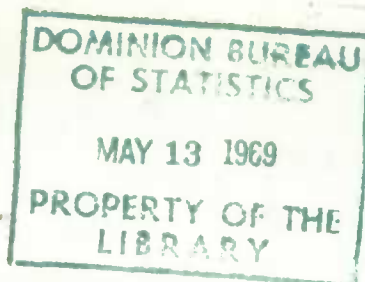


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# WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

## Wheat Exports Below Average

Total exports of wheat (including flour in terms of wheat) from the four traditional major exporters during the August - February period of the current crop year, amounted to 639.3 million bushels, a decrease of 21 per cent from the previous total of 810.7 million exported during the same seven months in 1967-68 and 15 per cent smaller than the comparable ten-year (1957-58 - 1966-67) average shipments for the same period of 747.8 million bushels. Exports from United States and Australia were at lower levels this year than last while those from Canada and Argentina were higher.

## Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1968 - February 1969 with Comparisons

August - February	United States	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Total
million bushels					
1950-51 .....	160.2	119.6	42.6	70.0	392.4
1951-52 .....	280.4	177.6	23.8	56.2	538.0
1952-53 .....	197.7	207.8	3.2	45.9	454.6
1953-54 .....	111.0	152.7	69.2	34.7	367.6
1954-55 .....	154.8	152.3	78.2	53.9	439.2
1955-56 .....	145.2	138.9	72.8	48.6	405.5
1956-57 .....	300.7	160.6	51.2	81.9	594.4
1957-58 .....	224.8	173.4	42.1	42.8	483.1
1958-59 .....	254.5	165.9	52.4	43.9	516.7
1959-60 .....	256.3	170.0	31.0	69.3	526.6
1960-61 .....	374.1	177.4	46.7	87.9	686.1
1961-62 .....	413.2	220.6	34.5	125.8	794.1
1962-63 .....	312.2	188.9	37.0	78.9	617.0
1963-64 .....	476.4	320.9	53.9	154.3	1,005.5
1964-65 .....	379.7	238.9	85.3	113.0	816.9
1965-66 .....	453.9	331.8	163.7	120.2	1,069.6
1966-67 .....	455.7	313.4	58.7	135.0	962.8
1967-68 <sup>r</sup> .....	467.1	152.7	23.8	167.1	810.7
1968-69 <sup>P</sup> .....	276.6	184.1	66.9	111.7	639.3

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## Wheat Supplies of Four Major Exporters Almost One-third Above Last Year

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at March 1, 1969 for export and for carry-over at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,533.2 million bushels, an increase of 32 per cent

over the 1,925.4 million at the same time a year ago. Supplies were larger in United States, Canada and Australia than those of the previous year while supplies in Argentina recorded a decrease due to the adverse growing and harvesting conditions endured by the 1968-69 crop. Supplies at March 1, 1969, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,030.6 (770.6); Canada, 966.3 (848.8); Argentina, 72.0 (109.4); and Australia, 464.3 (196.6).

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Above Previous Year      Total estimated supplies of wheat for the 1968-69 (August-July) crop year are placed at 1,315.4 million bushels consisting of the August 1 carryover of 665.5 million and the 1968 crop, estimated at 649.8 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated represent an increase of 12 per cent over the 1,169.7 million of 1967-68. After making an allowance of 165.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1968-69 amount to 1,150.4 million bushels, 15 per cent more than the 1,001.5 million in 1967-68.

August-February Exports Above Year Ago      Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent amounted to 184.1 million bushels during August-February of the current crop year, 21 per cent more than the previous year's corresponding total of 152.7 million but below the ten-year (1957-58 - 1966-67) average for the period of 230.1 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 169.5 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 205 thousand of seed and 14.4 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 137.5 million of wheat in bulk, 452 thousand of seed and 14.7 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on March 1, 1969 for export and for carryover amounted to 966.3 million bushels, 14 per cent above the March 1, 1968 total of 848.8 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1967-68 <sup>r</sup>	1968-69 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	576.8	665.5
Production .....	592.9	649.8
Total estimated supplies .....	1,169.7	1,315.4
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	168.2	165.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,001.5	1,150.4
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August - February (1) ....	137.5	169.5
Exports of seed wheat, August - February (2) .....	0.5	0.2
Total exports of wheat as grain .....	138.0	169.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - February (2) .....	14.7	14.4
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	152.7	184.1
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover .....	848.8	966.3

(1) As reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners.

(2) Customs returns, 1967-68 adjusted for time lag.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.



Marketings, Disappearance  
and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to March 19 of the current crop year have amounted to 211.8 million bushels in contrast to 297.4 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 29.7 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks February 20 to March 19, 1969. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 35.0 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 401.7 million at February 19, 1969 to a level of 395.6 million at March 19, 1969.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at March 19 this year represented a decrease of 13 per cent from the 1968 comparable total of 454.6 million but was 27 per cent more than the 1967 figure of 311.2 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 250.1 million bushels, were 4 per cent less than the 1968 comparable total of 260.8 million but 61 per cent more than the 155.1 million of two years ago. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at March 19, 1969, totalled 6.2 million bushels considerably below both the 13.1 million of a year ago and the 10.3 million of two years ago. The 10.2 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) were below the 1968 figure of 15.9 million but above the 9.8 million of 1967. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead, totalling some 47.7 million bushels, were 32 per cent smaller than the 70.3 million at March 20, 1968 and 27 per cent lower than the 65.7 million at March 22, 1967. The 10.2 million bushels "in storage afloat" were below both the 18.5 million in this position in 1968 and the 14.5 million at the same date in 1967. The 20.2 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were less than the 25.1 million of a year ago but above the 13.3 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at March 19, 1969, at 26.8 million bushels, registered a 14 per cent decrease from the comparable 1968 figure of 31.1 million but was 43 per cent more than the 18.8 million of 1967. The 13.1 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were higher than both the 8.7 million at March 20, 1968 and the 12.6 million at March 22, 1967.

February 1969 Exports  
of Wheat and Flour

12 per cent Above Average

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during February 1969 amounted to 26.2 million bushels, 28 per cent higher than the 20.4 million of the previous month, 23 per cent above the 21.4 million of February 1968 and 12 per cent more than the ten-year (1958-67) average for the month of February of 23.4 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners) during February 1969 totalled 24.1 million bushels, 28 per cent more than both the January 1969 total of 18.8 million and the February 1968 figure of 18.9 million and 21 per cent above the ten-year average of 20.0 million. Based on Canadian Customs returns, the equivalent of 2.0 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during February 1969, some 28 per cent above the previous month's figure of 1.6 million, but 16 per cent smaller than the adjusted total of 2.4 million of February 1968 and 29 per cent less than the ten-year average of 2.8 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-February period of the current crop year amounted to 169.5 million bushels, 23 per cent more than the 137.5 million shipped during the first seven months of 1967-68 but 18 per cent less than the ten-year average for the period of 207.0 million. Communist China and Britain were the two leading markets for Canadian wheat in bulk during the first seven months of the current crop year with shipments to these countries amounting to 41.7 million and 37.4 million bushels, and accounted for 25 per cent and 22 per cent, respectively, of the August-February total. During the same period last year Communist China

accounted for 6 per cent and Britain 29 per cent of the August 1967-February 1968 total. Other principal importers of Canadian wheat for the first seven 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, 23.8 (22.0); India, 9.5 (0.1); Italy, 9.0 (5.5); Federal Republic of Germany, 7.6 (12.1); Belgium and Luxembourg, 4.9 (6.5); Netherlands, 4.5 (4.2); and Switzerland, 4.0 (1.4). Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-February of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 205 thousand bushels compared with last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 452 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first seven months of the 1968-69 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 14.4 million bushels of wheat, little changed from the adjusted August-February 1967-68 total. Cuba's purchases, the leading market for Canadian wheat flour during the period under review, amounted to the equivalent of 6.4 million bushels and accounted for 45 per cent of the August 1968-February 1969 total. During the comparable period of 1967-68 shipments to Cuba amounted to 6.0 million and accounted for 34 per cent of the seven-month total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the August-February period of the 1968-69 crop year, with revised data for the same months of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels: Britain, 1,542 (1,926); Ghana, 1,002 (975); Ceylon, 839 (860); U.A.R. Egypt, 752 (nil); Leeward and Windward Islands, 486 (492); and Indonesia, 362 (nil).

General Quota Position By April 7, 1969 out of a total of 1,827 shipping points in the Western Division, the Canadian Wheat Board had placed 526 points on a delivery quota of four bushels per specified acre, 545 points on a three-bushel quota, 390 points on a two-bushel quota and 255 points on a one-bushel quota. Some 100 points remained on the initial unit quota while only 11 stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in the Western Division  
as at April 7, 1969

Province	Initial unit quota	General quota in bushels per specified acre				Closed	Total
		One	Two	Three	Four		
Ontario .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Manitoba .....	75	97	68	60	24	—	324
Saskatchewan .....	25	158	275	258	267	7	990
Alberta .....	—	—	47	227	229	3	506
British Columbia .....	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
All provinces .....	100	255	390	545	526	11	1,827



Final Payment  
1967-68 Wheat Pool

On March 28, 1969 the Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, made the following statement in the House of Commons.

I wish to make a statement regarding the final payment on wheat for the crop year ending July 31, 1968.

Producers delivered 464,608,153 bushels of wheat to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1967-68 crop year, including 17,974,914 bushels of Durum wheat. The pool account for wheat was closed on February 28.

The amount of the final payment to be distributed to producers is \$60,087,183 including \$4,426,853 to be distributed to producers who delivered Durum wheat. This is not a payment by the Government of Canada but represents the net returns of the Canadian Wheat Board in the marketing of Western Canadian wheat for the 1967-68 crop year. It is additional to the initial payments for wheat which were increased at the beginning of the 1967-68 crop year, in the case of No. 1 Northern for example, by 20 cents per bushel from \$1.50 to \$1.70.

The average final payment for wheat other than Durum is 12.462 cents per bushel. The average final payment for Durum wheat is 24.628 cents per bushel.

The Canadian Wheat Board will begin mailing the final payment cheques March 28.

I wish to inform the House of the total prices realized by producers, prior to the deduction of the one per cent Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy, on their deliveries of some of the more important grades of wheat. The farmers will receive a total per bushel, basis in store the Lakehead or Vancouver, as follows:

\$1.81317 for No. 1 Northern,  
1.78548 for No. 2 Northern,  
1.76283 for No. 3 Northern,  
1.71155 for No. 4 Northern, and  
1.68181 for No. 5 Wheat

The prices realized on the Durum grades total  
\$1.92261 for No. 1 C.W. Amber Durum,  
1.90211 for No. 2 and  
1.87096 for No. 3

Wheat Shipments to  
the United States

There were no 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 March 19, 1969.

During the comparable periods of 1966-67 and 1967-68 shipments amounted to 4 thousand and 55 thousand bushels, respectively.

Wheat Shipments\* to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1968 — March 19, 1969 with Comparisons

Destination	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
		bushels	
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. Domestic Points .....	54,915	4,357	—
Totals, shipments .....	54,915	4,357	—

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



Area Intended  
for Wheat 1969

Canadian farmers intend to plant 26.0 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1969 according to plans as of March 1. This area is 12 per cent less than the 29.4 million acres seeded in 1968, and 14 per cent less than the 30.1 million acres seeded in 1967. It is anticipated that the oats acreage will total 9.1 million an increase of 3 per cent. The area seeded to barley is expected to increase by 8 per cent to total 9.5 million acres compared with 8.8 million in 1968. Mixed grain acreage may total 1.7 million 2 per cent more than the previous year and the corn for grain acreage forecast at 1.1 million acres is 11 per cent larger than in 1968. The combined fall and spring rye area of 755,200 acres indicates an 11 per cent increase over last years all rye acreage of 678,600. The area intended for rapeseed in 1969 at 1,619,000 acres is 54 per cent above the 1,052,000 acres seeded in 1968 and approximates the record 1,620,000 acres planted in 1967. Flaxseed acreage is expected to increase by 12 per cent to 2.5 million acres compared with the 1.5 million acres sown last year and may result in the largest acreage in recent years. Acreage planned for soybeans at 295,000 acres remains unchanged from last year.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat in Canada, as at March 1, 1969 Compared with Acreages in 1968

Province	Acreage seeded in 1968(1)  acres	Acreage Intended to be seeded in 1969		
		Per cent of 1968	Area 1969(1)  acres	Indicated change  acres
Prince Edward Island .....	2,000	100	2,000	Unchanged
Nova Scotia .....	2,000	119	2,400	+ 400
New Brunswick .....	4,500	102	4,600	+ 100
Quebec .....	30,000	100	30,000	Unchanged
Ontario .....	11,000	82	9,000	- 2,000
Manitoba .....	3,400,000	81	2,750,000	- 650,000
Saskatchewan .....	19,000,000	90	17,100,000	- 1,900,000
Alberta .....	6,460,000	86	5,560,000	- 900,000
British Columbia .....	158,000	100	158,000	Unchanged
Totals .....	29,067,500	88	25,616,000	- 3,451,500

(1) For provinces other than Ontario includes relatively small acreages of winter wheat for which annual estimates are not available.

