	730	2,184	95	303	398
Israel.....	4,782	100	4,882	4,086	34	4,120
Japan.....	13,279	1,242	14,521	31,993	1,178	33,171
Jordan.....	348	1,256	1,604	539	1,635	2,174
Korea.....	5,448	532	5,980	13,003	505	13,508
Lebanon.....	-	440	440	45	475	520
Pakistan.....	15,195	548	15,743	25,446	17	25,463
Philippines.....	2,225	158	2,383	3,361	125	3,486
Saudi Arabia.....	7	1,491	1,498	9	1,121	1,130
Taiwan.....	2,846	1,014	3,860	5,566	588	6,154
Turkey.....	2,858	337	3,195	4,542	152	4,694
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.....	130	1,796	1,926	10	1,079	1,089
Others.....	414	2,559	2,973	3,573	1,904	5,477
Totals.....	99,514	12,400	111,914	160,020	9,641	169,661

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

Destination	July-November 1962			July-November 1963		
	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total	Wheat	Flour ^{2/}	Total
- thousand bushels -						
Africa						
Algeria.....	2,789	1,434	4,223	4,164	425	4,589
British East Africa.....	1,252	14	1,266	122	60	182
Congo (Leopoldville)....	13	1,084	1,097	66	2,275	2,341
Egypt.....	8,565	9,274	17,839	12,986	9,549	22,535
Morocco.....	132	1,049	1,181	1,012	1,236	2,248
Nigeria.....	308	189	497	839	30	869
Sudan.....	-	404	404	1,178	1,352	2,530
Tunisia.....	5,093	110	5,203	1,297	88	1,385
South Africa, Republic of.....	-	-	-	3,045	32	3,077
Others.....	1,620	772	2,392	961	1,044	2,005
Totals.....	19,772	14,330	34,102	25,670	16,091	41,761
Oceania.....	-	18	18	-	26	26
Totals, All Countries.....	182,730	38,032	220,762	281,079	35,460	316,539

^{1/} Data includes shipment 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-November 1962 and 1963

Destination	July-November 1962		July-November 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	1,767	3,146	5,895
France.....	1,495	2,542	269	5,994
Germany, West.....	827	3,003	552	5,010
Italy.....	-	926	-	3,510
Netherlands.....	1,562	6,690	8,569	16,071
EEC sub-totals.....	4,105	14,928	12,536	36,480
Dominican Republic.....	116	250	-	656
Brazil.....	-	22,175	108	18,555
Venezuela.....	-	2,156	742	5,063
United Kingdom.....	1,179	3,095	986	6,277
Ireland.....	28	276	194	296
Poland.....	-	534	1,363	4,783
Spain.....	-	-	230	3,145
Portugal.....	981	2,213	781	1,913
Egypt.....	-	17,839	5,921	28,456
Canary Islands.....	-	-	708	713
Nigeria.....	442	939	507	1,376
Madeira Islands.....	-	227	331	453
Mozambique.....	224	337	413	536
Totals.....	7,075	64,969	24,820	108,702

Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City			No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis		
Date	Price		Date	Price	
	- cents per bushel -			- cents per bushel -	
January 1, 1964.....	New Year's Day		January 1, 1964.....	New Year's Day	
2	221	- 222	2	230 1/8	- 231 1/8
3	221 3/4	- 228 1/4	3	231 1/4	- 232 1/4
6	222 3/4	- 225 3/4	6	231 3/4	
7	223 1/2	- 226 1/2	7	231 3/8	
8	221 1/2	- 241 1/4 <u>1/</u>	8	231 3/8	
9	223 1/2	- 224 3/4	9	232 1/2	
10	225 3/4		10	232 1/4	
13	223 1/4	- 225 1/2	13	231 1/8	
14	222	- 223 1/2	14	231 1/4	
15	223 1/4	- 226 3/4	15	230 3/4	
16	224 3/4	- 230	16	229 3/8	
17	224	- 226	17	228 5/8	
20	223 1/4	- 223 3/4	20	228 1/2	
21	220 1/2	- 240 3/4 <u>1/</u>	21	228 5/8	
22	222 3/4	- 223 1/2	22	228 7/8	
23	223 1/2	- 225	23	229	
24	224 1/2	- 226	24	228 7/8	
27	222	- 224 1/2	27	228 5/8	
28	222	- 224 1/2	28	228 5/8	
29	219	- 240 1/2 <u>1/</u>	29	227 1/8	
30	223 1/4	- 224 1/4	30	226 1/2	- 227 1/2
31	218 1/2	- 241 <u>1/</u>	31	225 3/4	- 226 3/4

