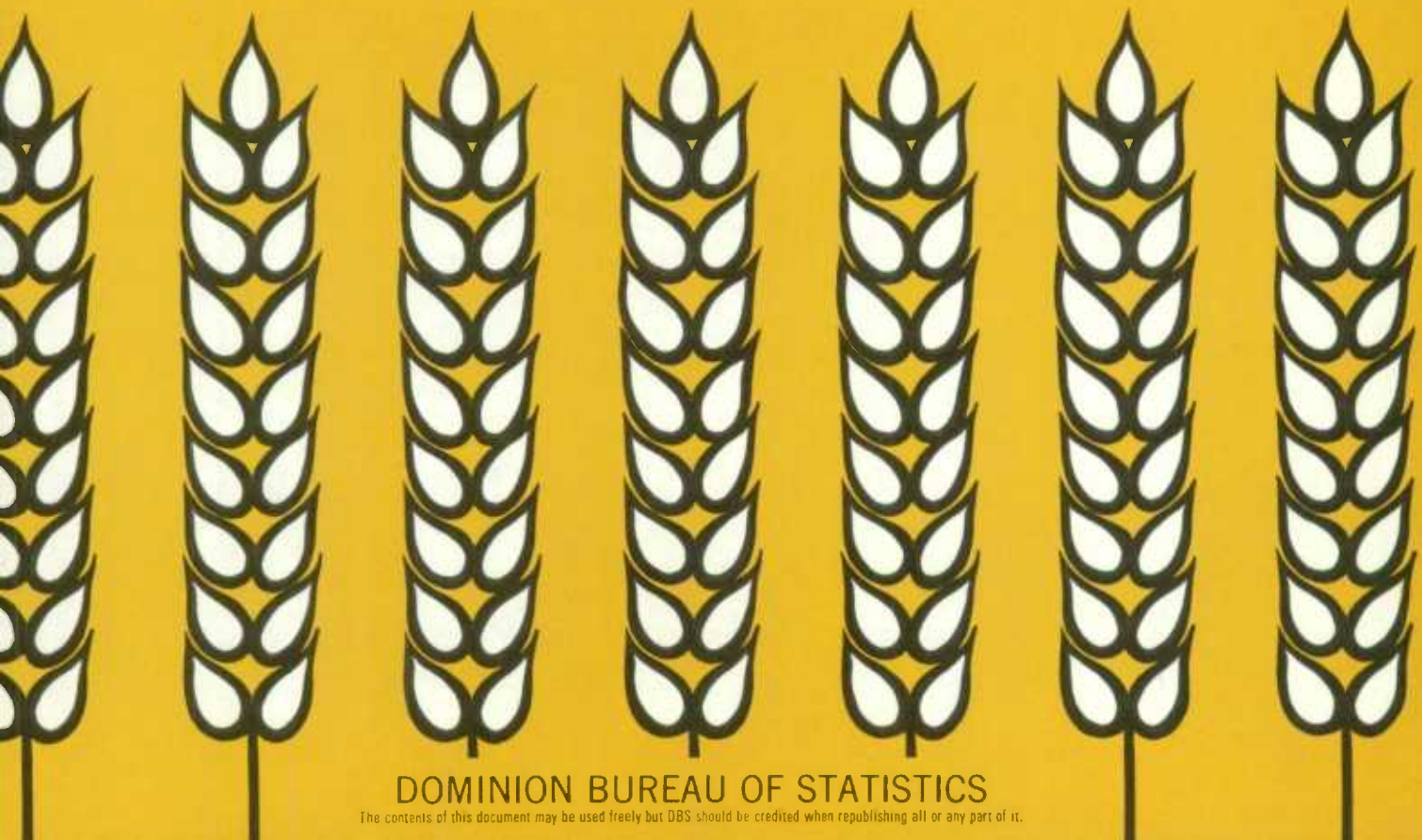


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# WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

## World Wheat Exports Above Previous Year

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-May period of the current crop year have amounted to 1,309.0

million bushels, an increase of 25 per cent over the 1,044.1 million bushels exported during the same ten months in 1969-70 and 10 per cent more than the ten-year (1959-60 - 1968-69) average shipments for the same period of 1,188.1 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, Canada, Australia and United States exports were higher this year than last, while exports from Argentina were below those of the previous year.

Shipments from the four traditional major wheat exporters during August 1970 - May 1971, with comparisons, appear in the accompanying table.

## Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1970 - May 1971 with Comparisons

August-May	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million bushels						
1950-51 .....	178.8	106.5	304.6	75.8	665.7	
1951-52 .....	268.5	81.1	413.5	24.1	787.2	
1952-53 .....	297.5	84.8	279.8	19.2	681.3	
1953-54 .....	209.1	52.2	170.7	94.1	526.1	
1954-55 .....	209.7	81.8	226.4	112.0	629.9	
1955-56 .....	236.9	84.6	267.7	97.9	687.1	
1956-57 .....	216.8	108.9	448.4	82.9	857.0	
1957-58 .....	263.7	53.3	327.1	63.4	707.5	
1958-59 .....	243.8	61.6	380.6	85.5	771.5	
1959-60 .....	235.4	92.8	426.5	61.3	816.0	
1960-61 .....	286.3	148.4	566.8	59.2	1,060.7	
1961-62 .....	310.2	186.0	603.8	80.2	1,180.2	
1962-63 .....	281.2	136.1	542.9	53.8	1,014.0	
1963-64 .....	460.3	242.2	730.7	94.9	1,528.1	
1964-65 .....	339.4	190.5	595.2	132.6	1,257.7	
1965-66 .....	456.0	159.5	709.2	249.5	1,574.2	
1966-67 .....	428.9	211.2	609.7	91.2	1,341.0	88.2
1967-68 .....	249.9	219.6	652.5	47.9	1,169.9	126.9
1968-69 .....	250.2	168.4	440.1 <sup>r</sup>	80.8	939.5 <sup>r</sup>	168.5
1969-70 <sup>r</sup> .....	257.6	221.0	502.0	63.5	1,044.1	184.1
1970-71 <sup>p</sup> .....	328.8	299.7	629.4	51.1	1,309.0	95.8(1)

(1) August-April only.

## World Wheat Supplies Lower than Previous Year

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at June 1, 1971 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to

1,896.8 million bushels, a decrease of 26 per cent from the 2,550.2 million at the same time a year ago. Supplies declined in each of the four exporting countries compared to the same date a year ago. Supplies at June 1, 1971, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 836.4 (1,097.6); Australia, 286.8 (437.0); United States, 763.5 (939.6); and Argentina, 10.1 (76.0).



CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Down  
from Record Level

Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1970-71 (August-July) crop year are placed at 1,340.2 million bushels consisting of the August 1 record carryover of 1,008.7 million and the 1970 crop, placed at 331.5 million bushels, reflecting a sharp decrease in production which more than offset an 18 per cent increase in carryover stocks. Supplies of the size indicated represent a decline of 13 per cent from the 1969-70 previous high of 1,536.1 million. After making an allowance of 175.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1970-71 amount to 1,165.2 million bushels, 14 per cent less than the 1,355.2 million in 1969-70.

August-May Exports  
Increase over Year Ago

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent during the first ten months of the current crop year amounted to 328.8 million bushels up sharply from the August 1969-May 1970 total of 257.6 million but slightly below the ten-year (1959-60 - 1968-69) average for the period of 332.0 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 306.9 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 0.8 million of seed and 21.1 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 233.8 million of wheat in bulk, 1.7 million of seed and 22.1 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on June 1, 1971 for export and for carryover amounted to 836.4 million bushels, 24 per cent below the June 1, 1970 total of 1,097.6 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1969-70 <sup>r</sup>	1970-71 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) .....	851.8	1,008.7
Production .....	684.3	331.5
Total estimated supplies .....	1,536.1	1,340.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ....	180.9	175.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,355.2	1,165.2
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-May(1) .....	233.8	306.9
Exports of seed wheat, August-May(2) .....	1.7	0.8
Total exports of wheat as grain .....	235.5	307.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August- May(2) .....	22.1	21.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	257.6	328.8
Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover .....	1,097.6	836.4

(1) As reported by the Canadian Grain Commission.

(2) Customs returns, 1969-70 adjusted for time lag.



Marketings, Disappearance  
and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to June 9 of the current crop year have amounted to 256.4 million bushels compared with 257.2 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 33.6 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks May 13 to June 9, 1971. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 50.3 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 326.9 million at May 12, 1971 to a level of 310.0 million at June 9, 1971.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at June 9 this year represented substantial declines from both the 393.9 million of the previous year and the 408.4 million of two years ago. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 216.0 million bushels, were 14 per cent less than both the 1970 comparable total of 250.0 million and the 1969 figure of 250.5 million. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at June 9, 1971, totalled 6.9 million bushels, considerably lower than both the 13.0 million of a year ago and the 10.6 million of two years ago. The 17.4 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) this year, were 52 per cent and 12 per cent larger than the two preceding years of 11.4 million and 15.6 million, respectively. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 20.0 million bushels, were less than half of the 45.3 million of 1970 and the 41.0 million of 1969. The 6.6 million bushels "in transit lake" were below the 8.0 million in this position in 1970 but sharply above the 3.6 million of 1969. The 12.4 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were in contrast to both the 18.0 million of a year ago and the 29.7 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at June 9, 1971, at 15.6 million bushels, registered sharp decreases from both the comparable 1970 figure of 29.8 million and the 1969 total of 35.9 million. The 6.8 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were considerably smaller than both the 8.8 million at June 10, 1970 and the 11.4 million at June 11, 1969.

May 1971 Exports  
of Wheat and Flour Total  
49.8 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during May 1971 amounted to 49.8 million bushels, sharply above the 22.7 million of the previous month, 29 per cent more

than the 38.6 million of May 1970 and 13 per cent above the ten-year (1960-69) average for the month of May of 44.1 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission) during May 1971 totalled 47.6 million bushels, up considerably from the April 1971 total of 21.0 million, and registered increases of 32 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively, over the 36.0 million of the previous year and the ten-year average of 41.5 million. Customs returns indicate that the equivalent of 2.1 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during May 1971, 35 per cent over the previous month's figure of 1.6 million but 13 per cent lower than the adjusted total of 2.4 million of May 1970 and 18 per cent less than the ten-year average of 2.6 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-May period of the current crop year amounted to 306.9 million bushels, 31 per cent above the 233.8 million shipped during the first ten months of 1969-70 and 2 per cent more than the ten-year average for the period of 302.1 million. The People's Republic of China, Britain and Japan were the leading markets for wheat in bulk during the first ten months of the current crop year with shipments amounting to 59.9 million, 45.9 million and 31.7 million bushels, respectively, and accounted for 20 per cent, 15 per cent and 10 per cent of the August-May 1970-71 total. During the same months of 1969-70 shipments

to these three countries were 46.4 million bushels (20 per cent of total), 42.5 million bushels (18 per cent of total), and 32.5 million bushels (14 per cent of total), respectively. Other principal importers of Canadian wheat for the first ten 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: West Germany, 18.0 (7.8); India, 17.1 (7.2); U.A.R., 14.0 (nil); Brazil, 11.8 (nil); Algeria, 11.3 (1.5); Italy, 9.5 (10.3); the Netherlands, 9.4 (5.7); Syria, 8.9 (1.8); and Iraq, 8.7 (0.6). Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-May of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 0.8 million bushels compared with last year's August-May total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 1.7 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during August 1970-May 1971, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 21.1 million bushels of wheat, some 5 per cent below the adjusted August-May 1969-70 total of 22.1 million and 24 per cent less than the 10-year average for the period of 27.7 million.

Exports of wheat flour by countries for August-May 1970-71 based on Customs data, are not available at this time.

Final Payment on  
1969-70 Wheat Account

The final payment to Canadian wheat producers for deliveries during the 1969-70 crop year will total \$31,367,473, The Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, indicated in tabling a press release being issued by the Canadian Wheat Board on June 17, 1971.

"This final payment represents the difference between the initial payment to producers at the time of delivery and the selling price eventually received by The Canadian Wheat Board after costs have been deducted," Mr. Lang said. He emphasized that it was not a payment by the Government.

The Wheat Board has started mailing 237,605 cheques to producers and the mailing will take 12 days to complete. Total wheat deliveries to the Wheat Board during the crop year were 409.5 million bushels. The final payment averages 7.66 cents per bushel. The payment to each producer depends on the quantity, grade and quality of the wheat delivered during the crop year. The rates of payment for the main grades are:

No. 1 Man. Northern	7.223 cents	No. 1 C.W. Amber Durum	6.211 cents
No. 2 Man. Northern	8.662	No. 2 C.W. Amber Durum	7.411
No. 3 Man. Northern	5.851	No. 3 C.W. Amber Durum	3.086
No. 4 Man. Northern	3.676	Ex. No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum	5.135
No. 5 Wheat	15.308	No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum	1.848
No. 6 Wheat	16.793	No. 5 C.W. Amber Durum	13.370
Feed Wheat	16.793	No. 6 C.W. Amber Durum	16.651

U.S.S.R. Buys  
Canadian Wheat

On June 4, 1971 the sale of 3.5 million tons (approximately 130 million bushels) of wheat to the U.S.S.R. was announced by The Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, and The Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, at a press conference.

Value of the contract, which was negotiated by the Canadian Wheat Board with V/O Exportkhleb, the Soviet grain trading agency, is approximately \$235 million. Delivery of the wheat will begin this month and continue through 1972, with the major portion for shipment during the balance of this year and the early part of 1972.



"The sale involves two separate contracts," the Ministers said in a joint statement. "The first contract is for 1,030,000 long tons (38.4 million bushels) to be shipped this calendar year. This completes the outstanding purchase obligation under the agreement signed by the Canadian Wheat Board and V/O Exportkhleb on June 14, 1966 for nine million long tons of wheat. The second contract covers an additional sale of 2,220,000 metric tons (81.5 million bushels) of which 970,000 metric tons will be shipped this year and the balance in 1972. Of the total quantity, 350,000 metric tons will be shipped in the form of flour."

In addition to the above firm commitments, the Buyer has the option to purchase a further 250,000 metric tons for shipment during the period May-July, 1972. Shipment of the wheat will be made from both Pacific and Eastern Canadian ports, with the Buyer having the option to ship a portion from Churchill during the 1971 navigation season. Grades to be delivered during 1971 are Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Manitoba Northern and No. 1 C.W. Red Spring Wheat - 13 per cent protein. The Buyer also has the option of taking No. 3 and/or No. 4 Canada Western Amber Durum wheat as part of the overall purchase contract. Grades to be delivered in 1972 will be negotiated at a later date. As in previous contracts with the U.S.S.R., the terms of the sale call for payment in cash at time of delivery.

