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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

World Wheat Exports Down from Year Ago

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-April period of the current crop year have amounted to 1,080.0 million bushels, a decrease of 7 per cent from the 1,161.8 million bushels exported during the same three-quarters of the previous year but one per cent more than the ten-year (1960-61 - 1969-70) average shipments for the same period of 1,069.1 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, Canada was the only country registering an increase over the 1970-71 comparable total, while exports from Australia, United States and Argentina were lower.

Shipments from the four traditional major wheat exporters during August 1971-April 1972, with comparisons, appear in the accompanying table.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1971 - April 1972 with Comparisons

August - April	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
			million bushels			
1950-51	154.4	89.7	257.3	67.5	568.9	
1951-52	224.5	69.8	372.5	24.0	690.8	
1952-53	249.6	68.0	260.8	10.6	589.0	
1953-54	187.0	43.0	146.4	86.8	463.2	
1954-55	190.4	74.6	207.4	102.6	575.0	
1955-56	194.5	72.4	219.4	90.2	576.5	
1956-57	193.5	103.9	409.6	72.7	779.7	
1957-58	224.7	49.7	295.2	54.6	624.2	
1958-59	211.2	55.8	335.4	74.6	677.0	
1959-60	210.4	88.6	373.0	53.6	725.6	
1960-61	240.8	128.8	505.2	57.5	932.3	
1961-62	272.5	158.3	534.9	69.7	1,035.4	
1962-63	243.7	116.5	456.6	50.1	866.9	
1963-64	398.5	207.7	649.8	87.1	1,343.1	
1964-65	300.9	160.8	526.2	117.6	1,105.5	
1965-66	410.3	146.1	632.6	224.5	1,413.5	
1966-67	369.3	185.1	557.5	81.7	1,193.6	83.9
1967-68	205.6	192.7	606.5 ^r	39.3	1,044.1 ^r	111.1
1968-69	218.4	155.9	380.2	75.2	829.7	146.2
1969-70 ^r	219.0	197.2	452.1	58.4	926.7	174.0
1970-71 ^r	278.9	270.9	562.8	49.2	1,161.8	95.8
1971-72 ^p	358.2	248.9	436.2	36.7	1,080.0	124.6(1)

(1) August - February only.

World Wheat Supplies Decline

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at May 1, 1972 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,063.2 million bushels, some 2 per cent less than the 2,107.1 million at the same time a year ago. Supplies were lower in Canada and Australia while United States and Argentina registered increases over the same date a year ago. Supplies at May 1, 1972, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 752.7 (900.4); Australia, 198.3 (311.4); United States, 1,056.6 (854.7); and Argentina, 55.6 (40.6).

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1971-April 1972
with Comparisons

August - April	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million metric tons						
1950-51	4,202	2,441	7,003	1,837	15,483	
1951-52	6,110	1,900	10,138	653	18,801	
1952-53	6,793	1,851	7,098	288	16,030	
1953-54	5,089	1,170	3,984	2,362	12,606	
1954-55	5,182	2,030	5,645	2,792	15,649	
1955-56	5,293	1,970	5,971	2,455	15,690	
1956-57	5,266	2,828	11,148	1,979	21,220	
1957-58	6,115	1,353	8,034	1,486	16,988	
1958-59	5,748	1,519	9,128	2,030	18,425	
1959-60	5,726	2,411	10,152	1,459	19,748	
1960-61	6,554	3,505	13,749	1,565	25,373	
1961-62	7,416	4,308	14,558	1,897	28,179	
1962-63	6,633	3,171	12,427	1,364	23,593	
1963-64	10,846	5,653	17,685	2,371	36,554	
1964-65	8,189	4,376	14,321	3,201	30,087	
1965-66	11,167	3,976	17,217	6,110	38,470	
1966-67	10,051	5,038	15,173	2,224	32,485	2,283
1967-68	5,596	5,244	16,506	1,070	28,416	3,024
1968-69	5,944	4,243	10,347	2,047	22,581	3,979
1969-70	5,960	5,367	12,304	1,589	25,221	4,736
1970-71 ^r	7,590	7,373	15,317	1,339	31,619	2,607
1971-72 ^p	9,749	6,774	11,872	999	29,393	3,391(1)

(1) August-February only.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Below Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1971-72
Previous Year (August-July) crop year are placed at 1,267.8 million bushels consisting of the August 1 carryover of 744.2 million and the 1971 crop, placed at 523.7 million bushels, reflecting a 26 per cent decline in carryover stocks which more than offset a sharp increase in production. Supplies of the size indicated represent a decrease of 5 per cent from the 1970-71 previous total of 1,340.2 million. After making an allowance of 157.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1971-72 amount to 1,110.8 million bushels, 6 per cent less than the 1,179.4 million in 1970-71.

August-April Exports Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent
Higher than Year Ago during the first three quarters of the current crop year amounted to 358.2 million bushels in contrast to the August 1970-April 1971 total of 278.9 million and the ten-year (1960-61 - 1969-70) average for the period of 287.9 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 338.3 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 832 thousand of seed and 19.0 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were

259.2 million of wheat in bulk, 750 thousand of seed and 19.0 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on May 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 752.7 million bushels, 16 per cent below the May 1, 1971 total of 900.4 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^P
	million bushels	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	1,008.7	744.2
Production	331.5	523.7
Total estimated supplies	1,340.2	1,267.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	160.8	157.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,179.4	1,110.8
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-April(1)	259.2	338.3
Exports of seed wheat, August-April(2)	0.8	0.8
Total exports of wheat as grain	259.9	339.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - April(2)	19.0	19.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	278.9	358.2
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	900.4	752.7

(1) As reported by the Canadian Grain Commission.

(2) Customs returns, 1970-71 adjusted for time lag.

Marketings, Disappearance and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to May 10 of the current crop year have amounted to 355.2 million bushels compared with 222.9 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 35.4 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks April 13 to May 10, 1972. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 45.2 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 272.4 million at April 12, 1972 to a level of 264.2 million at May 10, 1972.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at May 10 this year represented a decline from both the 326.9 million of the previous year and the 407.9 million of two years ago. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 168.2 million bushels, were 26 per cent below the 1971 comparable total of 227.9 million and 36 per cent less than the 261.0 million of 1970. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at May 10, 1972, totalled 5.2 million bushels, 24 per cent lower than the 6.9 million of a year ago and 60 per cent less than the 13.1 million of two years ago. The 13.9 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) this year, were 32 per cent more than the

10.5 million of 1971 but little changed from the 14.0 million in this position in 1970. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 27.7 million bushels, decelined by 5 per cent from the 29.1 million of 1971 and were sharply lower than the 44.7 million of 1970. The 11.3 million bushels "in transit lake" were 38 per cent higher than the 8.2 million in this position in 1971 and 19 per cent more than the 9.4 million of 1970. The 8.1 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were considerably below both the 14.1 million of a year ago and the 15.8 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at May 10, 1972, at 17.1 million bushels, registered a 14 per cent increase over the comparable 1971 figure of 15.0 million but was 47 per cent lower than the 1970 total of 32.4 million. The 7.1 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were slightly higher than the 6.7 million at the comparable date in 1971 but 11 per cent below the 8.0 million at the same date in 1970.

April 1972 Exports
of Wheat and Flour Total
35.8 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during April 1972 amounted to 35.8 million bushels, 48 per cent above the 24.2 million of the previous month, 56 per cent larger

than the 23.0 million of April 1971 and 9 per cent more than the ten-year (1961-70) average for the month of April of 32.8 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission) during April 1972 totalled 33.8 million bushels, up 53 per cent from the March 1972 total of 22.1 million, and registered increases of 61 per cent and 14 per cent, respectively, over the 21.0 million of the previous year and the ten-year average of 29.6 million. It is estimated that the equivalent of 1.9 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during April 1972, little changed from the previous month's figure and the April 1971 exports of 1.9 million but 35 per cent less than the ten-year average of 3.0 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 338.3 million bushels, sharply above the 259.2 million shipped during the first three quarters of 1970-71 and 30 per cent more than the ten-year average for the period of 260.6 million. U.S.S.R.(Russia) and the People's Republic of China were the leading markets for wheat in bulk during the first nine months of the current crop year with shipments amounting to 80.0 million and 70.1 million bushels, respectively, and accounted for 27 per cent and 21 per cent of the August-April 1970-71 total. During the same months of 1970-71 shipments to U.S.S.R. (Russia) and the People's Republic of China were 4.4 million bushels (2 per cent of total) and 45.5 million bushels (17 per cent of total), respectively. Other principal importers of Canadian wheat for the first nine months of the current crop year with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 39.6 (28.7); Britain, 32.6 (39.8); India, 22.9 (17.1); Italy, 11.2 (8.2); Brazil, 10.3 (11.1); Netherlands, 8.2 (4.6); Algeria, 7.4 (9.3); Germany West, 6.8 (16.4); Syria, 6.6 (8.3); Philippines, 5.8 (2.9); and Cuba, 5.5 (3.2). Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-April of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 0.9 million bushels compared with last year's August-April total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 0.7 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first three quarters of the 1971-72 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 19.0 million bushels of wheat, unchanged from the adjusted August-April 1970-71 total and 25 per cent less than the 10-year average for the period of 25.2 million. Exports of wheat flour by countries for August-April 1971-72 based on Customs data, are not available at this time.

Record Grain
Shipments Clear Up
Vancouver Back-Log

On May 2, 1972 G.N. Vogel, Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board stated that record grain exports through West Coast ports in April have made it possible to clear up the long line-up of waiting vessels at Vancouver.

Preliminary figures show that West Coast exports of all grains totalled 30.3 million bushels in April. This compares with the previous monthly record of 28.3 million bushels set in June last year.

As a result of the record clearances in April, today's vessel line-up at Vancouver shows only one ship waiting while six others are being loaded. In mid-March when rail shipments had been disrupted by an extended period of extremely severe winter conditions, the list of grain vessels waiting in Vancouver harbor reached a peak of 28 ships. Since then rail shipments have been relatively free of disruptions caused by snow slides and derailments.

"The dramatic improvement that has taken place since then is due largely to the special efforts made by all segments of the grain industry involved in the West Coast movement, particularly the railways, the terminal operators, grain handlers and stevedores," Mr. Vogel said. "With the large quantities of grain handled by the Vancouver terminals in the past month the back-log of waiting vessels has been cleared up much sooner than anticipated.

"As a result of the present situation we are hopeful that we can catch up on the export programs that were deferred earlier in the year when the situation at the West Coast became critical," Mr. Vogel said.

The new record in grain clearances at the West Coast was matched by an unprecedented rate of rail unloads. Car unloads by West Coast terminals averaged 837 cars per day (on a five-day per week basis) during April and hit a peak on April 17, 1972, when 957 cars were unloaded in a single day.

Mr. Vogel pointed out that with the large number of vessel clearances in recent weeks, bunching could occur again in the near future when the ships return to the West Coast for further grain cargoes. However, West Coast terminals have shown they can handle such a situation as long as rail shipments from the Prairies can be maintained without further disruption by slides or washouts, Mr. Vogel said.

April grain clearances bring the total exports from the West Coast up to 222.2 million bushels so far this crop year. This compares with exports of 179.2 million bushels at this time last year.

Lake Shipments of
Canadian Grain

Total shipments of the six major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to May 10 this year amounted to 46.7 million bushels 9 per cent below the 51.1 million shipped during the same period in 1971. In 1972 the season of navigation opened on April 14 while the 1971 season opened on April 10. Shipments of wheat, at 22.6 million were also less than the previous year's total of 25.8 million and accounted for 48 per cent of the total compared to 50 per cent last year.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to May 10, 1972 and to Approximately the Same Date 1961-71

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed	Total
thousand bushels							
1961	46,274	4,859	6,872	572	998	—	59,575
1962	21,585	2,194	3,177	40	317	—	27,313
1963	20,566	6,919	2,601	164	807	—	31,057
1964	50,659	5,068	5,788	996	1,428	—	63,938
1965	28,699	5,396	4,338	562	1,453	67	40,516
1966	69,261	5,534	6,063	2,259	2,451	335	85,901
1967	38,118	5,726	8,127	1,013	1,170	331	54,485
1968	25,772	2,298	2,410	167	1,350	174	32,171
1969	24,343	2,532	5,237	287	718	—	33,117
1970	34,724	4,383	12,778	1,093	2,683	2,187	57,848
1971	25,803	4,044	16,016	253	2,398	2,629	51,142
1972	22,554	4,410	14,579	152	2,176	2,830	46,701

Advances Issued Under the
Prairie Grain Advance
Payments Act

Requests are received concerning the level of cash advances issued and outstanding. This information from the Canadian Wheat Board will be carried in the Wheat Review as a regular feature.

Advances issued August 1, 1971 to May 19, 1972

34,301 advances totalling \$68,131,547

Outstanding advances on May 19, 1972

Issued in 1971-72	\$12,872,160
Issued in 1970-71 and prior	\$ 9,464,048
Total outstanding advances	<u>\$22,336,208</u>

General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, May 8, 1972

bushels per quota acre

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	
Hercules Durum	5(1)	5	—	—	All blocks
Soft White Springs	—	5(2)	5(3)	5	All blocks
Alberta Red Winter	—	2(4)	2	—	All blocks
Rye	20	—	—	—	All blocks
Flaxseed	13	—	—	—	All blocks
Rapeseed	10(5)	—	—	—	All blocks

- (1) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for Hercules Durum is hereby cancelled.
- (2) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "B" Quota for Soft White Spring is hereby cancelled.
- (3) Effective Friday, May 26, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "C" Quota for Soft White Spring is hereby cancelled.
- (4) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "B" Quota for Hercules Durum is hereby cancelled.
- (5) Effective Feb. 4 the regular rapeseed Quota was increased to 15 bushels per Quota acre for truck deliveries to Western crushers for domestic crushing only.

Special Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, May 8, 1972

Pitic	1 carlot (50 assigned acres)	All blocks
Selected Hercules Durum	1 carlot (60 assigned acres)	All blocks
Selected Oats	50 bushels per assigned acre	All blocks
Selected Barley	50 bushels per assigned acre Extended to second carlot	All blocks Alta. only
Rye for distilleries	40 bushels per assigned acre	
Flaxseed for processors	25 bushels per assigned acre	
Rapeseed (low erucic acid)	20 bushels per assigned acre	All blocks
Rapeseed for crushers	20 bushels per assigned acre	
Two-Row Barley	Extended to any additional carlot per assigned acre	All blocks
Six-Row barley (Olli variety)	Extended to a fourth carlot per assigned acre	All blocks

General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, May 8, 1972 Canadian National Railway Blocks

General Quotas 1971-72 as at January 1, 1972																
No.	Name	Wheat(all others)				Durum				Oats				Barley		
		A(1)	B(1)	C	D	A(2)	B	C	D(3)	A(4)	B	C(5)	D(5)	C(6)	D	E
bushels per quota acre																
01	Winnipeg N.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
03	Winnipeg S.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
05	Winnipeg W.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
07	Brandon N.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
09	Brandon W.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
11	Melville	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
13	Dauphin	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
15	Kamsack	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
17	Saskatoon M.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
19	Saskatoon S.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
21	Saskatoon W.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
23	Pr. Albert E.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
25	Pr. Albert S.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
27	Pr. Albert M.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
29	Pr. Albert W.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
31	Regina N.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
33	Regina S.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
35	Regina W.	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
37	Biggar N.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
39	Biggar W.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
41	Edmonton N.	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
43	Edmonton S.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
45	Edmonton W.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
47	Hanna S.	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
49	Hanna W.	—	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
90	N.A.R. West	2	2	2	—	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
98	G.S.L.	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5

- (1) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" and "B" Quotas for wheat are hereby cancelled.
- (2) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for Durum wheat is hereby cancelled.
- (3) The "C" and "D" Quota is for Durum wheat grading No. 3 C.W. and No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum only.
- (4) Effective Friday, June 9, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for oats is hereby cancelled.
- (5) The "C" and "D" Quota is for oats grading No. 3 C.W. and higher only.
- (6) Effective Friday, June 9, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "C" Quota for barley is hereby cancelled.

