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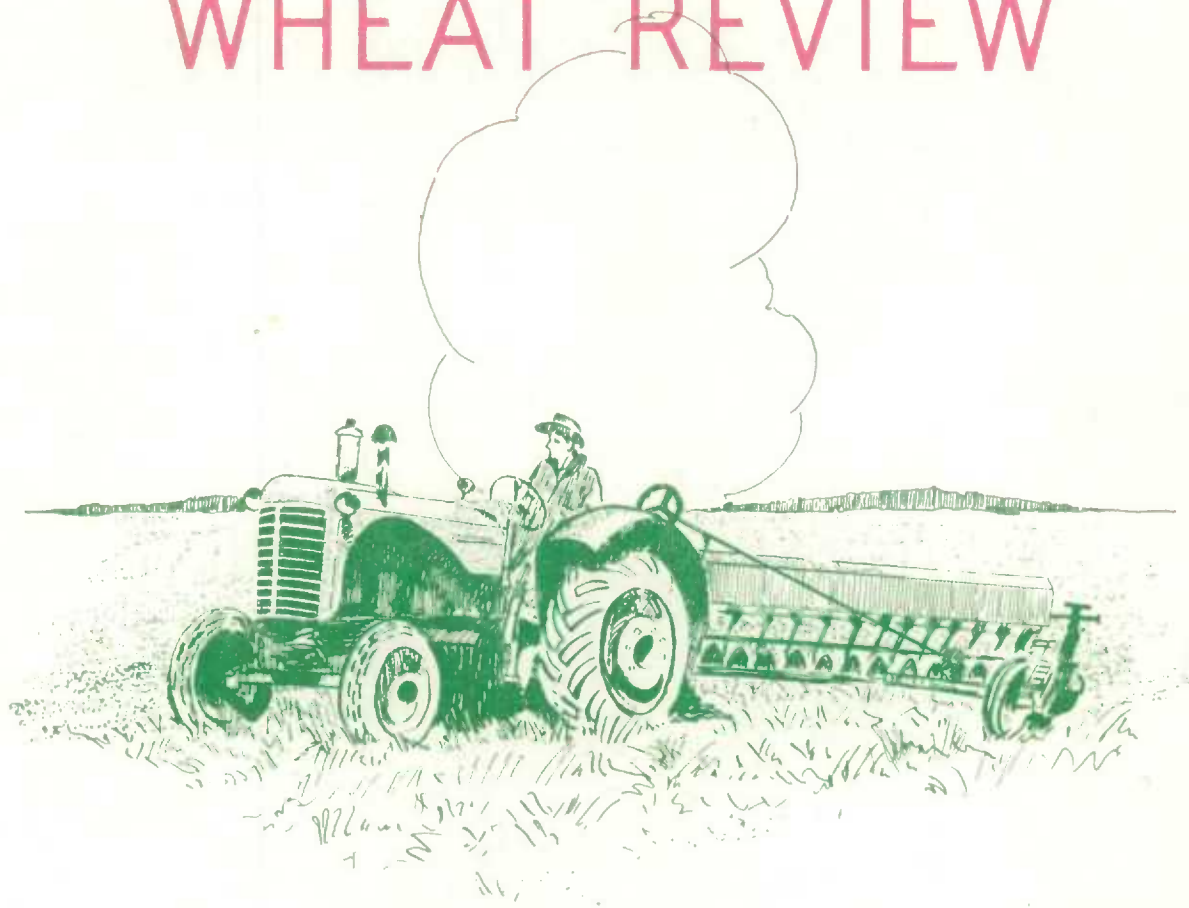
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# WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

## World Wheat Exports Lower than Previous Year

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-March period of the current crop year have amounted to 907.7 million bushels, 16 per cent below the 1,074.2 million bushels exported during the same eight months in 1966-67 but exceeding by a margin of 9 per cent the ten-year (1956-57-1965-66) average shipments for the same period of 829.5 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Candian crop year the United States and Australia were higher this year than last, while those from Canada and Argentina were down sharply from the previous year.

## Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1967-March 1968 with Comparisons

August-March	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
million bushels					
1950-51.....	198.3	135.9	54.4	80.3	468.9
1951-52.....	333.4	200.1	23.9	62.8	620.2
1952-53.....	233.0	224.7	6.0	56.7	520.4
1953-54.....	125.7	170.9	78.0	40.2	414.8
1954-55.....	188.1	172.7	92.2	62.8	515.8
1955-56.....	185.5	160.8	80.4	63.5	490.2
1956-57.....	356.3	178.0	62.8	97.6	694.7
1957-58.....	255.5	197.6	48.5	46.4	548.0
1958-59.....	297.2	188.5	61.7	50.4	597.8
1959-60.....	309.7	190.9	41.5	80.1	622.2
1960-61.....	447.8	205.8	55.4	108.6	817.6
1961-62.....	476.1	244.6	54.5	141.9	917.1
1962-63.....	379.1	212.0	43.8	96.5	731.4
1963-64.....	566.5	349.6	69.5	181.5	1,167.1
1964-65.....	454.4	264.9	102.8	132.6	954.7
1965-66.....	546.6	368.0	198.3	131.7	1,244.6
1966-67 <sup>r</sup> .....	508.0	338.9	70.3	157.0	1,074.2
1967-68 <sup>p</sup> .....	532.2	176.2	22.7	176.6	907.7

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## World Wheat Supplies Above Previous Year

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at April 1, 1968 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,828.3 million bushels 8 per cent above the 1,685.2 million at the same time a year ago. Although supplies were smaller in Australia this decrease was more than offset by increases in the totals for the United States, Canada and Argentina. Supplies at April 1, 1968, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 702.7 (588.4); Canada, 833.5 (753.2); Argentina, 112.5 (50.0); and Australia, 179.6 (293.6).

International Wheat Council  
Cumulative Totals of Commercial Purchases by Importing Countries from Exporting Countries  
Crop Year 1967-68 - Through March 30, 1968

Importing Countries	Exporting Countries								Total purchases	
	Canada	Argentina	Australia	France	Italy	Spain	Sweden	U.S.A.		U.S.S.R.
thousand bushels										
Austria.....	404	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	405
Barbados.....	191	—	100	—	—	—	—	51	—	342
Belgium & Luxembourg..	6,755	176	127	3,067	—	—	2	4,325	118	14,570
Brazil.....	—	1,500	3,675	752	—	3,674	—	18,926	1,194	29,721
Costa Rica.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	942	—	945
Cuba.....	(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1)
Dominican Republic....	(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	550	—	550
Ecuador.....	293	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,492	—	1,785
El Salvador.....	168	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,673	—	1,841
Finland.....	652	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	—	786
Germany, Fed. Rep.....	12,195	18	683	4,747	—	—	1,694	10,025	143	29,505
Greece.....	41	—	—	32	—	—	—	28	—	101
Guatemala.....	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,747	—	1,754
Haiti.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	703	—	704
Iceland.....	2	—	—	8	—	—	—	112	—	122
India.....	1	—	12,796	—	—	—	—	11,095	—	23,892
Ireland.....	1,009	—	1,008	63	—	—	—	242	55	2,377
Israel.....	—	—	225	—	3	—	—	7,283	—	7,511
Japan.....	28,476	—	17,764	—	—	—	—	59,496	—	105,736
Korea, Rep. of.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,845	—	13,845
Lebanon.....	17	—	2,536	1,043	129	—	—	1,173	—	4,898
Libya.....	(1)	—	98	372	662	—	—	2	—	1,134
Netherlands.....	4,040	968	4,672	3,984	1	—	290	17,035	4,343	35,333
Neth. Territories....	125	—	—	17	—	—	—	700	—	842
Nigeria.....	582	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,510	—	2,092
Norway.....	1,665	37	2,297	51	—	—	3,307	1,518	1,128	10,003
Peru.....	20	8,661	4,238	—	—	—	—	7,292	—	20,211
Portugal.....	15	737	—	1,361	3	3,307	—	584	—	6,007
Portuguese Territories	157	—	927	1,361	21	—	—	615	—	3,081
Saudi Arabia.....	152	—	1,705	369	—	—	—	4,766	—	6,992
Sierra Leone.....	8	—	—	82	—	—	—	385	—	475
South Africa.....	902	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	902
Southern Rhodesia....	—	—	1,919	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,919
Switzerland.....	1,584	7	—	4,648	—	—	—	1,928	—	8,167
Trinidad & Tobago....	348	—	—	119	—	—	—	1,987	—	2,454
Tunisia.....	—	—	—	1,328	—	—	—	4,665	—	5,993
United Arab Republic..	—	—	—	11,362	680	—	2,572	864	—	15,478
United Kingdom.....	47,775	1,574	22,216	5,850	—	—	1,507	6,141	3,674	88,737
U.K. Territories....	1,925	—	4,402	950	—	—	—	960	—	8,237
Venezuela.....	2,580	—	—	147	—	—	—	16,446	—	19,173
Western Samoa.....	3	—	109	—	—	—	—	—	—	112
To Orders.....	—	2,936	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,936
Totals.....	112,096	16,614	81,497	41,714	1,499	6,981	9,372	201,240	10,655	481,668
Percentage of total sales by exporting countries.....	23.27	3.45	16.92	8.66	.31	1.45	1.95	41.78	2.21	100.00

Argentina - quantities over period ending March 23, 1968.

France - quantities cover clearances for period ending February 29, 1968.

Italy - quantities cover period ending March 9, 1968.

Mexico & Spain - report only when purchases are made.

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

# CANADIAN SITUATION

## Wheat Supplies Below Record Level of Previous Year

Reflecting a sharp drop in production, which more than offset a substantial increase in carryover stocks, the 1967 wheat crop in Canada is placed at 592.9 million bushels, representing a decline of 28 per cent from the record outturn of 827.3 million in 1966. At the same time, carryover stocks climbed by 37 per cent from 420.1 million at July 31, 1966 to 576.8 million in 1967. After deducting 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, estimated supplies available for export and for carryover during 1967-68 amount to 1,009.7 million bushels, 8 per cent less than the 1,092.1 million available in 1966-67.

## August-March Exports Decline from Previous Year

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent amounted to 176.2 million bushels during the August-March period of the current crop year compared with the previous year's corresponding total of 338.9 million and the ten-year (1956-57-1965-66) average for the period of 240.0 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 158.9 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 613 thousand of bagged seed and 16.6 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 315.2 million of wheat in bulk, 603 thousand of bagged seed and 23.1 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on April 1, 1968 for export and for carryover amounted to 833.5 million bushels, 11 per cent above the April 1, 1967 total of 753.2 million.

## Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1966-67 <sup>r</sup>	1967-68 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1).....	420.1	576.8
Production.....	827.3	592.9
Imports of wheat for domestic use, August-March.....	(1)	(2)
Total estimated supplies.....	1,247.5	1,169.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year....	155.4	160.0
Available for export and carryover	1,092.1	1,009.7
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-March(3).....	315.2	158.9
Exports of bagged seed wheat, August-March(4).....	0.6	0.6
Total exports of wheat as grain..	315.8	159.5
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August- March(4).....	23.1	16.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	338.9	176.2
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover.....	753.2	833.5

(1) Less than 50,000 bushels. (2) Not available. (3) As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners. (4) Customs returns, 1966-67 adjusted for time lag.  
<sup>r</sup> Revised figures. <sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.



Marketings, Disappearance  
and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to April 24 of the current crop year have amounted to 325.7 million bushels in contrast to 408.1 million marketed during the same period of the previous year.

