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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

August-November Exports Sharply Higher than a Year Ago

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain from the four major exporting countries during the August-November period of the current

Canadian crop year amounted to 679.0 million bushels, 30 per cent above the 523.4 million exported during the same four months in 1971 and 36 per cent more than the ten-year (1961-70) average shipments for the same period of 498.6 million bushels. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, shipments from Canada, United States and Argentina were higher while Australia was the only one registering a decrease.

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

August-November	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million bushels						
1950	72.8	39.7	70.2	20.2	202.9	
1951	115.0	39.2	155.2	20.3	329.7	
1952	138.3	27.4	104.7	—	270.4	
1953	103.4	22.0	70.0	43.2	238.6	
1954	97.5	26.8	75.3	45.2	244.8	
1955	81.0	29.7	73.9	43.4	228.0	
1956	105.9	52.5	152.7	32.0	343.1	
1957	104.9	31.6	131.3	31.5	299.3	
1958	99.4	21.0	141.2	28.0	289.6	
1959	109.2	34.4	128.3	19.0	290.9	
1960	109.8	40.5	203.0	31.0	384.3	
1961	150.6	73.9	246.2	8.0	478.7	
1962	120.3	32.0	175.7	11.8	339.8	
1963	209.6	74.4	257.3	17.8	559.1	
1964	167.3	53.8	257.0	39.2	517.3	
1965	239.8	75.7	258.5	96.5	670.5	
1966	223.4	57.1	303.4	21.1	605.0	
1967	94.9	106.4	273.8	5.7	480.8	
1968	120.1	63.0	181.4	20.3	384.8	56.1
1969	83.5	95.9	169.3	22.7	371.4	70.3
1970	166.7	124.2	258.7	28.7	578.3	42.6
1971 ^r	214.8	105.3	192.8	10.5	523.4	76.5
1972 ^p	247.7	82.1	328.1	21.1	679.0	43.0(1)

(1) August-September only.

Wheat Supplies of Four Major Exporters Lower than Previous Year

Latest available estimates indicate that as at December 1, 1972 supplies of wheat remaining in Canada and the United States for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years plus the year-end (November 30)

carryover stocks in both Australia and Argentina amounted to 2,042.1 million bushels and represented a decrease of some 11 per cent below the 2,285.0 million available a year ago. Supplies at December 1, 1972 in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 714.9 (878.3); Australia, 65.9 (130.2); United States, 1,225.3 (1,251.7); and Argentina, 36.0 (24.8). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions. The supply data to appear in the January issue of this publication will include the 1972-73 production estimates for wheat in Argentina and Australia.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August — November 1972
with Comparisons

August-November	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million metric tons						
1950	1,981	1,080	1,911	550	5,522	
1951	3,130	1,067	4,224	552	8,973	
1952	3,764	746	2,849	—	7,359	
1953	2,814	599	1,905	1,176	6,494	
1954	2,654	729	2,049	1,230	6,662	
1955	2,204	808	2,011	1,181	6,205	
1956	2,882	1,429	4,156	871	9,338	
1957	2,855	860	3,573	857	8,146	
1958	2,705	572	3,843	762	7,882	
1959	2,972	936	3,492	517	7,917	
1960	2,988	1,102	5,525	844	10,459	
1961	4,099	2,011	6,701	218	13,028	
1962	3,274	871	4,782	321	9,248	
1963	5,704	2,025	7,003	484	15,216	
1964	4,553	1,464	6,994	1,067	14,079	
1965	6,526	2,060	7,035	2,626	18,248	
1966	6,080	1,554	8,257	574	16,466	
1967	2,583	2,896	7,452	155	13,085	
1968	3,269	1,715	4,937	552	10,473	1,527
1969	2,273	2,610	4,608	618	10,108	1,913
1970	4,537	3,380	7,041	781	15,739	1,159
1971	5,846	2,866	5,247	286	14,245	2,082
1972 ^P	6,741	2,234	8,930	574	18,480	1,170(1)

(1) August-September only.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Below
Last Year

Reflecting a sharp decline in carryover stocks, which more than offset a slight increase in production, total wheat supplies for the 1972-73 (August-July) crop year are placed at 1,122.6 million bushels, 11 per cent below the previous year's total of 1,263.7 million. The 589.4 million bushels carried over at August 1, 1972 were 20 per cent less than the 1971 stocks of 734.2 million while the current crop estimated at 533.3 million, increased by some one per cent over the 529.6 million of last year's outturn. 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 962.6 million, 12 per cent less than the 1,093.1 million in 1971-72.

Exports Increase
Over the Previous Year

Exports of wheat and flour, in terms of wheat equivalent, during August-November 1972 amounted to 247.7 million bushels, 15 per cent above the 214.8 million exported during the same four months of 1971. This year's exports consisted of 239.4 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 57 thousand of seed and 8.3 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the August-November period last year these figures were 205.4 million of wheat in bulk, 379 thousand of seed and 9.1 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on December 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 714.9 million bushels, 19 per cent below the December 1, 1971 total of 878.3 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	589.4
Production	529.6	533.3
Total estimated supplies	1,263.7	1,122.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	170.6	160.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,093.1	962.6
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-November(1)	205.4	239.4
Exports of seed wheat, August-November(2)	0.4	0.1
Total exports of wheat as grain	205.7	239.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August - November (2)	9.1	8.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	214.8	247.7
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover	878.3	714.9

(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 December 13 of the current crop year have amounted to 312.9 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 233.6

million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 77.1 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the five weeks November 9 to December 13. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 80.9 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 292.6 million at November 8 to a level of 286.4 million at December 13, 1972.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at December 13 this year was 3 per cent less than the 1971 comparable total of 292.9 million and 23 per cent below the 1970 figure of 371.6 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 155.1 million bushels, were 3 per cent smaller than the 1971 comparable total of 151.1 million, but 31 per cent below the 224.5 million of two years ago. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at December 13, 1972, at 2.8 million bushels, decreased sharply from the 6.3 million of 1971 and the 10.6 million of 1970. The 16.0 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) declined by 18 per cent from the 19.6 million of 1971 but was 6 per cent more than the 15.1 million in this position in 1970. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 31.3 million bushels, registered an increase over both last year's comparable level of 21.1 million and the 18.8 million of 1970. Stocks "in transit lake", amounting to 15.4 million bushels were considerably higher than both the 1971 level of 18.2 million and 20.5 million of two years ago. The 28.6 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were lower than the 32.7 million in 1971 and the 35.0 million of 1970. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports

at December 13, 1972, at 32.5 million bushels, registered a decline of 26 per cent from the 30.4 million of a year ago and were 27 per cent less than the 31.0 million at the same date in 1970. The 7.0 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were slightly larger than both the 6.9 million at December 15, 1971 and the 6.8 million at the comparable date in 1970.

November 1972 Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
67.3 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during November 1972 amounted to 67.3 million bushels, 5 per cent less than the October 1972 total of 70.6 million, but 23 per cent above the November 1971 figure of 54.9 million and registered a 67 per cent increase over the ten-year (1961-70) average for the month of November of 40.3 million.

Exports of wheat in bulk during November 1972 (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission), amounted to 65.6 million bushels, some 5 per cent below the October 1972 exports of 68.9 million but were 24 per cent over the 52.9 million bushels of 1971 and 74 per cent greater than the ten-year average for the month of 37.6 million. Exports of seed wheat during November 1972 based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to some 3 thousand bushels as against the November 1971 total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 7 thousand bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 1.7 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during November 1972, unchanged from the October 1972 figure but 10 per cent less than the November 1971 total (adjusted for time lag) of 1.9 million and 33 per cent below the ten-year average of 2.6 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-November period of the current crop year amounted to 239.4 million bushels, 17 per cent above the 205.4 million shipped during the first four months of the 1971-72 crop year and 63 per cent more than the average for the period of 147.1 million. U.S.S.R. (Russia) and the People's Republic of China were the leading markets for wheat in bulk during the first four months of the current crop year with shipments amounting to 78.5 million and 63.0 million bushels, respectively, and accounted for a combined 59 per cent of the August-November total in contrast to 42 per cent of the previous year's total. Other principal markets for Canadian wheat during the period under review with last year's corresponding figures in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Britain, 16.8 (16.1); Japan, 14.7 (19.2); Italy, 12.4 (8.1); Brazil, 8.3 (10.3); Pakistan, 5.6 (2.7); Germany West, 4.4 (5.6); Belgium and Luxembourg, 3.8 (2.2); Netherlands, 3.8 (5.5); Algeria, 2.7 (3.8); Bangladesh, 2.6 (nil); Ireland, 2.3 (0.2); and the Philippines, 2.2 (2.5). Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-November of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 57 thousand bushels as against last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 379 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the August-November period of the 1972-73 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 8.3 million bushels of wheat, 8 per cent below the comparable 1971-72 figure of 9.1 million bushels (adjusted for time lag) and 18 per cent lower than the ten-year average for the period of 10.2 million.

Exports of wheat flour by countries for August-November 1972, based on Customs data, are not available.