General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, May 8, 1972 Canadian Pacific Railway Blocks

No.	Name	Wheat(all others)				Durum				Oats				Barley		
		A(1)	B(1)	C	D	A(2)	B	C	D(4)	A(4)	B	C(5)	D(5)	C(6)	D	E
bushels per quota acre																
61	Keewatin	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
62	La Riviere	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
63	Carberry	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
64	Brandon	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
71	Weyburn	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
72	Pasqua	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
73	Bulyea	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
74	Bredenbury	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
75	Saskatoon	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
76	Wilkie	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
77	Assiniboia	2	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
78	Swift Current	—	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
79	Outlook	—	2	2	2	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
81	Medicine Hat	2	2	2	—	5	5	5(3)	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
82	Brooks	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
83	Lethbridge	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
84	Vulcan	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
85	Calgary	—	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
86	Red Deer	2	2	2	—	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
87	Edmonton	2	2	2	—	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
95	N.A.R. East	—	2	2	—	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5
	B.C. Stations	2	2	2	—	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5

- (1) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972 at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" and "B" Quotas for wheat are hereby cancelled.
- (2) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for Durum wheat is hereby cancelled.
- (3) The "C" and "D" Quota is for Durum wheat grading No. 3 C.W. and No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum only.
- (4) Effective Friday, June 9, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for oats is hereby cancelled.
- (5) The "C" and "D" Quota is for oats grading No. 3 C.W. and higher only.
- (6) Effective Friday, June 9, 1972, at all delivery points with the designated area, the "C" Quota for barley is hereby cancelled.

Farmers' Marketings (1) of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1971-72

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last year ^r
		bushels				
August	11, 1971 ..	19,280	280,376	2,868	302,524	64,029
	18	45,222	1,364,384	7,688	1,417,294	45,524
	25	1,140,677	3,962,606	917,899	6,021,182	97,747
September	1	1,054,714	7,856,529	2,314,028	11,225,271	6,693,462
	8	1,237,858	10,812,860	2,156,484	14,207,202	7,017,382
	15	1,372,703	14,911,298	4,318,710	20,602,711	8,178,772
	22	2,698,575	10,590,451	2,984,025	16,273,051	10,982,349
	29	1,648,043	6,921,017	2,356,118	10,925,178	7,094,969
October	6	2,099,756	11,014,624	1,582,732	14,697,112	6,843,332
	13	2,052,588	9,821,569	2,141,418	14,015,575	4,119,896
	20	1,600,362	7,695,414	1,906,736	11,202,512	4,376,848
	27	1,987,212	11,150,867	1,523,677	14,661,756	4,825,460
November	3	2,457,525	11,934,610	1,313,469	15,705,604	2,872,360
	10	1,165,718	7,777,345	2,757,438	11,700,501	6,744,460
	17	1,134,445	5,503,565	4,091,090	10,729,100	7,171,347
	24	945,079	4,785,907	4,147,756	9,878,742	6,248,654
December	1	798,536	7,392,800	3,578,196	11,769,532	4,479,859
	8	713,988	5,554,395	3,650,988	9,919,371	6,814,164
	15	476,084	3,215,397	1,770,709	5,462,190	11,066,471
	22	679,819	15,663,213	1,937,916	18,280,948	9,664,792
	29	515,326	7,926,173	1,709,492	10,150,991	1,826,815
January	5, 1972 ..	436,773	7,997,663	2,327,515	10,761,951	3,755,006
	12	318,239	8,288,134	3,093,729	11,700,102	3,340,119
	19	138,763	3,143,539	1,838,682	5,120,984	1,077,133
	26	68,455	1,344,349	937,449	2,350,253	9,762,409
February	2	46,625	918,372	694,188	1,659,185	6,246,201
	9	134,958	4,038,073	2,753,009	6,926,040	4,051,116
	16	127,068	2,129,836	2,127,336	4,384,240	6,021,869
	23	108,982	3,012,196	2,020,488	5,141,666	6,681,266
March	1	68,164	2,017,247	918,347	3,003,758	6,027,831
	8	74,764	1,284,497	719,667	2,078,928	4,458,391
	15	77,670	981,152	794,044	1,852,866	6,098,383
	22	228,440	3,506,399	1,515,054	5,249,893	7,490,287
	29	219,790	2,856,142	1,745,620	4,821,552	4,077,276
April	5	137,941	3,281,651	1,001,074	4,420,666	2,893,183
	12	189,074	4,490,476	1,708,617	6,388,167	1,912,195
	19	132,337	4,309,244	1,597,405	6,038,986	3,340,048
	26	321,336	6,991,753	3,864,261	11,177,350	5,426,835
May	3	1,450,941	5,106,332	2,306,563	8,863,836	7,370,337
	10	1,882,415	5,449,694	1,937,006	9,269,115	9,964,602
Totals		32,006,245	237,282,149	81,069,491	350,357,885	217,223,179

Average similar
period: 1960-61 -

1969-70 37,967,314 189,134,186 81,394,664 308,496,164

(1) Includes receipts at primary, process and interior terminal elevators.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, May 10, 1972 Compared with
Approximately the Same Date, 1970 and 1971

Position	1970	1971	1972
thousand bushels			
Primary elevators:			
Manitoba	31,849	24,953	20,780
Saskatchewan	154,392	141,988	105,254
Alberta	74,729	60,978	42,176
Sub-totals	260,970	227,919	168,210
Process elevators	4,288	4,564	4,315
Interior terminals	13,060	6,878	5,236
Vancouver-New Westminster	6,641	5,782	6,182
Victoria	908	373	462
Prince Rupert	454	520	492
Churchill	4,659	2,950	1,046
Thunder Bay	44,700	29,098	27,653
In transit rail (western division)	13,960	10,535	13,902
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ..	15,811	14,091	8,131
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ...	32,390	15,025	17,082
In transit lake	9,445	8,166	11,256
In transit rail (eastern division)	641	960	284
Totals	407,927	326,861	264,251

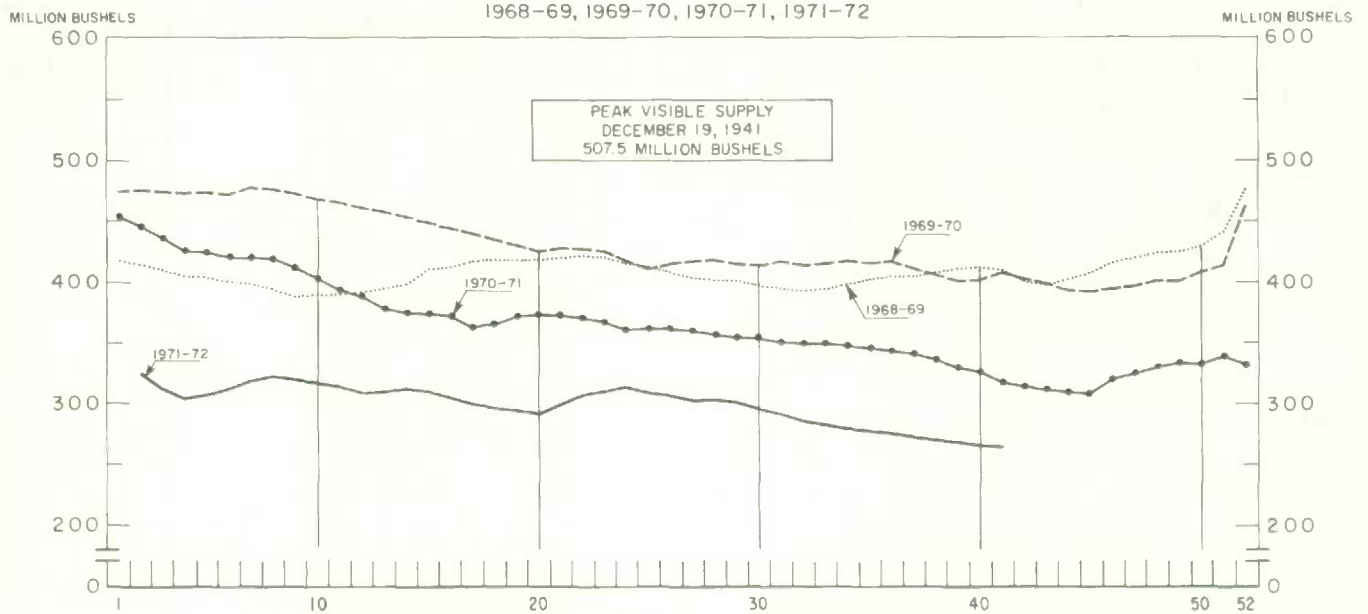
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August - April 1971-72 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop year		August-April			
	Average	1970-71	1970-71		1971-72	
	1965-66		cars	per cent	cars	per cent
	1969-70					
	per cent					
1 C.W. Red Spring	—	—	—	—	123,087	62.1
No. 1 Man. Northern	10.9	6.5	8,013	5.1	—	—
No. 2 Man. Northern	32.7	37.2	58,429	37.5	—	—
No. 3 Man. Northern	19.3	19.8	30,253	19.4	23,798	12.0
No. 4 Man. Northern	8.6	12.0	19,233	12.3	14,758	7.5
No. 5 Wheat	3.3	4.5	8,512	5.5	3,857	2.0
No. 6 Wheat	0.4	0.7	1,371	0.9	353	0.2
Feed Wheat	0.1	0.1	150	0.1	63	(1)
Others Red Spring	18.2	6.2	11,455	7.4	7,482	3.8
C. W. Garnet	0.1	(1)	38	(1)	4	(1)
C. W. White Spring	0.1	0.3	420	0.3	660	0.3
C. W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	0.1	161	0.1	207	0.1
Alberta Winter	0.8	0.8	1,411	0.9	929	0.5
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum	4.6	11.4	15,645	10.0	22,348	11.3
Other C.W. Amber Durum ..	0.9	0.5	671	0.4	594	0.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	155,762	100.0	198,140	100.0

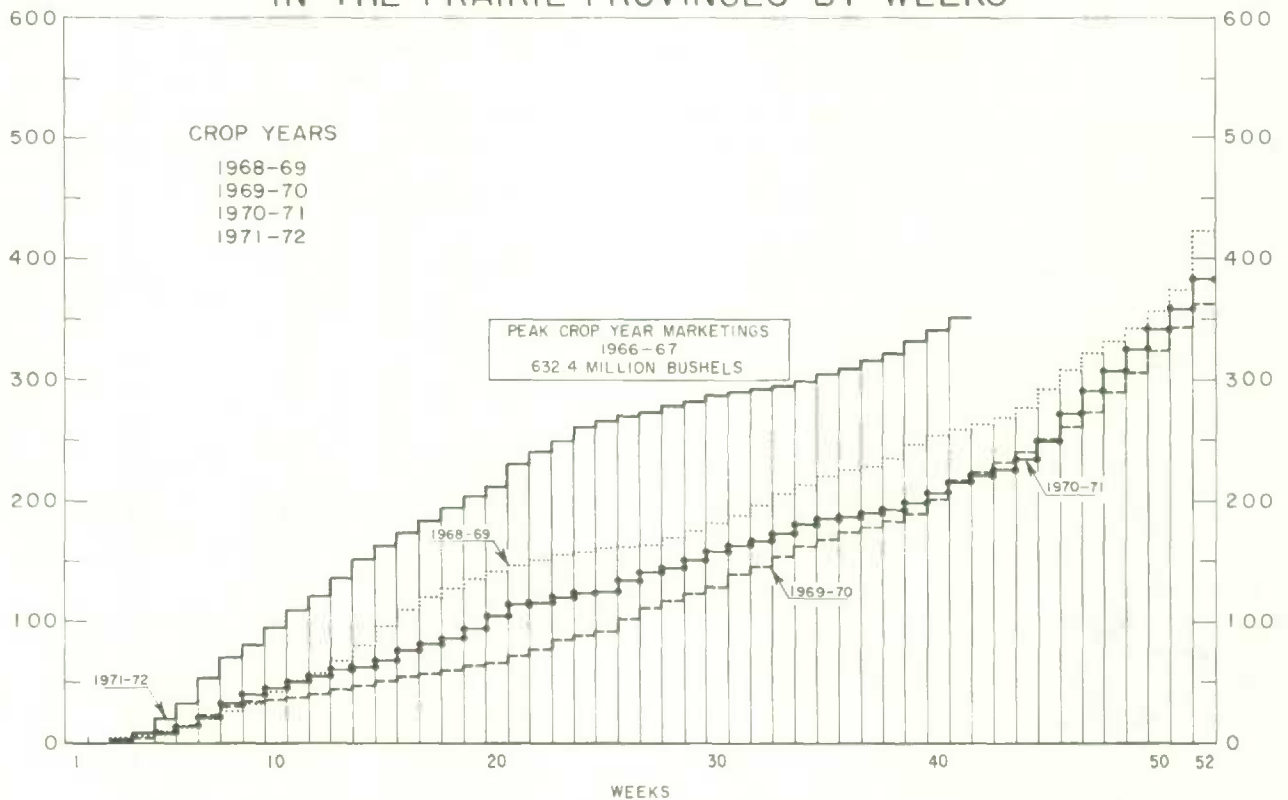
Gross bushels (approx.) . 308,755,000

(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 Total vessel and rail shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to May 10, 1972 amounted to 95,000 bushels. Only 2,900 bushels were shipped during the corresponding period of 1970-71 but 789,000 bushels were shipped in 1969-70.

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1971 - May 10, 1972 with Comparisons

Destination	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
		bushels	
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Buffalo	558,780	—	—
Hawaii	—	—	95,200
Totals, vessel	558,780	—	95,200
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. domestic points	180,000	2,878	—
Buffalo	50,000	—	—
Totals, rail	230,000	2,878	—
Totals, shipments	788,780	2,878	95,200

(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 - April of the current crop year amounted to 30,416,000 bushels compared with the 26,394,000 bushels during the first nine months of 1970-71.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1, 1970 - April 30, 1971	August 1, 1971 - April 30, 1972
	bushels	
Port McNicoll	7,535,833	9,168,589
Midland, Tiffin	9,243,384	9,609,773
Owen Sound	2,649,790	3,125,164
Goderich	1,972,168	2,307,941
Sarnia	2,803,643	3,421,141
Port Colborne	1,140,702	598,841
Kingston	764,553	1,604,316
Prescott	284,326	579,762
Totals	26,394,399	30,415,527

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay 1968-69 - 1971-72

Month	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
		bushels		
August	—	132,953	169,566	181,419
September	23,084	134,054	244,549	195,721
October	57,458	149,076	176,450	128,383
November	101,966	126,319	178,523	158,083
December	44,136	179,384	330,120	193,204
January	131,034	272,300	525,019	1,420,522
February	99,776	403,541	552,926	2,392,713
March	153,067	298,335	418,387	1,728,504
April	79,899	260,918	407,206	260,436
May	108,339	311,200	187,347	
June	120,532	221,999	156,548	
July	137,404	293,745	200,415	
Totals	1,056,695	2,783,824	3,547,056	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay, April 1972

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick bushels	Quebec	Ontario
Feed grades	20,334	25,000	92,833	110,602	9,667
Durum	—	—	—	2,000	—
Totals	20,334	25,000	92,833	112,602	9,667

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1 - May 10, 1971-72 with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
	thousand bushels						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van. — New West.	132,529	7,404	270	39,215	4,966	8,368	20,216
Victoria	4,934	418	—	—	—	—	908
Prince Rupert	11,864	—	—	—	55	—	—
<u>Churchill</u>	20,570	—	—	4,918	—	—	—
<u>Thunder Bay Direct</u>	1,638	689	4,106	1,703	1,782	9,688	9,202
<u>Sarnia Direct</u>	123	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal	24,159	23,115	—	11,139	—	141	99
Sorel	17,612	—	—	4,373	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières	13,663	1,401	—	3,359	92	—	—
Quebec	9,658	532	—	14,284	102	413	51
Baie Comeau	22,384	1,926	—	28,652	266	955	266
Port Cartier	23,097	1,491	—	23,447	—	516	—
<u>Maritime</u>							
Saint John	891	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Saint John	13,316	1,204	—	182	—	—	—
Halifax	16,935	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	313,374	38,179	4,376	131,270	7,263	20,081	30,742
August 1 — May 12, 1970-71	249,059	29,651	9,009	116,116	5,317	14,069	33,568