Some 28.3 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the five weeks March 21 to April 24, 1968. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 33.5 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 454.6 million at March 20, 1968 to a level of 450.1 million at April 24, 1968.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at April 24 this year represented an increase of 45 per cent over the 1967 comparable total of 311.5 million and was 50 per cent more than the 1966 figure of 299.6 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 258.8 million bushels, were 61 per cent above the 1967 comparable total of 160.4 million and 40 per cent more than the 185.1 million of two years ago. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at April 24, 1968, totalled 13.4 million bushels as against 13.5 million a year ago and only 1.0 million two years ago. The 20.1 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) were above both the 1967 figure of 17.1 million and the 11.9 million of 1966. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 64.7 million bushels, were 6 per cent above the 60.8 million at April 26, 1967 and 93 per cent larger than the 33.4 million at April 27, 1966. The 5.3 million bushels "in transit lake" were below both the 7.7 million in this position in 1967 and the 14.7 million at the same date in 1966. The 25.4 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were higher than both the 10.8 million of a year ago and the 8.8 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at April 24, 1968, at 41.2 million bushels, almost doubled the 21.0 million of 1967 and registered an increase of 59 per cent over the 25.9 million of 1966. The 10.8 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were below the 11.5 million at April 26, 1967 but above the 9.3 million at April 27, 1966.

March 1968 Exports  
of Wheat and Flour Total  
23.6 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, bagged seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during March 1968 amounted to 23.6 million bushels, 12 per cent above the 21.1 million of the previous month, a decrease of 7 per cent from the 25.5 million of March 1967 and 6 per

cent smaller than the ten-year (1957-66) average for the month of March of 25.1 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during March 1968 totalled 21.4 million bushels, 13 per cent more than the February 1968 total of 18.9 million, 2 per cent above the ten-year average of 21.0 million but 2 per cent lower than the 21.7 million of a year ago. Based on Canadian Customs returns, the equivalent of 2.0 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during March 1968, some 4 per cent below the previous month's figure of 2.1 million, 45 per cent lower than the adjusted total of 3.7 million of March 1967 and 37 per cent less than the ten-year average of 3.2 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-March period of the current crop year amounted to 158.9 million bushels, 50 per cent lower than the 315.2 million shipped during the first eight months of 1966-67 and 25 per cent less than the ten-year average for the period of 212.5 million. This year's shipment of wheat to Britain totalled some 43.5 million bushels and accounted for 27 per cent of the current eight-month total as compared to 42.2 million the previous year and accounted for 13 per cent of the August-March total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first eight months of 1967-68, with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels; Japan, 24.0 (39.4); U.S.S.R. (Russia), 22.2 (66.9); Communist China, 19.8 (70.5); Federal Republic of Germany, 12.2 (12.5); Belgium and Luxembourg, 6.8 (10.6); Italy, 5.5 (5.8); Netherlands, 4.2 (1.7); and Cuba, 3.7 (5.6).

Cumulative exports of bagged seed wheat during August-March of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 613 thousand bushels compared with last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 603 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during August 1967-March 1968, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 16.6 million bushels of wheat, 28 per cent lower than the adjusted August-March 1966-67 total of 23.1 million bushels. Cuba's purchases, the leading market for Canadian wheat flour during the period under review, amounted to the equivalent of 7.2 million bushels and accounted for 44 per cent of the August 1967 - March 1968 total. During the comparable period of 1966-67 shipments to Cuba amounted to 9.0 million and accounted for 39 per cent of the eight-month total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-March period of the 1967-68 crop year, with revised data for the same months of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Britain, 2,208 (4,173); Jamaica, 948 (1,046); Ghana, 931 (857); Ceylon, 860 (1,049); Israel, 544 (nil); and Leeward and Windward Islands, 539 (666).



General Quota Position

By April 29, 1968 out of a total of 1,880 shipping points in the Western division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 437 points on a delivery quota of 6 bushels per specified acre, 823 points on a 5-bushel quota and 534 points were on a 4-bushel quota. Of the remainder 56 points were on a 3-bushel quota and 30 stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division  
as at April 29, 1968

Province	General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre				Closed	Total
	Three	Four	Five	Six		
Ontario.....	—	—	—	1	—	1
Manitoba.....	3	147	138	37	6	331
Saskatchewan.....	53	372	472	108	15	1,020
Alberta.....	—	15	213	285	9	522
British Columbia.....	—	—	—	6	—	6
All Provinces.....	56	534	823	437	30	1,880

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to April 24 this year amounted to 14.0 million bushels, 23 per cent below the 18.0 million shipped during the same period in 1967. In 1968 the season of navigation opened on April 10 while the 1967 season opened on April 13. Shipments of wheat, at 10.5 million were 21 per cent above the 1967 figure of 8.8 million bushels and accounted for 75 per cent of the total.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to April 24, 1968  
and to Approximately the Same Date 1957 to 1967

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total
thousand bushels						
1957.....	17,798	1,892	2,362	16	1,266	23,335
1958.....	8,446	2,490	7,363	250	203	18,752
1959.....	4,011	386	587	—	87	5,071
1960.....	21,220	1,367	3,098	413	336	26,434
1961.....	25,855	3,434	4,073	433	650	34,445
1962.....	2,421	1,452	1,170	—	292	5,335
1963.....	10,552	2,306	1,056	136	278	14,327
1964.....	20,586	2,989	2,318	154	433	26,479
1965.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
1966.....	43,426	4,202	3,388	1,906	1,047	53,969
1967.....	8,708	3,616	4,868	398	454	18,043
1968.....	10,504	1,620	1,770	75	—	13,969

Wheat Shipments to  
the United States

Rail shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from August 1, 1967 to April 24, 1968 amounted to 4,357 bushels as compared to the 54,918 bushels shipped during the corresponding period of 1966-67.

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1967 - April 24, 1968 with Comparisons

Destination	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
		bushels	
<u>By rail</u>			
U.S.A. domestic points.....	—	54,918	4,357
Totals, shipments.....	—	54,918	4,357

(1) 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 August 1967 - March 1968 amounted to 10,827,000 bushels compared with the August - March 1966-67 figure of 30,125,000.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1, 1966- March 31, 1967	August 1, 1967- March 31, 1968
		bushels
Port McNicoll.....	7,922,136	3,940,013
Midland, Tiffin.....	11,140,797	2,371,831
Collingwood.....	724,477	366,430
Owen Sound.....	3,917,842	2,113,813
Goderich.....	2,514,476	1,298,836
Sarnia.....	3,075,343	726,274
Port Colborne.....	830,125	9,383
Totals.....	30,125,196	10,826,580

**Farmers' Marketings** Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to April 24 of the current crop year amounted to 319.2 million bushels, 21 per cent less than the comparable 1966-67 total of 403.5 million but 23 per cent larger than the ten-year (1956-57 - 1965-66) average for the period of 258.5 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings(1) of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1967-68

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last year <sup>r</sup>
		bushels				
August	9, 1967 .....	419,070	2,254,674	100,523	2,774,267	2,382,182
	16 .....	47,536	164,146	198,795	410,477	7,100,270
	23 .....	387,096	1,563,697	377,834	2,328,627	19,177,019
	30 .....	1,411,474	3,905,746	576,513	5,893,733	5,202,246
September	6 .....	2,737,126	8,975,599	2,792,553	14,505,278	4,161,392
	13 .....	2,942,073	11,237,586	4,987,198	19,166,857	11,624,476
	20 .....	1,420,455	6,273,227	4,308,564	12,002,246	15,701,357
	27 .....	1,213,339	8,347,053	2,701,990	12,262,382	21,021,677
October	4 .....	850,438	6,371,203	1,765,606	8,987,247	14,761,929
	11 .....	665,118	3,354,294	1,332,517	5,351,929	10,606,303
	18 .....	587,720	5,250,020	1,410,018	7,247,758	12,437,630
	25 .....	1,006,615	4,689,191	1,866,696	7,562,502	14,096,983
November	1 .....	1,393,296	5,883,585	1,985,761	9,262,642	17,760,722
	8 .....	1,750,186	5,823,860	2,143,755	9,717,801	13,972,335
	15 .....	1,883,245	4,603,356	2,354,197	8,840,798	10,157,118
	22 .....	1,765,680	6,805,735	2,645,966	11,217,381	12,010,273
December	29 .....	1,901,542	6,236,697	1,893,780	10,032,019	16,912,035
	6 .....	2,558,884	8,137,172	2,574,242	13,270,298	11,262,378
	13 .....	2,193,095	11,249,740	2,394,102	15,836,937	12,265,994
	20 .....	1,773,952	5,495,637	2,042,302	9,311,891	29,808,981
January	27 .....	1,743,755	3,666,455	1,332,779	6,742,989	17,903,608
	3, 1968 .....	744,651	4,672,339	2,155,464	7,572,454	11,799,491
	10 .....	418,511	3,088,609	1,461,202	4,968,322	12,721,482
	17 .....	961,044	3,105,862	1,488,093	5,554,999	14,221,147
February	24 .....	2,448,722	10,807,721	5,155,548	18,411,991	3,408,298
	31 .....	1,191,018	6,161,312	3,198,513	10,550,843	1,957,218
	7 .....	595,546	2,412,539	2,540,604	5,548,689	6,563,035
	14 .....	961,874	5,986,375	3,370,936	10,319,185	6,365,074
March	21 .....	664,114	3,649,454	3,909,193	8,222,761	2,928,158
	28 .....	517,409	2,169,072	2,102,892	4,789,373	4,546,969
	6 .....	835,952	3,289,360	3,327,359	7,452,671	11,003,603
	13 .....	1,103,822	3,125,885	2,295,572	6,525,279	5,304,639
April	20 .....	918,586	4,267,763	3,068,046	8,254,395	4,390,079
	27 .....	849,809	3,950,866	3,013,994	7,814,669	8,919,372
	3 .....	824,649	2,580,885	1,802,851	5,208,385	7,536,032
	10 .....	701,429	3,053,452	1,385,038	5,139,919	8,395,003
Totals	17 .....	545,746	2,145,571	1,296,114	3,987,431	6,276,161
	24 .....	925,425	3,400,185	1,799,007	6,124,617	6,864,471
Totals .....		45,860,002	188,155,923	85,156,117	319,172,042	403,527,140

Average similar period

1956-57 - 1965-66 ..... 31,109,781    157,196,789    70,153,849    258,460,420

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

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.



Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, April 24, 1968  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1966 and 1967

Position	1966	1967	1968
thousand bushels			
Country elevators - Manitoba.....	19,294	14,549	33,778
Saskatchewan.....	110,805	97,258	150,725
Alberta.....	54,974	48,630	74,281
Totals.....	185,073	160,437	258,784
Interior private and mill.....	7,489	6,259	5,719
Interior terminals.....	988	13,522	13,450
Vancouver-New Westminster.....	8,471	10,768	9,186
Victoria.....	453	454	873
Prince Rupert.....	390	249	791
Churchill.....	824	944	4,593
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	33,382	60,814	64,663
In transit rail (western division).....	11,931	17,064	20,112
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports....	8,840	10,798	25,392
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports....	25,868	21,000	41,202
In transit lake.....	14,670	7,659	5,277
In transit rail (eastern division).....	1,177	1,543	107
Totals.....	299,556	311,511	450,149

