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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Wheat Exports
Below Year Ago

Total exports of wheat (including flour in terms of wheat) from the four traditional major exporters during the August - February period of the current crop year, amounted to 838.0 million bushels 9 per cent lower than the previous year's total of 922.4 million exported during the same seven months in 1970-71 but 3 per cent more than the comparable ten-year (1960-61 - 1969-70) average shipments for the same period of 809.7 million bushels. Based on the Canadian crop year, exports from Canada were at higher levels this year than last while those from Australia, United States and Argentina were lower.

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

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

August - February	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
	million bushels					
1950-51	119.6	70.0	160.2	42.6	392.4	
1951-52	177.6	56.2	280.4	23.8	538.0	
1952-53	207.8	45.9	197.7	3.2	454.6	
1953-54	152.7	34.7	111.0	69.2	367.6	
1954-55	152.3	53.9	154.8	78.2	439.2	
1955-56	138.9	48.6	145.2	72.8	405.5	
1956-57	160.6	81.9	300.7	51.2	594.4	
1957-58	173.4	42.8	224.8	42.1	483.1	
1958-59	165.9	43.9	254.5	52.4	516.7	
1959-60	170.0	69.3	256.3	31.0	526.6	
1960-61	177.4	87.9	374.1	46.7	686.1	
1961-62	220.6	125.8	413.2	34.5	794.1	
1962-63	188.9	78.9	312.2	37.0	617.0	
1963-64	320.9	154.3	476.4	53.9	1,005.5	
1964-65	238.9	113.0	379.7	85.3	816.9	
1965-66	331.8	120.2	453.9	163.7	1,069.6	
1966-67	313.4	135.0	455.7	58.7	962.8	61.5
1967-68	152.7	167.1	473.3 ^r	23.8	816.9 ^r	78.7
1968-69	184.2	110.0	282.7	59.7	636.6	103.5
1969-70	158.2	149.0	341.0	43.2	691.4	141.8
1970-71 ^r	233.7	202.8	443.9	42.0	922.4	71.5
1971-72 ^p	298.2	178.6	336.5	24.7	838.0	95.9(1)

(1) August - December only.

Wheat Supplies of Four
Major Exporters Decline

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at March 1, 1972 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,281.3 million bushels, 2 per cent less than the 2,328.9 million at the same time a year ago. Supplies were lower in Canada and Australia compared with those of the previous year while increases were registered in United States and Argentina. Supplies at March 1, 1972, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 812.6 (945.7); Australia, 267.4 (379.5); United States, 1,156.3 (973.3); and Argentina, 45.0 (30.4).

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

August - February	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
thousand metric tons						
1950-51	3,255	1,905	4,360	1,159	10,679	
1951-52	4,834	1,530	7,631	648	14,642	
1952-53	5,655	1,249	5,381	87	12,372	
1953-54	4,156	944	3,021	1,883	10,005	
1954-55	4,145	1,467	4,213	2,128	11,953	
1955-56	3,780	1,323	3,952	1,981	11,036	
1956-57	4,371	2,229	8,184	1,393	16,177	
1957-58	4,719	1,165	6,118	1,146	13,148	
1958-59	4,515	1,195	6,926	1,426	14,062	
1959-60	4,627	1,886	6,975	844	14,332	
1960-61	4,828	2,392	10,181	1,271	18,673	
1961-62	6,004	3,424	11,246	939	21,612	
1962-63	5,141	2,147	8,497	1,007	16,792	
1963-64	8,734	4,199	12,966	1,467	27,366	
1964-65	6,502	3,075	10,334	2,322	22,233	
1965-66	9,030	3,271	12,353	4,455	29,110	
1966-67	8,529	3,674	12,402	1,598	26,203	1,674
1967-68	4,156	4,548	12,881	648	22,233	2,142
1968-69	5,013	2,994	7,694	1,625	17,326	2,817
1969-70	4,306	4,055	9,281	1,176	18,817	3,859
1970-71 ^R	6,360	5,519	12,081	1,143	25,104	1,946
1971-72 ^P	8,116	4,861	9,158	672	22,807	2,609(1)

(1) August - December only.

World Situation and Outlook

The following paper on wheat has been extracted from the Canada Department of Agriculture's "Spring Outlook 1972" which was released on March 17, 1972.

World production and supplies 1971-72. - Estimates of world production (excluding the Peoples' Republic of China) for 1971-72 indicate a record crop - 308 million metric tons (11.3 billion bushels), seven per cent higher than in 1970-71. All main grain growing areas in the world contributed to the increase except the U.S.S.R. where production was estimated to be down five per cent. The largest regional increase was in North America where larger acreage and better yields led to an increase of 23 per cent. In the E.E.C. and Britain, there was an increase of 15 per cent. In India, high yielding varieties contributed to an increase of 15 per cent over 1970 and resulted in discontinuation of all food grain imports on January 1, 1972. Australia and Argentina increased production to just over 300 million and 190 million bushels. These are sizeable crops in terms of 1970-71 production but still low relative to earlier years. Main drought areas during 1971-72 were Mexico and the Near East (including Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan), but Turkey had a bumper crop. In the seven main exporting countries, production was up 650 million bushels, more than offsetting a reduction of 580 million bushels in stocks.

World export trade is expected to be divided among more countries in 1971-72. The E.E.C. will have larger quantities available for export. Also larger supplies are available in some small export countries including Turkey, Greece and Spain. World trade in wheat declined in the early months of 1971-72 with exports to West Europe at little more than half the previous year. Britain's requirements for the year will likely be down one million tons, and the E.E.C., 1.3 million. It appears likely that the U.S.A. will be the main losing exporter, partly on account of dock strikes. Exports from the U.S.A. from July to December 1971, were down 22 per cent from 1970. Of considerable significance in the total wheat sales picture has been Canada's sale to the U.S.S.R. of 3.5 million metric tons and to the Peoples' Republic of China of 3 million metric tons. Exports from Australia and the U.S.S.R. appear likely to be down in 1971-72 with Argentina at about the same low level as in the previous year.

World Outlook for 1972-73. — Many uncertainties surround the balance between supply and demand in any given year 1972-73 is no exception. Some countries such as Canada, the United States and Australia have attempted to keep surplus under control in recent years, but there are indications that world surpluses may be rebuilding. Stocks of wheat in the seven main exporting countries are likely to increase by more than 200 million bushels to about 2.055 billion bushels by July 31, 1972 (1970-71 year end — 1.835 billion, 1969-70 2.422 billion).

It is too early to have good indications of 1972-73 production. However, in the United States the first production forecast for the 1972 winter wheat crop indicates an 11 per cent increase to almost 1.3 billion bushels. Spring wheat acreage this year may be lower because of incentives to increase "set-aside acreage". First estimates of acreage were about 12 million acres compared with 13 million acres last year. In France initial estimates indicated wheat acreage would be down by six per cent. The U.S.S.R. has reported heavy winter kill on crops sown last fall.

If, as appears probable, total world supplies in 1972-73 are higher than this year, the competitive climate prevailing this year will likely continue with prices not likely to be much different from current low levels. The possibilities of stockpiling in some countries would lead to some restraint in price cutting, but large world supplies would in any event work against price increases.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Below Previous Year

Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1971-72 (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-February Exports
Higher than Year Ago

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent during the first seven months of the current crop year amounted to 298.2 million bushels in contrast to the

August 1970-February 1971 total of 233.7 million and the ten-year (1960-61 - 1969-70) average for the period of 228.7 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 282.4 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 622 thousand of seed and 15.2 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 217.9 million of wheat in bulk, 500 thousand of seed and 15.3 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on March 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 812.6 million bushels, 14 per cent below the March 1, 1971 total of 945.7 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 ^R
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-February(1)	217.9	282.4
Exports of seed wheat, August-February(2)	0.5	0.6
 Total exports of wheat as grain	 218.4	 283.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - February(2)	15.3	15.2
 Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	 233.7	 298.2
 Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover	 945.7	 812.6

(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 March 8 of the current crop year have amounted to 297.0 million bushels in contrast to 174.1

million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 14.7 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks February 10 to March 8, 1972. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 31.2 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 302.9 million at February 9, 1972 to a level of 285.4 million at March 8, 1972.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at March 8 this year was 19 per cent below the 1971 comparable total of 351.3 million and represented a decrease of

31 per cent from the 1970 figure of 415.1 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 168.3 million bushels, were 21 per cent and 35 per cent less than the 1971 total of 213.2 million and the 1970 figure of 257.6 million. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at March 8, 1972, totalled 4.9 million bushels, considerably lower than both the 7.5 million of a year ago and the 12.3 million of two years ago. The 18.5 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) were above both the 1971 figure of 12.9 million and the 12.1 million of 1970. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 34.2 million bushels, were 33 per cent less than the 51.3 million at March 10, 1971 and 28 per cent smaller than the 47.4 million at March 11, 1970. The 13.3 million bushels "in storage afloat" were 20 per cent below the 16.5 million in this position in 1971 and 9 per cent lower than the 14.6 million at the same date in 1970. The 13.5 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were also below both the 15.9 million of a year ago and the 21.7 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at March 8, 1972, at 20.7 million bushels, registered a 22 per cent increase over the comparable 1971 figure of 17.0 million but declined by 23 per cent from the 1970 total of 26.8 million. The 3.8 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were considerably smaller than both the 5.7 million at March 10, 1971 and the 10.6 million at March 11, 1970.

February 1972 Exports
of Wheat and Flour Total
25.0 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during February 1972 amounted to 25.0 million bushels, 8 per cent above the 23.1 million of the previous month and 5 per cent more

than the 10-year (1961-70) average for the month of February of 23.9 million but 3 per cent below the February 1971 figure of 25.8 million bushels. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission) during February 1972 totalled 23.4 million bushels, an increase of 8 per cent over the 21.6 million of the previous month and 12 per cent more than the 10-year average of 20.9 million and little changed from the February 1971 total of 23.3 million. It is estimated that the equivalent of 1.6 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during February 1972, some 12 per cent above the previous month's figure of 1.4 million, but 35 per cent smaller than the adjusted February 1971 total of 2.4 million and 40 per cent less than the 10-year average of 2.6 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the first seven months of the current crop year amounted to 282.4 million bushels, 30 per cent and 36 per cent, respectively, above both the 217.9 million exported during August-February 1970-71 and the 10-year average for the period of 208.4 million. U.S.S.R. (Russia) was the leading market for wheat in bulk during August 1971-February 1972 with shipments to that country amounting to 71.4 million, in sharp contrast to only 4.4 million the previous year. The People's Republic of China was the second largest importer with 51.0 million as against 32.6 million during the comparable period of 1970-71. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat during the period under review with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 30.4(22.4); Britain, 25.5(34.6); India, 22.9 (17.1); Brazil, 10.3(11.1); Italy, 10.3(6.5); the Netherlands, 8.4 (3.3); Germany West, 6.5(15.9); Algeria, 6.4(8.0); and Syria, 5.8(7.2). Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-February of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 622 thousand bushels compared with last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 500 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during August-February of the 1971-72 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 15.2 million bushels of wheat,

slightly lower than the adjusted August-February 1970-71 total of 15.3 million and 20 per cent lower than the 10-year average for the period of 19.0 million.

Exports of wheat flour by countries for August-February 1971-72 based on Customs data, are not available at this time.

Situation and Outlook The following paper on wheat has been extracted from the Canada Department of Agriculture's "Spring Outlook 1972" which was released on March 17, 1972.

Outlook for 1971-72. — Canadian wheat production in 1971 was estimated at 524 million bushels. Of this amount 14 million bushels was winter wheat and 60.5 million bushels was durum. Prairie production increased by more than 60 per cent to 504 million bushels from 1970. Production in 1970, LIFT year, was 312 million bushels. Stocks on July 31, 1971 were down for the first time since 1966-67. The billion bushel stocks were reduced by a quarter to 744 million bushels. Because of larger production, supplies were down from 1970 by only 70 million bushels to 1,268 million bushels. Durum stocks at 60 million bushels, were down after two years of 80 or more million bushel stocks. Ontario winter wheat was down in 1971 to 14 million bushels compared to 15.6 million the year before.

Overseas clearances of wheat (excluding durum) half way through the crop year were 230 million bushels compared to 173 at the same time last year. In spite of the general downward trend in world exports, Canadian exports (not including durum) are likely to be about 65-70 million bushels more than last year and reach almost 450 million bushels. Large sales to the U.S.S.R. and more recently 118 million bushels to China, have formed a significant part of the total. Exports of durum at 50 million bushels or more could mean total wheat exports of 500 million bushels. This level of exports has only been exceeded on three occasions, in 1963-64, 1965-66 and 1966-67. On the other hand, domestic handlings by the Wheat Board during the first six months of the crop year, were several million bushels less than those during the same months the previous crop year.

With the heavy supplies and reduced demand, international prices fell sharply in the late summer of 1971. Since then prices have remained stable but at relatively low levels, averaging \$1.65-\$1.66 for Number 1 C.W. Red Spring 14 per cent basis in store Thunder Bay. Prices will likely remain steady the rest of the crop year.

Durum wheat disposition for 1971-72, with 55 million bushels of exports and 20-25 million bushels for domestic use, will exceed 1971 disposition by almost 20 million bushels.

The wheat flour outlook for the rest of 1971-72 is little changed from 1970-71 with expected domestic utilization of 65 million bushels. Exports for the first five months of the crop year were a little higher than last year and could slightly exceed 25 million bushels.

The outlook for disposition of the 1971 crop of 14 million bushels of Ontario winter wheat is for about nine million bushels to go into domestic food channels with the rest to exports, except for a small amount for feed and carryover.

Total stocks of all wheat on July 31, 1972 could be down to about 600 million bushels, about 150 million below the previous year.