Protein Content of 1972
Crop of Red Spring Wheat

A press release from the Canadian Grain Commission, Grain Research Laboratory for Friday, December 8, 1972, stated that the Research Laboratory of the Canadian

Grain Commission estimates the protein content of the 1972 crop of Western Canadian Red Spring Wheat to be 13.0 per cent. Spring wheat from Saskatchewan averages 13.1 per cent in protein content, very slightly higher than the overall Prairie average, while new-crop wheat from Alberta, at 12.7 per cent protein, and from Manitoba, at 12.6 per cent protein, is significantly lower. These estimates are based upon the Grain Research Laboratory's survey of the 1972 Red Spring Wheat crop and involved analyses of 5,060 samples of new-crop wheat from 1,246 stations in Western Canada. Of these, 3,334 samples were from Saskatchewan, 965 samples from Manitoba, and 761 from Alberta. This information, together with the annual "protein map" showing the geographical distribution of the protein content in the 1972 Red Spring Wheat crop was released today by the Canadian Grain Commission.

Several areas in Saskatchewan, together with a few small areas in Alberta, had an average protein content in the range 14.0 to 14.9 per cent. More than half of the growing area in Saskatchewan, together with considerable areas in Manitoba, produced wheat with an average protein level in the range 13.0 to 13.9 per cent. Significant areas in Manitoba and Alberta produced wheat with a protein content well below the 13.0 per cent average value for Western Canada.

The protein content of the 1972 Red Spring Wheat crop is significantly lower than last year (0.5 per cent of protein). The long-term average for Western Canadian Red Spring Wheat crops over the 20-year period 1952-71 is 13.6 per cent.

Weather conditions throughout the growing season and the harvest period were extremely variable this year with the result that a fairly large proportion of the new crop will enter lower grades this year. The Canadian Grain Commission expects that about 39 per cent of new-crop Red Spring Wheat will qualify for the grade No. 1 Canada Western Red Spring Wheat, about 36 per cent is expected to qualify for the No. 2 Canada Western grade while the balance will enter No. 3 Canada Western or lower grades.

Cash Advances on
Unharvested Grain

On December 29, 1972 the Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board stated that "Cash advances on unharvested grain were being made available

immediately".

"The Government had taken steps to bring the appropriate provisions of the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act into effect when it became evident a considerable number of farmers in Western Canada particularly in parts of Northern and Western Alberta were unable to complete their harvesting operations," Mr. Lang said.

Cash advances are normally obtainable on threshed farm-stored grain but the legislation contains provisions to cover those circumstances when due to weather conditions, the farmers' grain is not harvested.

"The Canadian Wheat Board is making the necessary forms available to elevator operators as soon as possible. Affected producers should be able to obtain advances in the next few days", he said.

New Wheat Agreement with Brazil

On December 27, 1972 a second long-term wheat agreement with Brazil, involving the sale of up to 600,000 metric tons (approximately 22,000,000 bushels) of wheat over a three to four-year period, was announced by the Canadian Wheat Board. The first long-term agreement was signed in May, 1970, and completed last October. The first contract under the new agreement, negotiated between the Canadian Wheat Board and the Brazilian Wheat Board, provides for the sale of 200,000 metric tons (7,340,000) of Canadian wheat. Shipments under the first contract, consisting of No. 1 and No. 2 Canada Western Red Spring wheat, will start in June and continue until the end of October. All shipments will be made from St. Lawrence ports. The new agreement is made possible through the revised and expanded credit facilities made available by the government of Canada to make Canadian wheat more competitive in developing countries.

Wheat Board Announces Sale to India

On January 3, 1973 the Canadian Wheat Board announced the sale of 400,000 tons of wheat (approximately 15 million bushels) to India. Shipment of the wheat will be from both Pacific and Atlantic Coasts in January, February and March, 1973. The grades to be shipped will be No. 1 Canada Red Spring, No. 2 Canada Red Spring and No. 3 Canada Red Spring Wheat. Deliveries will start within the next ten days. The purchase by India reflects an urgent requirement by that country resulting from drought conditions which affected the recent autumn crops and will help offset a shortfall in food supplies prior to harvesting of winter crops in March and April.

Wheat Shipments to the United States by Destination

There were no vessel shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, for the August 1 - December 13 period of the 1972-73 crop year. During the same period of 1971-72 vessel shipments amounted to 95,000 bushels.

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination
August 1 - December 13, 1972 with Comparisons

Destination	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
By Vessel		bushels	
Hawaii	-	95,200	-
Total, vessel	-	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 - November 1972 amounted to 5,545,000 bushels compared with the August-November 1971 figure of 1,937,000 bushels.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1 - November 30, 1971	August 1 - November 30, 1972
Port McNicoll	769,020	bushels 2,264,167
Midland, Tiffin	634,862	3,280,407
Owen Sound	310,400	-
Goderich	222,526	-
Totals	1,936,808	5,544,574

General Quotas 1972-73 as at Wednesday, December 27, 1972

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	
	bushels per quota acre		
Alberta Red Winter		2	All blocks
Soft White Spring	5		All blocks
Rye	25		All blocks
Flaxseed	15		All blocks
Rapeseed (low erucic acid)	10		All blocks
Rapeseed (other)	10		All blocks

Special Quotas as at Wednesday, December 27, 1972

Selected Soft White Spring wheat	Rail — 1 carlot (40 assigned acres) Truck — 50 bushels per assigned acre	All blocks
Selected Pitic 62	1 carlot (50 assigned acres)	All blocks
Selected oats(1)	Rail — Second carlot (60 assigned acres) Truck — 50 bushels per assigned acre	All blocks
Rye for distilleries	25 bushels per assigned quota acre	
Flaxseed for processors	15 bushels per assigned quota acre	
Rapeseed for crushers	20 bushels per assigned quota acre	

Selected Barley

Two — Row barley	Extended to third carlot	All blocks
Six — Row barley (all varieties)	Extended to second carlot	All blocks
Six — Row barley (Galt variety)	Extended to any additional carlots	All blocks

(1) For oats grading No. 1 Feed and higher only.

General Quotas 1972-73 as at Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1972 Canadian National Railway Blocks

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

(1) For wheat grading No. 1 CW and No. 2 CW Red Spring only.

General Quotas 1972-73 as at Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1972 Canadian Pacific Railway Blocks

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

(1) For wheat grading No. 1 CW and No. 2 CW Red Spring only.

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to December 13 of the current crop year amounted to 296.9 million bushels, 41 per cent larger than the 1971-72 comparable figure of 210.7 million and sharply above the ten-year (1961-70) average for the period of 157.9 million.

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	302,524
	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	16,273,051
	27	2,505,119	7,931,203	676,102	11,112,424	10,925,178
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	14,015,575
	18	2,718,563	16,029,444	8,283,174	27,031,181	11,202,512
	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	10,729,100
	22	2,437,171	15,055,689	4,671,135	22,163,995	9,878,742
	29	1,656,074	9,854,879	4,011,232	15,522,185	11,769,532
December	6	954,278	6,619,715	2,580,398	10,154,391	9,919,371
	13	413,530	2,543,779	1,594,746	4,552,055	5,462,190
Totals		38,746,521	199,189,050	58,994,034	296,929,605	210,716,408

Average similar
period: 1961-70 21,596,959 100,975,819 35,329,684 157,902,462

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

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, December 13, 1972
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1970 and 1971

Position	1970	1971	1972
	thousand bushels		
Primary elevators — Manitoba	18,494	18,270	14,410
Saskatchewan	139,256	85,467	99,631
Alberta	66,777	47,394	41,081
Sub-totals	224,527	151,131	155,122
Process elevators	4,297	4,137	3,742
Interior terminals	10,590	6,327	2,793
Vancouver-New Westminster	6,163	5,634	4,837
Victoria	158	175	744
Prince Rupert	453	1,052	1,419
Churchill	2,950	1,046	1,831
Thunder Bay	18,750	21,065	31,294
In transit rail (western division)	15,087	19,622	16,023
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	34,964	32,727	28,566
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports	30,970	30,375	22,472
In transit lake	20,475	18,164	15,389
In transit rail (eastern division)	2,202	1,399	666
Totals	371,586	292,854	284,898