The 26.0 million acres to be seeded to all classes of wheat will represent a decrease of 12 per cent from the 1968 seedings and 3.1 million acres or 10 per cent below the 1963-67 average. In Manitoba the decrease in acreage may be 19 per cent, in Saskatchewan 10 per cent and in Alberta 14 per cent.

Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum, of 25.6 million acres are down 12 per cent from the 1968 acreage and 11 per cent below the 1963-67 average. Durum wheat acreage is expected to increase by 19 per cent and if the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 2,777,000 acres to this crop compared with 2,339,000 grown in 1968 and the 1963-67 average of 1,393,600 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 22.8 million in 1969 compared with 26.7 million planted in 1968 and the 1963-67 average of 27.3 million. The 410,000 acres seeded to winter wheat last fall were 2 per cent larger than the 400,000 acres seeded in the fall of the previous year. The area harvested in 1968 was estimated at 355,000 acres.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat(1) in the Prairie Provinces as at March 1, 1969  
Compared with Estimated Acreage 1968

Crop	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		Prairie Provinces	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
thousand acres								
Wheat, all spring .....	3,400	2,750	19,000	17,100	6,460	5,560	28,860	25,410
Durum .....	130	170	2,000	2,400	209	207	2,339	2,777
Other spring .....	3,270	2,580	17,000	14,700	6,251	5,353	26,521	22,633

(1) Includes a relatively small acreage of winter wheat.

Canadian Wheat  
Stocks at  
March 31, 1969

Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1969 were estimated at a record 1,024.3 million bushels compared with the previous revised 908.6 million on the same date in 1968 and the total of 848.3 million in 1967. The ten-year (1959-68) average was 751.7 million bushels. Data for these estimates were obtained from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada relative to grain in commercial positions at the close of business on April 2. An estimated 618.0 million bushels, representing 60 per cent of the total were held on farms, 38 per cent above last year's total of 449.4 million and 16 per cent more than the 532.8 million at March 29, 1967. All but 5.0 million bushels of the total farm stocks of wheat were held on farms in the Prairie Provinces. Farm-held stocks in Saskatchewan were placed at 392.0 million while those in Alberta and Manitoba were estimated at 142.0 million and 79.0 million bushels, respectively. Of the 406.3 million bushels held in off-farm positions, 252.4 million were in country elevators compared with 264.1 million a year ago and 159.2 million two years ago. Stocks in Lakehead positions amounted to 51.0 million bushels, below both last year's corresponding total of 70.9 million and the 1967 level of 66.0 million. Supplies in eastern elevators, at 45.6 million bushels were smaller than the 54.8 million of 1968 but considerably more than 31.3 million of 1967.

Stocks of Canadian Wheat at March 31, 1967-69(1)

Position	1967	1968	1969
thousand bushels			
<u>In Canada</u>			
On farms .....	532,800	449,400	618,000
Country elevators .....	159,225	264,104	252,389
Interior private and mill elevators .....	6,384	5,899	4,838
Interior terminal elevators .....	11,006	13,132	6,604
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators .....	10,306	7,887	14,053
Victoria elevator .....	847	339	843
Prince Rupert elevator .....	379	457	850
Churchill elevator .....	944	4,581	4,694
Ft. William-Pt. Arthur elevators .....	65,995	70,883	50,995
In transit rail:			
Western division .....	9,598	17,363	13,483
Eastern division .....	2,910	58	732
Eastern elevators .....	31,321	54,800	45,563
Storage afloat (eastern division) .....	13,436	16,868 <sup>r</sup>	8,374
Eastern mills (mill bins only)(2) .....	2,962	2,567 <sup>r</sup>	2,810
Western mills (mill bins only)(2) .....	141	284 <sup>r</sup>	117
Totals in Canada .....	848,254	908,622 <sup>r</sup>	1,024,345
<u>In United States</u> .....	—	—	—
Totals in Canada and United States ...	848,254	908,622 <sup>r</sup>	1,024,345

(1) Stocks other than on farms and in mills compiled by the Statistics Division, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, as at the close of business on March 29, 1967, April 3, 1968 and April 2, 1969.

(2) Small quantities of grain going into ground feeds have been excluded.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

Revised Farmers' Marketings(1), Canadian Western Wheat  
August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
bushels			
<u>Manitoba</u>			
August 1 - August 30 .....	2,308,334	39,088	2,347,422
August 31 - September 27 .....	7,570,779	742,214	8,312,993
September 28 - November 1 .....	4,432,072	71,115	4,503,187
November 2 - November 29 .....	7,245,354	55,299	7,300,653
November 30 - January 3 .....	8,968,244	46,093	9,014,337
January 4 - January 31 .....	5,009,123	18,508	5,027,631
February 1 - February 29 .....	2,730,305	8,638	2,738,943
March 1 - April 3 .....	4,514,430	19,205	4,533,635
April 4 - May 1 .....	3,053,312	22,462	3,075,774
May 2 - May 29 .....	2,325,383	7,483	2,332,866
May 30 - July 3 .....	8,713,008	36,563	8,749,571
July 4 - July 31 .....	6,801,749	17,029	6,818,778
Totals .....	63,672,093	1,083,697	64,755,790
<u>Saskatchewan</u>			
August 1 - August 30 .....	7,982,832	432,960	8,415,792
August 31 - September 27 .....	29,314,548	5,518,917	34,833,465
September 28 - November 1 .....	23,957,655	1,590,638	25,548,293
November 2 - November 29 .....	21,376,970	2,092,678	23,469,648
November 30 - January 3 .....	31,521,671	1,699,672	33,221,343
January 4 - January 31 .....	22,663,088	559,031	23,222,119
February 1 - February 29 .....	13,996,302	221,138	14,217,440
March 1 - April 3 .....	16,918,390	296,369	17,214,759
April 4 - May 1 .....	12,332,872	288,608	12,621,480
May 2 - May 29 .....	12,306,119	297,308	12,603,427
May 30 - July 3 .....	38,859,428	749,030	39,608,458
July 4 - July 31 .....	33,007,843	1,016,638	34,024,481
Totals .....	264,237,718	14,762,987	279,000,705
<u>Alberta</u>			
August 1 - August 30 .....	1,426,534	15,211	1,441,745
August 31 - September 27 .....	14,172,565	617,740	14,790,305
September 28 - November 1 .....	8,054,263	306,335	8,360,598
November 2 - November 29 .....	8,683,519	354,179	9,037,698
November 30 - January 3 .....	10,320,539	178,350	10,498,889
January 4 - January 31 .....	11,179,447	124,628	11,304,075
February 1 - February 29 .....	11,819,105	103,801	11,922,906
March 1 - April 3 .....	13,444,982	62,840	13,507,822
April 4 - May 1 .....	6,473,818	25,979	6,499,797
May 2 - May 29 .....	5,011,242	32,476	5,043,718
May 30 - July 3 .....	10,467,299	83,231	10,550,530
July 4 - July 31 .....	9,102,479	198,223	9,300,702
Totals .....	110,155,792	2,102,993	112,258,785

See footnotes at end of table.



Revised Farmers' Marketings(1), Canadian Western Wheat  
August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
	bushels		
<u>Prairie Provinces</u>			
August 1 — August 30 .....	11,717,700	487,259	12,204,959
August 31 — September 27 .....	51,057,892	6,878,871	57,936,763
September 28 — November 1 .....	36,443,990	1,968,088	38,412,078
November 2 — November 29 .....	37,305,843	2,502,156	39,807,999
November 30 — January 3 .....	50,810,454	1,924,115	52,734,569
January 4 — January 31 .....	38,851,658	701,448	39,553,106
February 1 — February 29 .....	28,545,712	334,296	28,880,008
March 1 — April 3 .....	34,877,802	378,414	35,256,216
April 4 — May 1 .....	21,860,002	337,049	22,197,051
May 2 — May 29 .....	19,642,744	337,267	19,980,011
May 30 — July 3 .....	58,039,735	868,824	58,908,559
July 4 — July 31 .....	48,912,071	1,231,890	50,143,961
Totals .....	438,065,603	17,949,677	456,015,280

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

Rail Shipments of  
Wheat to Maritime  
Ports

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports during August 1968-February 1969 amounted to 12,567,000 bushels compared with the August-February 1967-68 figure of 8,692,000.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1, 1967- February 28, 1968	August 1, 1968- February 28, 1969
	bushels	
Port McNicoll .....	3,018,549	3,419,805
Midland, Tiffin .....	1,909,511	3,205,428
Collingwood .....	366,430	63,817
Owen Sound .....	1,702,289	2,104,847
Goderich .....	1,132,962	1,337,564
Sarnia .....	553,113	874,811
Port Colborne .....	9,383	1,560,294
Totals .....	8,692,237	12,566,566

Farmers' Marketings (1) of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1968-69

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last year <sup>r</sup>
bushels						
August	7, 1968 .	12,286	343,145	1,256	356,687	3,531,842
	14 .....	54,003	433,143	19,546	506,692	410,477
	21 .....	701,320	618,402	734,805	2,054,527	2,368,907
	28 .....	319,028	1,772,613	649,209	2,740,850	5,893,733
September	4 .....	248,115	2,325,413	840,579	3,414,107	14,505,278
	11 .....	146,995	1,597,665	749,639	2,494,299	19,166,857
	18 .....	386,716	4,847,811	2,241,941	7,476,468	12,002,246
	25 .....	560,570	4,814,363	1,744,398	7,119,331	12,262,382
October	2 .....	578,728	4,171,612	1,148,224	5,898,564	8,987,247
	9 .....	1,412,243	6,689,883	3,152,542	11,254,668	5,351,929
	16 .....	914,936	4,950,252	1,904,238	7,769,426	7,247,758
	23 .....	827,874	4,038,282	1,889,876	6,756,032	7,562,502
	30 .....	831,989	5,268,762	4,080,886	10,181,637	9,262,642
November	6 .....	1,653,791	7,100,994	4,580,760	13,335,545	9,717,801
	13 .....	2,037,836	9,768,838	3,876,116	15,682,790	8,840,798
	20 .....	2,099,771	7,917,084	3,227,126	13,243,981	11,217,381
	27 .....	1,661,638	5,918,922	2,334,940	9,915,500	10,032,019
December	4 .....	1,454,530	5,283,400	2,524,710	9,262,640	13,270,298
	11 .....	924,844	3,683,325	1,936,615	6,544,784	15,836,937
	18 .....	886,759	3,627,473	1,257,373	5,771,605	9,311,891
	23 .....	819,810	3,417,705	1,647,864	5,885,379	6,742,989
	31 .....	405,023	1,773,314	1,050,722	3,229,059	7,572,454
January	8, 1969 .	367,174	2,544,883	1,452,240	4,364,297	4,968,322
	15 .....	416,690	1,351,887	1,047,114	2,815,691	5,554,999
	22 .....	567,950	1,139,430	1,019,662	2,727,042	18,411,991
	29 .....	280,390	814,599	587,479	1,682,468	10,617,794
February	5 .....	255,056	465,482	703,518	1,424,056	5,548,689
	12 .....	485,168	2,509,965	2,902,341	5,897,474	10,319,185
	19 .....	544,539	3,121,188	2,416,389	6,082,116	8,222,761
	26 .....	763,276	3,905,593	2,248,441	6,917,310	4,789,373
March	5 .....	846,130	2,958,912	2,043,881	5,848,923	7,453,488
	12 .....	959,884	4,911,870	2,724,281	8,596,035	6,525,279
	19 .....	975,957	4,280,914	2,985,665	8,242,536	8,254,395
Totals	.....	25,401,019	118,367,124	61,724,376	205,492,519	291,762,644
Average similar						
period: 1957-58 -						
1966-67	.....	29,959,125	149,837,830	64,304,928	244,101,882	

(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, March 19, 1969  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1967 and 1968

Position	1967	1968	1969
	thousand bushels		
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	11,669	33,144	33,789
Saskatchewan .....	94,202	149,862	145,680
Alberta .....	49,220	77,787	70,671
Sub-totals .....	155,091	260,793	250,140
Interior private and mill .....	6,348	5,913	4,635
Interior terminals .....	10,290	13,128	6,207
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	11,450	7,734	11,549
Victoria .....	622	500	870
Prince Rupert .....	532	421	721
Churchill .....	944	4,581	4,694
Fort William-Port Arthur .....	65,702	70,294	47,703
In transit rail (western division) .....	9,825	15,910	10,212
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ...	13,288	25,116	20,198
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ....	18,808	31,125	26,805
Storage afloat .....	14,516	18,451	10,247
In transit rail (eastern division) .....	3,772	596	1,655
Totals .....	311,188	454,562	395,636