Outlook 1972-73. — In 1972-73 Canada will be competing against many other countries for possibly reduced markets. While Japan and Britain are important markets for Canada, in recent years large Canadian exports of wheat have been dependent on the requirements of Russia and the Peoples' Republic of China. These sales have not assumed a definite pattern and this creates difficulties in forecasting exports with precision.

The most recent Russian sale, about 130 million bushels with options for about 55 million additional bushels, will mean a continued movement of wheat to the U.S.S.R. until next July and through the 1972-73 crop year. Thus exports are likely to again exceed 400 million bushels for ordinary wheat and 50 million for durum during 1972-73.

World prices are likely to remain low, however, with extra consumption requirements likely to be matched by higher world production. Some increase in returns to farmers will result from introduction of the two-price system involving payment of \$3.00 per bushel (No. 1 C.W.R.S.) for wheat used for domestic purposes.

While the total disappearance of wheat in 1972-73 may be about 600 million bushels, stocks of wheat to start the year will probably be equal to that amount and lower stock levels would still be desirable in view of current low world prices. A desirable acreage in Western Canada would not exceed 19 million acres, of which perhaps three million would be in durum. Last year's plantings were 18.7 million acres.

Initial prices for wheat have been announced at \$1.46 a bushel (No. 1 C.W.R.S., basis in store Vancouver or Thunder Bay) and minimum estimated quotas of eight to nine bushels per assigned acre for both ordinary and durum wheat. Winter wheat supplies appear likely to be well above last year with good initial growth on an estimated eight per cent more, or 405 thousand acres.

Distribution of Two-price System for Wheat

On February 25, 1972 The Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board stated that: "The distribution of two-price wheat money should avoid distorting production patterns. To do this, payment in the first year of operation will be made on an acreage basis in the West and on a record of previous deliveries in the East. In both cases, a limit will be used so that moderate size farms will share in the benefits to a greater degree. The acreage base in the West will have a limit of 640 acres and will count acres seeded to the six principal grains, summerfallow and up to one-third additional acres in other crops. The maximum limit for individual producers in the East would be 500 bushels."

Mr. Lang said that he had received many letters from farmers in Western Canada supporting this approach. The reasons were:

- (i) We need to continue encouraging crops other than wheat
- (ii) Those who helped to reduce the wheat surplus by switching to other crops should not be penalized.
- (iii) An acreage basis helps those who had misfortunes, and a maximum limit helps the smaller farmers.

Mr. Lang said that the maximum payment per person would be a little over \$500

and the average would be over \$300. In the West, the exact amount would be calculated on the basis of permit book applications mailed to the Canadian Wheat Board on or before February 16, 1972. In the East it will be calculated on the basis of past deliveries of wheat for domestic human consumption. Mr. Lang said that the first payment would be made this spring.

Mr. Lang emphasized that a different payment method for future years would be discussed with farm representatives. "The goal is to be as fair as possible but to avoid disrupting production patterns. Unifarm and others have asked that the money be used in future in a stabilization plan."

U.S.S.R. Buys On February 28, 1972 the Canadian Wheat Board announced the sale
Additional of 3.5 million tons (approximately 130,000,000 bushels) of wheat
Canadian Wheat to the U.S.S.R.

In addition to the firm commitment the buyer has the option to purchase a further 1.5 million tons of wheat and flour. If the option is exercised the total sale will amount to a total of 5.0 million tons (approximately 185,000,000 bushels). The sale has been negotiated with V/O Exportkhleb, the Soviet grain trading corporation.

Delivery of wheat under this new contract will begin in July and continue through 1973, with the major portion for shipment during the 1972-73 crop year.

Shipment will be made from both Pacific and Eastern Canadian ports with the buyer having the option to ship a portion from Churchill during the up-coming season of navigation. Grades to be delivered during 1972 are Nos. 1 and 2 C.W. Red Spring Wheat - 13 per cent protein. Grades to be delivered in 1973 will be estimated at a later date.

As in previous contracts with the U.S.S.R. the terms of sale call for payment in cash at time of delivery.

This contract follows the 3.5 million ton contract of June, 1971 under which heavy shipments are scheduled through June of this year.

Initial Payments for The Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the
1972-73 Crop Year Canadian Wheat Board announced on March 1, 1972 the initial
 payments for wheat, barley and oats for the crop year
beginning August 1, 1972.

The prices, unchanged from last year with the exception of barley which is increased by five cents a bushel, are: No. 1 Canada Western Red Spring Wheat, \$1.46 a bushel, No. 3 Canada Western Six-Row Barley, 96 cents a bushel, and No. 2 Canada Western Oats, 60 cents a bushel. All prices are "basis in store", Thunder Bay.

In making this statement, Mr. Lang said, "This continues the practice established by the government for the first time in March 1971 of announcing initial payments in advance of spring seeding."

He said also that the increase in the barley price was "a clear invitation to farmers to plant enough barley to enable Canada to participate in the world feed grain market in volume and on a continuing basis."

Last year, the announcement of initial payments was combined with a news letter mailed to all Canadian Wheat Board permit holders setting out the prospect for marketings by producers in the current crop year.

"This proved quite successful in helping producers to respond closely in their production planning to market demand," Mr. Lang said. "A similar news letter, setting out prospects for the 1972-73 crop year, is being mailed to all producers in the next few days. It is a difficult business to guess quotas because we have no way of knowing how many acres farmers will seed or assign to the delivery of each crop and it is impossible to be completely accurate in forecasting future sales patterns, but we are providing farmers with the best information we have at this time," the Minister added.

The Canadian Wheat Board assures a minimum total delivery by producers of 505 million bushels of wheat, 260 million bushels of barley, and 13 million bushels of oats in the coming crop year.

Mr. Lang said that these are minimum deliveries and "if sales require increased deliveries, additional quotas will be opened."

Closing Dates Announced
for Wheat and Barley Quotas

The closing dates of terminating quotas for wheat, durum wheat and barley were announced by the Canadian Wheat Board on March 9, 1972.

The closing dates are as follows:

- The "A" and "B" quotas for barley will be terminated on May 5, 1972.
- The "A" and "B" quotas for wheat will be terminated on May 12, 1972.
- The "A" quota for durum will be terminated on May 12, 1972.

The termination dates give producers more than eight weeks to complete their deliveries under these quotas. The termination of the quotas for wheat, durum wheat and barley is in line with the Wheat Board's policy to regulate producer deliveries more closely in accordance with market requirements. Substantial quantities of both grains will be required for shipment to Thunder Bay after the opening of navigation.

The "A" quotas for wheat and barley are now in effect in a limited number of shipping blocks. The "A" quotas for both grains had been cancelled in a number of shipping blocks last December.

Delivery opportunities for both grains have already advanced to the third and fourth quota levels. The "D" quota for barley is now in effect in 10 shipping blocks and will be extended to the remaining blocks in the near future. The five-bushel "D" barley quota brings producer delivery opportunities for this grain up to 20 bushels per quota acre

The "C" quota for wheat is in effect in 38 shipping blocks. This brings the quota for wheat up to a total of six bushels per quota acre.

The status of delivery quotas for the three grains is as follows:

		bushel level of quota-per quota acre	No. of blocks covered by quota
Wheat	A	2	11
	B	2	A11
	C (No. 4 Northern & Higher)	2	3
	C (No. 1 C.W. Red Spring Wheat only).	2	12
	C (All grades)	2	23
Durum	A	5	A11
	B	5	A11
Barley	A	5	13
	B	5	A11
	C	5	A11
	D	5	10

Wheat Board
Announces Details
of 1972-73 Quotas

On March 17, 1972 the Canadian Wheat Board announced that only a few changes will be made in the Canadian Wheat Board's delivery quota system in the 1972-73 crop year. Details of the system are outlined in a special pamphlet being mailed to grain producers next week.

A new feature in the quota system will enable producers to switch quota acres to and from specialty markets, such as selected barley and oilseed deliveries to crushers, more freely than at present. This revision will permit changes in acreage assignments from regular deliveries to country elevators to specialty markets as well as from specialty outlets to regular elevator deliveries. The deadline for changes of this type is May 31, 1973.

A second change will provide for the delivery of Soft White Spring Wheat on a selected basis in the 1972-73 crop year. Deliveries of SWS are made under regular quotas under the present policy. The new system will enable mills to obtain sufficient quantities of Soft White Spring Wheat with the right quality characteristics to meet their requirements.

Another change will affect producer shipments of selected oats. The change comes as a result of the experience in the present crop year when much larger quantities than needed to meet sales requirements for selected oats were shipped to Thunder Bay. As a result, selected oat shipments in the 1972-73 crop year will be confined to processors manufacturing breakfast foods and other products used for human consumption.

As outlined in the pamphlet, however, the main features of the present quota system will be continued in the new crop year, starting August 1. These features include:

- A producer's quota acreage will again be based on land seeded to cereals and oilseeds, summerfallow, miscellaneous crops plus all or a portion of his land in perennial forage.
- Producers will again have one opportunity to change their general acreage assignments. Deadline for changes of this type is October 31, 1972.
- Quotas will again be authorized for specific grains, and if necessary, grades of grain in accordance with market requirements.
- Terminating quotas will again be used to encourage orderly deliveries of wheat, barley and oats.

Durum wheat continues to receive special attention as market prospects are promising for growing sales of Hercules and continued sales of Pelissier. Producers are asked to show the acres seeded to Hercules as well as the acres they assigned to Hercules durum for delivery. Feed wheat will be treated similarly to Hercules in permit book applications, but the special carlot program tested for Pitic 62 will not be repeated.

Rapeseed quotas will be split between low erucic acid (LEAR) varieties, Oro, Zephyr and Span, and regular types in order to bring out those varieties needed to meet market demands.

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 March 24, 1972	
33,969 advances totalling	\$67,860,740
Outstanding advances on March 24, 1972	
Issued in 1971-72	\$20,174,021
Issued in 1970-71 and prior	\$10,127,908
	\$30,301,929
Total outstanding advances	\$30,301,929

General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, March 13, 1972 Canadian National Railway Blocks

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

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General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, March 13, 1972 Canadian Pacific Railway Blocks

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

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General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, March 13, 1972

bushels per quota acre

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	
Hercules Durum	5	5	—	All blocks
Soft White Spring	—	5(1)	5	All blocks
Alberta Red Winter	—	2(2)	—	All blocks
Rye	20	—	—	All blocks
Flaxseed	13	—	—	All blocks
Rapeseed	15(3)	—	—	All blocks

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- (1) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "B" Quota for Soft White Spring is hereby cancelled.
 - (2) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "B" Quotas for Alberta Red Winters is hereby cancelled.
 - (3) 7 bushels per quota acre — leading quota to rapeseed crushers only in all blocks.

Special Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, March 13, 1972

Pitic 62	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	All blocks
Rye for distilleries	40 bushels per assigned acre	
Flaxseed for processors	25 bushels per assigned acre	
Rapeseed (low erucic acid)	15 bushels per assigned acre	All blocks
Rapeseed for crushers	20 bushels per assigned acre	
Two-Row Barley	Extended to a fifth carlot per assigned acre	All blocks
Six-Row Barley (Olli variety)	Extended to a fourth carlot per assigned acre	All blocks

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to March 8 of the current crop year amounted to 292.3 million bushels, above both the comparable 1970-71 total of 168.7 million and the ten-year (1960-61 - 1969-70) average for the period of 245.8 million bushels.

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
Totals	27,366,301	200,309,306	64,599,847	292,275,454	168,650,033
Average similar period: 1960-61 - 1969-70	31,115,125	150,904,893	63,736,955	245,756,974	

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

Farmers' Marketings by
Crop Districts 1970-71

Farmers in the Prairie Provinces and certain areas of British Columbia marketed 384.3 million bushels of wheat during the 1970-71 crop year according to revised figures

compiled by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission.

In the following tables, farmers' deliveries are shown by the marketing channel employed, i.e., through country elevators, directly to interior private and mill elevators, etc. Deliveries to country elevators are, in turn, broken down by provinces and crop districts.

