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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

World Wheat Exports Decline from Year Ago

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-March period of the current crop year have amounted to 961.7 million bushels, 9 per cent below the 1,053.6 million bushels exported during the same eight months in 1970-71 but 3 per cent more than the ten-year (1960-61 - 1969-70) average shipments for the same period of 936.0 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, shipments from Canada were higher this year than last, while exports from Australia, United States and Argentina were below those of the previous year.

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

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

August-March	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million bushels						
1950-51	135.9	80.3	198.3	54.4	468.9	
1951-52	200.1	62.8	333.4	23.9	620.2	
1952-53	224.7	56.7	233.0	6.0	520.4	
1953-54	170.9	40.2	125.7	78.0	414.8	
1954-55	172.7	62.8	188.1	92.2	515.8	
1955-56	160.8	63.5	185.5	80.4	490.2	
1956-57	178.0	97.6	356.3	62.8	694.7	
1957-58	197.6	46.4	255.5	48.5	548.0	
1958-59	188.5	50.4	297.2	61.7	597.8	
1959-60	190.9	80.1	309.7	41.5	622.2	
1960-61	205.8	108.6	447.8	55.4	817.6	
1961-62	244.6	141.9	476.1	54.5	917.1	
1962-63	212.0	96.5	379.1	43.8	731.4	
1963-64	349.6	181.5	566.5	69.5	1,167.1	
1964-65	264.9	132.6	454.4	102.8	954.7	
1965-66	368.0	131.7	546.6	198.3	1,244.6	
1966-67	338.9	157.2	508.0	70.3	1,074.4	73.5
1967-68	176.9	176.6	539.8 ^r	30.2	923.5 ^r	93.7
1968-69	207.0	127.2	324.8	67.9	726.9	123.9
1969-70 ^r	183.3	173.3	391.7	53.9	802.2	159.8
1970-71 ^r	256.0	243.8	507.7	46.1	1,053.6	84.0
1971-72 ^p	322.4	218.4	386.6	34.3	961.7	109.7(1)

(1) August-January only.

World Wheat Supplies Below Previous Year

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at April 1, 1972 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, at 2,178.7 million bushels, declined by 2 per cent from the 2,215.3 million at the same time a year ago. Supplies were lower in Canada and Australia while increases occurred in United States and Argentina as compared with those of a year ago. Supplies at April 1, 1972, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 788.5 (923.4); Australia, 226.0 (338.5); United States, 1,106.2 (909.6); and Argentina, 58.0 (43.8).

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

August-March	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million metric tons						
1950-51	3,699	2,185	5,397	1,481	12,762	
1951-52	5,446	1,709	9,074	650	16,880	
1952-53	6,115	1,543	6,341	163	14,163	
1953-54	4,651	1,094	3,421	2,123	11,289	
1954-55	4,700	1,709	5,119	2,509	14,038	
1955-56	4,376	1,728	5,049	2,188	13,341	
1956-57	4,844	2,656	9,697	1,709	18,907	
1957-58	5,378	1,263	6,954	1,320	14,914	
1958-59	5,130	1,372	8,089	1,679	16,270	
1959-60	5,196	2,180	8,429	1,129	16,934	
1960-61	5,601	2,956	12,187	1,508	22,252	
1961-62	6,657	3,862	12,957	1,483	24,960	
1962-63	5,770	2,626	10,318	1,192	19,906	
1963-64	9,515	4,940	15,418	1,892	31,764	
1964-65	7,209	3,609	12,367	2,798	25,983	
1965-66	10,015	3,584	14,876	5,397	33,873	
1966-67	9,223	4,278	13,826	1,913	29,241	2,000
1967-68	4,814	4,806	14,691	822	25,134	2,550
1968-69	5,634	3,462	8,840	1,848	19,783	3,372
1969-70	4,989	4,717	10,660	1,467	21,833	4,349
1970-71 ^r	6,967	6,635	13,817	1,255	28,675	2,286
1971-72 ^p	8,774	5,944	10,522	934	26,173	2,986(1)

(1) August-January only.

Record World Wheat Crop in 1971; Rye Gains Sharply

According to the March 1972 issue of the "World Agricultural Production and Trade" published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign

Agricultural Service, world wheat production in 1971 is estimated at a record 314 million metric tons, 9 per cent above 1970 and 2 per cent over the previous 1968 high. World wheat area was up 2 per cent and yield gained 6 per cent. Good weather favoured larger outturns in all regions except the Soviet Union.

Wheat production in North America rose 25 per cent to 60.9 million tons. The Canadian crop at 14.3 million tons was 58 per cent larger for the year. Good yield plus sizable expansion in area accounted for the gain. The Mexican harvest was down 11 per cent, at 2.0 million tons, mainly a result of diverting land to other uses. The United States produced 44.6 million tons of wheat in 1971, up 20 per cent for the year and 4 per cent over the previous record in 1968. Area was up 10 per cent, while yield rose 9 per cent under mostly excellent weather conditions. South American wheat production totalled 8.9 million tons, up 11 per cent. Argentina showed a 22 per cent gain and Brazil one of 15 per cent, both on increased area.

European wheat crops were at record levels in contrast to poor outturns in 1970. The West European harvest totalled 50.6 million tons, up 16 per cent. The EC produced 34.0 million tons, up 15 per cent. France, Italy, West Germany, and the

United Kingdom had record harvests. Eastern Europe produced 29.7 million tons of wheat in 1971, 30 per cent above the previous year. Record crops were harvested in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia. The Soviet wheat crop is estimated at 75 million tons, down from 80 million in 1970.

African wheat production was up 8 per cent at 7.9 million tons. Morocco produced 2.2 million tons, up 18 per cent, and South Africa a record 1.6 million tons, up 16 per cent. In Asia, wheat production is estimated at 71.8 million tons, up 4 per cent. India and Turkey had record crops. From Iraq through Pakistan crops were sharply reduced by drought.

The Australian wheat crop, at 8.5 million tons, was 7 per cent higher for the year, although the yield was reduced by drought in the hard wheat areas in northern New South Wales and in Queensland.

World rye production in 1971 is estimated at 28.7 million tons, 14 per cent above 1970 and the largest crop since 1968. Improved yields accounted for most of the gain. The North American rye harvest at 1.9 million tons was up 24 per cent. The Canadian crop at 629,000 tons was 10 per cent higher. The United States crop was up 31 per cent at 1.3 million tons — the largest since 1942. Western Europe produced 5.2 million tons of rye in 1971, up 13 per cent. The West German crop at 3.0 million tons, was up 14 per cent on good yields. The East European rye crop gained nearly a third to 10.2 million tons. Poland produced an estimated 7.8 million tons, up 44 per cent under much improved growing conditions. The Soviet rye crop is estimated at 10.2 million tons, slightly below that of 1970. Turkey had an exceptional rye crop, estimated at 900,000 tons, up from 680,000.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Down Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1971-72 (August-July) crop year are placed at 1,267.8 million bushels, 5 per cent below the next-to-record 1,340.2 million in 1970-71, reflecting a substantial decrease in carryover stocks which more than offset a sharp increase in production. August 1, 1971 carryover stocks, at 744.2 million bushels were 26 per cent less than the 1,008.7 million of 1970, while the 1971 crop placed at 523.7 million was 58 per cent larger than the 331.5 million of a year ago. After making an allowance of 157.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirement, 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-March Exports Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent
Sharply Above a Year Ago during the first eight months of the current crop year amounted to 322.4 million bushels in contrast to both the August 1970-March 1971 total of 256.0 million and the ten-year (1960-61 — 1969-70) average for the period of 255.1 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 304.6 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 0.8 million of seed and 17.0 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 238.2 million of wheat in bulk, 0.6 million of seed and 17.2 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on April 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 788.5 million bushels, 15 per cent below the April 1, 1971 total of 923.4 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^p
million bushels		
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	1,008.7	744.2
Production	331.5	523.7
Total estimated supplies	1,340.2	1,267.8
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	160.8	157.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,179.4	1,110.8
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-March(1)	238.2	304.6
Exports of seed wheat, August-March (2)	0.6	0.8
Total exports of wheat as grain	238.8	305.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - March (2)	17.2	17.0
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	256.0	322.4
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	923.4	788.5

(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 April 12 of the current crop year have amounted to 319.8 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 196.7 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 22.8 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the five weeks March 9 to April 12, 1972. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 36.2 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 285.4 million at March 8, 1972 to a level of 272.4 million at April 12, 1972.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at April 12 this year was 21 per cent below the 1971 comparable total of 344.3 million and represented a decrease of 34 per cent from the 1970 figure of 412.0 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 159.9 million bushels, were 28 per cent and 39 per cent less than the 1971 total of 221.5 million and the 1970 figure of 263.3 million. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at April 12, 1972, totalled 5.0 million bushels, 28 per cent lower than the 7.0 million of a year ago and sharply below the 13.1 million of two years ago. The 19.7 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) were above both the 1971 figure of 18.4 million and the 12.3 million of 1970. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead, totalling some 40.3 million bushels, declined by 18 per cent and 19 per cent, respectively, from the 49.3 million of a year ago and the 49.6 million two years ago. There were 9.0 million bushels in "storage afloat" at April 12, 1972 compared with 10.8 million at the same date in 1971. The 8.2 million bushels in Bay,

Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were below both the 11.3 million of a year ago and the 12.9 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at April 12, 1972, at 16.3 million bushels, registered a 12 per cent increase over the comparable 1971 figure of 14.6 million but were 40 per cent below the 27.0 million of 1970. The 6.9 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were considerably above the 3.3 million at April 14, 1971 but declined sharply from the 10.7 million at April 15, 1970.

March 1972 Exports
of Wheat and Flour Total
24.2 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during March 1972 amounted to 24.2 million bushels, 4 per cent below the 25.0 million of the previous month, 8 per cent less than the ten-year (1961-70) average for the month of March of 26.4 million but 8 per cent more than the March 1971 figure of 22.3 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission) during March 1972 totalled 22.1 million bushels, down 6 per cent from the February 1972 total of 23.4 million, also registered a decrease of 2 per cent from the ten-year average of 22.6 million but increased by 9 per cent over the March 1971 total of 20.3 million. It is estimated that the equivalent of 1.9 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during March 1972, about 19 per cent larger than the previous month's figure of 1.6 million. While this figure is unchanged from the March 1971 adjusted total these exports were 41 per cent less than the ten-year average of 3.2 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-March period of the current crop year amounted to 304.6 million bushels, 28 per cent above the 238.2 million shipped during the first eight months of 1970-71 and 32 per cent more than the ten-year average for the period of 231.0 million. U.S.S.R. (Russia) was the major market for wheat in bulk during the first eight months of the current crop year with shipments amounting to 73.0 million and accounting for 24 per cent of the August-March 1971-72 total. During the same months of 1970-71 shipments to this country were 4.4 million bushels (2 per cent of total).

The People's Republic of China took second place with imports of 58.4 million bushels and accounted for 19 per cent of the total followed by Japan and Britain with 33.9 million and 30.1 million, respectively. During the 1970-71 crop year the People's Republic of China, Japan and Britain imported 37.3 million, 26.9 million, and 37.6 million bushels, respectively. Other principal importers of Canadian wheat for the first eight months of the current crop year with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: India, 22.9 (17.1); Italy, 11.2 (7.2); Brazil, 10.3 (11.1); Netherlands, 8.2 (4.1); Germany, West, 6.8 (16.1); and Algeria, 6.4 (8.4).

Customs exports of seed wheat during August-March of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 0.8 million bushels compared with last year's August-March total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 0.6 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first eight months of the 1971-72 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 17.0 million bushels of wheat, little changed from the adjusted August-March 1970-71 total of 17.2 million and 23 per cent less than the 10-year average for the period of 22.2 million.

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

Farmers Can Switch
Delivery Points

On March 29, 1972 the Canadian Wheat Board reported that producers who wish to change one of their grain delivery points may do so prior to April 25, 1972. Growers may make one change in either their primary or alternate delivery point to a new point in the same province. Those making a change will receive a certificate which must be attached to their permit book before deliveries are made to the new point.

To apply for changes, producers should write to the Delivery Permits Department, Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg and supply their name, identification number, current delivery point and the new primary or alternate point selected. Deadline for applications is April 25, 1972.

Napayo Wheat Licensed

According to a release on April 5, 1972 a new variety of hard red spring wheat, called Napayo, was licensed by the Canada Department of Agriculture. The variety was produced at the Winnipeg Research Station of the CDA by the Rust Area Project Group.

Napayo has been under test since 1968 and has shown good potential for areas where adverse weather at harvest time is fairly common. Napayo, which is a Cree Indian word meaning "son of Manitou", has awns — or beards — which create a fluffy swath that can stand wet weather better than wheat varieties without beards.

The variety will be particularly useful in the Red River Valley, stretching from Winnipeg east as far as wheat is grown and south into most of North Dakota and part of Minnesota.

Napayo is very similar to Manitou in yield, quality and disease resistance. It appears to have some advantage over Manitou in maturity, resistance to lodging, test weight and seed size. In Manitoba, it has some advantage in yield over Manitou.

