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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

World Wheat Exports Continue at Record Level

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-May period of the current crop year have amounted to 1,757.3 million bushels, 44 percent larger than the 1,219.9 million bushels exported during the same ten months in 1971-72 and 42 percent more than the ten-year (1961-62 - 1970-71) average shipments for the same period of 1,236.1 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, exports from Canada, United States and Argentina were higher this year than last, while shipments from Australia were below those of the previous year.

Shipments from the four traditional major wheat exporter during August 1972 - May 1973, with comparisons, appear in the accompanying table.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of wheat, August 1972 - May 1973 with Comparisons

August - May	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million bushels						
1950-51	178.8	106.5	304.6	75.8	665.7	
1951-52	268.5	81.1	413.5	24.1	787.2	
1952-53	297.5	84.8	279.8	19.2	681.3	
1953-54	209.1	52.2	170.7	94.1	526.1	
1954-55	209.7	81.8	226.4	112.0	629.9	
1955-56	236.9	84.6	267.7	97.9	687.1	
1956-57	216.8	108.9	448.4	82.9	857.0	
1957-58	263.7	53.3	327.1	63.4	707.5	
1958-59	243.8	61.6	380.6	85.5	771.5	
1959-60	235.4	92.8	426.5	61.3	816.0	
1960-61	286.3	148.4	566.8	59.2	1,060.7	
1961-62	310.2	186.0	603.8	80.2	1,180.2	
1962-63	281.2	136.1	542.9	53.8	1,014.0	
1963-64	460.3	242.2	730.7	94.9	1,528.1	
1964-65	339.4	190.5	595.2	132.6	1,257.7	
1965-66	456.0	159.5	709.2	249.5	1,574.2	
1966-67	428.9	211.2	609.7	91.2	1,341.0	88.2
1967-68	249.9	219.6	651.5	47.9	1,168.9	126.9
1968-69	250.2	168.4	440.1	80.8	939.5	168.5
1969-70	257.6	221.0	502.0	63.5	1,044.1	184.0
1970-71 ^r	328.4	299.7	634.2	51.0	1,313.3	106.6
1971-72 ^r	399.1	273.3	505.4	42.1	1,219.9	183.2
1972-73 ^p	464.3	180.8	998.7	113.5	1,757.3	206.8(1)

(1) August - March only.

World Wheat Supplies Lower than Previous Year

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at June 1, 1973 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,163.0 million bushels, a decrease of 37 per cent from the 1,850.8 million at the same time a year ago. Supplies declined in Canada, Australia and United States from those of the previous year while supplies in Argentina were higher. Supplies at June 1, 1973, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 498.7 (694.4); Australia, 70.5 (167.2); United States, 520.7 (939.2); and Argentina, 73.1 (50.0).

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August 1972-May 1973
with Comparisons

August-May	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million metric tons						
1950-51	4,866	2,898	8,290	2,063	18,118	
1951-52	7,307	2,207	11,254	656	21,424	
1952-53	8,097	2,308	7,615	523	18,542	
1953-54	5,691	1,421	4,646	2,561	14,318	
1954-55	5,707	2,226	6,162	3,048	17,143	
1955-56	6,447	2,302	7,286	2,664	18,700	
1956-57	5,900	2,964	12,204	2,256	23,324	
1957-58	7,177	1,451	8,902	1,725	19,255	
1958-59	6,635	1,676	10,358	2,327	20,997	
1959-60	6,407	2,526	11,608	1,668	22,208	
1960-61	7,792	4,039	15,426	1,611	28,868	
1961-62	8,442	5,062	16,433	2,183	32,120	
1962-63	7,653	3,704	14,775	1,464	27,597	
1963-64	12,527	6,592	19,887	2,583	41,589	
1964-65	9,237	5,185	16,199	3,609	34,229	
1965-66	12,410	4,341	19,301	6,790	42,843	
1966-67	11,673	5,748	16,594	2,482	36,496	2,400
1967-68	6,801	5,977	17,731	1,304	31,813	3,454
1968-69	6,809	4,583	11,978	2,199	25,569	4,586
1969-70r	7,011	6,015	13,662	1,728	28,416	5,008
1970-71r	8,938	8,157	17,260	1,388	35,743	2,901
1971-72r	10,862	7,438	13,755	1,146	33,201	4,986
1972-73p	12,636	4,921	27,180	3,089	47,826	5,628 (1)

(1) August - March only.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Lower
than Previous Year

Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1972-73 (August - July) crop year are placed at 1,123.0 million bushels consisting of the August 1 carryover of 589.8 million and the 1972 crop, placed at 533.3 million bushels reflecting a 20 per cent decline in carryover stocks which more than offset a small increase in production. Supplies of the size indicated represent a decrease of 11 per cent from the 1971-72 total of 1,263.7 million. After making an allowance of 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1972-73 amount to 963.0 million bushels, 12 per cent less than the 1,093.5 million in 1971-72.

August - May Exports
Remain at Record Level

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent during the first ten months of the current crop year amounted to 464.3 million bushels, 16 per cent above the August 1971 - May 1972 total of 399.1 million and 38 per cent more than the ten-year (1961-62 - 1970-71) average for the period of 336.2 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 444.7 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 0.3 million of seed and 19.3 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 377.6 million of wheat in bulk, 0.8 million of seed and 20.6 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on June 1, 1973 for export and for carryover amounted to 498.7 million bushels, 28 per cent below the June 1, 1972 total of 694.4 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 ^r	1972-73 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	734.2	589.8
Production	529.6	533.3
Total estimated supplies	1,263.7	1,123.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	170.2	160.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,093.5	963.0
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August - May (1)	377.6	444.7
Exports of seed wheat, August - May (2)	0.8	0.3
Total exports of wheat as grain	378.5	445.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - May (2)	20.6	19.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	399.1	464.3
Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover	694.4	498.7

(1) As reported by the Canadian Grain Commission.

(2) Customs returns, 1971-72 adjusted for time lag.

Marketings, Disappearance
and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to June 6 of the current crop year have amounted to 479.3 million bushels compared with 375.9 million

marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 20.7 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks May 10 to June 6, 1973. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 56.0 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 247.1 million at May 9, 1973 to a level of 212.0 million at June 6, 1973.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at June 6 this year represented a decline from both the 255.0 million of the previous year and the 310.0 million of two years ago. Primary elevator stocks, amounting to 106.4 million bushels, were 32 per cent below the 1972 comparable total of 157.6 million and 51 per cent less than the 216.0 million of 1971. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at June 6, 1973 totalled 2.6 million bushels, in contrast to both the 4.9 million of a year ago and the 6.9 of two years ago. The 23.1 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) this year, were considerably above the 12.2 million of 1972 and 33 per cent more than the 17.4 million in this position in 1971. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 27.9 million bushels, increased by 14 per cent over the 24.6 million of 1972 and 40 per cent higher than the 20.0 million of 1971. The 6.2 million bushels "in transit lake" were 38 per cent lower than the 10.0 million in this position in 1972 and 6 per cent less than the 6.6 million of 1971. The 12.1 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were above the 10.8 million of a year ago but slightly lower than the 12.4 million of two years ago.

Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at June 6, 1973, at 21.8 million bushels, registered a 7 per cent increase over the comparable 1972 figure of 20.4 million and were 40 per cent more than the 1971 total of 15.6 million. The 5.5 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were lower than both the 9.0 million at the comparable date in 1972 and the 6.8 million in 1971.

May 1973 Exports
of Wheat and Flour Total
53.8 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during May 1973 amounted to 53.8 million bushels, 64 per cent greater than the 32.8 million of the previous month, 31 per cent more than the 41.2 million of May 1972 and 21 per cent above the ten-year (1962-71) average for the month of May of 44.5 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission) during May 1973 totalled 51.9 million bushels, up 66 per cent over the April 1973 total of 31.3 million, and also registered increases of 32 per cent and 24 per cent, respectively, over the 39.3 million of the previous year and the ten-year average of 42.0 million. It is estimated that the equivalent of 1.9 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during May 1973, some 21 per cent above the previous month's figure of 1.5 million. These exports while slightly less than the May 1972 figure were 24 per cent lower than the ten-year average of 2.4 million bushels.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-May period of the current crop year amounted to 444.7 million bushels, 18 per cent above the 377.6 million shipped during the first ten months of 1971-72 and 44 per cent more than the ten-year average for the period of 307.8 million. The People's Republic of China and U.S.S.R. (Russia) were the leading markets for wheat in bulk during the first ten months of the current crop year with shipments amounting to 133.0 million and 123.5 million bushels, respectively, and accounted for 30 per cent and 28 per cent of the August-May 1972-73 total. During the same months of 1971-72 shipments to the People's Republic of China and U.S.S.R. (Russia) were 82.4 million bushels (22 per cent of total) and 87.0 million bushels (23 per cent of total), respectively. Other principal importers of Canadian wheat for the first ten months of the current crop year with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 40.7 (42.5); Britain, 35.4 (38.6); India, 16.2 (23.0); Italy, 11.6 (12.9); Brazil, 8.3 (10.3); Germany West, 7.1 (8.5); Cuba, 6.7 (5.9); Bangladesh, 6.3 (1.1); Philippines, 5.9 (5.8); and Pakistan, 5.6 (2.7)

Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-May of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 0.3 million bushels as against last year's August-May total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 0.8 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first ten months of the 1972-73 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 19.3 million bushels of wheat, 6 per cent less than the adjusted August-May 1971-72 total of 20.6 million and 28 per cent below the 10-year average for the period of 26.8 million.

Exports of wheat flour by countries for August-May 1972-73 based on Customs data, are not available at this time.

Delivery Changes
for Special Permit
holders Announced

On June 11, 1973, Mr. C.E. Gordon Earl, Executive Director of The Canadian Wheat Board, announced a change in delivery requirements for certain persons holding Special Wheat Board Delivery permits.

There are a number of categories for which The Canadian Wheat Board will issue Special Delivery Permits. Two of these are farm estates and producers who have discontinued farming operations but still own grain for delivery in the future.

With the change in policy Special Permit holders in the two categories specified will not be required to deliver all of their grain under the open quotas that are in effect for the remainder of this crop year. In the past, Special Permits for the balance of the grain being held were renewed only if the person or persons involved had taken full advantage of delivery quotas in the previous crop year.

"We know, however, that quite a number of our Special Permit holders, particularly farmers who are fully retired, use the grain they are carrying over from year to year as a form of income annuity," Mr. Earl said.

"To require producers in this position to deliver all the grain they have left under the open quotas, could impose an undue hardship in many cases, " Mr. Earl said. "For this reason Special Permits will be renewed for persons who fall into this category."

Mr. Earl added, however, that there are other categories of Special Permit holders, including producers still engaged in farming, who have received Special Permits because of reduced delivery opportunities through the sale or cash rental of part of their landholdings. These Special Permit holders will be expected to complete the deliveries authorized by their Special Permits within the current crop year.

General Quotas 1972-73 as at Monday, June 18, 1973

As of this date, all grains in all blocks are on an open quota.

These quotas also apply to the special quotas, but in cases of selected oats and barley a permit for each car to be shipped is still required.

Although the open quota is in effect, the following quotas are still effective pending their cancellation.

All other wheat	E	
Feeding types of wheat	E	
Hercules durum	C	
Other durum	C	
Soft white spring	C	D
Alberta Red Winter	D	
Barley	E	

In the event of a cancellation of an open quota in any block, the prior quota is still effective.

Lake Shipments of
Canadian Grain

Total shipments of the six major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to June 6 this year amounted to 106.5 million bushels, 7 per cent below the 114.9 million shipped during the same period in 1972. The 1973 season of navigation opened on March 30 while the 1972 season opened on April 14. Shipments of wheat, at 67.0 million were 26 per cent above the 1972 figure of 53.0 million bushels and accounted for 63 per cent of the total.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to June 6, 1973
and to Approximately the Same Date 1962 to 1972

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed	Total
	thousand bushels						
1962	36,985	5,078	7,564	81	944	—	50,651
1963	37,209	14,215	5,694	871	1,771	—	59,760
1964	80,389	7,726	9,757	1,485	2,832	—	102,189
1965	66,056	8,803	7,819	1,117	2,630	383	86,807
1966	98,126	10,007	11,669	3,421	3,637	507	127,366
1967	83,238	10,499	19,717	1,571	2,651	530	118,207
1968	50,923	4,406	4,977	488	2,556	174	63,524
1969	42,436	3,939	9,831	479	2,695	689	60,068
1970	57,197	5,236	24,304	1,401	4,180	2,283	94,602
1971	50,808	7,078	45,390	1,758	5,434	5,687	116,156
1972	53,032	7,748	43,326	1,138	4,137	5,475	114,856
1973	67,033	5,811	27,231	491	2,627	3,348	106,541

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, 1972 to June 22, 1973

9,095 advances totalling \$20,759,292

Outstanding advances on June 22, 1973

Issued in 1972-73 3,670,303
Issued in 1971-72 1,028,333
Issued in 1970-71 and prior 4,012,500

Total outstanding advances \$8,711,136

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to June 6, of the current crop year amounted to 472.0 million bushels, 22 per cent more than the August 1, 1971 - June 7, 1972 total of 388.4 million and sharply above the ten-year (1961-62 - 1970-71) average for the period of 334.1 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings(1) of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1972-73