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Western Division, 1970-71

Marketing channel	Total wheat bushels
Country elevators	379,846,548
Interior private and mill elevators	4,441,625
Interior semi-public terminals	—
Platform loadings	17,822
Total	384,305,995

Farmers' Marketings through Country Elevators, 1970-71

Province and district	Wheat (other than durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
	bushels		
<u>Manitoba</u>			
Crop District Number 1	2,264,890	430,565	2,695,455
2	4,724,023	310,237	5,034,260
3	5,272,018	478,723	5,750,741
4	636,081	28,056	664,137
5	858,542	20,672	879,214
6	81,726	414	82,140
7	4,683,204	281,125	4,964,329
8	3,305,631	177,812	3,483,443
9	2,468,817	103,629	2,572,446
10	4,356,722	94,825	4,451,547
11	2,850,916	93,027	2,943,943
12	547,834	599	548,433
13	2,033,744	14,245	2,047,989
14	613,494	14,458	627,952
Totals	34,697,642	2,048,387	36,746,029

Farmers' Marketings through Country Elevators, 1970-71

Province and district	Wheat (other than durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
	bushels		
<u>Saskatchewan</u>			
Crop District Number 1A	10,128,976	1,655,180	11,784,156
1B	8,965,372	491,325	9,456,697
2A	9,145,434	1,955,763	11,101,197
2B	13,669,277	4,639,987	18,309,264
3A North ..	5,974,046	3,107,391	9,081,437
3A South ..	10,237,241	5,274,529	15,511,770
3B North ..	8,722,287	6,133,578	14,855,865
3B South ..	7,398,870	3,731,198	11,130,068
4A	3,056,419	1,240,660	4,297,078
4B	4,476,647	4,526,868	9,003,515
5A	16,587,520	1,157,959	17,745,479
5B	17,801,549	394,852	18,196,401
6A	17,495,451	4,147,499	21,642,950
6B	12,483,310	2,949,827	15,433,137
7A	12,382,502	4,997,913	17,380,415
7B	12,114,184	845,685	12,959,870
8A	7,929,631	28,051	7,957,682
8B	11,270,002	232,541	11,502,543
9A	10,619,524	172,732	10,792,256
9B	8,934,582	193,507	9,128,089
Totals	209,392,824	47,877,045	257,269,869
<u>Alberta</u>			
Crop District Number 1	12,097,004	3,455,399	15,552,403
2	23,529,912	5,302,291	28,832,203
3	7,293,243	671,803	7,965,046
4	22,392,072	208,645	22,600,717
5	2,131,308	1,297	2,132,605
6	2,633,168	—	2,633,168
7	3,363,475	8,967	3,372,442
Sub-totals	73,440,182	9,648,402	83,088,584
<u>British Columbia</u>			
Crop District Number 1	2,742,066	—	2,742,066
Totals (1)	76,182,248	9,648,402	85,830,650
Totals marketed	320,272,714	59,573,834	379,846,548

(1) Alberta figures include country points in British Columbia.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, March 8, 1972
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1970 and 1971

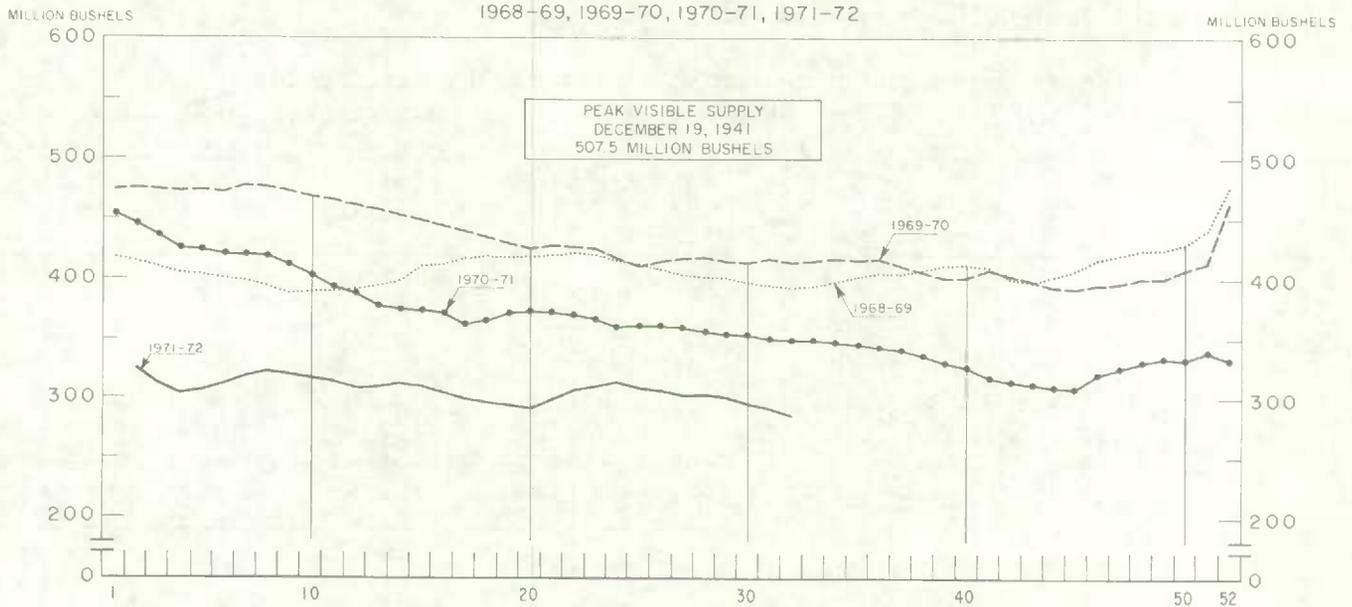
Position	1970	1971	1972
	thousand bushels		
Primary elevators — Manitoba	32,564	20,566	17,940
Saskatchewan	151,154	129,734	101,551
Alberta	73,834	62,910	48,784
Sub-totals	257,552	213,210	168,275
Process elevators	4,360	4,443	3,878
Interior terminals	12,292	7,503	4,875
Vancouver-New Westminster	8,798	4,809	3,158
Victoria	612	212	259
Prince Rupert	1,176	654	344
Churchill	4,659	2,950	1,046
Thunder Bay	47,423	51,271	34,164
In transit rail (western division)	12,091	12,920	18,471
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ..	21,714	15,882	13,541
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ...	26,787	17,009	20,672
Storage afloat	14,627	16,467	13,255
In transit rail (eastern division)	3,036	4,008	3,444
Totals	415,127	351,338	285,382

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

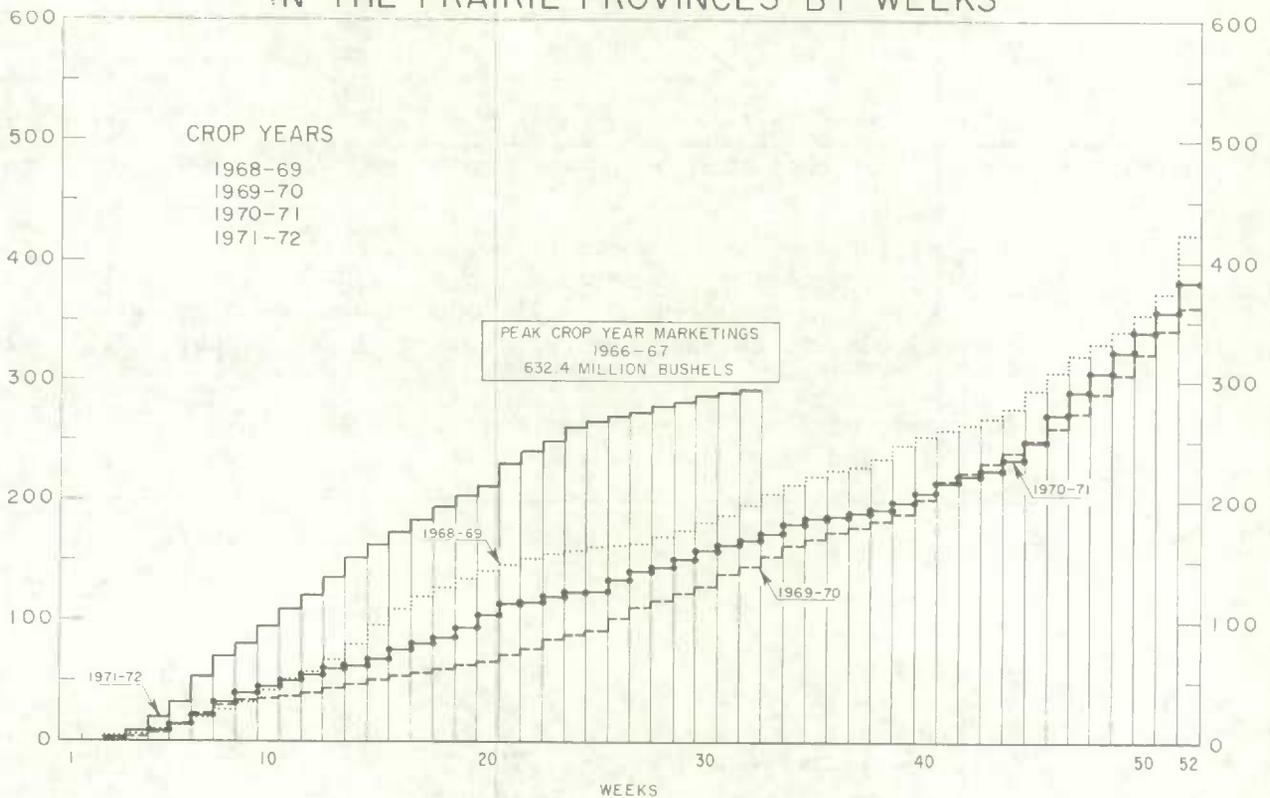
Grade	Crop year		August — February			
	Average		1970-71		1971-72	
	1965-66 1969-70	1970-71	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 C.W. Red Spring	—	—	—	—	107,295	62.3
No. 1 Man. Northern	10.9	6.5	6,743	4.9	—	—
No. 2 Man. Northern	32.7	37.2	50,117	36.3	—	—
No. 3 Man. Northern	19.3	19.8	27,308	19.8	20,904	12.1
No. 4 Man. Northern	8.6	12.0	16,459	11.9	12,888	7.5
No. 5 Wheat	3.3	4.5	8,291	6.0	3,714	2.2
No. 6 Wheat	0.4	0.7	1,345	1.0	328	0.2
Feed Wheat	0.1	0.1	149	0.1	60	(1)
Others Red Spring	18.2	6.2	10,941	7.9	6,625	3.8
C.W. Garnet	0.1	(1)	38	(1)	4	(1)
C.W. White Spring	0.1	0.3	358	0.3	536	0.3
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	0.1	151	0.1	173	0.1
Alberta Winter	0.8	0.8	1,182	0.9	798	0.5
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum ..	4.6	11.4	14,418	10.4	18,351	10.6
Other C.W. Amber Durum	0.9	0.5	650	0.5	538	0.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	138,150	100.0	172,214	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.)			274,280,000		343,548,000	

(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 March 8, 1972 amounted to 95,000 bushels. There were no shipments 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 - March 8, 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	-	-
Buffalo	50,000	-	-
Total, rail	230,000	-	-
Totals, shipments	788,780	-	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-February of the current crop year amounted to 24,714,000 bushels compared with the 19,055,000 bushels during the first seven 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 - February 28, 1971	August 1, 1971 - February 29, 1972
bushels		
Port McNicoll	5,100,284	6,416,586
Midland, Tiffin	6,697,812	7,951,452
Owen Sound	2,016,786	3,047,964
Goderich	1,745,709	1,752,336
Sarnia	2,167,336	3,030,824
Port Colborne	557,191	341,807
Kingston	485,108	1,593,253
Prescott	284,326	579,762
Totals	19,054,552	24,713,984

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	
April	79,899	260,918	407,206	
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, February 1972

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	bushels				
1 C.W. Red Spring	—	—	—	1,408,458	—
Feed Grades	11,000	65,000	69,667	55,333	9,333
Durum	—	—	—	771,922	2,000
Totals	11,000	65,000	69,667	2,235,713	11,333

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading,
August 1 - March 8, 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	103,914	3,532	60	27,782	3,996	6,439	15,939
Victoria	3,570	—	—	—	—	—	908
Prince Rupert	7,711	—	—	—	55	—	—
<u>Churchill</u>	20,570	—	—	4,918	—	—	—
<u>Thunder Bay Direct</u>	1,377	689	3,592	1,703	1,724	7,638	6,499
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal	21,487	19,398	—	5,462	—	141	99
Sorel	16,124	—	—	3,242	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières	11,595	881	—	1,850	92	—	—
Quebec	9,492	532	—	6,794	102	413	51
Baie Comeau	19,582	1,926	—	23,514	266	955	98
Port Cartier	19,852	1,099	—	20,949	—	516	—
<u>Maritime</u>							
Saint John	891	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Saint John	10,098	533	—	—	—	—	—
Halifax	13,350	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	259,613	28,589	3,652	96,214	6,235	16,102	23,594
August 1 - March 10, 1970-71 ..	201,688	22,858	7,718	95,020	4,521	11,404	23,601

(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-February 1972, amounted to 14,854,000 bushels, 26 per cent below the 20,119,000 shipped during the comparable period of 1970-71. The bulk of the shipments during the current seven months under review went to destinations in Quebec with that province accounting for 53 per cent of the total compared with 47 per cent the previous year.

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

Month	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total	Eastern wheat to
									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	—
Totals	433	124	1,339	603	7,836	2,157	2,364	14,854	—
Same months									
1970-71	364	224	1,665	794	9,443	5,181	2,447	20,119	9

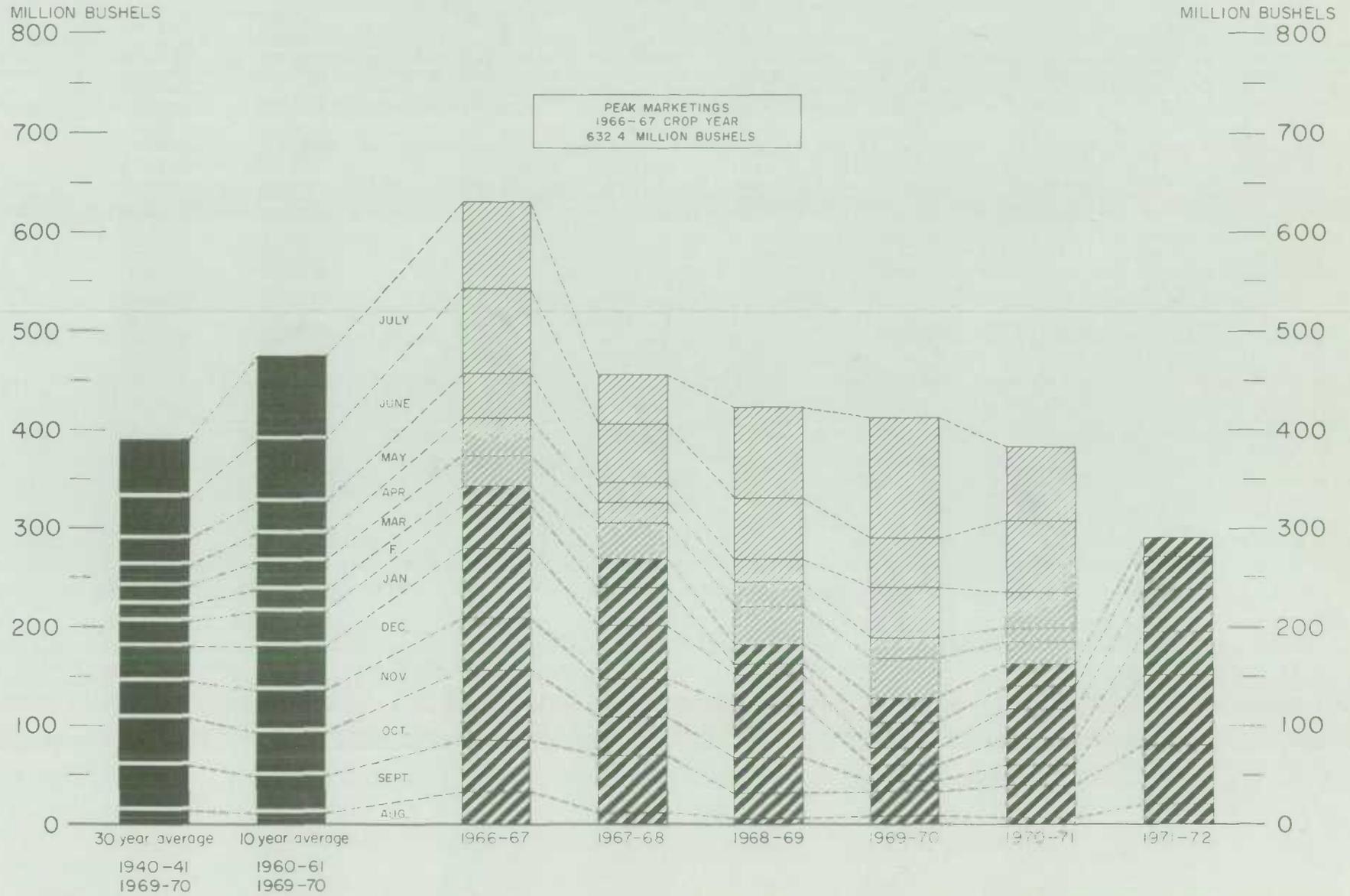
Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate the movement of 241,488 tons during August-February 1971-72. Data on the August 1970 - February 1971 shipments of millfeeds place the seven-month total at 262,721 tons. The greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the seven months under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