Only a small amount of seed is available. Stocks will be built up in a seed increase program this year. Seed of Napayo will be made available to selected growers in the rust area of Saskatchewan and Manitoba through the provincial seed stock committees.

"C" Quota for
Soft White Spring Wheat
to Terminate

On April 21, 1972 the Canadian Wheat Board reported that the "C" quota for soft white spring wheat will terminate on May 26, 1972.

The termination date gives producers five weeks to complete their deliveries under this quota.

The five-bushel "C" quota for soft white spring wheat is now in effect in all Prairie shipping blocks. Delivery opportunities have advanced to the fourth quota level. The five-bushel "D" quota is also in effect in all blocks and brings producer delivery opportunities for this grain up to 20 bushels per quota acre.

Additional Payment to Farmers
Re Two-Price Policy

On April 21, 1972, the Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board announced in Middle Lake, Saskatchewan that cheques totalling \$57,530,385 are now in the mail to more than 175,000 western grain producers.

This additional payment to the farmers results from the Government's two-price policy for wheat which was announced by Mr. Lang earlier this year. Under this policy, producers receive \$3 a bushel on wheat sold for domestic human consumption. The Wheat Board received \$1.95 1/2 of this amount when it sells the wheat and the balance is being paid directly by the treasury to Prairie farmers.

Payments are being made to each Canadian Wheat Board permit holder to a maximum of 640 eligible acres. The formula for determining the payment per acre is based on the number of bushels of wheat sold in Canada for human consumption and the number of eligible acres in production.

With 68 million eligible acres and an estimated 55,053,000 bushels the payment per acre will be 84.6 cents. The largest cheques will therefore be just over \$540, with the average payment being approximately \$325.

All producers identified in the permit books and bona-fide farm co-operatives will receive an initial payment based on the eligible acres for one producer. Adjustments for those eligible for additional payments will be mailed shortly thereafter.

"The principle of two-price wheat has been discussed for many years and I am pleased that we have now been able to make it a fact and bring this extra income to the western grain producers", said Mr. Lang.

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 April 21, 1972	
34,150 advances totalling	\$68,042,226
Outstanding advances on April 21, 1972	
Issued in 1971-72	\$16,853,430
Issued in 1970-71 and prior	\$10,640,448
Total outstanding advances	\$27,493,878

General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, April 10, 1972 Canadian National Railway Blocks

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

- (1) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" and "B" Quotas for wheat are hereby cancelled.
- (2) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for Durum Wheat is hereby cancelled.
- (3) The "C" Quota is for Durum Wheat grading No. 3 C.W. and No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum only.
- (4) Effective Friday, May 5, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" and "B" Quotas for Barley are hereby cancelled.
- (5) The "D" Quota is for wheat grading No. 1 C.W. Red Spring Wheat only.
- (6) The "C" and "D" Quota is for wheat grading No. 4 Manitoba Northern and Higher.

General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, April 10, 1972 Canadian Pacific Railway Blocks

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

- (1) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" and "B" Quotas for wheat are hereby cancelled.
- (2) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for Durum Wheat is hereby cancelled.
- (3) The "C" Quota is for Durum Wheat grading No. 3 C.W. and No. 4 C.W. Amber Durum only.
- (4) Effective Friday, May 5, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" and "B" Quotas for Barley are hereby cancelled.
- (5) The "C" Quota is for wheat grading No. 1 C.W. Red Spring Wheat only.
- (6) The "C" and "D" Quota is for wheat grading No. 4 Manitoba Northern and Higher.

General Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, April 10, 1972

bushels per quota acre

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

- (1) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "A" Quota for Hercules Durum is hereby cancelled.
- (2) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "B" Quota for Soft White Springs is hereby cancelled.
- (3) Effective Friday, May 12, 1972, at all delivery points within the designated area, the "B" Quota for Alberta Red Winters is hereby cancelled.
- (4) Effective February 4 the regular rapeseed Quota was increased to 15 bushels per Quota acre for truck deliveries to Western Crushers for Domestic crushing only.

Special Quotas 1971-72 as at Monday, April 10, 1972

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

Canadian Wheat Stocks
at March 31, 1972

Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1972 were estimated at 864.8 million bushels compared with 981.3 million on the same date in 1971 and the ten-year (1962-71) average of 849.3 million bushels. Data for these estimates were obtained from Statistics Canada's annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Canadian Grain Commission relative to grain in commercial positions at the close of business on March 29. An estimated 584.0 million bushels, representing 68 per cent of the total were held on farms, 7 per cent below last year's total of 629.0 million and 28 per cent less than the 806.9 million of two years ago. All but 9 million bushels of the total farm stocks of wheat were held on farms in the Prairie Provinces. Farm-held stocks in Saskatchewan were placed at 430.0 million while those in Alberta and Manitoba were estimated at 90.0 million and 55.0 million bushels, respectively. Of the 280.8 million bushels held in off-farm positions, 163.7 million were in country elevators compared with 220.0 million a year ago and 264.5 million two years ago. Stocks in Lakehead positions amounted to 37.1 million bushels, 29 per cent less than last year's corresponding total of 52.1 million and 32 per cent below the 1970 level of 54.4 million. Supplies in eastern elevators, at 31.3 million bushels were slightly more than the 30.5 million of 1971 but 24 per cent lower than the 41.3 million of 1970.

Stocks of Canadian Wheat at March 31, 1970-72(1)

Position	1970	1971 ^r	1972 ^p
thousand bushels			
<u>In Canada</u>			
On farms(2)	806,870	629,000	584,000
Primary elevators	264,476	220,000	163,661
Process elevators	4,301	4,442	4,156
Interior terminals	12,556	7,186	4,483
Vancouver-New Westminster	8,717	2,362	4,778
Victoria elevator	604	236	402
Prince Rupert	1,258	664	309
Churchill	4,659	2,950	1,046
Thunder Bay	54,367	52,072	37,095
In transit rail:			
Western division	11,766	15,388	18,581
Eastern division	3,117	2,039	1,887
Eastern elevators	41,323	30,513	31,332
Storage afloat	10,382	10,843	9,701
Eastern mills	3,322	3,500	3,233
Western mills	165	141	173
Totals in Canada	1,227,883	981,336	864,837
<u>In United States</u>	—	—	—
Totals in Canada and United States	1,227,883	981,336	864,837

(1) Stocks other than on farms and in mills compiled by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission, as at the close of business on April 1, 1970, March 31, 1971 and March 29, 1972.

(2) Survey results for farm stocks in the province of Quebec were not available at the time of publication, however, an estimate of farm stocks, has been extrapolated from 1971 data and included in the Canada totals.

Revised Farmers' Marketings(1), Canadian Western Wheat
August 1, 1970 — July 31, 1971

	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
	bushels		
<u>Manitoba</u>			
August 1970	632,801	1,424	634,225
September	1,497,512	228,409	1,725,921
October	1,458,884	454,644	1,913,528
November	3,550,473	230,284	3,780,757
December	3,202,762	51,600	3,254,362
January 1971 ...	2,406,579	58,191	2,464,770
February	2,799,472	70,266	2,869,738
March	2,422,669	90,633	2,513,302
April	1,334,732	47,521	1,382,253
May	2,667,421	114,363	2,781,784
June	6,721,137	481,648	7,202,785
July	6,652,775	219,417	6,872,192
Totals	35,347,217	2,048,400	37,395,617
<u>Saskatchewan</u>			
August 1970	4,617,296	23,183	4,640,479
September	10,948,353	13,358,613	24,306,966
October	4,739,416	9,428,449	14,167,865
November	12,702,977	5,900,803	18,603,780
December	18,966,543	754,220	19,720,763
January 1971 ...	14,555,102	715,339	15,270,441
February	13,673,251	623,229	14,296,480
March	11,603,858	1,064,823	12,668,681
April	8,449,907	620,600	9,070,507
May	24,034,787	2,117,521	26,152,308
June	42,194,686	7,998,955	50,193,641
July	45,658,095	5,326,770	50,984,865
Totals	212,144,271	47,932,505	260,076,776

For footnotes see end of table.

Revised Farmers' Marketings(1), Canadian Western Wheat
August 1, 1970 - July 31, 1971 - Concluded

	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
		bushels	
<u>Alberta</u>			
August 1970	1,619,555	6,503	1,626,058
September	5,211,929	2,028,656	7,240,585
October	2,307,114	1,777,029	4,084,143
November	3,938,194	1,193,949	5,132,143
December	6,065,933	331,184	6,397,117
January 1971 ...	5,871,291	574,366	6,445,657
February	5,400,157	215,707	5,615,864
March	6,594,791	347,563	6,942,354
April	2,955,576	163,925	3,119,501
May	7,496,886	603,457	8,100,343
June	12,989,772	1,367,681	14,357,453
July	16,691,390	1,080,994	17,772,384
Totals	77,142,588	9,691,014	86,833,602
<u>Prairie Provinces</u>			
August 1970	6,869,652	31,110	6,900,762
September	17,657,794	15,615,678	33,273,472
October	8,505,414	11,660,122	20,165,536
November	20,191,644	7,325,036	27,516,680
December	28,235,238	1,137,004	29,372,242
January 1971 ...	22,832,972	1,347,896	24,180,868
February	21,872,880	909,202	22,782,082
March	20,621,318	1,503,019	22,124,337
April	12,740,215	832,046	13,572,261
May	34,199,094	2,835,341	37,034,435
June	61,905,595	9,848,284	71,753,879
July	69,002,260	6,627,181	75,629,441
Totals	324,634,076	59,671,919	384,305,995

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

Area Intended for Wheat 1972 Canadian farmers intend to plant 21.4 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1972 according to plans as of March 15. This area is 11 per cent more than the 19.2 million acres seeded in 1971, and 71 per cent more than the 12.5 million acres seeded in 1970. It is anticipated that the acreage of oats will total 7.9 million while the area seeded to barley is expected to decrease by 11 per cent to total 13.5 million acres compared with 15.2 million in 1971. Mixed grain acreage may total 2.0 million, one per cent less than the previous year and the corn for grain acreage forecast at 1.3 million acres is one per cent smaller than in 1971. The combined fall and spring rye area of 917,100 acres indicates a 16 per cent decrease from last year's all rye acreage of 1,096,000. The area intended for rapeseed in 1972 at 3.4 million acres is 37 per cent below the 5.5 million acres seeded in 1971. Flaxseed acreage is expected to decrease by 22 per cent to 1.6 million acres compared with the 2.0 million acres sown last year. Acreage planned for soybeans at 360,000 acres is the same as 1971.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat in Canada, as at March 1, 1972 Compared with Acreages in 1971

Province	Acreage seeded in 1971(1) ^r acres	Acreage intended to be seeded in 1972		
		Per cent of 1971 %	Area 1972(1) acres	Indicated change acres
Prince Edward Island	4,500	111	5,000	+ 500
Nova Scotia	3,700	108	4,000	+ 300
New Brunswick	4,000	92	3,700	- 300
Quebec	37,800	103	38,900	+ 1,100
Ontario	14,000	94	13,200	- 800
Manitoba	2,400,000	108	2,600,000	+ 200,000
Saskatchewan	12,800,000	109	13,900,000	+ 1,100,000
Alberta	3,500,000	123	4,300,000	+ 800,000
British Columbia	125,000	100	125,000	unchanged
Totals	18,889,000	111	20,989,800	+ 2,100,800

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

The 21.4 million acres to be seeded to all classes of wheat will represent an increase of 11 per cent over the 1971 seedings but 3.9 million acres or 16 per cent below the 1966-70 average. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 8 per cent, in Saskatchewan 9 per cent and in Alberta 23 per cent. Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum, of 21.0 million acres are up 11 per cent from the 1971 acreage but 16 per cent below the 1966-70 average. Durum wheat acreage is expected to increase by 5 per cent and if the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 2,580,000 acres to this crop compared with 2,460,000 grown in 1971 and the 1966-70 average of 2,191,000 acres. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 18.4 million in 1972 compared with 16.4 million planted in 1971 and the 1966-70 average of 22.8 million. The 405,000 acres seeded to winter wheat in Ontario last fall was 8 per cent larger than the 376,000 acres seeded in the fall of the previous year. The area harvested in 1971 was estimated at 339,000 acres.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat(1) in the Prairie Provinces as at March 1, 1972
Compared with Estimated Acreage 1971

Crop	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		Prairie Provinces	
	1971 ^r	1972	1970 ^r	1972	1970 ^r	1972	1970 ^r	1972
thousand acres								
Wheat, all spring	2,400	2,600	12,800	13,900	3,500	4,300	18,700	20,800
Durum	150	160	2,000	2,100	310	320	2,460	2,580
Other spring	2,250	2,440	10,800	11,800	3,190	3,980	16,240	18,220