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last year [†]
		bushels				
August	9, 1972 ..	42,377	4,417,684	565,087	5,025,148	326,897
	16	65,502	3,240,124	720,057	4,025,683	1,417,294
	23	2,312,276	12,854,269	2,027,265	17,193,810	6,021,182
	30	2,144,810	12,057,959	2,491,864	16,694,633	11,225,271
September	6	3,771,234	12,655,807	3,861,109	20,288,150	14,207,202
	13	2,477,887	13,750,919	2,443,335	18,672,141	20,602,711
	20	2,250,234	14,585,168	2,953,055	19,788,457	16,273,398
	27	2,505,119	7,931,203	676,102	11,112,424	11,005,033
October	4	1,453,277	5,702,012	988,696	8,143,985	14,697,112
	11	3,317,158	12,158,066	4,525,485	20,000,709	14,015,558
	18	2,718,563	16,029,444	8,283,174	27,031,181	11,202,592
	25	3,516,807	17,401,959	5,388,919	26,307,685	14,661,756
November	1	1,994,979	11,104,724	3,283,589	16,383,292	15,705,604
	8	2,624,750	11,681,742	3,700,069	18,006,561	11,700,501
	15	2,090,495	9,543,908	4,228,717	15,863,120	10,704,380
	22	2,437,171	15,055,689	4,671,135	22,163,995	9,878,742
December	29	1,656,074	9,854,879	4,011,232	15,522,185	11,753,638
	6	954,278	6,619,715	2,580,398	10,154,391	9,918,005
	13	413,530	2,543,779	1,594,746	4,552,055	5,462,190
	20	847,236	6,067,670	1,823,961	8,738,867	18,280,948
January	3, 1973 ..	1,242,106	12,202,021	4,530,064	17,974,191	20,912,942
	10	507,591	7,613,613	1,648,207	9,769,411	12,835,935
	17	166,841	2,196,108	1,831,152	4,194,101	5,120,984
	24	448,949	6,143,828	2,243,952	8,836,729	2,439,799
February	31	472,916	4,274,492	2,580,133	7,327,541	1,659,185
	7	326,211	5,798,245	2,514,071	8,638,527	6,926,040
	14	97,887	2,919,868	754,147	3,771,902	4,384,240
	21	87,469	629,063	615,020	1,331,552	5,141,666
March	28	249,007	2,642,761	1,516,297	4,408,065	3,003,758
	7	196,530	2,295,864	1,894,013	4,386,407	2,078,928
	14	933,773	5,420,591	2,802,520	9,156,884	1,852,866
	21	799,211	4,216,286	1,825,123	6,840,620	5,249,893
April	28	660,775	3,384,274	1,570,291	5,615,340	4,821,552
	4	553,777	2,482,725	1,152,667	4,189,169	4,420,666
	11	762,386	5,201,957	994,832	6,959,175	6,388,167
	18	1,291,932	14,094,345	1,922,683	17,308,960	6,038,986
May	25	620,565	4,729,780	779,748	6,130,093	11,177,350
	2	810,363	4,964,298	1,409,475	7,184,136	8,863,995
	9	663,013	9,009,143	1,927,040	11,599,196	9,269,115
	16	354,231	4,527,494	1,238,669	6,120,394	7,258,392
June	23	220,263	2,080,434	885,109	3,185,806	6,526,839
	30	357,849	2,666,858	943,157	3,967,864	6,876,785
	6	474,955	5,395,016	1,611,008	7,480,979	16,061,934
Totals		51,892,357	320,145,784	100,007,373	472,045,514	388,370,031
Average similar period: 1961-62 - 1970-71 ..		40,249,424	208,386,695	85,499,304	334,135,423	

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

Position	1971	1972	1973
		thousand bushels	
Primary elevators:			
Manitoba	23,096	19,749	13,131
Saskatchewan	136,695	102,711	68,186
Alberta	56,220	35,115	25,051
Sub-totals	216,011	157,575	106,368
Process elevators	4,563	4,272	4,053
Interior terminals	6,867	4,867	2,631
Vancouver-New Westminster	5,790	6,774	4,923
Victoria	486	754	158
Prince Rupert	519	1,450	385
Churchill	2,950	1,046	1,836
Thunder Bay	19,974	24,602	27,928
In transit rail (western division)	17,425	12,209	23,125
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	12,413	10,755	12,149
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports	15,622	20,436	21,850
In transit lake	6,645	9,973	6,228
In transit rail (eastern division)	690	307	395
Totals	309,955	255,020	212,029

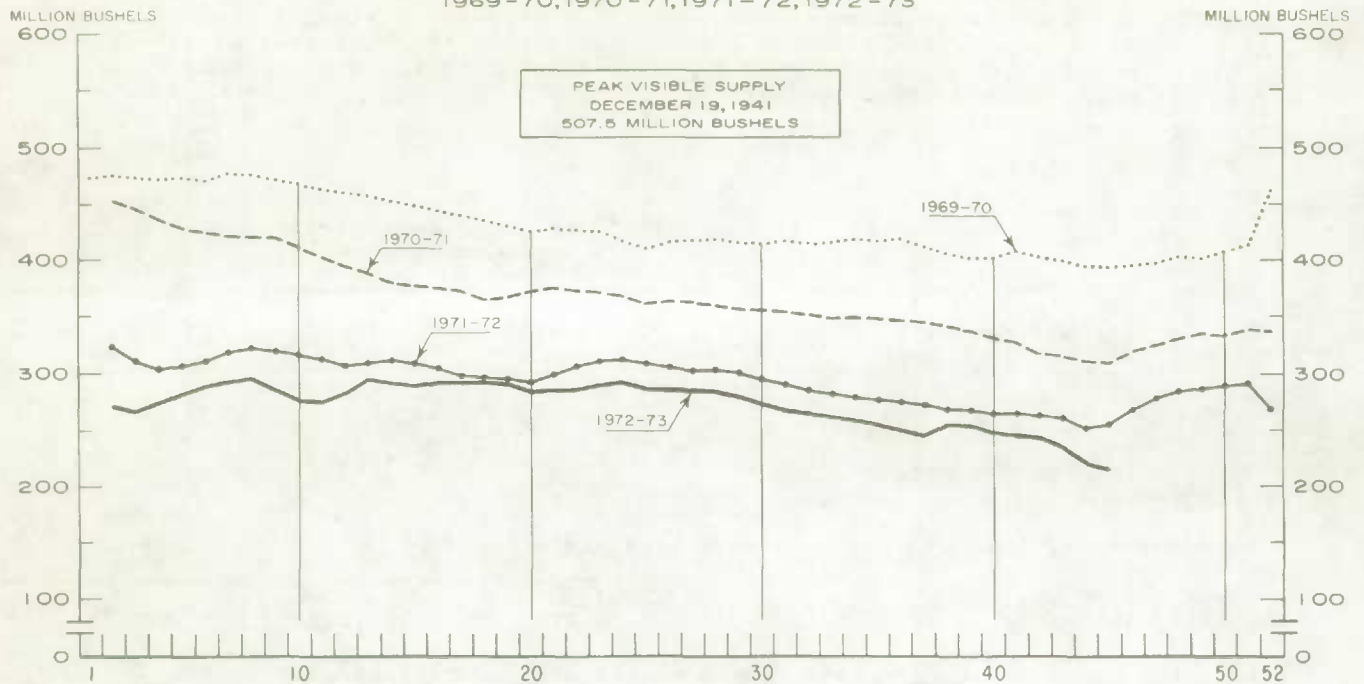
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1972 - May 1973 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop year		August — May			
	Average					
	1966-67	1971-72	1971-72		1972-73	
	1970-71					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 C.W. Red Spring ...	47.7	60.1	136,487	61.3	135,818	56.8
2 C.W. Red Spring ...	25.9	19.8	42,356	19.0	37,909	15.9
3 C.W. Red Spring ...	3.3	1.8	4,096	1.8	19,273	8.1
1 Canada Utility	—	—	—	—	62	(1)
2 Canada Utility	—	—	—	—	14	(1)
3 Canada Utility	0.6	0.2	430	0.2	1,400	0.6
Others Red Spring ...	14.6	4.4	8,514	3.8	17,838	7.5
C.W. White Spring ...	0.2	0.3	853	0.4	952	0.4
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	0.1	229	0.1	104	(1)
Alberta Winter	0.9	0.7	1,129	0.5	1,451	0.6
Nos. 1-6 C.W.						
Amber Durum	5.9	12.3	27,980	12.6	23,540	9.9
Other C.W. Amber Durum	0.9	0.3	702	0.3	555	0.2
Totals	100.0	100.0	222,776	100.0	238,916	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.)			444,857,000		504,609,000	

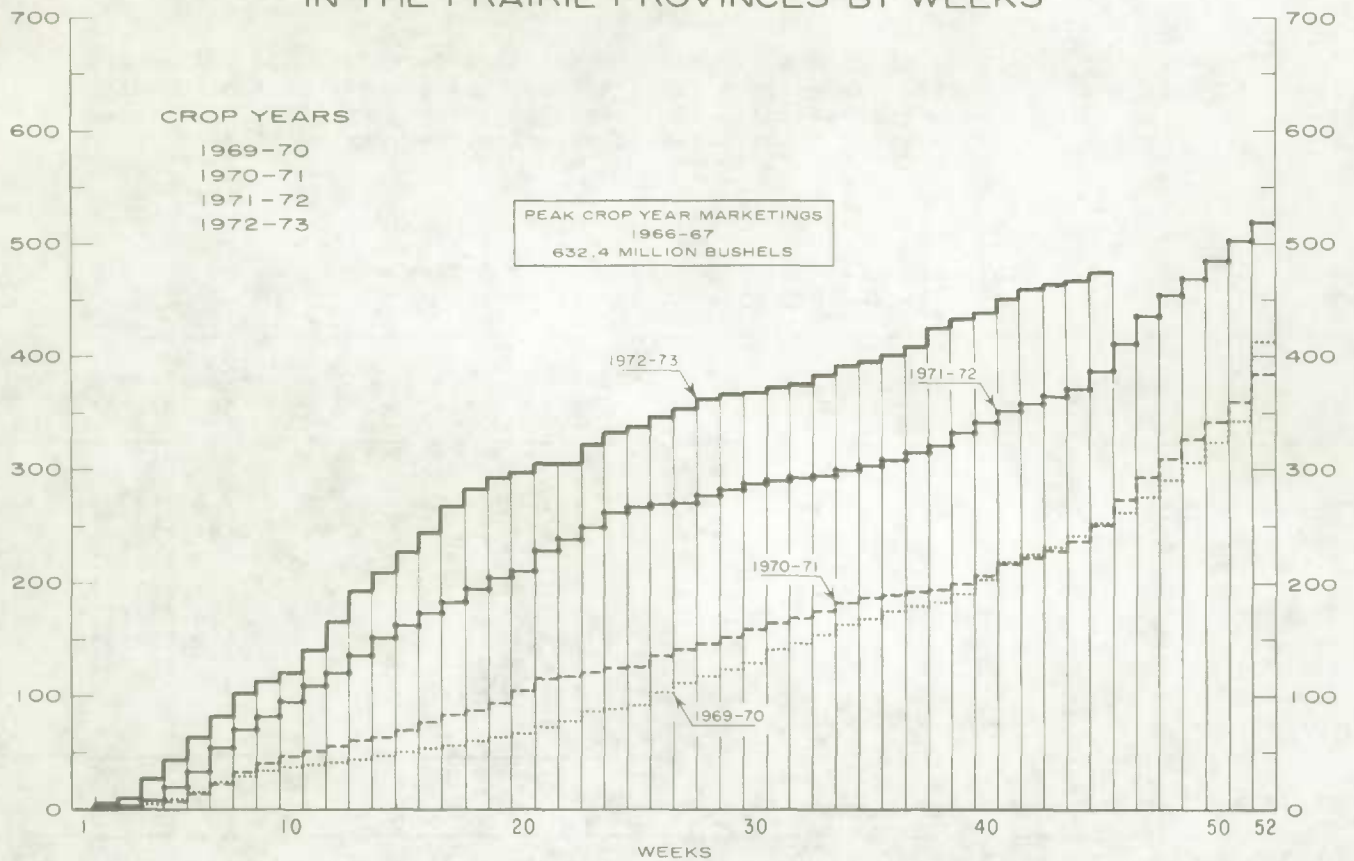
(1) Less than .05 per cent.

WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73



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 shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to June 6, 1973 amounted to 7,400 bushels as against 95,200 at the comparable date in 1971-72.