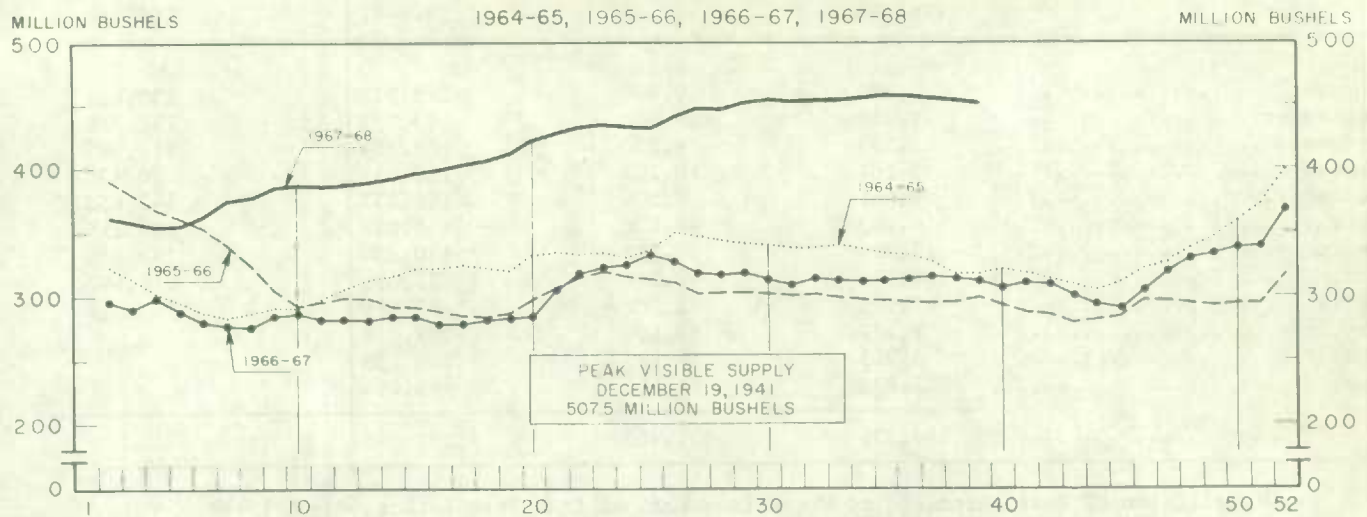
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1967—March 1968 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop Year		August - March			
	Average		1966-67		1967-68	
	1961-62- 1965-66 per cent	1966-67 per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Man. Northern.....	8.3	6.8	7,908	3.6	27,279	21.8
No. 2 Man. Northern.....	39.2	35.7	62,917	29.0	57,940	46.3
No. 3 Man. Northern.....	20.3	27.7	65,961	30.4	18,584	14.8
No. 4 Man. Northern.....	9.7	7.6	22,583	10.4	4,408	3.5
No. 5 Wheat.....	4.1	2.6	8,134	3.8	547	0.4
No. 6 Wheat.....	0.5	0.6	1,671	0.8	247	0.2
Feed Wheat.....	(1)	0.1	202	0.1	33	(1)
Others Red Spring.....	11.5	12.4	32,425	15.0	6,015	4.8
C.W. Garnet.....	0.2	0.1	175	0.1	325	0.3
C.W. White Spring.....	0.1	0.1	268	0.1	221	0.2
C.W. Mixed wheat.....	(1)	0.1	197	0.1	99	0.1
Alberta Winter.....	0.4	1.6	3,587	1.7	928	0.7
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum	5.4	4.3	9,855	4.5	8,293	6.6
Others C.W. Amber Durum.	0.3	0.3	837	0.4	306	0.2
Totals.....	100.0	100.0	216,720	100.0	125,225	100.0

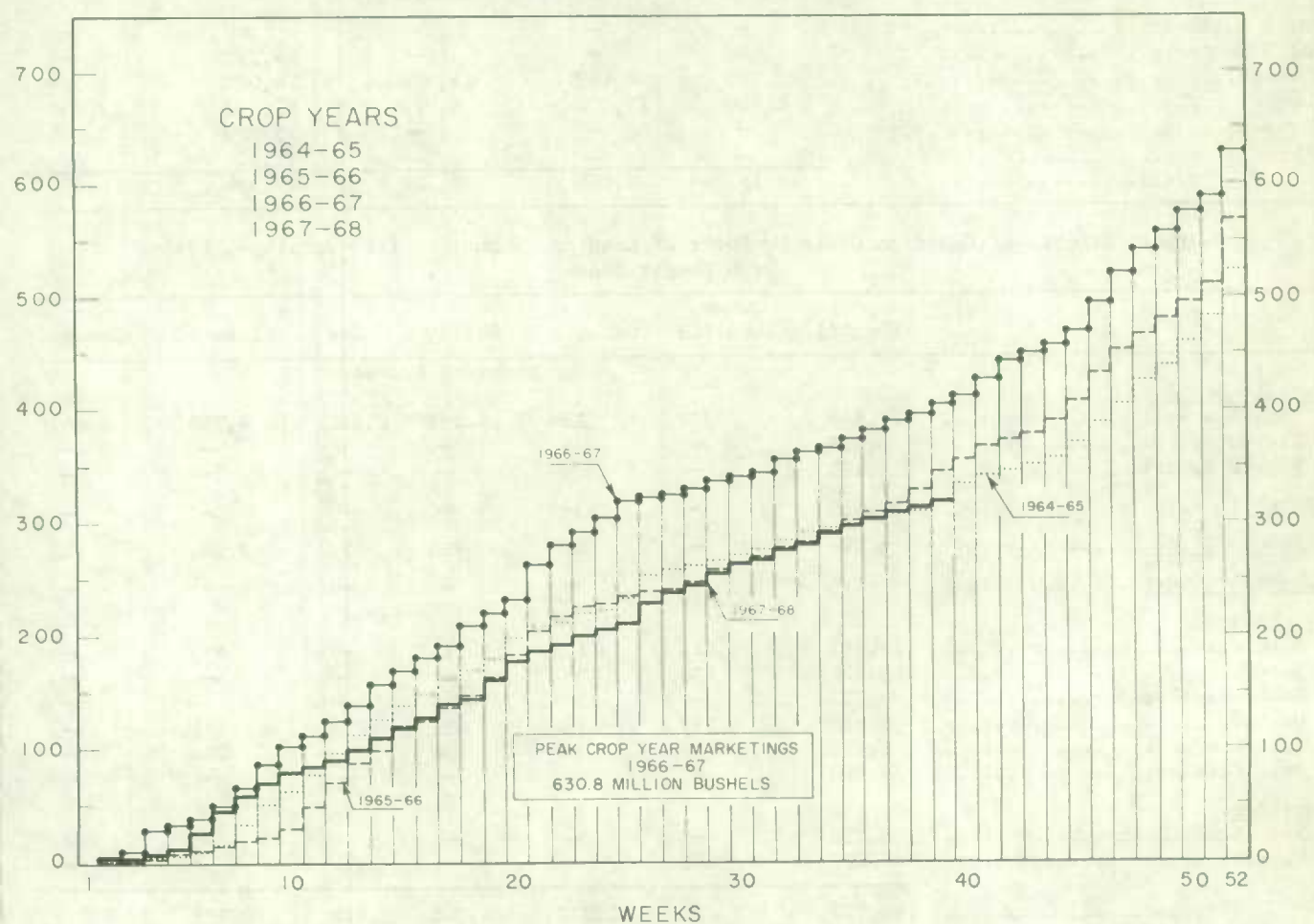
Gross bushels (approx.). 419,045,000 242,952,000

(1) Less than .05 per cent.

# WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT



## CUMULATIVE RECORD OF WHEAT MARKETINGS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES BY WEEKS



(Data in both charts for crop years beginning August 1)

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1964-65 - 1967-68

Month	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
bushels				
August.....	7,786	10,458	118,973	133,651
September.....	19,564	10,500	83,333	182,051
October.....	12,135	4,500	89,384	152,009
November.....	13,167	10,205	163,332	50,475
December.....	26,961	7,500	106,833	143,833
January.....	10,703	46,108	145,889	160,214
February.....	17,214	26,712	120,334	143,884
March.....	112,296	98,598	177,393	274,690
April.....	17,506	71,701	133,699	
May.....	8,207	89,166	207,038	
June.....	4,965	178,183	154,139	
July.....	13,872	82,282	93,094	
Totals.....	264,376	635,913	1,593,441	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, March 1968

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
bushels					
No. 2 Northern.....	—	—	—	100	—
No. 3 Northern.....	—	—	—	24,392	—
5 Wheat.....	2,167	8,167	18,500	14,000	1,500
Tough.....	8,000	12,000	8,000	88,333	12,000
Durum.....	—	—	—	53,000	3,000
Others.....	—	—	—	21,531	—
Totals.....	10,167	20,167	26,500	201,356	16,500

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1966-April 24, 1968  
with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum Wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
thousand bushels							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van.-New West.....	77,946	387	238	24,268	2,282	4,140	8,659
Victoria.....	5,225	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert.....	4,193	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Churchill</u> .....	20,639	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Lakehead Direct</u> .....	8,010	—	687	932	472	2,965	113
<u>Kingston Direct</u> .....	196	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal.....	16,693	6,411	313	111	—	855	—
Sorel.....	6,410	130	—	—	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières.....	3,712	—	—	747	—	—	—
Quebec.....	5,610	197	—	612	174	611	—
Baie Comeau.....	1,891	209	—	38	—	204	—
Port Cartier.....	3,410	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Maritime</u>							
West Saint John.....	8,778	—	—	—	—	—	—
Halifax.....	6,059	462	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	168,772	7,796	1,237	26,708	2,928	8,775	8,772
August 1, 1966 — April 26, 1967.....	320,757	15,522	964	17,935	6,288	12,291	9,625

(1) Excluding bagged seed.



Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and Month	Wheat in Bulk(1)	Bagged Seed Wheat(2)	Total Wheat	Wheat Flour(2) (3)	Total(3) Wheat and Wheat Flour
thousand bushels					
<u>1965-66</u>					
August.....	43,377	81	43,459	2,548	46,006
September...	64,447	73	64,521	2,679	67,199
October.....	64,517	84	64,601	3,674	68,275
November....	55,652	37	55,690	2,625	58,314
December....	33,201	64	33,265	4,261	37,526
January.....	23,483	49	23,532	3,402	26,933
February....	23,502	74	23,576	3,924	27,501
March.....	32,395	192	32,587	3,695	36,282
April.....	37,794	88	37,882	4,431	42,313
May.....	44,357	11	44,367	1,241	45,608
June.....	60,245	5	60,250	3,325	63,576
July.....	63,017	35	63,053	2,320	65,373
Totals....	545,988	793	546,781	38,125	584,906
<u>1966-67</u>					
August.....	64,233	132	64,365	2,753	67,118
September...	47,357	103	47,460	2,122	49,582
October.....	51,659	39	51,698	3,551	55,250
November....	48,942	53	48,995	2,471	51,466
December....	33,477	47	33,523	3,889	37,412
January.....	27,719	48	27,767	3,004	30,771
February....	20,102	52	20,154	1,616	21,771
March.....	21,718	128	21,845	3,663	25,508
April.....	27,847	81	27,928	2,475	30,403
May.....	57,134	11	57,145	2,502	59,647
June.....	47,517	6	47,522	2,812	50,334
July.....	35,033	18	35,051	993	36,044
Totals....	482,737	719	483,456	31,851	515,307
<u>1967-68(4)</u>					
August.....	24,424	48	24,472	2,286	26,758
September...	20,211	64	20,275	2,325	22,600
October.....	19,851	66	19,916	1,832	21,748
November....	21,967	91	22,057	1,882	23,940
December....	12,921	40	12,960	2,166	15,127
January.....	19,259	73	19,332	1,989	21,321
February....	18,903	49 <sup>r</sup>	18,952 <sup>r</sup>	2,111	21,063 <sup>r</sup>
March.....	21,388	184	21,572	2,026	23,598
Totals....	158,925	613	159,538	16,616	176,154

- (1) Export clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Statistics Division, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.
  - (2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1965-66 and 1966-67 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.
  - (3) In terms of wheat equivalent. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.
  - (4) Preliminary, subject to revision.
- r Revised figures.

Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination, March 1968 and 1967

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			Mar. 1968	Mar. 1967 <sup>r</sup>
bushels				
<u>Western Europe:</u>				
<u>EEC</u>				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	283,733	—	283,733	862,514
Germany, Federal Republic .....	26,133	—	26,133	282,256
Netherlands .....	—	—	—	91,467
Sub-totals .....	309,866	—	309,866	1,236,237
<u>Other Western Europe:</u>				
Britain .....	3,237,462	—	3,237,462	4,095,467
Ireland .....	149,333	—	149,333	—
Sub-totals .....	3,386,795	—	3,386,795	4,095,467
Totals .....	3,696,661	—	3,696,661	5,331,704
<u>Eastern Europe:</u>				
Poland .....	—	—	—	691,985
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	2,865,267	—	2,865,267	3,787,389
Totals .....	2,865,267	—	2,865,267	4,479,374
<u>Africa:</u>				
Ghana .....	47,040	—	47,040	—
Nigeria .....	183,867	—	183,867	39,200
Tanzania .....	37,335	—	37,335	—
Tunisia .....	—	461,626	461,626	—
Totals .....	268,242	461,626	729,868	39,200
<u>Asia:</u>				
China, Communist .....	11,275,860	—	11,275,860	5,613,578
Hong Kong .....	67,760	—	67,760	98,000
Japan .....	2,004,133	—	2,004,133	4,758,087
Malaysia .....	38,267	—	38,267	—
Pakistan .....	—	—	—	678,119
Saudi Arabia .....	24,558	—	24,558	—
Singapore .....	43,680	—	43,680	—
Taiwan .....	21,568	—	21,568	—
Totals .....	13,475,826	—	13,475,826	11,147,784
<u>Western Hemisphere:</u>				
Barbados .....	—	—	—	40
Cuba .....	409,920	—	409,920	—
Ecuador .....	142,800	—	142,800	—
Jamaica .....	498	—	498	498
Venezuela .....	67,387	—	67,387	718,942
Totals .....	620,605	—	620,605	719,480
Sub-totals, all countries .....	20,926,601	461,626	21,388,227	21,717,542
Bagged seed(3) .....			184,192	127,637
Totals, all countries .....	20,926,601	461,626	21,572,419	21,845,179

See footnotes on page 16.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1967 — March 1968			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe:</u>				
<u>EEC</u>				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	6,379,049	373,051	6,752,100	10,619,441
France .....	396,952	54,880	451,832	1,747,966
Germany, Federal Republic ....	9,400,121	2,761,319	12,161,440	12,499,759
Italy .....	5,485,455	—	5,485,455	5,803,791
Netherlands .....	3,332,758	843,015	4,175,773	1,711,710
Sub-totals .....	24,994,335	4,032,265	29,026,600	32,382,667
<u>Other Western Europe:</u>				
Austria .....	—	404,200	404,200	1,150,131
Britain .....	43,192,607	287,468	43,480,075	42,212,759
Denmark .....	22,400	—	22,400	22,400
Finland .....	651,840	—	651,840	1,052,576
Ireland .....	997,572	11,200	1,008,772	1,065,866
Malta and Gozo .....	263,200	—	263,200	290,528
Norway .....	1,194,667	—	1,194,667	832,933
Portugal .....	—	—	—	571,200
Sweden .....	—	—	—	12,133
Switzerland .....	245,122	1,126,047	1,371,169	2,402,208
Sub-totals .....	46,567,408	1,828,915	48,396,323	49,612,734
Totals .....	71,561,743	5,861,180	77,422,923	81,995,401
<u>Eastern Europe:</u>				
Albania .....	—	—	—	2,562,522
Bulgaria .....	—	—	—	3,800,320
Germany, East .....	—	—	—	1,956,607
Poland .....	1,922,204	578,740	2,500,944	8,330,089
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	21,795,566	426,496	22,222,062	66,888,851
Totals .....	23,717,770	1,005,236	24,723,006	83,538,389
<u>Africa:</u>				
Alberia .....	818,577	—	818,577	716,495
Ghana .....	136,640	—	136,640	—
Nigeria .....	582,400	—	582,400	528,267
Republic of South Africa .....	901,600	—	901,600	3,483,200
Sudan .....	36,195	—	36,195	—
Tanzania .....	261,345	—	261,345	—
Tunisia .....	—	461,626	461,626	—
Totals .....	2,736,757	461,626	3,198,383	4,727,962

See footnotes on page 16.



Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1967 — March 1968			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
Asia:				
China, Communist .....	19,830,718	—	19,830,718	70,490,939
Hong Kong .....	638,400	—	638,400	623,717
India .....	128,592	—	128,592	17,639,223
Japan .....	23,768,980	238,564	24,007,544	39,437,810
Jordan .....	12,860	—	12,860	—
Korea, North .....	—	—	—	940,426
Lebanon .....	8,613	—	8,613	—
Malaysia .....	294,747	—	294,747	347,947
Pakistan .....	875,609	—	875,609	4,057,156
Philippines .....	927,733	—	927,733	515,200
Saudi Arabia .....	146,249	—	146,249	72,749
Singapore .....	160,160	—	160,160	—
Syria .....	32,848	—	32,848	—
Taiwan .....	410,569	—	410,569	74,074
Turkey .....	—	—	—	331,034
Totals .....	47,236,078	238,564	47,474,642	134,530,275
Western Hemisphere:				
Barbados .....	40	—	40	80
Costa Rica .....	—	—	—	138,960
Cuba .....	3,572,349	130,401	3,702,750	5,638,134
Ecuador .....	293,456	—	293,456	218,270
El Salvador .....	167,488	—	167,488	629,466
Guatemala .....	3,685	—	3,685	28,294
Jamaica .....	7,528	—	7,528	7,976
Nicaragua .....	—	—	—	210,999
Peru .....	—	—	—	39,200
St. Lucia .....	373	—	373	—
Venezuela .....	1,844,957	81,387	1,926,344	3,448,287
United States Domestic(2) ....	4,357	—	4,357	54,915
Totals .....	5,894,233	211,788	6,106,021	10,414,581
Sub-totals, all countries	151,146,581	7,778,394	158,924,975	315,206,608
Bagged seed(3) .....			613,110	602,521
Totals, all countries ..	151,146,581	7,778,394	159,538,085	315,809,129

- (1) Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Division, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States. Excluding bagged seed. (2) Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licencees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents. (3) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1966-67 adjusted for time lag. <sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

800 —

700 —

600 —

500 —

400 —

300 —

200 —

100 —

0

MILLION BUSHELS

800 —

700 —

600 —

500 —

400 —

300 —

200 —

100 —

0

PEAK MARKETINGS  
1966-67 CROP YEAR  
630.8 MILLION BUSHELS

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR

MAR

FEB

JAN

DEC

NOV

OCT

SEPT

30 year average  
1936-37  
1965-66

10 year average  
1956-57  
1965-66

1962-63

1963-64

1964-65

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1966-67

1967-68

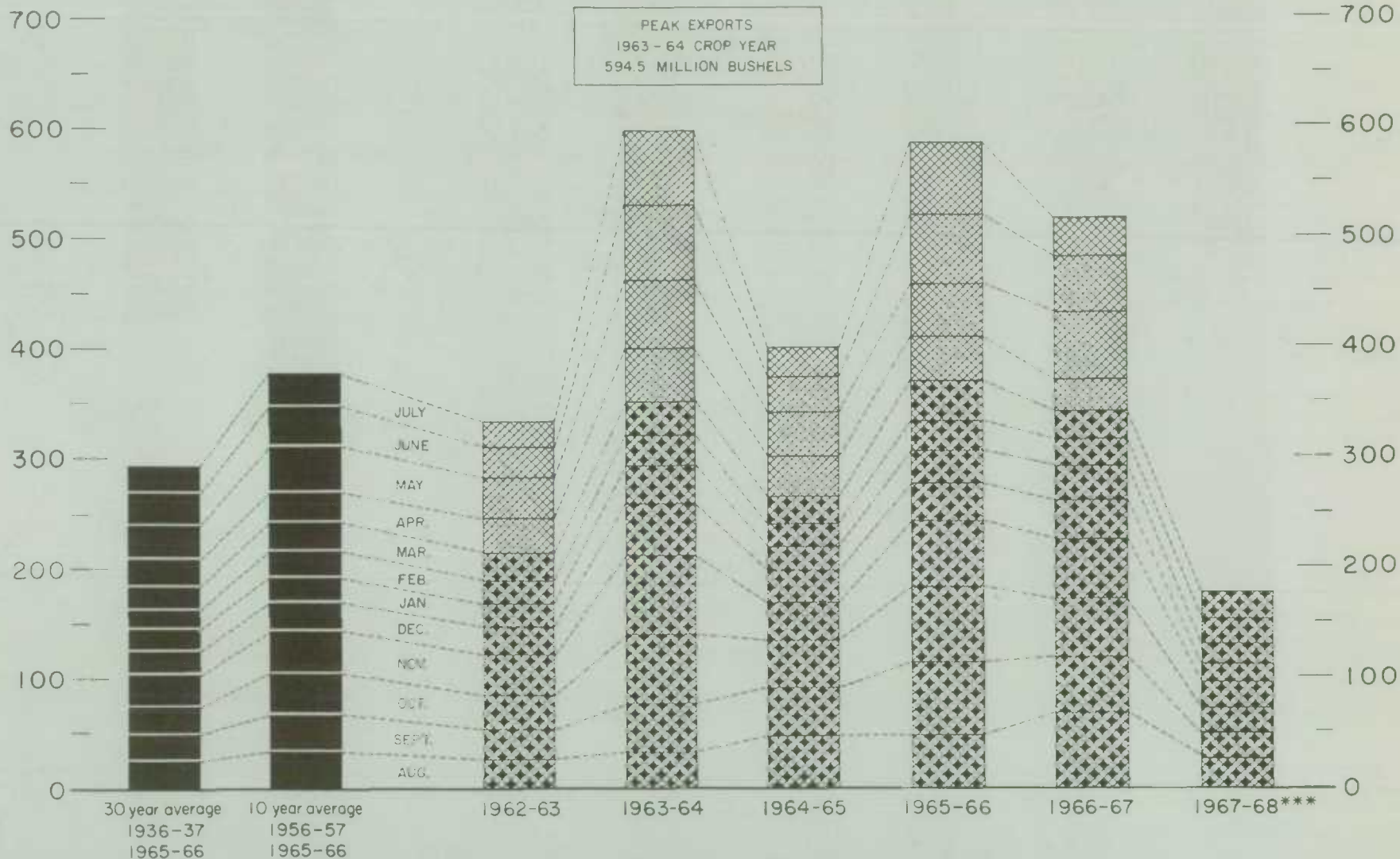
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## EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT\* AND WHEAT FLOUR\*\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

MILLION BUSHELS



\*Beginning with 1955-56 includes bagged wheat

\*\*In terms of wheat equivalent.

\*\*\*Preliminary.