1/ Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	March	May	July	September	December
	- cents and eighths per bushel -				
January 1, 1964.....	New Year's Day				
2	219/4	215	176/4	178/2	182/6
3	222	217/5	177/6	179/1	183/2
6	222/6	218/5	179/3	181	184/7
7	222/3	218/3	179	180/6	184/6
8	223	219	178/3	180	184/2
9	222/3	218/4	176/7	178/5	182/7
10	222	218/3	176/6	178/6	182/6
13	223/2	219/3	177/6	179/4	184
14	223/2	219/2	176/4	178	182/3
15	223/1	219	175/5	177/2	181/4
16	223/1	219/1	175/3	177/1	181/3
17	222/5	218/6	174/4	176/1	180/4
20	222/1	218	173/4	175	179/4
21	220/2	216/1	171/6	173/3	177/5
22	219/6	215/4	172/1	173/6	178
23	221/4	217/5	173/4	175	179/4
24	221/4	217/5	172/6	174/3	178/6
27	220/3	216/4	173	174/6	179/2
28	221/3	217/2	174	175/6	180/2
29	219/7	215/6	173	174/6	179/3
30	220/2	215/5	174/2	176	180/5
31	218/4	213/6	169/6	171/4	176/4

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1963-64 (December-November) crop year are placed at an all-time high of 348.1 million bushels, exceeding by 7 per cent the previous year's peak total of 325.4 million. Indicated supplies for the current Australian crop year reflect an increase in carry-over stocks from 18.2 million bushels at December 1, 1962 to 23.1 million in 1963 while production, forecast at 325.0 million bushels, represented a record crop for the second consecutive year. After deducting 74.0 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 274.1 million are available for export and for carryover in 1963-64, an increase of 9 per cent over the 251.7 million the previous year.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1-January 4 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 24.7 million bushels compared with 10.9 million exported during the corresponding period of 1962-63. The balance remaining on January 5, 1964 for export and for carryover, at 249.4 million bushels, exceeded by 4 per cent the comparable 1963 total of 240.8 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1962-63 <u>1/</u>	1963-64 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1).....	18.2	23.1
Production.....	307.2	325.0
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	325.4	348.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year....	73.7	74.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	251.7	274.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-January 4.....	9.7	21.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-January 4.....	1.2	3.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	10.9	24.7
Balance on January 5 for export and for carryover.....	240.8	249.4

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

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Crop Position Latest estimates are that Australia has produced an all-time record harvest of 325 million bushels. If this figure is achieved it will mean that the current crop will have surpassed last season's total by some 18 million bushels.

The heavy rains in New South Wales last month were apparently not as disastrous as first reports indicated. Officials in that State are forecasting a bumper harvest of 115 million bushels of which 105 million bushels have already been received by the Grain Elevators Board. Total capacity of the State's grain elevator system is 85 million bushels. As the Board had previous stocks of about 5 million bushels many farmers will be required to store their grain temporarily on their farms until additional space is located.

Earlier reports of record crops in Victoria, South Australia and Queensland are being confirmed as deliveries are made to the various centres. It is now estimated that the harvest in Victoria will reach 76 million bushels, an increase of 8 million bushels over last season. Only the Western Australian crop, which as reported previously suffered widespread rust damage, will fail to reach record proportions. Despite an increase in acreage in Western Australia the harvest is estimated to be around 60 million bushels only, a decrease of 20 per cent from last year's record of 72 million bushels.

Marketing Position There have been no reports of any major sales during the period under review.

Since the beginning of the grain year on December 1, 1963, Australia has shipped over 200,000 long tons (7,467,000 bushels) of wheat to China compared with 114,000 long tons (4,256,000 bushels) for the corresponding period last year. Eastern Europe which received no shipment during this period last year ranks second to China with 145,000 long tons (5,413,000 bushels). Britain which formerly was Australia's leading wheat buyer is now third with shipments totalling 68,500 long tons (2,557,000 bushels).

In the current year Australian exports of wheat and flour are more than double those of the same period a year ago. Up to January 4, 1964, total exports were 24.7 million bushels compared with 10.9 million last year.

The Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, Mr. J.V. Moroney, recently listed China in the category of "major current markets about which the future is uncertain". He added, however, that Board representatives who had carried out negotiations with China were of the opinion that she may well be an important customer for Australian wheat for years to come.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1-January 4, 1963-64 and Corresponding Period 1962-63

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Europe</u>				
Britain.....	1,624	2,551	106	245
Eastern Europe.....	-	5,386	-	489
Eire.....	722	375	-	-
Norway.....	131	454	-	-
Western Germany.....	457	1,086	-	-

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1-January 4, 1963-64 and Corresponding Period 1962-63

Destination	Wheat		Wheat Flour	
	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64
- thousand bushels -				
<u>Middle East</u>				
Aden.....	6	103	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T.....	-	-	46	139
Aden and Aden I/T Atta.....	-	-	14	81
Arabian Gulf.....	-	-	12	28
Arabian Gulf Atta.....	-	-	78	115
Iran.....	-	40	-	-
Iraq.....	-	102	-	-
Lebanon, Jordan, Syria.....	-	506	-	-
Saudi Arabia.....	-	-	35	8
Others.....	26	33	-	3
<u>Africa</u>				
Mauritius.....	-	-	49	203
Nyasaland.....	-	-	21	30
Rhodesia.....	-	361	-	-
Zanzibar.....	-	-	16	29
Others.....	2	4	11	7
<u>Asia</u>				
Brunei.....	-	-	3	4
Burma.....	-	-	4	-
Ceylon.....	-	4	21	989
China.....	4,263	7,515	-	-
Hong Kong.....	113	269	15	9
India.....	1,153	183	-	-
Indonesia and Irian.....	-	-	88	11
Japan.....	161	1,248	-	-
Pakistan.....	440	-	-	-
Philippines.....	-	82	62	379
Thailand.....	-	-	44	68
<u>Malaysia</u>				
Malaya.....	39	10	201	337
Malaya Atta.....	-	-	9	16
Sabah.....	-	-	5	14
Sarawak.....	-	-	12	16
Singapore.....	1	177	146	205
Singapore Atta.....	-	-	1	1
Singapore A/C B.W.O.	-	-	2	2
Others.....	1/	1/	8	13
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
New Zealand.....	560	599	-	-
Pacific Islands and Sundries.....	1	12	183	125
Peru.....	-	-	-	2
Ships' Stores and Sundries.....	-	-	7	34
Totals.....	9,700	21,100	1,200	3,600

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Estimated total supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the 1963-64 (December-November) crop year amount to 279.4 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1963 carryover of 18.5 million and the new crop, placed at 260.9 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting a substantial increase in production as well as slightly larger opening stocks are about 31 per cent more than the 1962-63 total of 212.6 million bushels. After making an allowance of 132.3 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 147.1 million are available for export and for carryover in 1963-64, in contrast to 84.6 million the previous year.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1963 amounted to 5.9 million bushels, below the 8.0 million exported during the same month in 1962. The balance remaining on January 1, 1964 for export and for carryover was estimated at 141.2 million bushels, some 84 per cent greater than the January 1, 1963 total of 76.6 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1962-63 <u>1/</u>	1963-64 <u>2/</u>
	- million bushels -	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>3/</u>	18.0	18.5
Production <u>4/</u>	194.5	260.9
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	212.6	279.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year.....	128.0	132.3
Available for export and for carryover.....	84.6	147.1
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain, December.....	7.9	5.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December...	<u>5/</u>	0.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	8.0	5.9
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover.....	76.6	141.2

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes allowances for farm stocks. 4/ Official estimate. 5/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops The early summer weather has been characterized by heavy rainfall throughout most Argentine grain growing and livestock producing areas. Since mid-January, the weather has been more settled and warmer, and it does seem that the excessive rainfall has not caused very heavy damage. In some areas, however, rains have delayed harvest operations and, in others, excessive foliage growth has caused lodging of wheat. On balance, the abundance of moisture has proved very beneficial to most winter crops, and the country is expecting bumper crops of wheat, rye, oats and barley.

Flax has fared badly, suffering from both drought in some areas and excessive moisture in others, and production will undoubtedly be less than in the previous year.

Wheat The second official production estimate for wheat has just been published and at 7,100,000 metric tons (260.9 million bushels) represents an increase of 14 per cent over the first estimate, and 34 per cent over the production of the previous crop year. The second estimate represents increases of 31.3 per cent and 21.0 per cent over the average production of the past 5 and 10 year periods, respectively. The breakdown of the second estimate by producing province demonstrates clearly how losses from drought in the northern grain belt have been more than offset by the outstanding yields throughout the southern grain growing region.

Argentine Wheat Production

<u>Province</u>	<u>Crop Year 1963-64</u> thousand bushels
Buenos Aires	162,038
Santa Fe	38,580
La Pampa	26,088
Cordoba	22,487
Entre Rios	9,810
Others	1,874
Total	260,877

Reports from the southern grain growing regions indicate that yields are exceeding all expectations and that problems are being faced in the handling and storage of the bumper crop. The following table shows total acreage sown to wheat and total production for the past 10 crop years.