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

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	7,094,959
October	6	2,099,756	11,014,624	1,582,732	14,697,112	6,843,332
	13	2,052,588	9,821,569	2,141,418	14,015,575	4,119,896
	20	1,600,362	7,695,414	1,906,736	11,202,512	4,376,848
	27	1,987,212	11,150,867	1,523,677	14,661,756	4,825,460
November	3	2,457,525	11,934,610	1,313,469	15,705,604	2,872,360
	10	1,165,718	7,777,345	2,757,438	11,700,501	6,744,460
	17	1,134,445	5,503,565	4,091,090	10,729,100	7,171,347
	24	945,079	4,785,907	4,147,756	9,878,742	6,248,654
December	1	798,536	7,392,800	3,578,196	11,769,532	4,479,859
	8	713,988	5,554,395	3,650,988	9,919,371	6,814,164
	15	476,084	3,215,397	1,770,709	5,462,190	11,066,471
	22	679,819	15,663,213	1,937,916	18,280,948	9,664,792
	29	515,326	7,926,173	1,709,492	10,150,991	1,826,815
January	5, 1972 ..	436,773	7,997,663	2,327,515	10,761,951	3,755,006
	12	318,239	8,288,134	3,093,729	11,700,102	3,340,119
	19	138,763	3,143,539	1,838,682	5,120,984	1,077,133
	26	68,455	1,344,349	937,449	2,350,253	9,762,409
February	2	46,625	918,372	694,188	1,659,185	6,246,201
	9	134,958	4,038,073	2,753,009	6,926,040	4,051,116
	16	127,068	2,129,836	2,127,336	4,384,240	6,021,869
	23	108,982	3,012,196	2,020,488	5,141,666	6,681,266
March	1	68,164	2,017,247	918,347	3,003,758	6,027,831
	8	74,764	1,284,497	719,667	2,078,928	4,458,391
	15	77,670	981,152	794,044	1,852,866	6,098,383
	22	228,440	3,506,399	1,515,054	5,249,893	7,490,287
	29	219,790	2,856,142	1,745,620	4,821,552	4,077,276
April	5	137,941	3,281,651	1,001,074	4,420,666	2,893,183
	12	189,074	4,490,476	1,708,617	6,388,167	1,912,195
Totals		28,219,216	215,425,126	71,364,256	315,008,598	191,121,357
Average similar period: 1960-61 -						
1969-70		34,792,393	166,740,087	73,819,131	275,351,612	

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

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, April 12, 1972 Compared With
Approximately the Same Date, 1970 and 1971

Position	1970	1971	1972
thousand bushels			
Primary elevators:			
Manitoba	34,117	23,026	18,506
Saskatchewan	153,772	134,197	97,286
Alberta	75,394	64,238	44,076
Sub-totals	263,283	221,461	159,868
Process elevators	4,360	4,577	4,165
Interior terminals	13,116	6,984	5,024
Vancouver-New Westminster	8,955	2,976	5,848
Victoria	698	241	320
Prince Rupert	1,056	116	625
Churchill	4,659	2,950	1,046
Thunder Bay	49,603	49,315	40,307
In transit rail (western division)	12,349	18,353	19,719
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ..	12,940	11,338	8,230
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ...	27,025	14,590	16,269
Storage afloat	—	10,757	8,973
In transit lake	12,694	—	—
In transit rail (eastern division)	1,236	605	1,967
Totals	411,974	344,263	272,361

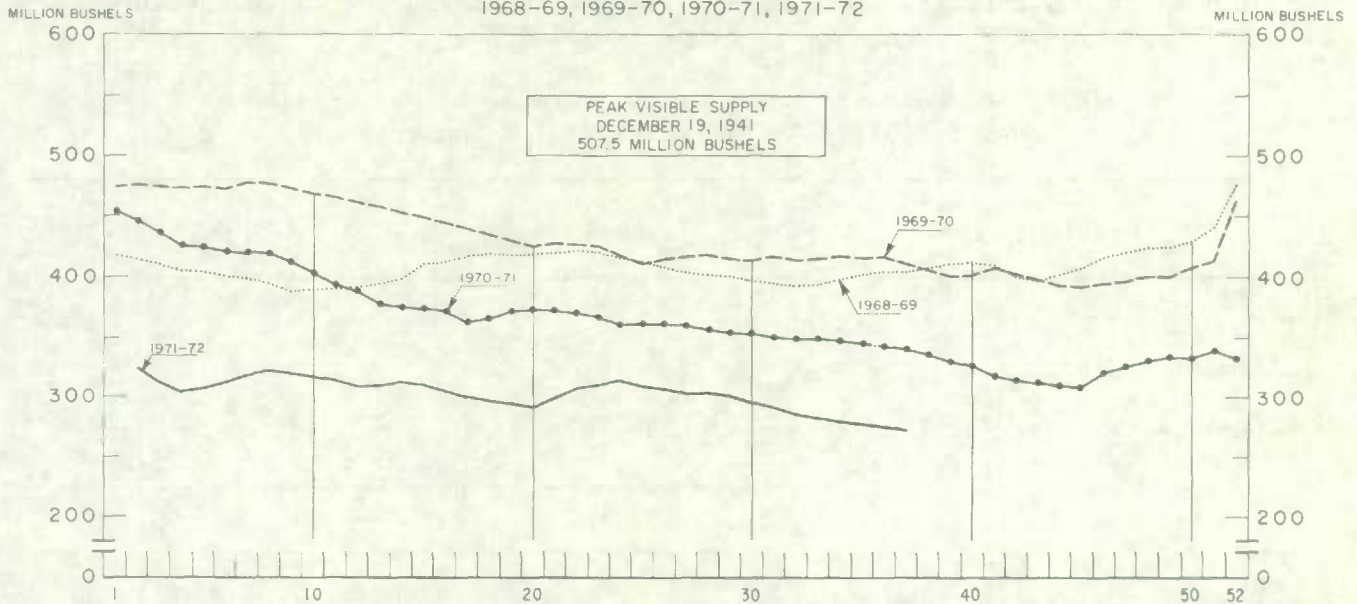
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August — March 1971-72 with Comparisons

	Crop year		August — March			
	Average					
	1965-66	1970-71	1970-71		1971-72	
	1969-70					
	per cent		cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 C.W. Red Spring	—	—	—	—	115,289	62.5
No. 1 Man. Northern	10.9	6.5	7,199	4.9	—	—
No. 2 Man. Northern	32.7	37.2	53,998	36.8	—	—
No. 3 Man. Northern	19.3	19.8	28,935	19.7	22,233	12.0
No. 4 Man. Northern	8.6	12.0	17,828	12.2	13,656	7.4
No. 5 Wheat	3.3	4.5	8,470	5.8	3,825	2.1
No. 6 Wheat	0.4	0.7	1,366	0.9	346	0.2
Feed Wheat	0.1	0.1	150	0.1	60	(1)
Others Red Spring	18.2	6.2	11,139	7.6	6,931	3.8
C. W. Garnet	0.1	(1)	38	(1)	4	(1)
C. W. White Spring	0.1	0.3	367	0.3	567	0.3
C. W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	0.1	157	0.1	188	0.1
Alberta Winter	0.8	0.8	1,269	0.9	878	0.5
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum	4.6	11.4	14,970	10.2	20,037	10.9
Other C.W. Amber Durum ..	0.9	0.5	666	0.5	559	0.3
Totals	100.0	100.0	146,552	100.0	184,573	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) .			290,629,000		..	

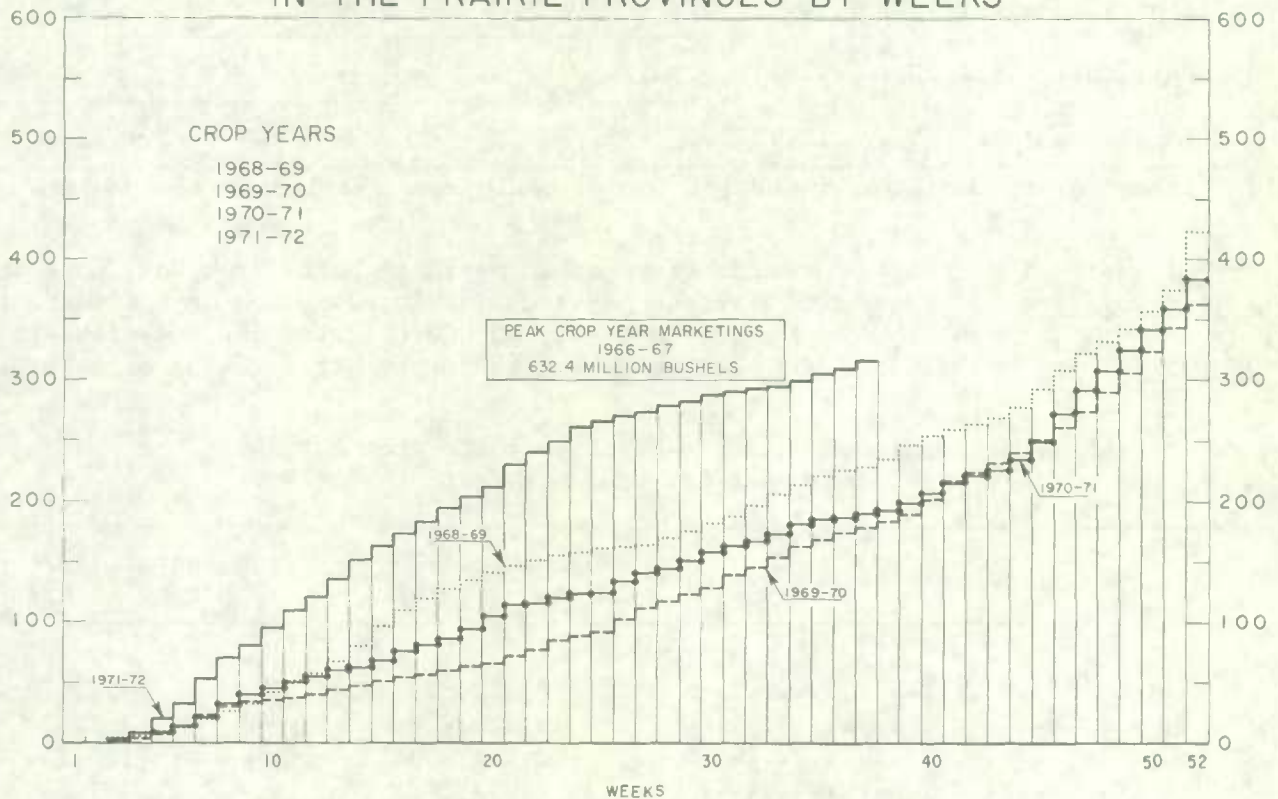
(1) Less than .05 per cent.

WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72



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 April 12, 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 - April 12, 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-March of the current crop year amounted to 29,353,000 bushels compared with the 25,584,000 bushels during the first eight months of 1970-71.

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

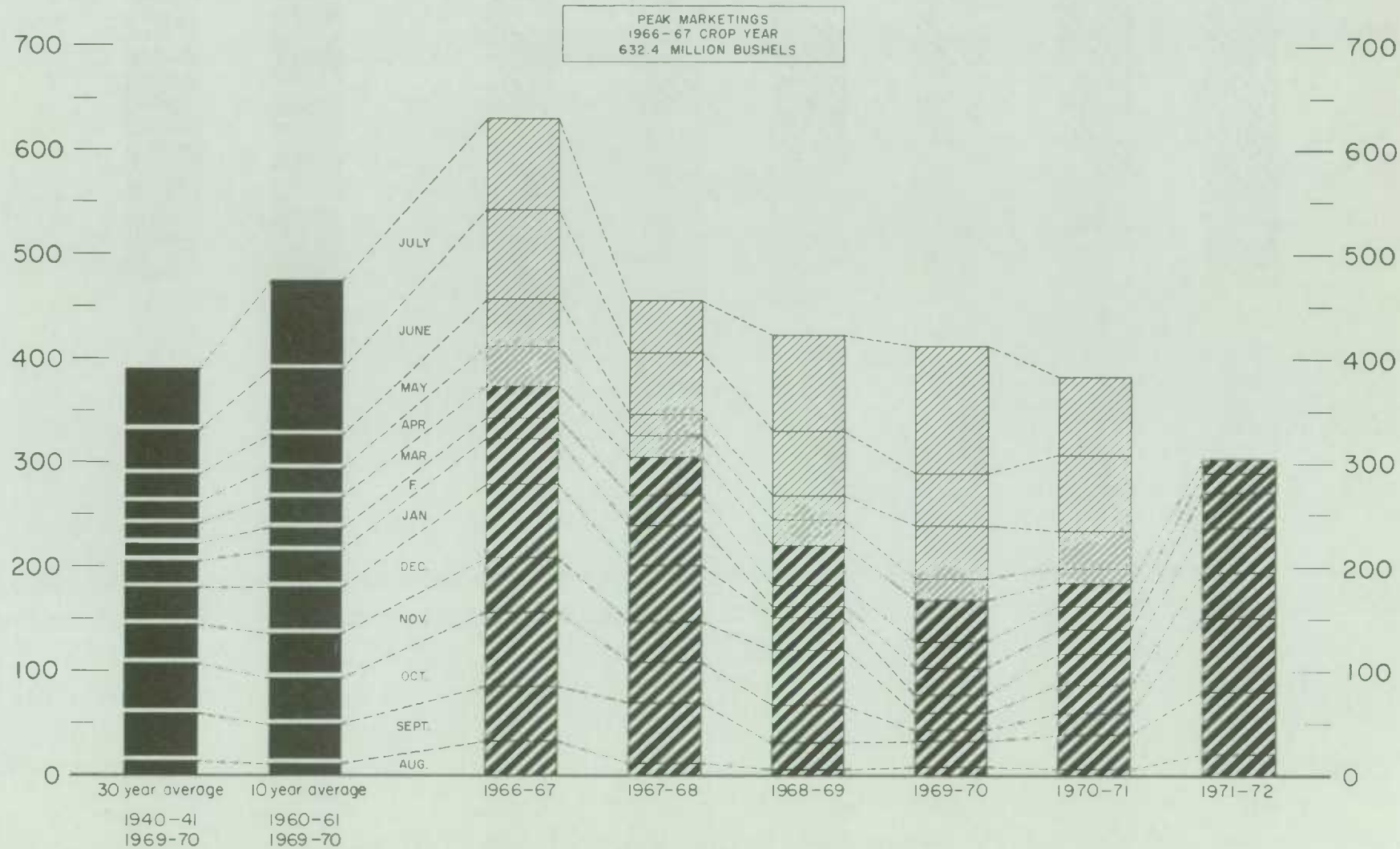
Origin of shipments	August 1, 1970 - March 31, 1971	August 1, 1971 - March 31, 1972
bushels		
Port McNicoll	7,349,829	8,665,572
Midland, Tiffin	8,720,784	9,050,327
Owen Sound	2,621,790	3,125,164
Goderich	1,972,168	2,307,941
Sarnia	2,803,643	3,421,141
Port Colborne	1,067,002	598,841
Kingston	764,553	1,604,316
Prescott	284,326	579,762
Totals	25,584,095	29,353,064