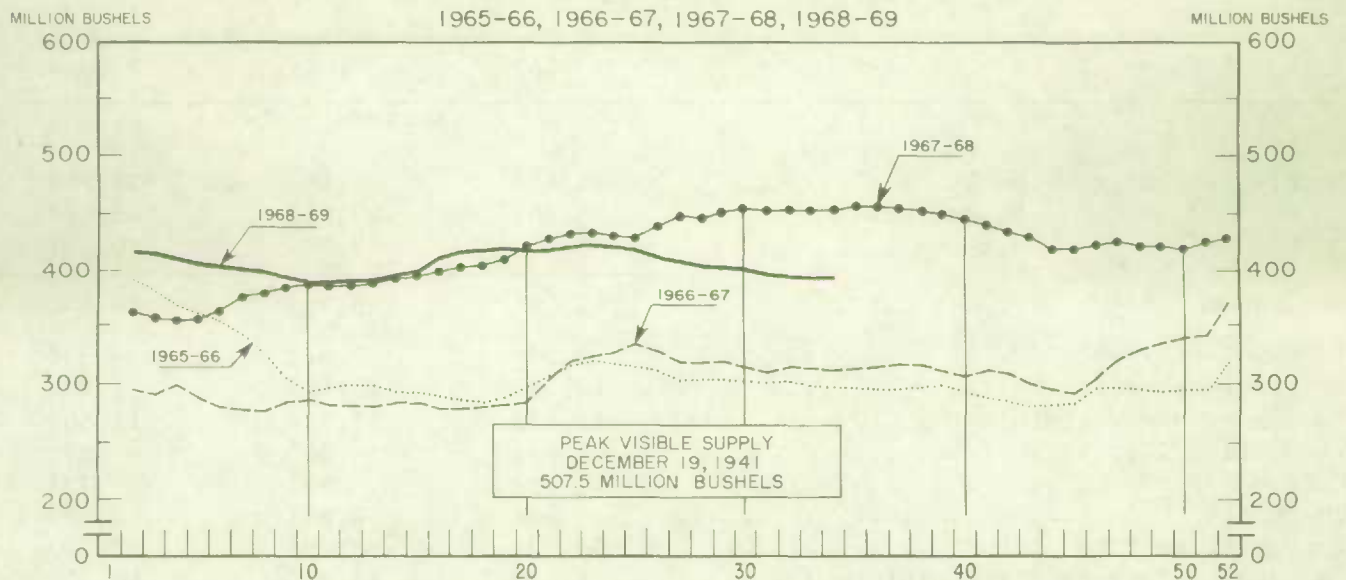
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1968-February 1969 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop year			August - February		
	Average	1967-68	cars	August - February		per cent
	1962-63			1967-68	1968-69	
	1966-67					
	per cent	per cent		per cent	cars	
No. 1 Man. Northern .....	5.1	27.9	23,813	20.7	19,938	17.2
No. 2 Man. Northern .....	35.8	43.4	53,916	46.9	41,025	35.4
No. 3 Man. Northern .....	22.7	14.8	16,759	14.6	10,175	8.8
No. 4 Man. Northern .....	10.5	3.0	4,081	3.6	1,795	1.5
No. 5 Wheat .....	4.5	0.4	522	0.5	1,129	1.0
No. 6 Wheat .....	0.6	0.1	247	0.2	113	0.1
Feed Wheat .....	(1)	(1)	33	(1)	16	(1)
Others Red Spring .....	13.3	4.0	5,663	4.9	31,603	27.2
C.W. Garnet .....	0.2	0.3	221	0.2	112	0.1
C.W. White Spring .....	0.1	0.1	209	0.2	131	0.1
C.W. Mixed Wheat .....	0.1	0.1	94	0.1	76	0.1
Alberta Winter .....	0.7	1.0	768	0.7	667	0.6
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum.	5.8	4.7	8,212	7.2	4,729	4.1
Others C.W. Amber Durum ..	0.4	0.2	305	0.3	4,520	3.9
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	114,843	100.0	116,029	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) ..			223,572,000		221,679,000	

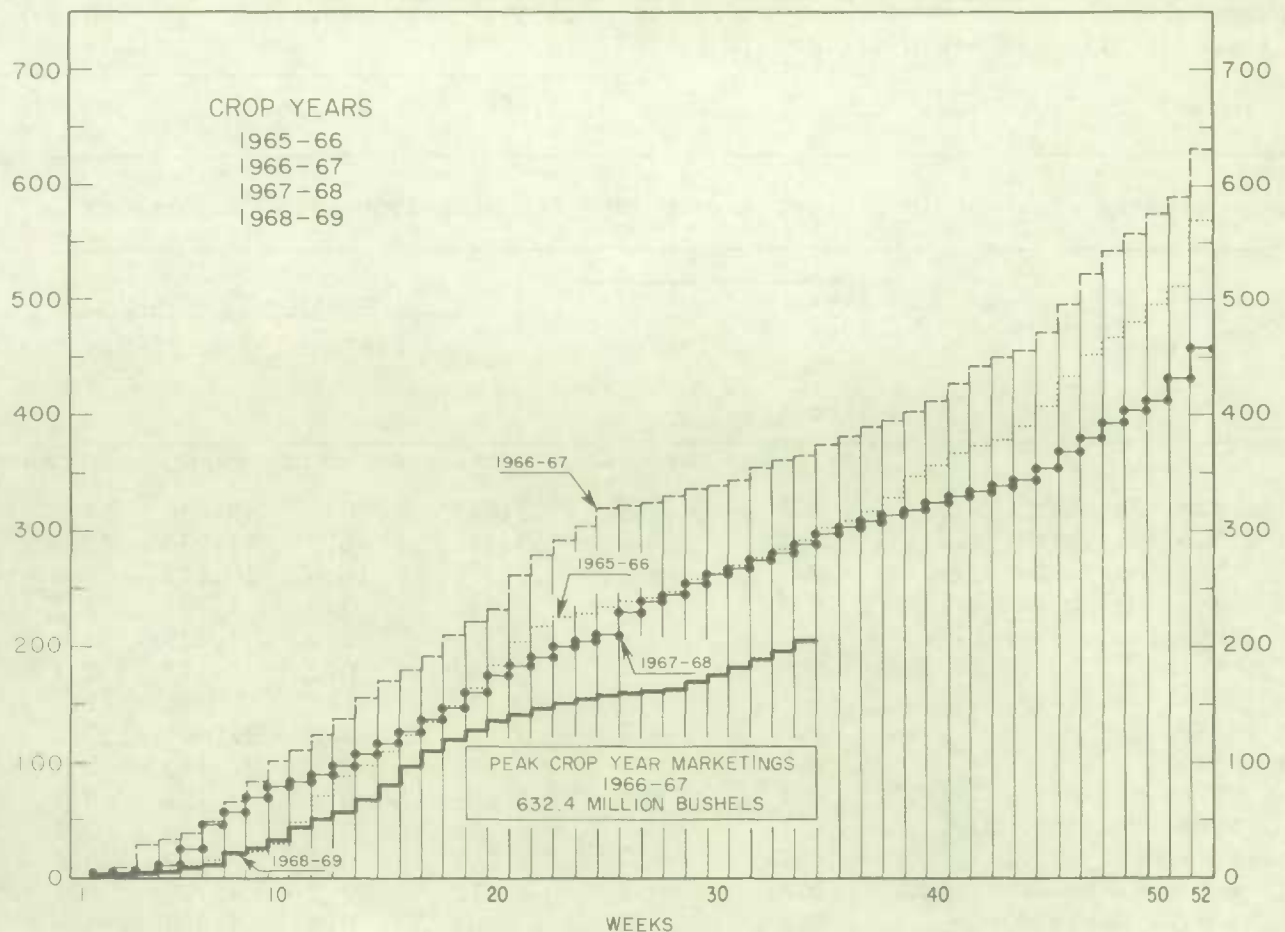
(1) Less than .05 per cent.



# 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, 1965-66 — 1968-69

Month	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
bushels				
August .....	10,458	118,973	133,651	—
September .....	10,500	83,333	182,051	23,084
October .....	4,500	89,384	152,009	57,458
November .....	10,205	163,332	50,475	101,966
December .....	7,500	106,833	143,833	44,136
January .....	46,108	145,889	160,214	131,034
February .....	26,712	120,334	143,884	99,776
March .....	98,598	177,393	274,690	
April .....	71,701	133,699	123,167	
May .....	89,166	207,038	61,460	
June .....	178,183	154,139	101,950	
July .....	82,282	93,094	88,500	
Totals .....	635,913	1,593,441	1,615,884	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, February 1969

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
bushels					
5 Wheat .....	—	2,000	5,000	3,400	1,700
6 Wheat .....	1,500	22,667	5,500	—	—
Durum .....	—	2,000	—	22,433	3,078
Rejected .....	—	—	—	4,000	2,000
Durum .....	—	—	—	3,098	3,000
Others .....	—	—	—	10,700	7,700
Totals .....	1,500	26,667	10,500	43,631	17,478

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1968 — March 19, 1969  
with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
thousand bushels							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van.-New West. ....	86,907	236	198	5,153	1,438	3,719	8,404
Victoria .....	5,189	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert .....	2,854	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Churchill</u> .....	21,613	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Lakehead direct</u> .....	2,297	688	378	1,048	1,190	1,657	91
<u>Prescott direct</u> .....	336	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal .....	9,703	6,700	336	—	100	214	—
Sorel .....	3,604	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trois Rivières .....	1,697	259	—	—	—	6	—
Quebec .....	4,081	344	—	—	—	160	—
Baie Comeau .....	8,582	282	—	—	—	820	—
Port Cartier .....	8,449	2,776	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Maritime</u>							
Saint John .....	474	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Saint John .....	9,582	446	53	—	—	891	—
Halifax .....	8,577	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .....	173,946	11,731	965	6,201	2,728	7,467	8,495
August 1, 1967 — March 20, 1968 .....	143,749	7,689	1,185	21,640	2,545	7,901	7,169

(1) Excluding seed.

Shipments Under Feed  
Grain Assistance Regulations

Claims filed for payment up to January 31, 1969 represent the movement of 3,107 thousand bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations during August-December 1968. During the same five months last year claims had been filed for a total of 4,970 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-December shipments of wheat under the policy were running about 37 per cent below those of 1967. Revised data on the August-December 1967 shipments of wheat based on claims submitted up to January 31, 1969 place the five-month total at 5,593 thousand bushels. The bulk of the shipments during the current five months under review went to destinations in Quebec followed by smaller shipments to British Columbia and Ontario.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations  
August-December 1968 and 1967

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	E.C.	Total	Eastern wheat to Quebec
thousand bushels									
August 1968 .....	4	20	111	32	327	70	71	635	34
September .....	3	8	40	13	279	92	145	581	39
October .....	4	5	65	14	366	105	248	807	23
November .....	4	12	61	15	348	98	115	653	33
December .....	4	5	31	8	294	89	2	432	4
Totals(1) .....	20	50	308	81	1,613	454	581	3,107	133
Same period 1967									
Preliminary(2) .	28	82	526	135	2,464	960	776	4,970	-
Revised(1) .....	131	84	567	145	2,579	1,041	1,047	5,593	-

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate shipments of 198,036 tons during the first five months of the current crop year. During August-December 1967 claims had been filed for a total of 182,199 tons, indicating on the assumption of approximately the same rate of submission of claims during both periods, that this year's shipments of millfeeds under the policy were running about 9 per cent above those of 1967. Revised data on the August-December 1967 shipments of millfeeds based on claims submitted up to January 31, 1969 place the five-month total at 219,840 tons.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations  
August-December 1968 and 1967

Province	1967		1968
	Preliminary(2)	Revised(1) tons	(Preliminary(1))
Newfoundland .....	1,761	2,800	3,805
Prince Edward Island .....	3,322	3,760	3,787
Nova Scotia .....	11,739	14,104	15,527
New Brunswick .....	10,634	12,087	12,579
Quebec .....	94,638	107,611	97,929
Ontario .....	52,079	65,750	55,878
British Columbia .....	8,026	13,728	8,531
Totals .....	182,199	219,840	198,036

(1) Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1969.

(2) Based on claims filed up to January 31, 1968.



Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and month	Wheat in bulk(1)	Seed wheat(2)	Total wheat	Wheat flour(2,3)	Total Wheat and wheat flour(3)
thousand bushels					
<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</u>					
August .....	24,424	52	24,477	2,773	27,249
September .....	20,211	60	20,272	2,037	22,309
October .....	19,851	67	19,917	1,581	21,498
November .....	21,967	99	22,066	1,811	23,877
December .....	12,920	56	12,976	2,355	15,332
January .....	19,259	56	19,315	1,737	21,052
February .....	18,903	62	18,965	2,394	21,359
March .....	21,388	169	21,557	2,621	24,178
April .....	26,661	5	26,666	2,036	28,702
May .....	42,311	7	42,317	2,061	44,378
June .....	40,798	1	40,799	1,349	42,148
July .....	41,975	18	41,993	1,937	43,930
Totals .....	310,669	651	311,320	24,690	336,010
<u>1968-69(4)</u>					
August .....	31,127	1	31,128	2,270	33,398
September .....	30,019	45	30,064	2,437	32,500
October .....	25,995	(5)	25,996	2,079	28,074
November .....	23,338	68	23,406	2,053	25,459
December .....	16,061	50	16,112	1,934	18,045
January .....	18,843	9	18,853	1,574	20,427
February .....	24,149	31	24,181	2,009	26,190
Totals .....	169,534	205	169,739	14,355	184,094

- (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, 1966-67 and 1967-68 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.
- (5) Less than 500 bushels.

Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination, February 1969 and 1968

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			February 1969	February 1968 <sup>r</sup>
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	574,667	—	574,667	166,358
Germany, Federal Republic .....	55,253	112,000	167,253	941,173
Netherlands .....	505,524	—	505,524	105,802
Sub-totals .....	1,135,444	112,000	1,247,444	1,213,333
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain .....	5,207,650	59,733	5,267,383	5,001,195
Ireland .....	93,333	—	93,333	203,840
Switzerland .....	—	156,159	156,159	212,800
Sub-totals .....	5,300,983	215,892	5,516,875	5,417,835
Totals .....	6,436,427	327,892	6,764,319	6,631,168
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	—	—	—	1,830,447
<u>Africa</u>				
Nigeria .....	—	—	—	98,000
Tanzania .....	36,745	—	36,745	37,335
Totals .....	36,745	—	36,745	135,335
<u>Asia</u>				
China, Communist .....	5,828,368	—	5,828,368	4,931,630
Hong Kong .....	77,280	—	77,280	61,787
India .....	5,296,707	—	5,296,707	—
Japan .....	4,865,221	61,729	4,926,950	3,908,387
Malaysia .....	—	—	—	36,027
Saudi Arabia .....	—	—	—	19,650
Singapore .....	—	—	—	35,467
Taiwan .....	383,637	—	383,637	—
Totals .....	16,451,213	61,729	16,512,942	8,992,948
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Cuba .....	—	—	—	1,241,571
Jamaica .....	224,564	—	224,564	996
Venezuela .....	610,773	—	610,773	70,933
Totals .....	835,337	—	835,337	1,313,500
Sub-totals, all countries ....	23,759,722	389,621	24,149,343	18,903,398
Seed wheat(4) .....	—	—	31,402	61,682
Totals, all countries .....	23,759,722	389,621	24,180,745	18,965,080

(1) Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Division, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, excluding seed.

(2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1967-1968 adjusted for time lag, 1968-1969 preliminary.

<sup>r</sup> revised figures.

# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL

800 —

700 —

600 —

500 —

400 —

300 —

200 —

100 —

0

MILLION BUSHEL

800 —

700 —

600 —

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100 —

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PEAK MARKETINGS  
1966-67 CROP YEAR  
632.4 MILLION BUSHEL

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR

MAR

FEB

JAN

DEC

NOV

OCT

SEPT

30 year average  
1937-38  
1966-67

10 year average  
1957-58  
1966-67

1963-64

1964-65

1965-66

1966-67

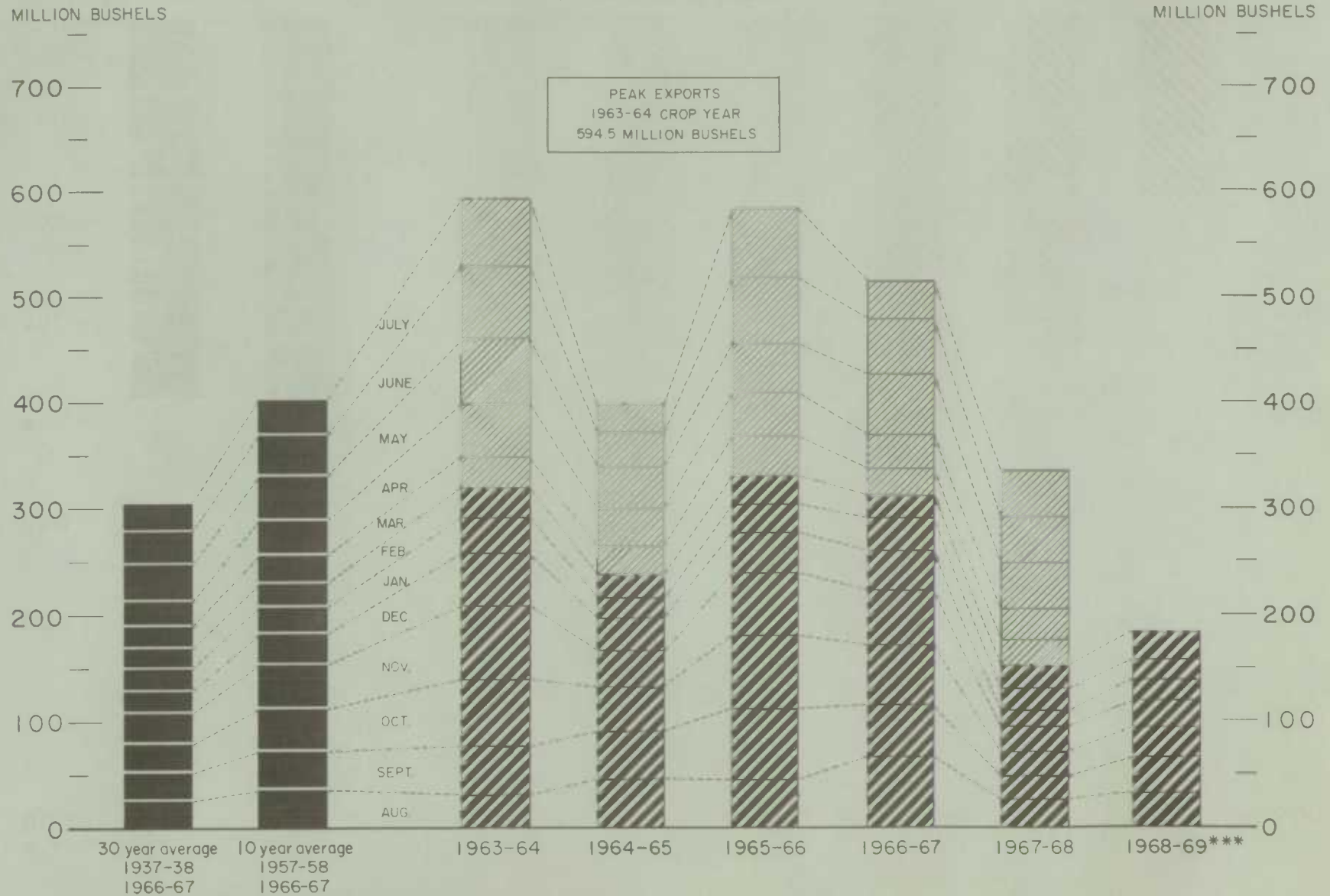
1967-68

1968-69



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

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



\* Beginning with 1955-56 includes seed wheat.

\*\* In terms of wheat equivalent.

\*\*\* Preliminary.

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

MILLION BUSHELS

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

MILLION BUSHELS

140 —

120 —

100 —

80 —

60 —

40 —

20 —

0

30 year average

1937-38

1966-67

10 year average

1957-58

1966-67

1963-64

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# EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

0

MILLION BUSHELS

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

0

30 year average 10 year average  
1937-38 1957-58  
1966-67 1966-67

1963-64

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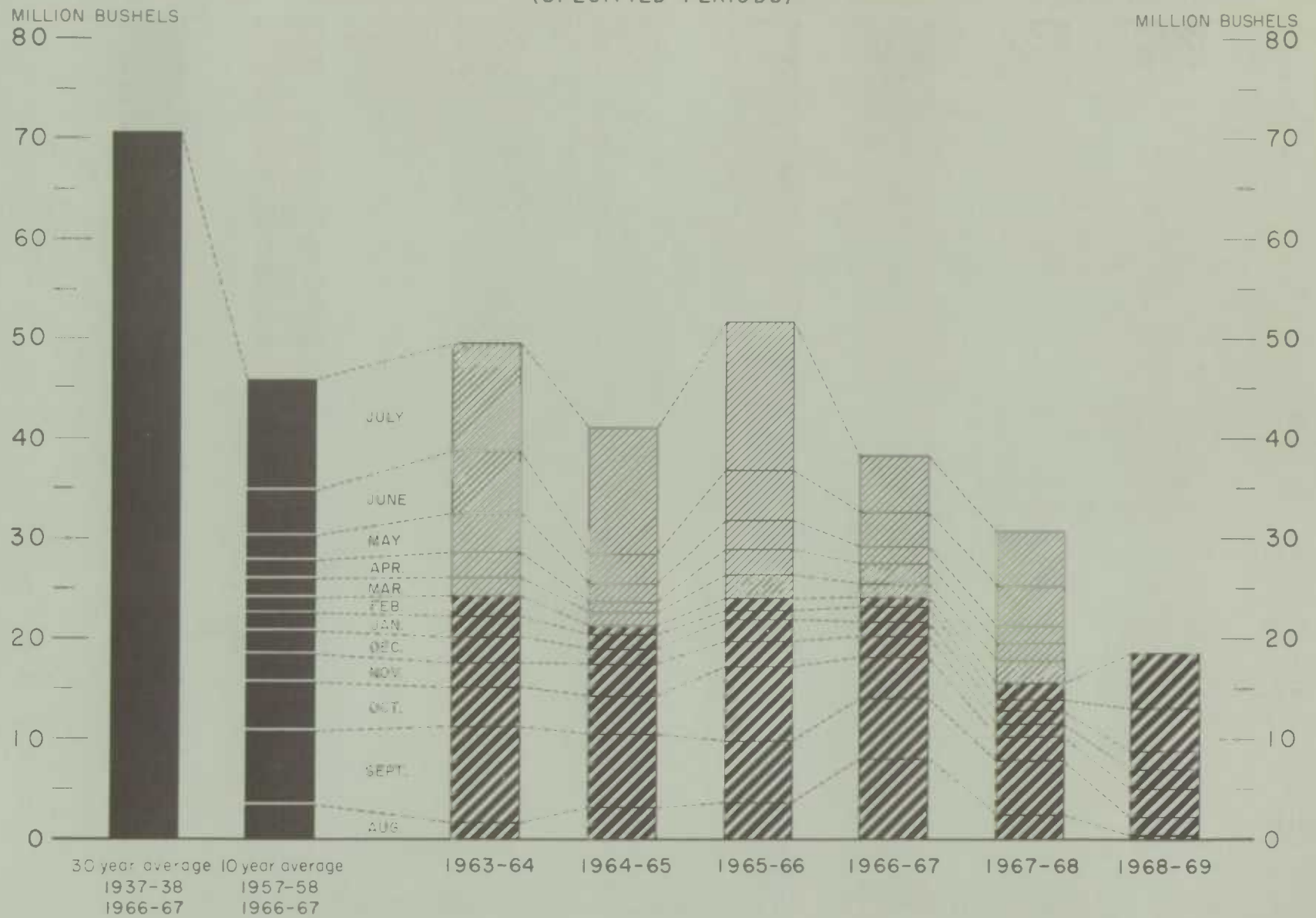
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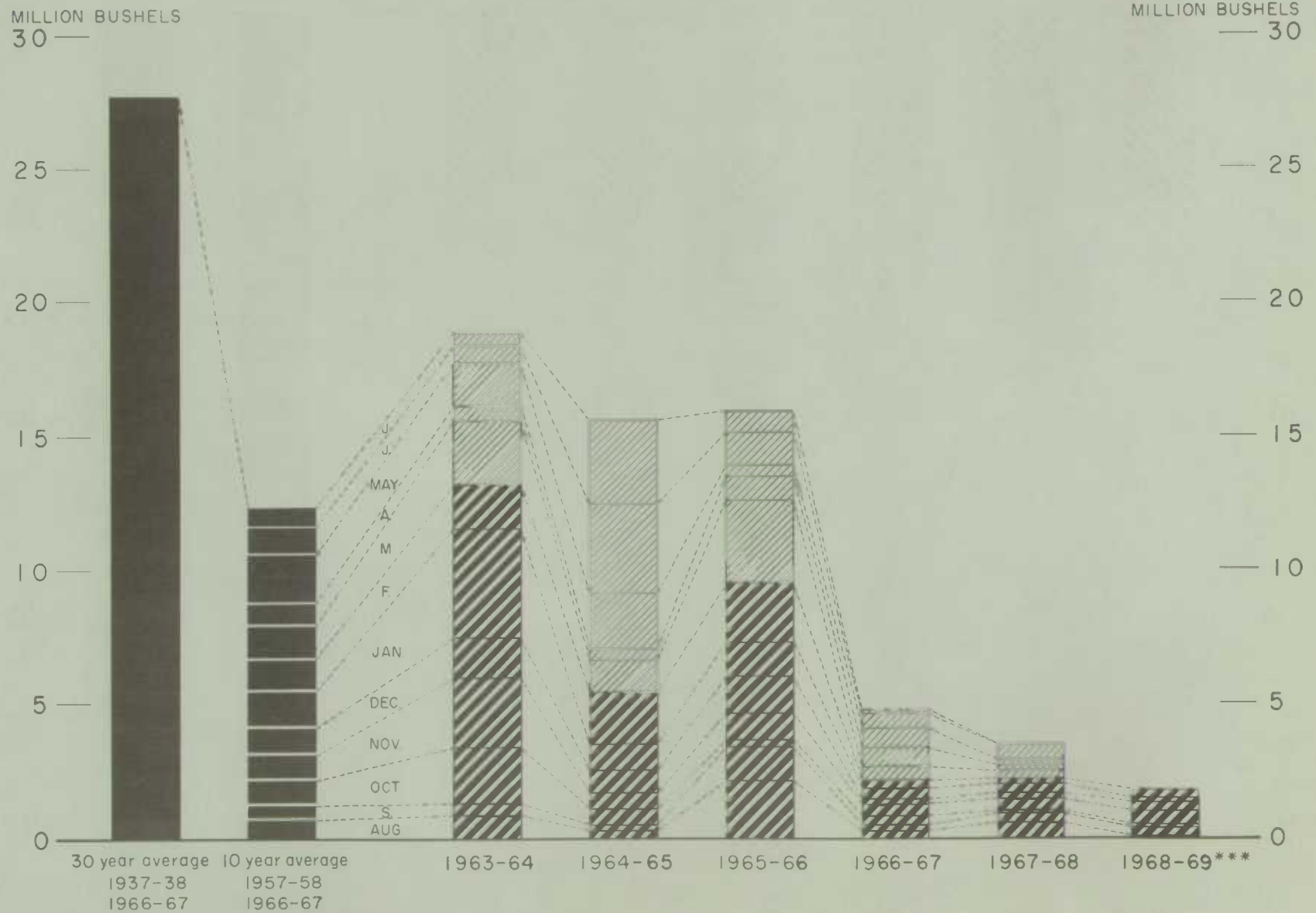
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# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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