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1972 - June 6, 1973 with Comparisons

Destination	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
	bushels		
<u>By Vessel</u>			
Hawaii	-	95,200	-
<u>By Rail</u>			
U.S.A. domestic points	2,878	-	7,378
Totals, shipments.....	2,878	95,200	7,378

(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 - May of the current crop year amounted to 31,505,000 bushels compared with the 30,416,000 bushels during the first ten months of 1971-72.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1, 1971 - May 31, 1972	August 1, 1972 - May 31, 1973
	bushels	
Port McNicoll	9,168,589	9,856,289
Midland, Tiffin	9,609,773	11,035,516
Collingwood	-	309,120
Owen Sound	3,125,164	3,292,775
Goderich	2,307,941	2,932,778
Sarnia	3,421,141	4,078,966
Port Colborne	598,841	-
Prescott	579,762	-
Kingston	1,604,316	-
Totals	30,415,527	31,505,444

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay 1959-70 - 1972-73

Month	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
bushels				
August	132,953	169,566	181,419	208,597
September	134,054	244,549	195,721	193,397
October	149,076	176,450	128,382	97,166
November	126,319	178,523	158,083	313,262
December	179,384	330,120	193,204	339,487
January	272,300	525,019	1,420,522	625,164
February	403,541	552,926	2,392,713	1,026,705
March	298,335	418,387	1,728,504	650,493
April	260,918	407,206	260,435	251,045
May	311,200	187,347	189,234	223,640
June	221,999	156,548	223,019	
July	293,745	200,415	141,665	
Totals	2,783,824	3,547,055	7,212,901	

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay, May 1973

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
bushels					
C.W. Red Spring	—	31,500	65,667	24,467	—
Feed Grades	2,000	—	58,000	21,799	20,207
Totals	2,000	31,500	123,667	46,266	20,207

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading,
August 1, 1972 - June 6, 1973, with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
thousand bushels							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van. — New Westminster ..	161,590	15,282	150	40,664	5,885	6,655	31,308
Victoria	8,814	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert	26,661	—	—	—	—	—	—
Churchill	16,281	—	137	8,855	—	—	—
Thunder Bay Direct	3,173	701	2,090	2,492	1,474	8,808	10,718
Sarnia Direct	173	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingston Direct	552	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prescott Direct	560	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal	32,860	15,463	—	10,558	—	—	—
Sorel	17,261	1,574	—	5,853	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières	19,381	1,453	—	5,777	—	—	—
Quebec	18,079	349	—	12,823	68	391	928
Baie Comeau	33,210	4,769	—	18,878	88	—	2,989
Port Cartier	34,752	6,368	—	10,483	—	—	—
<u>Maritime Ports</u>							
Saint John	2,070	—	—	196	—	—	—
West Saint John	16,420	98	—	475	—	—	—
Halifax	14,551	439	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	406,389	46,497	2,377	117,051	7,515	15,853	45,941
August 1, 1971 - June 7, 1972	341,583	45,316	4,817	155,546	8,635	22,271	35,689

(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 1972 - May 1973, amounted to 26,117,000 bushels, 26 per cent above the 20,693,000 shipped during the comparable period of 1971-72. The bulk of the shipments during the current months under review went to destination in Quebec with that province accounting for 52 per cent of the total, unchanged from those of the previous year.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations
August - May 1972-73 and 1971-72

Month	Western wheat							Total
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	
	thousand bushels							
August 1972 ...	3	31	252	120	1,515	280	385	2,586
September	3	13	132	62	1,397	341	465	2,414
October	197	16	261	128	1,579	413	265	2,860
November	35	18	465	89	1,770	415	386	3,178
December	166	32	122	121	1,314	391	284	2,430
January 1973 ..	60	9	229	157	1,261	479	452	2,646
February	3	16	356	126	986	541	511	2,541
March	13	30	305	188	1,952	664	902	4,055
April	89	—	16	2	387	101	38	633
May	5	54	259	123	1,431	636	264	2,774
Totals	576	219	2,398	1,117	13,591	4,263	3,953	26,117
Same months								
1971-72 ...	655	197	1,780	846	10,662	3,014	3,539	20,693

Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate the movement of 323,436 tons during August- May 1972-73. Data on the August 1971 - May 1972 shipments of millfeeds place the ten-month total at 341,308 tons. The greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the ten months under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments
under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations
August - May 1972-73 and 1971-72

Province	August - May	
	1971-72	1972-73
	tons	
Newfoundland	2,511	614
Prince Edward Island	2,490	2,103
Nova Scotia	8,782	8,193
New Brunswick	8,530	5,093
Quebec	169,020	158,705
Ontario	123,342	121,443
British Columbia	26,633	27,285
Totals	341,308	323,436

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>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	1,861	22,969
May.....	47,631	49	47,681	1,834	49,515
June.....	47,904	71	47,975	1,994	49,969
July.....	54,750	100	54,850	1,994	56,844
Totals.....	409,440	971	410,410	24,846	435,257
<u>1971-72</u>					
August.....	48,530	2	48,533	1,983	50,516
September.....	44,520	336	44,856	3,086	47,942
October.....	59,356	34	59,389	2,105	61,494
November.....	52,948	7	52,956	1,899	54,855
December.....	32,041	109	32,149	2,709	34,859
January.....	21,627	73	21,700	1,352	23,052
February.....	23,420	45	23,466	1,431	24,897
March.....	22,108	179	22,287	2,297	24,584
April.....	33,798	46	33,844	1,840	35,684
May.....	39,255	17	39,273	1,916	41,188
June.....	45,540	43	45,583	2,724	48,307
July.....	54,940	73	55,013	1,373	56,386
Totals.....	478,084	965	479,048	24,716	503,764
<u>1972-73(4)</u>					
August.....	40,353	3	40,357	2,661	43,018
September.....	64,576	37	64,613	2,237	66,850
October.....	68,856	13	68,869	1,701	70,571
November.....	65,571	3	65,574	1,713	67,288
December.....	33,280	111	33,391	2,081	35,472
January.....	26,858	3	26,861	1,197	28,058
February.....	28,635	52	28,687	2,272	30,959
March.....	33,313	61	33,374	2,099	35,473
April.....	31,283	11	31,294	1,525	32,819
May.....	51,926	43	51,969	1,852	53,820
Totals.....	444,652	337	444,989	19,339	464,328

- (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, 1970-71 and 1971-72 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.
- (3) In terms of wheat equivalent. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.
- (4) Subject to revision.

Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination May 1973 and 1972

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			May 1973	May 1972
bushels				
<u>Wester Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	154,000	-	154,000	820,453
Britain(2)	2,695,394	88,107	2,783,501	-
Germany, West	-	479,052	479,052	1,448,388
Italy	261,333	284,454	545,787	1,704,267
Netherlands	249,794	48,873	298,667	448,433
Sub-totals	3,360,521	900,486	4,261,007	4,421,541
<u>Other Western Europe:</u>				
Britain(2)	-	-	-	6,034,497
Ireland	-	-	-	303,893
Norway	-	-	-	306,133
Sweden	-	-	-	22,064
Switzerland	-	-	-	813,724
Sub-total	-	-	-	7,480,311
Totals	3,360,521	900,486	4,261,007	11,901,852
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Poland	-	-	-	934,300
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	17,980,963	1,694,752	19,675,715	7,005,982
Totals	17,980,963	1,694,752	19,675,715	7,940,282
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	-	1,218,432	1,218,432	627,180
Ghana	167,000	-	167,000	-
Ivory Coast	13,117	-	13,117	-
Mauritania	-	-	-	100,668
Nigeria	431,200	-	431,200	617,904
Totals	611,317	1,218,432	1,829,749	1,345,752
<u>Asia</u>				
Bangladesh	-	-	-	1,131,776
India	935,450	-	935,450	27,344
Indonesia	-	-	-	514,673
Japan	4,641,692	-	4,641,692	2,837,072
Peoples' Republic of China ...	18,282,105	-	18,282,105	12,284,922
Philippines	235,200	-	235,200	-
Totals	24,094,447	-	24,094,447	16,795,787
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Costa Rica	-	-	-	397,522
Cuba	772,592	-	772,592	433,552
Haiti	367,768	-	367,768	-
Jamaica	799	-	799	234,002
Peru	876,400	-	876,400	204,960
Venezuela	47,600	-	47,600	1,588
Totals	2,065,159	-	2,065,159	1,271,624
Sub-totals, all countries.	48,112,407	3,813,670	51,926,077	39,255,297
Seed wheat(3)			42,587	32,355
Totals, all countries ..	48,112,407	3,813,670	51,968,664	39,287,652

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

(2) Commencing January 1, 1973, Britain became a member of the European Economic Community.

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

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August - May 1972-73			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	3,901,017	665,393	4,566,410	3,895,410
Britain(2)	14,920,155	88,107	15,008,262	—
France	313,810	—	313,810	346,863
Germany, West	2,320,670	4,760,244	7,080,914	8,482,109
Italy	8,724,391	2,913,333	11,637,724	12,932,257
Netherlands.....	2,717,822	1,727,206	4,445,028	8,631,555
Sub-totals	32,897,865	10,154,283	43,052,148	34,288,194
<u>Other Western Europe:</u>				
Austria	—	84,515	84,515	—
Britain(2)	19,838,716	560,194	20,398,910	38,625,167
Finland	146,982	—	146,982	—
Ireland	1,283,389	588,000	1,871,389	536,635
Malta	326,811	—	326,811	945,168
Norway	—	—	—	1,086,400
Portugal	—	492,800	492,800	—
Sweden	—	44,095	44,095	55,090
Switzerland	1,038,761	1,211,779	2,250,540	2,154,318
Sub-totals	22,634,659	2,981,383	25,616,042	43,402,778
Totals	55,532,524	13,135,666	68,668,190	77,690,972
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	1,376,430	—	1,376,430	808,155
Czechoslovakia	—	—	—	584,752
Poland	—	1,875,999	1,875,999	1,813,147
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	113,016,891	10,529,572	123,546,463	86,986,047
Totals	114,393,321	12,405,571	126,798,892	90,192,101
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	4,088,674	4,088,674	8,021,411
Dahomey	41,961	—	41,961	—
Ghana	1,319,413	—	1,319,413	1,962,488
Ivory Coast	49,860	—	49,860	—
Mauritania	—	—	—	100,668
Morocco	767,876	—	767,876	1,082,976
Nigeria	3,221,584	—	3,221,584	1,496,695
South Africa	—	—	—	234,746
Tunisia	—	1,194,550	1,194,550	523,502
Totals	5,400,694	5,283,224	10,683,918	13,422,486
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	517,927	—	517,927	468,140
Bangladesh	3,628,278	2,690,764	6,319,042	1,131,776
Burma	643,008	—	643,008	—
Hong Kong	647,733	—	647,733	695,483
India	16,070,809	98,593	16,169,402	22,971,818
Indonesia	1,810,395	—	1,810,395	1,386,300
Israel	624,348	—	624,348	—
Japan	40,741,756	—	40,741,756	42,486,793