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF WHEAT, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHEL
800 —

MILLION BUSHEL
800 —



EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR**

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS

700 —

600 —

500 —

400 —

300 —

200 —

100 —

0

30 year average

1940-41
1969-70

10 year average

1960-61
1969-70

JULY

JUNE

MAY

APR.

MAR.

F.

JAN.

DEC.

NOV.

OCT.

SEPT.

AUG.

1966-67

1967-68

1968-69

1969-70

1970-71

1971-72***

PEAK EXPORTS
1963-64 CROP YEAR
594.5 MILLION BUSHELS

MILLION BUSHELS

700 —

600 —

500 —

400 —

300 —

200 —

100 —

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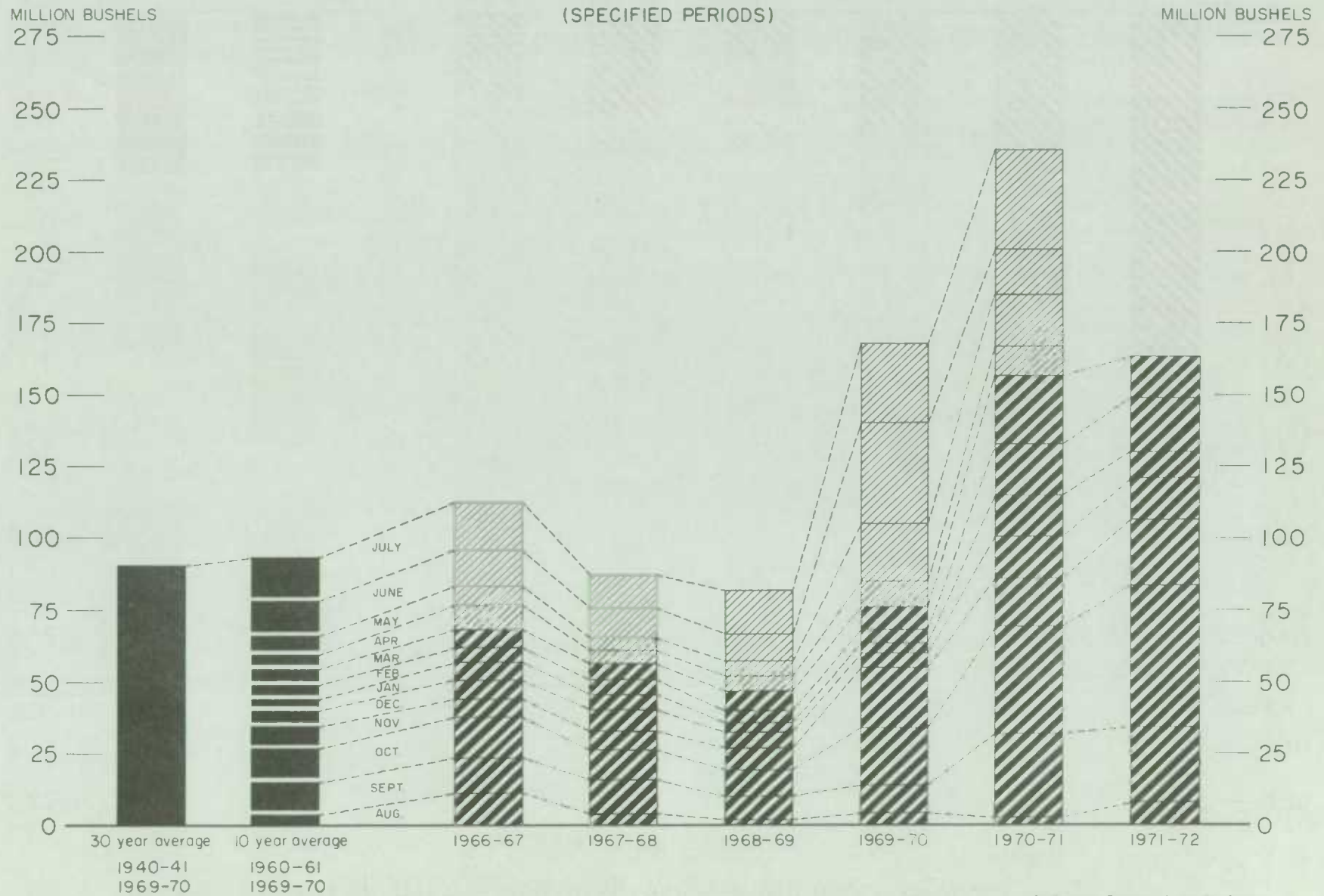
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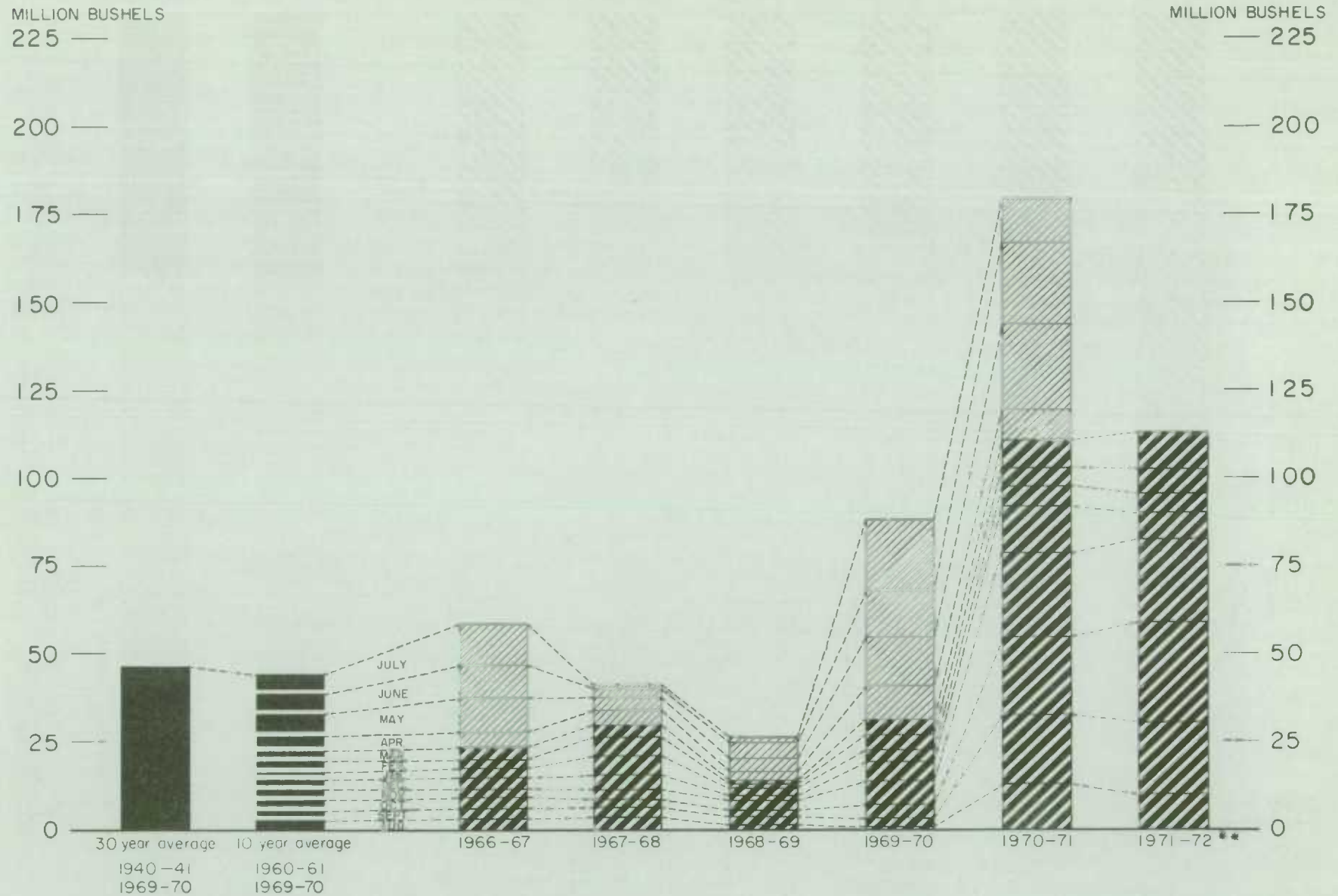
FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES



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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS*

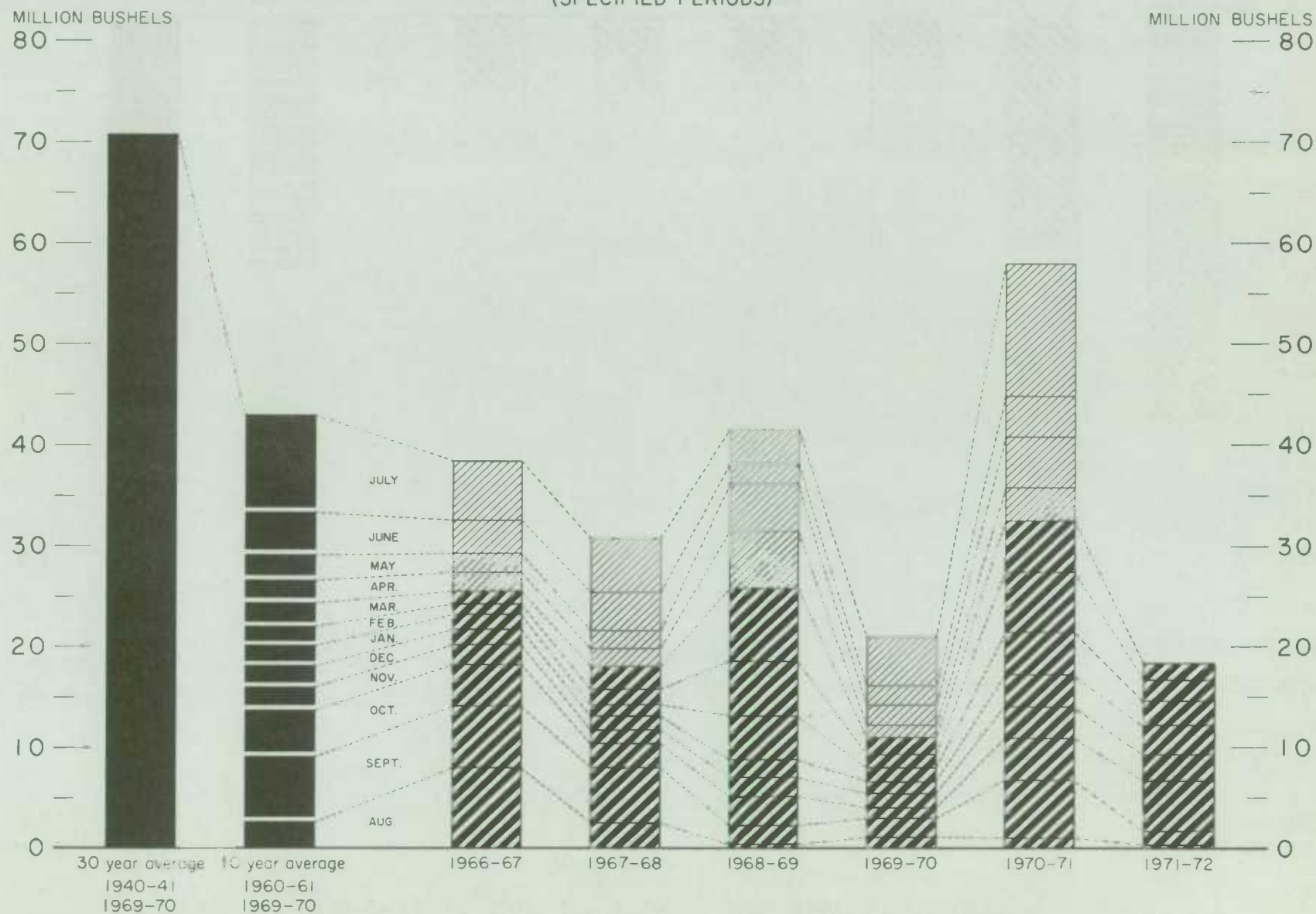
(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