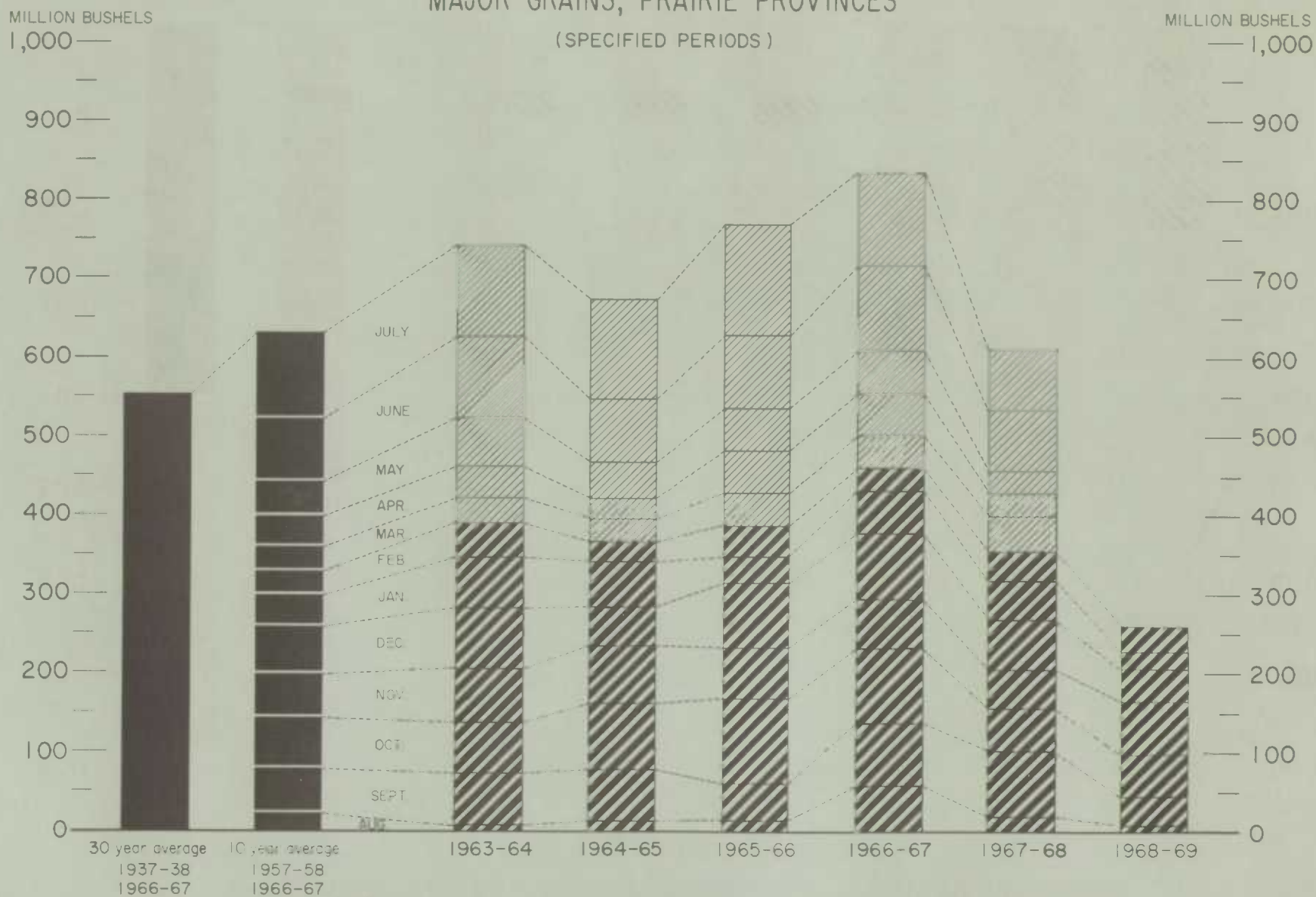
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\*\* In terms of grain equivalent.

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

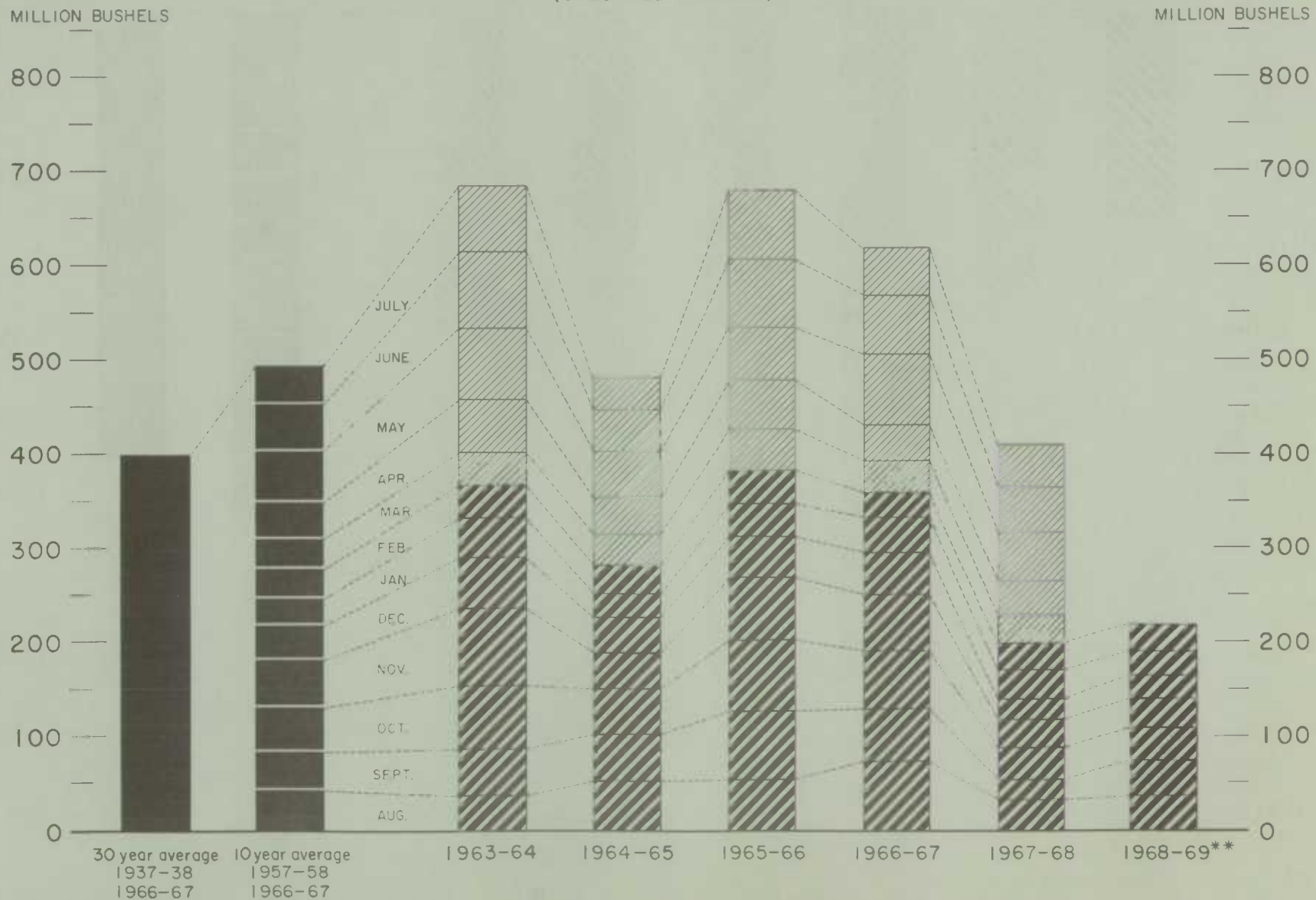


\* Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed



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

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1968 - February 1969			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg ..	4,852,059	71,934	4,923,993	6,468,367
France .....	767,848	430,505	1,198,353	451,832
Germany, Federal Republic	4,551,414	3,087,512	7,638,926	12,135,307
Italy .....	5,438,631	3,528,780	8,967,411	5,485,455
Netherlands .....	4,036,004	423,600	4,459,604	4,175,773
Sub-totals .....	19,645,956	7,542,331	27,188,287	28,716,734
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Austria .....	—	393,643	393,643	404,200
Britain .....	37,172,641	253,860	37,426,501	40,241,996
Denmark .....	22,027	—	22,027	22,400
Finland .....	638,500	—	638,500	651,840
Ireland .....	489,067	—	489,067	859,439
Malta and Gozo .....	297,504	—	297,504	263,200
Norway .....	588,000	—	588,000	1,194,667
Sweden .....	59,957	—	59,957	—
Switzerland .....	1,619,345	2,345,854	3,965,199	1,371,169
Sub-totals .....	40,887,041	2,993,357	43,880,398	45,008,911
Totals .....	60,532,997	10,535,688	71,068,685	73,725,645
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Hungary .....	2,939,633	—	2,939,633	—
Poland .....	3,267,960	146,981	3,414,941	2,500,944
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	1,734,881	—	1,734,881	19,356,795
Totals .....	7,942,474	146,981	8,089,455	21,857,739
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	1,796,005	—	1,796,005	818,577
Congo .....	36,500	—	36,500	—
Ghana .....	504,689	—	504,689	89,600
Mauritania .....	771	—	771	—
Niger (Ivory Coast) .....	687,344	—	687,344	—
Nigeria .....	—	—	—	398,533
Republic of South Africa ..	—	—	—	901,600
Sierra Leone .....	141,866	—	141,866	—
Sudan .....	—	—	—	36,195
Tanzania .....	73,490	—	73,490	224,010
Tunisia .....	—	692,139	692,139	—
Totals .....	3,240,665	692,139	3,932,804	2,468,515

See footnotes at end of table.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1968 - February 1969			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
	bushels			
<u>Asia</u>				
China, Communist .....	41,682,687	—	41,682,687	8,554,858
Hong Kong .....	549,734	—	549,734	570,640
India .....	9,547,610	—	9,547,610	128,592
Indonesia .....	29,394	—	29,394	—
Iraq .....	12,860	—	12,860	—
Japan .....	23,517,396	235,341	23,752,737	22,003,411
Jordan .....	—	—	—	12,860
Lebanon .....	—	—	—	8,613
Malaysia .....	155,680	—	155,680	256,480
Pakistan .....	2,753,926	—	2,753,926	875,609
Philippines .....	—	—	—	927,733
Saudi Arabia .....	—	—	—	121,691
Singapore .....	77,467	—	77,467	116,480
Syria .....	2,020,883	—	2,020,883	32,848
Taiwan .....	520,837	—	520,837	389,001
Turkey .....	32,518	—	32,518	—
Totals .....	80,900,992	235,341	81,136,333	33,998,816
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas .....	40	—	40	—
Barbados .....	40	—	40	40
Cuba .....	1,712,200	—	1,712,200	3,292,830
Ecuador .....	254,145	—	254,145	150,656
El Salvador .....	—	—	—	167,488
Guatemala .....	16,667	—	16,667	3,685
Jamaica .....	740,611	—	740,611	7,030
Paraguay .....	1,727	—	1,727	—
St. Lucia .....	187	—	187	373
Trinidad and Tobago .....	220,133	—	220,133	—
Venezuela .....	2,358,952	1,823	2,360,775	1,858,957
United States .....	—	—	—	4,357
Totals .....	5,304,702	1,823	5,306,525	5,485,416
Sub-totals, all countries	157,921,830	11,611,972	169,533,802	137,536,131
Seed wheat (2) .....			204,901	452,208
Totals, all countries	157,921,830	11,611,972	169,738,703	137,988,339

(1) Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Division, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States, excluding seed.