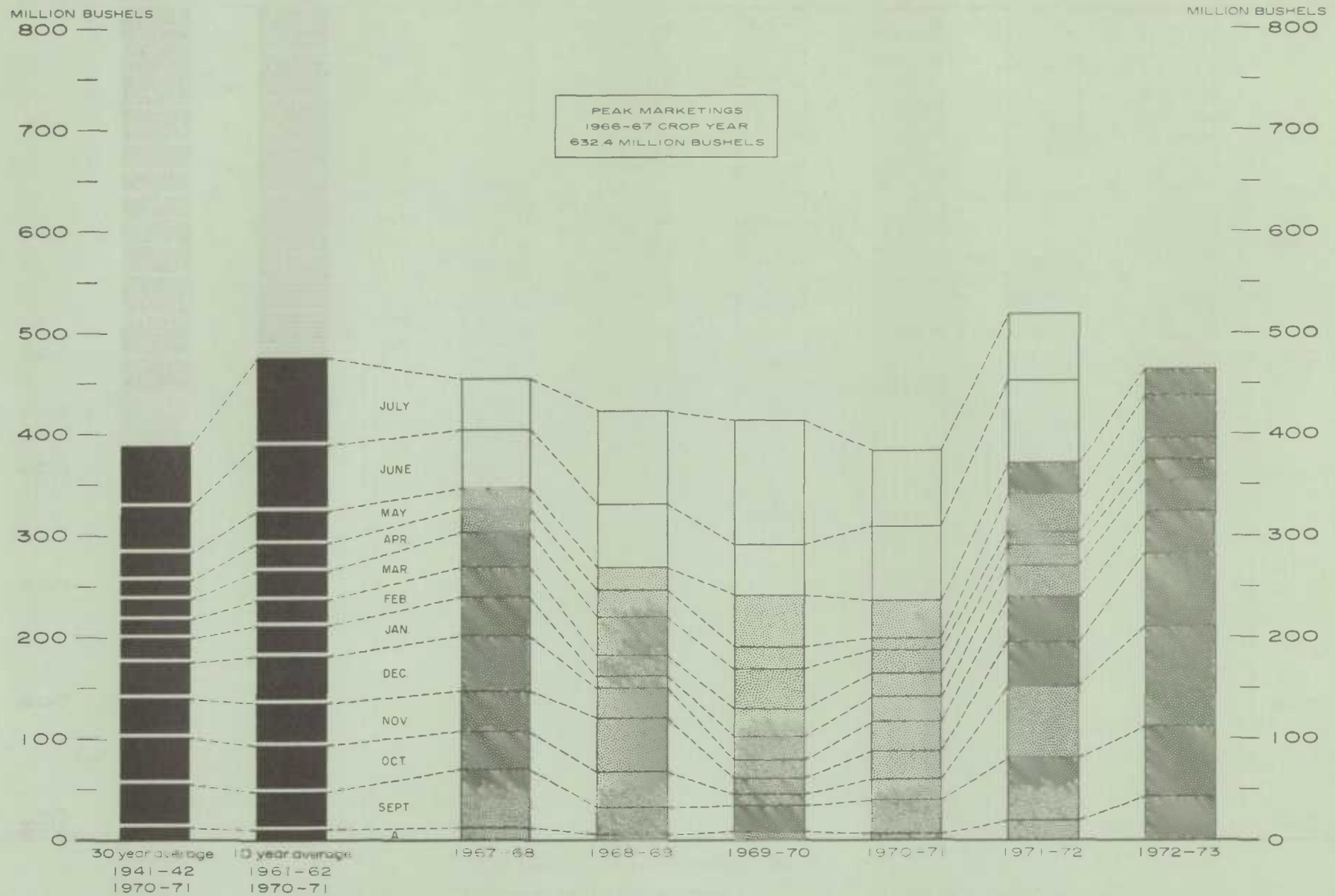
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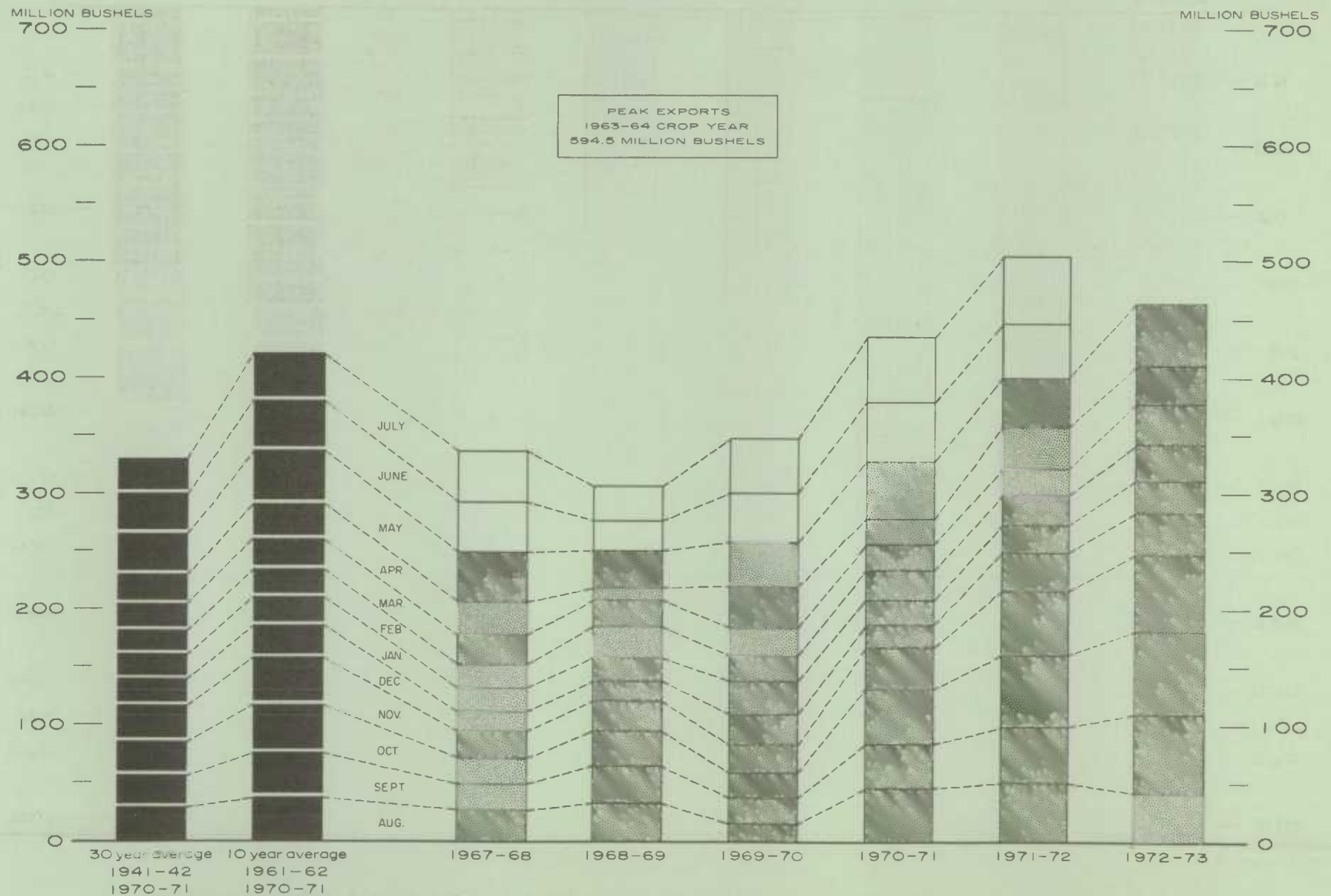
Destination	August — May 1972-73			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Asia — Concluded</u>				
Korea, North	—	—	—	1,180,666
Lebanon	37,334	1,837,170	1,874,504	—
Malaysia	630,186	—	630,186	382,857
Pakistan	5,378,616	260,660	5,639,276	2,717,900
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen	23,883	—	23,883	—
People's Republic of China ...	123,753,308	9,201,286	132,954,594	82,372,942
Philippines	5,914,574	19,600	5,934,174	5,835,150
Singapore	729,120	—	729,120	237,627
Syria	846,655	—	846,655	6,645,886
Taiwan	—	—	—	2,762,853
Thailand	—	—	—	200,361
Totals	201,997,930	14,108,073	216,106,003	171,476,552
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania	—	—	—	143,114
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados	140	—	140	56
Brazil	8,270,040	—	8,270,040	10,283,242
Costa Rica	—	—	—	397,522
Cuba	6,447,972	229,185	6,677,157	5,918,032
Dominican Republic	—	—	—	308,661
Guatemala	—	37,333	37,333	—
Haiti	1,694,833	—	1,694,833	1,263,175
Jamaica	418,511	—	418,511	1,337,833
Peru	4,930,978	—	4,930,978	4,797,090
St. Lucia	167	—	167	—
Venezuela	365,960	—	365,960	278,158
United States (3)	—	—	—	95,200
Totals	22,128,601	266,518	22,395,119	24,678,969
Sub-totals, all countries ..	399,453,070	45,199,052	444,652,122	377,604,194
Seed wheat (4)			337,087	866,095
Totals, all countries	399,453,070	45,199,052	444,989,209	378,470,289

(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) Commencing January 1, 1973 Britain became a member of the European Economic Community. (3) Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents. (4) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1971-72 adjusted for time lag, 1972-73 preliminary.

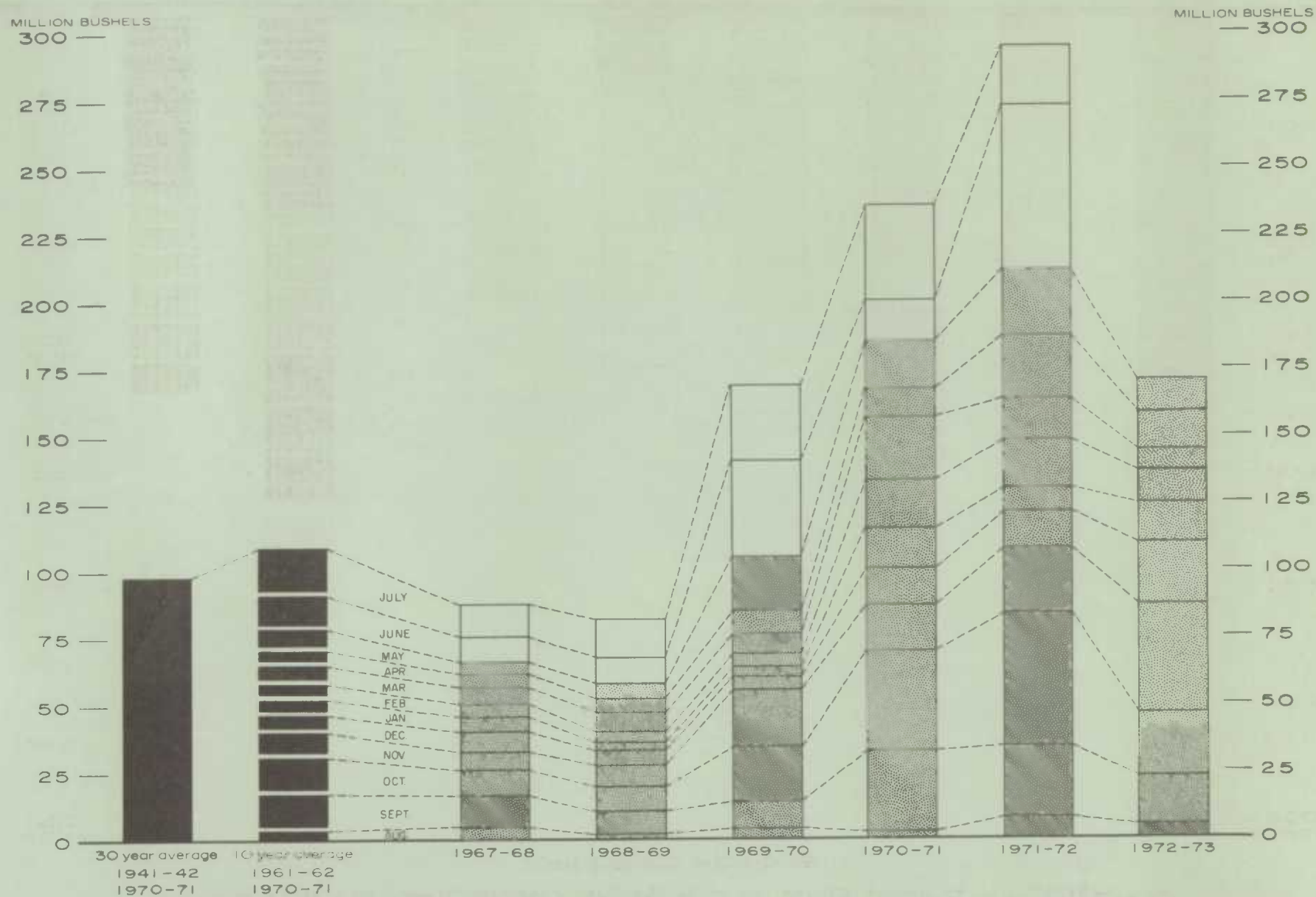
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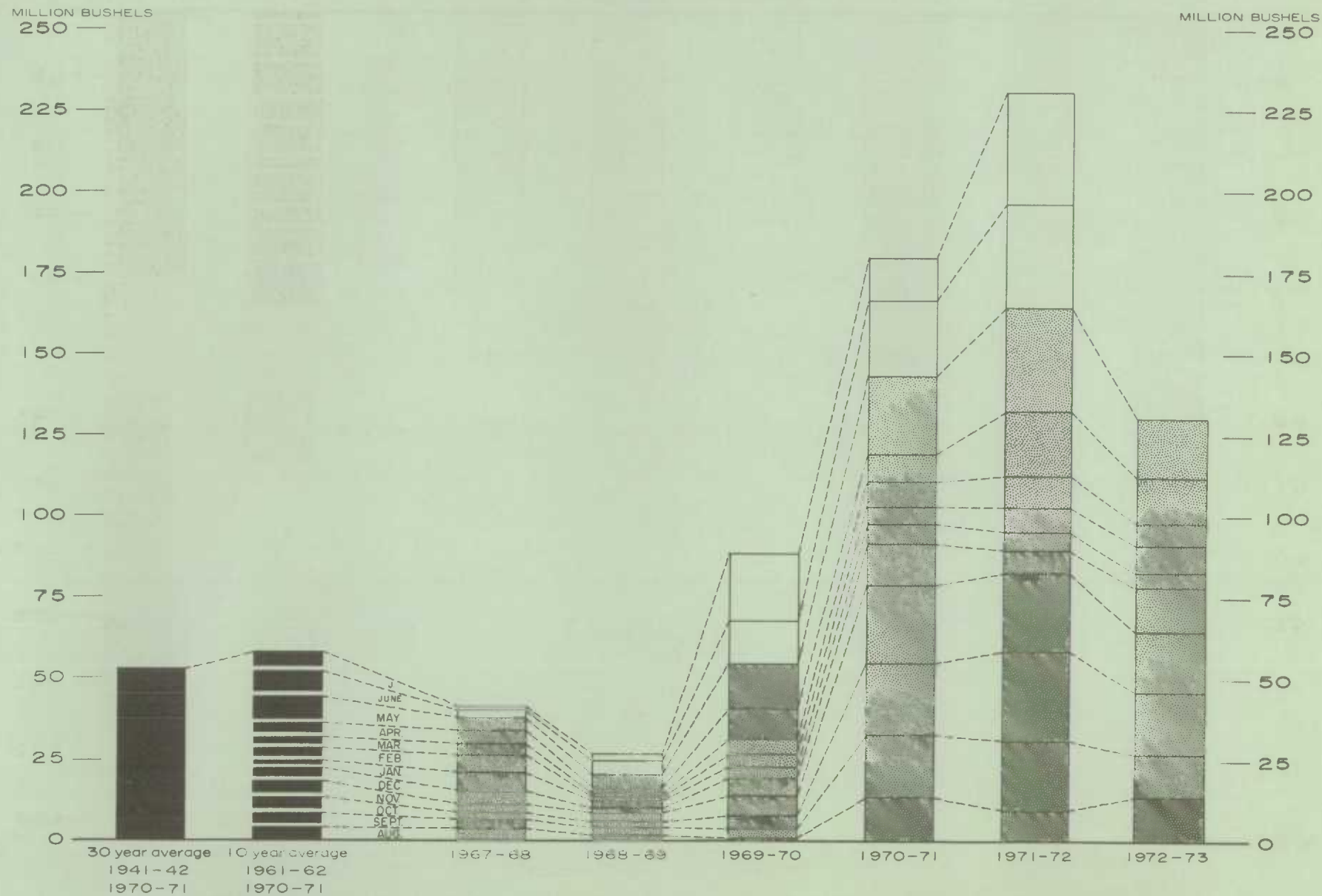