Advance Quota for Durum Extended Effective June 10, 1971 an advance delivery quota for durum wheat has been extended to all Prairie shipping blocks, the Canadian Wheat Board announced. Authorization of the advance quota is prompted by the fact that supplies of durum wheat are required in continuing quantities to fulfill export commitments and to permit new sales to be made by the Board. Blocks currently on the seven-bushel general wheat quota will receive a one-bushel advance quota, while a two-bushel advance is granted to those blocks on the six-bushel wheat quota. With this change, durum wheat producers have reached the eight-bushel quota level.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain Total shipments of the six major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to June 9 this year amounted to 116.2 million bushels, 9 per cent above the 106.7 million shipped during the same period in 1970. Although the 1971 season of navigation opened on April 10 actual navigation was seriously delayed for two more weeks due to severe ice conditions. The 1970 season opened on April 8. Shipments of wheat, at 50.8 million were 20 per cent below the 1970 figure of 63.3 million bushels and accounted for 44 per cent of the total.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to June 9, 1971 and to Approximately the Same Date 1960 to 1970

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed	Total
	thousand bushels						
1960 .....	60,692	6,488	16,032	959	1,594	—	85,765
1961 .....	76,481	9,022	12,893	1,272	2,094	—	101,762
1962 .....	36,985	5,078	7,564	81	944	—	50,651
1963 .....	41,503	14,890	6,416	1,007	2,085	—	65,901
1964 .....	95,265	8,305	10,610	1,789	3,068	—	119,038
1965 .....	66,056	8,803	7,819	1,117	2,630	383	86,807
1966 .....	98,126	10,007	11,669	3,421	3,637	507	127,366
1967 .....	83,238	10,499	19,717	1,571	2,651	530	118,207
1968 .....	58,259	4,800	5,572	488	2,556	255	71,931
1969 .....	45,993	4,087	10,490	479	2,899	689	64,638
1970 .....	63,318	6,976	27,582	1,539	4,660	2,646	106,721
1971 .....	50,808	7,078	45,390	1,758	5,434	5,687	116,156

Quotas, 1970-71, as at Monday, June 14, 1971, Canadian National Railway Blocks

No.	Name	WHEAT			Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax	Rape	
		General	Adv. Dur.	Soft White Spring						
bushels per quota acre										
01	Winnipeg N. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
03	Winnipeg S. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
05	Winnipeg W. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
07	Brandon N. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
09	Brandon W. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
11	Melville .....	6	—	2	20	20	30	20	12	30
13	Dauphin .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
15	Kamsack .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
17	Saskatoon M. ...	6	—	2	20	20	30	20	12	30
19	Saskatoon S. ...	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
21	Saskatoon W. ...	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
23	Prince Albert E.	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
25	Prince Albert S.	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
27	Prince Albert M.	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
29	Prince Albert W.	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
31	Regina N. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
33	Regina S. ....	6	—	2	20	20	30	20	12	30
35	Regina W. ....	6	—	2	20	20	30	20	12	30
37	Biggar N. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
39	Biggar W. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
41	Edmonton N. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
43	Edmonton S. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
45	Edmonton W. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
47	Hanna S. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
49	Hanna W. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
90	N.A.R. West ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
98	G.S.L. ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30



Quotas, 1970-71, as at Monday, June 14, 1971, Canadian Pacific Railway Blocks

No.	Name	WHEAT			Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax	Rape	
		General	Adv. Dur.	Soft White Spring						
bushels per quota acre										
61	Keewatin .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
62	La Riviere .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
63	Carberry .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
64	Brandon .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
71	Weyburn .....	6	—	2	20	20	30	20	12	30
72	Pasqua .....	6	—	2	20	20	30	20	12	30
73	Bulyea .....	6	—	2	20	20	30	20	12	30
74	Bredenbury .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
75	Saskatoon .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
76	Wilkie .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
77	Assiniboia .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
78	Swift Current ..	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
79	Outlook .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
81	Medicine Hat ...	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
82	Brooks .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
83	Lethbridge .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
84	Vulcan .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
85	Calgary .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
86	Red Deer .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
87	Edmonton .....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
95	N.A.R. East ....	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30
	B.C. Stations ..	—	7	1	20	20	30	20	12	30

In addition to the above:

Flaxseed — Advance to a maximum of 15 bushels - delivered to Flaxseed Processors.

Farmers' Marketings (1) of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1970-71

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last year <sup>r</sup>
		bushels				
August	12, 1970 .....	21,021	37,095	5,913	64,029	285,392
	19 .....	41,744	3,178	602	45,524	1,076,826
	26 .....	15,655	49,779	32,313	97,747	2,791,238
September	2 .....	555,805	4,550,427	1,587,230	6,693,462	4,193,568
	9 .....	468,696	5,212,410	1,336,276	7,017,382	5,866,425
	16 .....	416,045	6,027,734	1,734,993	8,178,772	8,472,950
	23 .....	502,951	7,768,175	2,711,223	10,982,349	7,157,123
	30 .....	338,229	5,298,647	1,458,093	7,094,969	3,800,993
October	7 .....	901,914	4,364,729	1,256,026	6,522,669	2,553,032
	14 .....	422,585	2,637,239	1,045,497	4,105,321	2,112,563
	21 .....	317,073	3,235,120	807,825	4,360,018	2,611,493
	28 .....	271,956	3,488,774	846,963	4,607,693	3,556,169
November	4 .....	234,455	1,986,155	651,750	2,872,360	3,147,401
	11 .....	983,278	4,472,902	1,288,280	6,744,460	3,058,373
	18 .....	1,511,618	4,441,312	1,218,417	7,171,347	3,122,840
	25 .....	727,404	4,361,162	1,160,088	6,248,654	3,230,848
December	2 .....	324,002	3,342,249	813,608	4,479,859	3,392,933
	9 .....	1,027,970	4,965,668	820,526	6,814,164	3,174,066
	16 .....	1,272,540	7,429,490	2,364,441	11,066,471	3,308,876
	23 .....	736,158	6,311,921	2,609,461	9,657,540	6,034,974
	30 .....	217,694	1,006,432	602,689	1,826,815	5,343,169
January	6, 1971 .....	376,048	2,117,240	1,211,295	3,704,583	8,165,052
	13 .....	253,240	1,999,874	1,065,590	3,318,704	2,451,303
	20 .....	195,215	626,203	255,715	1,077,133	3,427,935
	27 .....	1,111,936	6,689,255	1,961,218	9,762,409	10,742,781
February	3 .....	528,331	3,799,937	1,917,933	6,246,201	8,550,448
	10 .....	387,752	2,525,218	1,138,146	4,051,116	6,187,798
	17 .....	426,188	3,915,594	1,680,087	6,021,869	6,265,986
	24 .....	1,101,298	3,996,062	1,583,906	6,681,266	5,014,904
March	3 .....	954,500	3,859,606	1,213,725	6,027,831	11,326,243
	10 .....	548,488	2,382,258	1,527,645	4,458,391	5,616,358
	17 .....	842,693	3,379,547	1,876,143	6,098,383	7,838,070
	24 .....	671,198	4,528,020	2,277,415	7,476,633	9,059,006
	31 .....	450,923	2,378,856	1,247,497	4,077,276	5,579,291
April	7 .....	253,992	1,561,876	1,077,315	2,893,183	5,842,260
	14 .....	354,217	853,064	704,914	1,912,195	4,409,076
	21 .....	336,755	2,506,624	496,669	3,340,048	4,782,957
	28 .....	437,289	4,148,943	840,603	5,426,835	6,891,768
May	5 .....	559,659	5,311,498	1,499,180	7,370,337	11,875,734
	12 .....	1,005,625	6,749,955	2,209,022	9,964,602	15,536,222
	19 .....	551,572	2,981,832	1,483,730	5,017,134	6,478,068
	26 .....	299,781	4,110,253	1,628,544	6,038,578	7,324,537
June	2 .....	365,147	6,998,770	1,279,867	8,643,784	9,512,400
	9 .....	934,620	10,923,111	1,967,094	13,824,825	10,234,871
Totals .....		24,255,260	169,334,194	56,495,467	250,084,921	251,404,320
Average similar period: 1959-60						
1968-69 .....		42,253,100	215,040,191	88,707,895	346,001,186	

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

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, June 9, 1971  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1969 and 1970

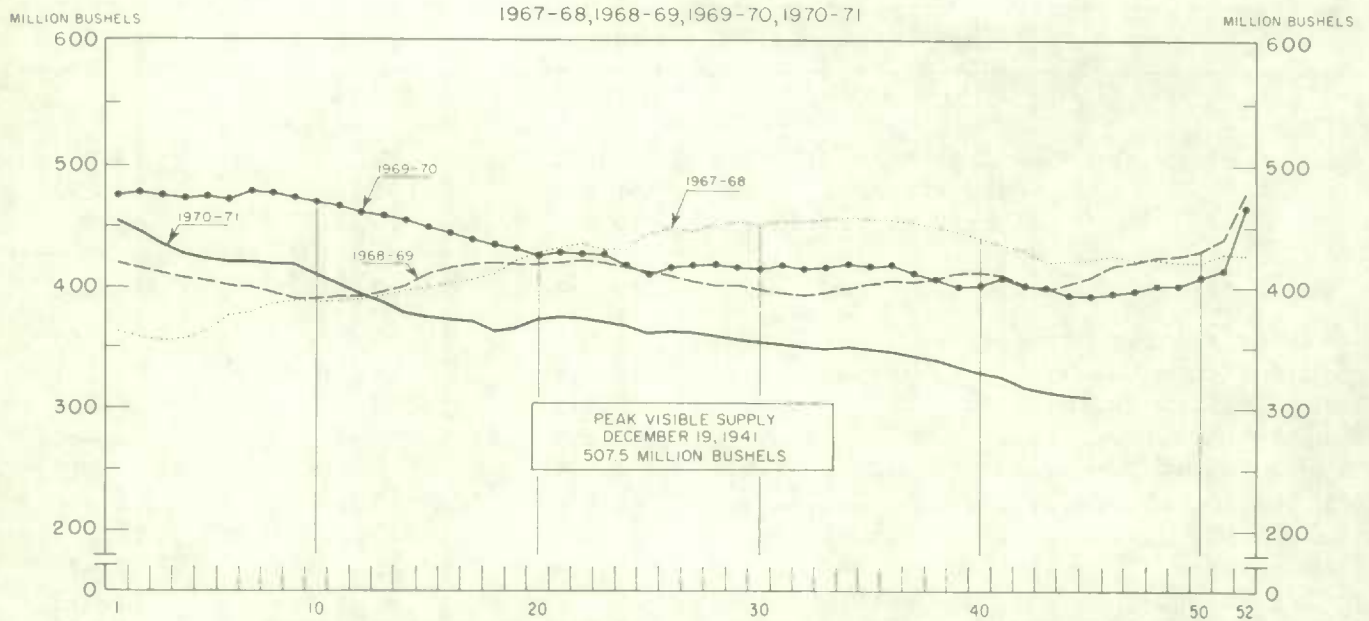
Position	1969	1970	1971
thousand bushels			
Country elevators - Manitoba .....	28,439	29,559	23,096
Saskatchewan .....	148,048	145,989	136,695
Alberta .....	74,061	74,447	56,220
Sub-totals .....	250,548	249,995	216,011
Interior private and mill .....	4,980	4,290	4,563
Interior terminals .....	10,590	13,040	6,867
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	9,821	7,693	5,790
Victoria .....	899	604	486
Prince Rupert .....	678	538	519
Churchill .....	4,694	4,659	2,950
Thunder Bay .....	41,000	45,284	19,974
In transit rail (western division) .....	15,569	11,450	17,425
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ...	29,738	17,997	12,413
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ....	35,880	29,828	15,622
In transit lake .....	3,648	7,961	6,645
In transit rail (eastern division) .....	350	578	690
Totals .....	408,395	393,917	309,955

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1970- May 1971 with Comparisons

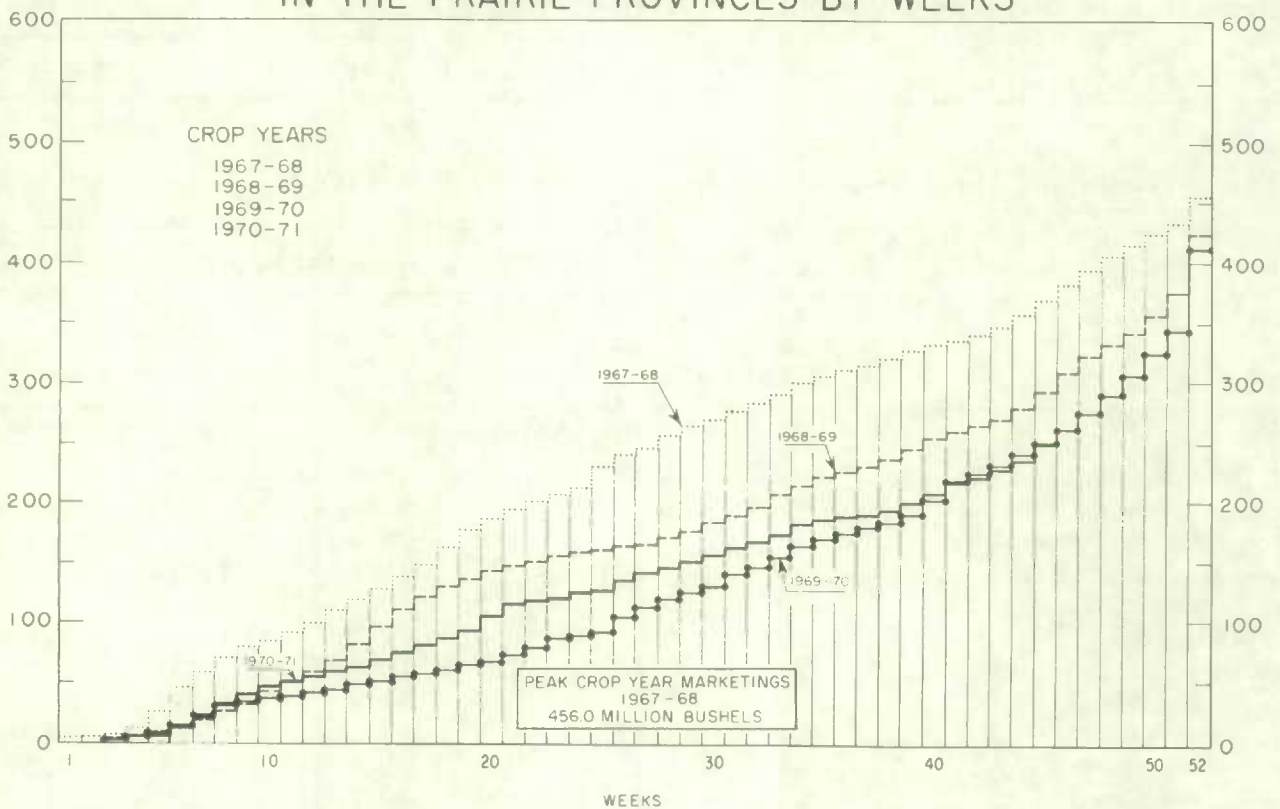
Grade	Crop year		August - May			
	Average		1969-70		1970-71	
	1964-65	1969-70	1969-70		1970-71	
	1968-69					
	per cent		cars	per cent	cars	per cent
No. 1 Man. Northern .....	10.1	6.1	8,095	5.4	9,489	5.5
No. 2 Man. Northern .....	33.3	30.8	48,562	32.4	64,628	37.8
No. 3 Man. Northern .....	19.7	19.8	28,169	18.8	32,753	19.2
No. 4 Man. Northern .....	8.3	10.2	15,726	10.5	21,174	12.4
No. 5 Wheat .....	3.3	5.5	5,471	3.6	8,743	5.1
No. 6 Wheat .....	0.3	0.7	438	0.3	1,388	0.8
Feed Wheat .....	(1)	0.1	138	0.1	151	0.1
Others Red Spring .....	18.3	18.5	28,426	18.9	11,872	6.9
C.W. Garnet .....	0.1	(1)	3	(1)	38	(1)
C.W. White Spring .....	0.1	0.2	389	0.3	509	0.3
C.W. Mixed Wheat .....	0.1	0.1	90	0.1	175	0.1
Alberta Winter .....	0.8	0.8	1,234	0.8	1,488	0.9
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum ..	4.6	6.4	12,025	8.0	17,848	10.4
Others C.W. Amber Durum ....	0.8	0.7	1,300	0.9	723	0.4
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	150,066	100.0	170,979	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) ....			290,255,000		..	

(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)



Wheat Shipments to  
the United States  
by Destination

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 June 9, 1971. During the comparable period of 1969-70 some 789,000 bushels

were shipped.

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1970 - June 9, 1971 with Comparison

Destination	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
		bushels	
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo .....	—	558,780	—
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. domestic points .....	—	180,000	—
Buffalo .....	—	50,000	—
Total, rail .....	—	230,000	—
Total, shipments .....	—	788,780	—

(1) Either for re-export or retention for domestic use. Excluding seed wheat.

Rail Shipments of  
Wheat to Maritime  
Ports

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports during August 1970 - May 1971 amounted to 26,980,000 bushels as against the August - May 1969-70 figure of 25,488,000.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1, 1969 - May 31, 1970	August 1, 1970 - May 31, 1971
		bushels
Port McNicoll .....	8,694,984	7,803,471
Midland, Tiffin .....	9,035,161	9,560,887
Collingwood .....	111,660	—
Owen Sound .....	1,878,710	2,649,790
Goderich .....	1,262,768	1,972,168
Sarnia .....	2,898,937	2,803,643
Port Colborne .....	1,605,642	1,140,702
Kingston .....	—	764,553
Prescott .....	—	284,326
Totals .....	25,487,862	26,979,540

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay 1967-68 - 1970-71

Month	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
	bushels			
August .....	133,651	—	132,953	169,566
September .....	182,051	23,084	134,054	244,549
October .....	152,009	57,458	149,076	176,450
November .....	50,475	101,966	126,319	178,523
December .....	143,833	44,136	179,384	330,120
January .....	160,214	131,034	272,300	525,019
February .....	143,884	99,776	403,541	552,926
March .....	274,690	153,067	298,335	418,387
April .....	123,167	79,899	260,918	407,206
May .....	61,460	108,339	311,200	187,347
June .....	101,950	120,532	221,999	
July .....	88,500	137,404	293,745	
Totals .....	1,615,884	1,056,695	2,783,824	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay, May 1971

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	bushels				
5 Wheat .....	6,000	43,000	83,667	5,100	—
Durum .....	—	—	—	12,198	16,000
Others .....	8,000	—	—	6,300	7,082
Totals .....	14,000	43,000	83,667	23,598	23,082

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1970 - June 9, 1971 with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
	thousand bushels						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van.-New West .....	109,732	5,377	470	42,804	4,129	7,537	25,342
Victoria .....	4,238	—	—	—	—	—	2,813
Prince Rupert .....	9,814	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Churchill</u> .....	23,402	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Thunder Bay Direct</u> .....	2,644	210	8,187	10,471	1,723	3,527	5,865
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal .....	18,246	18,776	138	36,352	100	298	348
Sorel .....	18,528	136	—	11,260	—	—	186
Trois-Rivières .....	11,690	3,127	235	3,252	210	—	—
Quebec .....	9,724	343	138	10,587	257	3,217	2,949
Baie Comeau .....	19,988 <sup>r</sup>	3,131	—	18,148	—	1,957	982
Port Cartier .....	29,162	2,745	468	10,479	—	772	—
<u>Maritime</u>							
Saint John .....	1,559	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Saint John .....	11,945	1,888	—	—	511	60	100
Halifax .....	13,765	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .....	284,439 <sup>r</sup>	35,735	9,635	143,350	6,928	17,367	38,585
August 1 - June 10, 1969- 70 .....	232,213	15,063	807	46,124	2,523	15,174	18,118

(1) Excluding seed.