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

Province	August-February	
	1970-71	1971-72
tons		
Newfoundland	1,954	2,531
Prince Edward Island	2,308	1,781
Nova Scotia	8,102	7,188
New Brunswick	8,395	6,035
Quebec	128,914	123,312
Ontario	93,015	82,839
British Columbia	20,033	17,802
Totals	262,721	241,488

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

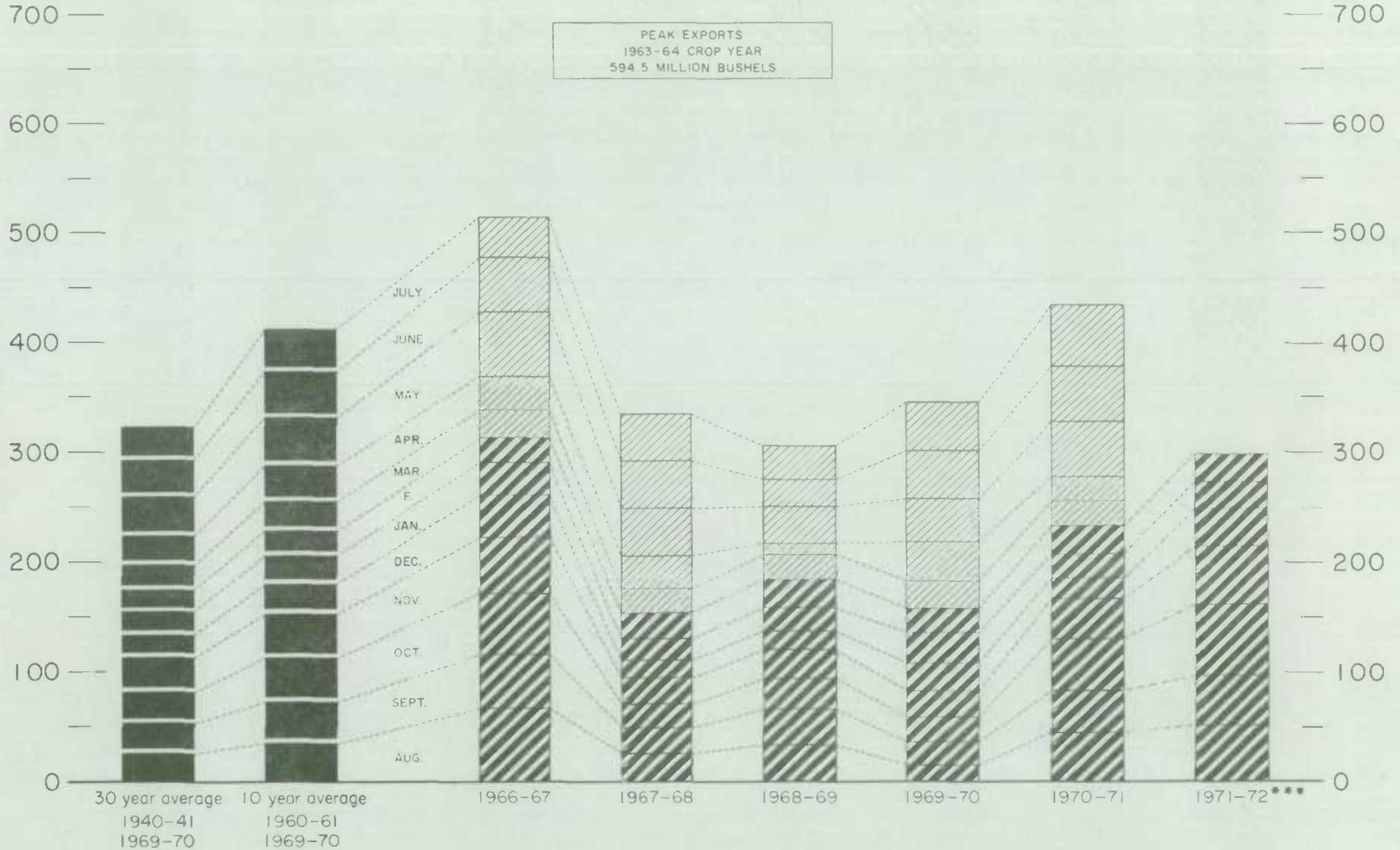
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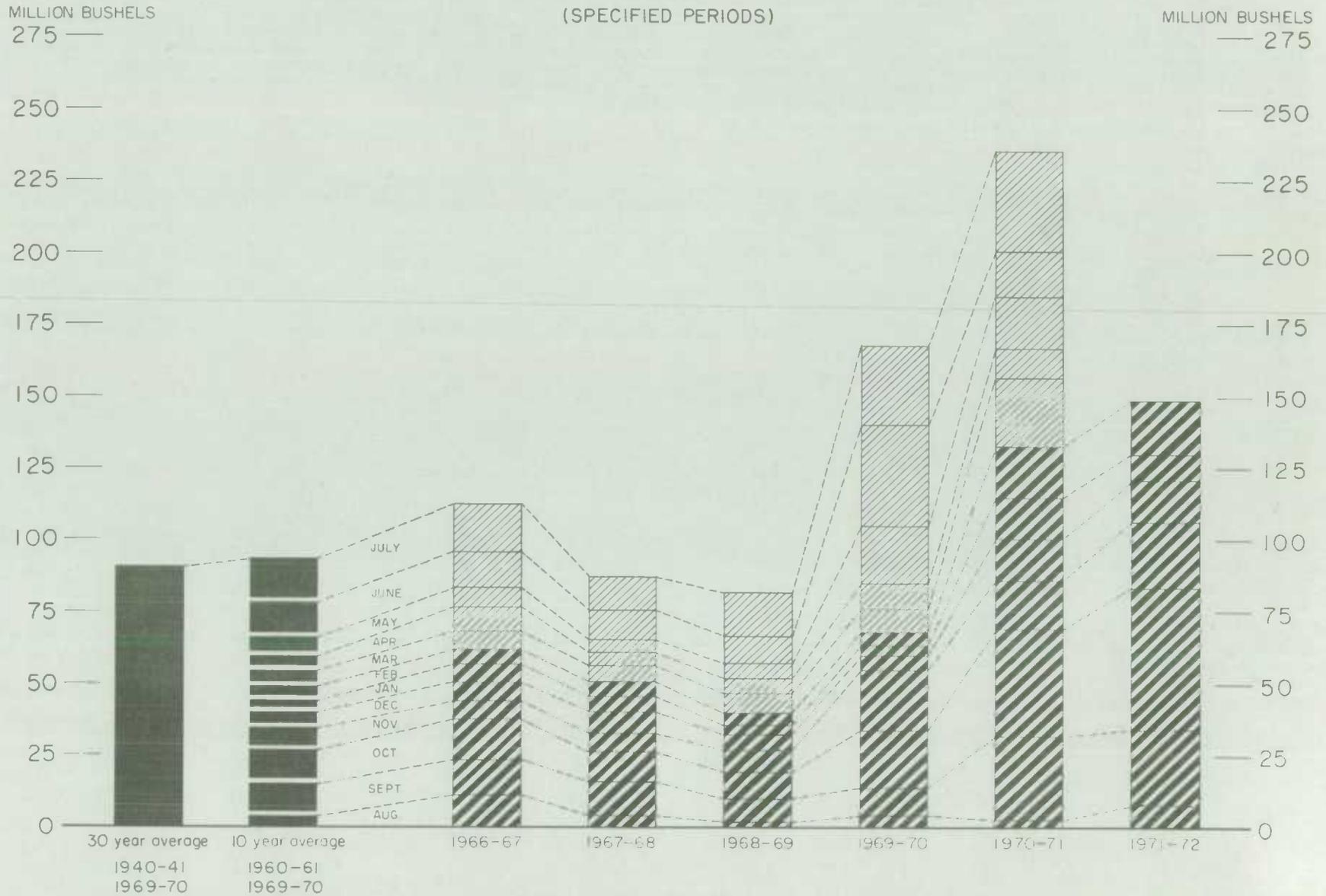


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**In terms of wheat equivalent

***Preliminary.

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES



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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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200 —