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# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

MILLION BUSHELS

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

30 year average

1936-37

1965-66

10 year average

1956-57

1965-66

1962-63

1963-64

1964-65

1965-66

1966-67

1967-68

JULY

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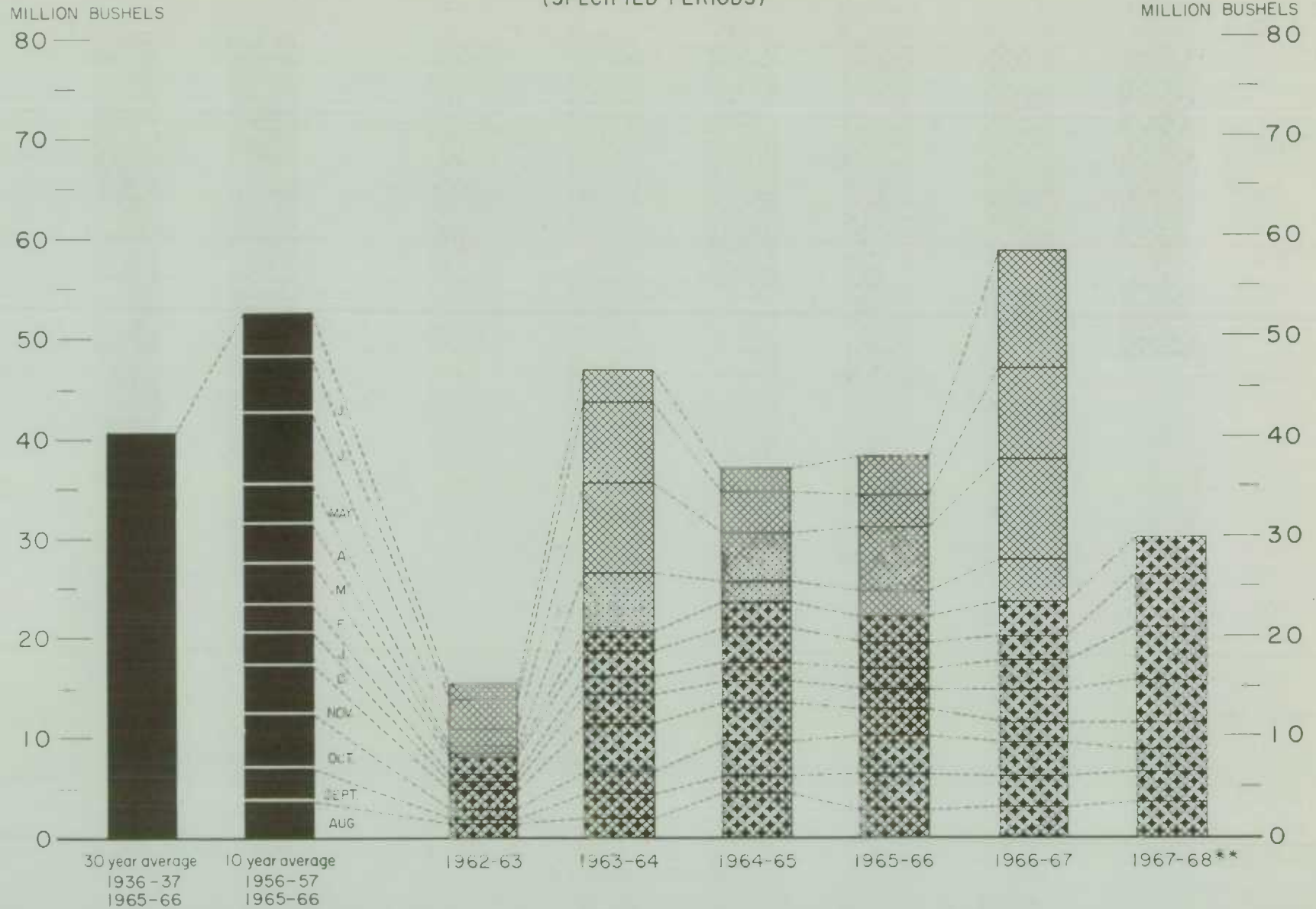
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# EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



\*In terms of grain equivalent. \*\*Preliminary

# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

100 —

90 —

80 —

70 —

60 —

50 —

40 —

30 —

20 —

10 —

0 —

MILLION BUSHEL

100 —

90 —

80 —

70 —

60 —

50 —

40 —

30 —

20 —

10 —

0 —

30 year average

1936-37

1965-66

10 year average

1956-57

1965-66

1962-63

1963-64

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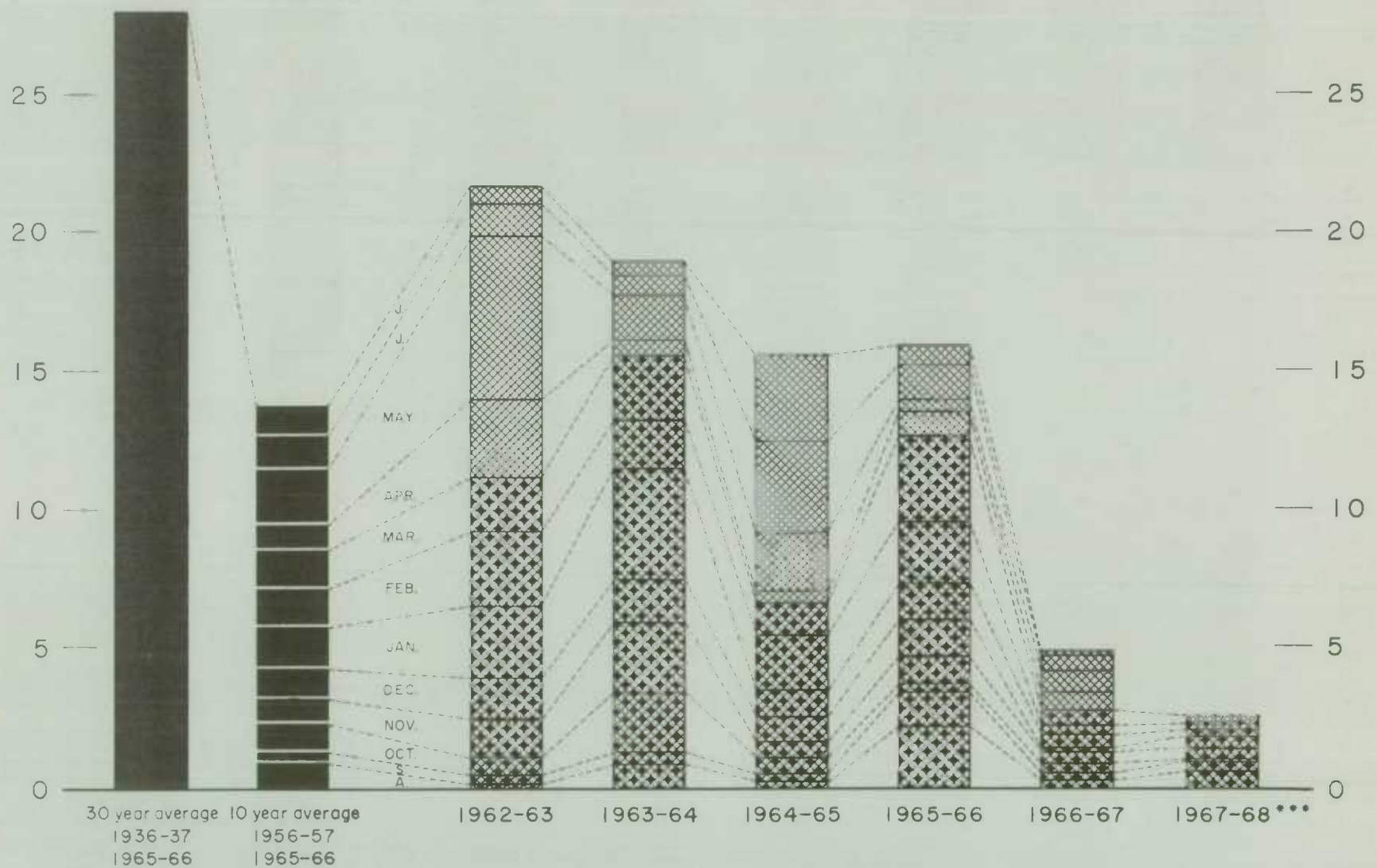
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# EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS\* AND OAT PRODUCTS\*\* (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS  
30 —

MILLION BUSHELS  
— 30



\* Beginning with 1960-61 includes relatively small quantity of bagged seed.

\*\* In terms of grain equivalent.

\*\*\* Preliminary.

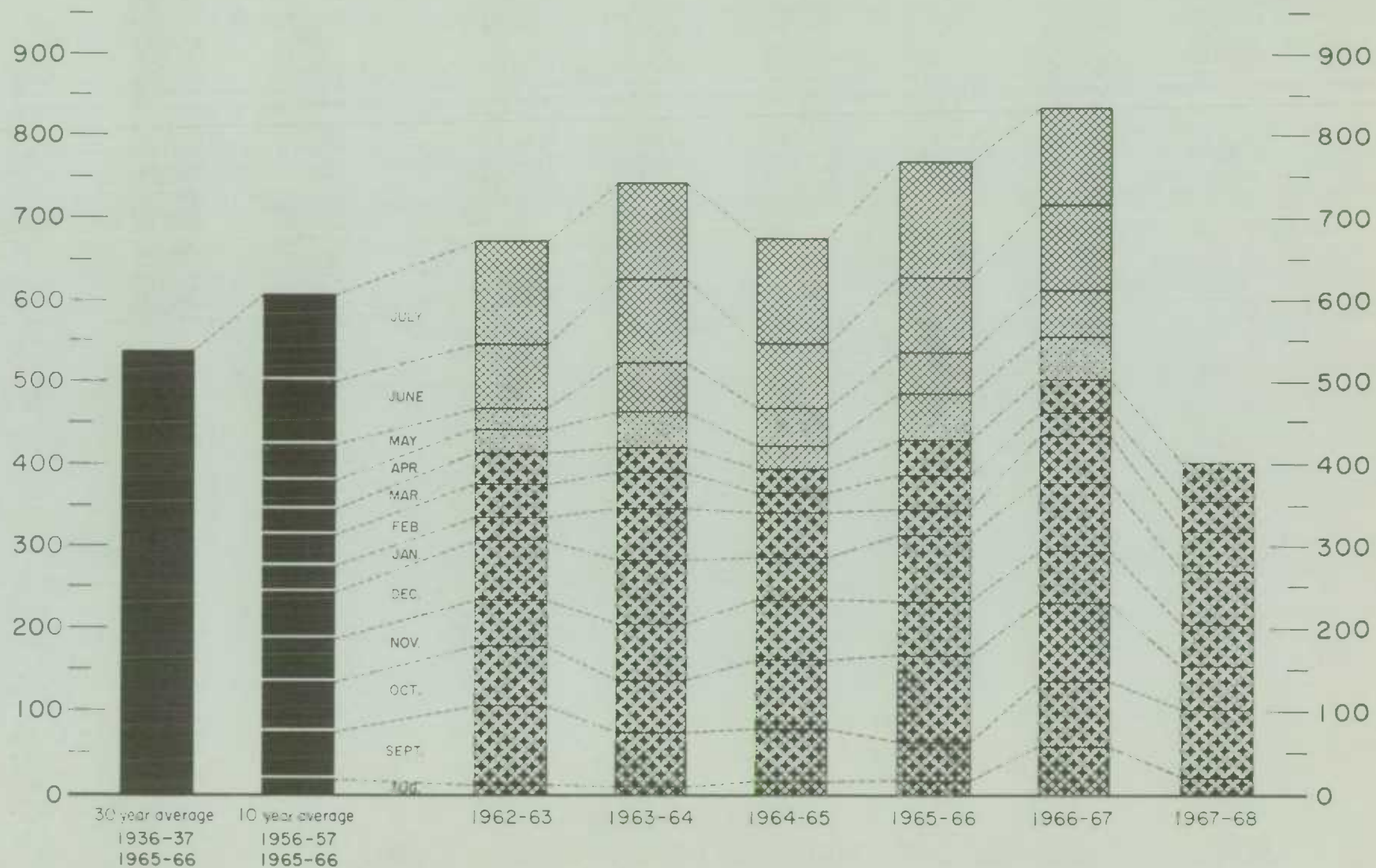
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# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS\*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