* In terms of grain equivalent. ** Preliminary

FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

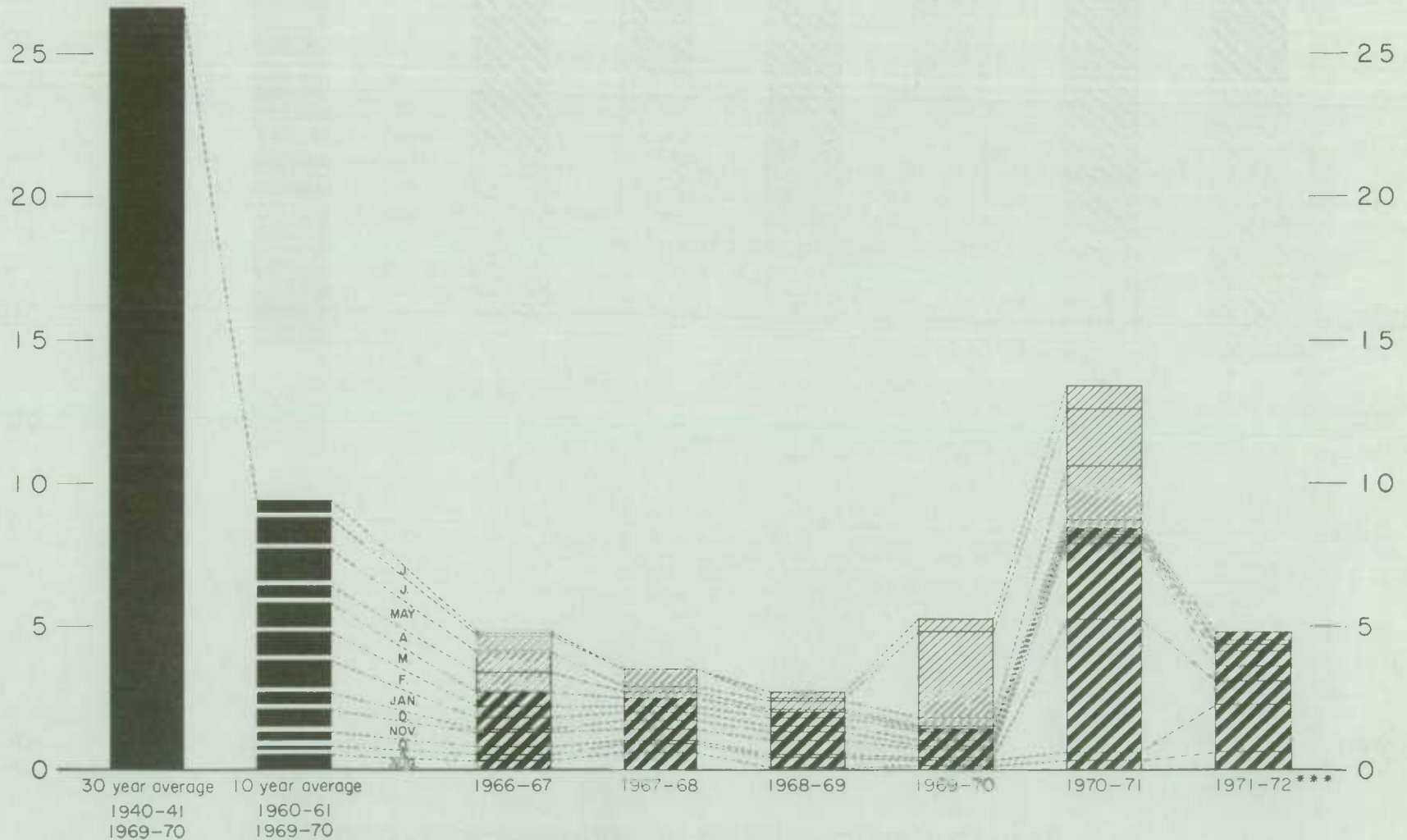


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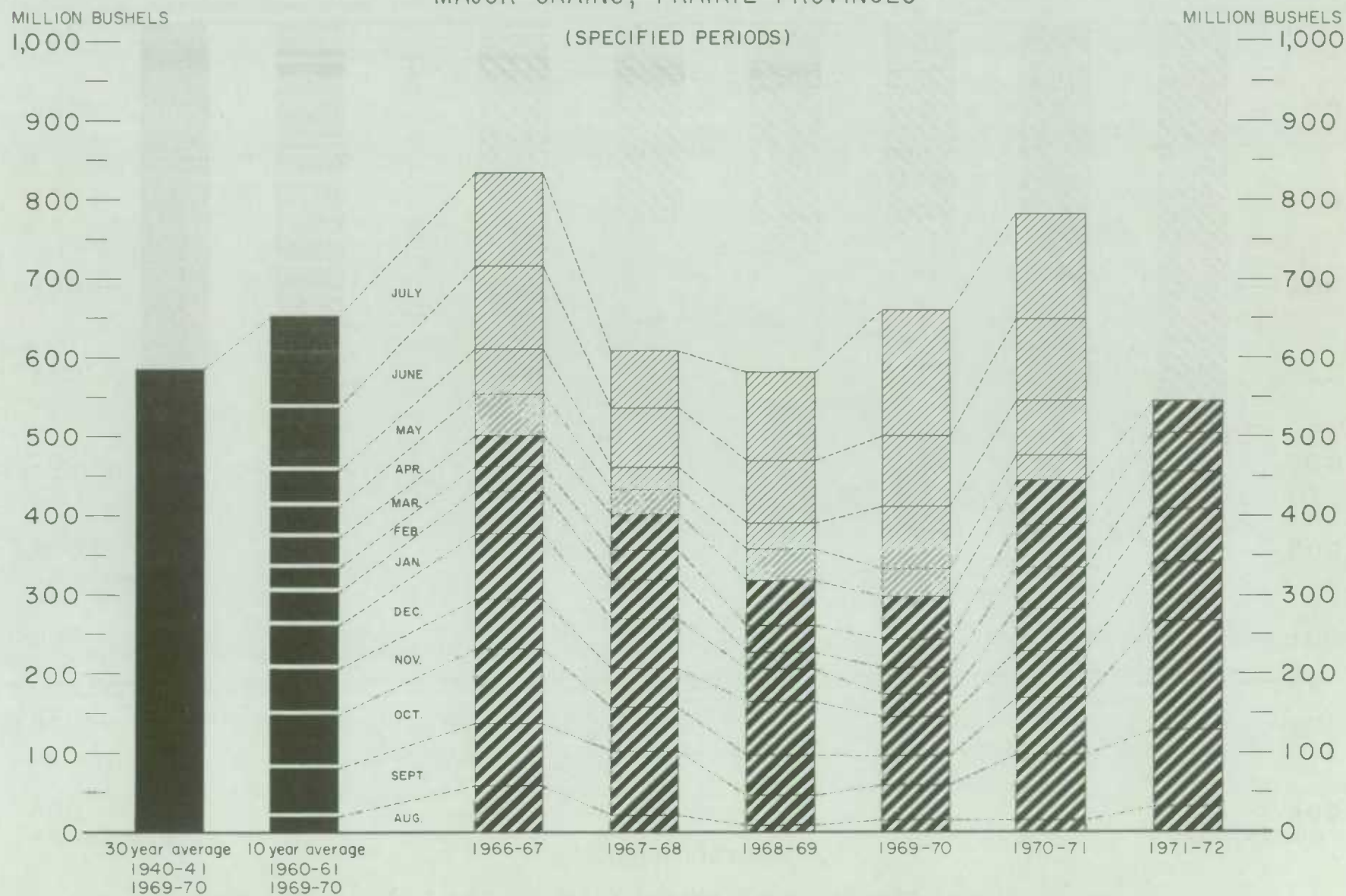


*Beginning with 1960-61 includes relatively small quantity of seed oats.

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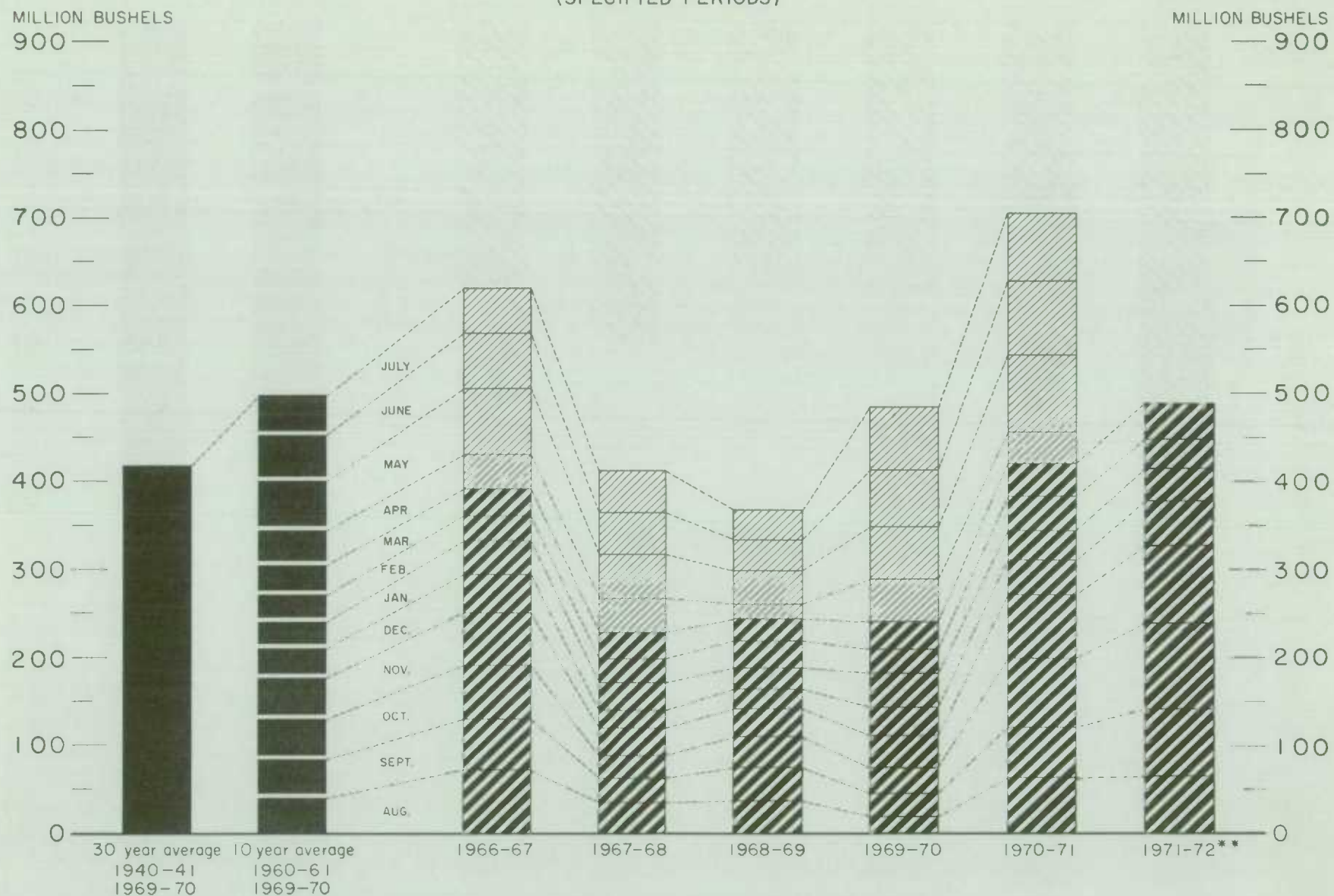


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EXPORTS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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

** Preliminary.

Agriculture Division Statistics Canada

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

Month	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
	bushels			
August	—	132,953	169,566	181,419
September	23,084	134,054	244,549	195,721
October	57,458	149,076	176,450	128,383
November	101,966	126,319	178,523	158,083
December	44,136	179,384	330,120	193,204
January	131,034	272,300	525,019	1,420,522
February	99,776	403,541	552,926	2,392,713
March	153,067	298,335	418,387	1,728,504
April	79,899	260,918	407,206	
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, March 1972

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	bushels				
1 C.W. Red Spring	—	—	—	434,627	—
Northern grades	—	—	—	629,893	—
Feed grades	9,667	40,500	71,333	121,366	9,667
Durum	—	—	—	409,451	2,000
Totals	9,667	40,500	71,333	1,595,337	11,667

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1 — April 12, 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.	115,604	4,887	60	33,917	4,710	7,928	18,009
Victoria	4,527	—	—	—	—	—	908
Prince Rupert	9,945	—	—	—	55	—	—
<u>Churchill</u>	20,570	—	—	4,918	—	—	—
<u>Thunder Bay Direct</u>	1,377	689	—	1,703	1,724	7,638	6,499
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal	21,487	19,398	3,592	7,136	—	141	99
Sorel	17,191	—	—	3,242	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières	12,267	881	—	1,850	92	—	—
Quebec	9,658	532	—	9,478	102	413	51
Baie Comeau	20,450	1,926	—	23,514	266	955	98
Port Cartier	21,381	1,099	—	20,949	—	516	—
<u>Maritime</u>							
Saint John	891	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Saint John	11,809	769	—	182	—	—	—
Halifax	16,935	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	284,092	30,180	3,652	106,889	6,949	17,591	25,664
August 1 — April 14, 1970-71	219,054	24,042	7,718	103,388	5,071	12,198	28,237

(1) Excluding seed.