175 —

150 —

125 —

100 —

75 —

50 —

25 —

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MILLION BUSHELS

— 225

— 200

— 175

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30 year average

1940-41

1969-70

10 year average

1960-61

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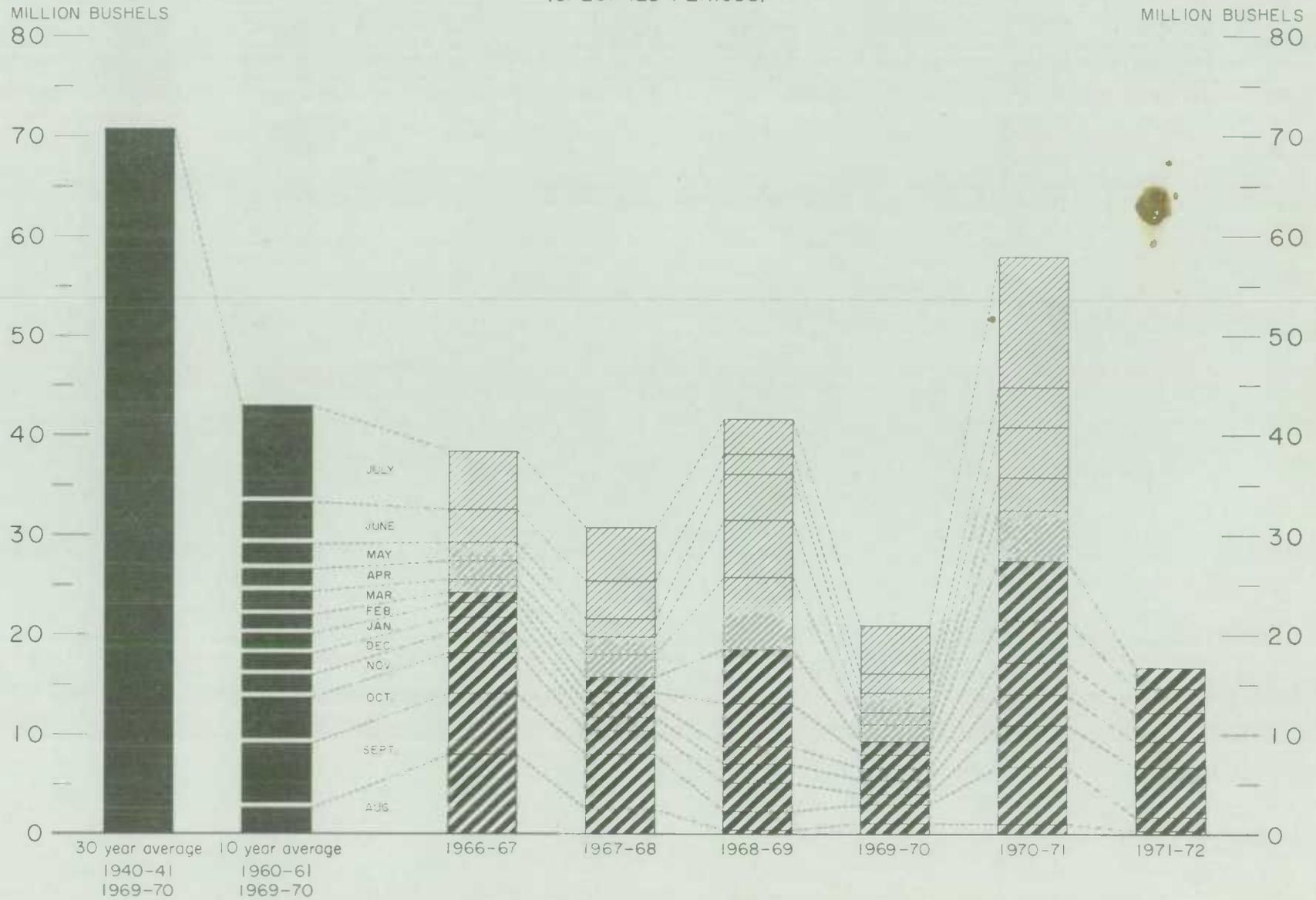
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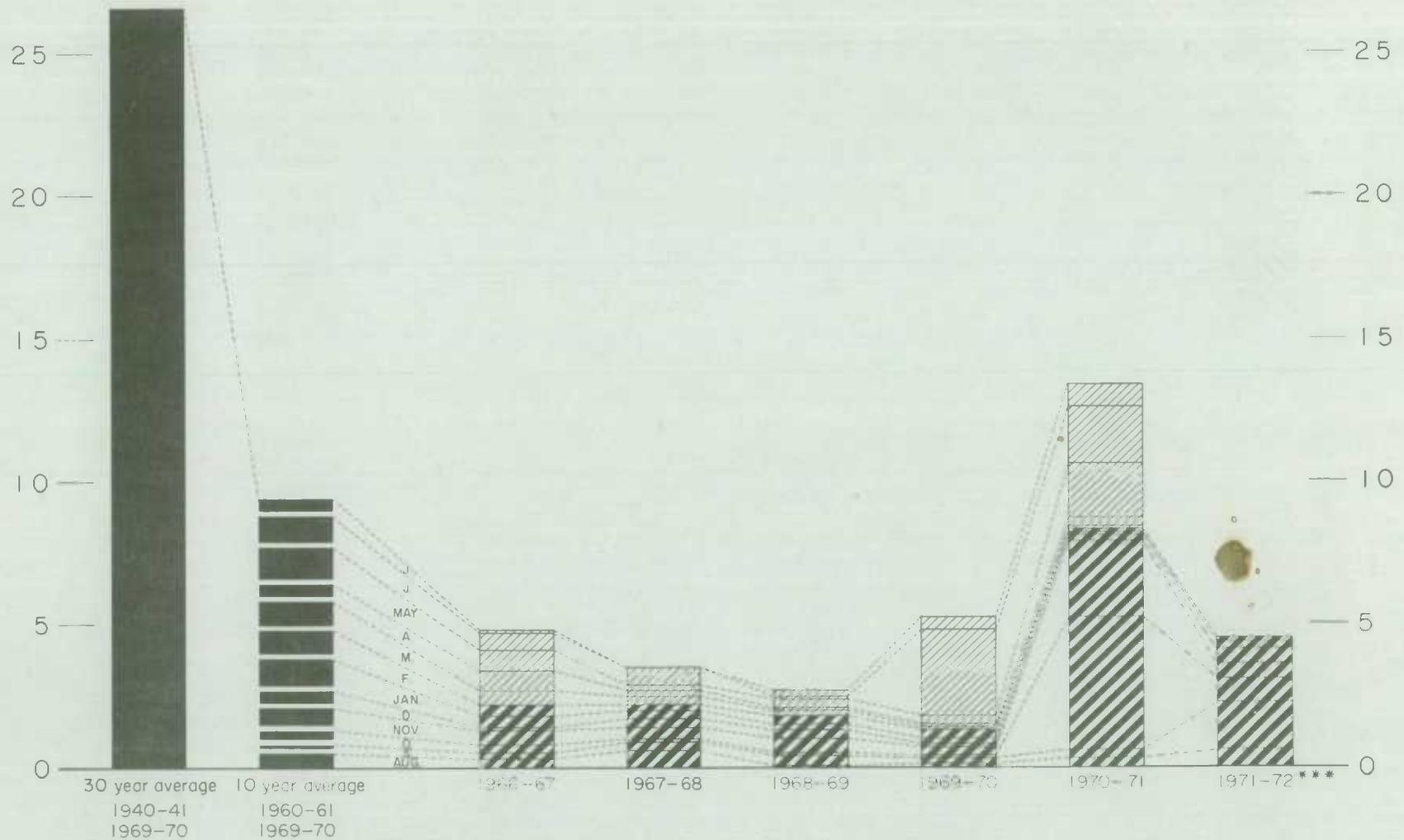


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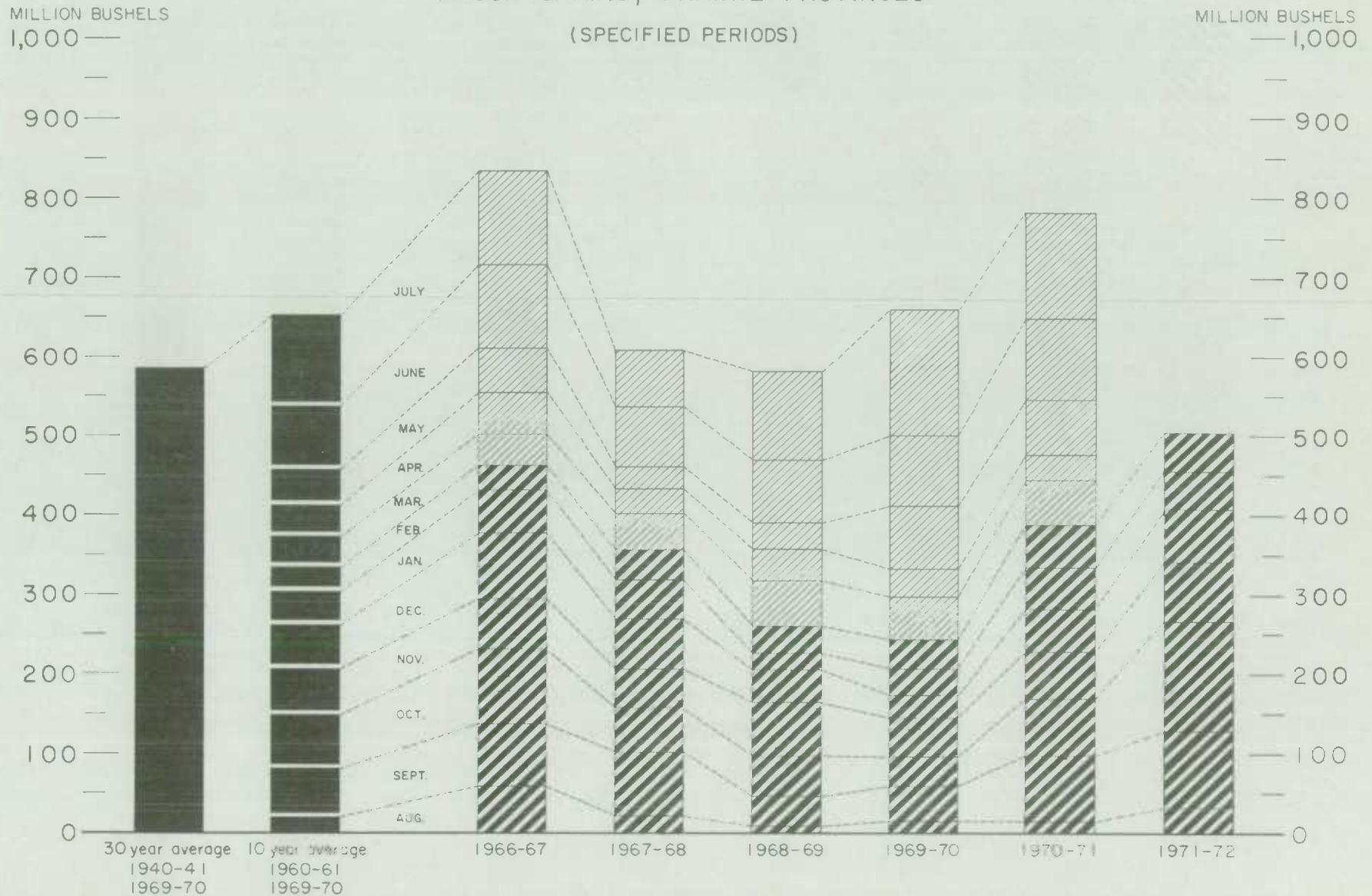


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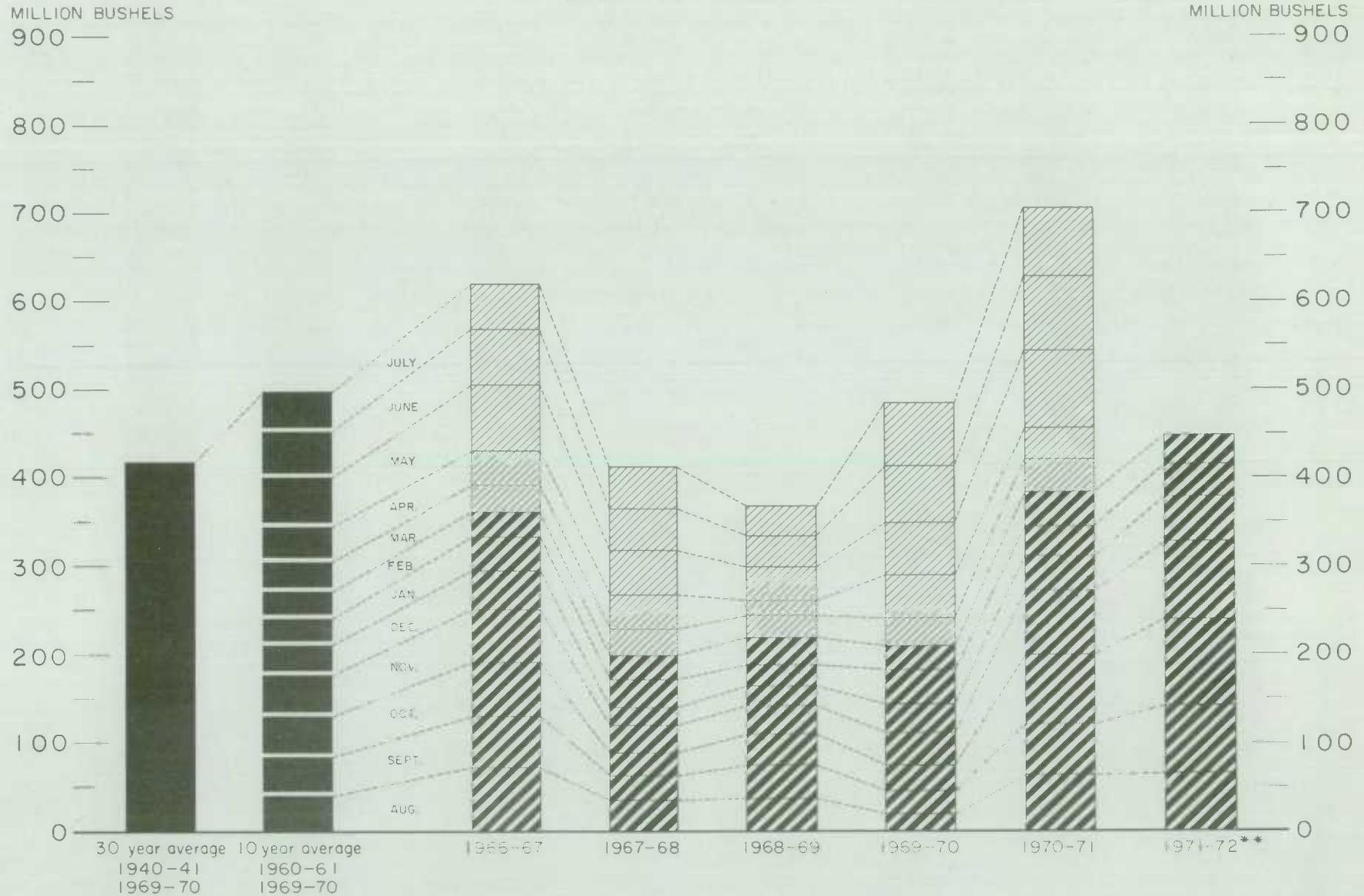
FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS,* PRAIRIE PROVINCES



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

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.

Supply and Disposition of Wheat and Rye, Canada, Crop Year 1970-71

Item	Wheat	Rye
	thousand bushels	
Stocks at commencement of crop year —		
On farms	542,700	4,700
Pacific coast elevators	12,803	394
Western country elevators	291,158	2,216
Thunder Bay	43,118	2,037
Eastern elevators	53,136	482
In transit rail	33,090	465
In transit lake	7,471	—
Other Canadian positions	25,214	38
U.S.A. positions	—	315
Totals, in store July 31, 1970	1,008,690	10,647
1970 Production	331,519	22,427
Imports	—	—
Totals, supplies	1,340,209	33,074
Exports —		
Wheat(1)	410,410	
Wheat flour (in terms of wheat)	24,803	
Totals, exports	435,213	8,917
Consumed in Canada —		
Human food (2)	64,458	458
Seed requirements	25,883	1,242
Industrial use (3)	500	2,800
Loss in handling (4)	652	59
Animal feed, waste and dockage (5)	69,349	6,855
Totals, domestic use	160,842	11,414
Stocks at end of crop year —		
On farms	404,820	5,200
Pacific coast elevators	8,799	612
Western country elevators	212,181	3,705
Thunder Bay	21,525	1,733
Eastern elevators	40,413	220
In transit rail	24,844	991
In transit lake	13,163	92
Other Canadian positions	18,409	48
U.S.A. positions	—	142
Totals, in store July 31, 1971	744,154	12,743
Totals, disposition	1,340,209	33,074

(1) Export data for wheat includes seed wheat. (2) Food uses estimated as follows: Wheat - wheat flour and breakfast foods; rye - breakfast foods. (3) Estimated. (4) Includes drying loss, outturn loss (lake and rail), fire loss, storage loss, etc. (5) Residual after estimating for other uses.