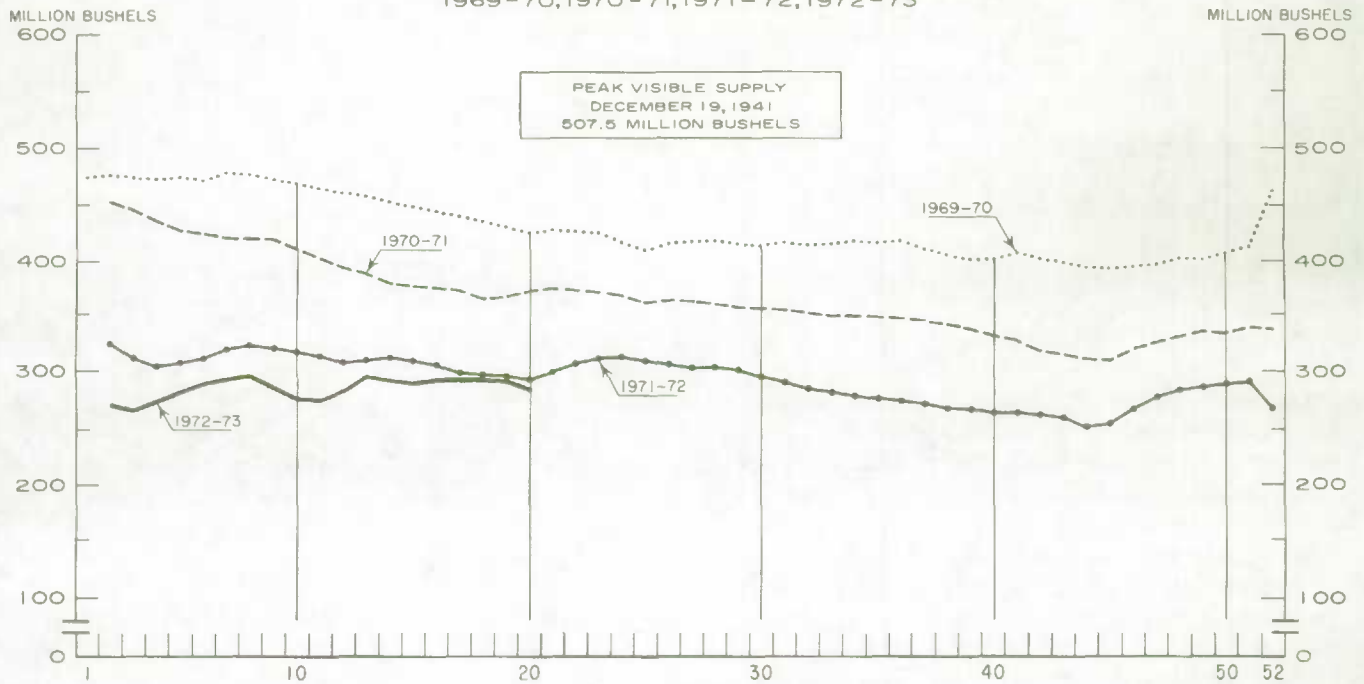
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-November 1972 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop year		August — November			
	Average		1971		1972	
	1966-67- 1970-71	1971-72				
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 C.W. Red Spring	47.7	60.1	77,572	62.1	81,309	60.5
2 C.W. Red Spring	25.9	19.8	24,726	19.8	24,074	17.9
3 C.W. Red Spring	3.3	1.8	2,966	2.4	5,735	4.3
1 Canada Utility	—	—	—	—	24	(1)
2 Canada Utility	—	—	—	—	4	(1)
3 Canada Utility	0.6	0.2	281	0.2	696	0.5
Others Red Spring	14.6	4.4	5,180	4.2	8,425	6.3
C.W. White Spring	0.2	0.3	407	0.3	214	0.2
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	0.1	107	0.1	77	0.1
Alberta Winter	0.9	0.7	679	0.5	652	0.5
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum.	5.9	12.3	12,808	10.3	13,013	9.7
Other C.W. Amber Durum....	0.9	0.3	123	0.1	117	0.1
Totals	100.0	100.0	124,849	100.0	134,340	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) ..			302,733,000		279,091,000	

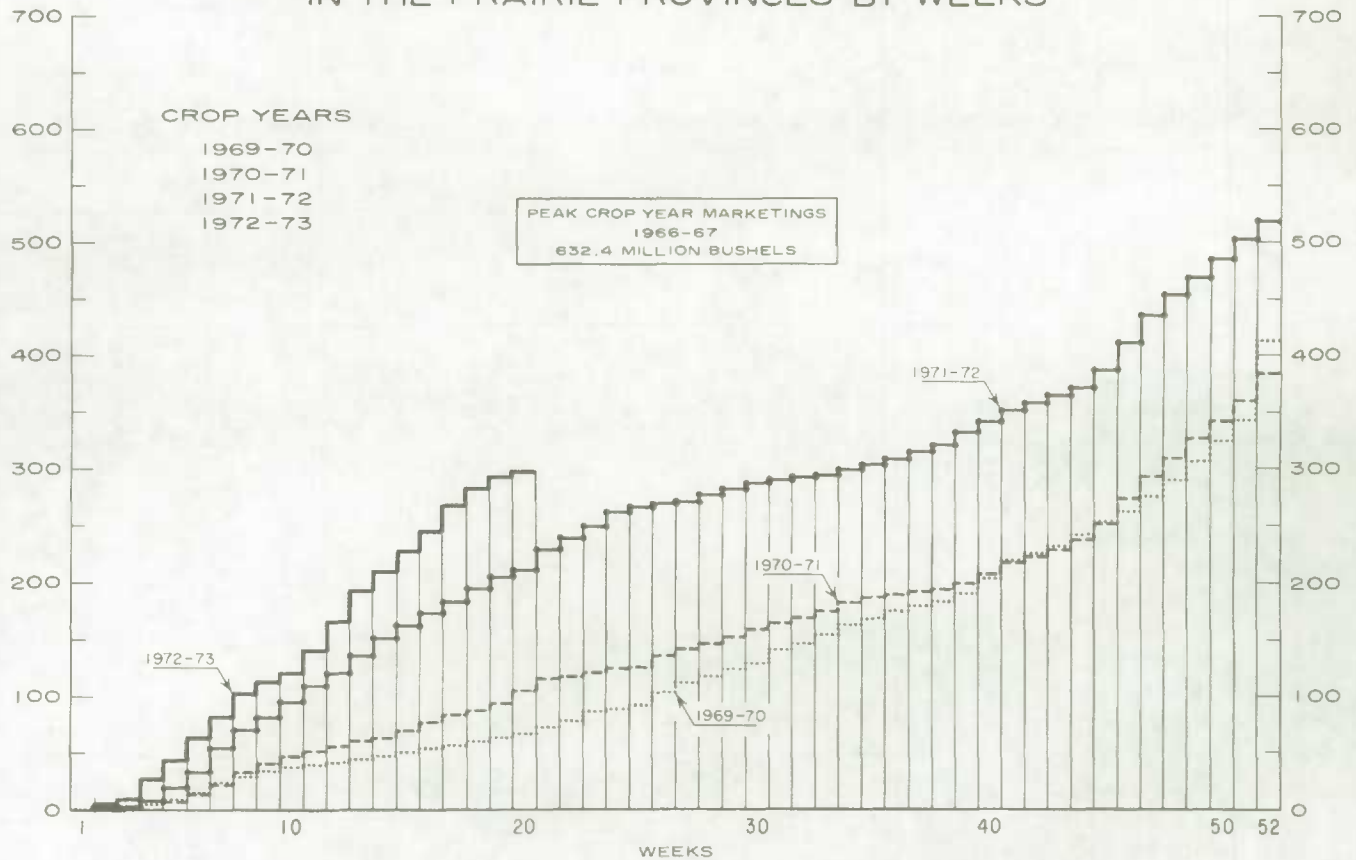
(1) Less than .05 per cent.

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)

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain Total shipments of the six major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to December 13 this year amounted to 551.1 million bushels, 5 per cent above the comparable 1971 figure of 522.5 million and 55 per cent more than the 10-year (1961-70) average for the period of 355.1 million. In 1972 the season of navigation opened on April 14 while the 1971 season opened on April 10. Shipments of wheat, at 318.8 million were 7 per cent more than the 1971 figure of 298.9 million bushels and accounted for 58 per cent of the total six grains.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to December 13, 1972 and to Approximately the Same Date, 1961 to 1971

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed	Total
thousand bushels							
1961	243,777	23,784	46,255	4,284	8,002	—	326,102
1962	182,915	22,923	29,734	6,123	7,965	—	249,660
1963	237,416	41,885	42,796	3,725	7,152	—	332,975
1964	349,300	33,559	42,711	4,922	9,348	60	439,898
1965	301,172	46,058	46,344	4,203	11,041	1,337	410,156
1966	386,140	33,104	45,010	8,512	14,258	1,250	488,273
1967	233,862	37,169	67,793	5,505	10,669	929	355,928
1968	177,666	21,095	31,164	3,061	5,718	622	239,327
1969	158,217	20,530	54,724	2,092	8,565	2,172	246,301
1970	267,175	28,024	142,827	3,542	12,722	7,921	462,211
1971	298,900	26,811	158,132	4,794	17,801	16,101	522,539
1972	318,785	30,454	163,989	4,438	14,432	19,038	551,136

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 to December 29, 1972:

8,840 advances totalling \$19,960,957

Outstanding advances on December 29, 1972:

Issued in 1972-73	7,904,064
Issued in 1971-72	1,481,111
Issued in 1970-71 and prior	5,696,625
Total outstanding advances	<u>\$15,081,800</u>