Shipments Under  
Feed Grain  
Assistance Regulations

Freight assistance shipments of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia during August 1970-May 1971 amounted to 27,336,000 bushels, an increase of 32 per cent over the 20,648,000 shipped

during the comparable period of 1969-70. The bulk of the shipments during the current ten months under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario with these two provinces accounting for a combined 72 per cent of the total. During August-May last year these same two provinces accounted for 69 per cent of the total.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations, August - May 1970-71 and 1969-70

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total	Eastern wheat to Quebec
thousand bushels									
August 1970 .....	70	19	235	104	981	916	396	2,720	-
September .....	87	15	219	116	1,340	1,223	312	3,314	6
October .....	26	22	326	138	2,194	782	362	3,851	-
November .....	136	31	206	86	1,112	545	415	2,531	-
December .....	2	23	182	99	1,423	593	314	2,637	3
January 1971 .....	36	55	331	162	1,382	578	412	2,954	-
February .....	7	59	164	88	1,012	545	236	2,112	-
March .....	4	76	340	174	1,657	980	593	3,823	-
April .....	1	18	150	39	838	362	162	1,570	-
May .....	67	28	183	99	972	231	244	1,824	-
Totals .....	436	346	2,337	1,106	12,911	6,755	3,445	27,336	9
Same months 1969-70.	419	147	1,793	830	7,710	6,631	3,118	20,548	58

Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate the movement of 370,060 tons during August-May 1970-71. Data on the August 1969-May 1970 shipments of millfeeds place the ten-month total at 410,634 tons. The greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the same months under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations, August - May 1970-71 and 1969-70

Province	August - May	
	1969-70	1970-71
tons		
Newfoundland .....	1,645	2,604
Prince Edward Island .....	4,729	2,965
Nova Scotia .....	16,792	10,891
New Brunswick .....	12,605	11,461
Quebec .....	191,623	179,885
Ontario .....	150,770	133,363
British Columbia .....	32,470	28,891
Totals .....	410,634	370,060



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>1968-69</u>					
August.....	31,127	1	31,128	2,586	33,714
September.....	30,019	45	30,064	2,134	32,198
October.....	25,995	50	26,045	2,445	28,490
November.....	23,338	23	23,361	2,305	25,666
December.....	16,061	46	16,107	1,662	17,770
January.....	18,843	12	18,856	1,224	20,079
February.....	24,149	45	24,194	2,077	26,271
March.....	19,857	148	20,005	2,760	22,764
April.....	10,278	138	10,416	1,044	11,460
May.....	30,350	51	30,401	1,432	31,833
June.....	24,016	10	24,026	1,835	25,861
July.....	26,506	107	26,612	3,119	29,731
Totals.....	280,541	674	281,216	24,623	305,838
<u>1969-70</u>					
August.....	13,012	60	13,071	2,306	15,378
September.....	20,949	74	21,023	1,219	22,242
October.....	18,838	2	18,840	2,231	21,071
November.....	22,835	116	22,951	1,863	24,814
December.....	22,294	52	22,346	2,434	24,779
January.....	26,351	87	26,438	2,524	28,962
February.....	18,597	290	18,887	2,077	20,964
March.....	21,958	499	22,457	2,600	25,057
April.....	32,913	334	33,247	2,440	35,687
May.....	35,047	157	36,204	2,443	38,648
June.....	39,898	103	40,001	3,103	43,104
July.....	44,010	59	44,070	1,725	45,794
Totals .....	317,703	1,832	319,535	26,963	346,498
<u>1970-71(4)</u>					
August .....	44,765	103	44,868	834	45,702
September .....	35,194	120	35,314	1,864	37,179
October .....	44,561	84	44,645	3,463	48,108
November .....	33,307	72	33,378	2,449	35,827
December .....	18,016	43	18,059	1,720	19,779
January .....	18,882	1	18,883	2,425	21,308
February .....	23,334	41	23,375	2,562	25,937
March .....	20,293	106	20,400	2,057	22,457
April <sup>r</sup> .....	20,951	145	21,097	1,576	22,673
May .....	47,631	83	47,714	2,125	49,839
Totals .....	306,935	799	307,733	21,075	328,808

(1) Export clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission. (2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1968-69 and 1969-70 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) Subject to revision.



Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination, May 1971 and 1970

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			May 1971	May 1970 <sup>r</sup>
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	402,231	104,533	506,764	1,012,450
France .....	410,287	896,196	1,306,483	41,156
Germany, West .....	413,374	1,377,612	1,790,986	426,814
Italy .....	121,333	1,571,832	1,693,165	—
Netherlands .....	3,267,648	921,159	4,188,807	1,057,230
Sub-totals .....	4,614,873	4,871,332	9,486,205	2,537,650
Other Western Europe:				
Britain .....	6,110,059	123,200	6,233,259	4,535,680
Ireland .....	713,067	24,640	737,707	106,011
Norway .....	756,261	—	756,261	708,064
Switzerland .....	—	—	—	365,543
Sub-totals .....	7,579,387	147,840	7,727,227	5,715,298
Totals .....	12,194,260	5,019,172	17,213,432	8,252,948
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania .....	—	—	—	421,008
Poland .....	—	970,667	970,667	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	—	—	—	14,257,278
Totals .....	—	970,667	970,667	14,678,286
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	1,977,771	1,977,771	—
Ghana .....	—	—	—	137,795
Nigeria .....	459,200	—	459,200	—
Tunisia .....	—	569,232	569,232	—
U.A.R. ....	530,206	—	530,206	—
Totals .....	989,406	2,547,003	3,536,409	137,795
<u>Asia</u>				
Hong Kong .....	—	—	—	39,013
Iraq .....	5,191,271	—	5,191,271	467,500
Japan .....	3,010,120	—	3,010,120	2,905,433
Korea South .....	—	—	—	386,797
Korea North .....	1,060,267	—	1,060,267	—
Malaysia .....	—	—	—	39,387
People's Republic of China .....	13,260,248	1,132,182	14,392,430	6,785,520
Philippines .....	480,065	—	480,065	—
Singapore .....	—	—	—	39,573
Syria .....	597,011	—	597,011	1,062,544
Totals .....	23,598,982	1,132,182	24,731,164	11,725,767
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados .....	34	—	34	—
Brazil .....	678,000	—	678,000	—
Cuba .....	—	—	—	270,000
Haiti .....	214,293	—	214,293	—
Jamaica .....	286,000	—	286,000	349,466
Paraguay .....	1,102	—	1,102	—
Peru .....	—	—	—	632,800
St-Lucia .....	167	—	167	—
Totals .....	1,179,596	—	1,179,596	1,252,266
Sub-totals, all countries .....	37,962,244	9,669,024	47,631,268	36,047,062
Seed wheat(2) .....	—	—	82,808	157,169
Totals, all countries .....	37,962,244	9,669,024	47,714,076	36,204,231

(1) Overseas clearances as reported by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission, excluding seed.

(2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1970 adjusted for time lag.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1970 - May 1971			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
	bushels			
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg ....	6,822,954 <sup>r</sup>	447,332	7,270,286 <sup>r</sup>	6,826,396
France .....	858,223	896,196	1,754,419	2,416,420
Germany, West .....	12,319,774 <sup>r</sup>	5,656,966	17,976,740 <sup>r</sup>	7,818,480
Italy .....	5,170,587	4,331,219	9,501,806	10,327,723
Netherlands .....	7,089,214 <sup>r</sup>	2,265,911	9,355,125 <sup>r</sup>	5,680,675
Sub-totals .....	32,260,752 <sup>r</sup>	13,597,624	45,858,376 <sup>r</sup>	33,069,694
Other Western Europe:				
Austria .....	—	326,314	326,314	240,247
Britain .....	45,467,672	449,439	45,917,111	42,507,157
Denmark .....	58,783	—	58,783	48,160
Ireland .....	2,170,784	58,521	2,229,305	795,195
Malta and Gozo .....	719,712	—	719,712	321,439
Norway .....	2,951,448	—	2,951,448	2,168,917
Portugal .....	—	—	—	841,750
Sweden .....	58,820	—	58,820	76,264
Switzerland .....	1,792,871 <sup>r</sup>	1,232,482	3,025,353 <sup>r</sup>	3,477,850
Sub-totals .....	53,220,090 <sup>r</sup>	2,066,756	55,286,846 <sup>r</sup>	50,476,979
Totals .....	85,480,842	15,664,380	101,145,222	83,546,673
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania .....	358,400	—	358,400	2,009,728
Bulgaria .....	—	—	—	659,500
Poland .....	—	970,667	970,667	2,624,533
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	4,362,808	—	4,362,808	32,385,750
Totals .....	4,721,208	970,667	5,691,875	37,679,511
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	4,664,575	6,599,177	11,263,752	1,543,221
Congo .....	—	—	—	122,379
Ghana .....	1,667,255	—	1,667,255	1,772,937
Mauritania .....	—	—	—	56,694
Morocco .....	392,395	112,800	505,195	—
Mozambique .....	104,533	—	104,533	37,336
Nigeria .....	459,200	—	459,200	18,667
South Africa .....	3,528,000	411,600	3,939,600	—
Sudan .....	36,709	—	36,709	187,469
Tanzania .....	—	7,976	7,976	54,133
Tunisia .....	—	2,111,476	2,111,476	1,763,701
U.A.R. ....	14,048,074	—	14,048,074	—
Totals .....	24,900,741	9,243,029	34,143,770	5,556,537

See footnotes at end of table.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination — Concluded

Destination	August 1970 — May 1971			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan .....	352,599	—	352,599	—
Hong Kong .....	653,089	—	653,089	684,506
India .....	17,098,372	—	17,098,372	7,235,514
Iraq .....	8,709,502	—	8,709,502	553,628
Japan .....	31,700,678	—	31,700,678	32,541,452
Korea, North .....	1,060,267	—	1,060,267	—
Korea, South .....	—	—	—	1,349,472
Malaysia .....	267,551	—	267,551	390,022
Pakistan .....	4,066,847	—	4,066,847	2,262,475
People's Republic of China ..	54,927,194	4,934,519	59,861,713	46,423,766
Philippines .....	3,418,833	—	3,418,833	—
Singapore .....	326,853	—	326,853	292,134
Syria .....	5,754,160	3,107,216	8,861,376	1,796,914
Taiwan .....	524,533	—	524,533	520,837
Turkey .....	3,540,382	—	3,540,382	—
Yemen .....	19,842	—	19,842	—
Totals .....	132,420,702	8,041,735	140,462,437	94,050,720
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados .....	34	—	34	89
Brazil .....	11,776,461	—	11,776,461	—
Cuba .....	3,001,478	246,815	3,248,293	3,440,090
Ecuador .....	306,259	—	306,259	158,005
Haiti .....	1,349,654	—	1,349,654	901,683
Jamaica .....	1,125,288	—	1,125,288	1,189,979
Paraguay .....	2,206	—	2,206	—
Peru .....	7,387,297	—	7,387,297	5,241,380
St. Lucia .....	334	—	334	167
Venezuela .....	290,676	1,823	292,499	1,240,355
United States(2) .....	2,878	—	2,878	788,780
Totals .....	25,242,565	248,638	25,491,203	12,960,528
Sub-totals, all countries	272,766,058	34,168,449	306,934,507	233,793,969
Seed wheat(3) .....			798,734	1,669,555
Totals, all countries	272,766,058	34,168,449	307,733,241	235,463,524

(1) Overseas clearance as reported by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission, for all countries except the United States. Excluding seed wheat.

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

(3) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1969-70 adjusted for time lag.



Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	January 1971(1)	April 1971(2)	August - April	
			1970-71(2)	1969-70(1)
			bushels	
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	6,518	—	46,892	68,273
France .....	—	—	115	—
Germany, West .....	—	651	720	283
Italy .....	4,140	—	10,350	16,560
Netherlands .....	69	—	722	3,229
Sub-totals .....	10,727	651	58,799	88,345
Other Western Europe:				
Britain .....	138,952	171,406	1,589,254	1,540,852
Gibraltar .....	—	—	5,409	5,410
Greece .....	30,422	2,201	37,426	40,910
Malta and Gozo .....	—	—	46	—
Norway .....	—	115	115	—
Portugal .....	7,130	—	23,000	46,138
Spain .....	—	1,840	1,840	9,246
Sub-totals .....	176,504	175,562	1,657,090	1,642,556
Totals .....	187,231	176,213	1,715,889	1,730,901
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	—	—	3,236	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	—	163,358	12,678
Angola .....	2,300	—	12,190	2,300
Cameroon .....	—	—	1,610	9,315
Congo-Kinshasa .....	8,257	5,750	140,801	33,805
Dahomey .....	1,380	—	11,385	32,435
Ethiopia .....	—	—	—	175
Gabon .....	—	—	5,658	—
Gambia .....	1,674	5,750	51,805	62,164
Ghana .....	1,736	1,364	168,091	206,977
Guinea .....	—	—	35,420	75,143
Ivory Coast .....	—	—	6,900	4,140
Liberia .....	9,396	2,597	188,126	173,953
Malagasy .....	—	—	14,219	—
Malawi .....	8,038	3,979	58,229	34,270
Mauritania .....	—	—	—	7,910
Morocco .....	—	—	—	4,706
Mozambique .....	334	3,825	22,843	38,658
Nigeria .....	—	—	2,300	—
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s. ....	27,816	9,890	98,031	62,395
Sierra Leone .....	1,964	136	8,529	6,196
Somalia .....	—	7,606	19,446	—
South Africa .....	—	—	2,259	—
Sudan .....	—	13,554	27,299	146,740
Tanzania .....	—	—	6,153	20,458
Togo .....	6,785	8,510	96,071	117,438
U.A.R. ....	—	—	294,398	565,660
Totals .....	69,680	62,961	1,435,121	1,617,516
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan .....	—	—	1,104	1,207
Bahrain .....	—	398	596	—
Burma .....	355,826	—	958,261	803,717
Ceylon .....	—	—	1,525,620	1,285,806
Cyprus .....	—	115	34,332	14,943

For footnotes see end of table.



Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment - Concluded

Destination	January 1971(1)	April 1971(2)	August - April	
			1970-71(2)	1969-70(1)
			bushels	
<u>Asia - Concluded</u>				
Hong Kong .....	23,573	6,900	144,845	181,422
India .....	—	—	—	672
Indonesia .....	—	17,579	1,231,275	653,435
Iran .....	258	1,559	3,735	2,716
Iraq .....	—	—	141,034	485,627
Japan .....	288	846	6,368	13,708
Jordan .....	—	—	—	7,565
Lebanon .....	—	3,427	175,260	331,138
Malaysia .....	—	—	—	138
Philippines .....	—	—	—	1,663
Portuguese Asia .....	173	—	7,222	6,831
Qatar .....	—	460	1,008	517
Saudi Arabia .....	—	66,702	160,282	480,631
Thailand .....	11,040	5,635	80,604	121,475
Trucial States .....	—	1,702	2,955	2,282
Totals .....	391,158	105,323	4,474,501	4,395,493
<u>Oceania</u>				
British Oceania, n.e.s. ....	575	—	2,760	3,629
Fiji .....	575	—	1,610	3,404
United States Oceania .....	—	—	17,250	17,652
Totals .....	1,150	—	21,620	24,685
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas .....	22,425	11,764	177,484	174,096
Barbados .....	39,894	28,775	216,117	229,896
Bermuda .....	11,330	10,368	109,675	89,417
British Honduras .....	3,116	7,038	46,837	44,077
Chile .....	—	—	—	24,856
Cuba(3) .....	1,826,561	1,091,525	9,111,924	9,392,857
Dominican Republic .....	—	—	35,143	455
El Salvador .....	—	—	—	228
French West Indies .....	920	—	920	1,966
Guyana .....	782	1,005	11,040	14,111
Haiti .....	—	—	—	16,440
Honduras .....	1,090	1,746	7,859	12,710
Jamaica .....	6,479	6,408	85,284	121,185
Leeward and Windward Islands .....	71,054	43,723	567,638	604,884
Netherlands Antilles .....	18,214	8,747	167,686	159,309
Panama .....	—	—	676	1,095
Paraguay .....	—	—	2,535	—
Peru .....	—	—	122,404	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	2,472	4,140	20,587	17,676
Surinam .....	2,599	2,749	23,237	11,245
Trinidad and Tobago .....	44,141	7,199	357,052	734,052
United States Virgin Islands .....	—	—	—	115
Venezuela .....	—	—	380	359
United States .....	25,116	6,336	235,290	272,923
Totals .....	2,076,193	1,231,523	11,299,768	11,923,952
Totals, all countries .....	2,725,412	1,576,020	18,950,135	19,692,547

(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.

Note: Data for May wheat flour exports are not available.

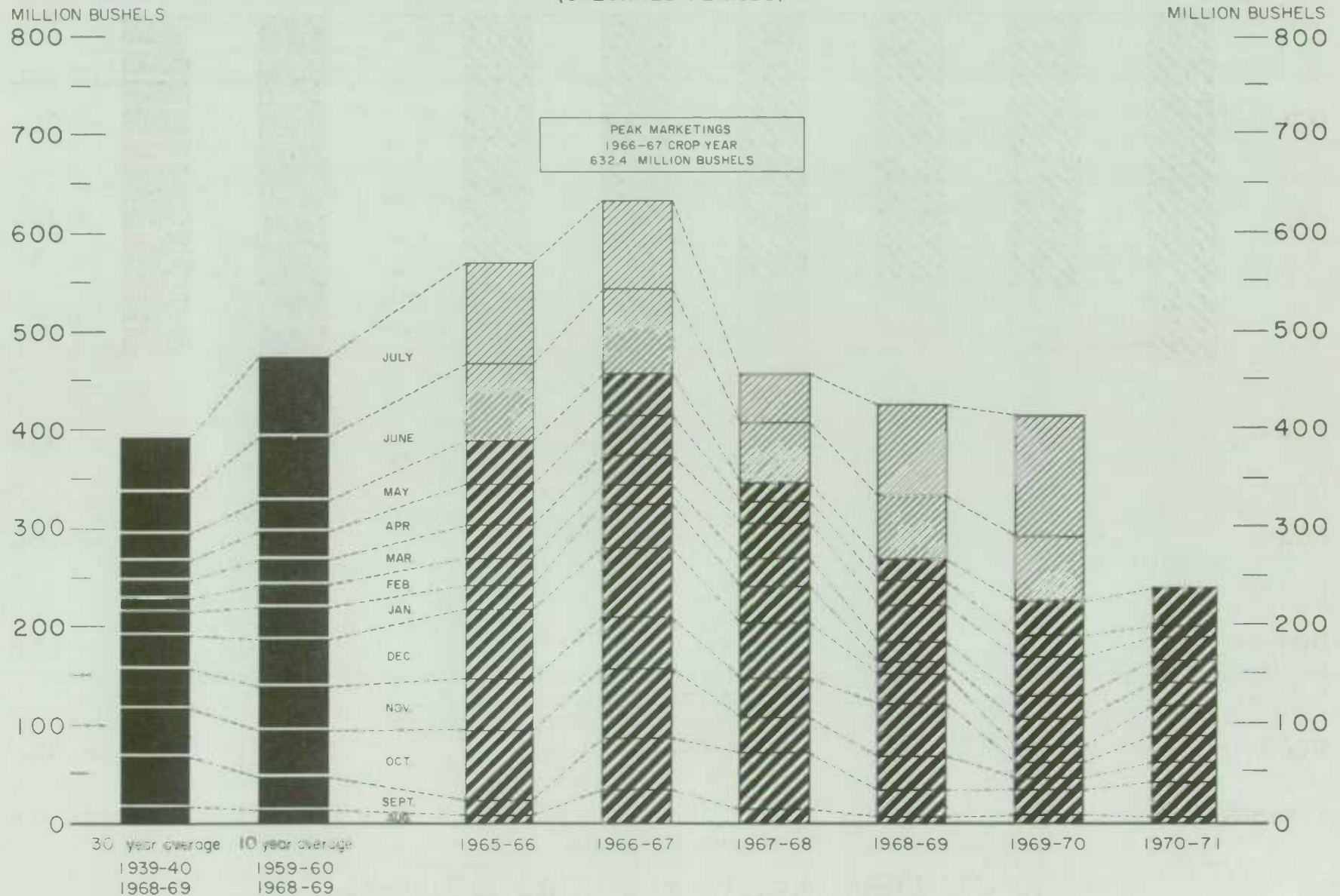
Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices, Crop Year 1970-71  
Basis in Store Thunder Bay and Vancouver

Class and grade	Week ending				
	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18
cents and eighths per bushel					
<u>Initial payment to producers</u>					
1 Northern .....	150	150	150	150	150
2 Northern .....	146	146	146	146	146
3 Northern .....	141	141	141	141	141
4 Northern .....	133	133	133	133	133
5 Wheat .....	119	119	119	119	119
6 Wheat .....	115	115	115	115	115
Feed Wheat .....	110	110	110	110	110
1 C.W. Garnet .....	133	133	133	133	133
2 C.W. Garnet .....	128	128	128	128	128
3 C.W. Garnet .....	123	123	123	123	123
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	132	132	132	132	132
2 Alberta Winter .....	127	127	127	127	127
3 Alberta Winter .....	121	121	121	121	121
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	150	150	150	150	150
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	146	146	146	146	146
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	141	141	141	141	141
<u>International Grains Arrangement</u>					
<u>(Basis in store Thunder Bay)</u>					
1 Northern .....	173/6	173/6	174/5	176/1	179/1
2 Northern .....	171/6	171/6	172/5	174/1	177/1
3 Northern .....	166/6	166/6	167/5	169/1	172/1
4 Northern .....	163/6	163/6	164/5	166/1	169/1
5 Wheat(1) .....	169/4	169/4	169/4	169/4	169/4
6 Wheat(1) .....	167/4	167/4	167/4	167/4	167/4
Feed Wheat(1) .....	162/4	162/4	162/4	162/4	162/4
1 C.W. Garnet .....	163/6	163/6	164/5	166/1	169/1
2 C.W. Garnet .....	162/6	162/6	163/5	165/1	168/1
3 C.W. Garnet .....	161/6	161/6	162/5	164/1	167/1
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	163/6	163/6	164/5	166/1	169/1
2 Alberta Winter .....	162/6	162/6	163/5	165/1	168/1
3 Alberta Winter .....	161/6	161/6	162/5	164/1	167/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	173/5	173/5	174/4	176	179
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	170/5	170/5	171/4	173	176
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	161/5	161/5	162/4	164	167
<u>(Basis in store Vancouver)</u>					
1 Northern .....	178/4	178	178/7	180/3	183/3
2 Northern .....	177/4	177	177/7	179/3	182/3
3 Northern .....	175/4	175	175/7	177/3	180/3
4 Northern .....	170/4	170	170/7	172/3	175/3
1 C.W. Garnet .....	170/4	170	170/7	172/3	175/3
2 C.W. Garnet .....	169/4	169	169/7	171/3	174/3
3 C.W. Garnet .....	168/4	168	168/7	170/3	173/3
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	170/4	170	170/7	172/3	175/3
2 Alberta Winter .....	169/4	169	169/7	171/3	174/3
3 Alberta Winter .....	168/4	168	168/7	170/3	173/3

(1) Domestic sales only.

# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

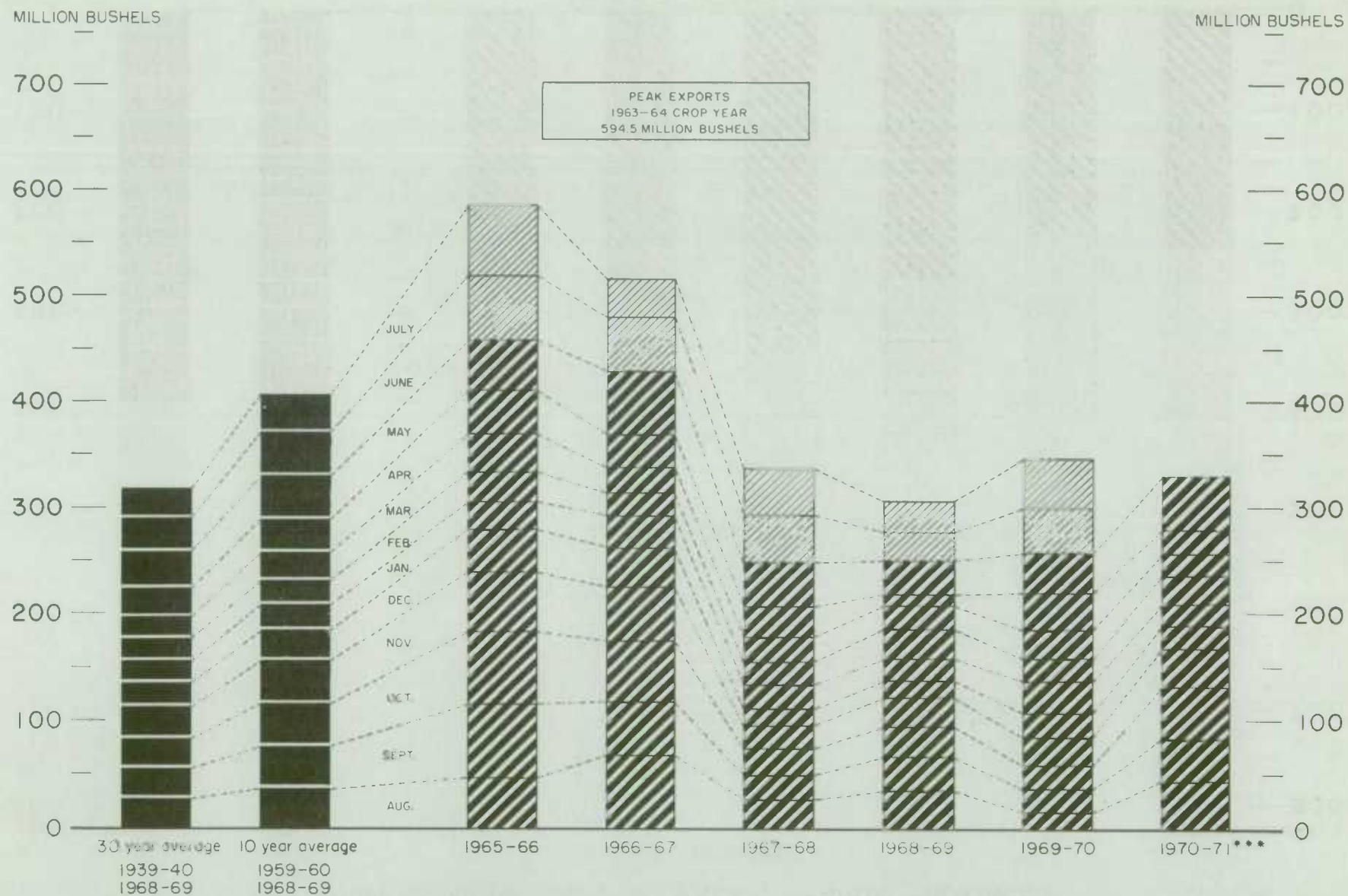
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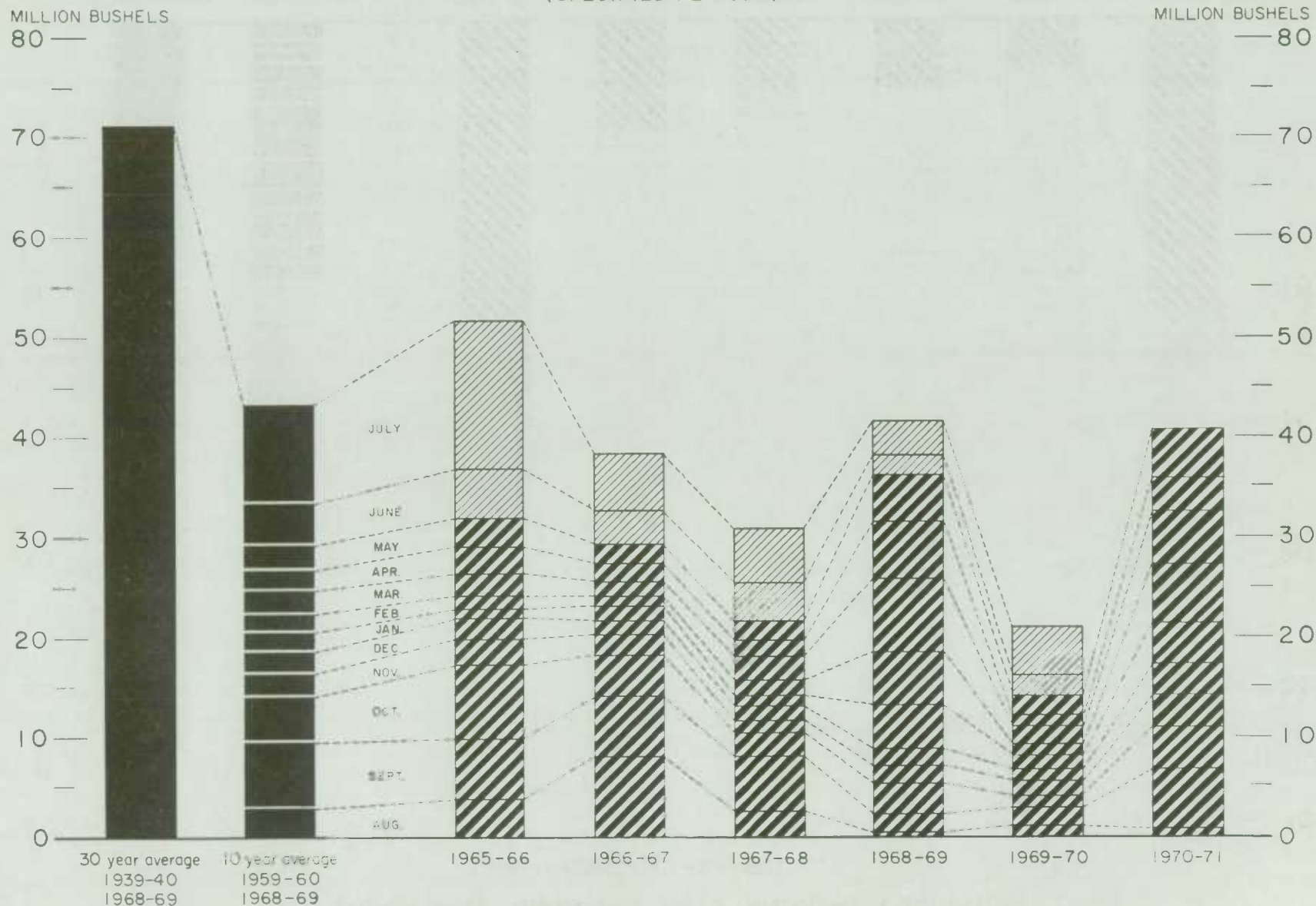
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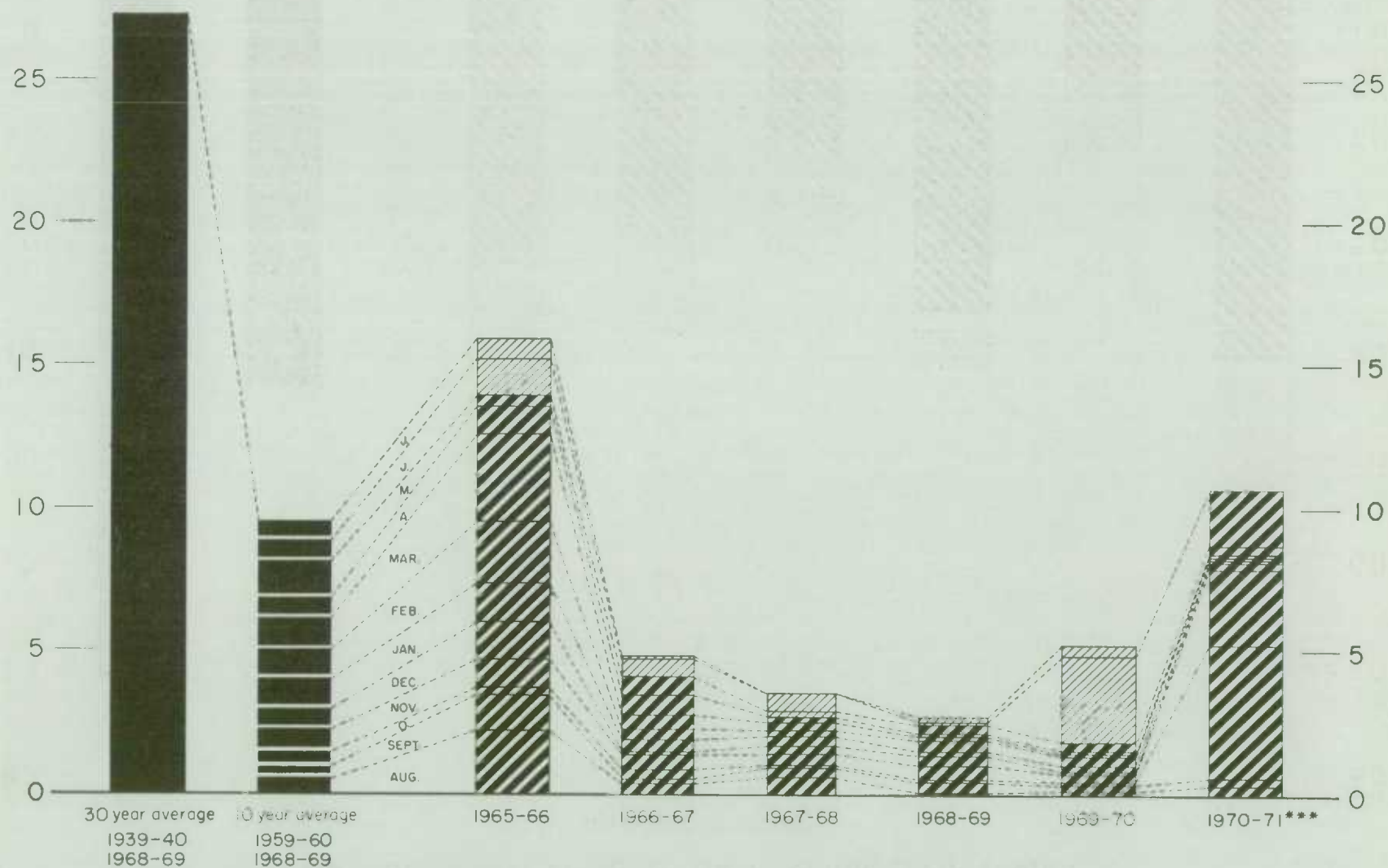
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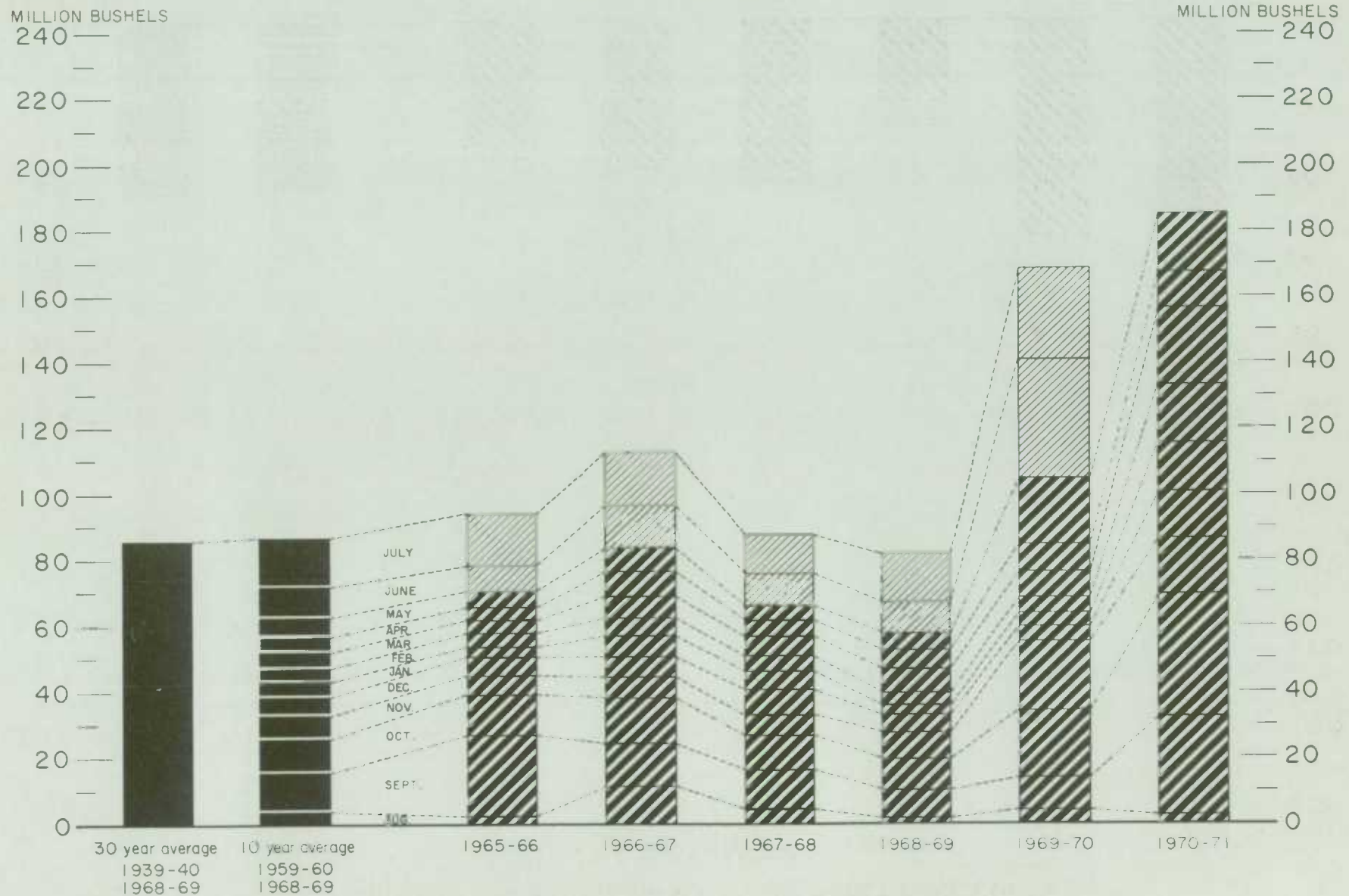
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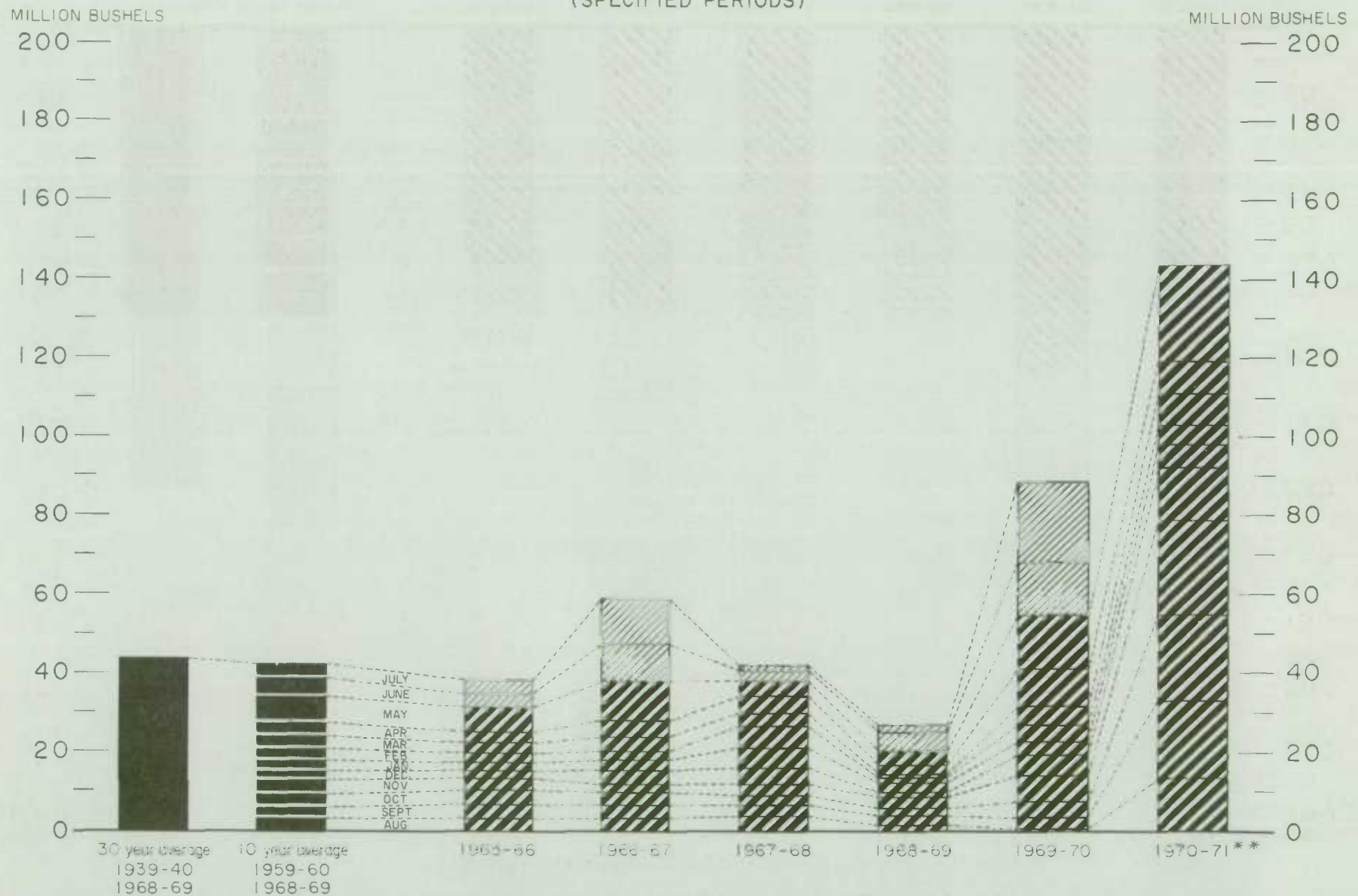
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(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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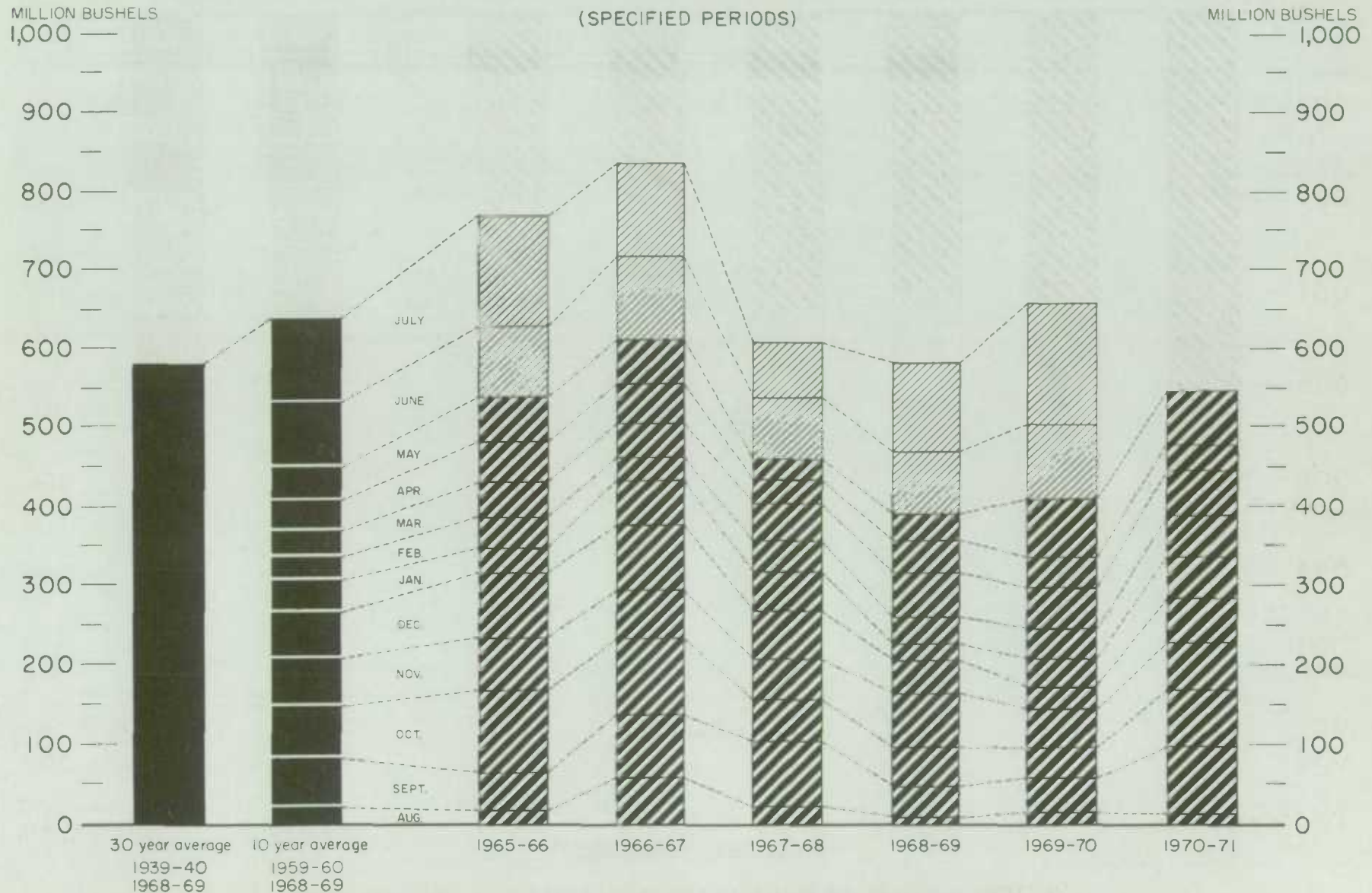
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# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS,\* PRAIRIE PROVINCES



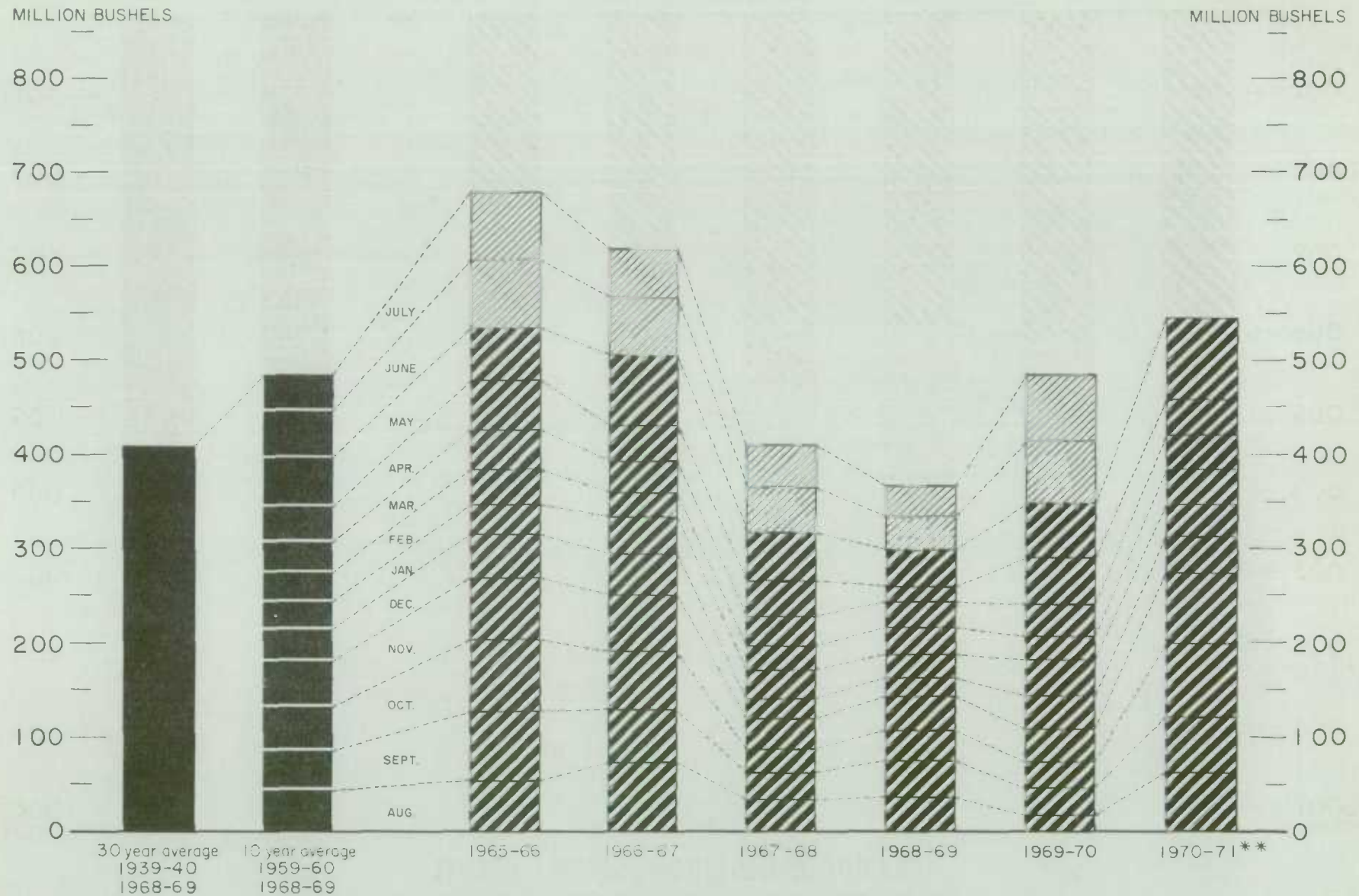
\* Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

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

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



\* Wheat, seed wheat, and wheat flour; oats, seed oats and oatmeal and rolled oats; barley and malt; rye; flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

\*\* Preliminary.