<u>Crop Year</u>	<u>Acreage</u> thousand acres	<u>Production</u> thousand bushels
1952-53	14,981	280,498
1953-54	15,694	227,808
1954-55	14,664	282,556
1955-56	12,869	192,902
1956-57	14,689	260,877
1957-58	13,118	213,479
1958-59	14,099	246,915
1959-60	11,836	214,471
1960-61	10,559	145,503
1961-62	11,663	187,391
1962-63	11,387	194,533
1963-64	13,338	260,877

The wheat export picture continues to be rather confused. The export ban on new bread wheat has been partially lifted, as exports of a further 700,000 metric tons (25,720,000 bushels) have recently been allowed. Before this decision was taken, the market was practically at a standstill, as local millers had already covered their needs, and the price of wheat dropped to the minimum official price of 820 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.83 per bushel). The official figure for the carryover at the beginning of the 1963-64 crop year has just been released by the National Grain Board and, at 503,767 metric tons (18,510,000 bushels) is considerably larger than the trade estimate.

Argentina will have, during the entire 1963-64 crop year, approximately 4,000,000 metric tons (147,000,000 bushels) of wheat available for export, of which 1,000,000 metric tons (36,743,000 bushels) would be required to comply with the terms of the existing agreement with Brazil. Up to the present, the government has authorized exports of some 1,231,000 metric tons (45,231,000 bushels) with 531,000 metric tons (19,511,000 bushels) authorized in October 1963 and 700,000 metric tons (25,720,000 bushels) authorized just recently, which would leave a theoretical export surplus of approximately 1,800,000 metric tons (66,138,000 bushels). It should be noted that this figure includes durum wheat, which is not restricted for export at the present time, as it is reckoned that there will be some 400,000 metric tons (14,697,000 bushels) of durums available for export from the current crop. This would result in an export availability of 1,400,000 metric tons (51,441,000 bushels) of bread wheats.

The recent government decree permitting the exportation of a further 700,000 metric tons (25,720,000 bushels) of wheat stipulates that, of this amount, 375,000 metric tons (13,779,000 bushels) must be shipped prior to March 1964 and the remainder after that date. The decree also stipulates that 75,000 metric tons (2,756,000 bushels) of the amount shipped, both prior to and after March 1964, will be reserved for direct exports by co-operative societies, provided such exports are made prior to October 31, 1964.

Details on Argentine wheat exports during December are not yet available, but although substantial export sales have been made under the new quota, prices in the Buenos Aires Futures Market continue to be barely above the minimum official producers' prices, and the highest price registered during the period under review was 880 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.96 per bushel) for April delivery. The minimum official price on that date will be 860 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.92 per bushel).

Present prices in the Buenos Aires Cereal Exchange are as follows: Hard wheat, grade 1, 820 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.83 per bushel); semi-hard, 800 pesos (\$1.78 per bushel); durums, 850 pesos (\$1.90 per bushel). Similar prices are being quoted at present in the Cereal Exchange at Bahia Blanca and Quequen.

At the end of December, prices for Argentine wheat c.i.f. Continental ports averaged \$US 79.50 (\$2.16 per bushel) for January-February shipment.

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-December period of 1963 amounted to 7.5 million bushels as against only 1.4 million imported during the same period in 1962. After deducting 210.7 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover amounts to 143.5 million bushels in contrast to 212.2 million last year.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first six months of the 1963-64 crop year amounted to 45.9 million bushels, and represented a decrease of 10 per cent from the comparable 1962-63 total of 50.9 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on January 1, 1964 for export and for carryover amounted to 97.6 million bushels 40 per cent below the January 1, 1963 total of 161.4 million.

French Supplies of Soft Wheat

Item	1962-63	1963-64 ^{1/}
	- 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-December.....	1.4	7.5
Total estimated commercial supplies.....	431.3	354.3
Less domestic requirements for crop year.....	219.0	210.7
Available for export and for carryover.....	212.2	143.5
Deduct:		
Exports of wheat as grain July-December.....	39.7	37.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July-December.....	11.2	8.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	50.9	45.9
Balance of January 1 for export and for carryover.	161.4	97.6

^{1/} Preliminary.

The following account of the current crop situation in France has been extracted from a report by Mr. R.G. Woolham, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of January 22, 1964, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions from French to Canadian measures have been made and rounded for the convenience of our readers.