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay 1969-70 - 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	
January	272,300	525,019	1,420,522	
February	403,541	552,926	2,392,713	
March	298,335	418,387	1,728,504	
April	260,918	407,206	260,435	
May	311,200	187,347	189,234	
June	221,999	156,548	223,019	
July	293,745	200,415	141,665	
Totals	2,783,824	3,547,056	7,212,901	

Disribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay, November 1972

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
bushels					
C.W. Red Spring	2,000	87,500	34,000	117,700	—
Others	7,000	10,000	—	25,520	25,542
Durum	—	—	—	4,000	—
Totals	9,000	97,500	34,000	147,220	25,542

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1 - December 13, 1972 with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
thousand bushels							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van. - New West	66,350	5,832	65	15,319	1,677	1,641	10,252
Victoria	5,234	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert	7,624	—	—	—	—	—	—
Churchill	16,281	—	137	8,855	—	—	—
Thunder Bay Direct	2,810	701	1,529	1,703	1,452	6,626	7,902
Sarnia Direct	173	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingston Direct	552	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prescott Direct	560	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal	24,469	10,148	—	6,572	—	—	—
Sorel	13,601	1,574	—	2,741	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières	17,663	657	—	2,636	—	—	—
Quebec	14,564	332	—	3,440	68	106	567
Baie Comeau	25,099	4,142	—	10,408	88	—	876
Port Cartier	27,388	6,044	—	9,357	—	—	—
<u>Maritime Ports</u>							
Saint John	859	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Saint John	2,225	40	—	—	—	—	—
Halifax	2,546	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	227,997	29,469	1,731	61,030	3,286	8,373	19,596
August 1 - December 15, 1971 ..	199,611	23,282	3,592	80,475	4,314	12,024	14,935

(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-November 1972 amounted to 11,038,000 bushels, 21 per cent above the 9,122,000 shipped during the same

four months of 1971. The bulk of the shipments during the current months under review went to destinations in Quebec with that province accounting for 57 per cent of the total. During August-November last year Quebec accounted for 56 per cent of the total.

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

Month	Western wheat							
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	Total
	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
Totals	238	78	1,110	399	6,261	1,450	1,501	11,038
Same months 1971 ..	185	49	886	351	5,121	1,239	1,292	9,122

Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate shipments of 127,011 tons during August-November 1972. Shipments for the four-month total of the previous crop year amounted to 140,673 tons. The greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario.

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

Province	August - November	
	1971	1972
	tons	
Newfoundland	1,148	-
Prince Edward Island	1,154	1,043
Nova Scotia	4,191	3,203
New Brunswick	3,507	2,264
Quebec	74,690	63,274
Ontario	46,666	46,325
British Columbia	9,317	10,902
Totals	140,673	127,011

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	1,855	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</u>					
August	48,530	2	48,533	1,983	50,516
September	44,520	336	44,856	3,085	47,941
October	59,356	34	59,389	2,104	61,493
November	52,948	7	52,956	1,899	54,855
December	32,041	104	32,144	2,708	34,852
January	21,627	73	21,700	1,350	23,050
February	23,420	45	23,466	1,424	24,890
March	22,108	179	22,287	2,297	24,584
April	33,798	46	33,844	1,840	35,684
May	33,255	17	39,273	1,916	41,188
June	45,540	43	45,583	2,724	48,307
July	54,940	73	55,013	1,370	56,383
Totals	478,084	960	479,043	24,701	503,744
<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	64,571	3	64,574	1,713	66,288
Totals	238,357	57	238,414	8,313	246,726

- (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 and Wheat Flour by Destination, Crop Years 1971-72 and 1970-71

Destination	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Wheat flour(2)	Total wheat(1) and wheat flour(2)	Total same period last year
bushels					
<u>Western Europe</u>					
EEC:					
Belgium and Luxembourg ..	4,657,925	151,097	955	4,809,977	8,630,152
France	367,439	231,496	—	598,935	1,877,984
Germany, West	6,786,262	3,722,076	2,663	10,511,001	22,664,955
Italy	8,621,342	5,810,071	—	14,431,413	15,463,070
Netherlands	6,153,558	3,576,152	46	9,729,756	8,770,271
Sub-totals	26,586,526	13,490,892	3,664	40,081,082	57,406,432
Other Western Europe:					
Austria	—	—	—	—	410,829
Britain	46,543,621	635,236	1,769,632	48,948,489	66,653,048
Denmark	—	—	—	—	58,783
Gibraltar	—	—	7,857	7,857	8,115
Greece	—	—	50,517	50,517	37,315
Iceland	—	—	36,439	36,439	—
Ireland	536,635	—	5,409	542,044	2,237,201
Malta and Gozo	937,328	7,840	—	945,168	1,253,625
Norway	1,086,400	—	115	1,086,515	3,769,350
Portugal	—	—	38,449	38,449	26,906
Spain	—	—	—	—	4,965
Sweden	77,098	—	—	77,098	58,820
Switzerland	1,864,289	1,484,063	—	3,348,352	4,962,349
Sub-totals	51,045,371	2,127,139	1,908,418	55,080,928	79,481,306
Totals	77,631,897	15,618,031	1,912,082	95,162,010	136,887,738
<u>Eastern Europe</u>					
Albania	1,638,792	—	—	1,638,792	1,644,384
Czechoslovakia	—	584,752	—	584,752	—
Poland	—	2,838,847	—	2,838,847	1,836,800
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	91,253,890	18,306,999	—	109,560,889	12,087,345
Totals	92,892,682	21,730,598	—	114,623,280	15,568,529
<u>Africa</u>					
Algeria	2,468,080	8,445,168	561,034	11,474,282	14,429,708
Angola	—	—	—	—	12,190
Cameroon	—	—	117,921	117,921	1,610
Dahomey	—	—	29,670	29,670	20,930
French Africa n.e.s.	—	—	392,504	392,504	—
Gabon	—	—	—	—	5,658
Gambia, The	—	—	51,233	51,233	57,898
Ghana	2,695,290	—	846	2,696,136	2,548,861
Guinea	—	—	52,861	52,861	35,420
Ivory Coast	73,487	—	26,006	99,493	12,834
Liberia	—	—	218,698	218,698	265,118
Malagasy	—	—	—	—	14,219
Malawi	—	—	32,000	32,000	62,935
Mauritania	100,668	—	—	100,668	—
Morocco	862,516	220,460	—	1,082,976	505,195
Mozambique	—	—	20,732	20,732	132,635

See footnotes at end of table.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, Crop Years 1971-72 and 1970-71 — Continued

Destination	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Wheat flour(2)	Total wheat(1) and wheat flour(2)	Total same period last year
bushels					
<u>Africa — Concluded</u>					
Nigeria	2,858,558	—	26,863	2,885,421	487,352
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s.	—	—	150,022	150,022	149,622
Sierra Leone	—	—	5,996	5,996	9,754
Somalia	—	—	55,205	55,205	22,287
South Africa	—	719,785	—	719,785	3,941,859
Sudan	—	—	418,636	418,636	114,608
Tanzania	—	—	11,242	11,242	14,128
Togo	—	—	164,712	164,712	127,563
Tunisia	—	2,124,840	—	2,124,840	2,111,476
U.A.R.	—	—	1,830,287	1,830,287	15,034,429
Zaire	—	—	42,895	42,895	151,943
Totals	9,058,599	11,510,253	4,209,363	24,778,215	40,270,232
<u>Asia</u>					
Afghanistan	468,140	—	3,347	471,487	390,791
Bahrain	—	—	200	200	596
Bangladesh	4,192,525	847,621	—	5,040,146	—
Burma	—	—	—	—	958,260
Ceylon	—	—	1,506,590	1,506,590	1,525,620
Cyprus	—	—	24,186	24,186	12,387
Hong Kong	891,147	—	191,238	1,082,385	1,004,921
India	22,971,818	—	—	22,971,818	17,098,372
Indonesia	1,386,300	—	—	1,386,300	1,232,289
Iran	—	—	5,009	5,009	5,147
Iraq	—	—	—	—	13,595,174
Israel	—	—	—	—	174,959
Japan	50,203,899	390,124	12,259	50,606,282	39,971,136
Jordan	—	—	61,242	61,242	8,367
Korea, North	1,180,666	—	—	1,180,666	2,945,589
Lebanon	—	1,102,830	493,217	1,596,047	225,759
Malaysia	583,524	—	—	583,524	296,858
Pakistan	2,717,900	—	—	2,717,900	4,066,847
People's Republic of China	100,023,199	11,716,268	—	111,739,467	88,339,747
Philippines	6,363,417	—	690	6,364,107	6,022,237
Portuguese Asia	—	—	—	—	9,246
Qatar	—	—	1,874	1,874	1,123
Saudi Arabia	—	—	235,681	235,681	267,158
Singapore	411,227	—	4,600	415,827	405,812
Southern Yemen	—	—	4,614	4,614	19,842
Syria	9,228,419	—	67,027	9,295,446	10,641,130
Taiwan	2,762,853	—	—	2,762,853	525,683
Thailand	200,361	—	90,951	291,312	94,461
Trucial States	—	—	4,490	4,490	4,062
Turkey	—	—	—	—	3,540,382
Totals	203,585,395	14,056,843	2,707,215	220,349,453	193,383,955
<u>Oceania</u>					
Australia	—	—	1,895	1,895	230
British Oceania, n.e.s. ...	—	—	920	920	3,795
Fiji	—	—	1,380	1,380	1,610
United States Oceania	143,114	—	748	143,862	17,250
Totals	143,114	—	4,943	148,057	22,885