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MILLION BUSHELS  
1,000 —

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

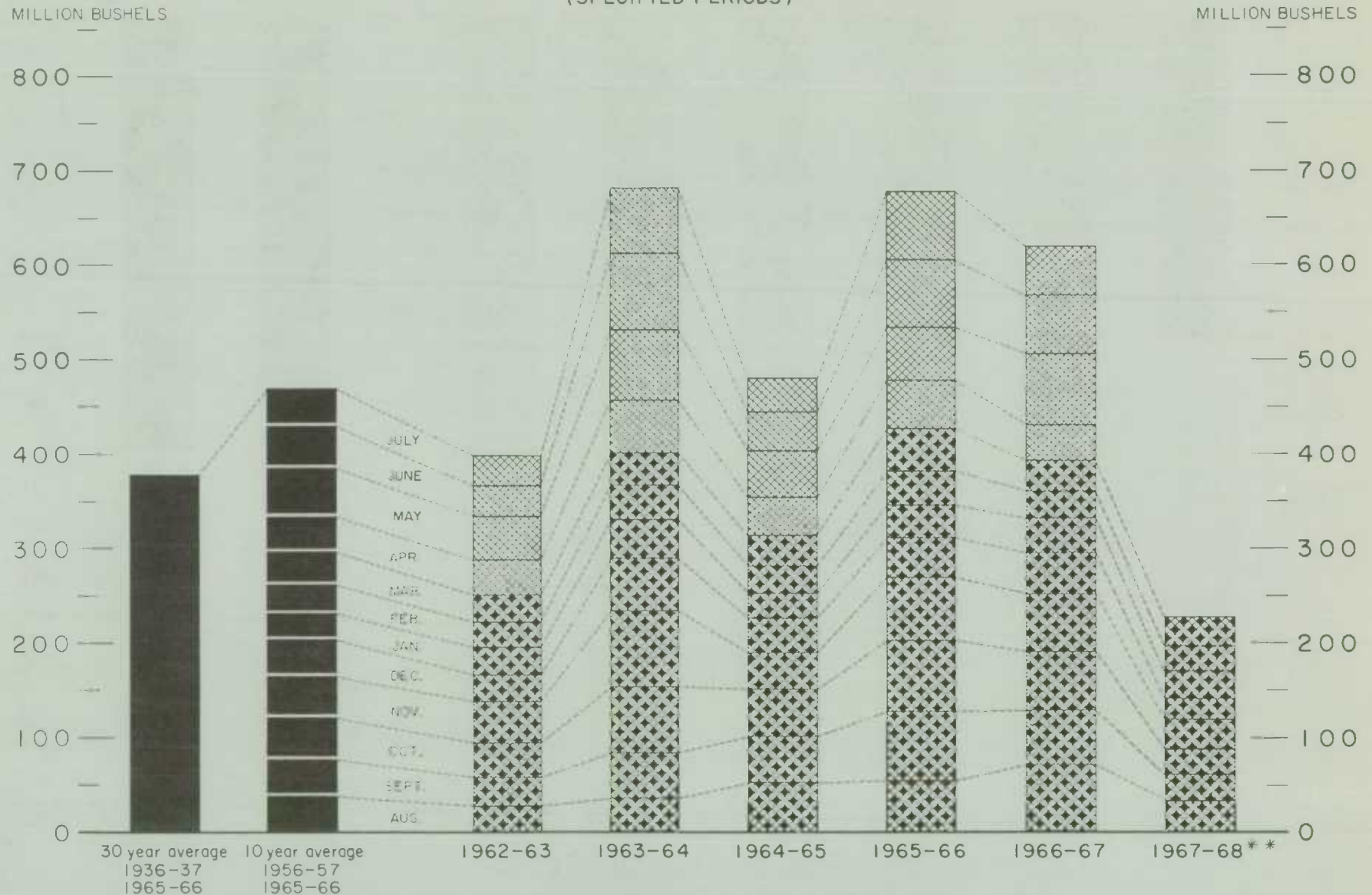


\* Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

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# EXPORTS OF CANADA'S SIX 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 rye flour; flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

\*\* Preliminary.



Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	November 1967(1)	March 1968(2)	August-March	
			1967-68(2)	1966-67(1)
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	833	690	47,058	66,155
Italy.....	1,955	—	12,765	10,235
Netherlands.....	1,518	460	12,572	3,724
Sub-totals.....	4,306	1,150	72,395	80,114
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	169,715	199,564	2,207,938	4,172,773
Denmark.....	—	—	460	1,610
Gibraltar.....	7,084	—	9,660	23,441
Greece.....	13,133	2,208	45,765	42,361
Iceland.....	—	—	3,391	4,660
Ireland.....	3,703	2,576	8,533	966
Norway.....	—	—	115	230
Portugal.....	14,191	16,848	63,906	50,957
Spain.....	—	—	1,966	—
Sweden.....	—	—	515	2,001
Switzerland.....	—	92	92	—
Sub-totals.....	207,826	221,288	2,342,341	4,298,999
Totals.....	212,132	222,438	2,414,736	4,379,113
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria.....	—	53,163	138,941	469,552
Angola.....	1,380	2,415	14,835	13,938
Cameroun Republic.....	2,300	—	22,135	30,461
Congo-Kinshasa.....	6,670	11,960	63,855	27,593
Dahomey.....	8,882	8,475	38,401	14,591
French Africa nes.....	—	—	6,619	25,519
Gambia.....	—	7,820	58,089	45,414
Ghana.....	214,726	19,909	930,822	856,934
Ivory Coast.....	1,380	—	3,220	1,380
Liberia.....	22,110	8,614	125,799	123,075
Libya.....	—	—	225	—
Malawi.....	6,739	6,578	50,715	51,692
Morocco.....	—	—	53,243	21,638
Mozambique.....	7,475	5,600	29,665	57,040
Nigeria.....	—	—	—	4,844
Portuguese Africa nes.....	1,725	3,830	22,655	19,092
Republic of South Africa.....	2,151	—	2,151	—
Senegal.....	—	460	460	179,480
Sierra Leone.....	952	1,053	14,221	356,944
Tanzania.....	—	—	7,972	6,005
Togo.....	11,385	13,800	95,942	119,600
U.A.R. - Egypt.....	—	—	—	43,100
Zambia.....	1,150	—	6,900	—
Totals.....	289,025	143,677	1,686,865	2,467,892
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden.....	—	—	6,440	43,824
Afghanistan.....	—	—	517	—
Bahrain.....	—	—	218	51
Ceylon.....	846,950	—	859,627	1,049,260
Cyprus.....	—	—	—	831
Hong Kong.....	41,170	19,455	271,034	418,975
India.....	274	230	135,466	915,798
Indonesia.....	—	—	—	108,208

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	November 1967(1)	March 1968(2)	August-March	
			1967-68(2)	1966-67(1)
<u>Asia (concluded)</u>			bushels	
Iran.....	—	—	322	3,682
Israel.....	—	—	543,837	—
Japan.....	586	—	3,846	3,395
Jordan.....	—	223	5,294	55,575
Korea, South.....	—	—	19,470	32,294
Kuwait.....	—	25	25	—
Lebanon.....	451	11,235	195,265	47,219
Malaysia.....	—	—	—	2,795
Philippines.....	—	—	354	—
Portuguese Asia.....	1,012	—	7,337	24,094
Qatar.....	—	—	655	260
Saudi Arabia.....	51,876	—	150,522	9,423
Syria.....	—	—	—	7,606
Thailand.....	24,495	14,720	168,719	165,025
Trucial States.....	—	—	138	18
Totals.....	966,814	45,888	2,369,086	2,888,333
<u>Oceania</u>				
British Oceania nes.....	—	—	1,725	575
Fiji.....	—	161	4,448	3,945
French Oceania.....	—	—	—	497
New Zealand.....	—	—	172	—
United States Oceania.....	4,600	—	34,730	32,200
Totals.....	4,600	161	41,075	37,217
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Argentina.....	—	—	—	5,120
Bahamas.....	20,205	30,286	179,632	215,777
Barbados.....	18,377	16,468	127,910	156,515
Bermuda.....	6,313	16,935	74,205	77,682
Bolivia.....	—	—	18,462	—
Brazil.....	—	110	110	—
British Honduras.....	2,905	4,324	40,827	44,592
Chile.....	205	—	205	—
Colombia.....	—	10,148	10,148	—
Costa Rica.....	—	—	2,350	720,406
Cuba(3).....	—	1,243,944	7,228,806	9,045,759
Dominican Republic.....	—	—	1,194	828
Ecuador.....	—	—	—	1,725
El Salvador.....	—	—	483	317
French Guiana.....	—	920	920	1,610
French West Indies.....	—	—	5,716	1,760
Guatemala.....	—	—	4,577	23,255
Guyana.....	5,968	7,438	53,431	60,109
Haiti Republic.....	1,403	—	1,460	704
Honduras Republic.....	4,572	1,610	24,320	25,592
Jamaica.....	93,863	111,102	947,536	1,045,582
Leeward and Windward Islands.....	53,059	92,023	539,318	666,464
Netherlands Antilles.....	18,027	8,091	101,901	82,059
Nicaragua.....	—	—	—	690
Panama.....	5,099	—	37,683	28,943
Peru.....	4,448	690	19,858	6,845
Puerto Rico.....	—	—	97	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon.....	3,163	2,139	15,261	12,910
Surinam.....	847	543	6,721	8,471
Trinidad and Tobago.....	56,311	24,817	321,372	695,987
Venezuela.....	—	—	24,380	403
United States.....	43,820	41,830	315,415	366,620
Totals.....	338,585	1,613,418	10,104,298	13,296,725
Totals, All Countries.....	1,811,156	2,025,582	16,616,060	23,069,280

nes - not elsewhere specified.

(1) In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.  
 Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. (2) In terms of wheat equivalent. Preliminary and unadjusted  
 for time lag. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. (3) Source - Canadian National Millers Associati

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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
cents and eighths per bushel				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>				
1 Northern.....	170	170	170	170
2 Northern.....	166	166	166	166
3 Northern.....	162	162	162	162
4 Northern.....	155	155	155	155
5 Wheat.....	141	141	141	141
6 Wheat.....	137	137	137	137
Feed Wheat.....	133	133	133	133
1 C.W. Garnet.....	155	155	155	155
2 C.W. Garnet.....	150	150	150	150
3 C.W. Garnet.....	145	145	145	145
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	154	154	154	154
2 Alberta Winter.....	149	149	149	149
3 Alberta Winter.....	143	143	143	143
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	170	170	170	170
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	166	166	166	166
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	162	162	162	162

International Wheat Agreement  
and Domestic Sales

1 Northern.....	194/2	194	193/7	193/5
2 Northern.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
3 Northern.....	192/2	192	191/7	191/5
4 Northern.....	188/2	188	187/7	187/5
5 Wheat.....	185/2	185	184/7	184/5
6 Wheat.....	182/2	182	181/7	181/5
Feed Wheat.....	178/2	178	177/7	177/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	188/2	188	187/7	187/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	187/2	187	186/7	186/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	186/2	186	185/7	185/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	188/2	188	187/7	187/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	187/2	187	186/7	186/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	186/2	186	185/7	185/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	201/6	201/4	201/3	201/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	199/6	199/4	199/3	199/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	195/6	195/4	195/3	195/1

Export - Class II

1 Northern.....	194/2	194	193/7	193/5
2 Northern.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
3 Northern.....	192/2	192	191/7	191/5
4 Northern.....	188/7	188	187/7	187/5
5 Wheat.....	185/2	185	184/7	184/5
6 Wheat.....	182/2	182	181/7	181/5
Feed Wheat.....	178/2	178	177/7	177/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	188/2	188	187/7	187/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	187/2	187	186/7	186/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	186/2	186	185/7	185/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	201/6	201/4	201/3	201/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	199/6	199/4	199/3	199/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	195/6	195/4	195/3	195/1