(2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1967-68 adjusted for time lag, 1968-69 preliminary.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.



Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	November	February	August - February	
	1968(1)	1969(2)	1968-69(2)	1967-68(1)
			bushels	
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	11,532	—	49,882	46,936
Italy .....	2,070	—	8,280	12,765
Netherlands .....	—	—	2,696	14,775
Sub-totals .....	13,602	—	60,858	74,476
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain .....	279,086	141,079	1,542,136	1,926,427
Denmark .....	—	—	460	460
Gibraltar .....	—	—	5,152	12,236
Greece .....	12,650	12,650	49,459	43,557
Iceland .....	—	—	3,386	3,390
Ireland .....	—	2,640	5,538	5,957
Norway .....	—	—	115	115
Portugal .....	3,197	5,842	22,745	61,927
Spain .....	—	—	—	1,967
Sweden .....	—	—	515	515
Sub-totals .....	294,933	162,211	1,629,506	2,056,551
Totals .....	308,535	162,211	1,690,364	2,131,027
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	—	65,870	138,941
Angola .....	—	460	4,830	12,995
Cameroun Republic .....	14,030	—	21,402	16,753
Congo-Kinshasa .....	2,300	16,100	41,400	62,624
Dahomey .....	940	—	15,426	42,288
French Africa nes .....	4,835	—	8,285	—
Gambia .....	4,600	—	28,819	63,384
Ghana .....	561	221,150	1,002,184	974,616
Guinea Republic .....	—	—	88,893	—
Ivory Coast .....	575	—	3,795	5,290
Liberia .....	4,533	458	98,925	100,570
Libya .....	—	—	—	225
Malawi .....	6,164	2,496	27,888	43,925
Morocco .....	—	—	—	53,243
Mozambique .....	9,646	2,887	35,749	26,905
Nigeria .....	—	—	230	—
Portuguese Africa nes .....	9,039	2,300	40,441	17,296
Republic of South Africa .....	—	—	—	2,151
Sierra Leone .....	253	—	7,091	8,066
Tanzania .....	—	4,600	5,750	5,750
Togo .....	12,420	1,150	92,653	85,390
Tunisia .....	—	2,012	2,012	2,222
U.A.R. - Egypt .....	516,095	76,059	752,199	—
Zambia .....	—	—	—	5,750
Totals .....	585,991	329,672	2,343,842	1,668,384
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden .....	—	—	—	6,440
Afghanistan .....	621	—	521	517
Bahrain .....	—	—	—	218
Ceylon .....	—	—	839,015	859,628
Cyprus .....	—	—	467	—
Hong Kong .....	34,615	23,115	208,180	247,554
India .....	—	223	453	79,226
Indonesia .....	65,833	—	361,857	—
Iran .....	290	—	1,822	322
Iraq .....	—	17,747	33,468	—
Israel .....	—	—	228,390	543,837
Japan .....	863	920	6,405	3,845

See footnotes at end of table.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	November 1968(1)	February 1969(2)	August - February	
			1968-69(2)	1967-68(1)
			bushels	
<u>Asia (concluded)</u>				
Jordan .....	—	—	—	5,072
Korea, South .....	—	7,815	7,815	19,470
Lebanon .....	7,378	159	188,543	195,040
Philippines .....	—	—	1,012	354
Portuguese Asia .....	3,174	506	10,753	7,337
Qatar .....	—	—	396	655
Saudi Arabia .....	—	—	—	150,521
Syria .....	9,432	9,432	54,977	—
Thailand .....	14,605	13,007	105,531	144,109
Trucial States .....	943	—	1,886	138
Totals .....	137,754	72,924	2,051,591	2,264,283
<u>Oceania</u>				
British Oceania nes .....	460	460	6,035	1,725
Fiji .....	115	—	4,071	4,448
New Zealand .....	—	—	460	173
United States Oceania .....	3,450	—	17,259	34,730
Totals .....	4,025	460	27,825	41,076
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas .....	20,933	37,628	172,006	184,311
Barbados .....	17,954	8,485	152,021	117,176
Bermuda .....	7,314	4,800	64,354	62,976
Bolivia .....	—	—	—	18,462
Brazil .....	—	—	—	110
British Honduras .....	7,107	—	21,001	35,015
Chile .....	—	—	—	205
Colombia .....	—	—	—	10,147
Costa Rica .....	—	—	—	2,350
Cuba(3) .....	1,047,197	1,161,398	6,426,701	5,984,172
Dominican Republic .....	—	—	1,748	803
Ecuador .....	—	—	345	—
El Salvador .....	255	—	487	313
French Guiana .....	—	—	—	920
French West Indies .....	—	—	1,842	5,715
Guatemala .....	—	—	6,440	2,875
Guyana .....	7,314	3,055	47,755	48,898
Haiti Republic .....	690	12,220	117,397	1,403
Honduras Republic .....	1,778	460	13,648	18,685
Jamaica .....	3,868	7,029	92,826	866,776
Leeward and Windward Islands ...	60,921	119,239	485,769	491,892
Netherlands Antilles .....	16,001	11,160	76,452	87,918
Panama .....	—	—	1,486	37,683
Paraguay .....	—	4,766	4,766	—
Peru .....	—	462	10,064	19,168
Puerto Rico .....	—	—	—	96
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	3,066	1,012	11,306	14,341
Surinam .....	1,495	690	7,010	4,881
Trinidad and Tobago .....	29,840	43,150	256,084	290,980
Venezuela .....	—	—	483	230
United States Virgin Islands ...	127	—	126	—
United States .....	43,203	28,593	269,263	273,792
Totals .....	1,269,063	1,444,147	8,241,380	8,582,293
Totals, all countries .....	2,305,368	2,009,414	14,355,002	14,687,063

- (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 Association.
- nes — not elsewhere specified.

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

Class and grade	Week ending			
	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
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 Grains Arrangement and domestic sales</u>				
1 Northern .....	196/7	196/6	192/1	190/1
2 Northern .....	192/3	191/7	187/4	185/5
3 Northern .....	191	190/1	183/5	181/2
4 Northern .....	176/7	177/1	176/6	176/1
5 Wheat .....	170/7	171/1	170/6	170/1
6 Wheat .....	163/7	164/1	163/6	163/1
Feed Wheat .....	159/7	160/1	159/6	159/1
1 C.W. Garnet .....	176/7	177/1	176/6	176/1
2 C.W. Garnet .....	175/7	176/1	175/6	175/1
3 C.W. Garnet .....	174/7	175/1	174/6	174/1
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	176/7	177/1	176/6	176/1
2 Alberta Winter .....	175/7	176/1	175/6	175/1
3 Alberta Winter .....	174/7	175/1	174/6	174/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	216/7	220/5	220/7	220/6
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	214/7	218/5	218/7	218/6
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	207/4	207/6	208	207/7
<u>(Basis in store Vancouver)</u>				
1 Northern .....	198/5	198/4	198/1	198
2 Northern .....	194	193/7	193/4	193/3
3 Northern .....	192/6	192/2	191/2	191/1
4 Northern .....	187/2	187/1	186/6	186/5
5 Wheat .....	185/2	185/1	184/6	184/5
6 Wheat .....	179/2	179/1	178/6	178/5
Feed Wheat .....	175/2	175/1	174/6	174/5
1 C.W. Garnet .....	187/2	187/1	186/6	186/5
2 C.W. Garnet .....	186/2	186/1	185/6	185/5
3 C.W. Garnet .....	185/2	185/1	184/6	184/5
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	187/2	187/1	186/6	186/5
2 Alberta Winter .....	186/2	186/1	185/6	185/5
3 Alberta Winter .....	185/2	185/1	184/6	184/5



# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during February 1969 amounted to 3,045,000 hundredweight representing a decrease of 13 per cent from the January 1969 total of 3,488,000 hundredweight, relatively unchanged from the adjusted February 1968 figure of 3,059,000 hundredweight and 7 per cent below the ten-year (1959-68) average production for the month of February of 3,269,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during February 1969 had a total rated capacity of 170,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 24-day working period 74.8 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during February 1969 amounted to 6,912,000 bushels, 12 per cent lower than the 7,849,000 bushels milled during the preceding month but slightly above the 6,815,000 bushels milled during February 1968. Of the wheat milled for flour some 5,482,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (864,000 bushels); Durum (473,000 bushels); and all other (93,000 bushels).

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during February 1969 amounted to the equivalent of 2,009,000 bushels (some 874,000 hundredweight of flour) 28 per cent greater than the 1,574,000 bushels exported in January 1969 but 16 per cent below the adjusted February 1968 exports of 2,394,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-one countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 1,161,000 bushels and accounted for 58 per cent of the February total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels were as follows: Ghana, 221; Britain, 141; Leeward and Windward Islands, 119; U.A.R. Egypt, 76; Trinidad and Tobago, 43; and Bahamas, 38.

## 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 .....	84,769,150	37,755,841	10,734,857
1968-69(2)			
August .....	7,337,239	3,240,492	986,867
September .....	6,998,651	3,098,523	1,059,361
October .....	8,172,604	3,620,231	903,816
November .....	7,184,220	3,178,288	892,595
December .....	6,486,592	2,869,465	840,653
January .....	7,849,053	3,488,490	684,355
February .....	6,912,380	3,044,913	873,658
Totals .....	50,940,739	22,540,402	6,241,305
Same months 1967-68 <sup>r</sup> .....	49,999,307	22,288,662	6,385,680

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop year 1945-46 - 1967-68 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

Total Wheat Supplies      With increases occurring in both carryover stocks and  
8 per cent Above      production, total domestic supplies of wheat in the United  
Last Year      States are placed at 2,107.6 million bushels compared with  
                                  1,947.4 million in 1967-68. The July 1, 1968 carryover of  
 537.2 million was more than one quarter larger than the 1967 stocks of 425.0 million  
 while the 1968 crop of some 1,570.4 million bushels was 3 per cent greater than the  
 1967 harvest of 1,522.4 million. Domestic use may reach 750.0 million bushels as  
 against 650.1 million in 1967-68 with increased use of wheat for feeding purposes  
 reflected in the increase. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for  
 the current United States crop year, some 1,358.0 million remain available for export  
 and for carryover, an increase of 5 per cent over the 1,297.8 million in 1967-68.

Exports Below      Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during  
Previous Year      the period July 1968 - February 1969 amounted to 327.3 million  
                                  bushels, 38 per cent less than the 527.2 million exported during  
 the same months last year. The balance remaining on March 1, 1969 for export and  
 for carryover was estimated at 1,030.6 million bushels compared with 770.6 million  
 on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1967-68 <sup>r</sup>	1968-69P
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	425.0	537.2
Production .....	1,522.4	1,570.4
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	1,947.4	2,107.6
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July - February .....	0.5	0.4
Total estimated supplies(1) .....	1,947.9	2,108.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2)	650.1	750.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,297.8	1,358.0
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July - February .....	496.4	292.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July - February(3) .....	30.7	35.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour(4) ....	527.2	327.3
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover ....	770.6	1,030.6

(1) Excludes imports for March - 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.

P Preliminary figures.

r Revised figures.

Winter Wheat and Rye

In a report released on April 10, 1969, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that winter wheat wintered well. Precipitation since planting has been adequate in most areas. Below normal March temperatures slowed growth. Winter wheat production is now estimated at 1,140 million bushels, 2 per cent above the December forecast, but 7 per cent below the 1968 crop and 6 per cent below the 1967 crop. In the past decade, the average change in estimates of U.S. production from April 1 to harvest has been 45 million bushels, ranging from 10 to 134 million bushels.

April 1 crop condition pointed to a yield of 26.5 bushels per seeded acre. In 1968 yield was 24.9 bushels and 22.3 bushels in 1967. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 37.5 million acres. This would be 87.3 per cent of the seeded acreage, compared to 86.0 per cent in 1968 and 83.9 per cent in 1967.