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# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during May 1971 amounted to 2,983,000 hundredweight, some one per cent above the April 1971 total of 2,966,000 hundredweight but 14 per cent less than the May 1970 figure of 3,476,000 hundredweight and 10 per cent below the ten-year (1961-70) average production for the month of May of 3,308,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during May 1971 had a total rated capacity of 165,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 72.4 per cent of this rated capacity was effective. Wheat milled for flour during May 1971 amounted to 6,691,000 bushels, slightly above the 6,635,000 bushels milled during the preceding month but 15 per cent below the 7,914,000 bushel milled during May 1970. Of the wheat milled for flour during May 1971 some 5,497,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (609,000 bushels); Durum (548,000 bushels); and all other (127,000 bushels).

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during April 1971 amounted to the equivalent of 1,576,000 bushels (some 685,000 hundredweight of flour) a decrease of 23 per cent from the March 1971 total of 2,057,000 bushels and 35 per cent lower than the adjusted April 1970 figure of 2,440,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-one countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 1,092,000 bushels or 69 per cent of the April total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat during April 1971 with shipments in thousands of bushels were as follows: Britain, 171; Saudi Arabia, 67; Leeward and Windward Islands, 44; Barbados, 29; Indonesia, 18; Sudan, 14; Bahamas, 12; and Bermuda, 10.

**NOTE:** Data re exports of wheat flour for May 1971 by country of destination are not available at this time and will be included in the next issue.

## 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 .....	85,048,591	37,621,151	10,705,452
1969-70 .....	90,555,180	39,639,524	11,753,556
1970-71:(2)			
August .....	7,790,462	3,375,524	362,601
September .....	8,201,977	3,587,144	810,523
October .....	7,398,482	3,282,067	1,505,557
November .....	7,006,172	3,082,683	1,064,829
December .....	7,748,227	3,426,970	747,801
January .....	7,274,780	3,217,634	1,054,358
February .....	6,959,817	2,999,548	1,114,032
March .....	7,345,770	3,244,589	894,262
April .....	6,634,850	2,965,638	685,226
May .....	6,691,330	2,983,063	923,749
Totals .....	73,051,867	32,164,860	9,162,938
Same months 1969-70 <sup>r</sup> .....	75,694,371	33,159,550	8,561,977

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 - 1969-70 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

(2) Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Wheat Supplies      With a substantial decrease in production more than offsetting an  
Below Year Ago      increase in carryover stocks, total domestic supplies of wheat in  
the United States for the 1970-71 (July-June) crop year are placed  
at 2,263.1 million bushels, slightly lower than the previous year's total of 2,278.8  
million. The 884.7 million bushels carried over at July 1, 1970 were 8 per cent  
above the 1969 stocks at 818.6 million while the current crop estimated at 1,378.5  
million, declined by 6 per cent from the 1,460.2 million of last year's outturn.  
Domestic disappearance during 1970-71 is estimated at about 820.0 million bushels,  
4 per cent more than the 789.7 million of last year. After deducting anticipated  
domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,443.6 million  
remain available for export and for carryover, a decrease of 3 per cent from the  
1,491.5 million in 1969-70.

Exports Above      Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent  
Previous Year      during the period July 1, 1970 - May 28, 1971 amounted to 680.2  
million bushels, 23 per cent above the 551.9 million exported  
during the comparable date last year. The balance remaining on May 29, 1971 for  
export and for carryover was estimated at 763.5 million bushels compared with 939.6  
million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1969-70 <sup>r</sup>	1970-71 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	818.6	884.7 <sup>r</sup>
Production .....	1,460.2	1,378.5
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	2,278.8	2,263.1
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July - May .....	2.4	0.5
Total estimated supplies (1) .....	2,281.2	2,263.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year (2) .	789.7	820.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,491.5	1,443.6
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July 1 - May 28 .....	482.5	625.0
Exports of wheat flour and products (3) in terms of wheat, July 1 - May 28 .....	69.4	55.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	551.9	680.2
Balance on May 29 for export and for carryover .....	939.6	763.5

(1) Excludes imports for June.

(2) Includes shipments to United States Territories and wheat for military food  
use at home and abroad.

(3) Includes bulgar, rolled wheat and macaroni.



Summary of the  
Wheat Situation

A summary report released on June 14, 1971 by the United States Department of Agriculture stated that wheat supplies for the 1971-72 season (July-June) may fall slightly below this year's 2.3 billion bushels. The increase in the 1971 crop will be more than offset by a reduction in old-crop stocks. Demand in 1971-72 may be down slightly but still should exceed 1971 production, pointing to a further small reduction in the carryover by the summer of 1972.

Acreage seeded to wheat is 5 per cent larger for 1971. A sharp expansion in spring wheat seedings more than offsets the decline in winter wheat. The harvest will total about 1.4 billion bushels, 1 per cent larger than in 1970. The winter wheat crop at 1,021 million bushels is off about 9 per cent. Early planting intentions indicate a record spring crop of 367 million bushels, up about 40 per cent.

Domestic use of wheat in 1971-72 may decline somewhat from this year's high level depending in part on 1971 corn production and prices. Use in the current season is being buoyed by heavy wheat feeding as blight and dry weather reduced the corn crop. Wheat feeding is likely to continue heavy during July-September 1971 because of the anticipated narrow spread between wheat and feed grain prices. If the 1971 feed grain crop is large, wheat will be somewhat less competitive in the feed market next fall and winter.

Large supplies in many major exporting countries and reduced demands in some of the principal importing countries will keep the world wheat market highly competitive. Thus, U.S. wheat exports in 1971-72 will likely total below the 735 million bushels expected this year.

April 1 wheat stocks of 1,064 million bushels were around a tenth below those of a year earlier. July-March 1970-71 disappearance came to 1,200 million bushels, about 120 million greater than for the same period a year earlier. April 1 "free" stocks were only 46 million bushels greater than expected April-June 1971 disappearance. Although free supplies are tighter this year than last, loan redemptions will likely augment late-season free supplies.

Wheat disappearance in 1970-71 is heading toward 1.6 million bushels. A surge in exports and a strong feed demand account for most of the increase. With demand exceeding the 1970 crop, stocks this summer are expected to drop to about 700 million bushels, down 20 per cent from a year ago. Projected carryovers by class of wheat are about as follows: Hard winter, 530 million bushels; red winter, 15 million; hard spring, 90 million; durum, 50 million; and white, 20 million. The hard spring and hard winter carryovers reflect recent revisions in stocks.

Exports in 1970-71 will total about a fifth higher than last year's 606 million bushels. Hard winter and hard spring exports are up sharply, while durum shows a more modest increase. Shipments of both red winter and white are down slightly.

Farmers' wheat prices have been strong, averaging well above both the loan and year-earlier levels. Relatively tight free supplies will continue to influence prices until harvest of the 1971 crop. With the smaller wheat supply in 1971-72 and the continuing uncertainty about the 1971 corn crop, wheat prices this summer probably will average somewhat above the loan.

Wheat Crop Report  
as of June 1, 1971

In a report released on June 10, 1971 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that the 1971 winter wheat crop is forecast at 1,048 million bushels, 6 per cent below a year earlier and 9 per cent below the 1969 crop. The June 1 forecast is 28 million bushels above a month earlier largely as a result of improved prospects in Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, the Pacific Northwest and eastern Corn Belt States.

Changes in production forecasts between June 1 and harvest have averaged 35 million bushels for the past decade — ranging from negligible to 87 million bushels.

Indicated yield per harvested acre of 32.1 bushels is second to last year's record high of 33.4 bushels and is 0.9 bushels above 1969.

Kansas wheat prospects during May continued excellent except for hail damaged fields and the dry areas of the southwestern part. Over most of the State cool, wet weather during May slowed wheat development, but was ideal for filling. Nearly one-tenth of the crop had turned colour by June 1 and harvest started along the Oklahoma border of central Kansas in early June.

Wheat prospects improved slightly in Texas but declined in Oklahoma during May. In Oklahoma, wheat remained poor in the western one-third where much acreage was abandoned. Harvest was underway in the southwest and west central sections. Rain and humid weather delayed progress and Statewide harvest was only about 2 per cent complete. Harvest of Texas wheat was 7 per cent complete on May 28 compared with 2 per cent a year earlier. Combining has reached northward as far as Wichita County in the Northern Low Plains. Reported yields are low with some acreage being cut for hay. Harvest of the drouth-reduced acreage is expected to advance quickly.

Nebraska wheat made rapid development during the month and the crop was in excellent condition except for locally severe hail damage in the Panhandle and southwestern counties. Soil moisture was generally adequate. Colorado prospects improved considerably during the month with continued ample moisture. Acreage for harvest was revised upward from the May level as favourable weather held probable abandonment below earlier expectations. Yield prospects improved during May even though less than half the acreage was headed by June 1 compared with two-thirds a year earlier.

Yield prospects in the Pacific Northwest were steady to higher than a month ago. Montana prospects were mostly good and the yield forecast was unchanged. Twenty per cent of the crop was in the boot by June 1. Topsoil moisture supplies were generally adequate. In Idaho winter wheat is in the boot to early heading stages. The crop was in good condition but somewhat later than normal.

Prospects improved in Washington and Oregon during May and soil moisture supplies were favourable around June 1. Fields were heading in the central and south central counties of Washington.

Production prospects in Missouri and the eastern Corn Belt improved during May. In Ohio, 40 per cent of the crop was headed compared with 65 per cent a year ago and the average of 50 per cent. Growth and development was slowed by cool temperatures and dry soils. Weather was favourable for wheat growth in Indiana. The crop was 50 per cent headed on May 28 and in the southwestern counties some fields were beginning to ripen. Illinois wheat was in excellent condition in most areas. Soil moisture was mostly adequate on June 1 and May temperatures were generally below normal. On June 1



virtually all acreage was headed, but development was slightly behind last year. Michigan was generally cool and dry in wheat growing areas and growth was less than normal. In Missouri, wheat prospects improved during May.

Prospective production was above a month earlier in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia, and unchanged in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New York. Generally cool May temperatures retarded development but soil moisture was generally adequate.

Early prospects for durum and wheat other than durum are favourable. Seeding progressed well and moisture supplies are generally adequate.

Seeding of spring wheat in Minnesota was virtually completed by May 25. Weather has been favourable and growing conditions have been good to excellent. North Dakota's spring wheat seedings were nearly over by June 1, slightly ahead of average and well ahead of a year ago when wet weather slowed planting. Topsoil moisture was mostly adequate as of June 1. Seeding in South Dakota was virtually finished by mid-month as conditions for preparing seedbeds and seeding were favourable. Sufficient soil moisture and timely rains helped bring about good germination. Cool nights have slowed crop growth but also enabled the crop to stool well. Presently, most fields have good colour and even stands.

Spring wheat in Montana was nearly all planted by June 1 and the crop condition was generally good. Recent rains benefitted the crop. Seeding in Idaho and Washington was virtually complete by mid-May. The crop emerged to good stands and made favourable progress during May.

USDA Announces Preliminary  
Payment of \$1.20 Per Bushel  
to Wheat Producers

On June 17, 1971 the United States Department of Agriculture stated that wheat producers will receive \$1.20 per bushel in preliminary payment on their 1971 crop. The preliminary payment will be made as soon after July 1 as possible and amounts to 75 per cent of the estimated face value of domestic wheat certificates. The final face value of the certificates will be the difference between 100 per cent of parity on July 1 of this year and the national average wheat price received by farmers from July 1 through November. Final payment will be made after December 1.

Wheat Flour to Indonesia;  
Wheat to Korea

On June 11, 1971 the United States Department of Agriculture announced an authorization to purchase \$9,149,000 worth of wheat flour under Public Law 480 was issued

to Indonesia.

On June 14, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced issuance of two Public Law 480 purchase authorizations to Korea for a total of \$9,461,000 worth of wheat.

Flour Production

According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in April 1971 amounted to 19,655,000 hundredweight, averaging 893,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 913,000 hundredweight last month and 943,000 hundredweight in April 1970. Wheat flour mills during April operated at 89.2 per cent of capacity, compared with 91.1 per cent and 94.1 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in April 1971 ground 43,520,000 bushels of wheat compared with 46,705,000 bushels the previous month and 45,834,000 bushels in April 1970.



AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies  
Below Previous Year      Reflecting decreases in both carryover stocks and production, total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1970-71 (December-November) crop year are estimated at 542.1 million bushels, 17 per cent less than the 653.8 million in 1969-70. The 1970 crop now estimated at 277.0 million bushels was sharply lower than the 387.1 million bushels harvested in 1969-70, and carryover stocks, at December 1, 1970, at 265.1 million bushels, were slightly lower than the 266.7 million at the same date a year ago. After deducting some 79.8 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 462.3 million are available for export and for carryover during 1970-71, some 18 per cent below the 562.1 million in 1969-70.

Exports Above  
Previous Year      Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 — May 29 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 175.5 million bushels, an increase of 40 per cent over the 125.1 million exported during the corresponding six months of the 1969-70 crop year. The balance remaining on May 30, 1971 for export and for carryover, at 286.8 million bushels, was 34 per cent below the comparable 1970 total of 437.0 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1969-70 <sup>r</sup>	1970-71 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	266.7	265.1
Production .....	387.1	277.0
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	653.8	542.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	91.7	79.8 <sup>r</sup>
Available for export and for carryover .....	562.1	462.3
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 — May 29 ....	115.2	166.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 — May 29 .....	9.9	9.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	125.1	175.5
Balance on May 30 for export and for carryover .....	437.0	286.8

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Australian wheat production prospects for 1971-72. — A recent report by Reuters estimates a wheat acreage of more than 18 million acres in 1971-72. The intended acreage in 1971-72 is a significant increase over the 1970-71 season when an estimated 15.8 million acres were planted. Assuming an acreage of 18 million acres and an average yield of 17.8 bushels per acre, as in 1966-67 - 1970-71, expected wheat production for this season will be approximately 320 million bushels.

The quota provisions for 1971-72 specify a basic national quota of 314 million bushels, plus an additional 25 million bushels designated for hard wheat and durum wheat. In view of the quota level and adverse seasonal conditions in previous years, a greater response, evident through increased plantings, might have been expected with production exceeding quota levels. As the average yield in the past five years has ranged from 22.4 bushels per acre to 12.4 bushels per acre, the total production in 1971-72 could easily exceed quota levels with excellent seasonal conditions. The acreage figure is only a tentative estimate and final sowings could deviate considerably.

Quotas. — In Queensland an increase of 2 million bushels in the State's quota will provide farmers with larger individual quotas in the 1971-72 season. Although the method of allocation is slightly changed from past seasons, it is similar in principle to previous years, even though farmers have not been able to deliver their quotas.