(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 1971-March 1972, amounted to 18,017,000 bushels, 25 per cent below the 23,942,000 shipped during the comparable period of 1970-71. The bulk of the shipments during the current eight months under review went to destinations in Quebec with that province accounting for 52 per cent of the total compared with 46 per cent the previous year.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations
August - March 1971-72 and 1970-71

Month	Western wheat								Eastern wheat
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total	Quebec
thousand bushels									
August 1971 ..	49	7	218	90	1,489	359	262	2,473	—
September	65	10	176	123	1,161	250	234	2,019	—
October	67	12	237	72	912	330	378	2,008	—
November	4	20	256	65	1,558	299	419	2,622	—
December	241	14	128	73	982	369	325	2,132	—
January 1972 .	3	28	146	80	994	344	370	1,965	—
February	4	33	179	99	738	205	377	1,635	—
March	68	31	251	129	1,471	516	696	3,163	—
Totals	501	154	1,590	732	9,307	2,673	3,060	18,017	—
Same months									
1970-71	368	300	2,005	968	11,100	6,161	3,040	23,942	9

Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate the movement of 304,628 tons during August-March 1971-72. Data on the August 1970-March 1971 shipments of millfeeds place the eight-month total at 313,780 tons. The greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the comparable period under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance
Regulations August - March 1971-72 and 1970-71

Province	August - March	
	1970-71	1971-72
tons		
Newfoundland	1,962	2,584
Prince Edward Island	2,631	2,243
Nova Scotia	9,713	8,567
New Brunswick	9,769	7,457
Quebec	150,637	150,579
Ontario	114,444	109,578
British Columbia	24,624	23,620
Totals	313,780	304,628

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>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	36,047	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</u>					
August	44,765	103	44,868	699	45,567
September	35,194	120	35,315	2,306	37,620
October	44,412	84	44,496	3,543	48,039
November	33,307	71	33,378	2,126	35,504
December	18,016	43	18,059	1,444	19,502
January	18,882	2	18,884	2,725	21,609
February	23,334	77	23,411	2,421	25,832
March	20,293	93	20,386	1,900	22,286
April	20,951	157	21,108	1,855	22,963
May	47,631	49	47,681	1,811	49,491
June	47,904	71	47,975	1,986	49,961
July	54,750	100	54,850	1,988	56,838
Totals	409,440	971	410,410	24,803	435,213
<u>1971-72(4)</u>					
August	48,530	26	48,557	1,526	50,083
September	44,520	234	44,754	3,662	48,416
October	59,356	136	59,492	2,218	61,709
November	52,948	1	52,949	1,889	54,838
December	32,041	110	32,151	2,868	35,019
January	21,627	66	21,693	1,412	23,105
February	23,420	48	23,468	1,581	25,050
March	22,108	180	22,289	1,875	24,163
April	33,798	30	33,827	1,946	35,773
Totals	338,349	832	339,180	18,977	358,157

(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, 1969-70 and 1970-71 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, April 1972 and 1971

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			April 1972	April 1971 ^r
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	672,000	—	672,000	663,950
France	—	—	—	41,823
Germany, West	—	—	—	287,075
Italy	—	—	—	997,872
Netherlands	—	—	—	570,360
Sub-totals	672,000	—	672,000	2,561,080
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	2,537,472	—	2,537,472	2,280,348
Malta and Gozo	324,128	7,840	331,968	—
Switzerland	—	—	—	607,323
Sub-totals	2,861,600	7,840	2,869,440	2,887,671
Totals	3,533,600	7,840	3,541,440	5,448,751
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	4,958,969	2,010,586	6,969,555	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	578,000	434,784	1,012,784	875,093
Ghana	287,803	—	287,803	—
Nigeria	185,733	—	185,733	—
Totals	1,051,536	434,784	1,486,320	875,093
<u>Asia</u>				
Hong Kong	123,200	—	123,200	—
India	18,585	—	18,585	—
Iraq	—	—	—	2,478,125
Japan	5,681,650	—	5,681,650	1,838,465
People's Republic of China	9,018,792	2,642,088	11,660,880	8,144,122
Philippines	1,596,747	—	1,596,747	674,522
Singapore	26,103	—	26,103	50,960
Syria	856,800	—	856,800	1,033,336
Taiwan	1,044,743	—	1,044,743	—
Turkey	—	—	—	369,994
Totals	18,366,620	2,642,088	21,008,708	14,589,524
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Jamaica	—	—	—	1,338
Peru	791,653	—	791,653	—
Venezuela	—	—	—	36,773
Totals	791,653	—	791,653	38,111
Sub-totals, all countries	28,702,378	5,095,298	33,797,676	20,951,479
Seed wheat(2)			29,533	156,605
Totals, all countries	28,702,378	5,095,298	33,827,209	21,108,084

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

(2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1971 adjusted for time lag, 1972 preliminary.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1971 - April 1972			Total same period last year
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	3,262,668	46,140	3,308,808	6,763,522
France	315,999	—	315,999	447,936
Germany, West	4,617,329	2,213,405	6,830,734	16,416,293
Italy	6,182,319	5,045,671	11,227,990	8,200,641
Netherlands	4,945,755	3,237,367	8,183,122	4,637,327
Sub-totals	19,324,070	10,542,583	29,866,653	36,465,719
Other Western Europe:				
Austria	—	—	—	326,314
Britain	32,275,677	314,993	32,590,670	39,833,359
Denmark	—	—	—	58,783
Ireland	232,742	—	232,742	1,491,598
Malta and Gozo	937,328	7,840	945,168	327,712
Norway	780,267	—	780,267	2,195,187
Sweden	33,026	—	33,026	58,820
Switzerland	880,572	460,022	1,340,594	3,025,353
Sub-totals	35,139,612	782,855	35,922,467	47,317,126
Totals	54,463,682	11,325,438	65,789,120	83,782,845
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	808,155	—	808,155	358,400
Czechoslovakia	—	584,752	584,752	—
Poland	—	878,847	878,847	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	70,378,401	9,601,664	79,980,065	4,362,808
Totals	71,186,556	11,065,263	82,251,819	4,721,208
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	2,115,504	5,278,727	7,394,231	9,285,981
Ghana	1,962,488	—	1,962,488	1,667,254
Morocco	862,516	220,460	1,082,976	505,195
Mozambique	—	—	—	104,534
Nigeria	878,791	—	878,791	—
South Africa	—	234,746	234,746	3,939,600
Sudan	—	—	—	36,709
Tanzania	—	—	—	7,976
Tunisia	—	523,502	523,502	1,542,244
U.A.R.	—	—	—	13,517,868
Totals	5,819,299	6,257,435	12,076,734	30,607,361

For footnotes see end of table.

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

Destination	August 1971 — April 1972			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
Asia				
Afghanistan	468,140	—	468,140	352,599
Hong Kong	695,483	—	695,483	653,089
India	22,944,474	—	22,944,474	17,098,372
Indonesia	871,627	—	871,627	—
Iraq	—	—	—	3,518,231
Japan	39,222,854	390,124	39,612,978	28,690,558
Korea, North	1,180,666	—	1,180,666	—
Malaysia	382,857	—	382,857	267,551
Pakistan	2,717,900	—	2,717,900	4,066,847
People's Republic of China	65,250,113	4,837,907	70,088,020	45,469,283
Philippines	5,835,150	—	5,835,150	2,938,768
Singapore	237,627	—	237,627	326,853
Southern Yemen	—	—	—	19,842
Syria	6,645,886	—	6,645,886	8,264,365
Taiwan	2,799,596	—	2,799,596	524,533
Thailand	200,361	—	200,361	—
Turkey	—	—	—	3,540,382
Totals	149,452,734	5,228,031	154,680,765	115,731,273
Oceania				
United States Oceania	143,114	—	143,114	—
Western Hemisphere				
Barbados	56	—	56	—
Brazil	10,283,242	—	10,283,242	11,098,461
Cuba	4,927,054	557,426	5,484,480	3,248,293
Dominican Republic	231,496	77,165	308,661	—
Ecuador	—	—	—	306,259
Haiti	1,263,175	—	1,263,175	1,135,361
Jamaica	1,103,831	—	1,103,831	839,288
Paraguay	—	—	—	1,104
Peru	4,592,130	—	4,592,130	7,387,297
St. Lucia	—	—	—	167
Venezuela	272,164	4,406	276,570	292,499
United States(2)	95,200	—	95,200	2,878
Totals	22,768,348	638,997	23,407,345	24,311,607
Sub-totals, all countries ...	303,833,733	34,515,164	338,348,897	259,154,295
Seed wheat(3)			831,561	749,535
Totals, all countries	303,833,733	34,515,164	339,180,458	259,903,830

(1) Overseas clearances 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, 1970-71 adjusted for time lag, 1971-72 preliminary.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	December	March	August - March	
	1971(1)	1972(2)	1971-72(2)	1970-71(1)
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	—	—	28	38,610
France	—	—	—	115
Germany, West	922	—	1,548	720
Italy	—	—	—	10,350
Netherlands	—	—	—	722
Sub-totals	922	—	1,576	50,517
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	120,028	124,883	1,069,629	1,416,902
Gibraltar	—	—	2,705	5,410
Greece	25,477	—	40,416	32,032
Iceland	9,441	—	34,663	—
Ireland	—	—	3,606	—
Malta and Gozo	—	—	—	46
Norway	115	—	115	115
Portugal	5,198	7,590	28,789	21,160
Spain	—	—	—	1,840
Sub-totals	160,259	132,473	1,179,923	1,477,505
Totals	161,181	132,473	1,181,499	1,528,022
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	9,715	—	— ^r	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	—	561,034	163,357
Angola	—	—	—	12,190
Cameroon	—	—	117,921	1,610
Dahomey	—	1,380	26,680	11,385
French Africa, n.e.s.	—	—	185,748	—
Gabon	—	—	—	5,658
Gambia, The	—	2,300	25,300	50,655
Ghana	230	—	846	167,633
Guinea	—	—	52,803	35,420
Ivory Coast	—	1,610	12,880	6,900
Liberia	14,640	8,998	160,313	181,226
Malagasy	—	—	—	14,219
Malawi	4,784	2,001	25,518	48,939
Mozambique	3,266	3,889	16,551	20,694
Nigeria	—	—	9,945	—
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s.	4,676	6,026	81,478	94,406
Sierre Leone	780	138	3,326	8,529
Somalia	—	—	22,816	19,446
South Africa	—	—	—	2,259
Sudan	—	—	17,121	77,899
Tanzania	—	—	1,610	6,152
Togo	4,945	6,440	83,180	89,401
U.A.R.	169,938	—	2,063,003	294,398
Zaire	1,150	1,150	28,980	118,616
Totals	204,409	33,932	3,497,053	1,430,992
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	—	—	2,139	1,104
Bahrain	—	—	200	198
Burma	—	—	—	958,260
Ceylon	—	—	1,506,590	1,525,620
Cyprus	—	—	23,978	11,557
Hong Kong	14,663	24,196	151,915	138,865

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Destination	December 1971(1)	March 1972(2)	August - March	
			1971-72(2)	1970-71(1)
			bushels	
<u>Asia — Concluded</u>				
Indonesia	—	—	—	1,230,261
Iran	1,021	—	2,769	2,176
Iraq	—	—	—	141,034
Japan	734	1,205	6,775	5,522
Jordan	—	317	8,684	—
Lebanon	10,161	—	199,348	10,315
Portuguese Asia	—	—	—	7,222
Qatar	—	115	729	548
Saudi Arabia	52,900	1,757	165,216	166,754
Singapore	2,300	—	4,600	—
Southern Yemen	—	—	4,614	—
Syria	—	—	67,027	—
Thailand	9,890	6,900	65,191	74,968
Trucial States	1,072	—	4,490	1,253
Totals	92,741	34,490	2,214,265	4,275,657
<u>Oceania</u>				
British Oceania, n.e.s.	—	460	460	2,760
Fiji	—	460	1,380	1,610
United States Oceania	—	—	748	17,250
Totals	—	920	2,588	21,620
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas	11,302	15,461	133,729	149,307
Barbados	28,324	6,960	175,780	207,881
Bermuda	2,470	9,904	83,223	86,910
British Honduras	13,181	9,655	31,091	40,294
Cuba(3)	2,212,161	1,452,579	8,699,288	8,020,399
Dominican Republic	2,300	—	2,300	35,144
French West Indies	—	—	966	920
Guyana	462	1,224	9,260	10,046
Honduras	690	—	918	6,113
Jamaica	5,508	5,520	88,830	71,493
Leeward and Windward Is.	49,825	113,735	520,755	526,449
Netherlands Antilles	3,453	6,771	36,130	155,087
Panama	—	—	676	676
Paraguay	—	—	—	2,535
Peru	—	—	—	172
St. Pierre and Miquelon	3,795	1,898	15,599	18,006
Surinam	4,048	6,705	15,670	20,488
Trinidad and Tobago	61,318	42,515	296,824	332,918
Venezuela	235	—	304	380
United States	92	—	14,812	221,576
Totals	2,399,164	1,672,927	10,126,155	9,906,794
Totals, all countries	2,867,210	1,874,742	17,021,560 ^r	17,163,085

(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.

n.e.s. — Not elsewhere specified.

Note: Data for April wheat flour exports not available.