See footnotes at end of table.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, Crop Years 1971-72 and 1970-71 — Concluded

Destination	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Wheat flour(2)	Total wheat(1) and wheat flour(2)	Total same period last year
bushels					
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>					
Bahamas	—	—	200,961	200,961	224,538
Barbados	86	—	327,005	327,091	341,413
Bermuda	—	—	125,573	125,573	132,662
Bolivia	—	—	—	—	4,057
Brazil	13,588,006	—	—	13,588,006	15,533,345
British Honduras	—	—	33,281	33,281	62,010
Costa Rica	340,751	56,771	—	397,522	—
Cuba	6,970,778	658,426	13,512,134 (3)	21,141,338	16,477,134
Dominican Republic	231,496	77,165	5,400	314,061	35,144
Ecuador	—	—	—	—	306,259
French West Indies	—	—	3,114	3,114	3,519
Guyana	—	—	21,222	21,222	19,838
Haiti	1,815,310	—	4,563	1,819,873	1,634,904
Honduras	—	—	6,075	6,075	10,046
Jamaica	1,602,469	—	120,216	1,722,685	1,526,496
Leeward and Windward Islands	—	—	759,336	759,336	837,596
Netherlands Antilles	—	—	57,424	57,424	176,711
Panama	—	—	676	676	1,014
Paraguay	—	—	—	—	4,741
Peru	6,064,111	—	—	6,064,111	9,527,345
St. Lucia	—	—	—	—	334
St. Pierre and Miquelon	—	—	27,041	27,041	27,641
Surinam	—	—	29,475	29,475	27,264
Trinidad and Tobago	—	—	581,051	581,051	567,656
Venezuela	345,742	9,875	421	356,038	292,926
United States(4)	95,200	—	52,187	147,387	334,461
Totals	31,053,949	802,237	15,867,155	47,723,341	48,109,054
Sub-totals, all countries ...	414,365,636	63,717,962	24,700,758	502,784,356	434,242,393
Seed wheat(5)				959,534	970,537
Totals, all countries	414,365,636	63,717,962	24,700,758	503,743,890	435,212,930

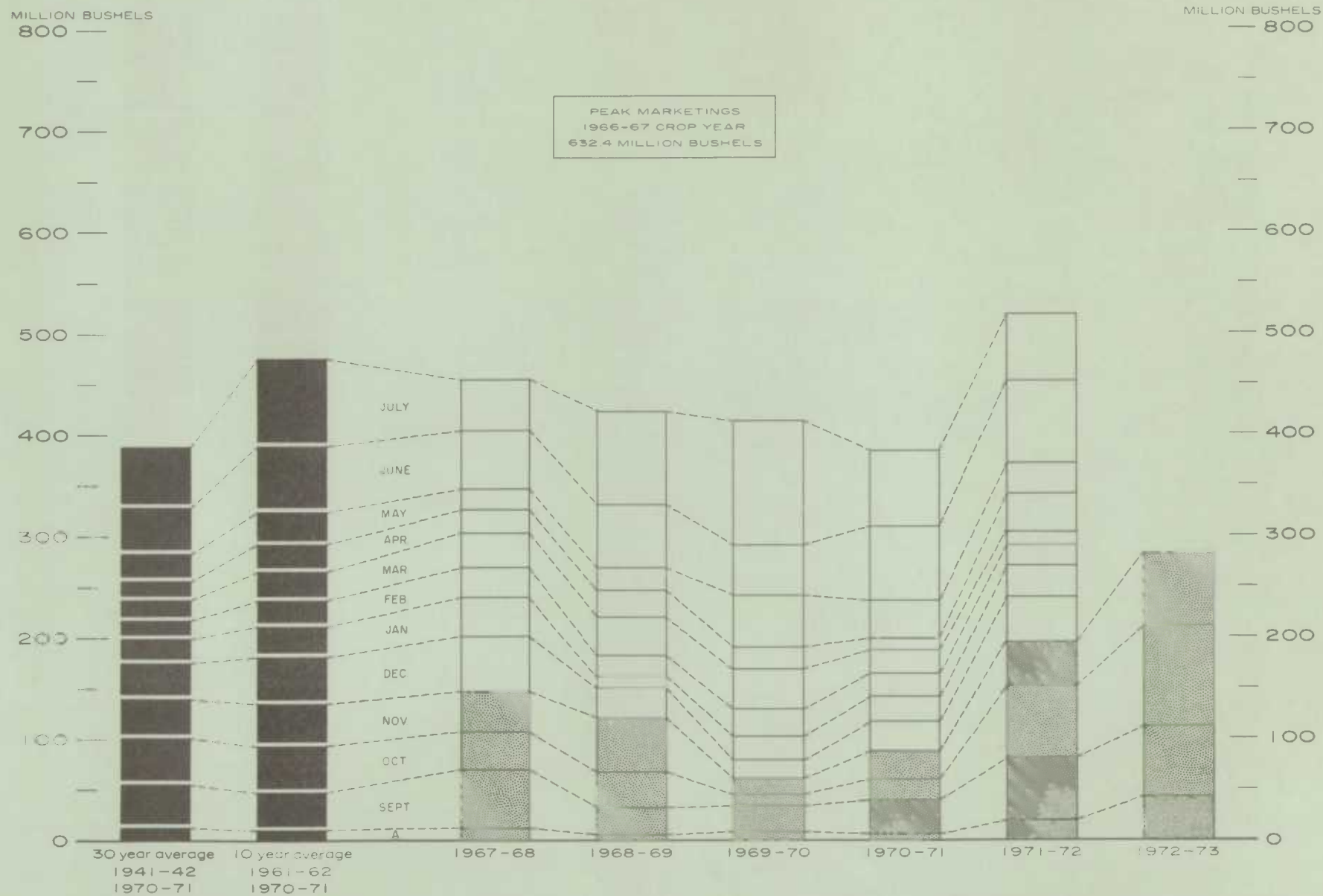
- (1) Overseas clearances as reported by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission, for all countries except the United States. Excluding seed wheat.
- (2) Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. In terms of wheat equivalent. Source: Canadian Customs returns. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.
- (3) Source — Canadian National Millers Association.
- (4) Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents and Canadian Customs returns of wheat flour.
- (5) Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.
- n.e.s. — not elsewhere specified.

Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

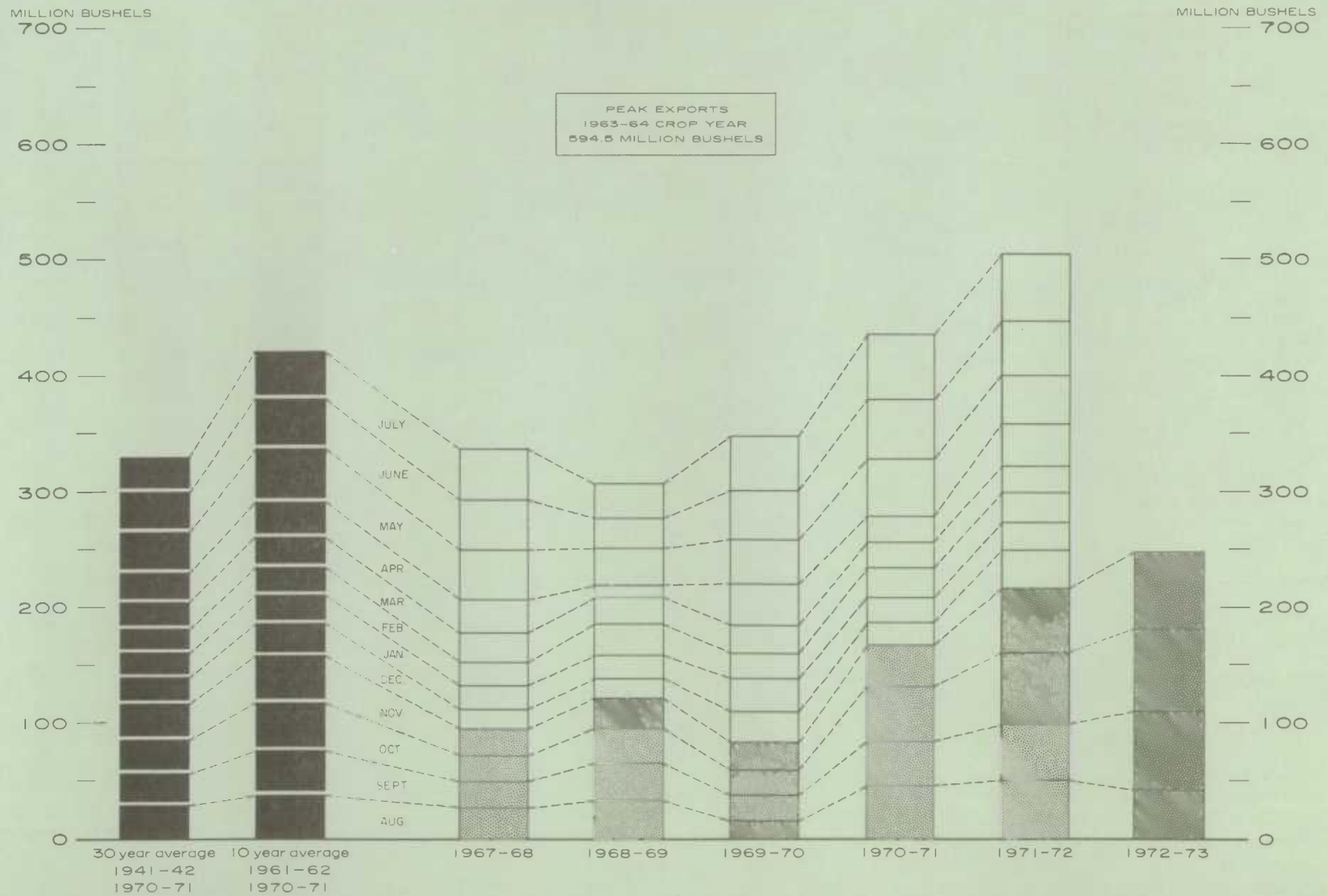
Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			November 1972	November 1971 ^r
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg ...	547,224	178,451	725,675	467,050
Germany, West	—	662,866	662,866	1,623,678
Italy	1,437,893	4,318,243	5,756,136	787,979
Netherlands	599,655	982,033	1,581,688	1,983,502
Sub-totals	2,584,772	6,141,593	8,726,365	4,862,209
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	5,029,625	—	5,029,625	6,873,162
Ireland	931,297	—	931,297	195,745
Malta and Gozo	—	—	—	81,200
Switzerland	78,400	—	78,400	297,873
Sub-totals	6,039,322	—	6,039,322	7,447,980
Totals	8,624,094	6,141,593	14,765,687	12,310,189
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	519,120	—	519,120	—
Poland	—	233,333	233,333	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	23,548,545	304,229	23,852,774	13,663,307
Totals	24,067,665	537,562	24,605,227	13,663,307
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	353,000	353,000	1,065,792
Ghana	287,100	—	287,100	808,353
Morocco	356,956	—	356,956	542,976
Nigeria	431,200	—	431,200	693,058
Totals	1,075,256	353,000	1,428,256	3,110,179

For footnotes see end of table.

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



EXPORTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT* AND WHEAT FLOUR** (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