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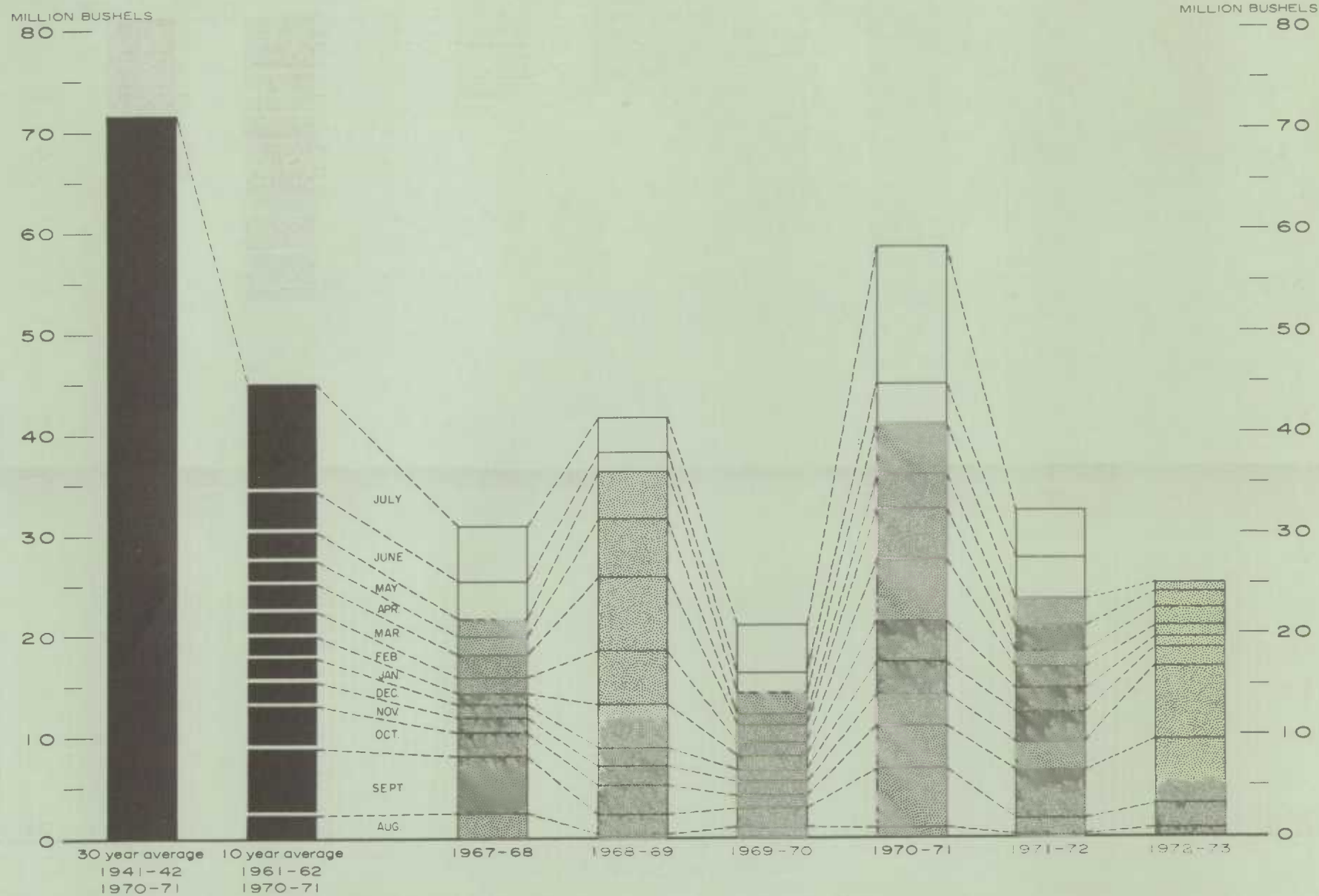
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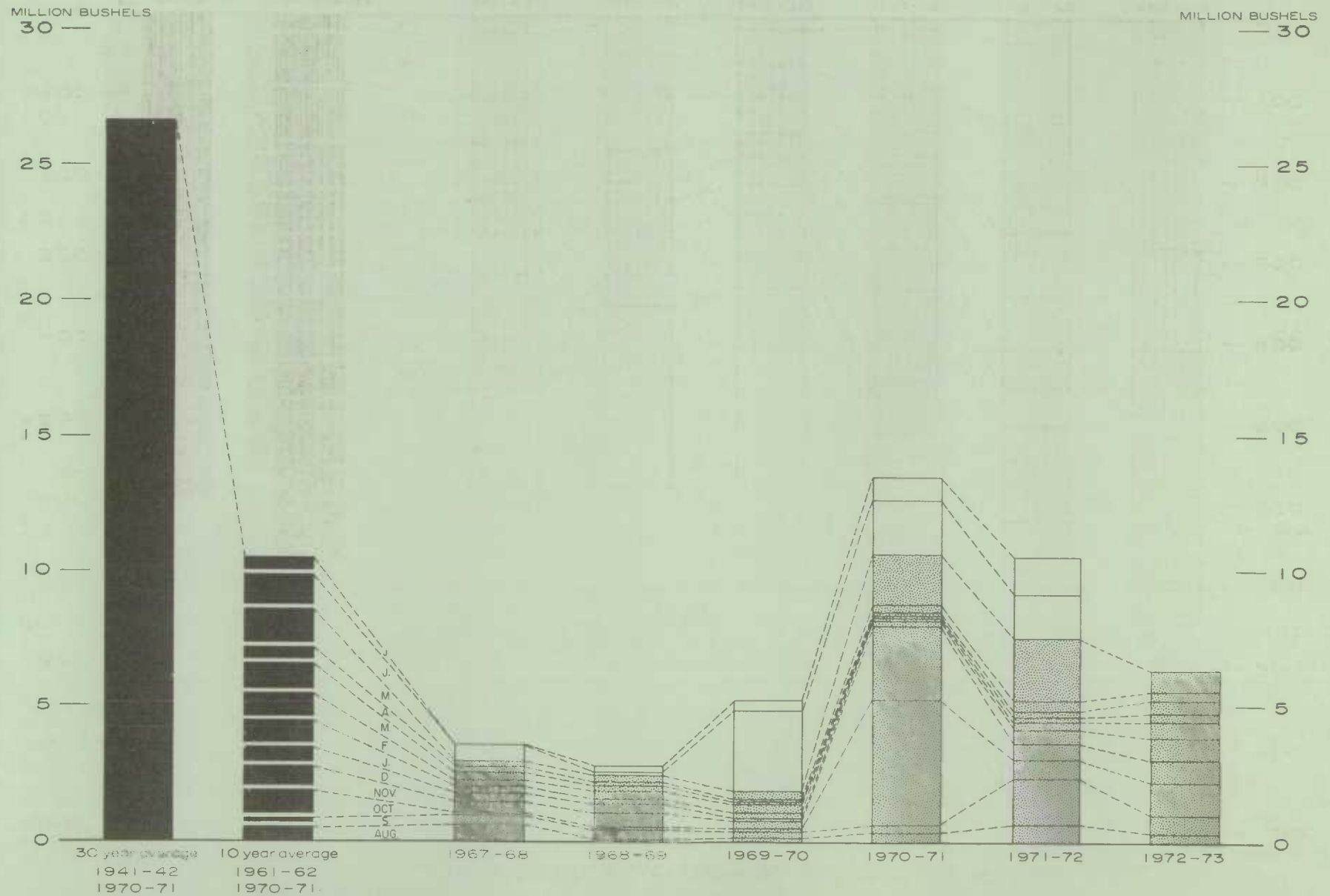


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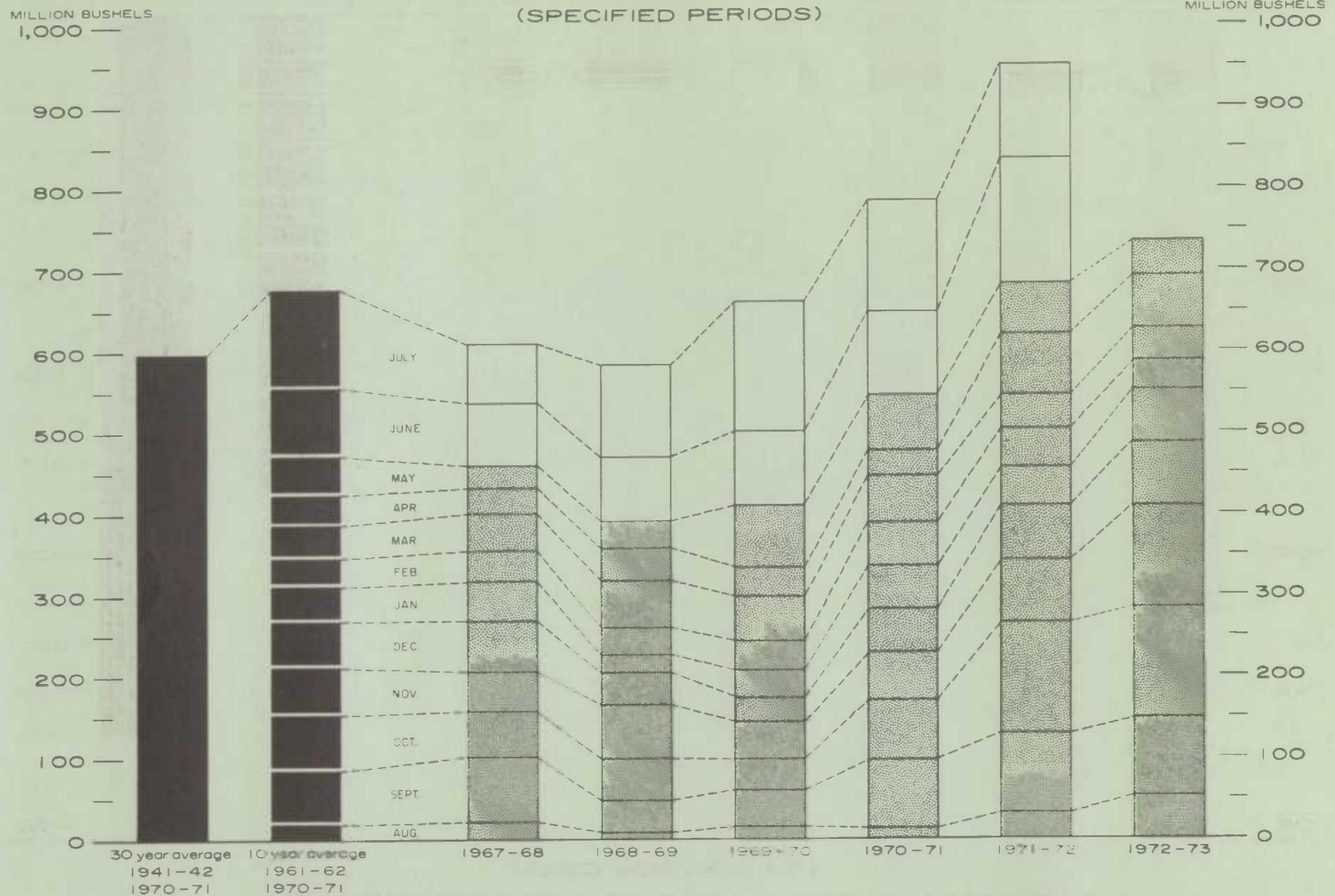
FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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



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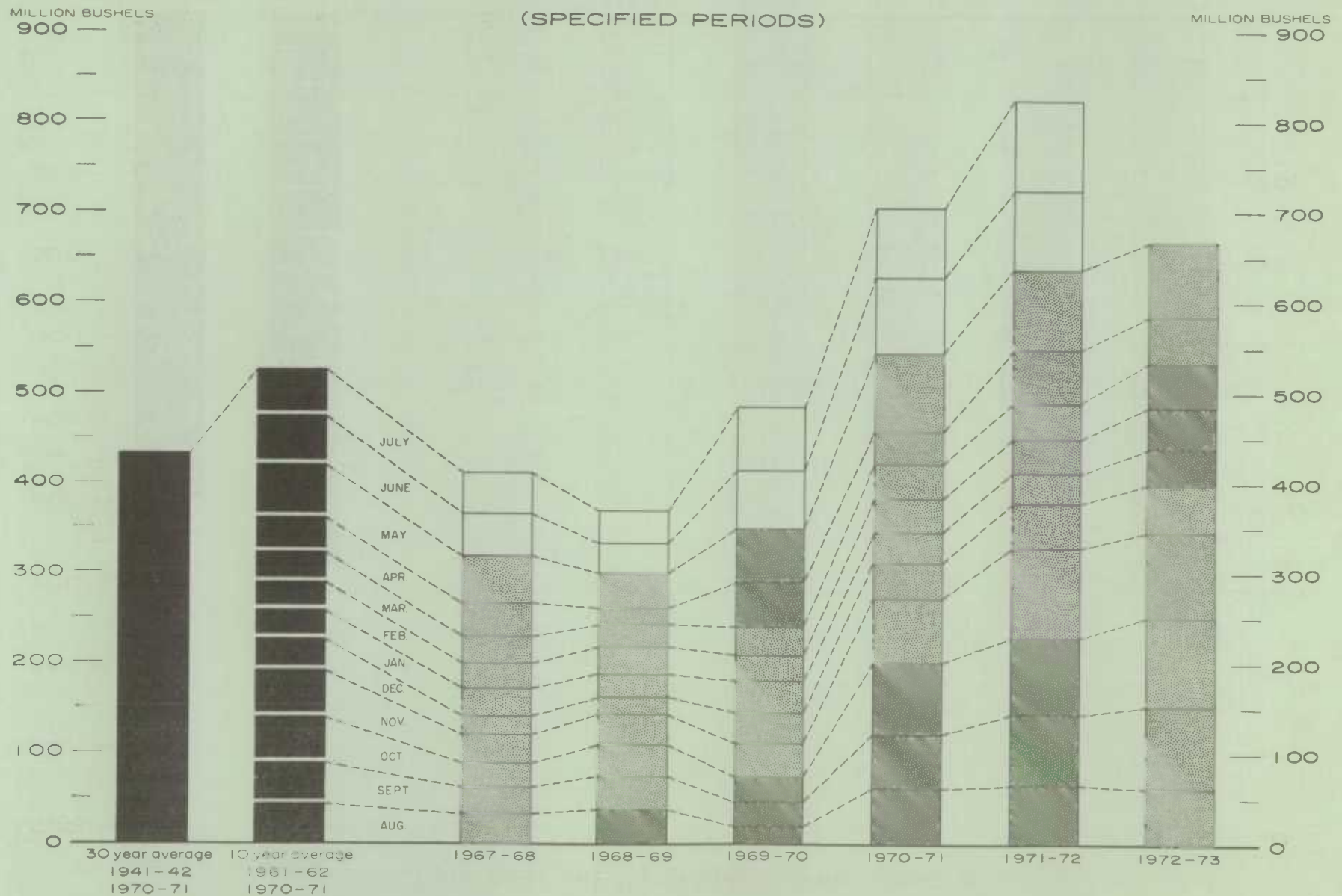