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices, Crop Year 1971-72
Basis in Store Thunder Bay and Vancouver

Class and grade	Week ending			
	April 21	April 28	May 5	May 12
Initial payment to producers				
	cents and eighths per bushel			
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	146	146	146	146
1 Northern	150	150	150	150
2 Northern	146	146	146	146
3 Northern	141	141	141	141
4 Northern	133	133	133	133
5 Wheat	119	119	119	119
6 Wheat	115	115	115	115
Feed Wheat	110	110	110	110
1 C.W. Garnet	133	133	133	133
2 C.W. Garnet	128	128	128	128
3 C.W. Garnet	123	123	123	123
1 Alberta Red Winter	132	132	132	132
2 Alberta Winter	127	127	127	127
3 Alberta Winter	121	121	121	121
1 C.W. Amber Durum	146	146	146	146
2 C.W. Amber Durum	142	142	142	142
3 C.W. Amber Durum	137	137	137	137
Exports				
(Basis in store Thunder Bay)				
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	172/1	171/4	171/5	171/2
1 Northern	174/1	173/4	173/5	173/2
2 Northern	172/1	171/4	171/5	171/2
3 Northern	167/1	166/4	166/5	166/2
4 Northern	164/1	163/4	163/5	163/2
5 Wheat(1)	148/4	148/4	148/4	148/4
6 Wheat(1)	146/4	146/4	146/4	146/4
Feed Wheat(1)	141/4	141/4	141/4	141/4
1 C.W. Garnet	164/1	163/4	163/5	163/2
2 C.W. Garnet	163/1	162/4	162/5	162/2
3 C.W. Garnet	162/1	161/4	161/5	161/2
1 Alberta Red Winter	164/1	163/4	163/5	163/2
2 Alberta Winter	163/1	162/4	162/5	162/2
3 Alberta Winter	162/1	161/4	161/5	161/2
1 C.W. Amber Durum	170/6	170/1	170/2	169/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum	169/6	169/1	169/2	168/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum	160/6	160/1	160/2	159/7
(Basis in store Vancouver)				
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	180/3	179/6	179/6	179/4
1 Northern	181/3	180/6	180/6	180/4
2 Northern	180/3	179/6	179/6	179/4
3 Northern	175/3	174/6	174/6	174/4
4 Northern	173/3	172/6	172/6	172/4
1 C.W. Garnet	173/3	172/6	172/6	172/4
2 C.W. Garnet	172/3	171/6	171/6	171/4
3 C.W. Garnet	171/3	170/6	170/6	170/4
1 Alberta Red Winter	173/3	172/6	172/6	172/4
2 Alberta Winter	172/3	171/6	171/6	171/4
3 Alberta Winter	171/3	170/6	170/6	170/4

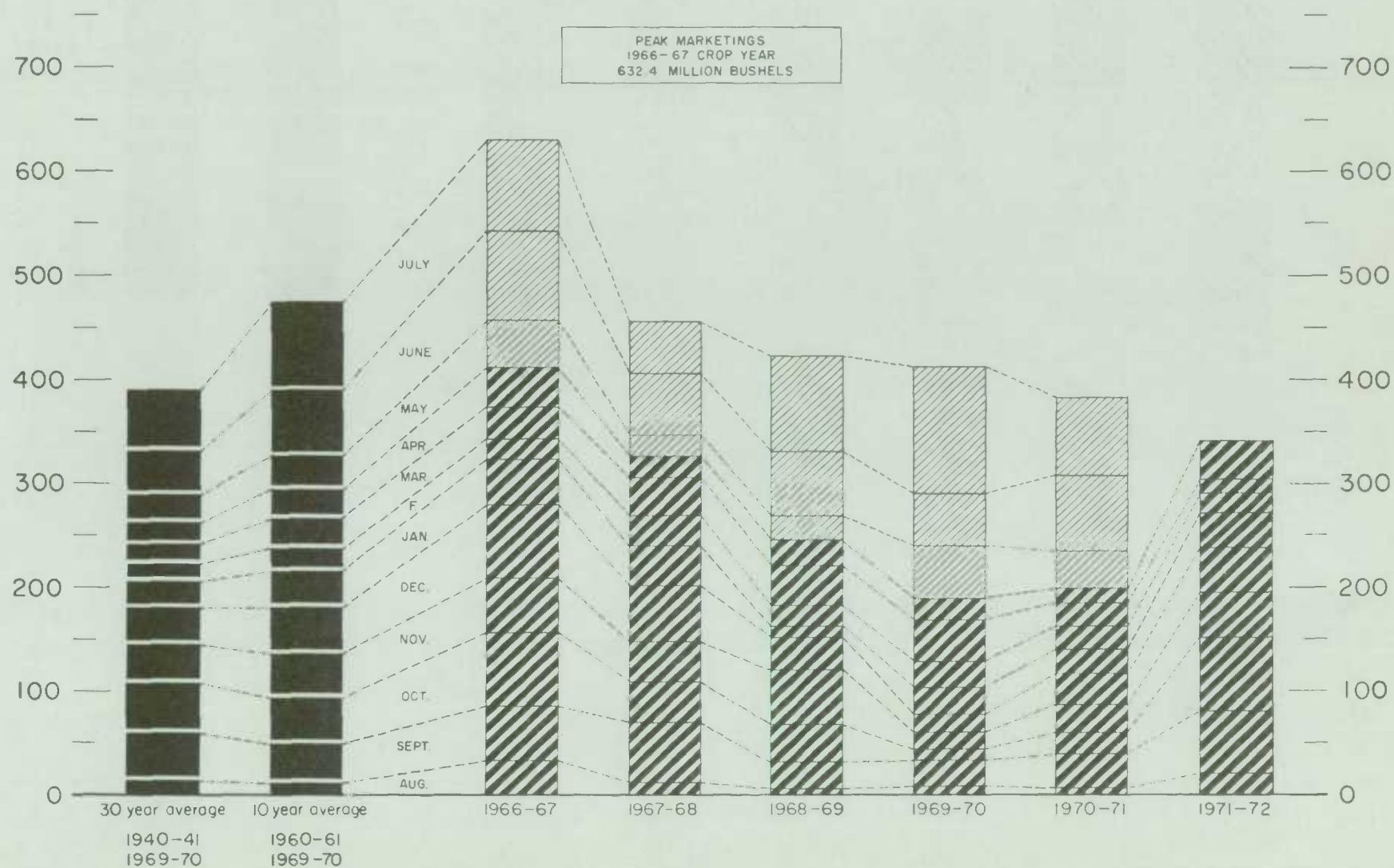
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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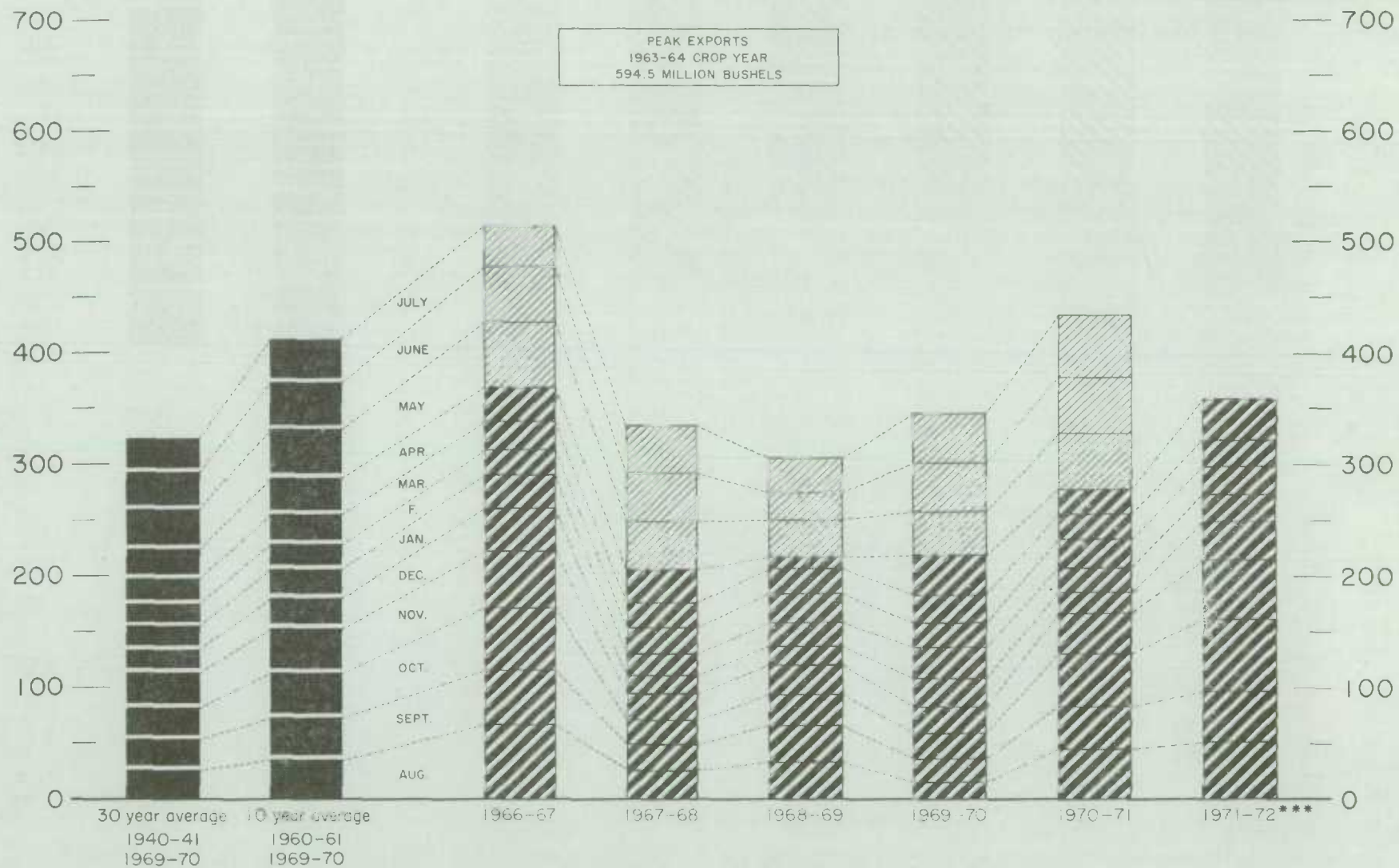
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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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*Beginning with 1955-56 includes seed wheat.

**In terms of wheat equivalent.

***Preliminary.

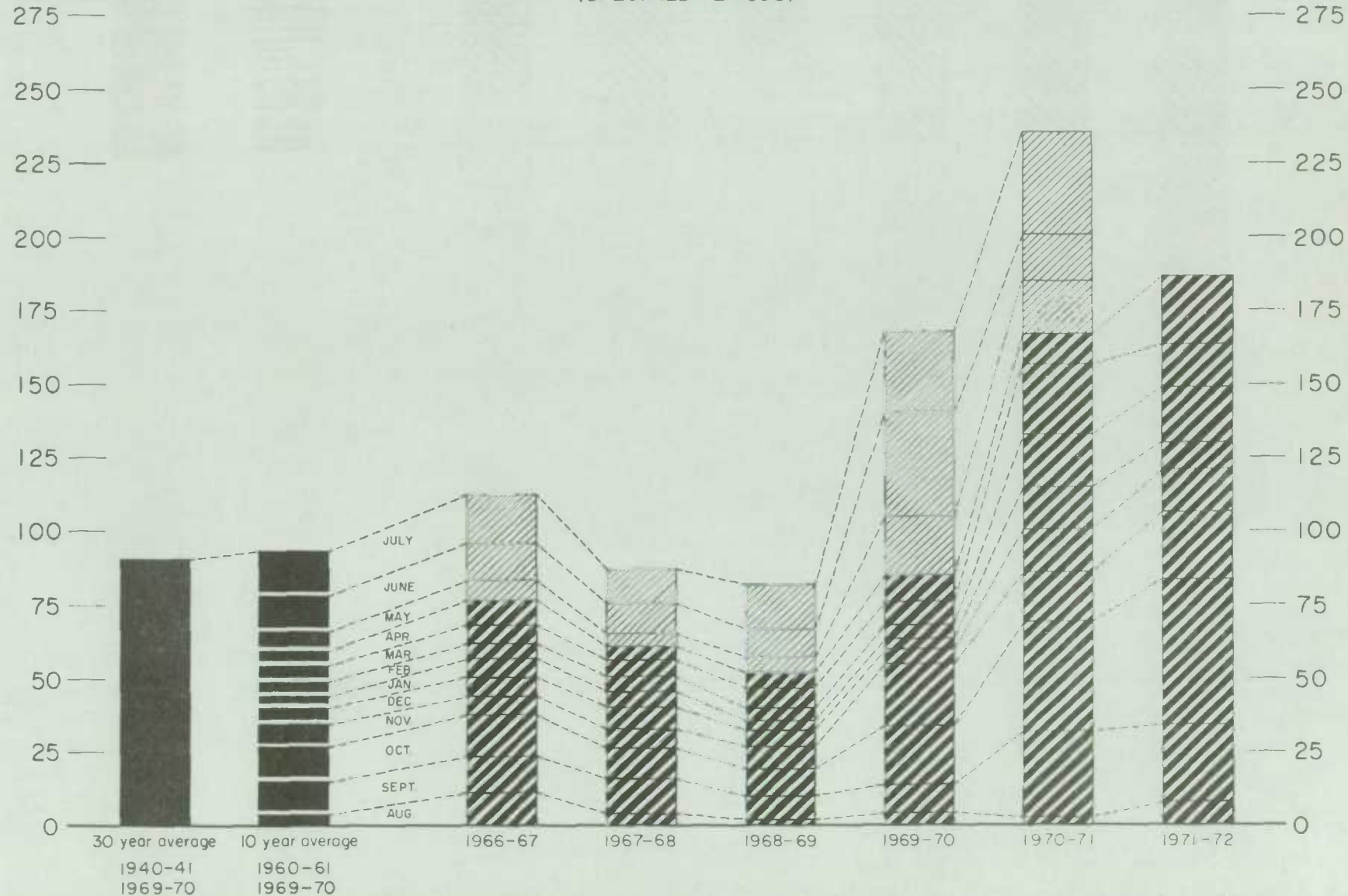
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

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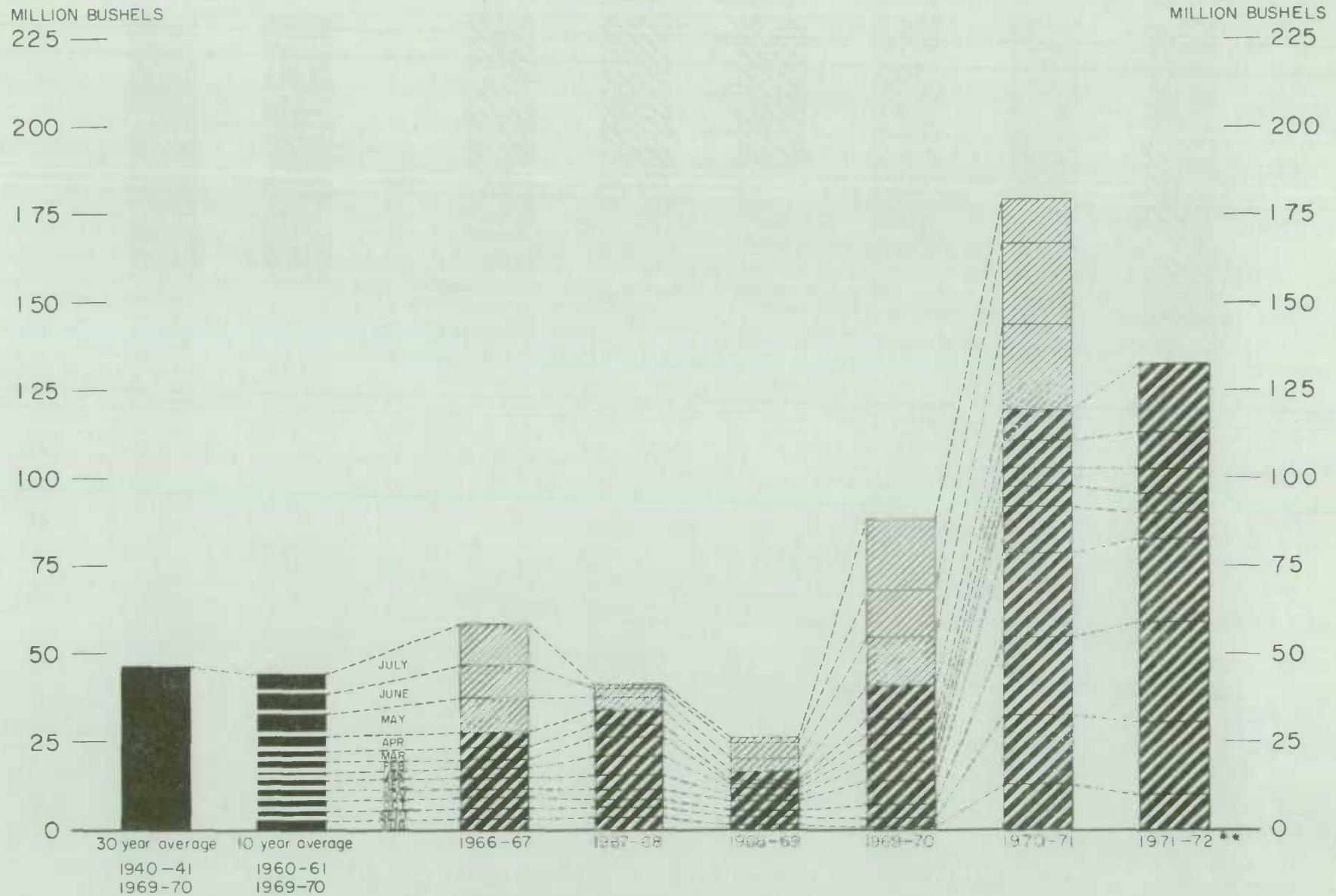
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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS*