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

Class and Grade	Week Ending			
	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
cents and eighths per bushel				
<u>Initial Payment to Producers</u>				
1 Northern.....	170	170	170	170
2 Northern.....	166	166	166	166
3 Northern.....	162	162	162	162
4 Northern.....	155	155	155	155
5 Wheat.....	141	141	141	141
6 Wheat.....	137	137	137	137
Feed Wheat.....	133	133	133	133
1 C.W. Garnet.....	155	155	155	155
2 C.W. Garnet.....	150	150	150	150
3 C.W. Garnet.....	145	145	145	145
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	154	154	154	154
2 Alberta Winter.....	149	149	149	149
3 Alberta Winter.....	143	143	143	143
1 C.W. Amber Durum.....	170	170	170	170
2 C.W. Amber Durum.....	166	166	166	166
3 C.W. Amber Durum.....	162	162	162	162
<u>International Wheat Agreement and Domestic Sales</u>				
1 Northern.....	198/6	198/4	198/3	198/1
2 Northern.....	198/2	198	197/7	197/5
3 Northern.....	197/2	197	196/7	196/5
4 Northern.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
5 Wheat.....	190/2	190	189/7	189/5
6 Wheat.....	187/2	187	186/7	186/5
Feed Wheat.....	183/2	183	182/7	182/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	192/2	192	191/7	191/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	191/2	191	190/7	190/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	192/2	192	191/7	191/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	191/2	191	190/7	190/5
<u>Export - Class II</u>				
1 Northern.....	198/6	198/4	198/3	198/1
2 Northern.....	198/2	198	197/7	197/5
3 Northern.....	197/2	197	196/7	196/5
4 Northern.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
5 Wheat.....	190/2	190	189/7	189/5
6 Wheat.....	187/2	187	186/7	186/5
Feed Wheat.....	183/2	183	182/7	182/5
1 C.W. Garnet.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
2 C.W. Garnet.....	192/2	192	191/7	191/5
3 C.W. Garnet.....	191/2	191	190/7	190/5
1 Alberta Red Winter.....	193/2	193	192/7	192/5
2 Alberta Winter.....	192/2	192	191/7	191/5
3 Alberta Winter.....	191/2	191	190/7	190/5

# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during March 1968 amounted to 3,328,000 hundredweight, representing an increase of 9 per cent over the February 1968 total of 3,056,000 hundredweight, but 13 per cent below the adjusted March 1967 figure of 3,809,000 hundredweight, and 7 per cent less than the ten-year (1958-67) average production for the month of March of 3,576,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during March 1968 had a total rated capacity of 150,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 85.6 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during March 1968 amounted to 7,459,000 bushels, 10 per cent above the 6,809,000 bushels milled during the preceding month, but 12 per cent below the 8,442,000 bushels milled during March 1967. Of the wheat milled for flour during March 1968 some 6,411,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (640,000 bushels); durum (338,000 bushels); and all other (70,000 bushels).

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during March 1968 amounted to 881,000 hundredweight (some 2,026,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) 4 per cent less than the 2,111,000 bushels exported during the previous month, and 45 per cent below the adjusted March 1967 exports of 3,663,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-five countries, with exports to Cuba amounting to 1,244,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 61 per cent of the March 1968 total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat during the month, with shipments in thousands of bushels were as follows: Britain, 200; Jamaica, 111; Leeward and Windward Islands, 92; Algeria, 53; and United States, 42.

## 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 " .....	99,704,638	43,908,245	23,699,546
1945-46 — 1949-50 " .....	107,330,372	47,011,540	25,819,721
1950-51 — 1954-55 " .....	100,446,328	43,847,894	21,812,041
1955-56 — 1959-60 " .....	99,148,211	39,752,589	16,349,156
1960-61 — 1964-65 " .....	91,128,177	40,834,088	15,769,803
1965-66 .....	97,925,995	43,531,263	16,576,117
1966-67 .....	90,084,646	39,978,571	13,848,208
1967-68(2)			
August .....	7,483,754	3,323,075	993,703
September .....	7,498,099	3,329,572	1,010,923
October .....	7,248,717	3,229,128	796,318
November .....	7,164,572	3,188,285	818,449
December .....	6,371,160	2,842,345	941,932
January .....	7,043,949	3,148,619	864,656
February .....	6,808,913	3,056,056	917,705
March .....	7,458,731	3,328,407	880,688
Totals .....	57,077,895	25,445,487	7,224,374
Same months 1966-67 <sup>r</sup> .....	63,073,028	27,979,717	10,030,122

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 — 1966-67 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

(2) Subject to revision.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

# UNITED STATES SITUATION

## 1967-68 Wheat Supplies 6 Per Cent Above Previous Year

Although carryover stocks declined this decrease was more than offset by an increase in production and, as a result, total domestic wheat supplies in the United States for the current crop year are placed at 1,949.4 million bushels compared with the 1966-67 total of 1,846.9 million. The 425.0 million bushels carried over at July 1, 1967 were the lowest stocks in 15 years, while the 1967 crop, estimated at 1,524.3 million bushels, represented an increase of 16 per cent over the previous year's outturn of 1,311.7 million. Domestic disappearance during 1967-68 estimated at about 655.0 million bushels, is 4 per cent less than the 681.4 million the year before. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,295.0 million remain available for export and for carryover, an increase of 11 per cent over the 1,167.0 million in 1966-67.

## Exports Higher than Previous Year

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period July 1967 - March 1968 amounted to 592.3 million bushels, an increase of 2 per cent over the 578.6 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on April 1, 1968 for export and for carryover was estimated at 702.7 million bushels compared with 588.4 million on the same date a year ago.

## United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1966-67 <sup>r</sup>	1967-68 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1).....	535.2	425.0
Production.....	1,311.7	1,524.3
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	1,846.9	1,949.4
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-March.....	1.5	0.7
Total estimated supplies(1).....	1,848.4	1,950.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2).	681.4	655.0
Available for export and for carryover.....	1,167.0	1,295.0
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-March.....	526.7	556.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July- March(3).....	51.9	35.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour(4).....	578.6	592.3
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover.....	588.4	702.7

(1) Excluding imports for April-June. (2) Includes shipments to United States Territories and wheat for military food use at home and abroad. (3) Flour exports exclude "Milled in bond". (4) Data include shipments for relief.  
<sup>r</sup> Revised figures. <sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.



### Winter Wheat

In a report released on April 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that winter wheat generally wintered well. Rain and snow in March and early April improved moisture in many dry areas, and above normal temperatures over the country got the crop off to a favourable start. Winter wheat production is now estimated at 1,219 million bushels, 1 per cent above the December forecast, fractionally above the 1967 crop, and 26 per cent above average. In the past decade, the average change in estimates of U.S. production from April 1 to harvest has been 66 million bushels, ranging from 10 to 210 million bushels in individual years.

As of April 1 crop conditions pointed to a yield of 24.5 bushels per seeded acre, compared with 22.3 bushels in 1967. The 5-year average is of 22.7 bushels per acre. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 43.6 million acres. This would be 87.6 per cent of the seeded acreage, compared with 84.0 per cent in 1967 and the average of 86.0 per cent.

Seeding went into the winter in good condition in most areas of the country, and winter loss was generally light. Late season snows over the Southern Great Plains maintained the good moisture supplies of the past 3 months. Condition of the wheat crop in Kansas varies greatly. Moisture supplies are low over much of western Kansas. Most of Oklahoma has adequate soil moisture with early April rains particularly helpful. The crop in Nebraska wintered well. Winds and dryness in March were detrimental, but early April rains improved prospects. Wheat condition was good in Texas, growth was excellent, but the northern High Plains will need rain soon for continued crop development. East of the Mississippi River the crop in the Northern areas generally wintered well, despite the light snow cover and exposure to deep frost and extreme cold. In the Central and Southeastern States, seedings overwintered in fair to good condition. In the Northern Great Plains, except South Dakota, winter loss was light; and the crop got off to a fair start, although moisture will be needed shortly. In South Dakota, the crop was in poor condition on April 1 reflecting late seedings on dry soil with little fall growth. In Montana, the crop overwintered with little damage. Snow cover was adequate in December and January, when temperatures were lowest. Above normal temperatures in March greened up seedings early but reduced topsoil moisture. Subsoil moisture generally was adequate over the State. In the Pacific Northwest, condition of the crop varied. Idaho seedings were in good condition with a favourable moisture situation. Washington crop prospects were good although plant growth was uneven due to late fall emergence. In Oregon the crop is in good condition, despite lack of winter moisture in some areas. February rains improved stands, but additional moisture is needed.

### Wheat Stocks on Farms

April 1 stocks of all wheat on farms totalled 360 million bushels, about 50 per cent more than last year, and about two-thirds more than average. April 1 wheat stocks were 23.6 per cent of total 1967 production. Disappearance of wheat from farms during January-March totalled 145 million bushels, down 15 per cent from a year earlier, but 3 per cent above the 5-year average.

Durum Wheat stocks on farms in Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Montana totalled 31 million bushels on April 1—9 per cent above a year earlier and 5 per cent above the average. Most of the stocks were in North Dakota. Disappearance from farms during January-March totalled 15 million bushels compared with 11 million bushels last year. This is second largest disappearance for the April quarter in 7 years of records.

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
April 1, 1968.....	158 3/4 - 161 3/4	April 1, 1968.....	163 5/8 - 194 5/8
2.....	154 - 161 1/4	2.....	162 1/2 - 193 1/2
3.....	153 - 160 1/2	3.....	161 5/8 - 192 5/8
4.....	156 1/4 - 156 3/4	4.....	161 5/8 - 192 5/8
5.....	152 1/2 - 159 3/4(1)	5.....	162 1/8 - 193 1/8
8.....	155 1/2 - 157 1/2	8.....	162 5/8 - 193 5/8
9.....	Market Closed	9.....	Market Closed
10.....	155 1/2	10.....	161 3/4 - 192 3/4
11.....	149 1/2 - 157 1/2(1)	11.....	160 1/4 - 191 1/4
12.....	Good Friday	12.....	Good Friday
15.....	151 3/4 - 153 1/4	15.....	159 1/2 - 190 1/2
16.....	153 1/4	16.....	160 1/8 - 191 1/8
17.....	150 - 158 1/2	17.....	160 5/8 - 191 5/8
18.....	152 - 160 1/2	18.....	160 3/4 - 192 3/4
19.....	157	19.....	160 1/2 - 192 1/2
22.....	154 3/4 - 159 1/2	22.....	159 5/8 - 191 5/8
23.....	152 3/4 - 161 1/4(1)	23.....	159 3/4 - 192 3/4
24.....	152 3/4 - 160 1/2(1)	24.....	161 - 193
25.....	152 3/4 - 161 1/2(1)	25.....	161 - 193
26.....	159 - 160	26.....	160 1/2 - 192 1/2
29.....	158 - 159 1/2	29.....	159 3/4 - 191 3/4
30.....	154 3/4 - 159 1/2	30.....	159 5/8 - 191 5/8

(1) Nominal.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

Date	May	July	September	December	March
	cents and eighths per bushel				
April 1, 1968.....	147/2	150/2	153/6	159/4	163/6
2.....	145/1	147/6	151/2	157	161/1
3.....	143/1	146	149/6	155/4	159/6
4.....	143	145/7	149/3	155/1	159/4
5.....	143/3	146	149/4	155/2	159/4
8.....	142/3	145/2	148/5	154/4	158/6
9.....			Market Closed		
10.....	140/7	143/6	147/3	153/1	157/4
11.....	138/7	141/7	145/3	151/2	155/4
12.....			Good Friday		
15.....	138/1	140/7	144	149/7	154/2
16.....	139/6	142/3	145/6	151/4	155/6
17.....	140/2	142/5	145/6	151/2	155/4
18.....	138/4	141/3	144/4	150	154/2
19.....	138/6	141/6	145/1	150/7	155/1
22.....	138/1	141	144/2	150	154/2
23.....	136/4	139/6	143	148/7	153
24.....	136/5	140	143/2	149/1	153/4
25.....	136/6	140/2	143/5	149/4	153/7
26.....	136/4	140/1	143/4	149/4	153/6
29.....	133/7	137/5	140/7	147	151/2
30.....	133/3	137/3	140/7	146/7	151/2



# AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

## Wheat Supplies Decline from Previous Year

Reflecting the effect of a sharp decline in production, which more than offset a substantial increase in carry-over stocks, total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1967-68 crop year are estimated at 357.8 million bushels as against 483.2 million in 1966-67. The current harvest, presently estimated at 277.4 million bushels, is 41 per cent below the previous record of 466.6 million bushels harvested in 1966-67. Carryover stocks, at a record 80.4 million bushels, exceeded by a wide margin the 16.6 million at December 1, 1966. After deducting some 108.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 249.8 million are available for export and for carryover during 1967-68, some 37 per cent below the 393.7 million in 1966-67.