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EXPORTS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(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.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	January 1973(1)	April 1973(2)	August - April	
			1972-73(2)	1971-72(1)
bushels				
Western Europe				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	-	-	265	955
Britain(3)	113,358	33,547	372,441	-
Germany, West	-	699	3,178	2,663
Ireland(3)	-	-	1,803	-
Sub-totals	113,358	34,246	377,687	3,618
Other Western Europe:				
Britain(3)	-	-	776,883	1,268,394
Denmark	-	-	253	-
Gibraltar	-	-	3,461	5,281
Greece	-	1,104	51,138	41,520
Iceland	-	-	7,220	36,439
Ireland(3)	-	-	1,803	3,606
Norway	-	-	230	115
Portugal	10,005	2,645	28,175	32,929
Sub-totals	10,005	3,749	869,163	1,388,284
Totals	123,363	37,995	1,246,850	1,391,902
Africa				
Algeria	-	-	-	562,299
Cameroon	-	-	-	117,921
Dahomey	1,734	-	18,490	26,680
French Africa, n.e.s.	13,448	-	103,951	361,645
Gambia, The	4,600	16,215	32,372	35,650
Ghana	-	-	-	846
Guinea	-	-	6,702	52,803
Ivory Coast	-	2,070	10,704	16,330
Liberia	1,007	23,908	161,784	172,351
Malawi	-	4,483	9,023	25,289
Mozambique	5,071	-	11,295	13,901
Nigeria	-	-	-	9,945
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s.	11,652	20,070	136,408	102,187
Sierra Leone	-	441	6,564	4,545
Somalia	-	20,415	118,372	55,205
Sudan	-	-	202,823	17,121
Tanzania	-	-	460	1,610
Togo	3,938	12,659	121,166	96,634
U.A.R.	-	-	1,119,691	1,692,786
Zaire	2,300	-	21,448	31,280
Totals	43,750	100,261	2,081,253	3,397,028
Asia				
Afghanistan	-	-	966	2,484
Bahrain	-	-	74	200
Burma	-	-	344,726	-
Cyprus	-	110	1,221	23,977
Emirates, U.U.A.	805	1,380	8,053	4,490
Hong Kong	26,220	17,825	132,220	162,725
Iran	281	290	1,969	3,710
Japan	954	587	9,122	8,671

For footnotes see end of table.

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

Destination	January 1973(1)	April 1973(2)	August - April	
			1972-73(2)	1971-72(1)
			bushels	
Asia - Concluded				
Jordan	-	-	58,461	317
Lebanon	30,866	19,274	60,858	110,632
Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen ..	-	20,282	65,916	4,614
Philippines	2,739	-	10,090	-
Qatar	-	-	446	1,309
Saudi Arabia	-	-	114,837	172,116
Singapore	-	-	4,600	4,600
Sri-Lanka	-	467,447	1,808,308	1,506,590
Syria	-	-	-	67,027
Taiwan	-	-	63	-
Thailand	6,900	7,590	69,633	73,586
Totals	68,765	534,785	2,691,563	2,147,048
Oceania				
Australia	-	-	1,803	-
British Oceania n.e.s.	-	-	2,300	460
Fiji	230	-	1,150	1,380
United States Oceania	-	805	1,035	748
Totals	230	805	6,288	2,588
Western Hemisphere				
Bahamas	21,365	12,038	155,689	151,671
Barbados	14,232	21,273	282,413	240,879
Bermuda	11,059	11,599	106,561	95,424
British Honduras	-	-	20,525	30,907
Cuba(4)	765,861	582,134	9,360,949	10,003,530
Dominican Republic	-	57,500	161,971	4,710
French West Indies	-	-	1,663	1,994
Guyana	764	1,791	16,194	11,838
Haiti	-	92,890	213,279	-
Honduras	409	920	4,719	3,328
Jamaica	7,139	13,611	81,399	99,728
Leeward and Windward Is.	48,229	50,028	561,888	608,413
Netherlands Antilles	-	3,000	22,595	44,195
Panama	-	-	-	338
St. Pierre and Miquelon	3,795	4,094	20,755	20,854
Surinam	6,028	150	22,462	19,155
Trinidad and Tobago	11,268	-	388,638	411,925
Venezuela	-	-	368	304
United States	-	449	38,990	14,812
Totals	890,149	851,477	11,461,058	11,764,005
Totals, all countries	1,126,257	1,525,323	17,487,012	18,702,571

(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) Commencing January 1, 1973 Britain and Ireland became members of the European Economic Community.

(4) Source: Canadian National Millers Association.

n.e.s. - Not elsewhere specified.

Note: Data for May wheat flour exports not available.

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices, Crop Year 1972-73
Basis in Store Thunder Bay and Vancouver

Class and grade	Week ending				
	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8	June 16
cents and eighths per bushel					
<u>Initial payment to producers</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring	176	176	176	176	176
2 C.W. Red Spring	169	169	169	169	169
3 C.W. Red Spring	160	160	160	160	160
No. 1 Canada Utility	147	147	147	147	147
No. 2 Canada Utility	147	147	147	147	147
No. 3 Canada Utility	147	147	147	147	147
1 Alberta Red Winter	162	162	162	162	162
2 Alberta Winter	157	157	157	157	157
3 Alberta Winter	151	151	151	151	151
1 C.W. Amber Durum	176	176	176	176	176
2 C.W. Amber Durum	172	172	172	172	172
3 C.W. Amber Durum	167	167	167	167	167
<u>Exports</u>					
<u>(Basis in store Thunder Bay)</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	269/3	295/6	306/3	312/6	323/1
2 C.W. Red Spring 14%	265/3	291/6	302/3	308/6	319/1
3 C.W. Red Spring	253/3	279/6	290/3	296/6	309/1
No. 1 Canada Utility	240/1	260	281/1	296/2	297/1
No. 2 Canada Utility	238/1	258	279/1	294/2	295/1
No. 3 Canada Utility	242/1	262	283/1	299/6	301/1
1 Alberta Red Winter	261/3	287/6	298/3	304/6	313/1
2 Alberta Winter	260/3	286/6	297/3	303/6	312/1
3 Alberta Winter	259/3	285/6	296/3	302/6	311/1
1 C.W. Amber Durum	283	309/2	325	336/3	344/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum	282	308/2	324	335/3	343/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum	273	299/2	315	326/7	337/7
<u>(Basis in store Vancouver)</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	302/2	314/4	325/2	331/5	346/7
2 C.W. Red Spring	292/2	304/4	315/2	321/5	335/7
3 C.W. Red Spring	288/2	300/4	311/2	317/5	332/7
1 Alberta Red Winter	299/2	311/4	322/2	328/5	336/7
2 Alberta Winter	298/2	310/4	321/2	327/5	335/7
3 Alberta Winter	297/2	309/4	320/2	326/5	334/7

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during May 1973 amounted to 3,317,000 hundredweight, representing an increase of 15 per cent over the 2,890,000 hundredweight produced in April 1973, one per cent above the ten-year (1963-72) average production for the month of May of 3,277,000 hundredweight, but 5 percent less than the adjusted May 1972 total of 3,485,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during May 1973 had a total rated capacity of 165,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 77.4 per cent of this rated capacity was effective. Wheat milled for flour during May 1973 amounted to 7,500,000 bushels 15 per cent higher than the 6,544,000 bushels milled during the preceding month but 4 per cent less than the 7,840,000 bushels milled during May 1972. Of the wheat milled for flour during May 1973 some 6,026,000 bushels were Western Canadian red spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (664,000 bushels); Durum (544,000 bushels); and all others (266,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during April 1973 amounted to the equivalent of 1,525,000 bushels (some 663,000 hundredweight of flour), 27 per cent lower than the March 1973 exports of 2,099,000 bushels and 17 per cent lower than the adjusted April 1972 exports of 1,840,000 bushels. Flour shipments during April 1973 went to thirty-six countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 582,000 bushels or 38 per cent of the April total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels were as follows: Sri-Lanka, 467; Haiti, 93; Dominican Republic, 58; Leeward and Windward Islands, 50; and Britain, 34.

Note: Data re exports of wheat flour for May 1973 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	Wheat flour	
		Production	Exports(1)
	bushels		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
1954-55 - 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	10,802,813
1971-72	88,123,761	39,071,806	10,745,908
1972-73(2)			
August	7,516,123	3,306,195	1,156,942
September	7,590,423	3,316,484	972,566
October	8,231,621	3,631,037	739,735
November	7,497,161	3,293,927	744,980
December	5,853,556	2,577,403	904,764
January	7,414,125	3,252,034	520,517
February	6,649,247	2,923,598	987,725
March	7,676,061	3,395,455	912,636
April	6,543,714	2,889,578	663,184 ^r
May	7,499,848	3,316,748	805,029
Totals	72,471,879	31,902,459	8,408,078
Same months 1971-72 ^r	73,798,739	32,700,996	8,964,593

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop year 1945-46 - 1971-72 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

(2) Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supplies Highest in Last Decade

With an increase in carryover stocks more than offsetting a decline in production total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1972-73 (July-June) crop year are placed at 2,409.6 million bushels, 3 per cent more than the previous year's total of 2,348.0 million. Carryover stocks at July 1, 1972 estimated at 864.8 million bushels, were 18 per cent above last year's stocks of 730.2 million, while the 1972 production at 1,544.8 million declined by 5 per cent from the 1971 outturn of 1,617.8 million. Domestic disappearance during the 1972-73 crop year is estimated at about 826.0 million bushels, 3 per cent less than the 851.6 million of last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,583.7 million remain available for export and for carryover, slightly more than the 1,496.6 million in 1971-72.

Exports at Record High

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period July-May 1972-73 amounted to 1,063.0 million bushels, in sharp contrast to the 557.5 million exported during the comparable months last year. The balance remaining on June 1, 1973 for export and for carryover was estimated at 520.7 million bushels compared with 939.2 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 ^r	1972-73 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	730.2	864.8
Production	1,617.8	1,544.8
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,348.0	2,409.6
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-May	0.2	0.1
Total estimated supplies(1)	2,348.2	2,409.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2)	851.6	826.0 ^r
Available for export and for carryover	1,496.6	1,583.7
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July - May	508.4	1,011.0
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, July - May	49.0	52.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	557.5	1,063.0
Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover	939.2	520.7

(1) Excludes imports for June.

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

Summary of the
Wheat Situation

A summary report released on May 15, 1973 by the Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture stated that record demand in 1972-73 and the elimination of required set-aside have encouraged farmers to grow more wheat. Early indications point to a record 1973 crop of 1,736 million bushels, up 12 per cent from last year.

A larger harvested acreage and the second highest yield on record will likely result in an estimated record 1973 winter wheat crop of 1,282 million bushels, up 8 per cent from a year ago. Favourable moisture improved prospects in the Great Plains and the Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat crop may total a record 920 million bushels. Other classes won't do so well. Above normal rainfall continued to plague wheat in most States east of the Mississippi. The Soft Red Winter (SRW) crop may be down 20-25 per cent from last year's 227 million bushels. Winterkill hit the White Wheat crop in the Pacific Northwest, especially Washington, and despite re-seeding, the crop is likely to slip slightly to around 200 million bushels. Dry weather and an early spring put seeding of spring wheat well ahead of schedule. The indicated 21 per cent increase in acreage and favourable growing conditions would result in crops of around 350 million bushels of Hard Red Spring (HRS) and 90 million bushels of Durum.

Wheat disappearance in 1972-73, buoyed by record exports, is estimated to reach an all-time high of 1,976 million bushels. This exceeds the 1972 crop of 1,545 million bushels, reducing wheat stocks to around 435 million bushels by summer, the smallest since 1967. CCC stocks are virtually all committed and loans on all wheat are maturing, so most of this summer's wheat stocks will be in private hands.

Wheat supplies will be down a tenth in 1973-74, to 2.2 billion bushels, because of sharply reduced stocks.

Demand for wheat also will likely be smaller next season. Higher prices will limit early season feeding and total domestic use. A bigger world wheat crop will probably slow our export pace.

The small carryover in prospect is making farm wheat prices extremely sensitive to trade and crop developments. Recent month-to-month swings have been as wide as 41 cents per bushel. Mid-April farm prices averaged \$2.15 per bushel, 58 per cent higher than a year ago. Prices will likely ease from this level during the rest of 1972-73 as the record crop is harvested and farmer-owned stocks flow out of loan.