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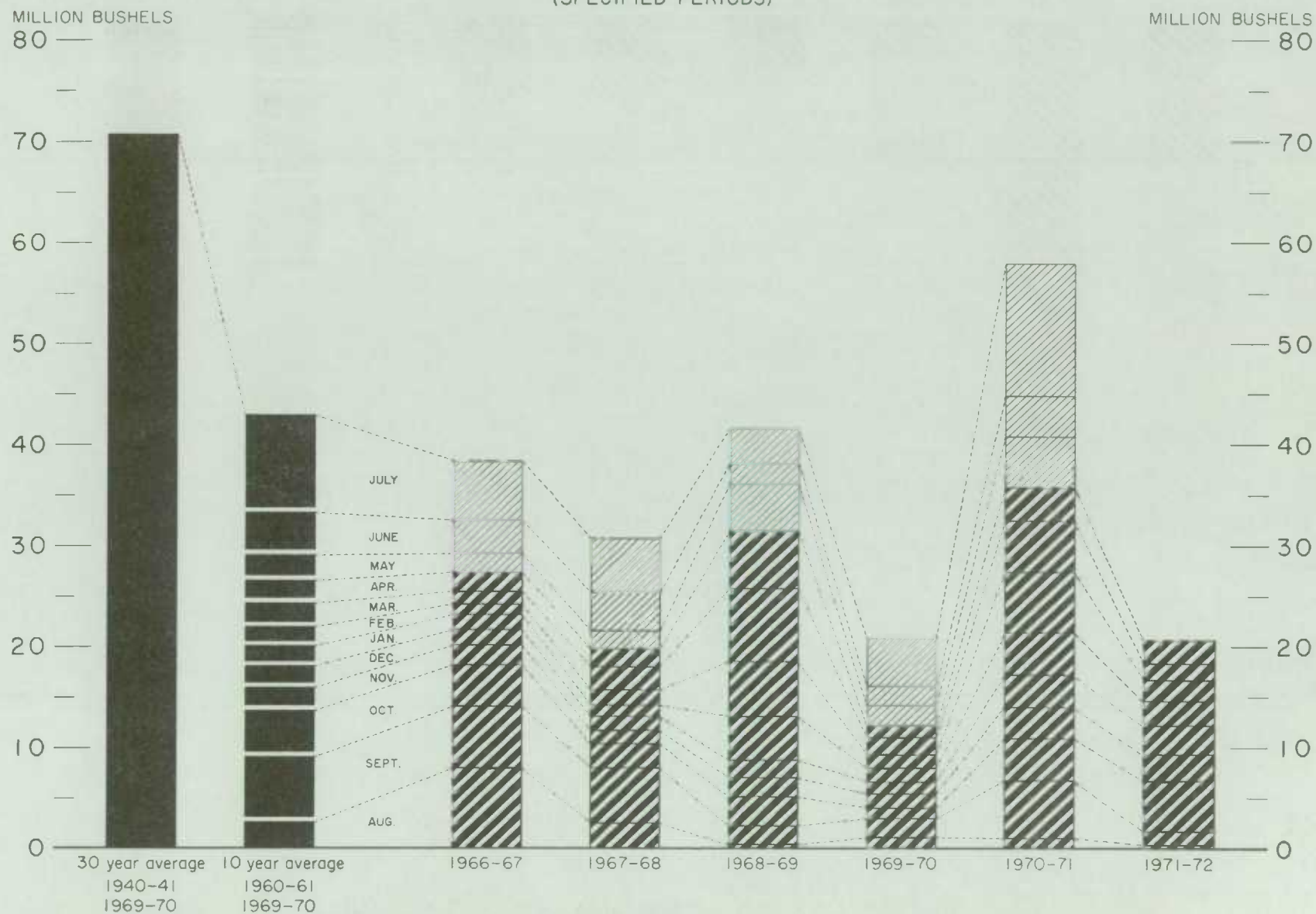


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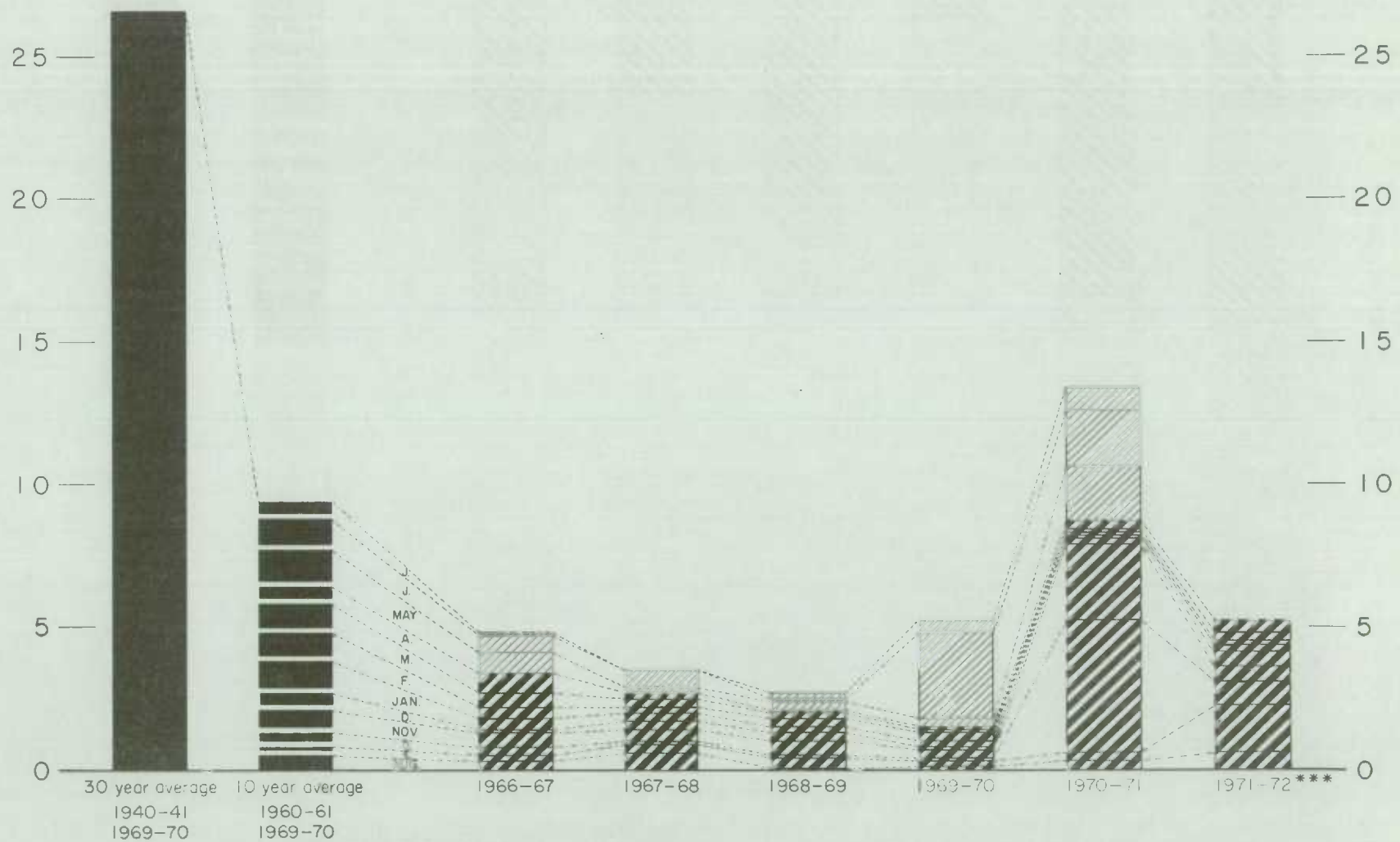
FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS* AND OAT PRODUCTS**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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

**In terms of grain equivalent.

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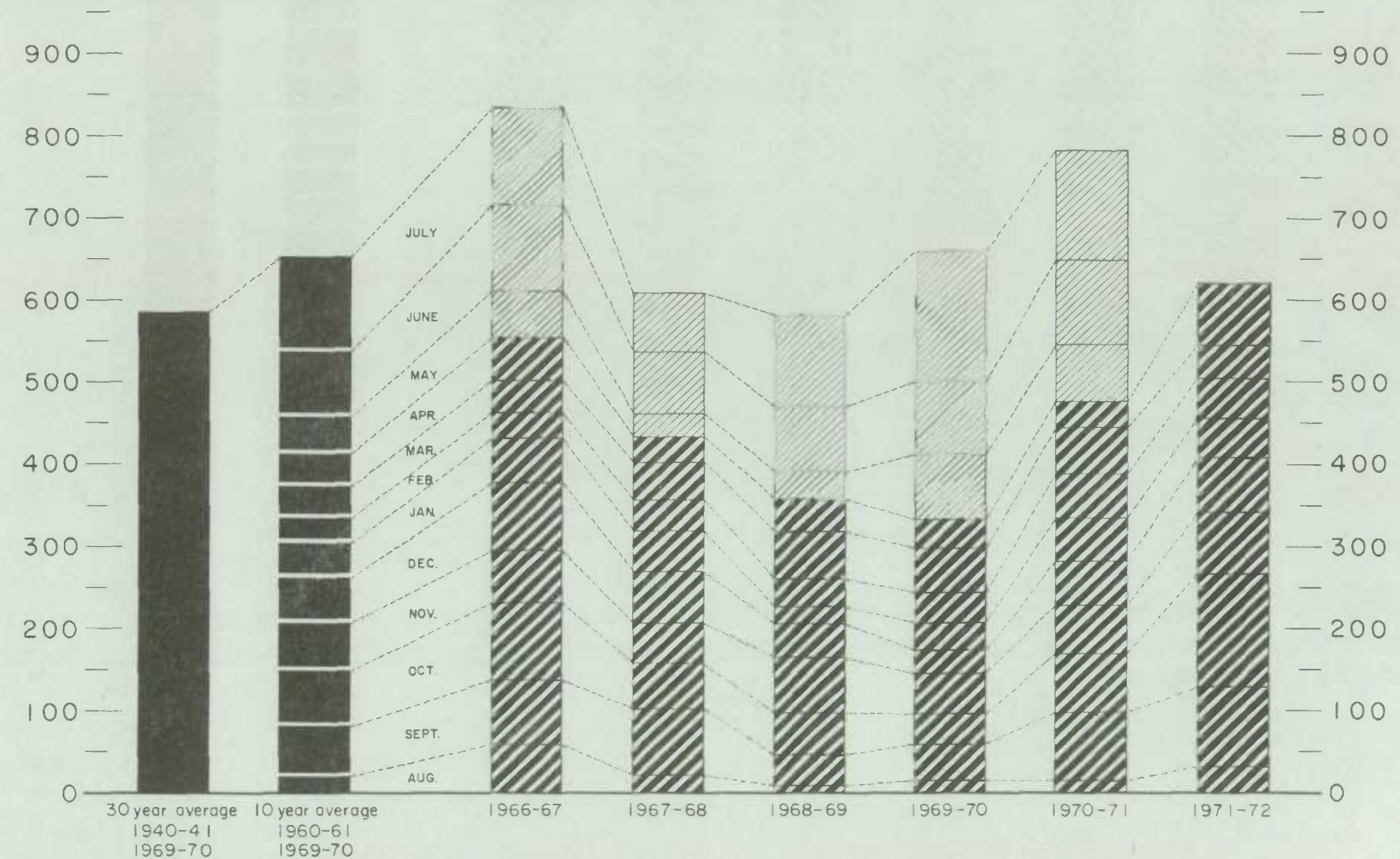
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

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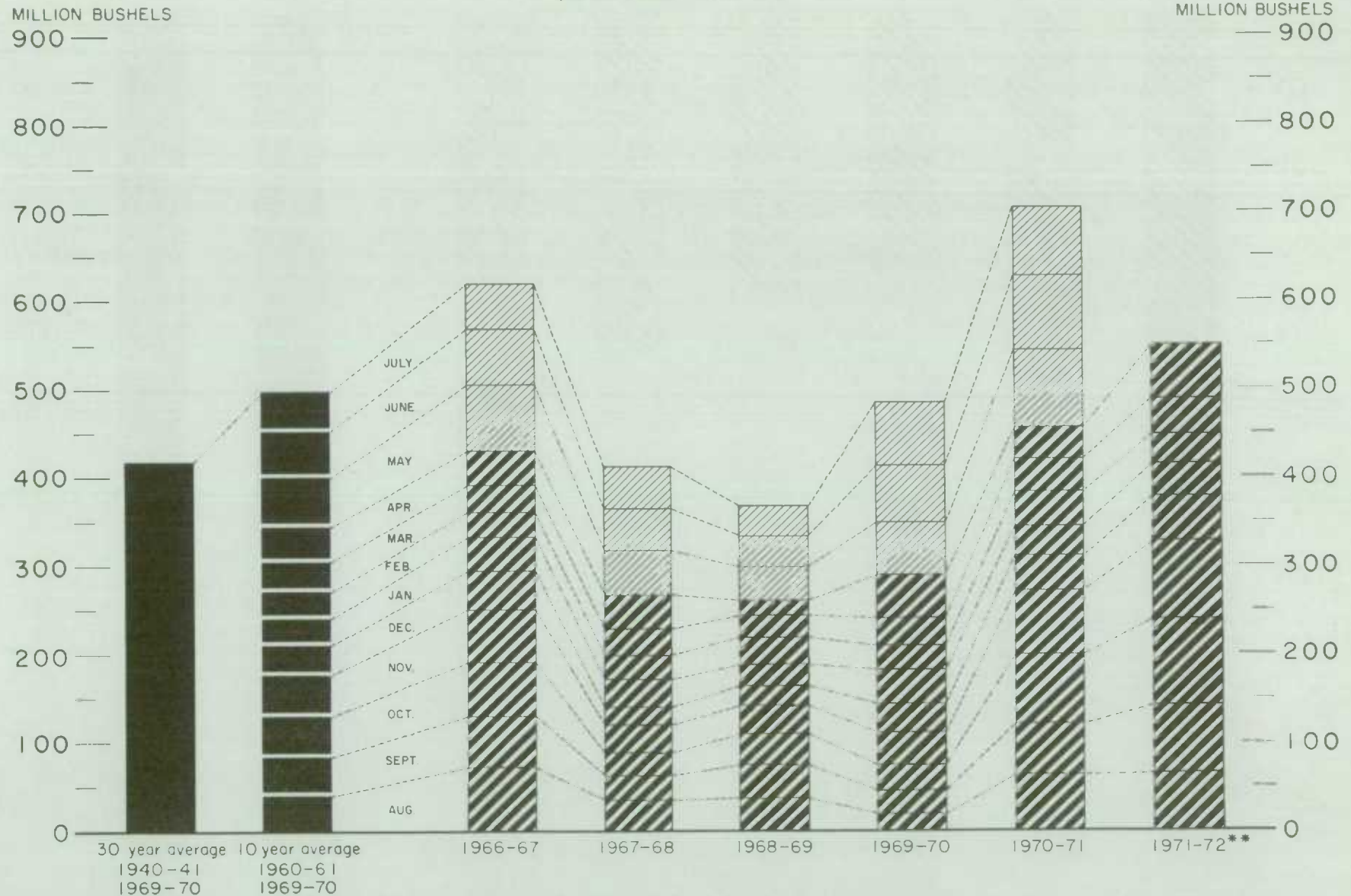


* Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

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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.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during April 1972 amounted to 3,067,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of 3 per cent from the March 1972 output of 3,172,000 hundredweight and one per cent less than the 10-year average production for the month of April of 3,094,000 hundredweight, but 4 per cent more than the adjusted April 1971 total of 2,951,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during April 1972 had a total rated capacity of 171,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 71.8 per cent of this rated capacity was effective. Wheat milled for flour during April 1972 amounted to 6,903,000 bushels, 4 per cent below the 7,156,000 bushels milled during the preceding month but 4 per cent above the adjusted April 1971 total of 6,629,000 bushels. Of the wheat milled for flour during April 1972 some 5,696,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (564,000 bushels); Durum (511,000 bushels); and all other (132,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during March 1972 amounted to the equivalent of 1,875,000 bushels (some 815,000 hundredweight of flour) 19 per cent greater than the February 1972 exports of 1,581,000 bushels, but one per cent below the adjusted March 1971 exports of 1,900,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month under review went to thirty-two countries with leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat, in thousands of bushels, were as follows: Cuba, 1,453; Britain, 125; Leeward and Windward Islands, 114; Trinidad and Tobago, 43; Hong Kong, 24; and Bahamas, 15.