Weather
and Crops

The weather experienced so far this winter has definitely been considerably better than last, and winter seeded cereals are generally reported as being in excellent condition. Although ground fog with some rain has been common in the Paris area, there have also been periods of relatively dry clear weather. A few days of freezing weather occurred in many parts of the cereal area in France at the beginning of the month, and several nights of below freezing temperatures have been experienced, but in no case has any crop damage been reported.

The area sown to winter wheat this year is about 22 per cent higher than the five-year average. The area sown to other winter cereals, with the exception of mixed cereals, is somewhat lower than average.

Estimated Area Seeded to Winter Cereals at January 1

<u>Grain</u>	<u>5-Year Average</u> (actual)	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
- thousand acres -			
Wheat ^{1/}	8,167	10,272	9,992
Wheat and rye	32	26	28
Rye	675	609	581
Barley	736	758	707
Oats	782	787	682
Mixed cereals	79	117	99
Totals	10,470	12,570	12,088

^{1/} Includes durum wheat: 1964, 73,000 and 1963, 74,000 acres.

Market Situation Although it is unlikely France will be able to offer much more milling wheat for export considering domestic requirements, the tempo of feed wheat and other cereal exports has increased during the last month. These sales have developed in part as a result of supplementary subsidies offered recently by the French Cereals Office. Sales of a further 400,000 tons (14,697,000 bushels) of feed wheat to Poland have been reported. A supplementary subsidy of \$4.00 per ton (11 cents per bushel) covering 150,000 tons (5,511,000 bushels) of feed wheat for export to third countries excluding East European markets, was made available, and it is likely this sale will be concluded with Russia. Bulgaria and China have each purchased 100,000 tons (4,593,000 bushels) of barley from France on the basis of a \$2.00 (4 cents per bushel) supplementary subsidy and a further sale of 100,000 tons (3,937,000 bushels) of corn without additional subsidy was recently made to China.

Excluding special sales to China, Russia, and East European countries, commercial sales of French wheat to Common Market countries and other markets are running considerably higher this year than last. For the first six months of this crop year sales to the E.E.C. markets totalled 220,000 metric tons (8,084,000 bushels) compared with only 50,000 tons (1,837,000 bushels) during the same period one year earlier, while commercial sales to other third markets are reported as being over 400,000 tons (14,697,000 bushels) this year as compared with 290,000 tons (10,656,000 bushels) last year.

Imports of durum wheat into France from July 1 to November 30, 1963, totalled 130,000 tons (4,777,000 bushels) of which 58,000 tons (2,131,000 bushels) were purchased from Tunisia, 43,000 tons (1,580,000 bushels) from Canada, 16,500 tons (606,000 bushels) from the United States, and the balance from Algeria, Syria and Argentina.

As of the end of December, farmers' deliveries of wheat during the present crop year totalled 5,377 million tons (197,569,000 bushels), down sharply from the figure of 8,062 million tons (296,224,000 bushels) reported at the end of 1962. Total deliveries of wheat for the full crop year 1963-64 are estimated at 6,704 million tons (246,327,000 bushels) compared with 10,099 million tons (371,071,000 bushels) delivered during 1962-63.

Farmers' Deliveries of Grain July 1 - December 31

<u>Grain</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
	- thousand bushels -	
Wheat	296,224	197,569
Rye	1,705	2,205
Barley	91,996	139,946
Oats	11,023	14,589
Corn	11,535	23,621

Stocks of wheat in elevators are also lower this year than last and on January 1, 1964, were 3,065 million tons (112,618,000 bushels) compared with 4,077 million tons (149,802,000 bushels) on January 1, 1963.

Grain Stocks on January 1

<u>Grain</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
	- thousand bushels -	
Wheat	149,802	112,618
Rye	756	1,248
Barley	40,004	62,234
Oats	4,286	7,457
Corn	7,874	10,432

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- January 15 According to a report received from Mr. R.D. Lucas, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Melbourne, latest estimates place the 1963-64 Australian wheat crop at a record 325 million bushels.
- 22 According to a report received from Mr. J.G. Ireland, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Buenos Aires, the second official estimate of the 1963-64 wheat crop places production at 7,100,000 metric tons (260.9 million bushels), representing an increase of 34 per cent over the wheat harvest of the previous crop year.
- United States Secretary of Agriculture announced that the U.S.D.A. would tighten official United States standards for grades of wheat as an important step to increase dollar sales of U.S. wheat in overseas markets. The new standards become effective May 1.
- 24 The Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, reported that wheat stocks in all positions in the United States at January 1, 1964 were estimated at 1,614 million bushels, 11 per cent below a year earlier and 12 per cent less than the 1958-62 average.
- 31 According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in December 1963 amounted to 21,399,000 hundredweight, an average of 1,019,000 hundredweight per working day.

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