Growers who delivered wheat to the Board in each of the base years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 will have a quota equivalent to 102.6 per cent of average deliveries for those three years. This compares with quotas based on 90 per cent and 97 per cent of average deliveries in crop years of 1969-70 and 1970-71, respectively.

These changes will not significantly alter the distribution of quota size. Approximately 37 per cent of farmers had delivery quotas of 2,000 bushels or less in 1970-71. The majority of farmers had less than 5,000 bushels of quota with more than 84 per cent of the farmers having a quota of less than 10,000 bushels. Less than 3 per cent of Queensland properties had quotas of more than 20,000 bushels.

Individual quotas in Victoria will be increased by approximately 12 per cent from the individual quotas in 1970-71. The State will allocate 56.25 million bushels as basic quotas and retain 750,000 bushels to be used by the Wheat Quota Review Committee as special quotas. The quotas were originally determined by the 6 year average deliveries to the Board multiplied by a factor to reduce the sum of individual quotas to the State allocation.

A Review Committee will be established in Western Australia to examine the basis of allocation of wheat quotas for the 1972-73 season. The body is to report to the State Government by October, providing ample time for the Government to review the basis for the allocation of quotas to farmers. Hopefully, the new basis will be more equitable and give the industry greater flexibility.

Quotas of established farmers will be 66.5 million bushels or 71 per cent of the base quota, while quotas for new farmers will be 9.5 million bushels. The 1971-72 quota allocations are similar to those in 1970-71 with a few changes resulting in a very complex system.

The changes provide mechanisms to revise the individual's quota by increasing



the average base quotas through an upward increase in delivery per cleared acre and changes in the limits placed on the maximum quota available per farmer. A new farmer will be able to change the yield per acre in the determination of his quota, however, this is a very minor change. Emphasis will be placed on farmers who reside and are dependent upon their properties. Other slight changes are contemplated and it is expected that the final quotas for new farmers will be approximately 65 per cent of their base quota. However, this will not be determined until the crop is sown and acreages known.

Shortfalls incurred in 1970-71 will be re-allocated to those delivery over-quota wheat, and the re-allocation will be debited against farmers' 1971-72 quotas.

Quotas in Western Australia are reasonably large with approximately one-third of the quota holders having individual quotas of more than 10,000 bushels. Approximately 10 per cent of wheat farmers have quotas of more than 35,000 bushels and there are a few farmers with quotas of more than 100,000 bushels. On the other hand, about one-third of the wheat farmers in the State have quotas of less than 5,000 bushels. In contrast, about 45 per cent of the wheatgrowers in New South Wales have a base quota of 5,000 bushels or less and 88 per cent have a base quota of 10,000 bushels or less.

As quotas are predetermined each year, there is a good degree of income stability and obviously about 25 per cent of the wheat farmers in Western Australia could obtain a reasonable income through wheat farming alone, barring substantial debts which may have been incurred in the establishment of the plant before the advent of wheat quotas.

Domestic wheat prices in Australia. — The Australian Wheat Board is reported to be seeking powers to change pricing of wheat for domestic stockfeed. Currently the basic price for stockfeed is Aus\$1.55 (Cdn. \$1.77) per bushel, although Aus\$1.45 (Cdn. \$1.65) per bushel applies when a purchaser undertakes to buy solely from the Australian Wheat Board. These prices are related to the guaranteed export price, below which the Board cannot sell. This is the policy of the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation.

A change by the Australian Wheat Board in the domestic price for feedwheat would, therefore, be competitive with wheat sold outside the Board and thus curb 'over-the-border' trading which is presently being practiced. As the prices of over-quota wheat sold through 'across-the-border' transactions vary considerably, the Australian Wheat Board would require substantial latitude to compete effectively. Reported prices of such sales have varied between 60 - 90 cents (Cdn. 68 cents - \$1.03) per bushel depending on location and timing of sale. Although no price proposals have been made, it would possibly be in the vicinity of Aus\$1.00 (Cdn. \$1.14) per bushel. Such a move by the Board would require a complex delivery system, as such wheat could not command Aus\$1.10 (Cdn. \$1.25) per bushel advance, but rather something in the vicinity of Aus\$0.70 (Cdn. 80 cents) per bushel. This would, therefore, require segregation from other wheat.

The proposal to change the price of stockfeed was presented to the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation and is currently under examination. As stated before, such a system would be complex but if the Board and farm organizations believe that 'over-the-border' trading is a substantial threat to "orderly" marketing and all other attempts to curb such trading have not been successful, the price change might be feasible.



Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 - May 29, 1970-71 and Corresponding Period 1969-70

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1969-70	1970-71	1969-70	1970-71
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Germany, West .....	11	16	--	--
Netherlands .....	1,424	249	--	--
Sub-totals .....	1,435	265	--	--
Other Western Europe:				
Britain .....	16,745	37,648	202	205
Ireland .....	1,014	608	--	--
Italy .....	--	1,034	--	--
Malta .....	351	187	--	--
Norway .....	870	3,415	--	--
Sweden .....	94	--	--	--
Switzerland .....	119	1,625	--	--
Sub-totals .....	19,193	44,517	202	205
Totals .....	20,628	44,782	202	205
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Germany, East .....	--	5,160	--	--
<u>Africa</u>				
Angola .....	--	1,030	--	--
Ethiopia .....	569	447	--	--
Malawi .....	--	--	222	288
Mauritius - Comm. ....	--	--	307	184
- F. Aid .....	--	--	--	124
Mozambique .....	1,610	1,663	--	--
Rhodesia .....	1,566	1,024	--	--
South Africa .....	--	850	--	--
Sudan .....	3,279	2,966	--	--
Tanzania .....	1	272	--	--
U.A.R. ....	--	31,822	--	--
Zambia .....	1,270	1,303	--	--
Others .....	76	2	234	21
Totals .....	8,371	41,379	763	617
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden .....	831	--	--	--
Aden and Aden I/T .....	--	--	84	--
Aden and Aden I/T Atta .....	--	--	51	5
Arabian Gulf .....	--	--	109	81
Arabian Gulf Atta .....	--	--	558	484
Burma - F. Aid .....	--	--	27	--
Ceylon .....	1,517	1,506	--	--
- Comm. ....	--	--	3,236	4,111
- F. Aid .....	--	--	542	577

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 - May 29, 1971 and Corresponding Period 1969-70 - Concluded

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1969-70	1970-71	1969-70	1970-71
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia - Concluded</u>				
China .....	39,827	3,039	—	—
Hong Kong .....	756	1,641	15	9
India - Comm. ....	1,393	1,877	—	4
- F. Aid .....	1,140	1,723	—	1,061
Indonesia - Comm. ....	—	—	6	—
- F. Aid .....	—	—	2,030	—
Iran .....	—	10,848	—	—
Iraq .....	2,045	10,812	—	—
Japan .....	14,793	13,664	—	—
Korea, North .....	997	—	—	—
Kuwait .....	1,578	2,376	—	—
Lebanon .....	845	861	—	—
Malaysia .....	5,449	5,046	—	—
Sabah .....	—	—	4	2
Sarawak .....	—	—	3	(1)
Pakistan - Comm. ....	3,536	2,700	—	—
- F. Aid .....	953	234	—	—
Philippines .....	—	426	85	86
Saudi Arabia .....	1,134	636	200	41
Singapore .....	4,138	4,500	1	1
Taiwan .....	935	3,626	—	—
Thailand .....	878	520	101	95
Others .....	480	318	110	72
Totals .....	83,225	66,353	7,162	6,629
<u>Oceania</u>				
New Zealand .....	551	912	—	—
Okinawa .....	131	314	—	—
Totals .....	682	1,226	—	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia .....	—	1,196	—	—
Chile .....	1,206	3,842	—	—
Peru .....	1,052	2,232	—	—
West Indies Area .....	—	—	26	17
Totals .....	2,258	7,270	26	17
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands .....	38	30	1,679	1,767
Ships' Stores and Sundries .....	—	—	68	65
Totals .....	38	30	1,747	1,832
Totals, all countries .....	115,200	166,200	9,900	9,300

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

# ARGENTINE SITUATION

Wheat Supplies  
Less than a Year Ago

Reflecting a decrease in production which more than offset an increase in carryover stocks, total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1970-71 (December-November) crop year are placed at some 182.4 million bushels, a decline of 33 per cent from the previous year's total of 273.5 million. The 1970 production estimated at 154.9 million bushels is 40 per cent below the 257.9 million produced in 1969, while the December 1, 1970 carryover stocks at 27.5 million are sharply above the 15.6 million at the same date a year ago. After making an allowance of 150.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 32.4 million are available for export and for carryover in 1970-71, sharply below the 116.7 million the previous year.

Exports Decline  
from Year Ago

Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1970 - May 1971 amounted to 22.3 million bushels, 45 per cent lower than the 40.7 million exported during the same six months in 1969-70. The balance remaining on June 1, 1971 for export and for carryover was estimated at only 10.1 million bushels, in sharp contrast to the June 1, 1970 total of 76.0 million.

## Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1969-70 <sup>r</sup>	1970-71 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) (1) ...	15.6	27.5
Production .....	257.9	154.9
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	273.5	182.4
Imports, December-May .....	..	..
Total estimated supplies .....	273.5	182.4
Less estimated requirements for crop year .....	156.8	150.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	116.7	32.4
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-May .....	38.4	19.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - May .....	2.3	3.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	40.7	22.3
Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover .....	76.0	10.1

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

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The National Grain Board recently issued the following statement:

"With regard to information published in local newspapers whereby 650,000 tons (2,388,000 bushels) of bread wheat would be imported in order to meet export commitments, we wish to point out that no such decision has been issued from the Board."

The Board also stated that "export commitments are normally met and regarding contracts under revision, these are being studied outside the sphere of influence of the Board." Finally, they informed that the Board will eventually have to supply millers with wheat, as it has been customary these past years. This will be done in accordance with the Board's stocks.

In spite of this official statement, the trade considers that there might be imports of wheat in the near future. Argentina and Brazilian officials will meet soon in order to resume the talks which had been suspended regarding exports of Argentine wheat to Brazil. Formerly, Argentina exported yearly one million tons (36,743,000 bushels) of wheat to Brazil but, due to the poor crop, Argentina could not meet this commitment. After the forthcoming discussions, Argentina might export to Brazil 250,000 - 500,000 tons (9,186,000 - 18,371,000 bushels) of bread wheat during the second semester of 1971. It is therefore expected that about this same volume will have to be imported in order to meet local demand.

New export surcharges on wheat and wheat by-products were published on May 12. These are as follows:

	Current index value Can. \$ per bu.	Export tax	Nat. Grain Board	Grain elevator fund	Grain elevator fund per cent	Highways dept.	Statistical tax	Sales tax	Total	Total Can. \$ per bu.
Bread										
Wheat ..	1.65	17.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.3	-	22.3	0.37
Durums ...	1.57	17.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.3	-	22.3	0.35
Wheat										
Flour ..	f.o.b. value	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	1.5	f.o.b. value plus tax

The Department of Agriculture issued a report on the condition of wheat crop. They state that the new prices for wheat prompted different reactions on the part of farmers and it is therefore difficult to forecast their seeding intentions. The weather has been favourable during May for the development of this crop in northern Argentina and sowings have started in the rest of the wheat belt. It is estimated that the area sown will be larger than the 6,238,700 hectares (15.4 million acres) in 1969-70 although it is expected that it will not reach the normal levels of the last decade.

Hard wheat prices during the month of May rose to 22.00 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.47 per bushel), f.o.r. Buenos Aires, at the middle of the month, but closed at 21.60 pesos (\$1.44 per bushel) on May 29. At Bahia Blanca prices were steady and closed at 19.40 pesos (\$1.29 per bushel) at the end of the month.

On the Buenos Aires Futures Exchange, hard wheat was quoted at 21.75 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.45 per bushel) for June delivery and 22.50 pesos (\$1.50 per bushel) for July delivery.

Durums also rose from 19.50 pesos to 20.00 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.30 to \$1.33 per bushel), f.o.r. Buenos Aires, at the end of May and from 19.20 pesos to 20.10 pesos (\$1.28 to \$1.34 per bushel), f.o.r. Bahia Blanca also at the end of the month.

Argentine Wheat Exports December - March 1969-70 and 1970-71

Destination	March		December - March	
	1970	1971	1969-70	1970-71
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg ..	—	—	723	—
France .....	—	—	601	244
Germany, West .....	—	—	239	—
Italy .....	3,924	1,715	11,047	6,638
Netherlands .....	77	259	574	259
Sub-totals .....	4,001	1,974	13,184	7,141
Other Western Europe:				
Britain .....	2	—	398	—
Portugal .....	—	—	596	—
Spain .....	—	448	—	448
Sub-totals .....	2	448	994	448
Totals .....	4,003	2,422	14,178	7,589
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	—	537	—
Libya .....	—	202	—	707
Totals .....	—	202	537	707
<u>Asia</u>				
Lebanon .....	147	—	147	261
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia .....	—	—	—	18
Brazil .....	3,493	—	10,584	4,354
Chile .....	355	61	2,093	1,493
Paraguay .....	—	—	—	142
Peru .....	189	—	1,510	116
Totals .....	4,037	61	14,187	6,123
Totals, all countries .	8,186	2,684	29,049	14,679

# FRENCH SITUATION

## Supplies Lower than Previous Year

Reflecting decreases in both carryover stocks and anticipated deliveries, total estimated commercial domestic supplies of soft wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1970-71, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 83.3 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 356.4 million amount to some 439.7 million, a decrease of 13 per cent from the 1969-70 total of 507.2 million. Imports of wheat during August 1970-April 1971, including durum wheat and both hard and soft wheat have amounted to 11.6 million bushels, 25 per cent below the 15.4 million imported during the same months last year. After deducting 229.6 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover is about 221.7 million bushels compared with 298.3 million the previous year.

## Exports Sharply Below a Year Ago

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first nine months of the 1970-71 crop year, at 95.8 million bushels, were 45 per cent less than the comparable August-April 1969-70 total of 174.0 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining at May 1, 1971 for export and for carryover amounted to 126.0 million compared with the May 1, 1970 total of 124.3 million bushels.

### French Soft Wheat Supplies

Item	1969-70 <sup>r</sup>	1970-71 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Commercial carryover, August 1 .....	103.9	83.3
Anticipated deliveries to Grain Board .....	403.3	356.4
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies ....	507.2	439.7
Imports, August-April .....	15.4	11.6
Total commercial supplies .....	522.6	451.4
Less domestic requirements for crop year .....	224.3	229.6
Available for export and for carryover .....	298.3	221.7
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat, August-April .....	149.3	65.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-April .....	24.7 <sup>r</sup>	30.4 <sup>r</sup>
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	174.0	95.8
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover .....	124.3	126.0

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Weather and crops. — Apart from the last week which was cool and cloudy, the month of April was extremely favourable to French agriculture, thanks to warm, sunny and drier than normal weather. This permitted field crops to catch up on the vegetative delay which had resulted from the mostly cold month of March. Spring seedings were nearly finished (except for corn) by the end of April, and all seasonal work proceeded very satisfactorily.

The Ministry of Agriculture estimated wheat seedings as follows for May 1, compared with the same date the previous year.

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
	thousand acres	
Soft wheat-winter .....	8,326	8,986
Soft wheat-spring .....	558	440
Sub-totals .....	8,885	9,426
Durum wheat-winter .....	137	156
Durum wheat-spring .....	198	269
Sub-totals .....	333	425
Totals, wheat .....	9,218	9,850

Assuming that the wheat crops do not suffer widespread weather damage between now and the harvest, production of soft wheat should approximate 14 million metric tons (514.4 million bushels) in 1971 of which some 11 million tons (404.2 million bushels) would be marketed. Durum wheat output should reach 500,000 tons (18.4 million bushels) for the first time ever.

Domestic soft wheat supply - utilization. — April farm marketings were 266,300 tons (9.8 million bushels) compared with 254,200 tons (9.3 million bushels) in April 1970. This brings August - April 1970-71 farm deliveries to 7.6 million tons (279.2 million bushels) and the 1970 crop total to 9.38 million tons (344.7 million bushels), against 9 million and 10.87 million tons (330.7 million bushels and 399.4 million bushels), respectively, for 1969-70. The total expected deliveries out of the 1970 crop have been reduced again to 9.65 million tons (354.6 million bushels). Domestic utilizations (total sales to millers, feed and seed use) to the end of April are still some 300,000 tons (11.0 million bushels) ahead of the previous crop year at the same date, while exports to third countries remain negligible to date. Total stocks at May 1 at 2,897,000 tons (106.4 million bushels) are 65,000 tons (2.4 million bushels) higher than at May 1, 1970, showing that the restrictive export policy (concerning rebates to 3rd countries) has succeeded in keeping French stocks at normal levels.