Wheat entered winter in good condition across most of the country, except for a dry area which included western Kansas, western Oklahoma, the High Plains of Texas, parts of New Mexico, and eastern Colorado. However late February and March precipitation greatly improved prospects in most of this area except in eastern Colorado and parts of New Mexico where soil moisture remained short on April 1. Wheat prospects were poor in southeastern Colorado. Moisture supplies in other Great Plains States are generally adequate. Prospects in Texas are good and growth has been excellent. Prospects are exceptionally good in Oklahoma but jointing is late. The Kansas crop is growing vigorously because of adequate moisture supplies. The crop in Nebraska wintered well although some fields show minor damage from excess water. In Montana, the crop wintered with little damage. Only recently has wheat emerged from dormancy in Montana and the Dakotas.

Wheat in the Corn Belt and eastern parts of the country is in generally good condition. Scattered winter damage is evident - particularly in Michigan and Ohio. There was very little snow cover in Ohio and prospects vary. In the Southeastern States, seeding overwintered in fair to good condition.

In the Pacific Northwest, moisture has been adequate with excessive amounts in many areas. Reseeding has been necessary as a result of winter-kill, snow mold, and erosion damage. March temperatures favoured orderly melting of the heavy snow cover. Conditions vary in Washington and Idaho. In Eastern Oregon prospects are excellent, but in the Willamette Valley, wheat is showing effects of excess winter moisture. California has had erosion and water damage similar to the Pacific Northwest States.

April 1 condition of rye was 89 per cent of normal, 2 points more than a year earlier and 6 points above 1967.

In the important central and northern Plains, rye entered winter with good growth and adequate soil moisture. Snow cover limited acreage loss during the winter, and soil moisture supplies favoured early spring growth. In the Southern Plains rye is in good condition. Above normal temperature during February in eastern Colorado broke the crop from dormancy, putting stress on moisture supplies. This, along with high winds caused some acreage loss in east central and southeastern Colorado.

Rye seeded for all purposes last fall was 4.0 million acres, 16 per cent above a year earlier.



Cash Wheat Prices in 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	
March	3, 1969	136 3/4 - 161 3/4(1)	March	3, 1969	156 1/4 - 207 1/4
	4	147		4	156 1/2 - 208 1/2
	5	138 1/4 - 165 5/8(1)		5	157 1/2 - 209 1/2
	6	138 1/2 - 165 3/4(1)		6	157 1/2 - 209 1/2
	7	140 1/4 - 168 1/4(1)		7	158 1/8 - 210 1/8
	10	143 - 143 1/2		10	157 3/8 - 209 3/8
	11	140 - 167 1/2(1)		11	156 3/4 - 208 3/4
	12	139 1/2 - 167		12	156 1/2 - 208 1/2
	13	N.A.		13	156 3/4 - 209 3/4
	14	150 1/2		14	156 5/8 - 210 5/8
	17	164 3/4		17	156 1/2 - 201 1/2
	18	160 - 164 1/2		18	155 3/4 - 209 3/4
	19	140 - 149 3/4		19	154 7/8 - 208 7/8
	20	137 1/4 - 165 3/4(1)		20	154 7/8 - 208 7/8
	21	144 - 165		21	154 3/4 - 208 3/4
	24	138 1/2 - 161 (1)		24	154 5/8 - 209 5/8
	25	138 3/4 - 153 3/4		25	154 7/8 - 209 7/8
	26	159 1/2		26	155 1/4 - 210 1/4
	27	137 - 167 (1)		27	154 3/4 - 209 3/4
	28	144 - 162 1/4		28	154 1/2 - 209 1/2
	31	140 1/4 - 162 1/2		31	154 5/8 - 209 5/8

(1) Nominal. N.A. Not available.

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

	Date	March	May	July	September	December
		cents and eights per bushel				
March	3, 1969 .....	128/5	132	131/4	134	139/5
	4 .....	219/7	132/6	131/5	134/4	140
	5 .....	130	132/5	131/1	134/2	139/3
	6 .....	131	133	131/4	134/3	139/7
	7 .....	132	133/7	132/3	135/1	140/3
	10 .....	131	132/6	131/1	134	139/3
	11 .....	310/6	132/3	131/1	134/1	139/4
	12 .....	130/2	132	130/4	133/3	138/6
	13 .....	131	132/2	130/5	133/4	138/7
	14 .....	131/2	132/7	131	133/6	139
	17 .....	129/6	130/4	129/5	132/3	137/5
	18 .....	126/2	128/2	128/1	131	136/3
	19 .....	126/6	128/6	128/2	131/1	136/5
	20 .....	126/6	128	127/5	130/5	136
	21 .....		127/4	127/1	130/1	135/6
	24 .....		126/7	127/3	130/4	136/2
	25 .....		127/3	127/7	130/6	136/4
	26 .....		128	128	130/7	136/4
	27 .....		126	126	128/6	134/3
	28 .....		125/7	125/7	128/6	134/3
31 .....		127	127	130	135/4	

# AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

## Wheat Supplies at Record Level

Total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1968-69 crop year are now revised to an all-time high of 595.8 million bushels, compared with 357.8 million in 1967-68, reflecting the effect of a sharp increase in production, which more than offset a substantial decrease in carryover stocks. The 1968 latest production, estimated at 544.0 million bushels in contrast to the 277.4 million bushels harvested in 1967-68, while carryover stocks, at December 1, 1968, at 51.8 million bushels, declined sharply from the 80.4 million at the same time a year ago. After deducting some 84.4 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 511.4 million are available for export and for carryover during 1968-69, considerably above the 257.3 million in 1967-68.

## Exports Decline from Previous Year

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 - February 22 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 47.1 million bushels, some 22 per cent less than the 60.7 million exported during the corresponding three months of the 1967-68 crop year. The balance remaining on February 23, 1969 for export and for carryover, at 464.3 million bushels, was in sharp contrast to the comparable 1968 total of 196.6 million.

## Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1967-68 <sup>r</sup>	1968-69 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	80.4	51.8 <sup>r</sup>
Production .....	277.4	544.0 <sup>r</sup>
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	357.8	595.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	100.5	84.4 <sup>r</sup>
Available for export and for carryover .....	257.3	511.4
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - February 22 ...	56.7	45.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - February 22 .....	4.0	2.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	60.7	47.1
Balance on February 23 for export and for carryover .....	196.6	464.3

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

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Production. — Following are the latest estimates of total production of the 1968-69 crop by States, based on recent reports from State agricultural authorities:

New South Wales .....	215	million bushels	
Victoria .....	91	"	"
South Australia .....	83	"	"
Western Australia .....	114	"	"
Queensland .....	41	"	"
Total .....	544	"	"
To be held on farms.	36	"	"
Final deliveries .	508		

The above estimates are up only slightly from our February figures. Although isolated deliveries are still being made, the above figures can be considered as final estimates for the current crop year.

There has been further confirmation since our last report of the excellent quality of the 1968-69 harvest. Officials of the New South Wales Grain Elevators Board praised the cleanliness of f.a.q. samples and estimated deliveries of N.S.W. premium wheat at 30 million bushels.

The best February rains recorded in many years soaked a wide area of the wheat belt in southern Australia. Coming after a long summer heat spell, the rain was welcomed by farmers who have now commenced fallowing and ploughing operations in preparation for later sowing of winter crops in May. The rain was also of significant value to summer pastures and in adding to sub-soil moisture reserves on fallow land in areas of wheat-pasture-fallow crop rotation.

Growers decide to limit wheat output. — After months of public debate and numerous grower meetings, the Australian Wheatgrowers Federation voted unanimously at its annual meeting in Perth, on March 13 in favour of the introduction of wheat production controls throughout Australia on a delivery quota basis, subject to the continuation of the usual initial advance payment of A.\$1.10 (\$1.32 Canadian) per bushel.

Grower meetings in all states since the New Year indicated that there was a general acknowledgment by wheat growers that continuing large harvests on the scale of the previous few years, coupled with a stable but limited export market outlook, would strain to the limits the capacity of the storage system to hold large reserves and the capacity of the Commonwealth Treasury to maintain advance payments at the present level.

Preceding the A.W.F. meeting by a few days, Mr. Anthony, Minister for Primary Industry, confirmed in a public statement that the capacity of the Reserve Bank in financing first advance payments was nearly at its limits.

At the same time, the Chairman of the Wheat Board set the stage for the A.W.F. meeting by a press statement emphasizing the storage difficulties which would result from even a normal crop in 1969-70.



While some grazier-wheat growers in New South Wales and Victoria tended to play down the wheat problem, the general consensus emerging over the last few months was that in addition to providing additional storage, something must be done to avert another record output in 1969-70.

As we explained in our previous reports, there appeared to be considerable difficulty in getting the wheat industry with its diverse interests (i.e. grazier-traditional wheat grower, small producer - large producer, premium wheat producer - soft wheat producer) and state jealousies to agree on a common plan to restrict wheat output. Even the most optimistic industry spokesmen did not expect a plan to emerge from the Perth meeting.

The decision in Perth is hailed as a personal victory for the Minister for Primary Industry. In spite of continual pressure on the Commonwealth Government to impose a solution on the industry, Mr. Anthony had taken a "hands-off" attitude, insisting that although the Government would implement and coordinate an industry-sponsored plan, the wheat industry itself must agree on a course of action. There has been as yet no official confirmation of the plan as adopted at the Perth meeting. The following is based on latest press reports, and has been confirmed by advance information received from Perth by our official contacts in the Department of Primary Industry.

- (1) Production controls are accepted in principle and should be implemented as soon as possible.
- (2) Total deliveries to the Wheat Board to be restricted to 344 million bushels.
- (3) The plan must be flexible to allow for weather and carryover contingencies.
- (4) The plan must be such as to protect the traditional wheat grower, particularly the small grower who may have no other income.
- (5) It must not curtail production of any type of wheat that is readily saleable (This proviso is to cover prime hard wheats grown in Queensland and Northern New South Wales, and was obviously aimed to meet the previous objection from these two States to any overall production curbs).
- (6) The ultimate objective of the plan is to ensure that carryover does not exceed 50 per cent of the quota.
- (7) The task of establishing quotas has been placed in the hands of State authorities and will presumably operate through the delivery mechanism.

Under the proposed quota scheme, each grower would be guaranteed the usual A.\$1.10 (\$1.32 Canadian) per bushel advance only up to a quota based on his average deliveries over a period of years that may vary from State to State. Allocation of quotas by State for the first year of the scheme is based on average deliveries over last five years, less 5 per cent. The quota established for New South Wales does not follow this rule and details are not yet available on how it was determined. Queensland and N.S.W. are also eligible for an additional quota for prime hard wheats

if necessary, of 6 million bushels and 7 million bushels, respectively. These proposed quotas are summarized below:

Proposed State Delivery Quotas Perth Meeting of A.W.F.

State	"Basic" quota	Additional prime hard quota
million bushels		
New South Wales .....	123	7
Victoria .....	65	
South Australia .....	45	
Western Australia .....	86	
Queensland .....	25	6
Totals .....	344	13

On the basis of the above quota figures, the following calculations can be made:

Total deliveries under quota .....	344 million bushels
Held on farms .....	40 " "
Target Production .....	384 " "
Estimated Home Consumption .....	90 " "
Wheat available for export under quota scheme .....	294 " "

This is 94 million bushels above the level of 200 million bushels to which an export price guarantee applies under the present Wheat Stabilization Scheme.

It has been suggested that the reason for choosing the quota figure of 344 million bushels by the A.W.F. was to limit the amount of next year's advance payment so that the total outstanding debt of the Wheat Board in 1969-70 would be within the current A.\$600 million (\$720 million Canadian) limit authorized under the Reserve Bank Act. The usual advance of A.\$1.10 (\$1.32 Canadian) per bushel on 344 million bushels would require an advance to the Wheat Board of A.\$378 million (\$454 million Canadian).

Mr. Anthony has stated recently that in the absence of remarkable improvement in sales, there could be up to A.\$200 million (\$240 million Canadian) outstanding at the start of the next delivery season. Deliveries of 344 million bushels would therefore bring the Wheat Board outstanding debt to just below the current A.\$600 million (\$720 million) limit.

By making the quota scheme subject to the Government making the usual A.\$1.10 (\$1.32 Canadian) initial advance for the 1969-70 harvest, the Federation has put the question of the implementation of the quota scheme squarely into the hands of the Commonwealth Government. Federation officials are expected to discuss the scheme with Mr. Anthony in the near future, while its general principles will certainly be a subject of discussion at the bi-annual meeting of the Australian Agricultural Council in Hobart, now in progress.



The position of other independent farm organizations will now have to be considered in order to get an "industry consensus". The most important of these is the United Farmers and Woolgrowers Association which represents the majority of the grazier-wheatgrowers. In view of the predominant position of the A.W.F., the U.F.W.A. is not likely to prevent any AWF-sponsored plan. However, the graziers will probably press for a shorter time period than the 5 years as the base for quota calculations (It will be recalled that last year the U.F.W.A. in Victoria held out for several weeks against the new wheat stabilization scheme in spite of A.W.F. acceptance).