Monthly Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour

Year and month	Wheat in bulk(1)	Seed wheat(2)	Total wheat	Wheat flour (2,3)	Total wheat and wheat flour(3)
thousand bushels					
<u>1969-70</u>					
August	13,012	60	13,071	2,306	15,378
September	20,949	74	21,023	1,219	22,242
October	18,838	2	18,840	2,231	21,071
November	22,835	116	22,951	1,863	24,814
December	22,294	52	22,346	2,434	24,779
January	26,351	87	26,438	2,524	28,962
February	18,597	290	18,887	2,077	20,964
March	21,958	499	22,457	2,600	25,057
April	32,913	334	33,247	2,440	35,687
May	36,047	157	36,204	2,443	38,648
June	39,898	103	40,001	3,103	43,104
July	44,010	59	44,070	1,725	45,794
Totals	317,703	1,832	319,535	26,963	346,498
<u>1970-71</u>					
August	44,765	103	44,868	699	45,567
September	35,194	120	35,315	2,306	37,620
October	44,412	84	44,496	3,543	48,039
November	33,307	71	33,378	2,126	35,504
December	18,016	43	18,059	1,444	19,502
January	18,882	2	18,884	2,725	21,609
February	23,334	77	23,411	2,421	25,832
March	20,293	93	20,386	1,900	22,286
April	20,951	157	21,108	1,855	22,963
May	47,631	49	47,681	1,811	49,491
June	47,904	71	47,975	1,986	49,961
July	54,750	100	54,850	1,988	56,839
Totals	409,440	971	410,410	24,803	435,213
<u>1971-72(4)</u>					
August	48,530	26	48,557	1,526	50,083
September	44,520	234	44,754	3,662	48,416
October	59,356	136	59,492	2,218	61,709
November	52,948	1	52,949	1,889	54,838
December	32,041	110	32,151	2,868	35,019
January	21,627	66	21,693	1,412	23,105
February	23,420	48	23,468	1,581	25,050
March	22,108	180	22,289	1,875	24,163
Totals	304,551	802	305,353	17,031	322,385

(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 March 1972 and 1971

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			March 1972	March 1971 ^r
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	9,333	—	9,333	1,056,832
Germany, West	132,284	—	132,284	247,633
Italy	954,035	—	954,035	735,746
Netherlands	241,983	—	241,983	764,811
Sub-totals	1,337,635	—	1,337,635	2,805,022
Other Western Europe:				
Austria	—	—	—	82,133
Britain	4,272,769	—	4,272,769	2,999,544
Ireland	—	—	—	177,333
Switzerland	—	—	—	75,507
Sub-totals	4,272,769	—	4,272,769	3,334,517
Totals	5,610,404	—	5,610,404	6,139,539
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	399,467	—	399,467	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	1,297,089	323,307	1,620,396	—
Totals	1,696,556	323,307	2,019,863	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	—	—	445,200
Morocco	—	—	—	505,195
Sudan	—	—	—	34,430
Total	—	—	—	984,825
<u>Asia</u>				
Hong Kong	39,200	—	39,200	52,080
Iraq	—	—	—	1,040,106
Japan	3,477,595	107,504	3,585,099	4,493,747
Malaysia	214,671	—	214,671	—
People's Republic of China	6,967,305	426,533	7,393,838	4,747,813
Philippines	535,308	—	535,308	732,945
Singapore	160,564	—	160,564	—
Southern Yemen	—	—	—	19,842
Turkey	—	—	—	481,950
Totals	11,394,643	534,037	11,928,680	11,568,483
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Cuba	857,452	188,033	1,045,485	—
Ecuador	—	—	—	306,259
Haiti	403,760	—	403,760	224,784
Jamaica	290,080	—	290,080	282,670
Peru	809,984	—	809,984	784,000
United States(2)	—	—	—	2,878
Totals	2,361,276	188,033	2,549,309	1,600,591
Sub-totals, all countries	21,062,879	1,045,377	22,108,256	20,293,438
Seed wheat(3)	—	—	180,473	92,673
Totals, all countries	21,062,879	1,045,377	22,288,729	20,386,111

(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.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August 1971 — March 1972			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
	bushels			
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	2,590,668	46,140	2,636,808	6,099,572
France	315,999 ^r	—	315,999 ^r	406,113
Germany, West	4,617,329 ^r	2,213,405	6,830,734 ^r	16,129,218
Italy	6,182,319	5,045,671	11,227,990	7,202,769
Netherlands	4,945,755 ^r	3,237,367	8,183,122 ^r	4,066,967
Sub-totals	18,652,070 ^r	10,542,583	29,194,653 ^r	33,904,639
Other Western Europe:				
Austria	—	—	—	326,314
Britain	29,738,205 ^r	314,993	30,053,198 ^r	37,553,011
Denmark	—	—	—	58,783
Ireland	232,742	—	232,742	1,491,598
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	2,418,030
Sub-totals	32,278,012 ^r	775,015	33,053,027 ^r	44,429,455
Totals	50,930,082	11,317,598	62,247,680	78,334,094
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	808,155	—	808,155	358,400
Czechoslovakia	—	584,752	584,752	—
Poland	—	878,847	878,847	—
U.S.S R. (Russia)	65,419,432	7,591,078	73,010,510	4,362,808
Totals	66,227,587	9,054,677	75,282,264	4,721,208
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	1,537,504	4,843,943	6,381,447	8,410,888
Ghana	1,674,685	—	1,674,685	1,667,254
Morocco	862,516	220,460	1,082,976	505,195
Mozambique	—	—	—	104,534
Nigeria	693,058	—	693,058	—
South Africa	—	234,746	234,746	3,939,600
Sudan	—	—	—	36,709
Tanzania	—	—	—	7,976
Tunisia	—	523,502	523,502	1,542,244
U.A.R.	—	—	—	13,517,868
Totals	4,767,763	5,822,651	10,590,414	29,732,268

For footnotes see end of table.

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

Destination	August 1971 — March 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	572,283 ^r	—	572,283 ^r	653,089
India	22,925,889	—	22,925,889	17,098,372
Indonesia	871,627	—	871,627	—
Iraq	—	—	—	1,040,106
Japan	33,541,204 ^r	390,124	33,931,328 ^r	26,852,093
Korea, North	1,180,666	—	1,180,666	—
Malaysia	382,857	—	382,857	267,551
Pakistan	2,717,900	—	2,717,900	4,066,847
People's Republic of China	56,231,321	2,195,819	58,427,140	37,325,161
Philippines	4,238,403	—	4,238,403	2,264,246
Singapore	211,524	—	211,524	275,893
Syria	5,789,086	—	5,789,086	7,231,029
Southern Yemen	—	—	—	19,842
Taiwan	1,754,853	—	1,754,853	524,533
Thailand	200,361	—	200,361	—
Turkey	—	—	—	3,170,388
Totals	131,086,114	2,585,943	133,672,057	101,141,749
<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	4,927,054	557,426	5,484,480	3,248,293
Dominican Republic	231,496	77,165	308,661	—
Ecuador	—	—	—	306,259
Haiti	1,263,175	—	1,263,175	1,135,361
Jamaica	1,103,831	—	1,103,831	837,950
Paraguay	—	—	—	1,104
Peru	3,800,477	—	3,800,477	7,387,297
St. Lucia	—	—	—	167
Venezuela	272,164	4,406	276,570	255,726
United States(2)	95,200	—	95,200	2,878
Totals	21,976,695	638,997	22,615,692	24,273,496
Sub-totals, all countries ..	275,131,355	29,419,866	304,551,221	238,202,816
Seed wheat(3)			802,028	592,930
Totals, all countries	275,131,355	29,419,866	305,353,249	238,795,746

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

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

(3) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1970-71 adjusted for time lag, 1971-72 preliminary.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	November 1971(1)	February 1972(2)	August-February	
			1971-72(2)	1970-71(1)
			bushels	
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	28	—	28	38,610
Germany, West	—	922	1,548	69
Italy	—	—	—	10,350
Netherlands	—	—	—	722
Sub-totals	28	922	1,576	49,751
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	153,610	175,419	944,746	1,242,794
Gibraltar	—	—	2,705	5,410
Greece	12,685	4,110	40,416	32,032
Iceland	5,417	—	34,663	—
Ireland	—	—	3,606	—
Malta and Gozo	—	—	—	46
Norway	—	115	115	—
Portugal	2,594	3,565	21,199	14,260
Sub-totals	174,306	183,209	1,047,450	1,294,542
Totals	174,334	184,131	1,049,026	1,344,293
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	—	—	9,715	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	—	561,034	163,357
Angola	—	—	—	12,190
Cameroon	—	—	117,921	1,610
Dahomey	10,350	—	25,300	8,970
French Africa, n.e.s.	—	—	185,748	—
Gabon	—	—	—	5,658
Gambia, The	11,500	—	23,000	50,655
Ghana	—	115	846	166,016
Guinea	20,442	—	52,803	35,420
Ivory Coast	4,600	920	11,270	6,900
Liberia	56,996	16,298	151,315	176,858
Malagasy	—	—	—	14,219
Malawi	—	5,911	23,517	43,350
Mozambique	—	3,036	12,662	17,030
Nigeria	—	—	9,945	—
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s.	14,260	2,852	75,452	81,852
Sierre Leone	1,265	780	3,188	8,393
Somalia	—	—	22,816	11,840
South Africa	—	—	—	2,259
Sudan	—	17,121	17,121	13,745
Tanzania	—	—	1,610	4,140
Togo	29,325	7,245	76,740	76,521
U.A.R.	—	169,938	2,063,003	294,398
Zaire(3)	4,600	1,150	27,830	118,616
Totals	153,338	225,366	3,463,121	1,313,997
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	—	2,139	2,139	1,104
Bahrain	—	—	200	198
Burma	—	—	—	697,024
Ceylon	754,014	—	1,506,590	1,525,620
Cyprus	110	—	23,978	11,500
Hong-Kong	25,852	23,391	127,719	124,720

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Destination	November 1971(1)	February 1972(2)	August-February	
			1971-72(2)	1970-71(1)
bushels				
Asia — Concluded				
Indonesia	—	—	—	1,213,696
Iran	—	954	2,769	2,176
Iraq	—	—	—	141,034
Japan	1,423	795	5,570	4,616
Jordan	—	—	8,367	—
Lebanon	5,302	230	199,348	8,590
Portuguese Asia	—	—	—	7,222
Qatar	469	223	614	318
Saudi Arabia	4,600	6,900	163,459	100,052
Singapore	—	2,300	4,600	—
Southern Yemen	—	2,282	4,614	—
Syria	—	—	67,027	—
Thailand	10,235	12,305	58,291	67,953
Trucial States	1,900	1,072	4,490	1,253
Totals	803,905	52,591	2,179,775	3,907,076
Oceania				
British Oceania, n.e.s.	—	—	—	2,760
Fiji	—	—	920	1,035
United States Oceania	460	—	748	17,250
Totals	460	—	1,668	21,045
Western Hemisphere				
Bahamas	8,386	34,056	118,268	132,054
Barbados	36,814	18,773	168,820	171,458
Bermuda	8,974	15,801	73,319	77,308
British Honduras	250	—	21,436	36,386
Cuba(4)	540,928	925,446	7,246,709	6,970,253
Dominican Republic	—	—	2,300	35,144
French West Indies	115	—	966	920
Guyana	2,689	361	8,036	8,434
Honduras	—	—	918	6,113
Jamaica	7,832	8,059	83,310	59,126
Leeward and Windward Is.	94,153	72,372	407,020	476,516
Netherlands Antilles	7,988	5,888	29,359	148,093
Panama	—	—	676	676
Paraguay	—	—	—	2,535
Peru	—	—	—	172
St. Pierre and Miquelon	1,414	1,286	13,701	15,987
Surinam	—	2,472	8,965	16,670
Trinidad and Tobago	57,576	34,788	254,309	303,736
Venezuela	—	—	304	380
United States	—	—	14,812	215,127
Totals	767,119	1,119,302	8,453,228	8,677,088
Totals, all countries	1,899,156	1,581,390	15,156,533	15,263,499

(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) Congo-Kinshasa prior to January 1972.