Note: Data re exports of wheat flour for April 1972 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	90,557,332	39,640,459	11,723,205
1970-71	87,467,328	38,534,863	10,783,801
1971-72(2):			
August	7,476,891	3,298,715	663,543
September	7,962,496	3,556,947	1,592,171
October	8,164,466	3,588,290	964,238
November	7,389,047	3,258,470	821,373
December	6,864,695	3,026,145	1,247,167
January	6,933,208	3,079,219	613,744
February	6,816,010	3,038,145	687,561
March	7,155,915	3,171,815	815,105
April	6,903,088	3,066,667	845,890
Totals	65,665,816	29,084,413	8,250,792
Same months 1970-71 ^F	66,346,474	29,176,655	8,268,620

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46 - 1970-71 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

(2) Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supplies Increase Over Previous Year

Total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1971-72 (July-June) crop year are placed at 2,369.7 million bushels, some 5 per cent higher than the previous year's total of 2,254.9 million, reflecting a rise in production which more than offset a decrease in carryover stocks. The 730.2 million bushels carried over at July 1, 1971 were 154 million less than the 1970 stocks of 884.7 million while the current crop estimated at 1,639.5 million was 20 per cent larger than the 1,370.2 million of last year's outturn. Domestic disappearance during 1971-72 is estimated at about 825.0 million bushels, 5 per cent above the 786.6 million of last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,544.9 million remain available for export and for carryover, an increase of 5 per cent over the 1,468.8 million in 1970-71.

Exports Decline from 1970-71

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period July 1, 1971 - April 30, 1972 amounted to 488.3 million bushels, 20 per cent less than the 614.1 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on May 1, 1972 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,056.6 million bushels compared with 854.7 million at approximately the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1).....	884.7	730.2
Production	1,370.2	1,639.5
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,254.9	2,369.7
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July - April	0.5	0.2
Total estimated supplies(1)	2,255.4	2,369.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2).	786.6	825.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,468.8	1,544.9
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July - April	563.9	443.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July - April	50.2	44.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	614.1	488.3
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	854.7	1,056.6

(1) Excludes imports for May - June .

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

Stocks of Wheat
in All Positions
April 1, 1972

On April 24, 1972 the United States Department of Agriculture stated in a release that stocks of all wheat were 14 per cent higher than a year earlier and the largest April 1 holdings since 1963. Durum wheat stocks were also well above last year.

All wheat in storage April 1, 1972 totalled 1,215 million bushels, 14 per cent more than a year earlier and the largest April 1 stocks since 1963. Off-farm stocks at 687 million bushels, were 1 per cent more than a year earlier. Farm holdings, at 528 million, were record high for the date and 37 per cent above a year ago. Disappearance from all storage positions from January through March is indicated at 339 million bushels, compared with 352 million bushels a year earlier. The Commodity Credit Corporation owned 366 million bushels and had loans outstanding on an additional 457 million.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions totalled 96.7 million bushels on April 1, 1972, 26 per cent more than a year earlier and slightly above 2 years ago. Farm holdings of 72.2 million bushels were 34 per cent above last year and off-farm stocks were up 7 per cent. Disappearance during January-March is indicated at 18.6 million bushels, compared with 14.9 million for the same quarter in 1971.

United States Wheat Stocks, April 1, 1972 with Comparisons

Grain and position	April 1, 1970	April 1, 1971	January 1, 1972	April 1, 1972
thousand bushels				
<u>All wheat</u>				
On farms(1)	456,995	384,213	700,479	528,129
Commodity Credit Corp.(2)	944	1,930	2,023	1,978
Mills, elev. & whses.(1, 3) ...	739,803	677,407	851,077	684,758
Totals	1,197,742	1,063,550	1,553,579	1,214,865
<u>Durum wheat(4)</u>				
On farms(1)	79,864	53,776	90,386	72,201
Commodity Credit Corp.(2)	157	566	604	588
Mills, elev. & whses.(1, 3) ...	16,284	22,290	24,324	23,926
Totals	96,305	76,632	115,314	96,715

(1) Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

(2) C.C.C.-owned grain at bin sites.

(3) All off-farm storages not otherwise designated, including terminals and processing plants. Includes C.C.C.-owned grain in these storages.

(4) Included in all wheat.

Winter Wheat Prospects Down
One Per Cent from Last Year

According to a release on May 11, 1972 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that winter wheat production is forecast at 1,149 million bushels, 1 per cent below a year earlier but 3 per cent above the 1970 crop. Prospective production is down 11 per cent from the December 1 forecast chiefly because of drought in Southern Plains, freeze damage in Oklahoma and Kansas, and the additional set-aside feature of the wheat program announced in early January after seedings were virtually complete. Reduced prospects in most major States were only partially offset by improved conditions in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and several minor producing States. Changes in production between the May 1 forecast and harvest have averaged 40 million bushels for the past decade — ranging from 8 million to 142 million bushels.

The indicated yield per harvested acre is 33.0 bushels, 2.2 bushels below the record high 1971 yield and 0.3 bushels below 1970. Acreage expected for grain harvest is 34.8 million, 5 per cent above both last year and the 1970 crop. Indicated grain acreage is 82.4 per cent of the planted acreage, compared with 85.4 per cent in 1971 and 86.8 two years ago.

Rains the last week of April in South Dakota greatly improved winter wheat prospects in major producing areas. Considerable damage to fields in central and south central areas occurred in early April when freezing rain and several nights of frost were received.

The Nebraska crop has made adequate growth but below normal temperatures since mid-April slowed development. Rains received the last week of the month were quite beneficial. Some fields were becoming weedy but most farmers sprayed for control. Both soil-borne and streak mosaic have been identified in widespread areas but the potential damage will not be evident until warmer weather prevails.

Kansas wheat prospects are good to excellent over eastern and northern areas but much acreage in south central and southwestern sections has suffered from spring drought and/or freeze damage. Greenbugs, cutworms, and other insects are present in a number of fields but overall damage has been relatively light. Wind damage caused scattered acreage losses in western and north central Kansas during late February and March. Soil-borne and streak mosaic caused some concern, but little abandonment has resulted to date. Development of the State's winter wheat crop was ahead of normal on May 1.

Rains during April 26-28 improved Oklahoma wheat prospects, but many fields, severely damaged by earlier freeze and drought, failed to make substantial improvement. Most benefit will come through improved fill of heads. Crop development continues 7 to 10 days ahead of a year earlier. By May 1 nearly four-fifths of the crop was heading and one-tenth was in the dough stage. First wheat harvest is expected about May 20.

Irrigated wheat prospects on the High Plains of Texas are good to excellent. Dryland wheat prospects range from poor to only fair over the State with the poorest prospects in the High and Low Plains. Fall moisture conditions were good but rainfall has been light since January. Much dryland acreage is being grazed as prospects for grain production were dimmed by drought. Wheat harvest is making good progress in south Texas.

During late April, sufficient moisture was received in most Colorado wheat fields to temporarily relieve stress. However, more moisture is needed in all areas to carry the crop through the remainder of the growing period. By the first of May, approximately 50 per cent of the acreage was jointed, compared to 44 per cent a year ago.

In New Mexico, lack of moisture and dry soils are in major concern. Much of the dryland wheat is being pastured. Prospective production of remaining acreage is in question, particularly in moisture if not forthcoming. Irrigated wheat is in good condition and starting to head out.

Prospective production in Montana declined sharply from the December 1 forecast. Chief reasons for the decline were a shortage of soil moisture and heavier than usual winterkill in the important north central district. Prospects declined slightly in Idaho but improved in Washington and Oregon. Cool April weather slowed growth in the Pacific Northwest. Soil moisture supplies were generally good even though rapid drying occurred in late April in Washington and Oregon.

Cool, wet weather was general over most of Missouri and the eastern Corn Belt during April. Production forecasts were above December 1 in Missouri, Illinois, and Ohio but down in Indiana and Michigan. Prospective production in the South Atlantic and South Central States east of the Mississippi River was below the December 1 forecast. Rust has caused some acreage to be abandoned in southern portions of Georgia and Alabama as well as western Florida. A few reports of rust have been received in Mississippi. Less than one fifth of Kentucky's wheat was headed on May 1 while the crop in southern Georgia was approaching maturity.

Flour Production

According to the Bureau of the Census, United States

Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the

United States in March 1972 amounted to 20,980,000 hundredweight, averaging 912,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 952,000 hundredweight last month and 913,000 hundredweight in March 1971. Wheat flour mills during March 1972 operated at 92.5 per cent of capacity, below the 97.4 per cent of the previous month but above the 91.1 per cent the same month a year ago. Flour mills in March 1972 ground 46,792,000 bushels of wheat compared with 44,464,000 bushels the previous month and 46,705,000 bushels in March 1971.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies Down from Last Year

Total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1971-72 (December-November) crop year are placed at 427.9 million bushels, compared with 555.0 million in 1970-71, reflecting a decrease in carryover stocks which more than offset an increase in production. The 1971 carryover stocks estimated at 124.9 million bushels was 53 per cent less than the 265.1 million bushels at December 1970, while the 1971 production at 303.0 million bushels, was some 5 per cent more than the 289.9 million harvested the previous year. After deducting some 86.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 341.9 million are available for export and for carryover during 1971-72, some 25 per cent below the 458.1 million in 1970-71.

Exports Decline from Year Ago

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 - April 29 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 143.6 million bushels, slightly below the 146.7 million exported during the corresponding five months of the 1970-71 crop year. The balance remaining on April 30, 1972 for export and for carryover, at 198.3 million bushels, was 36 per cent below the comparable 1971 total of 311.4 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	265.1	124.9
Production	289.9	303.0
Total estimated domestic supplies	555.0	427.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	96.9	86.0 ^r
Available for export and for carryover	458.1	341.9
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - April 29	139.3	138.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1-April 29	7.4	4.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	146.7	143.6
Balance on April 30 for export and for carryover	311.4	198.3

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Wheat production in Australia 1972-73. — Unseasonally dry conditions continue to exist throughout the major wheat growing areas of Australia. Little or no rainfall has been reported in many of these districts and it is felt that there will be insufficient subsoil moisture available to achieve good planting conditions. As was reported last month, doubts are still being expressed concerning the ability of wheatgrowers to fill the 407 million bushel quota laid down for the 1972-73 crop.

One area, Queensland, has had good rains in the summer months which will pave the way for favourable planting conditions. Here again, good rains during May, June and July would ensure substantial plantings of wheat in Queensland for the 1972-73 season.

1971-72 Australian wheat crop report. — The 1971-72 crop experienced good growing conditions in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia producing a lower protein content in the f.a.q. wheat than in the 1970-71 crop. New South Wales, however, experienced varied weather conditions resulting in delayed sowings and a late harvest.

New South Wales therefore produced a smaller size crop but with improved protein levels, even though affected wheat was segregated as off-grade on the basis of the falling number test. The extension of hard wheat production into the southern-western areas of New South Wales has resulted in the segregation of an attractive Falcon class of hard wheat. A high protein crop in Queensland has, with northern New South Wales, produced an excellent standard of Prime Hard wheat.

In Victoria, despite a slight lowering in the protein content of the f.a.q. wheat, quality standards have not changed greatly and a segregation of low protein soft wheat has been made.

In South Australia, the protein contents of both the hard and f.a.q. classes of wheat are lower than the previous year.

In Western Australia also the f.a.q. is lower in protein than in the past two seasons, although other quality characteristics have not changed greatly.

Timgalen wheat predominates in the hard wheat areas of northern New South Wales and Queensland and is setting high standards of milling and baking quality for those hard wheat classes. The Falcon hard wheat class in the southern-western areas has also shown a good standard of quality in a protein range of 13-14 per cent which is a harder grain than the Prime Hard wheat.

Wheat sales. — The Australian Wheat Board has sold more than half the amount of wheat available for sale in 1972 in the first four months of its trading year.

Recent sales to Chile and Peru of more than nine million bushels bring the amount of wheat sold overseas since December 1971 to 185 million bushels, which is 45 per cent of the 410 million bushels available for sale in Australia and overseas this year.

Home consumption is expected to take approximately 60 million bushels with overseas sales representing, at this stage, 53 per cent of wheat available for export this year.

All hard wheat available has been sold by the Board with end of season carryover at approximately 20 million bushels, which is the lowest since the 1965-66 level of 16 1/2 million bushels. A carryover of 20 million bushels would give an availability for sale in 1973 of 427 million bushels which is only 17 million bushels more than 1972 provided Australia's 407 million bushel national quota is filled.

One million ton wheat sale to Egypt. - Prospects of selling a big portion of the remaining 165 million bushels available for export appear good with a one million ton sale (37,300,000 bushels) of wheat to the Arab Republic of Egypt which was announced recently by Mr. J.P. Cass, Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board. The wheat will be shipped between July 1972 and June 1973 and payment will be on credit terms.

Mr. Cass announced that the contract fulfilled the first part of an agreement between the Australian Wheat Board and the Egyptian Government for the supply and purchase of one million tons (37,300,000 bushels) of wheat a year to Egypt for three years commencing July 1972.

The delegation was comprised of Mr. Cass, Mr. K. McDougall, Western Australia Grower Representative and Mr. J.H. Williams, Deputy General Manager of the Australian Wheat Board.

The \$A60 million (\$71.6 million Canadian) wheat sale to Egypt makes Egypt Australia's main customer for wheat.

1972-73 Wheat quota(1). - Wheat growing districts throughout Australia needed good seasonal conditions if the 407 million bushel national wheat quota was to be filled according to Mr. E.E. Nuske, Chairman of the Wheat Industry Research Committee of Victoria.

Mr. Nuske added that heavy orders for Australian wheat had more than justified the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation claim for this year's 20 per cent higher quota. Even with good seasonal conditions growers would be hard pressed to fill the quota. He said that South America had good growth potential for further wheat sales, if there was reciprocal trade. According to Mr. Nuske, Bolivia was interested in buying wheat, although Australia was unable to supply the required grades of wheat as only f.a.q. and off-grade, weather damaged wheat was available. He added that availability of hard and prime hard wheats was already over-committed.

The Western Australian Pastoralists' and Graziers' Association claimed in the Western Australia rural paper, "Farmers Weekly" that illicit over-the-border wheat sales in the eastern States were undermining the national wheat quota system, which resulted in a direct loss to Western Australian growers. According to the Association, the illicit sales, estimated to be at least 15 million bushels a year, meant that a substantial quantity of wheat had not been included in the national production estimates. If they were included, the national wheat quota could be increased and all States would receive their share of the extra quota.

The Association became aware of the extent of over-the-border sales after a private and first hand investigation by three of its executive members, who had been disturbed by the contempt being shown by some eastern States' growers towards existing production controls. Several New South Wales growers admitted that they were not delivering grain against their quotas. All their production was going to the illicit trade. Growers were warned by the Australian Wheat Board that the sales were undermining the wheat stabilization scheme.