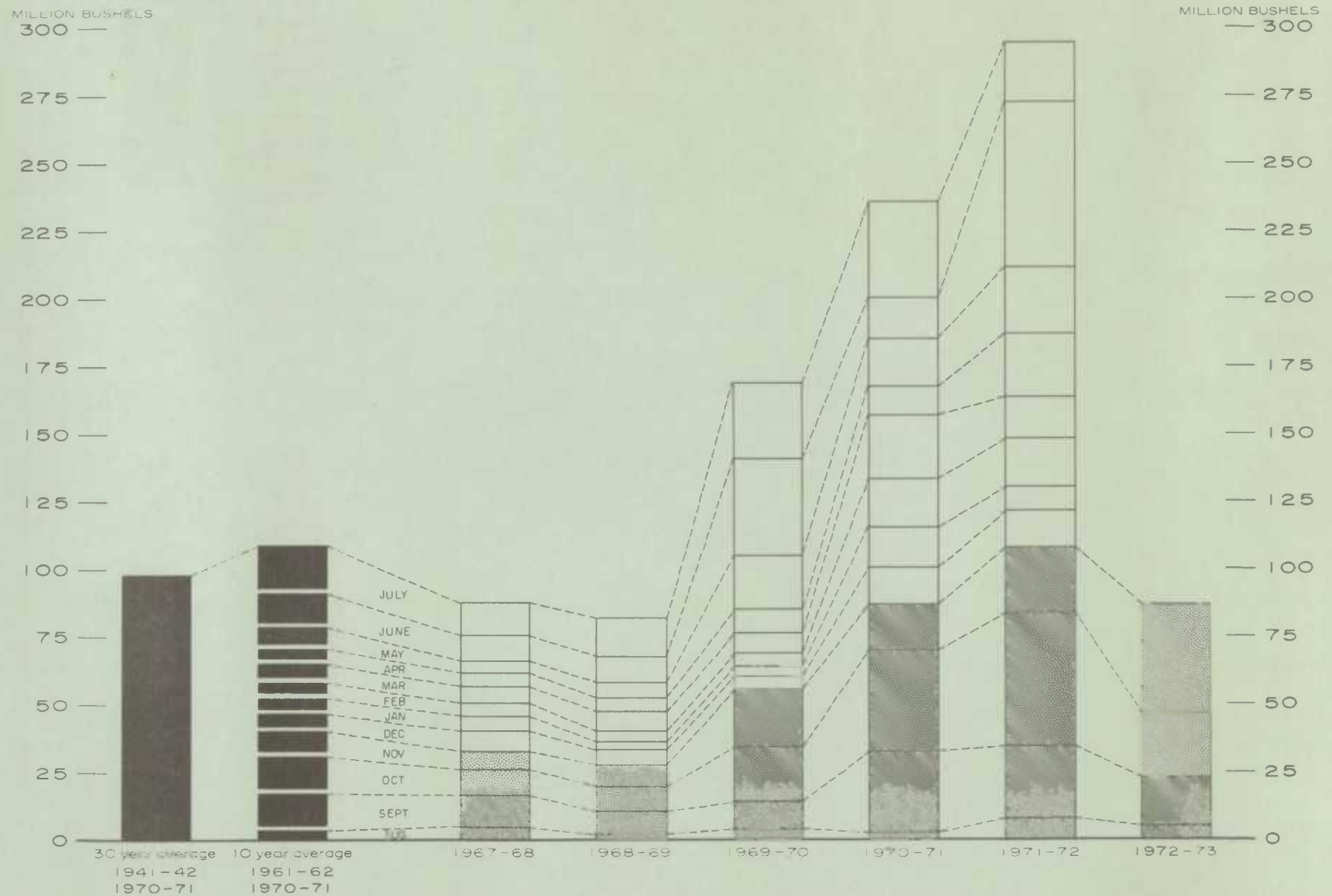


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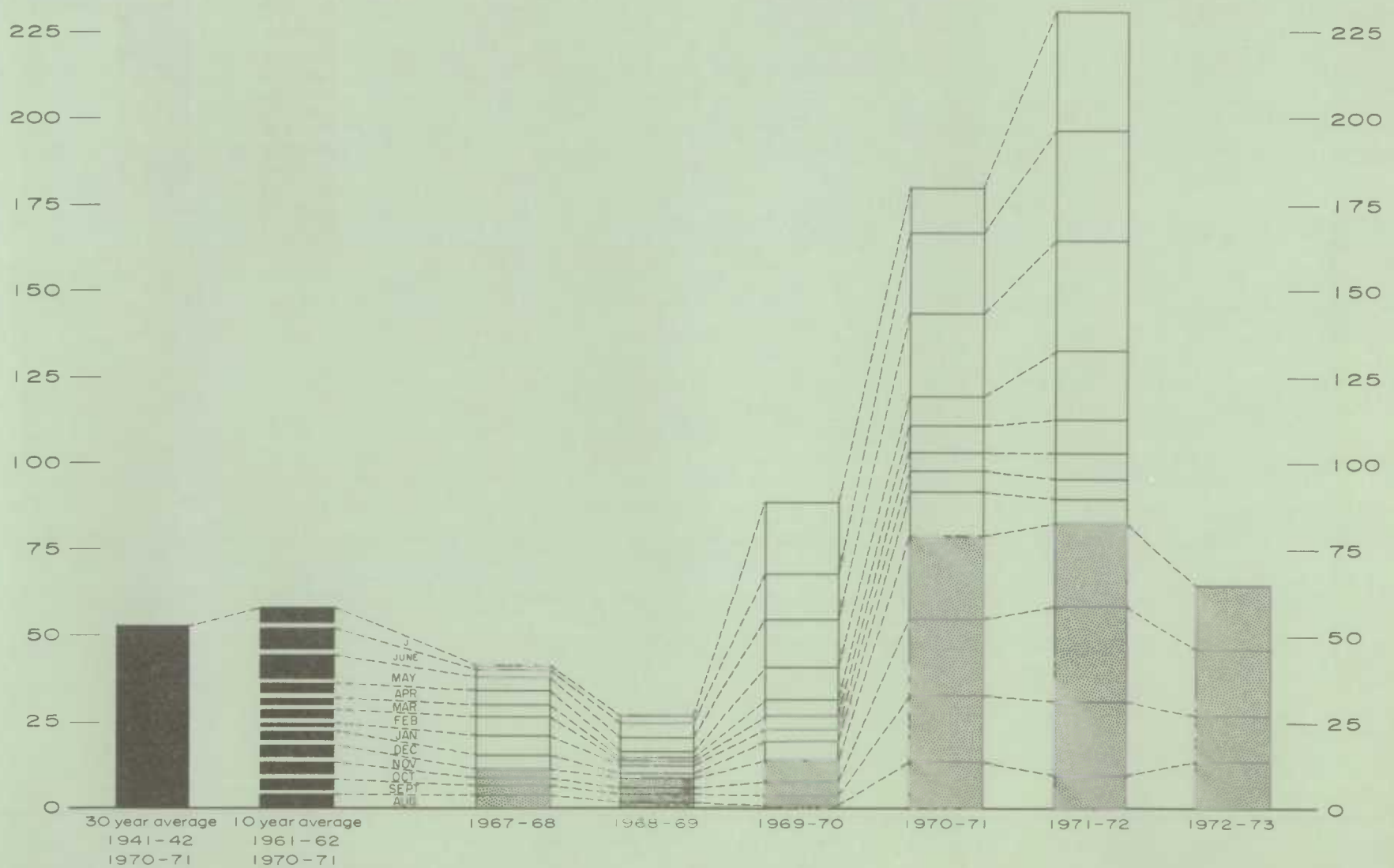
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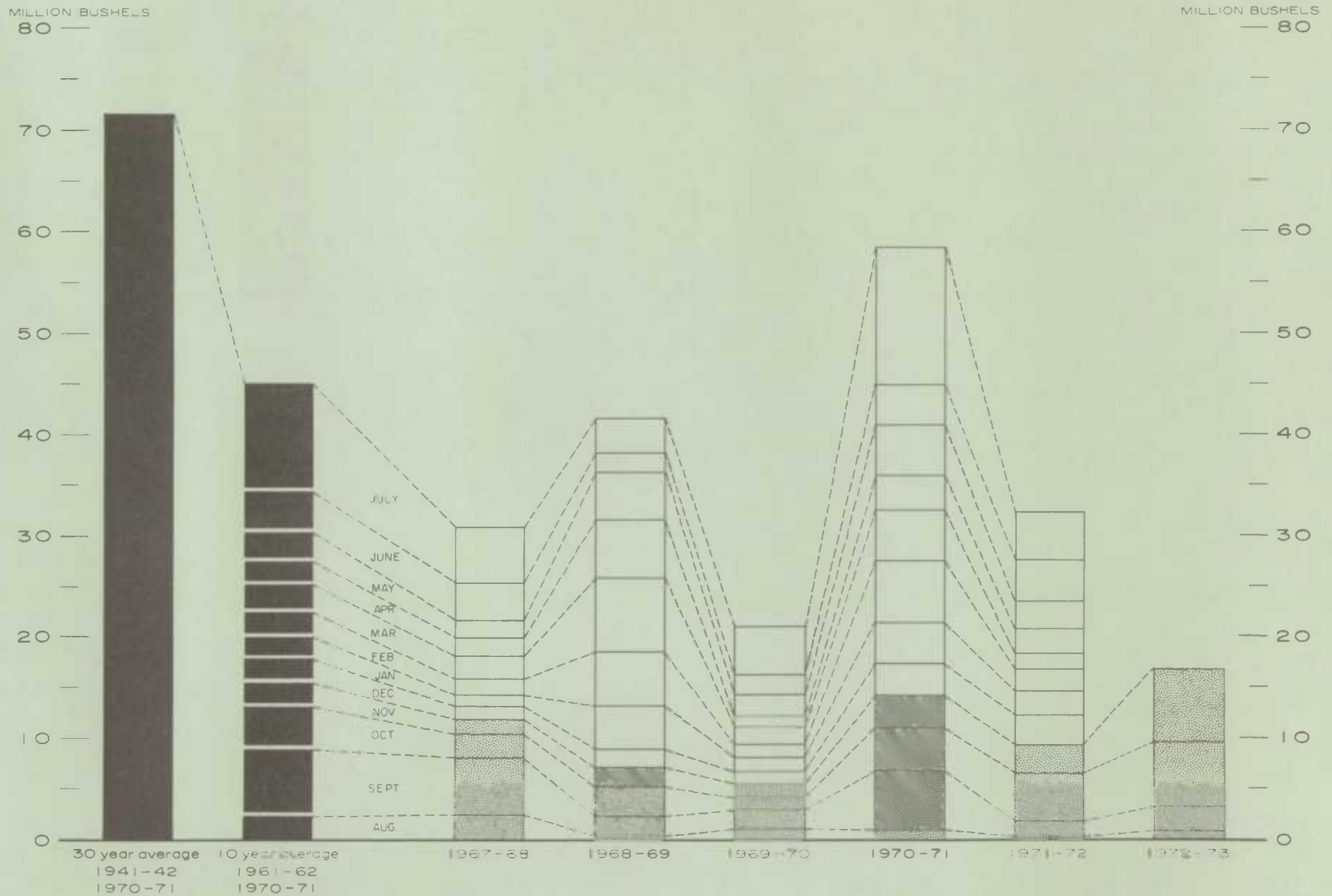
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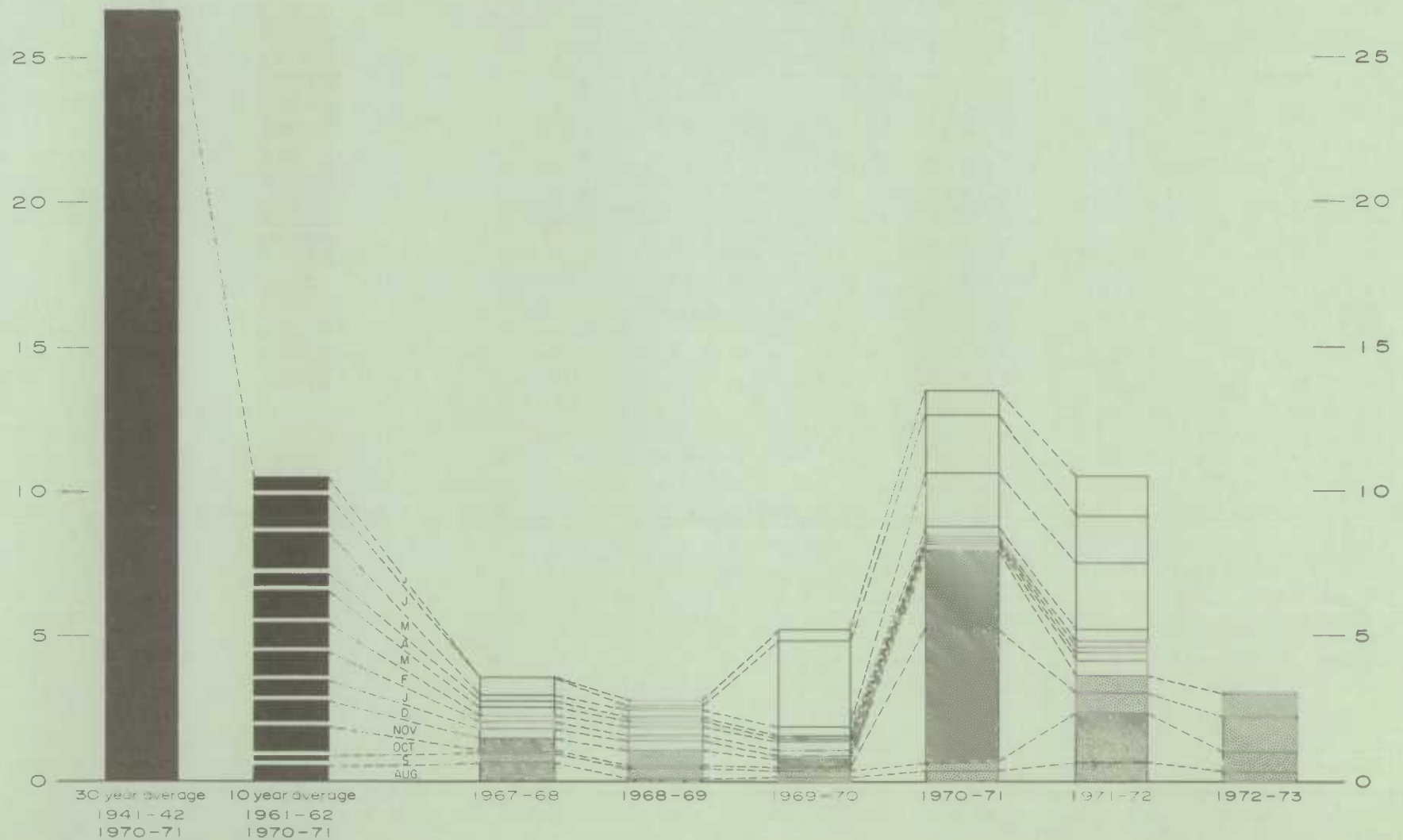
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EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS* AND OAT PRODUCTS** (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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