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 ^r	22,963 ^r
May	47,631	49	47,681	1,811 ^r	49,491 ^r
June	47,904	71	47,975	1,986 ^r	49,961 ^r
July	54,750	100	54,850	1,988	56,839
Totals	409,440	971	410,410	24,803 ^r	435,213 ^r
<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
Totals	282,443	622	283,065	15,157	298,221

(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, February 1972 and 1971

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			February 1972	February 1971 ^r
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	394,692	—	394,692	600,773
France	100,684	—	100,684	50,400
Germany, West	39,200	—	39,200	331,408
Italy	1,745,134	373,333	2,118,467	799,833
Netherlands	719,026	—	719,026	315,000
Sub-totals	2,998,736	373,333	3,372,069	2,097,414
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	2,857,873	—	2,857,873	6,267,795
Switzerland	—	—	—	116,973
Sub-totals	2,857,873	—	2,857,873	6,384,768
Totals	5,856,609	373,333	6,229,942	8,482,182
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	5,853,547	124,507	5,978,054	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	88,000	343,504	431,504	1,211,877
Ghana	—	—	—	365,325
Totals	88,000	343,504	431,504	1,577,202
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	45,929	—	45,929	—
Hong Kong	129,920	—	129,920	218,026
Indonesia	587,627	—	587,627	—
Japan	3,934,514	—	3,934,514	3,977,680
Malaysia	—	—	—	153,067
People's Republic of China	4,380,329	—	4,380,329	6,326,137
Philippines	—	—	—	635,824
Singapore	—	—	—	141,307
Taiwan	491,120	—	491,120	—
Turkey	—	—	—	230,200
Totals	9,569,439	—	9,569,439	11,682,241
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados	26	—	26	—
Cuba	1,068,136	—	1,068,136	—
Haiti	142,454	—	142,454	—
Jamaica	598	—	598	—
Paraguay	—	—	—	1,104
Peru	—	—	—	1,556,240
Venezuela	—	—	—	34,906
Totals	1,211,214	—	1,211,214	1,592,250
Sub-totals, all countries	22,578,809	841,344	23,420,153	23,333,875
Seed wheat(2)	—	—	48,138	76,755
Totals, all countries	22,578,809	841,344	23,468,291	23,410,630

(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 Canadian Customs returns, 1971 adjusted for time lag, 1972 preliminary.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1971 - February 1972			Total same period last year ^F
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
	bushels			
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	2,581,335	46,140	2,627,475	5,042,740
France	296,511	—	296,511	406,113
Germany, West	4,327,050	2,213,405	6,540,455	15,881,585
Italy	5,228,284	5,045,671	10,273,955	6,467,023
Netherlands	5,198,588 ^F	3,237,367	8,435,955 ^F	3,302,156
Sub-totals	17,631,768 ^F	10,542,583	28,174,351 ^F	31,099,617 ^F
Other Western Europe:				
Austria	—	—	—	244,181
Britain	25,148,103	314,993	25,463,096	34,553,467
Denmark	—	—	—	58,783
Ireland	232,742	—	232,742	1,314,265
Malta and Gozo	613,200	—	613,200	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	2,342,523
Sub-totals	27,687,910	775,015	28,462,925	41,094,938
Totals	45,319,678 ^F	11,317,598	56,637,276 ^F	72,194,555
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	408,688	—	408,688	358,400
Czechoslovakia	—	584,752	584,752	—
Poland	—	878,847	878,847	—
U.S.S R. (Russia)	64,122,343	7,267,771	71,390,114	4,362,808
Totals	64,531,031	8,731,370	73,262,401	4,721,208
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	1,537,504	4,843,943	6,381,447	7,965,688
Ghana	1,674,685	—	1,674,685	1,667,255
Morocco	862,516	220,460	1,082,976	—
Mozambique	—	—	—	104,534
Nigeria	693,058	—	693,058	—
South Africa	—	234,746	234,746	3,939,600
Sudan	—	—	—	2,279
Tanzania	—	—	—	7,976
Tunisia	—	523,502	523,502	1,542,244
U.A.R.	—	—	—	13,517,868
Totals	4,767,763	5,822,651	10,590,414	28,747,444

For footnotes see end of table.

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

Destination	August 1971 — February 1972			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
	bushels			
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	468,140	—	468,140	352,599
Hong Kong	497,616	—	497,616	601,009
India	22,925,889	—	22,925,889	17,098,372
Indonesia	871,627	—	871,627	—
Japan	30,099,076 ^r	282,620	30,381,696 ^r	22,358,346
Korea, North	1,180,666	—	1,180,666	—
Malaysia	168,186	—	168,186	267,551
Pakistan	2,717,900	—	2,717,900	4,066,847
People's Republic of China ..	49,264,016	1,769,286	51,033,302	32,577,348
Philippines	3,703,095	—	3,703,095	1,531,301
Singapore	50,960	—	50,960	275,893
Syria	5,789,086	—	5,789,086	7,231,029
Taiwan	1,754,853	—	1,754,853	524,533
Thailand	200,361	—	200,361	—
Turkey	—	—	—	2,688,438
Totals	119,691,471 ^r	2,051,906	121,743,377 ^r	89,573,266
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania	143,114	—	143,114	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados	56	—	56	—
Brazil	10,283,242	—	10,283,242	11,098,461
Cuba	4,069,602	369,393	4,438,995	3,248,293
Dominican Republic	231,496	77,165	308,661	—
Haiti	859,415	—	859,415	910,577
Jamaica	813,751	—	813,751	555,280
Paraguay	—	—	—	1,104
Peru	2,990,493	—	2,990,493	6,603,297
St. Lucia	—	—	—	167
Venezuela	272,164	4,406	276,570	255,726
United States(2)	95,200	—	95,200	—
Totals	19,615,419	450,964	20,066,383	22,672,905
Sub-totals, all countries	254,068,476	28,374,489	282,442,965	217,909,378
Seed wheat(3)			621,555	500,257
Totals, all countries	254,068,476	28,374,489	283,064,520	218,409,635

(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, 1971 adjusted for time lag, 1972 preliminary.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	October	January	August - January	
	1971(1)	1972(2)	1971-72(2)	1970-71(1)
	bushels			
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	—	—	28	38,610
Germany, West	—	—	626	69
Italy	—	—	—	8,280
Netherlands	—	—	—	722
Sub-totals	—	—	654	47,681
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	145,611	52,111	769,327	1,111,036
Gibraltar	—	—	2,705	5,410
Greece	—	25,346	36,306	32,032
Iceland	—	9,441	34,663	—
Ireland	—	—	3,606	—
Malta and Gozo	—	—	—	46
Portugal	4,145	4,434	17,634	12,420
Sub-totals	149,756	91,332	864,241	1,160,944
Totals	149,756	91,332	864,895	1,208,625
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	—	9,715	9,715	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	12,169	—	561,034	163,357
Angola	—	—	—	12,190
Cameroon	—	—	117,921	1,610
Congo-Kinshasa	5,750	—	26,680	104,758
Dahomey	2,760	—	25,300	8,740
French Africa, n.e.s.	—	—	185,748	—
Gabon	—	—	—	5,658
Gambia	2,300	4,600	23,000	46,009
Ghana	—	—	731	166,016
Guinea	12,917	19,444	52,803	—
Ivory Coast	5,060	—	10,350	5,290
Liberia	30,482	6,634	135,017	170,266
Malagasy	—	—	—	14,219
Malawi	1,886	1,679	17,606	34,541
Mozambique	2,863	2,765	9,626	16,572
Nigeria	4,784	—	9,945	—
Portuguese Africa n.e.s.	21,984	19,249	72,600	79,170
Sierre Leone	—	—	2,408	8,393
Somalia	—	—	22,816	11,840
South Africa	—	—	—	2,259
Sudan	—	—	—	13,745
Tanzania	—	—	1,610	4,140
Togo	16,675	—	69,495	69,046
U.A.R.	441,938	—	1,893,065	294,398
Totals	561,568	54,371	3,237,755	1,232,217
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	—	—	—	1,104
Bahrain	—	200	200	198
Burma	—	—	—	355,826
Ceylon	752,576	—	1,506,590	1,525,620
Cyprus	773	—	23,978	—
Hong Kong	16,905	7,705	104,328	109,770

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Destination	October 1971(1)	January 1971(2)	August-January	
			1971-72(2)	1970-71(1)
bushels				
Asia - Concluded				
Indonesia	-	-	-	1,213,696
Iran	-	495	1,815	1,769
Iraq	-	-	-	141,034
Japan	115	734	4,775	4,444
Jordan	-	-	8,367	-
Lebanon	-	10,161	199,118	8,590
Portuguese Asia	-	-	-	6,210
Qatar	-	391	391	318
Saudi Arabia	-	50,600	156,559	93,005
Singapore	-	-	2,300	-
South Yemen	-	2,332	2,332	-
Syria	-	-	67,027	-
Thailand	8,050	2,990	45,986	59,443
Trucial States	-	1,173	3,418	154
Totals	778,419	76,781	2,127,184	3,521,181
Oceania				
British Oceania n.e.s.	-	-	-	2,185
Fiji	-	-	920	1,035
United States Oceania	-	-	748	13,800
Totals	-	-	1,668	17,020
Western Hemisphere				
Bahamas	18,862	13,262	84,212	116,764
Barbados	31,006	25,258	150,047	158,330
Bermuda	12,563	11,442	57,518	69,633
British Honduras	6,967	-	21,436	34,288
Cuba(3)	425,907	1,000,689	6,321,263	5,301,389
Dominican Republic	-	-	2,300	35,144
French West Indies	529	115	966	920
Guyana	2,220	320	7,675	7,678
Honduras	-	-	918	6,113
Jamaica	42,720	4,818	75,251	56,663
Leeward and Windward Is.	24,847	62,383	334,648	430,118
Netherlands Antilles	2,921	5,182	23,471	122,871
Panama	-	-	676	338
Peru	-	-	-	172
St. Pierre and Miquelon	1,610	1,035	12,415	14,131
Surinam	796	108	6,493	16,670
Trinidad and Tobago	37,862	54,496	219,521	279,705
Venezuela	-	304	304	380
United States	5,290	-	14,812	211,677
Totals	614,100	1,179,412	7,333,926	6,862,984
Totals, all countries	2,103,843	1,411,611	13,575,143	12,842,027

- (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 February 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				
	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17
cents and eighths per bushel					
<u>Initial payment to producers</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	146	146	140	146	146
1 Northern	150	150	150	150	150
2 Northern	146	146	146	146	146
3 Northern	141	141	141	141	141
4 Northern	133	133	133	133	133
5 Wheat	119	119	119	119	119
6 Wheat	115	115	115	115	115
Feed Wheat	110	110	110	110	110
1 C.W. Garnet	133	133	133	133	133
2 C.W. Garnet	128	128	128	128	128
3 C.W. Garnet	123	123	123	123	123
1 Alberta Red Winter	132	132	132	132	132
2 Alberta Winter	127	127	127	127	127
3 Alberta Winter	121	121	121	121	121
1 C.W. Amber Durum	146	146	146	146	146
2 C.W. Amber Durum	142	142	142	142	142
3 C.W. Amber Durum	137	137	137	137	137
<u>Exports</u>					
<u>(Basis in store Thunder Bay)</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	166	165/6	167/2	166/6	167/4
1 Northern	168	167/6	169/2	168/6	169/4
2 Northern	166	165/6	167/2	166/6	167/4
3 Northern	161	160/6	162/2	161/6	162/4
4 Northern	158	157/6	159/2	158/6	159/4
5 Wheat(1)	148/4	148/4	148/4	148/4	148/4
6 Wheat(1)	146/4	146/4	146/4	146/4	146/4
Feed Wheat(1)	141/4	141/4	141/4	141/4	141/4
1 C.W. Garnet	158	157/6	159/2	158/6	159/4
2 C.W. Garnet	157	156/6	158/2	157/6	158/4
3 C.W. Garnet	156	155/6	157/2	156/6	157/4
1 Alberta Red Winter	158	157/6	159/2	158/6	159/4
2 Alberta Winter	157	156/6	158/2	157/6	158/4
3 Alberta Winter	156	155/6	157/2	156/6	157/4
1 C.W. Amber Durum	154/7	154/5	156/1	161/3	163/1
2 C.W. Amber Durum	153/7	153/5	155/1	160/3	162/1
3 C.W. Amber Durum	144/7	144/5	146/1	151/3	153/1
<u>(Basis in store Vancouver)</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	175/7	175/5	177/1	176/4	177/5
1 Northern	176/7	176/5	178/1	177/4	178/5
2 Northern	175/7	175/5	177/1	176/4	177/5
3 Northern	170/7	170/5	172/1	171/4	172/5
4 Northern	168/7	168/5	170/1	169/4	170/5
1 C.W. Garnet	168/7	168/5	170/1	169/4	170/5
2 C.W. Garnet	167/7	167/5	169/1	168/4	169/5
3 C.W. Garnet	166/7	166/5	168/1	167/4	168/5
1 Alberta Red Winter	168/7	168/5	170/1	169/4	170/5
2 Alberta Winter	167/7	167/5	169/1	168/4	169/5
3 Alberta Winter	166/7	166/5	168/1	167/4	168/5

(1) Domestic sales only.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during February 1972 amounted to 3,038,000 hundredweight, representing a decrease of one per cent from the January 1972 output of 3,079,000 hundredweight and 6 per cent less than the 10-year average production for the month of February of 3,242,000 hundredweight, but one per cent over the adjusted February 1971 total of 3,000,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during February 1972 had a total rated capacity of 170,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 71.7 per cent of this rated capacity was effective. Wheat milled for flour during February 1972 amounted to 6,816,000 bushels, 2 per cent below both the 6,933,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and the 6,961,000 bushels milled during February 1971. Of the wheat milled for flour during February 1972 some 5,620,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (610,000 bushels); Durum (448,000 bushels); and all other (138,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during January 1972 amounted to the equivalent of 1,412,000 bushels (some 614,000 hundredweight of flour) 51 per cent lower than the December 1971 exports of 2,868,000 bushels, and 48 per cent below the adjusted January 1971 exports of 2,725,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month under review went to thirty-four countries with leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat, in thousands of bushels, were as follows: Cuba, 1,001; Leeward and Windward Islands, 62; Trinidad and Tobago, 54; Britain, 52; and Saudi Arabia, 51.