The A.W.F. is reported to be anxious to get the plan under way by the time seeding starts in early May, and implement its quota plan for the next harvest. On March 14, the A.W.F. President said - "There are major problems in having the plan brought in before harvest, but if production goes on without any controls the amount of wheat will soon be very much more than the Australian Wheat Board could have any prospect of selling."

Outlook for 1969-70 crop. - Our contacts in Canberra agree that there will be some reduction in acreage in 1969-70 from this year. In this connection, we mentioned the improved position of wool and beef in our February report. More recently there have been further indications that wheatgrowers in certain areas of N.S.W. Victoria and South Australia are looking with an increased interest on barley as an alternate crop. Plans for expanding barley sowings and an atmosphere of caution to wheat in various districts of N.S.W. were reported in the press last week by the cereal agronomist of the N.S.W. Department of Agriculture.

The opinion of officials in Canberra is that even if no official plan is adopted, the danger of overproduction has now been effectively communicated to the wheatgrower, both in the press and in the widespread grower meeting in all states. Thus the acceptance of the need for restricting acreage, will result in an informal system of 'restraint' against increase in acreage from the previous year. Such voluntary 'restraint' can be effective in Australia (possibly more so than would be the case in North America) since the Australian, particularly in the rural areas, is influenced by concepts of 'mateship' and community cooperation. Queensland has had a self-policing informal system of voluntary quotas since last year - 'quota dodgers' are openly listed in local rural publications.

Putting both the evidence of the shift to alternative production and in view of the atmosphere of restraint, we would suggest that the 1969-70 wheat acreage will fall by 2 to 3 million acres.

Balanced against this likely fall in acreage must be considered the continual improvement in the overall yields as a result of the intensive breeding programme and research into improvement of soil fertility from ley rotation with clover and medics and the use of trace elements.

Extension of limit on 1968-69 wheat advance. - As announced by Mr. Anthony, the Commonwealth Government has asked the Reserve Bank to extend the drawing limit for initial advance payments to wheatgrowers to A.\$600 million (\$720 million Canadian). This is A.\$91 million (\$109 million) above the original amount based on previous Wheat Board estimates of 1968-69 deliveries.

Under the Reserve Bank Act, this money loaned to the Wheat Board must be repaid within 12 months. Mr. Anthony stated that it is very unlikely the Wheat Board would be able to repay this debt within one year, and that the resulting outstanding



debt at the start of the next marketing year would be a major factor in the Government's consideration of the final advance on the 1969-70 crop.

Marketing. — No major sales have been announced since our last report. The first shipment of 17.4 long tons (650,000 bushels) of wheat to China, under the new contract announced on January 28, 1969.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 — February 22, 1968-69 and Corresponding Period 1967-68

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1967-68	1968-69	1967-68	1968-69
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium .....	56	—	—	—
Germany, Federal Republic ..	72	360	—	—
Netherlands and I/T .....	835	3,028	—	—
Sub-totals .....	963	3,388	—	—
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain .....	5,919	6,928	108	101
Ireland .....	481	126	—	—
Malta .....	392	392	—	—
Norway .....	994	1,415	—	—
Switzerland .....	—	8	—	—
Sub-totals .....	7,786	8,869	108	101
Totals .....	8,749	12,257	108	101
<u>Africa</u>				
Malawi .....	—	—	94	84
Mauritius .....	—	—	53	117
Rhodesia .....	1,240	523	—	—
Sudan .....	423	—	—	—
Zambia .....	699	564	103	—
Others .....	(1)	3	47	93
Totals .....	2,362	1,090	297	294
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden .....	327	110	—	—
Aden and Aden I/T .....	—	—	80	32
Aden and Aden I/T Atta .....	—	—	78	8

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 — February 22, 1968-69 and Corresponding Period 1967-68

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1967-68	1968-69	1967-68	1968-69
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia (concluded)</u>				
Arabian Gulf .....	—	—	7	52
Arabian Gulf Atta .....	—	—	202	230
Ceylon .....	—	441	1,292	3
China .....	19,929	650	—	—
Hong Kong .....	787	514	13	7
India .....	7,558	919	—	—
Indonesia .....	—	—	1,028	201
Iraq .....	1,184	—	—	—
Japan .....	5,693	18,046	—	—
Korea South .....	—	369	—	—
Kuwait .....	507	482	—	—
Lebanon .....	862	1,118	—	—
Pakistan .....	—	865	—	—
Philippines .....	81	160	28	33
Saudi Arabia .....	—	159	—	17
Taiwan .....	—	756	—	—
Thailand .....	369	401	69	41
Malaysia .....	3,116	1,738	—	—
Sabah .....	—	—	5	5
Sarawak .....	—	—	10	4
Singapore .....	2,694	670	1	1
Others .....	59	155	33	29
Totals .....	43,166	27,553	2,846	663
<u>Oceania</u>				
New Zealand .....	917	—	—	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Chile .....	—	1,356	—	—
Colombia .....	—	485	—	—
Peru .....	1,486	2,346	—	—
West Indies Area .....	—	—	91	81
Totals .....	1,486	4,187	91	81
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands .....	18	11	627	826
Ships' Stores and Sundries ..	—	—	33	34
Totals .....	18	11	660	860
Totals, all countries ...	56,700	45,100	4,000	2,000

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

# ARGENTINE SITUATION

1968-69 Wheat Supplies Lower Than Previous Year Estimated total supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1968-69 (December-November) crop year amount to 261.2 million bushels, consisting of the December 1, 1968 carryover of 44.4 million bushels and the new crop placed at 216.8 million. Indicated supplies for the current Argentine crop year, reflecting a substantial decline in production which more than offset a sharp increase in carryover stocks, are about 8 per cent less than the 1967-68 total of 285.3 million bushels. After making an allowance of 149.8 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 111.4 million are available for export and for carryover compared with 127.5 million in 1967-68.

Exports Double Previous Year Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1968 - February 1969 amounted to 39.5 million bushels, more than double the 18.1 million exported during the same months in 1967-68. The balance remaining on March 1, 1969 for export and for carryover was estimated at 72.0 million bushels, substantially below the March 1, 1968 total of 109.4 million.

## Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1967-68 <sup>r</sup>	1968-69 <sup>P</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) (1) ....	16.4	44.4
Production .....	269.0	216.8
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	285.3	261.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	157.8	149.8 <sup>r</sup>
Available for export and for carryover .....	127.5	111.4
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December - February .....	18.0	38.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - February .....	(2)	0.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	18.1	39.5
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover .....	109.4	72.0

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

(2) Less than 50,000 bushels.

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

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Wheat. — The official estimate of Argentine wheat production remains unchanged at 5.9 million metric tons (216.8 million bushels). This figure is considered reliable by the private trade and it is not likely that there will be a significant change in the final estimate and, indeed, it may not be necessary for the Secretariat of Agriculture to issue a revised estimate.

There is no doubt that the Argentine authorities are having problems meeting their wheat export commitments because of both the small size of the crop and its poor quality. The crop did not begin to deteriorate badly until shortly before the commencement of harvesting and by that time, quite heavy export commitments had been made. The National Grain Board has 300,000 tons (11.0 million bushels) of wheat from last year's crop which is being mixed with wheat from the current crop to bring the quality up to standard but it is doubtful that this quantity will be sufficient to fully meet the problem over the year. The problem of quantity is being exacerbated by the reluctance of farmers to deliver their wheat as they are hoping to receive higher support prices later in the year. In fact, it is now very unlikely that prices will be increased. The National Grain Board is now purchasing seed wheat, at a price of 1,400 pesos per 60 kilos, (\$1.95 per bushel) to ensure a supply for planting of the 1969-70 wheat crop.

Speculation that imports of wheat will be required by Argentina has been stirred by the recent announcement of the Secretary of Foreign Trade that a complete assessment of wheat stocks at March 1 is now being carried out. The results of this survey should be known shortly.

The second contract under the agreement with Brazil for the supply and purchase of one million metric tons (36,743,000 bushels) of wheat has now been negotiated. This second contract is for 250,000 metric tons (9,186,000 bushels) to be delivered to Brazil during the second quarter of 1969. The agreed price for this lot was U\$S 59.75 per metric ton (\$1.7497 per bushel), f.o.b. Buenos Aires, compared to U\$S 59.89 (\$1.7538 per bushel) for the 250,000 tons (9,186,000 bushels) to be shipped during the first quarter of the year.

The short supply situation has resulted in strengthened wheat prices, but sales have dwindled to almost nothing. During February, prices for hard wheat rose from 1,610 to 1,650 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.34 to \$1.38 per bushel), f.o.r. Buenos Aires, and from 1,640 to 1,650 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.37 to \$1.38 per bushel) at the southern port of Bahia Blanca. By March 22, prices had increased to 1,700 and 1,685 pesos (\$1.42 and \$1.41 per bushel) at Buenos Aires and Bahia Blanca, respectively, the highest level in almost a year. Also at March 22, prices on the Buenos Aires Futures Exchange were 1,685 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.41 per bushel) for April delivery; 1,725 (\$1.44 per bushel) for May; 1,744 (\$1.46 per bushel) for June and 1,754 (\$1.46 per bushel) for July.

Candeal (Durum) prices during February rose once again from 2,240 to 2,270 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.87 to \$1.90 per bushel), f.o.r. Buenos Aires, and from 2,260 to 2,270 pesos (\$1.89 to \$1.90 per bushel) at Bahia Blanca. By March 22, Durum prices had risen sharply to 2,400 pesos (\$2.00 per bushel) at Buenos Aires and 2,230 pesos (\$1.86 per bushel) at Bahia Blanca.

Argentine Wheat Exports December — January 1967-68 and 1968-69

Destination	January		December-January	
	1968	1969	1967-68	1968-69
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium .....	—	606	—	768
France .....	716	592	716	647
Germany, Federal Republic .	—	—	—	37
Italy .....	3,040	6,069	3,582	6,253
Netherlands .....	184	1,060	184	1,397
Sub-totals .....	3,940	8,327	4,482	9,102
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain .....	1,105	1,823	1,105	2,058
Norway .....	—	172	—	172
Switzerland .....	—	118	—	118
Sub-totals .....	1,105	2,113	1,105	2,348
Totals .....	5,045	10,440	5,587	11,450
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Hungary .....	22	—	22	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	101	—	101	—
<u>Asia</u>				
Cyprus .....	—	—	—	472
India .....	—	2,856	—	4,364
Mozambique .....	—	—	—	426
Totals .....	—	2,856	—	5,262
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia .....	—	—	116	—
Brazil .....	—	2,509	—	6,001
Chile .....	55	709	55	1,155
Colombia .....	28	—	498	—
Paraguay .....	454	460	825	627
Peru .....	1,718	2,401	2,145	2,760
Totals .....	2,255	6,079	3,639	10,543
Totals, all countries ...	7,424	19,375	9,351	27,254

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- March 14 A report received from Mr. W. Boychuk, Assistant Commercial Secretary, Canberra, stated that the revised 1968-69 crop production was estimated at 544.0 million bushels sharply above the 277.4 million produced in 1967-68.
- 19 Based on farmers' intentions at March 1, the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat in Canada in 1969 will be 26.0 million acres, a decrease of 12 per cent from the 1968 seedings of 29.4 million and 14 per cent less than the 30.1 million acres seeded in 1967.
- 28 The Canadian Wheat Board announced the final payment on wheat delivered to the Board during the crop year 1967-68. The amount of the final payment to be distributed to producers is \$60,087,183, including \$4,426,853 to be distributed to producers who delivered Durum wheat. This is not a payment by the Government of Canada, but represents the net returns of The Canadian Wheat Board in the marketing of Western Canadian Wheat for the 1967-68 crop year. The average final payment for wheat other than Durum is 12.462 cents per bushel. The average final payment for Durum wheat is 24.628 cents per bushel.
- April 11 The 1969 season of navigation opened at the Canadian Lakehead.
- 15 According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in February 1969 amounted to 19,063,000 hundredweight, averaging 953,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 925,000 hundredweight last month and 970,000 hundredweight in February 1968. Wheat flour mills during February operated at 75.5 per cent of capacity, compared with 73.8 per cent and 74.4 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago.
- 16 Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1969 were estimated at a record 1,024.3 million bushels compared with 908.6 million on the same date in 1968 and the recent ten-year (1959-68) average of 751.7 million.

Re: Supplementary Quota - Soft White Spring Wheat. The Canadian Wheat Board in its Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 30 for the 1968-69 Crop Year announced in part that effective immediately at all delivery points in the designated area the quota of fifteen (15) bushels per seeded acre to Soft White Spring Wheat as authorized in our Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 27 of February 19, 1969, is hereby increased to twenty-five (25) bushels per acre seeded to Soft White Spring Wheat.





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