(4) Source — Canadian National Millers Association.

n.e.s. — Not elsewhere specified.

Note: Data for March 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			
	March 24	March 31	April 7	April 14
Initial payment to producers				
	cents and eighths per bushel			
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	146	146	146	146
1 Northern	150	150	150	150
2 Northern	146	146	146	146
3 Northern	141	141	141	141
4 Northern	133	133	133	133
5 Wheat	119	119	119	119
6 Wheat	115	115	115	115
Feed Wheat	110	110	110	110
1 C.W. Garnet	133	133	133	133
2 C.W. Garnet	128	128	128	128
3 C.W. Garnet	123	123	123	123
1 Alberta Red Winter	132	132	132	132
2 Alberta Winter	127	127	127	127
3 Alberta Winter	121	121	121	121
1 C.W. Amber Durum	146	146	146	146
2 C.W. Amber Durum	142	142	142	142
3 C.W. Amber Durum	137	137	137	137
Exports				
(Basis in store Thunder Bay)				
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	167/1	167	167/7	168/5
1 Northern	169/1	169	169/7	170/5
2 Northern	167/1	167	167/7	168/5
3 Northern	162/1	162	162/7	163/5
4 Northern	159/1	159	159/7	160/5
5 Wheat(1)	148/4	148/4	148/4	148/4
6 Wheat(1)	146/4	146/4	146/4	146/4
Feed Wheat(1)	141/4	141/4	141/4	141/4
1 C.W. Garnet	159/1	159	159/7	160/5
2 C.W. Garnet	158/1	158	158/7	159/5
3 C.W. Garnet	157/1	157	157/7	158/5
1 Alberta Red Winter	159/1	159	159/7	160/5
2 Alberta Winter	158/1	158	158/7	159/5
3 Alberta Winter	157/1	157	157/7	158/5
1 C.W. Amber Durum	162/6	162/5	163/4	164/4
2 C.W. Amber Durum	161/6	161/5	162/4	163/4
3 C.W. Amber Durum	152/6	152/5	153/4	154/4
(Basis in store Vancouver)				
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	177/6	178/2	179/1	179/6
1 Northern	178/6	179/2	180/1	180/6
2 Northern	177/6	178/2	179/1	179/6
3 Northern	172/6	173/2	174/1	174/6
4 Northern	170/6	171/2	172/1	172/6
1 C.W. Garnet	170/6	171/2	172/1	172/6
2 C.W. Garnet	169/6	170/2	171/1	171/6
3 C.W. Garnet	168/6	169/2	170/1	170/6
1 Alberta Red Winter	170/6	171/2	172/1	172/6
2 Alberta Winter	169/6	170/2	171/1	171/6
3 Alberta Winter	168/6	169/2	170/1	170/6

(1) Domestic sales only.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supplies Higher than a Year Ago Reflecting an increase in production, which more than offset a decrease in carryover stocks, total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1971-72 crop year are currently placed at 2,369.7 million bushels, 5 per cent more than the previous year's total of 2,254.9 million. The current crop, estimated at a record 1,639.5 million bushels, represents an increase of 20 per cent over 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 less than the 1970 stocks of 884.7 million. Domestic disappearance during 1971-72 is estimated at about 825.0 million bushels, 5 per cent above 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 more than the 1,468.7 million in 1970-71.

Exports Down from Previous Year Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period July 1971-March 1972 amounted to 438.6 million bushels, 22 per cent below the 559.1 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on April 1, 1972 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,106.2 million bushels compared with 909.6 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-March	0.4	0.2
Total estimated supplies(1)	2,255.3	2,369.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2)	786.6	825.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,468.7	1,544.9
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-March	513.2	397.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July-March	45.9	40.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	559.1	438.6
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	909.6	1,106.2

(1) Excluding imports for April-June.

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

Winter Wheat Prospects

According to a report released on March 16, 1972 by the Crop Reporting Board of the U.S.D.A. the winter wheat crop entered the winter in good to excellent condition. Top growth around December 1 was greater than normal in the Plains and Corn Belt States but below normal in the Pacific Northwest. Seeding in the southeastern States was delayed by persistent wet weather and late harvest of soybeans and corn. The Great Plains received precipitation well below normal during the winter and topsoil moisture is short in many areas. However, good subsoil moisture supplies carried the crop through to March 1 in relatively good condition. Some light to moderate soil blowing had occurred and as usual, considerable acreage is vulnerable. The crop greened as far north as southeastern Nebraska during the unusually warm temperatures of late February.

Winter precipitation was near to above normal over most of the Pacific Northwest-Montana area. Snow cover offered protection from most cold spells. Some erosion damage occurred in the Palouse area of Washington. In the Corn Belt, soil moisture supplies were adequate and the crop was in good to excellent condition around March 1. Much of the acreage had unusually heavy top growth as a result of above normal temperatures through December. However, the crop underwent stress as a result of a sharp drop in temperature in early January.

Projected Production Prospects for 1972

Any indication of production at this time must be based on historic relationships because in many sections spring planting has not started. Nevertheless, such projections are given in commodity comments for those desiring to evaluate intended acreages in terms of possible production. The 1972 projections are based on average yields per acre, with an allowance for trend. These levels should be possible with a reasonably favourable crop season. Later reports will appraise prospects as the 1972 season progresses.

Plantings of all wheat for harvest in 1972 will total 55.4 million acres, based on March 1 prospective plantings for all spring wheat and the December 1, 1971 estimate for winter wheat. If realized, this will be 1 per cent above last year and 12 per cent above 1970.

Prospective acreage of durum wheat in the five major States totals, 2,482,000 acres, 12 per cent below last year but 19 per cent above 1970 seedings. The indicated acreage is 261,000 less than the January 1972 prospective plantings of 2,743,000 acres. In North Dakota, where about 89 per cent of the Nation's durum wheat acreage is located, growers may plant 10 per cent fewer acres than last year. Compared with a year earlier, growers intend to reduce their planted acreage by 19 per cent in South Dakota and by 32 per cent in Montana.

Prospective planted acreage of spring wheat, other than durum, at 10,683,000 acres, is down 19 per cent from 1971 but up 18 per cent from the 1970 acreage. Total acreage in the nine important other spring wheat States indicate a reduction of 1,408,000 acres, compared with the January 1972 report. Of the nine States, only Oregon expects to increase planted acreage above the January intentions. Growers in North Dakota, the leading State, expect to plant 20 per cent less acreage than last year. A cutback of 20 per cent also seems likely in South Dakota, while prospective acreage in Montana is down 15 per cent and in Minnesota down 8 per cent. Moisture conditions are favourable for the crop throughout the major growing areas except for portions of South Dakota and Minnesota. Projected production of all spring wheat is 374 million bushels, assuming planting intentions are realized and yields are average, allowing for trend. The 1972 winter wheat crop of 1,291 million bushels indicated as of December 1, 1971, plus the projected spring wheat production,

indicates a total of 1,665 million bushels, 2 per cent more than 1971 and 22 per cent above the 1970 production.

Final Report on 1972
Wheat Program Signup
Issued by USDA

A report released on March 30, 1972 by the United States Department of Agriculture stated that final signup returns for the 1972 wheat program show 996,916 farms enrolled, only 40,819 less than the record 1,037,735 farms enrolled

for the 1971 wheat program. This final report is virtually unchanged from last week's preliminary final.

Although the number of farms signed up for the 1972 program number slightly less than the previous year, they have 156,314 more acres in allotments. Signed farms in 1972 have allotments totalling 18,378,768 acres, or 94 per cent of the national domestic allotment total of 19,549,388 acres. Allotment acreage on signed farms last year totaled 18,222,454.

Wheat acreage set-aside on enrolled farms shown on this report totals 20,272,593 acres. This includes the required 83 per cent set-aside of 15,252,464 acres and 5,020,129 acres of voluntary additional set-aside. The 1971 final report showed 13,680,294 acres set-aside, representing 75 per cent of a farm's 1971 domestic allotment.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies
Below Previous Year

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, reflecting the effect of a decrease in carryover stocks which more than offset a 5 per cent increase in production. 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 88.8 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 339.1 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 Less
than Year Ago

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 - April 4 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 113.1 million bushels, 5 per cent lower than the 119.6 million exported during the corresponding period of the 1970-71 crop year. The balance remaining on April 5, 1972 for export and for carryover, at 226.0 million bushels, was one third below the 338.5 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
Production	289.9	303.0
Total estimated domestic supplies	555.0	427.9
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	96.9	88.8 ^r
Available for export and for carryover	458.1	339.1
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - April 4	113.7	109.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - April 4	5.9	4.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	119.6	113.1
Balance on April 5 for export and for carryover	338.5	226.0

The following information relative to the Australian situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. L.B. Stryker, Marketing Officer for Canada, Melbourne, under date of April 7, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Wheat production in Australia. - Preparations for planting the 1972-73 crop are underway in many parts of Australia's wheatgrowing areas. Heavy rains in Queensland and northern New South Wales, which resulted from a severe cyclone centered over the north-east coast of Australia, have hampered seeding plans of growers in these areas. By contrast, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia have been experiencing an unusually long spell of dry weather and, at this time, wheat farmers in these States require more pre-planting moisture in order to be assured of an average yield during this crop year. At this early stage in the year, doubts have been raised as to the ability of the Australian wheat growers to reach the total delivery quota of 407 million bushels as accepted by the Commonwealth and State Governments.

Wheat sales. - A further sale of 150,000 metric tons (5,511,000 bushels) of f.a.q. wheat to Chile has been announced by the Australian Wheat Board. This is in addition to the 200,000 metric tons (7,349,000 bushels) contract finalized in February, 1972. During the 1971-72 crop year, Chile purchased 200,000 tons (7,349,000 bushels) of Australian wheat.

At the same time, the Board announced that Peru will take 100,000 metric tons (3,674,000 bushels) of hard wheat, which will be shipped in several batches starting next month.

Mr. J.P. Cass, Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, who released details of both contracts, said that Chile and Peru expressed strong interest in developing trade with Australia, but a further substantial increase in the wheat sales would depend on the development of reciprocal trade.

Earlier Mr. Cass had revealed that a record 84 million bushels of wheat had been shipped overseas in the first quarter of the current crop year. This means that more than half the amount of wheat sold overseas for delivery in 1972 has already left Australia.

In forecasting a carryover of between 80 and 90 million bushels at the end of this crop year, Mr. Cass said that the Board started the year with a total of 406 million bushels available for sale and that in the first three months 45 per cent had been sold overseas. A carryover of this size, he continued, would not present any problem to the Board in handling a new crop of about 400 million bushels.

Ex-chairman appointed as consultant. — Sir Allan Callaghan, who until December 1971 was Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board, has been appointed by the Federal Government to carry out a six months study of the wheat industry in Australia. His survey will be the first independent assessment of the Wheat Industry Stabilization Scheme since it was introduced in 1948. The five-year period is due for renewal next year.

His study will include the f.a.q. system, first advance payments, production, carryover stocks and segregation of varieties. Sir Allan, who was Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board for six years, is regarded as one of Australia's leading experts on the wheat industry.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supplies Increase Over Previous Year

Reflecting increases in both carryover stocks and anticipated deliveries, total estimated commercial domestic supplies of soft wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1971-72, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 97.8 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 437.2 million amount to some 535.1 million, 22 per cent above the 1970-71 total of 437.9 million. Imports during the August 1971-January 1972 period, including durum and both hard and soft wheat, have amounted to 3.4 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 10.4 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 312.1 million bushels, sharply above the 218.7 million the previous year.

Exports Sharply Above Last Year

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first half of the 1971-72 crop year amounted to 109.7 million bushels, 81 per cent larger than the comparable August 1970-January 1971 total of 60.6 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on February 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 202.4 million compared with the February 1, 1971 total of 158.1 million bushels.

French Soft Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^p
	million bushels	
Commercial carryover, August 1	83.3	97.8
Anticipated deliveries to Grain Board	354.6	437.2 ^r
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies ...	437.9	535.1
Imports(1), August-January	10.4	3.4
Total commercial supplies	448.3	538.4
Less domestic requirements for crop year	229.7	226.3
Available for export and for carryover	218.7	312.1
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat,(2) August-January	41.1	89.7
Exports of wheat flour, August-January	19.4	19.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	60.6	109.7
Balance on February 1 for export and for carryover	158.1	202.4

(1) Includes durum, hard and soft wheat.

(2) Includes denatured, durum and soft wheat.

The following account of the wheat situation in France has been extracted from a report from Mr. G.W. Doucet, Agricultural Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of March 29, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions to Canadian measures have been made for the convenience of our readers.

Supply-disposition soft wheat. — In January 1972, farm deliveries were higher than in the previous December, and total farm deliveries reached 10,056,200 metric tons (369,498,000 bushels) at February 1, 1972. According to ONIC, total farm deliveries will reach more than 11,900,000 tons (437,245,000 bushels) for 1971-72. Domestic utilizations decreased from 990,000 tons (36,376,000 bushels) on December to 833,200 tons (30,615,000 bushels) on January, i.e. a reduction of 156,800 tons (5,761,000 bushels) from one month to another. Both sales to millers and total exports went down, the first by 38,800 tons (1,426,000 bushels), the second by 106,600 tons (3,917,000 bushels).