Note: Data re exports of wheat flour for February 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 ^r
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
Totals.....	51,606,813	22,845,931	6,589,797
Same months 1970-71 ^r	52,369,547	22,968,029	6,636,304

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop year 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 Above Total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the
1970-71 Level 1971-72 crop year are currently placed at 2,369.7 million bushels,
 an increase of 5 per cent over the previous year's total of
 2,254.9 million, reflecting an increase in production, which more than offset a
 decline in carryover stocks. The current crop, estimated at a record 1,639.5
 million bushels, was 20 per cent above last year's outturn of 1,370.2 million,
 while the 730.2 million bushels carried over at July 1, 1971 were 17 per cent below
 the 1970 stocks of 884.7 million. Domestic disappearance during 1971-72 is
 estimated at about 825.0 million bushels, 5 per cent more than the 786.6 million
 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, 5 per cent above the 1,468.6 million in 1970-71.

Exports Below Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent
a Year Ago during the period July 1971-February 1972 amounted to 388.6 million
 bushels, a decrease of 22 per cent from the 495.3 million exported
 during the same months last year. The balance remaining on March 1, 1972 for
 export and for carryover was estimated at 1,156.3 million bushels compared with
 973.3 million on 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-February	 0.3	 0.2
 Total estimated supplies(1)	 2,255.2	 2,369.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2)	 786.6	 825.0
 Available for export and for carryover	 1,468.6	 1,544.9
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-February	453.2	352.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July-February	42.0	36.4
 Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	 495.3	 388.6
 Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover .	 973.3	 1,156.3

(1) Excluding imports for March-June.

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

Outlook Highlights A release dated March 13, 1972 from the Economic and Statistical Analysis Division, Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that the United States exports for the 1971-72 season are now estimated at 575 million bushels, down about a fifth from last season's high level. A record 1971 world wheat crop has increased supplies of other exporters and lowered demand of some importing nations. The adverse effect of the dock strikes has also resulted in lost export sales.

The expected decline in U.S. exports would reduce total disappearance to 1,400 million bushels, 8 per cent less than last season. Carryout stocks may reach 971 million bushels. The larger 1971 wheat harvest, especially in many importing countries, indicates that import demand may be down about 7 per cent from the high level of 53.6 million tons in 1970-71. The increased wheat crop in Europe will be the major depressing factor on world wheat trade. However, carryovers are unusually low, and some of the 1971 wheat crop will likely go toward rebuilding stocks.

World wheat trade in 1971-72 will benefit somewhat from increased purchases by the Soviet Union. The USSR will take about 1 million tons of Canadian wheat remaining on a 1966 long-term contract and will also purchase up to about 2.5 million tons on a new contract. In addition, the Soviet Union contracted to purchase 500,000 tons each from France and Australia. (A further sale of Canadian wheat totalling up to 5 million tons to the USSR was announced February 28.)

Other wheat markets are expected to show little net change from 1970-71. Turkey, North Africa, India, and Brazil are likely to take less. But this could be offset by increases in imports by Pakistan, the Middle East, and markets in the Far East which have an uptrend in consumption and imports.

With large exportable supplies available, competition among wheat exporters in 1971-72 has been strong. This is partly reflected in lower world prices. Canadian exports, braced by large sales to Mainland China and the USSR, are expected to be up a sixth from last year's 11.5 million tons. Australia's shipments are estimated to be down only slightly from the 1970-71 record of 9.3 million tons. France, which again has picked up in export activity, may increase shipments as much as 2 million tons.

Fifth Report on 1972 Wheat Program Signup On March 16, 1972 the United States Department of Agriculture announced that there were 856,765 farms enrolled through March 9 in the 1972 wheat program signup, in a fifth progress report. With one day plus delayed registration remaining to be reported in the February 3 - March 10 enrollement period, signed farms have allotments totalling 16,171,675 acres, or 83 per cent of the total eligible domestic acreage allotment of 19.5 million acres. At the comparable period during the 1971 signup there were 947,348 farms enrolled with allotments of 16,628,287 acres. Wheat acreage set-aside on enrolled farms shown on this report totals 17,695,099 acres. This includes the required 83 per cent set-aside of 13,420,978 acres and 4,274,121 acres of voluntary additional set-aside.

Flour Production According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in January 1972 amounted to 20,820,000 hundredweight, averaging 991,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 911,000 hundredweight last month and 1,045,000 hundredweight in January 1971. Wheat flour mills during January operated at 101.5 per cent of capacity, compared with 93.3 per cent and 105.7 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in January 1972 ground 46,247,000 bushels in wheat compared with 46,265,000 bushels the previous month and 46,405,000 bushels in January 1971.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies Decline Reflecting the effect of a decrease in carryover stocks which more than offset a 5 per cent increase in production, total estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1971-72 (December-November) crop year are placed at 427.9 million bushels, 23 per cent less than the 555.0 million in 1970-71. Carryover stocks at December 1, 1971, at 124.9 million bushels were sharply below the 265.1 million at the same date a year ago, and the 1971 production, at 303.0 million was slightly more than the comparable figure in 1970. After deducting some 87.2 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 340.7 million are available for export and for carryover during 1971-72, a decrease of 26 per cent from the 458.1 million in 1970-71.

Exports Below Previous Year's Level Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 - February 19 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 73.3 million bushels, 7 per cent lower than the 78.6 million exported during the corresponding period of the 1970-71 crop year. The balance remaining on February 20, 1972 for export and for carryover, at 267.4 million bushels, was 30 per cent below the 379.5 million at the same date a year ago.

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 ^r
Production	289.9	303.0 ^r
Total estimated domestic supplies	555.0	427.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	96.9	87.2 ^r
Available for export and for carryover	458.1	340.7
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - February 19 .	75.4	70.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - February 19	3.2	2.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	78.6	73.3
Balance on February 20 for export and for carryover ...	379.5	267.4

The following information relative to the Australian situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. R. Groundwater, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada, Melbourne, under date of March 6, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Wheat production in Australia. — Adverse seasonal conditions during the 1971-72 growing season reduced overall yields with the total production estimated to be 303 million bushels. Deliveries to the Australian Wheat Board are 277.6 million bushels. The national quota in the 1971-72 season was 339 million bushels making the season the second in succession with deliveries substantially less than aggregate production. The estimates of production and deliveries by State are provided in the following table:

Estimated Australian Wheat Production and Deliveries 1971-72

State	Production	Estimated deliveries	Quota 1971-72
	million bushels		
Queensland	27.0	24.4	38.0
New South Wales	86.0	71.7	128.0
Victoria	63.0	63.6	57.0
South Australia	51.0	47.5	40.0
Western Australia	76.0	70.4	76.0
Totals	303.0	277.6	339.0

Wheat harvesting has been completed in all States and preparation for the new crop is under way. The current outlook for the 1972-73 season is reasonably favourable, however, unpredictable weather conditions during the growing season could substantially change the outlook.

Grades of wheat in Australia. — Deliveries to the Australian Wheat Board in Queensland were 24.4 million bushels consisting of 19 million bushels of prime hard wheat and 5 million bushels of f.a.q. wheat. The remaining quantity was largely off-grade wheat.

The estimated deliveries in New South Wales of 71.7 million bushels comprises 16 million bushels of prime hard wheat and 3 million bushels of hard wheat. Approximately 40 million bushels of f.a.q. wheat were received of which 33 million bushels were S.W. f.a.q. and 7 million bushels northern f.a.q. wheat. Poor harvesting conditions led to approximately 8 million bushels of off-grade wheat being received reflecting the adverse weather conditions during harvesting. The remaining quantity of wheat comprises various segregations such as premium soft wheat, Durum and Eagle-Falcon varieties.

Approximately 64 million bushels of wheat have been delivered to the Australian Wheat Board in Victoria. The composition of the deliveries were 7 million bushels of soft wheat, 45 million bushels of f.a.q., 2 million bushels of hard wheat and 3 million bushels of off-grade wheat. Again the remainder, approximately 6.6 million bushels, comprises various segregations of other wheat.

South Australian farmers delivered 4 million bushels of hard wheat, 29 million bushels of f.a.q., 10 million bushels of specially segregated wheat (over 11 per cent protein content) and 5 million bushels of off-grade wheat.

Deliveries in Western Australia of 70.4 million bushels comprises 61.2 million bushels of f.a.q. and 9.2 million bushels of off-grade wheat.

Wheat delivery quotas. — The Australian Agricultural Council endorsed the 1972-73 delivery quotas total of 407 million bushels which was proposed by the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation.

The Commonwealth Government agreed to pay the first advance of \$A1.10 (Cdn. \$1.32) per bushel less freight on deliveries of quota wheat to the Australian Wheat Board. Quotas for the 1972-73 season are as follows:

New South Wales	157 million bushels
Victoria	67 million bushels
South Australia	50 million bushels
Western Australia	95 million bushels
Queensland	38 million bushels

The decision of the Federal Government to provide the first advance of \$A1.10 (Cdn. \$1.32) per bushel on 407 million bushels came after tough negotiations by the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation. The acceptance was conditional that if production is in excess of the quota, or if sales are less than anticipated and stocks are built up, the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation must take responsibility to reduce quotas in 1973-74.

The quota may initiate a production response greater than necessary, particularly since adverse seasonal conditions in the past two years reduced production. The expected carryover at the end of November 1972 is expected to be less than 90 million bushels, a carryover level which is considered to be too low by wheat growers. Assuming deliveries of 407 million bushels in 1972-73, total availability of wheat will be in the vicinity of 500 million bushels, which would mean that carryover at the end of 1973 would be more acceptable to the wheat growers. However, it is anticipated that production will be substantially in excess of the quota levels which will mean a considerable increase in carryover.

The determination of the quotas for the 1972-73 season are as follows:

<u>Quota</u>	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>Vic.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>Q'ld</u>	<u>Total</u>
	million bushels					
Base 1969-70	123	65	45	86	25	344
Plus 2 1/2 per cent .	3	2	1	2	1	9
Sub-totals	<u>126</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>353</u>
Shortfall 1971-72 ...	22	—	—	—	6	28
Special shortfall						
1969-70	—	—	—	7	—	7
Totals	<u>148</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>388</u>
Prime Hard	7	—	—	—	6	13
Southern Hard	—	—	4	—	—	4
Durum	2	—	—	—	—	2
Totals	<u>157</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>407</u>

Negotiable wheat quotas. — The Victorian farmers will be able to buy, sell or lease quotas in the 1972-73 season. The purchase or lease of a quota must be approved by a wheat quota committee and growers will be limited to a quota entitlement of 8,000 bushels.

The average State quota is slightly over 3,000 bushels and approximately one quarter of the Victoria wheat growers hold quotas of 1,000 bushels of less.

Many small quota holders in Victoria are unable to use their quotas effectively. The value of the negotiability will mean that farmers presently holding less than 8,000 bushel quotas will be able to increase production through the purchase or lease of smaller quotas with a result that growers incomes will be more satisfactory and the production of wheat more efficient.

It is expected that quotas will be advertised in rural newspapers in order to provide suitable dissemination of such information. This may result in initial confusion and there will probably be some difficulties in making the system work effectively and fairly, however, it is a move that will prove beneficial to the Victorian wheat industry.

Wheat sale to Chile. — The Australian Wheat Board has sold 200,000 long tons (7,467,000 bushels) of wheat to Chile on credit terms. The Wheat Board announced that the wheat would be shipped from New South Wales and South Australia. The sale was concluded in Chile by the Australian Wheat Board comprised of Messrs. E.E. Nuske, Victorian grower-member and J.L. Chapman, Assistant General Manager.

Control on wheat varieties. — Draft legislation is being prepared by the Australian Wheat Board to control the types of wheat grown throughout Australia. The Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, Mr. Cass, stated that the Board must be able to guarantee the availability of any particular grade of wheat and to improve the homogeneity of the sample.

The proposed legislation would provide suitable controls so that the objectives of the Australian Wheat Board would be met.

State Wheat Advisory Committees recommend varieties for each State, however, there is no compulsion for farmers to follow the recommendations. Provided that the legislation is passed, the Committee will have power to ensure that recommendations are followed.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 — February 19, 1971-72 and Corresponding Period 1970-71

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain	16,558	2,938	86	53
Ireland	85	230	—	—
Malta	—	191	—	—
Norway	995	4,037	—	—
Switzerland	993	—	—	—
Totals	18,631	7,396	86	53

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat — Continued
December 1 — February 19, 1971-72 and Corresponding Period 1970-71

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Germany, East	1,932	2,952	—	—
U.S.S.R.(Russia)	—	6,108	—	—
Totals	1,932	9,060	—	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Kenya	—	1,233	—	—
Malawi	—	—	133	161
Mauritius — Comm.	—	—	187	246
Mozambique	1,086	525	—	—
Rhodesia	943	683	—	—
South Africa	850	—	—	—
Sudan	915	1,432	—	—
Tanzania	—	739	—	—
U.A.R. Egypt	15,781	20,379	—	—
Zambia	652	661	—	—
Others	3	(1)	—	98
Totals	20,230	25,652	320	505
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden	— 3 ^r	61	—	—
Aden and Aden Atta	—	—	—	10
Afghanistan	—	411	—	—
Arabian Gulf	65	132	29	78
Arabian Gulf Atta	—	—	208	415
Ceylon	441	597	—	—
Ceylon — Comm.	—	—	351	53
— F. Aid	—	—	558	632
China	3,039	—	—	—
Hong Kong	1,017	528	6	5
India — F. Aid	1,445	1,467	—	—
Indonesia — F. Aid	—	232	643	—
— Comm.	—	—	2	1
Iran	2,093	—	—	—

For footnotes see end of table.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat — Concluded
December 1 — February 19, 1971-72 and Corresponding period 1970-71

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia — Concluded</u>				
Iraq	3,727	2,046	—	—
Japan	7,401	10,796	—	—
Korea South	—	1,280	—	—
Kuwait	1,613	807	—	—
Malaysia	2,244	1,822	—	—
Pakistan — Comm.	2,373	—	—	—
— F. Aid	234	879	—	—
Philippines	—	—	37	70
Sabah	—	—	2	1
Sarawak	—	—	(1)	—
Saudi Arabia	— ^r	817	—	3
Singapore	1,808	1,754	(1)	—
Taiwan	2,964	1,014	—	—
Thailand	350	503	53	56
Yemen	— ^r	930	—	—
Others	—	—	30	25
Totals	30,800	26,076	1,919	1,349
<u>Oceania</u>				
New Zealand	550	551	—	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia	488	—	—	—
Chile	1,198	717	—	—
Peru	1,566	1,131	—	—
West Indies Area	—	—	4	7
Totals	3,252	1,848	4	7
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands	8	15	839	754
Ships' Stores and Sundries	—	—	32	32
Totals	8	15	871	786
Totals, all countries	75,400	70,600	3,200	2,700

(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 433.6 million amount to some 531.4 million, 21 per cent above the 1970-71 total of 437.9 million, reflecting increases in both carryover stocks and anticipated deliveries. Imports during the August-December period of the current crop year, including durum and both hard and soft wheat have amounted to 3.1 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 9.2 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 308.1 million bushels, sharply above the 217.4 million the previous year.