Durum wheat situation. — Growers delivered 10,800 tons (397,000 bushels) during April to bring August-April marketings to 298,400 tons (11.0 million bushels) and the 1970 crop total to 428,200 tons (15.7 million bushels). Commercial stocks of French durum went from 158,100 tons (5.8 million bushels) at April 1 to 123,700 tons (4.5 million bushels) at May 1, the mills purchasing 41,300 tons (1.5 million bushels) and other utilizations accounting for 3,800 tons (140,000 bushels). The semolina industry which held stocks of 52,900 tons (1.9 million bushels) at April 1 took delivery of 38,200 tons (1.4 million bushels) of domestic durums and no imports; processed 46,600 tons (1.7 million bushels) to finish April with stocks of 44,500 tons (1.6 million bushels).

Wheat and flour trade. — April wheat imports were restricted to 6,000 tons (220,000 bushels) of hard wheats, mainly of Canadian and Soviet origin. Total imports for the first nine months of the crop year now stand at 317,000 tons (11.6 million bushels) of which 201,000 tons (7.4 million bushels) were durum against 420,000 (15.4 million bushels) in August-April 1969-70, of which 263,000 tons (9.7 million bushels) were durum.

# French Wheat Imports

Destination	August - April	
	1969-70	1970-71
	thousand bushels	
<u>Durum wheat</u>		
Greece .....	148	—
Algeria .....	2	—
United States .....	6,588	6,291
Canada .....	2,378	179
Argentina .....	546	902
Totals .....	9,663	7,371
<u>Hard and soft wheats</u>		
Belgium .....	12	4
Germany .....	—	(1)
Italy .....	—	1
U.S.S.R. ....	558	340
United States .....	2,645	2,216
Canada .....	1,878	1,600
Argentina .....	651	116
Australia .....	10	—
Totals .....	5,753	4,275
Totals, all wheat .....	15,417	11,647

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Wheat shipments to the EEC picked up a little in April and total exports for the month were 216,000 tons (7.9 million bushels) compared with 291,000 tons (10.7 million bushels) in April 1970 of which denatured accounted for 34,600 tons (1.3 million bushels); durum 2,650 tons (97,000 bushels); and soft milling 178,700 tons (6.6 million bushels). In the first nine months of the current crop year, EEC partners have bought slightly over 1.4 million tons (51.4 million bushels) of wheat out of the total French shipments of 1.78 million tons (65.4 million bushels). Sales to Black African countries at 194,000 tons (7.1 million bushels) so far in this crop year are up on the August-April 1969-70 shipments, as purchases by the Ivory Coast more than make up for smaller sales to Senegal and the Cameroons. Total shipments so far to 3rd countries only reached 180,000 tons (6.6 million bushels) against 2.14 million tons (78.6 million bushels) in August-April 1969-70 period and includes 50,000 tons (1.8 million bushels) as aid to Tunisia and Pakistan. The French hope that with the good crop expected, export rebates will be increased to enable exporters to contract forward sales now for new crop delivery starting late July.

Flour shipments of 66,800 tons this April bring the 9 month total to 533,700 tons, compared with 450,700 in August-April 1969-70. In wheat equivalent, flour exports now account for 827,000 tons (30.4 million bushels) in the 9 month period, against 673,000 tons (24.7 million bushels) in August-April 1969-70, bringing total exports (in terms of wheat) of both wheat and flour to 2.6 million tons (95.5 million bushels) for August-April 1970-71 and 4.7 million tons (172.7 million bushels) for August-April 1969-70.

French Wheat Exports — August-April

Destination	Denatured		Durum		Soft Milling	
	1969-70	1970-71	1969-70	1970-71	1969-70	1970-71
thousand bushels						
Belgium .....	9,577	7,530	208	203	10,050	9,991
Holland .....	2,155	404	—	9	13,377	11,621
Germany .....	5,336	1,737	49	124	20,889	13,398
Italy .....	6	24	509	218	3,528	6,062
U.K. ....	325	—	59	—	16,350	2,641
Switzerland .....	22	7	33	1	4,460	1,861
Iceland .....	—	—	—	—	12	—
Ireland .....	—	—	—	—	481	29
Norway .....	—	—	—	—	689	—
Portugal .....	—	—	—	—	2,459	1
Andorra .....	(1)	—	—	—	12	11
Gibraltar .....	17	—	—	—	—	—
Poland .....	63	—	—	—	393	—
Spanish N. Africa .	—	—	—	—	—	19
Tunisia .....	—	—	—	—	3,281	1,286
Libya .....	—	9	—	—	—	—
Egypt .....	—	15	9	—	15,645	—
Ghana .....	—	9	—	—	—	—
Dahomey .....	—	2	—	—	—	—
Guadeloupe .....	—	1	—	—	—	—
Reunion .....	—	13	—	—	—	—
Martinique .....	2	13	—	—	—	—
Madagascar .....	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—
Mauritania .....	—	—	—	—	15	12
Upper Volta .....	—	—	—	—	—	138
Senegal .....	—	—	—	—	4,303	3,591
Ivory Coast .....	—	—	—	—	26	2,059
Cameroon .....	1	—	—	—	841	633
Central African Rep.	—	—	—	—	165	241
Gabon .....	—	—	—	—	211	239
Congo-Brazza .....	—	—	—	—	—	171
Angola .....	—	—	—	—	1,313	—
French Guiana .....	—	—	(1)	—	(1)	—
Israel .....	—	—	—	—	194	—
Yemen .....	—	—	—	—	9	—
Pakistan .....	—	—	—	—	550	551
Malaysia .....	—	—	—	—	708	—
Singapore .....	—	—	—	—	778	—
Philippines .....	—	(1)	—	—	1,665	—

For footnotes see end of table.



French Wheat Exports - August-April - Concluded

Destination	Denatured		Durum		Soft milling	
	1969-70	1970-71	1969-70	1970-71	1969-70	1970-71
thousand bushels						
China .....	24	—	—	—	25,831	136
Japan .....	—	—	—	—	1,256	29
Taiwan .....	—	—	—	—	540	—
Hong Kong .....	—	—	—	—	744	—
Barbados .....	—	2	—	—	—	—
Guyana .....	—	1	—	—	—	—
Chile .....	8	1	—	—	—	—
Others .....	4	—	79	3	—	324
Totals, all wheat .....	17,540	9,767	945	559	130,778	55,046

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Prices. — The debate continues between the government and the cereal, oilseed and beet growers on the subject of the hold-back or take-back of some of the price increase due to French producers as a result of the 1969 devaluation. Between that increase and the EEC-wide increase decided in March 1971, the French government has estimated that producers would improve their earnings by 1.3 billion francs, (Cdn. \$237.5 million). Of this the authorities would like to recover roughly one-third. The Finance Department thinks this should be done by a simple levy on each ton of cereals, oilseeds or beets sold by producers. The Department of Agriculture does not agree and prefers a 3-Way plan (a) an increase in the social farm tax to help balance the Department's social fund for farmers, this could use up to 300 million francs (\$54.8 million), (b) producers would make a "voluntary but compulsory" contribution to a solidarity fund to help ailing animal sectors. In 1970-71 cereal growers had contributed 60 million francs (\$11 million) to such a fund, and it is hoped that an extension of this project would yield about 150 million francs (\$27.4 million) in the next crop year and (c) elimination of certain grants, such as for the construction of elevators, this would save the state about 15 million francs (\$2.7 million) per year.

Farm organizations are divided on the issue. The cereal growers association would fight the Finance Department's levy. The national federation of farm unions thinks the price increases are not excessive and are fully warranted by the production cost increases of the last two or three years. Most seem to agree on only one of the government proposals, i.e. the solidarity fund, but this will not be enough for the authorities.

In any event, the lowest official intervention price as of August 1, 1971 will be 52 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.59 per bushel) for soft wheat, compared with 46.50 francs (\$2.31 per bushel) during the current crop year. Soft wheat prices have been very steady in recent weeks at about 5 per cent above the intervention level. On the Paris market, June 9, quotations F.O.B. country points varied from 49 to 51 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.44 to \$2.54 per bushel) plus 5 francs (25 cents per bushel) for storage adjustment on old crop. New crop was trading upwards from 53 francs (\$2.64 per bushel).

# SITUATION IN AUSTRIA

The following account of the wheat situation in Austria has been extracted from a recent report prepared by Mr. L.N. Decrinis, Commercial Officer, Canadian Embassy, Vienna, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The gross output of the Austrian Agriculture and Forestry Sector in 1970 amounted to 30 billion Austrian Schillings (\$1,212 million Cdn.) and was 9 per cent higher than in the previous year. The production volume increased by 4 per cent and the balance derived from increased producer prices averaging about 5 per cent. The share of agriculture and forestry in the GNP amounted to 6.9 per cent.

Austrian field crop in 1970. — The 1970 harvest of field crops has been termed satisfactory though the record yields of the three preceeding years were not reached, particularly in cereals. Wheat production totalled 810,424 metric tons (29.8 million bushels), 15 per cent less than in 1969, winter wheat at 766,317 tons (28.2 million bushels), showed a 15 per cent decline, while the spring wheat harvest declined 8 per cent to 44,107 tons (1.6 million bushels). Rye production declined by 18 per cent to 362,521 tons (14.3 million bushels). Bread cereals including 14,341 tons of mixed winter cereals, a reduction of 5 per cent, accordingly reached a total figure of 1,187,286 tons, 16 per cent less than in the 1969 yield and 3 per cent lower than the 1960-69 average. Barley output receded 2 per cent to 913,301 tons (41.9 million bushels) and oat production by 6 per cent to 272,280 tons (17.7 million bushels).

Wheat and bread grain production. — In 1970 the grain harvest fell behind the previous three record years, however, the average yield for the last ten years was 4 per cent better in winter wheat and 1 per cent higher in summer wheat. The decrease in bread grain production is an indication of the change to feed grain production. The total demand for Durum wheat for the production of pasta products has increased during recent years and reached approximately 30,000 metric tons (1.1 million bushels) annually. Depending on weather conditions between 30 per cent and 50 per cent of this demand has been covered domestically.

<u>1970</u>	<u>Acreage</u> hectares	<u>Harvest</u> metric tons	<u>Yield per</u> <u>hectare</u> quintals
Summer wheat .....	258,891	766,317	29.6
Winter wheat .....	16,338	44,107	27.0
Totals, wheat .....	275,229	810,424	29.4
Totals, breadgrain ..	416,666	1,187,286	28.5

Import. — As in previous years Canada was the main supplier for wheat in Austria as can be seen from the following tables:

<u>1970</u>	<u>thousand bushels</u>	<u>'000 Cdn. dollars</u>
Seed wheat — Canada .....	4	9
Other wheat — Canada .....	619	1,465
— USSR .....	269	595
— West Germany ...	9	35



Canada will hopefully remain Austria's supplier of Durum wheat as all large millers prefer Canada's constant quality and grading system. This autumn an Austrian mission consisting of government officials and millers will visit Canada on the invitation of the Canadian Wheat Board to further familiarize themselves with Canadian production and marketing.

Exports. — Austria's exports of wheat amounted to 10,474.5 metric tons (385,000 bushels) valued at AS 18.3 million (\$739,000 Cdn.) of which almost all was exported to Roumania. Less than one metric ton (37 bushels) was sold to Switzerland and Hungary.

Winter and spring sown area. — In December 1970 the provincial agricultural chambers estimated the sown area to be approximately 500 hectares (1,200 acres) larger than in 1969. About 48 per cent of the total area of 1,539,000 hectares (3.8 million acres) was sown in autumn with an increase of 1.3 per cent, over 3,000 hectares (7,400 acres) in winter wheat.

It is reported that the cool spring weather (repeated snow falls and unusual cool temperatures) delayed spring cultivation and caused grain damage in the higher areas.

#### WHEAT SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

The following account of the current situation in South Africa has been extracted from a report by Mr. M.A. Brault, Assistant Trade Commissioner, Johannesburg, under date of June 11, 1971, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The 1969-70 wheat crop was the third record crop in succession, and although figures are not yet available for the 1970-71 season, it seems that the wheat crop will be larger this year, even with the very dry climatic conditions that prevailed in the old established wheat producing areas of the Western and South Western Cape early in the season. The Wheat Board purchased in 1969-70 some 13.7 million bags of 200 lbs. (about half of this in bulk), while quantities retained by producers on the farms are estimated at 400,000 bags.

The Wheat Board fixes the prices to be paid to producers and for many years, the prices are fixed and announced a few months before the crop season to which they would apply. The prices are determined with the aid of the production costs of wheat in two areas of the South Western Cape, taking also into consideration the last five year average wheat yield by morgen, (10.37 bags for 1964-69), the costs of bags, interest on working capital, contingency allowances and entrepreneurs remuneration.

Methods of distribution. — The Wheat Board employs the service of agents in the process of acquiring and distributing wheat. The agents duties are to purchase wheat from producers and to pay them immediately upon receipt, to weigh and determine the class and grade of the wheat, to handle and store the wheat and to execute the Board's instructions in regard to delivery. The Board reimbursed its agents only after the wheat purchased has been delivered to the buyers.

The agents, in effect, finance the Board's purchases of wheat for an interim period and also bear certain risks.



Usually the Board tries to see the wheat grown in a certain area is sold to millers in the same area, but because of the lower crop yield in 1970, some wheat from the Orange Free State had to be sent to millers in the Port Elizabeth area.

Importation. — During the 1969-70 season, wheat has not been imported, (except for 150,000 bags from Lesotho). However, the Wheat Board has placed orders for 90,000 1/tons with Canada and 45,000 long tons with Australia, which arrived during the present season. It is now almost certain that the Wheat Board will not import any wheat for the 1971-72 season.

During 1969-70 the Wheat Board issued for the first time permits for the importation of durum wheat to be used in the production of semolina, for the macaroni manufacturers. Canada exported some 10,500 tons directly to the millers and it is hoped that a further 7,000 - 10,000 ton shipment will be made during the present season. Until now, the semolina was produced from local Grade I Class A wheat, still a soft wheat.

#### WHEAT SITUATION IN ITALY

The following account of the current situation in Italy has been extracted from a report by Mr. H.E. Ryan, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Rome, under date of June 18, 1971, and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Estimate of Italy's 1971 Durum crop. — Notwithstanding poor weather conditions in central parts of Italy during the latter stages of the growing season, it is expected that the current durum crop will exceed that of last year.

Prospects are particularly favourable in the central and northern regions of Italy, where durum production is becoming more important. While the southern regions of Italy still account for most of the durum production, attempts to increase acreage in the north are achieving greater results each year.

The estimate, as released by the Department of Agriculture, indicates that production will be approximately 30,000 metric tons (1.1 million bushels) in the north as against 23,000 metric tons (0.8 million bushels) last year and 265,000 metric tons (9.7 million bushels) in the central part of Italy as compared to 254,500 tons (9.4 million bushels) last year.

#### CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- June 4 The Honourable Otto E. Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board and The Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, at a press conference, announced the sale of 3.5 million tons (approximately 130 million bushels) of wheat to the U.S.S.R. For details see page 8 of this publication.
- 14 A release from Mr. R.A. Groundwater, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada, Melbourne, stated that a recent report by Reuters estimates acreage in Australia of more than 18 million acres in 1971-72. The intended acreage in 1971-72 is a significant increase over the 1970-71 season when an estimated 15.8 million acres were planted.

June 17 The Honourable Otto E. Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board announced that the final payment to Canadian wheat producers for deliveries during the 1969-70 crop year will total \$31,367,473. The final payment averages 7.66 cents per bushel.

According to a report from Mr. E. Knowles, Commercial Officer, Buenos Aires, the weather has been favourable during May for the development of wheat in northern Argentina and sowings have started in the rest of the wheat belt. It is estimated that the area sown will be larger than the 6,238,700 hectares (15.4 million acres) in 1969-70 although it is expected that it will not reach the normal levels of the last decade.

23 A Telegraphic Crop Report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics summarized crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces as follows: There has been recent prolonged rainfall throughout nearly all districts of the Prairie Provinces. As a result, moisture supplies are now generally good except for parts of southern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta where more rain is needed. In western Manitoba and some other areas moisture supplies are indeed excessive with flooding and flood-damage to crops reported. The wet weather has delayed spraying operations. Hay and pastures are good in Manitoba but in Saskatchewan and Alberta earlier dry weather will reduce yields. Haying operations will be starting very soon.









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