Durum wheat. — In January 1972, farm deliveries were lower than in the previous month and total farm deliveries reached 423,500 metric tons (15,561,000 bushels) on February 1, 1972. Domestic utilizations decreased from 54,200 tons (1,991,000 bushels) on December to 45,100 tons (1,657,000 bushels) on January, i.e. 9,100 tons (334,000 bushels) less, of which 3,700 tons (136,000 bushels) less for sales to semolina millers, and 3,000 tons (110,000 bushels) less for total exports.

International trade. — Total wheat imports for January remained on a poor level compared with the last year figure. The August-January total imports registered an important reduction, falling from 283,645 metric tons (10,422,000 bushels) last year to only 91,879 tons (3,376,000 bushels) for this commercial campaign, i.e. a reduction of 191,766 tons (7,046,000 bushels) of which 162,445 tons (5,969,000 bushels) was for durum wheat.

French Wheat Imports, August-January

Destination	Durum wheat		Hard and soft wheats	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
	thousand bushels			
Belgium	—	—	3	1
Germany	—	—	(1)	9
Italy	—	—	1	1
U.S.S.R.	—	—	41	113
United States	6,290	973	1,581	950
Canada	179	—	1,306	899
Argentina	902	429	115	—
Totals	7,371	1,402	3,051	1,973

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Total wheat exports in January 1972 were 324,166 metric tons (11,911,000 bushels) against 130,688 tons (4,802,000 bushels) in January 1971, but we have to note that they reigistered an important reduction compared with the previous month of December 1971 figure of 431,698 tons (15,862,000 bushels), i.e. a 107,624 tons (3,954,000 bushels) decrease for one month to another, including:—

- a 4,376 metric tons (161, 000 bushels) decrease for denatured both durum and soft wheat,
- a 2,465 metric tons (91,000 bushels) decrease for durum wheat,
- a 100,693 metric tons (3,700,000 bushels) decrease for soft wheat.

The August-January total wheat exports increased from 1,119,586 metric tons (41,137,000 bushels) last year to 2,442,498 tons (89,745,000 bushels) on January 31, 1972, i.e. 1,322,912 tons (48,608,000 bushels) more than last year, which was shipped in half a crop year. Total exports to the EEC for these first six months increased from 884,578 tons (32,502,000 bushels) last year to 1,534,432 tons (56,380,000 bushels) this year. If the exports to the EEC amounted for 79 per cent of the total exports last year, they were only representing 62 per cent this year. As the total exports increased and the exports to the EEC decreased in percentage, this could explain the higher place taken by the exports to the Third Countries this year.

French Wheat Exports, August-January

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels						
Belgium	7,474	8,864	167	214	5,780	7,096
Holland	8,232	9,097	9	—	92	810
Germany	6,646	16,030	1	292	1,117	2,224
Italy	2,879	11,469	94	275	12	7
U.K.	2,188	9,408	—	16	—	121
Switzerland	1,300	4,513	1	4	7	14
Ireland	29	1,280	—	—	—	—
Norway	—	38	—	—	—	—
Spanish Canaries	—	—	—	—	—	1
Portugal	1	294	—	—	—	—
Andorra	8	10	—	—	—	—
Czechoslovakia	—	2,627	—	—	—	—
U.S.S.R.	—	73	—	—	—	—
Poland	—	7,302	—	—	—	—
Spanish N. Africa	10	—	—	—	—	—
Libya	—	—	—	—	9	—
Tunisia	735	134	—	—	—	—
Angola	—	863	—	—	—	—
Morocco	—	370	—	—	—	—
Kenya	—	478	—	—	—	—
Uganda	—	1	—	—	—	—
Reunion Island	—	—	—	77	13	—
Martinique	—	—	—	—	—	(1)
Madagascar	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—
Mauritania	12	5	—	—	—	—
Upper Volta	—	331	—	—	—	—
Senegal	1,365	1,799	—	—	—	48
Ivory Coast	1,215	1,986	—	—	—	—
Cameroon	408	496	—	—	—	4
Central African Rep. .	186	156	—	—	—	—
Gabon	165	340	—	—	—	—
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)	2
Totals	33,831	78,529	274	879	7,032	10,338

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

With 33,154 metric tons in January, wheat flour shipments were lower than in the previous month of December of 65,862 tons, so that for the first six months, total wheat flour exports increased from 341,269 tons for 1970-71 to 361,817 tons for 1971-72, i.e. a slight increase of only 20,548 tons from one year to another.

Prices and market. — ONIC held the meeting of its Central Council on March 2, 1972, and it was estimated that the wheat exports to the EEC would reach 2,400,000 metric tons (88,184,000 bushels) to 2,700,000 tons (99,207,000 bushels), so that it would remain as available quantities for exports to Third Countries between 2,200,000 tons (80,835,000 bushels) and 2,500,000 tons (91,858,000 bushels). If we take into account the engaged exports, the surpluses might reach 900,000 tons (33,069,000 bushels) to 1,200,000 tons (44,092,000 bushels). Because of the unfavourable outlooks on the world market, it would be difficult to export such a surplus, so that the reported stocks would be increased.

Prices were down for soft wheat with only 0.25 francs per 100 kilos (one cent per bushel Cdn.) above the intervention price on the last days of February, but they went back up on March 15 with 1.00 franc per 100 kilos (5 cents per bushel) above the intervention price. A few thousand metric tons were sold at the intervention price in the northern area of France. Good varieties as REX kept the same price from February 15 to March 15 at about 55 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.95 per bushel). Export price remained on the same level at about 54 to 54.50 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.89 to \$2.92 per bushel Cdn.).

This market for durum wheat registered a few operations at the intervention price of 62.45 francs per 100 kilos (\$3.35 per bushel Cdn.). French traders have to compete with the Italians on the domestic market.

Towards the end of February, an important export to Korea of 100,000 metric tons of wheat flour was announced. Shipments will take place from March to June. We have to mention an exceptional contract with Ceylon.

Bread processing. — On March 14, it was announced that Pr. COSIER from the Catholic University of Louvain found a polysaccharid linked with protein, named "pentosane" which is able to regulate the water absorption of the paste. If a 2 per cent of pentosane is added to the flour, bread volume increases by 7.4 per cent. Bread processed in this way and preserved during one year into a deep-freeze may keep its freshness and flavour. This pentosane would allow the bread processing from sprouting wheat flour. French professionals keep quiet about this question.

Next crop. — With the estimated areas sown with winter wheat and the outlooks for spring wheat sowings, it appears that total areas in wheat would be slightly reduced compared to the previous campaign.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

<u>Supplies Above</u>	Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in Argentina for the
<u>Previous Year</u>	1971-72 (December-November) crop year are placed at some 215.9
	million bushels, 16 per cent more than the comparable 1970-71
	revised total of 184.8 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 22 per cent the 156.2 million produced in 1970 while the

December 1, 1971 carryover stocks, at an estimated 24.8 million, are below the 28.7 million at the same date a year ago. After making an allowance of 135.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 80.9 million are available for export and for carryover in 1971-72, some 32 per cent above the 61.2 million the previous year.

Exports Increase Over Year Ago Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1971-March 1972 amounted to 22.9 million bushels, 31 per cent above the 17.5 million shipped during the same four months in 1970-71. The balance remaining on April 1, 1972 for export and for carryover was estimated at 58.0 million bushels, compared with the April 1, 1971 total of 43.8 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1970-71 ^r	1971-72 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) (1)	28.7	24.8 ^{r(2)}
Production	156.2	191.1
Total estimated domestic supplies	184.8	215.9
Less estimated requirements for crop year	123.6	135.0(3)
Available for export and for carryover	61.2	80.9
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-March	16.4	21.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-March	1.1	1.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	17.5	22.9
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	43.8	58.0

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

(2) The Junta Nacional de Granos figures.

(3) Subject to further revision.

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There has still not been an official announcement regarding the quantity to be exported to Brazil in 1972 and it does not appear that there will be. However, it is reasonable to assume that the contract has been signed and that the figure is close to 1,000,000 tons (36,743,000 bushels).

Since the new price schedules for wheat were released in March, there have been constant complaints by producers that the new prices, although 40 per cent higher, are still insufficient to entice producers to plant much more than they did last year.

On April 11, hard wheat prices closed at 29.50 pesos (Cdn. \$1.62 per bushel, commercial market) semi-hard at 28.90 (\$1.58 per bushel) and Durums at 26.90 per 100 kilos (\$1.47 per bushel) f.o.r. Buenos Aires. At Bahia Blanca hard wheat closed at 28.30 pesos (\$1.55 per bushel), semi-hard at 27.40 pesos (\$1.51 per bushel) and Durums at 26.60 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.46 per bushel).

On the Buenos Aires Futures Exchange, hard wheat was quoted at 31 pesos per 100 kilos (\$1.70 per bushel) for May delivery, 32.60 pesos (\$1.79 per bushel) for June and 34.75 pesos (\$1.90 per bushel) for July.

Argentine Wheat Exports December-January 1970-71 and 1971-72

Destination	January		December-January	
	1971	1972	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
France	—	—	244	—
Italy	1,414	1,840	2,244	2,287
Netherlands	—	61	—	61
Totals	1,414	1,901	2,488	2,348
<u>Africa</u>				
Libya	—	220	—	220
<u>Asia</u>				
Lebanon	—	—	261	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Brazil	1,274	1,527	3,916	3,296
Chile	709	310	1,102	1,347
Paraguay	—	—	142	—
Peru	—	—	116	—
Totals	1,983	1,837	5,276	4,643
Totals, all countries ..	3,397	3,959	8,026	7,211

GRAIN SITUATION IN BRITAIN

The following account of the grain situation in Britain has been extracted from a report received from Mr. G.D. Cooper, Commercial Officer, (Agriculture) for Canada, London under date of March 28, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Cereals. — The Government is anxious to maintain the stability of the United Kingdom cereals market throughout the 1972-73 season by the normal and regular release of home-produced grain. This is expected to ensure an orderly progress towards the adoption of the E.E.C. system on February 1, 1973.

The 1971 cereals acreage was on a par with the high acreages of 1967 and 1968 (i.e. 9.4 million acres) with growing and harvesting conditions good and yields considerably higher than those of recent years. Total production is estimated at about 14.75 million long tons. Increased winter wheat has been sown and the total cereals acreage in 1972 is expected to show an increase on 1971.

The guaranteed price for wheat will be increased to £1.72 per long cwt. (\$2.40 per bushel), an increase of 9p. (13 cents per bushel). The guaranteed price for barley will be increased by 11p. (12 cents per bushel) to £1.56 per long cwt. (\$1.74 per bushel) and that for oats will also be increased by 7p. (6 cents per bushel) to £1.51 per long cwt. (\$1.19 per bushel). There is no change in the guaranteed price of £1.08 per long cwt. (\$1.40 per bushel) for rye.

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

Wheat Supplies

July-June	Average of 1960-61- 1962-63	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72 (forecast)
thousand metric tons						
Wheat						
Production	3,209	3,903	3,469	3,364	4,236	4,835
Imports(1)	4,546	4,068	4,571	4,771	5,351	4,068
Exports (including re-exports) (1,2) .	— 28(3)	— 28	— 31	— 33	— 30	— 27
Total supply (4)	7,726	7,943	8,009	8,103	9,556	8,876
Production as % of total supply	42%	49%	43%	42%	44%	54%

(1) Includes flour imported or exported as such.

(2) Includes shipments to Channel Islands.

(3) Estimated.

(4) No account has been taken of changes in opening and closing stocks, which can considerably affect net off take for consumption.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- March 31 According to World Agricultural Production and Trade, USDA, world wheat production in 1971 totalled 314 million metric tons, 9 per cent above 1970 and 2 per cent over the previous 1968 high. World wheat area was up 2 per cent and yield gained 6 per cent.
- April 7 Based on farmers' intentions at March 15, the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat in Canada in 1972 will be 21.4 million acres an increase of 11 per cent over the 1971 seeding of 19.2 million, but 16 per cent less than the 1966-70 average.
- 14 The 1972 season of navigation opened at the Canadian Lakehead with the arrival of the Frank A. Sherman.
- 19 Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1972 were estimated at 864.8 million bushels compared with 981.3 million on the same date in 1971. It is estimated that 584.0 million bushels representing 68 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 280.8 million bushels in off-farm positions, 163.7 million were in primary elevators.
- 21 The Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board announced that cheques totalling \$57,530,385 are now in the mail to more than 175,000 western grain producers. For details see page 11 of this publication.

Flour Production According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in February 1972 amounted to 19,966,000 hundredweight, averaging 951,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 986,000 hundredweight last month and 988,000 hundredweight in February 1971. Wheat flour mills during February operated at 97.3 per cent of capacity, below both the 100.9% of the previous month and the 100.0% the same month a year ago. Flour mills in February 1972 ground 44,420,000 bushels of wheat compared with 45,942,000 bushels the previous month and 44,038,000 bushels in February 1971.

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