Exports Higher than Previous Year Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first five months of the 1971-72 crop year amounted to 95.9 million bushels, 82 per cent larger than the comparable August-December 1970 total of 52.8 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on January 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 212.2 million compared with the January 1, 1971 total of 164.6 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	433.6
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies .	437.9	531.4
Imports(1), August-December	9.2	3.1
Total commercial supplies	447.1	534.5
Less domestic requirements for crop year	229.7	226.3
Available for export and for carryover	217.4	308.1
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat,(2) August-December	36.3	77.8
Exports of wheat flour, August-December	16.5	18.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	52.8	95.9
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover	164.6	212.2

(1) Includes durum, hard and soft wheat.

(2) Includes denatured, durum and soft wheat.

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Supply-disposition — soft wheat. — Farms deliveries increased during December reaching an all-time high of 9,462,000 metric tons (347,665,000 bushels) on January 1, 1972 while domestic utilizations remain at about the same level. Total exports increased from 400,200 tons (14,705,000 bushels) in November 1971 to 435,700 tons (16,009,000 bushels) in December. During December the 4,400 tons (162,000 bushels) reduction for exports to the EEC, which have steadily decreased since September, has been largely offset by the 39,900 tons (1,466,000 bushels) net increase to other countries.

Durum wheat. — An important increase is to be noted during December for farm deliveries which reached 393,640 metric tons (14,464,000 bushels) on January 1, 1972, compared with 246,951 tons (9,074,000 bushels) on January 1, 1971. Sales to semolina millers were higher by 7,200 tons (265,000 bushels) than during November. Exports remained strong to the EEC, 5,100 tons (187,000 bushels) compared with 3,300 tons (121,000 bushels) in November.

International trade. — Total French wheat imports registered reduction, falling from 49,884 metric tons (1,833,000 bushels) in December 1970 to 21,510 tons (790,000 bushels) in December 1971. There were 11,685 metric tons (429,000 bushels) of durum wheat imports in December 1971 from Argentina.

The August-December total imports reached 83,524 tons (3,069,000 bushels) compared with 249,692 tons (1,975,000 bushels) during the same period of 1970. The total reduction reached 166,168 tons (6,106,000 bushels) of which 139,368 metric tons (5,121,000 bushels) is for durum wheat.

French Wheat Imports, August-December

Destination	Durum wheat		Hard and soft wheats	
	1970	1971	1970	1971
	thousand bushels			
Belgium	—	—	3	1
Germany	—	—	—	9
Italy	—	—	1	1
U.S.S.R.	—	—	—	91
United States	5,700	789	1,499	890
Canada	179	—	1,217	859
Argentina	460	429	116	—
Totals	6,340	1,219	2,835	1,850

For the first five months of the 1971-72 commercial crop year, total cereals exports, reached record level, at 5.1 million metric tons, of which 3.3 million tons went to the EEC. Total wheat exports in December 1971 amounted to 431,698 metric tons (15,862,000 bushels) as against 177,937 tons (6,538,000 bushels) in December 1970.

The August-December 1970 total wheat exports increased from 988,897 metric tons (36,335,000 bushels) to 2,118,332 tons (77,835,000 bushels) during the same months of 1971. The rise in durum wheat should also be noted: 21,642 tons (795,000 bushels) as against 5,673 tons (208,000 bushels) at the same period last year, because of larger exports to Germany and Italy. Total wheat exports to the EEC for these first five

months increased from 785,888 tons (28,876,000 bushels) last year to 1,346,001 tons (49,457,000 bushels) this year. Key increases for exports to third countries remained: Switzerland, United Kingdom and Poland.

French Wheat Exports, August-December

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
thousand bushels						
Belgium	6,855	7,810	149	185	5,140	6,177
Holland	7,652	8,791	9	—	82	773
Germany	5,761	14,245	1	264	997	1,919
Italy	2,174	9,036	45	249	11	7
U.K.	2,016	8,936	—	16	—	28
Switzerland	1,060	3,980	1	4	6	14
Ireland	29	790	—	—	—	—
Spanish Canaries	—	—	—	—	—	1
Portugal	1	294	—	—	—	—
Andorra	7	8	—	—	—	—
Czechoslovakia	—	1,310	—	—	—	—
U.S.S.R.	—	73	—	—	—	—
Poland	—	6,073	—	—	—	—
Spanish N. Africa	10	—	—	—	—	—
Tunisia	735	134	—	—	—	—
Angola	—	863	—	—	—	—
Morocco	—	370	—	—	—	—
Kenya	—	478	—	—	—	—
Uganda	—	1	—	—	—	—
Reunion Island	—	—	—	77	13	—
Martinique	—	—	—	—	—	(1)
Madagascar	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—
Mauritania	10	4	—	—	—	—
Upper Volta	—	322	—	—	—	—
Senegal	1,075	1,578	—	—	—	—
Ivory Coast	873	1,692	—	—	—	—
Cameroon.....	380	331	—	—	—	4
Central African Rep. ..	130	119	—	—	—	—
Gabon	129	303	—	—	—	—
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)	4	(1)	—	(1)
Totals	29,876	68,105	208	795	6,251	8,934

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

For the first five months, total wheat flour exports increased from 289,372 metric tons in 1970 to 328,663 tons at the end of 1971. Flour shipments declined in December 1971 to 65,862 tons compared with the 68,024 tons exported in the previous month.

Prices and market. — Market prices for soft wheat fell from 1.75 francs per 100 kilos (9 cents per bushel Cdn.) above the intervention price on January 12, 1972 to about 1 or 1.25 francs (5 or 7 cents per bushel) on February 10. Some wheat seems to be selling at the intervention price level, in the North of France. For denatured wheat prices which were 50 francs (\$2.65 per bushel) on January 12, are now around 46 francs (\$2.44 per bushel). FOB prices Rouen decreased slightly from 55.25 — 55.50 francs to 54.50 (\$2.93 — \$2.94 to \$2.89 per bushel) on February 10. For the first two months of 1972, wheat exports would be weaker than during the last five months of 1971, troubled by monetary uncertainties. ONIC is expecting intervention offers if there is not a follow-up of third countries exports.

It is interesting to note that on January 1, 1972, 1,615,043 metric tons (59,342,000 bushels) were graded, compared with 1,169,175 tons (42,959,000 bushels) on January 1, 1971, i.e. 38 per cent more.

Standard quality for durum is now sold at the intervention price, around 62.45 francs (\$3.31 per bushel). Next year production would remain on the same level as the previous year because of registered bad yields. There was the general meeting of SYNPRODUR (Syndicat des Producteurs de Blé dur which accounts 35 adherents), and they were asking for:

- the suppression of the old regulation for ash content. Because new varieties contain more and more mineral materials, the ash content would be now around 1.65 or 1.85 instead of 0.60 ten years ago.
- a diversification of durum varieties in order to reduce crop risks, and the inscription into the French list of Wells, which would be better and more regular for yield than Lakota and Leeds.

On January 24, 1972, wheat flour price was advanced by 4.50 francs per 100 kilos, i.e. a 5.20 per cent increase. Bread price was advanced too by 0.05 francs for all types. The previous increase was 4 francs on June 1971. This new one was necessary because of 11.5 per cent increase in wheat prices and costs. But millers were expecting a 6 to 8 francs increase in flour prices. On January 19, the general meeting of l'Association Nationale de la Meunerie Française was asking for an automatic formula for relating wheat prices to flour prices, otherwise exports projects remain bad.

French producers are waiting now for next campaign prices which have to be fixed before April 1, 1972. The last propositions of Commission were to increase target prices for both soft and durum by 5 per cent in two years. So, there would be a lower increase for wheat than for corn (+7.5 per cent in two years).

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 198.3 million bushels, 8 per cent more than the comparable 1970-71 total of 183.3 million reflecting an increase in production which more than offset a decrease in carryover stocks. The 1971 production estimated at 191.1 million bushels exceeded by 23 per cent the 155.7 million produced in 1970 while the

December 1, 1971 carryover stocks, at 7.2 million, are sharply below the 27.5 million at the same date a year ago. After making an allowance of 140.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 58.3 million are available for export and for carryover in 1971-72, some 33 per cent above the 43.7 million the previous year.

Exports at Same Level as Year Ago Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1971-February 1972 amounted to 13.3 million bushels, unchanged from those shipped during the same three months in 1970-71. The balance remaining on March 1, 1972 for export and for carryover was estimated at only 45.0 million bushels, as against the March 1, 1971 total of 30.4 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^R	1971-72 ^P
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) (1) ...	27.5	7.2
Production	155.7	191.1(2)
Total estimated domestic supplies	183.3	198.3
Less estimated requirements for crop year	139.6	140.0
Available for export and for carryover	43.7	58.3
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-February	12.2	11.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-February	1.0	2.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	13.3	13.3
Balance on March 1 for export and for carryover	30.4	45.0

- (1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.
- (2) Subject to further revision.

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In the previous report we stated that the wheat situation was somewhat obscure. There has been little change over the month. Stock figures have not been released officially and there has been no revision of last year's production figure.

February 15 was the deadline for Brazil and Argentina to decide on the total amount of the wheat contract for this year. To date there has been no news. President Lanusse arrived in Brazil on March 12. It was rumoured that there would be an announcement the morning of March 13, but the morning passed without any word. Once the total figure is released we expect that all the other figures will be made public.

There have been no further estimates released by the Department of Agriculture on the size of the wheat crop. It is possible that there will be further delays, as Mr. De Rocco, has been replaced as Minister of Agriculture by Ingeniero Agronomo Ernesto Jorge Lanusse, a cousin of the President.

In the previous report it was pointed that exporters were allowed to change 30 per cent of their foreign currency receipts on the financial market and 70 per cent on the commercial market. This was changed on February 23 to 43 per cent on the financial and 57 per cent on the commercial market. The composite exchange rate using the exchange rates above is thus 6.93 pesos to the dollar.

Last year the government agreed to fix the minimum prices for cereals for the new crop year, in this case 1972-73 by March of 1972. The purpose was to allow farmers to plan ahead. On March 2 the price for 1972-73 was set at 34 pesos per 100 kilos, compared to 25 pesos for 1971-72. Already the farm organizations are denouncing this price as inadequate to induce farmers to grow sufficient quantities of wheat. Although it is a sizeable increase it does nothing more than keep farmers in step with galloping inflation.

Wheat prices at March 3 f.o.r. were as follow:

	pesos per 100 kilos	Canadian dollars per bushel
<u>Buenos Aires</u>		
Hard wheat	26.10	1.43
Semi hard	25.50	1.40
Durums	25.60	1.40
<u>Bahia Blanca</u>		
Hard wheat	25.90	1.42
Semi hard	25.30	1.39
Durums	25.60	1.40
<u>Futures Exchange — Buenos Aires</u>		
April	28.25	1.55
May	29.40	1.61
June	30.21	1.66

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1970 and 1971

Destination	December	
	1970	1971
thousand bushels		
<u>Western Europe</u>		
EEC:		
France	244	—
Italy	830	447
Totals	1,074	447
<u>Asia</u>		
Lebanon	261	—

Argentine Wheat Exports December 1970 and 1971 — Concluded

Destination	December	
	1970	1971
	thousand bushels	
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>		
Brazil	2,642	1,768
Chile	393	1,036
Paraguay	142	—
Peru	116	—
Totals	3,293	2,804
Totals, all countries	4,628	3,252

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- February 28 The Canadian Wheat Board announced the sale of 3.5 million tons (130 million bushels) of wheat to the U.S.S.R.
- March 1 The Honourable Otto E. Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board announced the initial payments for wheat, barley and oats for the crop year beginning August 1, 1972. The prices, unchanged from last year with the exception of barley which is increased by five cents a bushel are: No. 1 Canada Western Red Spring Wheat, \$1.46 a bushel, No. 3 Canada Western Six-Row Barley, 96 cents a bushel, and No. 2 Canada Western Oats, 60 cents a bushel. All prices are "basis in store", Thunder Bay.
- 6 According to Mr. R.A. Groundwater, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada, Melbourne, adverse seasonal conditions in Australia during the 1971-72 growing season reduced overall yields with the total production estimated to be 303 million bushels.
- 17 The Canada Department of Agriculture released a "Spring Outlook 1972". For details regarding wheat see pages 6 and 10 of this publication.

The Canadian Wheat Board announced that only a few changes will be made in the Canadian Wheat Board's delivery quota system in the 1972-73 crop year.

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