Acreage enrolled in the 1973 Wheat Program accounted for 94 per cent of the eligible national domestic allotment of 18.5 million acres. Although required set-aside was eliminated last January, 7.2 million acres were still signed up for set-aside, including 3.4 million required and 3.8 million voluntary. Participation was heaviest in the Northern Plains States.

Early indications point to a record world wheat crop in 1973-74, up 5 to 10 per cent from a year ago. The increase is mainly attributed to anticipated larger crops in Australia, Canada, the Soviet Union, and the United States. Assuming normal crop conditions in importing countries, world trade is likely to drop from this year's estimated record of 69 million metric tons. USSR imports will probably be the most important factor.

In the absence of enacted legislation to follow the Agricultural Act of 1970, a marketing quota of 1,692 million bushels and a national allotment of 58.0 million acres have been announced for the 1974 wheat crop.

Wheat Prospects

According to a release on June 8, 1973 by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture the 1973 winter wheat production is forecast at 1,316 million bushels, 11 per cent above a year earlier and 15 per cent above the 1971 crop. The June 1 forecast is 3 per cent above a month earlier as normal to below normal temperatures in the Great Plains slowed maturity but provided favourable conditions for filling. Soil moisture supplies were adequate in the Plains but short in the Pacific Northwest.

Changes in the production forecasts between June 1 and harvest have averaged 38 million bushels for the past decade, ranging from negligible to 96 million bushels. In 4 of the 10 years, the June forecast was above the final by an average of 23 million and 6 times it was below by an average of 49 million. Indicated yield per harvested acre is 35.2 bushels, compared with the 34.0 bushels in 1972 and the record high yield of 35.4 bushels in 1971.

Prospects for the Kansas wheat crop improved during May. Although rainfall during the month was below normal over most of the western two-thirds of the State, a plentiful top and subsoil moisture supply at the beginning of the month was favorable for continued good to excellent growth. High winds on May 27, especially in the western third, caused a minimum of lodging. Development is later than last year with only 7 per cent turning colour about June 1, compared with 20 per cent about the same date a year earlier. Harvest should begin about mid-June.

Only a few Oklahoma fields were harvested by June 1, somewhat later than the year before. High winds on May 27 caused some shattering. The Texas wheat harvest was only 5 per cent complete, compared with 25 per cent a year earlier. Prospects on the High Plains are excellent. The Nebraska crop is mostly headed. Above normal precipitation in May was favourable for continued good development of the crop. Damage from rust and mosaic is evident in some fields. Prospects improved in Colorado, although crop development is slightly behind last year and normal. Soil moisture supplies are generally sufficient for continued favourable development except for a few local areas. Soil moisture supplies are adequate to surplus in the winter wheat areas of South Dakota. Maturity during May was slowed by occasional frost and cool temperatures. Slightly over half of the crop had advanced to the boot, somewhat behind normal progress.

Prospects for normal growth of the winter wheat crop remain favourable in eastern and south central Montana where rain was received during May. In the central portions of the State, soil moisture supplies were short. General rains the last week of May were favourable for the Idaho wheat crop, particularly north Idaho where spring rains have been below normal. Most of the crop was in the boot stage about June 1 and heads were showing in about 20 per cent of the fields. The extremely dry situation in Washington was relieved somewhat by rains the latter part of May. Although beneficial, the moisture was inadequate to offset the accumulative moisture shortage. Prospects for the Willamette Valley crop in Oregon remain very favourable. However, the continued lack of moisture in the Columbia Basin area is adversely affecting the outlook for the State. Harvest is underway in the San Joaquin Valley of California and excellent yields are being obtained.

Prospective production on June 1 in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, was unchanged from a month earlier. In Indiana crop progress is about normal with 75 per cent of the fields headed and some southern fields beginning to ripen. In Illinois nearly all fields are headed and early fields in the south are turning colour. Prospects improved slightly in Michigan, although excessive water was unfavourable for growth in low areas. Wheat prospects declined in Missouri and the crop remains in fair condition. Maturity advanced during May with about one-fourth turning colour by the end of the month, compared with nearly one-half a year earlier. Prospective production declined slightly in New York and Arkansas from a month earlier and remained unchanged in Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arizona. Prospects improved in Kentucky.

Seeding of 1973 spring wheat was generally completed at earlier than normal dates and well ahead of last year. However, the advantage of an early start was partially offset by soil moisture shortages in most areas. Additional precipitation is needed if present prospects are to be maintained.

Planting of spring wheat in Minnesota made rapid progress and was completed by mid-May, a week to 10 days ahead of normal. Nearly all seeded acreage had emerged by June 1 and the crop was generally in satisfactory condition. Rains in late May replenished topsoil moisture. Seeding in North Dakota was about a week ahead of normal during the entire planting season and by June 1 virtually all spring wheat was in the ground. Dry, cool weather was not favourable for early growth but by June 1 early fields were jointing. Topsoil moisture was short in one-fourth of the counties, mainly in the north central area. Dryness during the month was most serious in central and eastern areas of the State. Rain received in late May and early June relieved the situation temporarily. Wild oats have been a problem this year in both North Dakota and Minnesota and application of herbicides has been common.

South Dakota's spring wheat was near the normal stage of development around June 1. Most major growing areas had enough moisture to bring the crop along but moisture reserves are low. Spring wheat in Montana was in good condition in most areas with recent rains aiding growth. However, the crop in the central areas was in only fair condition where moisture was in short supply. Seeding was completed by the end of May, about the normal date. Spring wheat conditions in Idaho were variable as of June 1. At lower elevations, spring wheat was headed while in some higher altitude areas, planting was still continuing. Soil moisture was short in northern areas but in ample supply in nonirrigated counties of eastern Idaho.

Heavier than normal abandonment of winter wheat acreage in Washington resulted in considerable replanting to spring wheat. Lack of moisture early in the season adversely affected the development of the crop. Rain in late May increased prospects considerably but additional rain is badly needed. A dry spring allowed Oregon farmers to get their spring wheat planted early. The dry weather, however, retarded growth and yields will be below average if rain does not come soon. The exception to these conditions is the area along the eastern mountains where farmers report good prospects.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies Below Previous Year

Reflecting the effect of a decrease in both carryover stocks and production, total estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1972-73 (December-November) crop year are placed at 284.5 million bushels, 34 per cent less than the 433.4 million in 1971-72. Carryover stocks at December 1, 1972, at 50.1 million bushels were sharply below the 127.2 million at the same date a year ago, while the 1972 production, at 234.4 million registered a decline of 23 per cent from the comparable figure in 1971. After deducting some 115.3 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 169.2 million are available for export and for carryover during 1972-73, about half the 335.2 million in 1971-72.

Exports Less than Year Ago

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 - May 26 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 98.7 million bushels, 41 per cent below the 168.0 million exported during the corresponding period of the 1971-72 crop year. The balance remaining on May 27, 1973 for export and for carryover, at 70.5 million bushels, was 58 per cent lower than the 167.2 million at the same date a year ago and the smallest carryover at that date since 1957-58.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72r	1972-73p
	million bushels	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	127.2	50.1
Production	306.2	234.4
Total estimated domestic supplies	433.4	284.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	98.2	115.3
Available for export and for carryover	335.2	169.2
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - May 26	162.2	92.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - May 26	5.8	6.4
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	168.0	98.7
Balance on May 27 for export and for carryover	167.2	70.5

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Prospects for 1973-74 wheat sowings .- It is almost certain that Australia will not reach its quota of 514 million bushels and will probably fall short by at least 100 million bushels. Although an official estimate of likely wheat acreage has not been released as yet, indications are that acreage could reach about 24 million acres. Taking an average yield of 18 bushels per acre the crop could reach 432 million bushels. However, most people, including the Wheat Board, feel that providing growing conditions are suitable the crop will most likely be in the area of 400 million bushels.

In general sowing conditions are very good in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales except the north western area. These States received above average rainfall in May and consequently soil moisture is excellent. Conditions looked good in north western New South Wales about a month ago but since then it has dried up considerably. This area produces most of the N.S.W. prime hard and so good planting conditions are important. Long-range weather forecasts indicate above normal rainfall for July and August in Victoria and average to above average in South Australia and most of New South Wales. In Western Australia, rains have been patchy and more rain is needed before planting can become general. Queensland is at present the worst-off of the States and rain is needed urgently if planting intentions are to be reached. June is the ideal time for sowing in many of the wheat areas of Queensland and so the need for rain is becoming critical.

New wheat stabilization scheme .- As indicated in last month's "Wheat Report" the Government attempted to set a fixed maximum sum as a guarantee for wheat stabilization in the new stabilization plan which was due to commence with the 1973-74 crop. The fixed sum was 15 million dollars. The plan had met with Cabinet approval but when it came before the Labor Caucus, it was rejected and instead Caucus voted to extend the present practice of having no upper limit on Government contribution made to hold wheat to the guaranteed price for another year.

In addition to going along with extending the present plan for another year, Caucus also agreed to raise the guaranteed price to A \$1.60 per bushel on 200 million bushels. The Wheatgrowers' Federation had asked also that the home consumption price be raised to A \$1.93 per bushel. However the Government did not take a decision on this issue but it is felt the home consumption price may be raised to A \$1.90 per bushel. The Wheatgrowers' Federation has accepted the Government's proposals.

In the meantime, the Department of Primary Industry has established a Wheat Stabilization Review Group and has drawn up a work program. Specific research tasks have been allocated among officers of the Department and letters have been sent to State Directors of Agriculture, academics and other experts seeking their submissions on wheat stabilization. An October deadline has been set for the final long-term Government plan.

Wheat Board makes second payment on 1969-70 Pool .- The Government has approved a second payment to growers who delivered wheat to the 1969-70 Wheat Pool. The payment will be five (5) cents per bushel. To date growers had received no payment beyond the A \$1.10 per bushel (less freight) first advance paid shortly after the wheat was delivered. Sales overseas on long term credit had been a major factor holding up the second payment.

The interesting point is that not enough money exists in the 1969-70 Pool to make a payment of five (5) cents per bushel. To make the payment, the Wheat Board will loan to the 1969-70 Pool, part of the receipts that have accrued to the 1970-71 and 1971-72 Pools. This is the first time this has been done in Australia and will set a precedent in transferring funds from one pool to another.

The reasoning behind the move is that it will further encourage wheat producers to plant a large wheat acreage in 1973-74. Many wheatgrowers urgently need this money to finance the planting of this year's crop. These growers have been hit by drought over the past two seasons and an allocation of cash through a second payment on the 1969-70 Pool would boost their acreage.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 - May 26, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe:</u>				
Britain(1)	9,287	7,095	137	29
Ireland(1)	469	89	—	—
Malta	371	—	—	—
Norway	4,033	—	—	—
Totals	14,160	7,184	137	29
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Germany, East	16,270	2,954	—	—
U.S.S.R.(Russia)	11,637	25,076	—	—
Totals	67,907	28,030	—	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Angola	573	—	—	—
Egypt A.R.E.	36,564	11,053	—	—
Kenya	1,807	—	—	—
Malawi	—	—	305	62
Mauritius - Comm. ...	—	—	520	645
Mozambique	1,621	—	—	—
Rhodesia	682	—	—	—
Sudan	1,430	—	—	—
Tanzania	745	—	—	—
Zambia	1,404	886	—	—
Others	1	3	332	124
Totals	44,827	11,942	1,157	831

See footnote at end of table.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 - May 26, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72 - Cont'd

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden	465	—	—	—
Aden I/T Atta	—	—	21	—
Afghanistan - Comm.	411	—	—	—
- F. Aid	—	146	—	—
Arabian Gulf	176	135	226	253
Arabian Gulf Atta ..	—	—	732	839
Bangladesh - Comm.	237	—	—	—
- F. Aid	243	—	—	—
China	—	9,179	—	—
Hong Kong	972	986	10	1
India - F. Aid	1,466	—	—	—
Indonesia	—	—	3	1
- F. Aid ..	1,561	616	—	—
Iran	2,783	—	—	—
Iraq	2,695	—	—	—
Japan	28,561	8,577	—	—
Korea North	1,852	—	—	—
Korea South	2,897	—	—	—
Kuwait	2,895	2,389	—	—
Lebanon	1,260	675	—	—
Malaysia	5,398	5,492	—	—
Pakistan - F. Aid ..	878	679	—	—
Philippines	—	—	169	138
F. Aid ..	—	129	—	—
Qatar	—	242	—	—
Sabah	—	—	1	—
Sarawak	—	—	—	5
Saudi Arabia	2,832	514	84	129
Singapore	3,000	2,908	—	1
Sri-Lanka	1,370	1,724	—	—
- Comm.	—	—	73	8
- F. Aid	—	—	729	1,254
Taiwan	2,019	4,820	—	—
Thailand	1,095	1,136	99	64
Yemen	1,558	—	—	—
Others	—	2	81	94
Totals	66,624	40,349	2,228	2,784
<u>Oceania</u>				
Fiji - F. Aid	—	—	—	84
New Zealand	550	—	—	—
Totals	550	—	—	84

See footnote at end of table.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 — May 26, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72 Concl'd

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia	566	—	—	—
Chile	6,399	4,298	—	—
Peru	1,130	470	—	—
West Indies Area	—	—	35	35
Totals	8,095	4,768	35	35
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands	34	26	2,180	2,562
Ships' Stores and Sundries	—	—	64	72
Totals	34	26	2,244	2,634
Totals, all countries	162,200	92,300	5,800	6,400

(1) Commencing January 1, 1973 Britain and Ireland became members of the European Economic Community.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supplies Above Total estimated commercial domestic supplies of soft wheat in
Previous Year France for the crop year (August-July) 1972-73, consisting of
the August 1 carryover of 90.8 million bushels and anticipated
marketings of 543.3 million amount to some 634.1 million, 16 per cent more than the
1971-72 total of 545.9 million. Imports of wheat during August 1972 — March 1973
including durum wheat and both hard and soft wheat have amounted to 10.7 million
bushels, more than double the 5.3 million imported during the same months of 1971-72.
After deducting 242.5 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal
feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover is about
402.3 million bushels 31 per cent above the 308.2 million the previous year.