(1) Extracts from Australian rural newspapers.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 - April 29, 1971-72 and Corresponding Period 1970-71

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Germany, West	16	—	—	—
Italy	1,034	—	—	—
Netherlands	249	—	—	—
Sub-totals	1,299	—	—	—
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	30,005	6,355	155	105
Ireland	518	379	—	—
Malta	187	371	—	—
Norway	2,166	4,032	—	—
Switzerland	1,626	—	—	—
Sub-totals	34,502	11,137	155	105
Totals	35,801	11,137	155	105
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Germany, East	4,110	14,632	—	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	—	9,052	—	—
Totals	4,110	23,684	—	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Angola	530	573	—	—
Egypt A.R.	27,499	32,646	—	—
Kenya	—	1,806	—	—
Malawi	—	—	226	260
Mauritius - Comm.	—	—	180	263
— F. Aid	—	—	123	—
Mozambique	1,615	1,064	—	—
Rhodesia	1,024	862	—	—
South Africa	850	—	—	—
Sudan	1,618	1,430	—	—
Tanzania	2	745	—	—
Zambia	1,303	1,404	—	—
Others	2	1	18	331
Totals	34,443	40,351	547	854
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden	3 ^r	351	—	—
Aden and Aden Atta	—	—	5	15
Afghanistan	—	411	—	—
Arabian Gulf	98	168	66	157
Arabian Gulf Atta	—	—	420	655
Bangladesh - Comm.	—	237	—	—
Ceylon	978	1,369	—	—
Ceylon - Comm.	—	—	2,854	73
— F. Aid	—	—	578	663

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat - Concluded
December 1 - April 29, 1971-72 and Correspondign Period 1970-71

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia (concluded)</u>				
China	3,039	—	—	—
Hong Kong	1,641	874	8	8
India - Comm.	767	—	—	—
- F. Aid	1,724	1,466	—	—
Indonesia - F. Aid	—	1,277	958	—
- Comm.	—	—	3	2
Iran	8,745	2,782	—	—
Iraq	8,583	2,695	—	—
Japan	12,009	25,045	—	—
Korea South	—	2,897	—	—
Kuwait	2,377	2,086	—	—
Lebanon	862	1,260	—	—
Malaysia	5,040	4,654	—	—
Pakistan - Comm.	2,701	—	—	—
- F. Aid	234	878	—	—
Philippines	426	—	65	136
Sabah	—	—	2	1
Sarawak	—	—	(1)	—
Saudi Arabia	453	2,460	17	84
Singapore	3,800	2,571	1	—
Taiwan	3,375	2,019	—	—
Thailand	520	773	85	81
Yemen	71	1,222	—	—
Others	—	—	49	60
Totals	57,446	57,494	5,111	1,935
<u>Oceania</u>				
New Zealand	550	550	—	—
Okinawa	314	198	—	—
Totals	864	748	—	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia	1,197	566	—	—
Chile	3,183	3,762	—	—
Peru	2,232	1,130	—	—
West Indies Area	—	—	10	28
Totals	6,612	5,458	10	28
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands	24	29	1,519	1,724
Ships' Stores and Sundries ...	—	—	55	54
Totals	24	29	1,574	1,778
Totals, all countries	139,300	138,900	7,400	4,700

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supplies Above
a Year Ago Total estimated commercial domestic supplies of soft wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1971-72, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 97.8 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 437.2 million amount to some 535.1 million, 22 per cent more than the 1970-71 total of 437.9 million, reflecting increases in both carryover stocks and anticipated deliveries. Imports during the August-February period of the current crop year, including durum and both hard and soft wheat have amounted to 5.1 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 11.3 million imported during the same months last year. After deducting 226.3 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover is about 313.8 million bushels, 43 per cent above the 219.5 million the previous year.

Exports Higher
than Previous Year Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first seven months of the 1971-72 crop year amounted to 124.6 million bushels, 74 per cent larger than the comparable August 1970-February 1971 total of 71.5 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on March 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 189.2 million, a 27.7 per cent increase, compared with the March 1, 1971 total of 148.1 million bushels.

French Soft Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^p
	million bushels	
Commercial carryover, August 1	83.3	97.8
Anticipated deliveries to Grain Board	354.6	437.2
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies .	437.9	535.1
Imports(1), August-February	11.3	5.1
Total commercial supplies	449.2	540.2
Less domestic requirements for crop year	229.7	226.3
Available for export and for carryover	219.5	313.8
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat(2), August-February	49.1	102.8
Exports of wheat flour, August-February	22.4	21.8
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	71.5	124.6
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover	148.1	189.2

(1) Includes durum, hard and soft wheat.

(2) Includes denatured, durum and soft wheat.

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Supply-disposition. — Farm deliveries of soft wheat picked up as expected in February to 1,001,700 metric tons (36,806,000 bushels) compared with 594,200 tons (21,833,000 bushels) in the previous month and 870,100 tons (31,970,000 bushels) in February of last year.

On March 1, 1972, total farm deliveries reached 11,057,900 tons (406,304,000 bushels). Total disposition increased from 833,200 tons (30,615,000 bushels) during January 1972 to 908,300 tons (33,374,000 bushels) in February, reflecting a 9 per cent increase. Sales to millers increased by 40,100 tons (1,473,000 bushels) and total exports increased by 32,900 tons (1,209,000 bushels) during February.

In February 1972, farm deliveries of durum wheat amounted to 16,200 tons (595,000 bushels), representing a decrease of 46 per cent from the previous month's total of 29,900 tons (1,066,000 bushels) and resulting in a cumulative total at March 1, 1972 of 439.7 million tons (16,156,000 bushels). Utilizations remained mainly domestic with 42,500 tons (1,562,000 bushels) for sales to semolina millers and 1,900 tons (70,000 bushels) for seed. However, exports increased from 2,100 tons (77,000 bushels) in January to 3,600 tons (132,000 bushels) in February 1972.

External trade. — Total wheat imports for February registered an important increase of 39,414 metric tons (1,448,000 bushels) as they reached 47,769 tons (1,755,000 bushels) compared with only 8,355 tons (307,000 bushels) the previous month. The August-February total imports fell from 307,013 tons (11,281,000 bushels) last year to 139,648 tons (5,131,000 bushels) for the comparable period this year, registering a sharp reduction of 167,365 tons (6,150,000 bushels), including 134,800 tons (4,953,000 bushels) of durum wheat and 32,565 tons (1,197,000 bushels) of both hard and soft wheats.

French Wheat Imports, August — February

Destination	Durum wheat		Hard and soft wheats	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
Belgium	—	—	3	1
Germany	—	—	(1)	9
Italy	—	—	1	1
U.S.S.R.	—	—	194	153
United States	6,290	1,989	2,170	1,468
Canada	179	—	1,426	1,081
Argentina	902	429	115	—
Totals	7,371	2,418	3,909	2,713

Total wheat exports in February 1972 amounted to 354,997 metric tons (13,044,000 bushels) compared with 215,341 tons (7,912,000 bushels) in February 1971, and the January 1972 export figure of 324,164 tons (11,911,000 bushels) representing a slight increase of 30,833 tons (1,133,000 bushels) which includes:

- a 2,310 metric ton (85,000 bushel) increase for denatured both durum and soft wheats,
- a 1,195 metric ton (44,000 bushel) increase for durum wheat and,
- a 27,328 metric ton (1,004,000 bushel) increase for soft wheat.

The August-February total wheat exports increased from 1,334,926 metric tons (49,050,000 bushels) last year to 2,797,497 tons (102,789,000 bushels) at March 1, 1972, i.e. 1,462,571 tons (53,740,000 bushels) more than the comparable period of the previous year.

Total wheat exports to the E.E.C. for these first seven months increased from 1,029,198 tons (37,816,000 bushels) last year to 1,753,928 tons (64,445,000 bushels) this year, i.e. a 724,730 ton (26,629,000 bushel) or 70 per cent increase over a year ago. Exports to the E.E.C. continue to account for 62 per cent of the total export figure. It is interesting to point out that Italy has already imported 391,567 tons (14,387,000 bushels) of French wheats compared to only 98,888 tons (3,633,000 bushels) last year. On the other hand, 319,633 tons (11,744,000 bushels) were exported this year to the U.K., Ireland, and Norway which will become members of the E.E.C. on January 1, 1973, as against only 65,941 tons (2,423,000 bushels) last year. As for Denmark, which will be the fourth member, no exports were registered to date.

French Wheat Exports, August-February

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
	thousand bushels					
Belgium	8,632	9,962	179	258	6,313	8,116
Holland	9,130	9,547	9	—	92	867
Germany	8,504	18,339	2	364	1,322	2,605
Italy	3,492	14,093	124	287	18	8
U.K.	2,394	9,935	—	16	—	147
Switzerland	1,823	5,149	1	4	7	18
Ireland	29	1,609	—	—	—	—
Norway	—	38	—	—	—	—
Spain	—	1	—	—	—	—
Spanish Canaries ...	—	—	—	—	—	1
Portugal	1	294	—	—	—	—
Andorra	9	11	—	—	—	—
Czechoslovakia	—	2,627	—	—	—	—
U.S.S.R.	—	319	—	—	—	—
Poland	—	9,410	—	—	—	—
Spanish N. Africa ..	10	—	—	—	—	—
Dahomey	—	—	—	—	2	—
Libya	—	—	—	—	9	—
Ghana	—	—	—	—	9	—
Tunisia	735	134	—	—	—	—
Angola	—	1,220	—	—	—	—
Morocco	—	370	—	—	—	—
Kenya	—	478	—	—	—	—
Uganda	—	1	—	—	—	—
Reunion Island	—	—	—	77	13	—
Guadeloupe	—	—	—	—	1	—
Martinique	—	—	—	—	13	(1)
Madagascar	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—
Mauritania	12	5	—	—	—	—
Upper Volta	73	377	—	—	—	—

For footnotes see end of table.

French Wheat Exports, August-February - Concluded

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels						
Senegal	2,732	2,093	—	—	—	48
Ivory Coast	1,421	2,298	—	—	—	—
Cameroon	513	551	—	—	—	4
Central African Rep.	241	156	—	—	—	—
Gabon	202	377	—	—	—	—
Congo-Brazza	4	—	—	—	—	—
Ecuador	—	4	—	—	—	—
Yemen	—	—	—	—	—	10
Guyana	—	—	—	—	1	—
Pakistan	551	551	—	—	—	—
Philippines	—	—	—	—	(1)	—
China	136	—	—	—	—	—
U.S.A.	—	9	—	—	—	—
Chile	—	—	—	—	1	—
Others	288	(1)	3	77	—	3
Totals	40,932	89,956	317	1,006	7,800	11,827

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

February 1972 wheat flour shipments, at 34,375 metric tons, were slightly higher than the 33,154 tons in the previous month, but remained lower than last year's figure for February of 52,263 tons. For these first seven months, total wheat flour exports reached 396,193 tons, almost the same as last year's figure of 393,532 tons.

Prices and market. - ONIC held the meeting of its Permanent Committee on March 29, 1972.

During the last fifteen days of February, prices remained around 0.50 to 1 franc (3 cents to 5 cents per bushel Canadian) above the intervention price. Good varieties as REX kept the same price averaging 54.50 to 55.50 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.95 to \$3.00 per bushel). Denatured wheat was sold at 48 or 49 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.60 or \$2.65 per bushel). Export prices remained on the same level of 54.25 or 54.50 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.93 or \$2.95 per bushel) F.O.B. Rouen.

On March 1, 1972, wheat utilization for animal feeding decreased by 100,000 metric tons (3,674,000 bushels) from last year's comparable figure.

Surpluses to be exported were estimated by ONIC at 800,000 tons (29,395,000 bushels) and the total graded wheats were placed at 2,456,700 tons (90,267,000 bushels) on March 1, 1972, i.e. 39 per cent above last year's figure.

Durum wheat was always sold at the intervention price level of 62.45 francs per 100 kilos (\$3.38 per bushel). According to ONIC, there is no problem for this market, except for the high stocks at semolina millers' plants.

The short term outlook for wheat flour appears to be good, considering the 100,000 metric tons contracted by North Korea, and exports to the overseas territories.

Next crop. — On March 1, 1972, winter cereal seedings were estimated at 4.41 million hectares (10,893,000 million acres), i.e. 50,000 hectares (124,000 acres) or 1.2 per cent above last year's comparable estimate of 4.36 million hectares (10,769,000 acres). Following are the estimates for wheat in thousand of acres, at March 1.

	<u>Average 1968-71</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Soft wheat	9,040	8,358	8,986	8,862
Durum wheat	143	133	161	158

Weather conditions in February were as follows: particularly mild temperatures, rather high precipitation, but less sun than usual for this month. With a really good tillering the winter cereals appear to be in an excellent shape (vigour and density). In the northeast region of France, there was a lack of precipitation, and as a result, the hydric insufficiency increased. In the southern half of France spring cereal seedings, fertilizers (nitrogen) and herbicide applications were not made exactly at the right time, because of excessive precipitation and soil moisture.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supplies Higher than Previous Year Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1971-72 (December-November) crop year are placed at some 215.9 million bushels, an increase of 3 per cent over the comparable 1970-71 total of 209.4 million reflecting a rise in production which more than offset a decline in carryover stocks. The 1971 production estimated at 191.1 million bushels was 6 per cent above the 180.8 million produced in 1970 while the December 1, 1971 carryover stocks, at 24.8 million, are 13 per cent less than the 28.7 million at the same date a year ago. After making an allowance of 135.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 80.9 million are available for export and for carryover in 1971-72, some 32 per cent above the 61.1 million the previous year.

Exports Above Last Year's Level Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1971 — April 1972 amounted to 25.3 million bushels, 23 per cent more than the total shipped during the same five months in 1970-71. The balance remaining on May 1, 1972 for export and for carryover was estimated at 55.6 million bushels, as against the May 1, 1971 total of 40.6 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1)(1) ..	28.7	24.8
Production	180.8	191.1
Total estimated domestic supplies	209.4	215.9
Less estimated requirements for crop year	148.3	135.0
Available for export and for carryover	61.1	80.9
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-April	17.6	22.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-April	3.0	2.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	20.5	25.3
Balance on May 1 for export and for carryover	40.6	55.6

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

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The Junta Nacional de Granos has now provided us with figures which partially explain the carryover figure of 674,793 metric tons (24,794,000 bushels) which we reported last month.

The Junta has increased the production figure by 670,000 tons (24,618,000 bushels), the milling figure by 315,021 tons (11,575,000 bushels) and made other minor adjustments. The adjustment to the milling figure brings it in line with quantities milled in previous years. Argentina does not attempt to estimate on-farm stocks, there is no way of knowing if production was actually higher than originally estimated or on-farm stocks were reduced.

There has still not been an announcement regarding the Brazil contract nor has the second estimate for wheat production been released. It was due two months ago. Reports appeared in the paper recently that wheat prices for the 1972-73 crop are to be increased from 34.00 pesos to 40.00 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.85 to \$2.18 per bushel).

On May 10, hard wheat was quoted at 33.70 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.84 per bushel) f.o.r. Buenos Aires; semi-hard wheat at 33.10 pesos (\$1.81 per bushel) and Durums at 28.50 pesos (\$1.55 per bushel). Prices at Bahia Blanca were 31.00, 30.40 and 26.00 pesos (\$1.69, \$1.66 and \$1.42 per bushel).

On the Futures Exchange, also on May 10, hard wheat closed at 34.20 pesos (\$1.87 per bushel) for June delivery; 35.40 (\$1.93 per bushel) for July; 36.50 (\$1.99 per bushel) for August and 37.50 (\$2.05 per bushel) for September.

Argentine Wheat Exports December — February 1970-71 and 1971-72

Destination	February		December-February	
	1971	1972	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
France	—	—	244	—
Italy	2,679	2,656	4,923	4,943
Netherlands	—	—	—	61
Totals	2,679	2,656	5,167	5,004
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	463	—	463
Libya	505	—	505	220
Totals	505	463	505	683
<u>Asia</u>				
Lebanon	—	—	261	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia	18	—	18	—
Brazil	437	2,593	4,354	5,889
Chile	330	—	1,432	1,347
Paraguay	—	—	142	—
Peru	—	—	116	—
Totals	785	2,593	6,062	7,236
Totals, all countries	3,670	5,713	11,995	12,924

GRAIN SITUATION IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

The following information relative to the grain situation in the E.E.C. has been extracted from a report by Miss. V.E. Wightman, First Secretary, Mission of Canada to the European Communities, Canadian Embassy, Brussels, under date of April 11, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

EEC grain production - final estimates for 1971. - Final estimates of EEC grain production in 1971 confirm their record level. Total grain production, including rice, is placed at 77.5 million tons, which is 15 per cent over the past five year average. The gain is attributable entirely to record yields as the overall area sown to grains remains practically unchanged, although with shifts away from rye and oats towards corn.