## Exports Lower Than Previous Year

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1-March 23 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 70.2 million bushels, considerably lower than the 100.1 million exported during the corresponding four months of the 1966-67 crop year. The balance remaining on March 24, 1968 for export and for carryover, at 179.6 million bushels, was in sharp contrast to the comparable 1967 total of 293.6 million.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1966-67 <sup>r</sup>	1967-68 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1).....	16.6	80.4
Production.....	466.6	277.4
Total estimated domestic supplies.....	483.2	357.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year..	89.5	108.0 <sup>r</sup>
Available for export and for carryover.....	393.7	249.8
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1-March 23....	95.2	65.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - March 23.....	4.9	4.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour.....	100.1	70.2
Balance on March 24 for export and for carryover....	293.6	179.6

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

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Weather Weather conditions during the month of March were favourable throughout the grain belt. Rain fell when it was needed in most regions, and the temperature remained at seasonal levels. The soil was therefore in good condition and the sowing of winter grains to be used as dual purpose lots has become widespread.

Wheat There has been no further official estimate of the 1967-68 crop from that of February which quoted 7.4 million metric tons (271.9 million bushels). There is still considerable conjecture among trade, as to what the size of the crop will be, but many feel that there will have to be a downward adjustment in the official forecast.

The first contract with Brazil under the recently negotiated million ton (36,743,000 bushels) agreement for 1968 was finalized during early April. The first contract calls for a supply of 350,000 metric tons (12,860,000 bushels) to be shipped during April-June at a price of U\$S 57.52 per metric ton (\$1.69 per bushel) FOB Buenos Aires. Of the total it is expected that 120,000 tons (4,409,000 bushels) will be shipped during April and 115,000 (4,225,000 bushels) in each of May and June.

Outside of the Brazilian contract, there has been very little wheat sold for export during the period under review. The price at which the National Grain Board is releasing stocks to the trade is said to be of about U\$S 2.00 per ton (6 cents per bushel) over world prices, and this has effectively hindered future sales. In fact, because of the lack of movement during recent weeks there is now discussion as to the size of surplus which Argentina may have by the end of the crop year. The National Grain Board as of April 4 had purchased 2,118,623 million tons (77,845,000 bushels) of wheat from producers. Availabilities for export as of December 1, 1967 are calculated at 3.4 million tons (124,927,000 bushels). If from this the Brazilian contract is deducted as well as the lesser sales to Chile and Peru, and allowing for a possible reserve of 500,000 metric tons (18,372,000 bushels), there would appear to be from between 500,000 to one million tons, (18,372,000 bushels to 36,743,000 bushels) of wheat available for placing in export markets. It is reported that negotiations continue with China in the hopes of placing a further quantity in that market, and that a trade mission may shortly visit Argentina to discuss future sales. There was some decline in price during March; by mid month 1,540 pesos per 160 kilos (\$1.30 per bushel) were being paid in the Buenos Aires Futures market for April delivery; 1,590 (\$1.34 per bushel) for May, 1,650 (\$1.39 per bushel) for June and 1,689 pesos (\$1.43 per bushel), was quoted for July delivery. By the end of the month, prices had further declined, with 1,562 pesos (\$1.32 per bushel) quoted for May, 1,609 (\$1.36 per bushel) for June and 1,649 (\$1.39 per bushel) for July. At present the Futures market is quoting 1,620 pesos (\$1.37 per bushel) for May delivery, 1,660 (\$1.40 per bushel) for June, 1,690 (\$1.43 per bushel) for July and 1,740 (\$1.47 per bushel) for August. The average price paid by the Grain Board for purchases of present crop wheat has been 1,579 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.33 per bushel), slightly above the 1,500 pesos (\$1.27 per bushel) support level. New minimum and support prices for wheat and other grains are expected to be announced shortly for the coming crop year.

Present prices in the Cereals Exchange are: for hard wheat Grade 1, FOR Buenos Aires 1,600 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.35 per bushel); for semi-hard 1,560 (\$1.32 per bushel); and for durums, 1,820 pesos (\$1.54 per bushel). Prices at Bahia Blanca for similar grades are quoted at 1,480 pesos, 1,440 and 1,700 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.25, \$1.22 and \$1.43 per bushel) for the respective grades.

Now that data is available on the regional production, it is interesting to note what is happening to the wheat industry in the province of El Chaco. In 1962-63 some 1,600 metric tons (59,000 bushels) of wheat were harvested in the entire province. Last year, notwithstanding the fact that nearly 50 per cent of seeded area was abandoned due to unfavourable weather conditions, total production reached 70,000 metric tons (2,572,000 bushels). The increased importance of El Chaco as a wheat producing region reflects the joint efforts of both the provincial Government and the National Grain Board in diversifying the basically one crop cotton economy of the province. With the results obtained to date it would appear that wheat will continue to grow in importance and that the area sown will again increase in 1968-69. The Argentine Government, among other reasons, is interested in promoting production in Chaco because of the early harvest. Production in this area is ready for combining by mid October, whereas in the traditional northern grain belt the harvest begins a month to six weeks later. Thus, the Chaco production could help compensate for any shortages which might occur, as was the case near the end of the 1966-67 crop year.

Argentine Wheat Exports December-February 1966-67 and 1967-68

Destination	February		December-February	
	1967	1968	1966-67	1967-68
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium.....	326	176	504	176
France.....	569	432	983	1,148
Germany, Federal Republic.	239	18	762	18
Italy.....	3,883	4,968	7,049	8,550
Netherlands.....	1,769	299	4,071	483
Sub-totals.....	6,786	5,893	13,369	10,375
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain.....	2,767	283	5,445	1,388
Norway.....	172	37	227	37
Portugal.....	—	376	785	376
Switzerland.....	129	7	217	7
Sub-totals.....	3,068	703	6,674	1,808
Totals.....	9,854	6,596	20,043	12,183
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Hungary.....	480	—	480	22
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria.....	358	250	358	351



Argentine Wheat Exports December-February 1966-67 and 1967-68

Destination	February		December-February	
	1967	1968	1966-67	1967-68
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia</u>				
Cyprus.....	—	—	381	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia.....	—	82	—	198
Brazil.....	3,482	228	11,803	228
Chile.....	—	—	—	55
Colombia.....	674	37	803	535
Paraguay.....	237	38	237	863
Peru.....	1,486	1,104	3,316	3,249
Uruguay.....	—	344	—	344
Totals.....	5,879	1,833	16,159	5,472
Totals, all countries	16,570	8,678	37,422	18,029

GRAIN SITUATION IN BRITAIN

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Weather and Crops

March was very windy throughout the country with the first half of the month rather dry, but followed by unsettled weather. Central and Southern England was again dry and warm by late March and early April. Autumn-sown crops have wintered well and look promising. Spring cultivations have progressed faster than usual with drilling of spring cereals almost completed in some areas. Germination was slow due to low soil temperatures, and the severe blowing in fenland and light soil areas had necessitated some re-drilling in the eastern counties.

Requirements and Supplies

The Home-Crown Cereals Authority has reduced its estimate for home-grown "other coarse grains" by 50,000 long tons for 1967-68. This is due to a change in Scotland's oats production estimate.

Other changes in supply/requirements estimates for 1967-68 have been made as follows:

- a further reduction of 50,000 long tons (2,333,000 bushels) in estimated human consumption of barley. This reflects the latest maltster/distiller position in which barley intake in the crop year to the end of February is 105,000 tons, (4,900,000 bushels) below last year's. This reduction in barley consumption offsets the Scottish oats production decrease, leaving the estimated coarse grains stock build-up at the end of the crop year unchanged at 350,000 long tons.



- the wheat import estimates have been raised by 50,000 long tons (1,867,000 bushels) giving a stock build-up of the same amount by the end of the cereal year. These figures have to be viewed in the context of low-priced continental wheats currently affecting UK price levels.

Other comments on utilization in this crop year to end of February compared to last year can be summarized as follows:

- barley fed on farms down 95,000 tons (4,433,000 bushels)
- barley taken by compounder up 215,000 tons (10,033,000 bushels)
- wheat taken by compounder up 80,000 tons (2,987,000 bushels)
- domestic wheat taken by millers up 40,000 tons (1,493,000 bushels) - it is expected that millers may use 100,000 tons (3,733,000 bushels) more UK wheat this crop year over 1966-67.
- total disappearance of domestic grain only 20,000 tons more in February 1968 than in February 1967.
- growing fears that the apparent stock build-up may affect the market at the 1968 harvest.

Stocks of Grain on Farms According to MAFF, stocks of grain on farms at the end of February were estimated at 4.68 million long tons, comprising wheat 1.47 million tons (54.9 million bushels), barley 2.75 (128.3 million bushels) and oats 460,000 (30,306,000 bushels) as compared with 1.19 million (44.4 million bushels), 2.37 million (110.6 million bushels) and 350,000 long tons (23,059,000 bushels), respectively, for the previous February.

Cereals Deficiency Payment MAFF has announced that the advance deficiency payment on wheat for the third accounting period (December 1, 1967 to January 31, 1968) for the 1967-68 cereal year will be 3s 4d per long cwt. (23 cents per bushel). Payment will be made on about 560,000 long tons (20,907,000 bushels) of millable wheat qualifying during the period and in addition on the national millable content of about 1,000 long tons (37,000 bushels) of wheat not millable solely by reason of excess moisture. An amount of 2.7d per long cwt. (1.5¢ per bushel) will be deducted in respect of levy payable to the Home-Grown Cereals Authority.

Grain Markets English wheats have continued in quiet demand and prices were again barely held at recent levels. In London prompt and May delivery soft milling traded down to 21/9 per long cwt. (\$1.52 per bushel) and June delivery sold at 22/6 (\$1.57); hard wheats were valued at 22/3 (\$1.56) to 22/9 (\$1.59), with feeding neglected and nominally quoted at 21/9 to 22/3 per long cwt. (\$1.52 to \$1.56 per bushel). Prices from 23/0 to 24/4 1/2 (\$1.25 to \$1.33 per bushel) were paid in London for malting barleys for forward deliveries, with feed barley bought for prompt and May delivery at 21/6 per long cwt. (\$1.17 per bushel). Feed barley for export was quoted at £21 5 Od per long ton (\$1.18 per bushel) f.o.b. East Coast for April delivery and £21 12 6d per long ton (\$1.20 per bushel) for May and June delivery.

The H.G.C.A.'s ex-farm guide prices remain the same at £21 10 Od per long ton for millable wheat and £21 0 Od for feeding barley (\$1.50 and \$1.17 per bushel, respectively) for April-May delivery.

## CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

March 20

A release from the United States Department of Agriculture re: Preliminary Final Report Issued on 1968 Wheat Program Signup: On the basis of State preliminary estimates of final signup returns for the 1968 wheat program, 837,057 farms plan to participate, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced. The signed farms have 50.4 million acres in wheat allotments, representing 85 per cent of the national allotment of 59.3 million acres. The portion of the national allotment acreage on the signed farms is a new record percentage. The previous record of 84.5 per cent of the national allotment on signed farms was established in 1967.

April 10

The 1968 season of navigation opened at the Canadian Lakehead.

According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board, U.S.D.A. the 1968 winter wheat crop in the United States is estimated at 1,219 million bushels, one per cent above the December forecast, fractionally above the 1967 crop, and 26 per cent above average.

May 8

According to a telegraphic crop report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, seeding is well advanced in southern areas of the Prairie Provinces and is expected to be general in most districts this week. Recent rains have improved moisture conditions in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta. Pasture growth, which is fair in Manitoba, has been restricted in the other two provinces by low temperatures.

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