Exports Higher Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equi-
than a Year Ago valent during the August-March period of the current crop year,
at 206.8 million bushels, represented a 44 per cent increase over
the comparable August — March 1971-72 total of 144.0 million. The balance of commer-
cial supplies remaining on April 1, 1973 for export and for carryover amounted to
195.5 million compared with the April 1, 1972 total of 164.2 million bushels.

French Soft Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 ^r	1972-73 ^p
	million bushels	
Commercial carryover, August 1	97.8	90.8
Anticipated deliveries to Grain Board	448.1	543.3
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies	545.9	634.1
Imports(1) August - March	5.3	10.7
Total commercial supplies	551.2	644.8
Less domestic requirements for crop year	243.0	242.5
Available for export and for carryover	308.2	402.3
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports(2) of wheat, August-March	119.2	174.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - March	24.8	32.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	144.0	206.8
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover	164.2	195.5

(1) Includes durum, hard and soft wheat.

(2) Includes denatured, durum and soft wheat.

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French Wheat Imports, August - March

Destination	Durum wheat		Hard and soft wheats	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
	thousand bushels			
Argentina	429	—	—	—
Belgium and Luxembourg ...	—	—	1	5
Brazil	—	—	—	(1)
Cameroon	—	—	—	(1)
Canada	—	331	1,119	994
Germany	—	—	9	27
Italy	—	—	1	—
Netherlands	—	—	—	(1)
Syria.....	—	441	—	—
United States	1,989	7,062	1,519	1,695
U.S.S.R.	—	—	191	129
Others	—	—	(1)	(1)
Totals	2,418	7,834	2,840	2,852

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Imports .— With the 26,095 metric tons (959,000 bushels) imported last March, imports amounted to 290,824 tons (10,686,000 bushels) at the beginning of April, as against 143,114 tons (5,258,000 bushels) a year earlier. For the eight months under review total French wheat purchases have now doubled those of the previous crop year. The total USA exports to France were placed at 238,330 tons (8,757,000 bushels) in contrast to 95,469 tons (3,508,000 bushels) last year. Canada's shipments to France increased from 30,465 tons (1,119,000 bushels) to 36,093 tons (1,326,000 bushels) on April 1.

Exports .— Total wheat shipments from France amounted to 535,664 metric tons (19,682,000 bushels) during March 1973, compared with 445,435 tons (16,367,000 bushels) in March 1972. Exports during August-March totalled 4,755,873 tons (174,746,000 bushels) while exports stood at 3,242,934 tons (119,156,000 bushels) at the same date in 1972. The August - March 1972-73 figures for denatured wheat were 765,146 tons (28,114,000 bushels); durum 26,719 tons (982,000 bushels); and milling wheat 3,964,008 tons (145,651,000 bushels); while for 1971-72 they were respectively, 389,687 tons (14,318,000 bushels); 29,159 tons (1,071,000 bushels); and 2,824,088 tons (103,766,000 bushels).

French Wheat Exports, August - March

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels						
Afghanistan	—	441	—	—	—	—
Andorra	12	7	—	—	—	1
Angola	1,705	1,591	—	—	—	—
Belgium and Luxembourg	11,504	16,181	277	338	9,723	11,743
Cameroon	625	1,038	—	—	4	—
Central Africa	175	202	—	—	—	—
Chad	—	257	—	—	—	—
Congo-Brazza	—	586	—	—	(1)	—
Czechoslovakia	2,627	—	—	—	—	—
Dahomey	—	276	—	—	—	—
Ecuador	4	—	—	—	—	—
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gabon	441	248	—	—	—	—
Germany	20,926	18,484	386	241	3,054	4,222
Guadeloupe	—	692	—	—	—	—
Ireland	1,948	1,893	—	15	—	—
Italy	15,791	5,857	308	245	10	11
Ivory Coast	2,610	1,874	—	—	—	—
Kenya	478	—	—	—	—	—
Libya	—	168	—	—	—	—
Madagascar	—	(1)	(1)	1	—	—
Malta	—	90	—	—	—	—
Martinique	—	—	—	(1)	(1)	—
Mauritania	204	—	—	—	—	—
Morocco	371	—	—	—	—	—
Mozambique	—	540	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	10,890	17,368	—	1	1,062	11,941

For footnotes see end of table.

French Wheat Exports, August - March Conc'd

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels						
Norway	38	—	—	—	—	—
Pakistan	551	367	—	—	—	—
Poland	11,506	—	—	—	—	—
Portugal	294	—	—	—	—	—
Reunion Island	—	—	77	—	—	—
Senegal	2,438	2,657	—	—	48	66
Spain	1	—	—	—	—	1
Spanish Canaries	—	—	—	—	1	—
Spanish North Africa ..	—	1	—	—	—	(1)
Switzerland	6,384	5,530	7	3	18	30
Tunisia	134	936	—	—	—	—
Uganda	1	—	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom	11,286	25,843	16	137	385	87
United States	9	—	—	—	—	—
U.A.R.	—	24,964	—	—	—	10
Upper Volta	478	351	—	—	—	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia) ...	337	17,210	—	—	—	—
West Indies	—	—	—	—	—	2
West Samoa	—	—	—	—	—	(1)
Yemen	—	—	—	—	10	—
Others	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2	(1)
Totals	103,766	145,651	1,071	982	14,318	28,114

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

For the fifth consecutive month, wheat flour shipments increased, with 89,628 metric tons exported in March 1973, in contrast to 54,557 tons in March 1972. Since August 1972, 581,830 tons have already been exported, surpassing by 130,830 tons the comparable total last year. More than 50 per cent of March export was for North Korea (46,508 tons) which had already purchased 131,521 tons on April 1, 1973.

Prices and market .— Between May 15 and June 15, wheat prices went up around 56.25 to 56.75 francs per 100 kilos, (\$3.36 to \$3.39 per bushel) above the intervention price level by around 2 to 3 francs (12 to 18 cents per bushel). Good varieties such as Rex were priced less than previously, between 59 and 60 francs (\$3.53 and \$3.59 per bushel). Denatured wheat was offered at 54 and 54.50 francs (\$3.23 and \$3.26 per bushel), while forage wheats were sold between 56.50 and 57.25 francs (\$3.38 and \$3.42 per bushel).

Export prices averaged 58.25 to 58.85 francs (\$3.48 to \$3.52 per bushel) for FOB Rouen. Forage wheats were priced 57.50 to 58 francs (\$3.44 to \$3.47 per bushel) FOB Rouen and 60.25 to 61.50 francs (\$3.60 to \$3.68 per bushel) FOB Basel.

During the April 25 meeting, the ONIC Permanent Committee noted that on April 1, 1973 total delivery reached 14 million metric tons (514.4 million bushels) close to the total estimate of 14.7 to 14.8 million tons (540.1 to 543.8 million bushels) for this crop year. Wheat sold for animal feeding was 1.5 million tons (55.1 million bushels) while the total estimate averaged 2.1 to 2.2 million tons (77.2 million to 80.8 million bushels). New estimates for sales to the members of the original EEC increased from 3.2 to 3.5 million tons (117.6 to 128.6 million bushels) and from 3.9 to 4.1 million tons (143.3 million to 150.6 million bushels) for total sales to the enlarged EEC. The forecasted carry-over decreased from 1.6 to 1.4 million tons (58.8 million to 51.4 million bushels).

It has to be noted that March exports have been slackened by the establishment of the monetary compensatory levels designed to restore competition within EEC between states with strong currency and states with weak currency: taxed export for devaluated currency and premium granted to export for reevaluated currency. Things have been complicated for a few months because of the establishment of daily compensatory levels to the new members, resulting in such a complicated system that it discourages exporters. An emergency action was asked to the EEC Commission to simplify this system.

If the April level of exports is estimated excellent, May and June trade might be jeopardized by the French strike of riverfleet which occurred just after the Belgian strike. In the beginning of June, shipment of 1 million metric tons of grain was crippled by the strike.

ONIC held its Central Council Meeting on May 29 and will be now empowered to provide certificates of quality grading for wheats to be exported. It was also decided to put back on the market the 100,000 metric tons (3.7 million bushels) intervention wheat from the 1971 crops.

	<u>Area Seeded</u>	
	May 1, 1972	May 1, 1973
	thousand acres	
<u>Winter wheats</u>		
Soft	8,952	8,916
Durum	161	161
<u>Spring wheats</u>		
Soft	377	456
Durum	262	237
<u>Totals, wheats</u>		
Soft	9,329	9,372
Durum	423	398
	<u>9,752</u>	<u>9,770</u>

The estimated figures of wheat acreage on May 1, 1973 compared with the previous April 1 situation, increased by 31,700 hectares (78,000 acres) of which 28,400 hectares (70,000 acres) were soft wheats and 3,300 hectares (8,000 acres) durum wheats in contrast to the May 1, 1972 figure. A 21 per cent increase was registered for spring soft wheat seedings.

Relating to the 1972-73 trade of durum wheat, the ash content and the ergot were lower than the average. Trade was good, except for Northern France, where prices were often close to the Intervention price. Farmers considered that as irregular, since durum wheat should be sold at the level of threshold price, as its production is insufficient, and were also asking for a premium at the end of the crop year.

Regarding the new crop, the same amount of seeding has been forecast for winter durum wheat, i.e. around 65,000 hectares (161,000 acres). Buyers were investigating a new variety, DURTAL, with good yield and short straw with especially good quality for semolina. New varieties are from the States: Rolette and Ward, and from Canada: Wascona. The French aim for 1980 is to produce 1,000,000 metric tons (36.7 million bushels) with several new varieties, i.e. about twice the current harvest.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supplies Above Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in Argentina for the
Year Ago 1972-73 (December-November) crop year are placed at some 315.5 million bushels, 41 per cent over the comparable 1971-72 total of 223.5 million reflecting an increase in production which more than offset lower carryover stocks. The 1972 production estimated at 297.6 million bushels was 43 per cent above the 208.7 million produced in 1971 while the December 1, 1972 carryover stocks, at 17.9 million, are 28 per cent less than the 24.8 million at the same date a year ago. After making an allowance of 150.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 165.5 million are available for export and for carryover in 1972-73, in sharp contrast to the 81.6 million the previous year.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 ^r	1972-73 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) (1)	24.8	17.9
Production	208.7	297.6
Total estimated domestic supplies	223.5	315.5
Less estimated requirements for crop year	151.9	150.0
Available for export and for carryover	81.6	165.5
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-May	28.6	86.1
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - May	3.1	6.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	31.7	92.4
Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover	50.0	73.1

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

Exports Increase
over Previous Year

Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1972 - May 1973 amounted to 92.4 million bushels, in sharp contrast to the 31.7 million shipped during the same six months in 1971-72. The balance remaining on June 1, 1973 for export and for carryover was estimated at 73.1 million bushels, 46 per cent larger than the June 1, 1972 total of 50.0 million.

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Argentine Wheat Exports December - April 1971-72 and 1972-73

Destination	April		December - April	
	1972	1973	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Italy	644	-	6,762	2,278
Netherlands	-	-	140	-
Sub-totals	644	-	6,902	2,278
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	-	-	463	-
Libya	-	-	220	-
Total	-	-	683	-
<u>Asia</u>				
Bangladesh	-	2,390	-	19,685
India	-	-	-	6,908
Japan	-	1,099	-	2,971
Jordan	-	-	154	-
Korea	-	987	-	6,096
Pakistan	-	679	-	679
Totals	-	5,155	154	36,339
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Brazil	2,430	6,439	10,659	21,257
Chile	698	1,007	3,050	9,129
Paraguay	73	-	73	-
Uruguay	-	647	-	647
Totals	3,201	8,093	13,782	31,033
Totals, all countries	3,846	13,249	21,523	69,651

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- May 15 According to the Wheat Situation published by the Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, record demand in 1972-73 and the elimination of required set-aside have encouraged farmers in the United States to grow more wheat. Early indications point to a record 1973 crop of 1,736 million bushels, up 12 per cent from last year.
- June 6 According to a report from Mr. C.V. Hiltz, Third Secretary (Agriculture) for Canada, Canberra, it is almost certain that Australia will not reach its quota of 514 million bushels and will probably fall short by at least 100 million bushels.
- 11 The Canadian Wheat Board announced a change in delivery requirements for certain persons holding Special Wheat Board Delivery Permits. For details see pages 8 and 9 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 April 1973 amounted to 19,310,000 hundredweight, averaging 919,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 956,000 hundredweight last month and 983,000 hundredweight in April 1972. Wheat flour mills during April 1973 operated at 89.6 per cent of capacity, below both the 93.3 per cent of the previous month and the 99.7 per cent of the same month a year ago. Flour mills in April 1973 ground 42,792,000 bushels of wheat compared with 46,777,000 bushels the previous month and 43,772,000 bushels in April 1972.

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