EEC Grain Production

	Average 1966-70	1969 thousand tons	1970	1971
Wheat	30,299	31,547	29,678	34,232
of which:				
Durum wheat	2,600	3,024	3,131	3,762
Rye	3,778	3,707	3,401	3,853
Barley	14,772	15,874	14,100	16,107
Oats	8,100	8,426	7,103	8,460
Corn	9,865	10,647	12,852	13,853
Rice	668	766	727	778
Other grains	230	251	221	263
Totals	67,713	71,217	68,083	77,545

Soft Wheat Production by Country

	1969	1970	1971
	thousand tons		
Germany	6,000	5,662	7,142
France	14,459	12,922	15,360
Italy	9,585	9,689	10,070
Netherlands	677	643	706
Belgium	779	735	915
Luxembourg	47	28	39
Totals, EEC	31,547	29,678	34,232

WHEAT SITUATION IN BRITAIN

The following account of the wheat situation in Britain has been extracted from a report received from Mr. G.D. Cooper, Commercial Officer, (Agriculture) for Canada, London under date of May 12, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

General conditions. — The weather during February was mainly dull and unsettled with intermittent heavy rain and cold spells. The resultant conditions were unsuitable for field work and there was waterlogging in some areas causing yellowing of crops. Similar conditions prevailed in early March but were followed by warm sunny weather which enabled spring sowing to proceed well. Autumn sown cereals have generally wintered satisfactorily and are well advanced.

Production. — The March 1972 Agricultural Census for England and Wales only, shows an increase, compared with March 1971, in the forecast cereals area (excluding rye and corn) of 41,000 acres (0.5 per cent) to 7,967,000 acres. The forecast for wheat is up by 74,000 acres (2.9 per cent) to 2,669,000. The June 1971 census return for England and Wales indicate an acreage sown to wheat of 2,619,000 acres.

Consumption and supplies. — Revised estimates of consumption and supplies of home grown and imported wheat in 1971-72 issued by the Home Grown Cereals Authority and giving the situation as at the end of February indicate a reduction of 50,000 long tons (1,867,000 bushels) of wheat for human consumption reflecting the higher extraction rate being obtained by millers.

Supplies and Consumption — Wheat and Wheat Flour as Wheat

Crop Year (July-June)

	<u>1970-71 Final</u>	<u>1971-72 Provisional</u> <u>as at end of February 1972</u>
	million bushels	
<u>Estimated Supplies</u>		
Home production	155.5	177.2
Imports(1)	196.5	143.6
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Totals(2)	352.0	320.8
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<u>Estimated Consumption</u>		
Human consumption(3)	191.4	192.1
Animal feed	146.5	117.5
Exports, seed and other ..	11.0	11.2
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Totals(2)	348.9	320.8

(1) The totals include approximately 18.6 million bushels of animal feed in 1971-72 compared with about 56.8 million bushels in 1970-71.

(2) Difference in totals obtained by withdrawals from or additions to stocks.

(3) Includes imported flour expressed as wheat equivalent at 72 per cent extraction rate. Also includes between 48.5 million and 52.2 million bushels of wheat offals available for animal feed.

Imports. — Imports of wheat, as at the end of February 1972, amounted to 2,450,000 long tons (91,467,000 bushels) compared with 3,343,000 long tons (124,805,000 bushels) for the same period of the previous year. Taking into account forward purchases notified of 1,000,000 long tons (37,333,000 bushels) the balance remaining as the estimated additional imports required by the end of the season is 400,000 long tons, (14,933,000 bushels).

Stocks of wheat on farms. — Stocks of wheat on farms as at the end of March 1972 were 1,220,000 long tons (45,547,000 bushels) compared with 880,000 long tons (32,853,000 bushels) as at the end of March 1971. Total stocks as a percentage of total production were 26 per cent for 1972 and 21 per cent for 1971.

Cereals deficiency payments. — The Ministry of Agriculture has announced a second advance deficiency payment on wheat of £3.00 (\$7.80 Canadian) per acre. It is believed that this is the first time that a second interim deficiency payment on cereals has been made. The exceptional action taken by the Government is in response to criticism from growers that the very low market prices earlier this season and the relatively low first advance deficiency payment has left them much shorter of funds than usual at this time of the year although market values have risen substantially recently.

Annual review and determination of guarantees. — The Annual Farm Price Review has this year been made against the background of British entry into the E.E.C. In the Annual Review White Paper the Government states that it is anxious to maintain the stability of the United Kingdom cereals market throughout the 1972-73 season by the normal and regular release of home produced grain. This is expected to ensure an orderly progress towards the adoption of the E.E.C. system on February 1, 1973.

The 1971 cereals acreage was on a par with the high acreages of 1967 and 1968 (i.e. 9.4 million acres), with growing and harvesting conditions good and yields considerably higher than those of recent years. Total production was estimated at about 14.75 million long tons. Increased winter wheat has been sown and the total cereals acreage in 1972 is expected to show an increase on 1971. The guaranteed price for wheat has been increased to £1.72 per long cwt. (\$2.40 per bushel Cdn.) an increase of 9p. per long cwt. (12.6¢ per bushel).

The target indicator price for wheat will be retained and will be determined later for the 1972 crop. It is proposed that the calculation will take into account, to some extent, the price levels established under the Minimum Import Price Arrangements and the effective level of threshold the Minimum Import Price Arrangements and the effective level of threshold prices under the Common Agricultural Policy which will operate subsequently.

E.E.C. cereals support system. — Some aspects of the United Kingdom cereals market arrangements to operate after Britain adopts the E.E.C. Common Agricultural Policy on February 1, 1973 were announced by the Minister of State for Agriculture.

The Minister stressed that the Government fully recognized the importance of reaching early decisions on the cereal arrangements in view of the high proportion of trade done on a forward basis and the fact that various features of the C.A.P. (denaturing of wheat for example), will have to apply from the outset.

The Government, however, was not in a position to settle all details as many aspects of the new arrangements depended on decisions taken by the institutions of the Community. These included the price levels for intervention support buying, the sitting of intervention centres, compensatory amounts on cereals and processed cereal products during the transitional period and the premium to be paid on denaturing. There are indications that these key aspects will not be settled before the end of July at the earliest.

The Minister did, however, announce the following features of the new system:

1. The Home Grown Cereals Authority has agreed to act as executive agents of the proposed Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce. It will act as the Board's agent in matters concerning denaturing, support buying, storage and selling, and information about prices. But even then the necessary organizational and procedural arrangements for carrying out these tasks are still under discussion.
2. The minimum quantities of cereals that can be sold into intervention, subject to being of the right quality, will be 200 long tons (7,500 bushels) of wheat and 100 long tons (4,700 bushels) of barley. The Minister explained that in deciding these quantities, the Government was trying to strike a balance between the various interests in the cereals trade.

Grain markets. — The domestic grain market has been reasonably steady with reduced pressure from sellers of imported feed wheat allowing more stability on the home market. Requirements for old crop milling wheat have been generally covered although a certain amount of activity continued outside the port markets. Feed wheat remained fairly short with limited buying.

Prompt delivery milling wheat traded at £32.10 per long ton (\$2.24 per bushel Cdn.) for May delivery. Feed wheat for May and June delivery sold at £29.25 per long ton (\$2.04 per bushel). The Home Grown Cereals Authority ex farm guide price for millable wheat is announced at £28.00 per long ton (\$1.95 per bushel) for May and June delivery.

Imported Wheats — Asking Prices C.I.F. Duty Paid as at May 1, 1972

	\$ Canadian per bushel
<u>Canadian</u>	
1 C.W. Red Spring 14 per cent (May-July)	2.04
<u>American</u>	
Dark Northern Spring 14 per cent (May-July)	1.93
Ordinary Hard Winter (May-July)	1.77
Hard Winter, 13 per cent (May-June)	1.90
<u>Australian</u>	
F.A.Q. (July-November)	1.79
<u>European</u>	
Swedish Milling wheat transshipment (June-July)	1.92
Milling wheat (May)	1.81
Feed wheat (May-July)	1.74
Russian S.K.S. (July)	2.11

GRAIN SITUATION IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The following account of the current grain situation in the Federal Republic of Germany has been extracted from a report received from Mr. R.B. Rossing, Commercial Officer, Agriculture, Canadian Embassy, Bonn, West Germany, under date of May 10, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Weather conditions. — West German farmers completed their spring drilling operations by the end of March under favourable conditions, i.e. between 2 and 3 weeks earlier than in previous years. After the serious water deficit of the last 10 months, rainfalls were "normal" for the first time but concentrated in the last days of March. Already, the average April precipitation appears to have been reached in the first 10 days. Particularly after the rain, spring and autumn-sown crops are in a good to very good condition with the possible exception of winter barley which did not so well. This and the early spring cultivations may indicate yet another record harvest.

Crop conditions and outlook. — According to Dr. H. Hanus of Freising-Weißenstephan, University of Munich current climatic conditions will bring about very high crop yields which probably will exceed even last year's record figures. According to preliminary calculations crop conditions are better than in 1971 for winter barley, winter wheat, potatoes and sugar beet, while estimates for other grain cultivations are at the 1971 level.

Dr. Hanus who is administering a research project of the Ministry of Agriculture in contrast to the official forecast of crop experts by visual assessment had predicted record crop yields by means of a simulation model for the 1971 grain crop as early as at the end of April 1971 by taking into account data collected to the end of February.

Summary of the Wheat Situation

	<u>November-January basis</u>		<u>Aug.-Oct.</u>
	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1971</u>
	thousand metric tons		
Available production	—	—	6,928
Change in stocks	— 1,223	— 1,487	+ 5,228
Exports	210	246	163
Imports(1)	963	745	604
Domestic utilization	1,976	1,986	2,141
Seed	88	86	155
Feed	948	954	1,066
Loss	9	9	9
Industrial consumption	28	30	21
Food consumption	903	907	950

(1) Including semolina and pasta products and imports from East Germany.

The utilization of wheat in mixed feeds from August 1971 to February 1972 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year continued to decline both in absolute figures — i.e. down 46,000 metric tons (1,690,000 bushels) and in relation to other feed grains — from 26.8 per cent to 24.2 per cent. In total 519,000 tons (19,070,000 bushels) from August 1971 to February 1972. From August to April approximately 1,000,000 tons (36,743,000 bushels) were denatured to feed wheat.

Wheat: government measures. — From August to the end of April 1972 East Germany's EEC intervention agency — the Import and Storage Agency for Grains and Feedstuffs — took up 920,000 metric tons (33,804,000 bushels) as against nil during the corresponding period of the previous crop year. West Germany's Upper House refused approval of a draft bill on legal trade standards for wheat by arguing that there already existed specific trade standards agreed between producers and purchasers of wheat. The Ministry of Agriculture aims at improving market assessment by means of this draft bill. Again, at the end of the 1971-72 crop year grain traders, co-operatives, and grain processors with stocks of bread grains on July 31, will be entitled to transitional remunerations in an amount of DM 21.68 (Cdn \$6.86) per metric ton of wheat. The regulation is designed to avoid the offering of large quantities of wheat and rye to the intervention agency with a view to obtaining higher prices.

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture has not agreed to purchase major quantities of home-grown quality wheat through the intervention agency as part of the federal reserve as was suggested by the Lower Saxony Agriculture Ministry. Farmers associations have criticized this attitude as the large industrial mills along the Rhine purchase French wheat rather than home-grown quality wheat. Thus it seems probable that good qualities of home-grown wheat will have to be denatured or taken up by the Intervention agency on price intervention grounds.

Imports and exports of wheat. — Due to the 1971 record crop the volume of wheat imports dropped slightly. Imports of wheat from EEC countries, i.e. particularly France, increased again so that the share of the common market countries in total West German imports now accounts for more than 50 per cent. Imports of foreign quality wheat declined drastically during 1971. Shipments of U.S.A. wheat were reduced by 500,000 metric tons (18,372,000 bushels) whereas — obviously as a result of increasing marketing efforts — deliveries of wheat from Canada remained relatively stable holding about 25 per cent of West Germany's import market. On the market for durum Canada even expanded its relatively high penetration of this market from 58 per cent to 62 per cent. The situation which prevailed during the whole calendar year 1971 continued from August 1971 to February 1972. Imports of wheat from Australia reached a record high. In spite of the record crop exports of wheat remained relatively unchanged during the first half of the 1971-72 crop year, exports of wheat flour, however, increased from 200,000 metric tons to 260,000 tons.

Wheat Imports (including Durum)

	<u>August-February 1970-71</u>		<u>August-February 1971-72</u>	
	thous. bu.	per cent	thous. bu.	per cent
Canada	21,678	36	11,978	23
United States	21,458	36	5,328	10
Argentina	—	—	—	—
Australia	772	1	4,593	9
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	772	1	2,425	5
EEC	14,182	24	26,712	52
Thereof:				
France	9,516	16	22,671	44
Netherlands	4,225	7	3,270	6
Rest and total of all countries.	59,120	100	51,441	100

WHEAT SITUATION IN DENMARK

The following account of the current wheat situation in Denmark has been extracted from a report received from Mr. T.W. Harboe, Commercial Officer, Canadian Embassy, Copenhagen, under date of May 11, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The total 1971 grain crop was 7,046,000 metric tons, an increase of 13 per cent over the 1970 crop, as shown in the accompanying table.

1971 Grain Crop

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
	thousand metric tons	
Winter wheat	385	447
Spring wheat	127	139
Winter rye	124	139
Spring rye	10	11
Barley	4,813	5,474
Oats	631	704
Mixed seed	142	132
Totals	6,232	7,046

Wheat production in 1971 was 586,000 metric tons (21.5 million bushels), or 14.5 per cent higher than in 1970. The obligatory milling percentage for milling Danish wheat and rye for human consumption in this country remains at 100. Wheat and wheat flour imports for human consumption may be imported only when for use in export products. Total Danish wheat imports in 1971 showed a marked decrease of 33.4 per cent to 3,143 metric tons (115,000 bushels), and included 848 tons (31,000 bushels) from Canada. The other principal suppliers were Argentine, 1,534 tons (56,000 bushels), and West Germany, 682 tons (25,000 bushels).

Danish wheat prices averaged 54.78 D.Kr. (Cdn. \$7.88) per 100 kilos in 1971.

Rye production in 1971 totalled 150,000 metric tons (5.9 million bushels) or 11.9 per cent more than in 1970. The obligatory milling percentage of Danish rye for human consumption in this country, which during the period August 1 - October 15, 1971, was 90 per cent, was reduced to 70 per cent on October 16, 1971, at which level it still stands.

Imports of rye in 1971 totalled 32,764 metric tons (1,290,000 bushels) and were 37.8 per cent larger than in 1970. Imports of Canadian rye totalled 3,920 metric tons, (154,000 bushels) and the other principal suppliers were Sweden, 16,946 tons (667,000 bushels), and West Germany, 4,104 tons (162,000 bushels). The price quoted for Danish rye during 1971 averaged 54.74 D.Kr. (Cdn. \$7.87) per 100 kilos. Danish wheat and rye exports are insignificant.

The area sown to winter wheat during the autumn of 1971 was 99,000 hectares (245,000 acres). The area sown to winter rye was 40,000 hectares (99,000 acres).

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- May 2 According to a release by Mr. G.N. Vogel, Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, record grain exports through West Coast ports in April have made it possible to clear up the long line-up of waiting vessels at Vancouver.
- 11 The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that the 1972 winter wheat production in the United States is forecast at 1,149 million bushels, one per cent below a year earlier but 3 per cent above the 1970 crop.
- 17 A Telegraphic Crop Report, published by Statistics Canada summarized crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces as follows: Dry weather and high temperatures during the last few days have enabled Saskatchewan farmers to proceed with seeding operations in practically all parts of the province. In Alberta, however, activity has been delayed by unfavourable weather and progress is behind normal for this time of year. In Manitoba, seeding varies from 5 to 40 per cent completed except in the northwest where the land is still too wet to permit field work. Moisture conditions are satisfactory in most areas with the exception of the southwest corner of Saskatchewan and southeastern Alberta where conditions are dry and those northern districts which report excessive moisture. In the earlier-seeded districts some crops are emerging.

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