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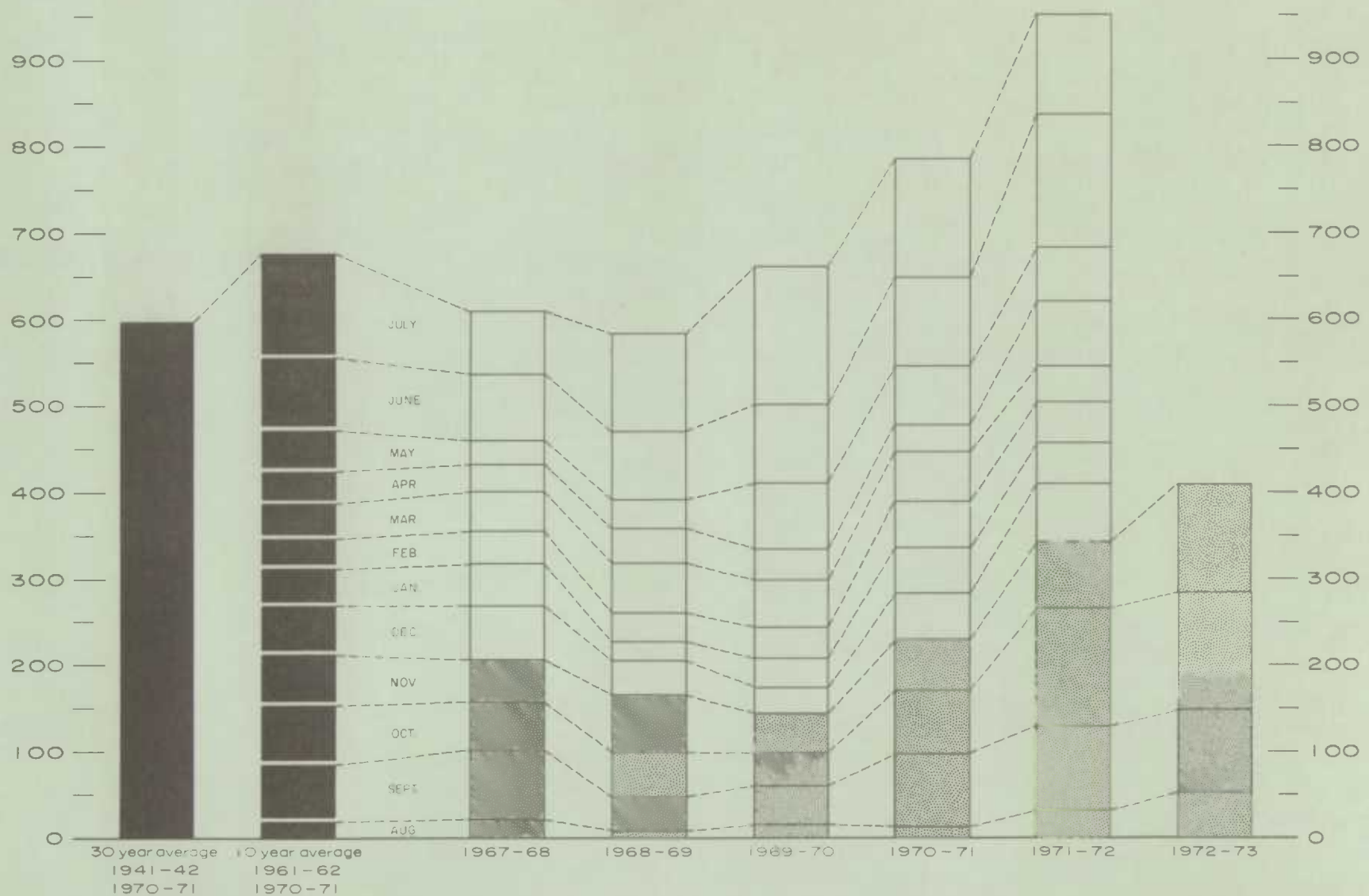
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

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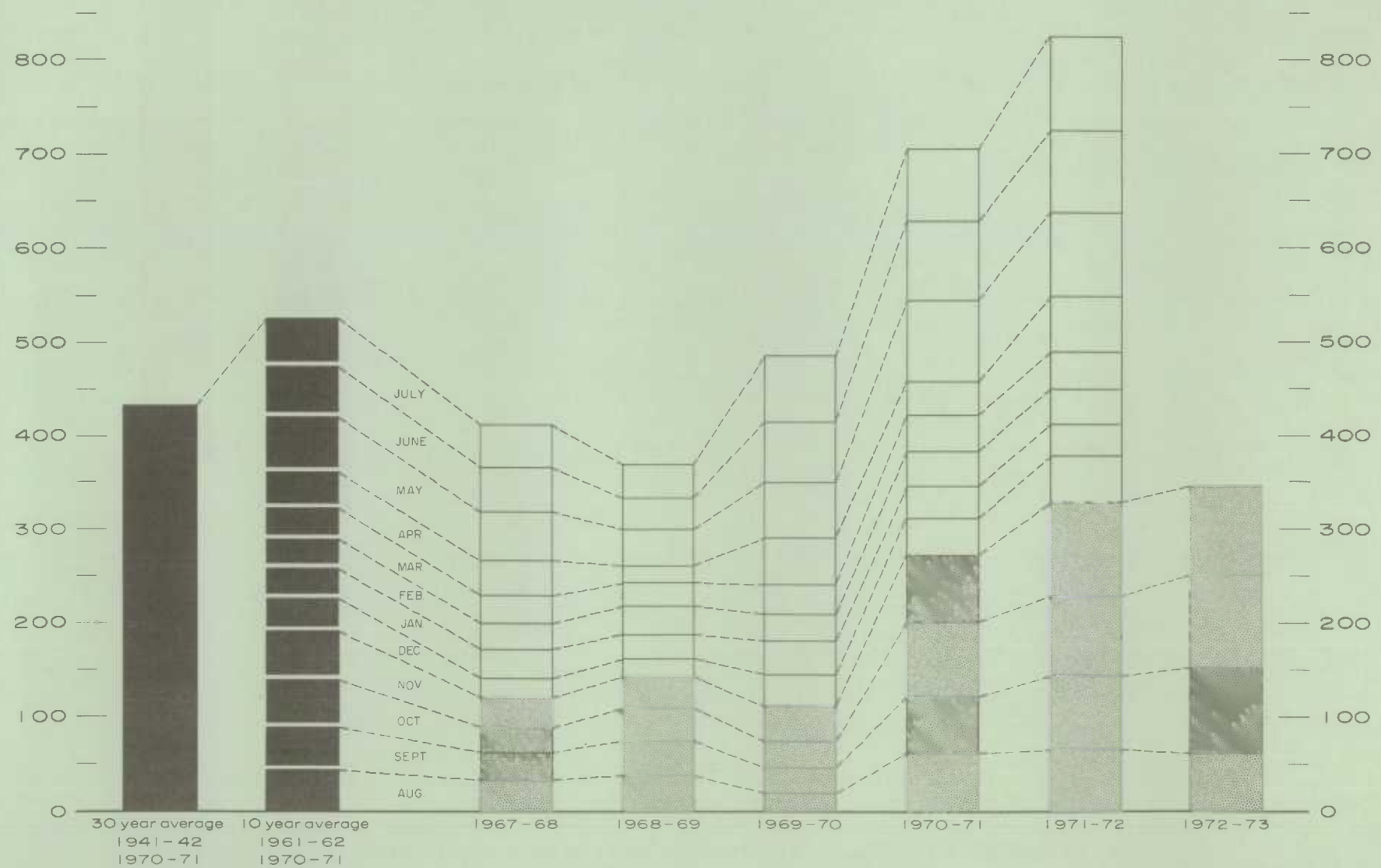


* Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

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EXPORTS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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

Exports of Canadian Wheat (1) by Destination — Concluded

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			November 1972	November 1971 ^r
bushels				
Asia				
Hong Kong	—	—	—	99,867
India	—	—	—	8,707,824
Indonesia	261,520	—	261,520	—
Japan	4,831,493	—	4,831,493	4,136,896
Malaysia	53,200	—	53,200	—
People's Republic of China.	15,303,193	1,556,159	16,859,352	7,047,755
Philippines	608,574	—	608,574	—
Syria	—	—	—	1,243,286
Totals	21,057,980	1,556,159	22,614,139	21,235,628
Western Hemisphere				
Brazil	1,534,804	—	1,534,804	—
Cuba	—	—	—	1,012,854
Guatemala	—	37,333	37,333	—
Haiti	358,400	—	358,400	—
Jamaica	227,241	—	227,241	668
Peru	—	—	—	1,507,987
Venezuela	—	—	—	107,500
Totals	2,120,445	37,333	2,157,778	2,629,009
Sub-totals, all countries	56,945,440	8,625,647	65,571,087	52,948,312
Seed wheat(2)			3,308	7,413
Totals, all countries .	56,945,440	8,625,647	65,574,395	52,955,725

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

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

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August — November			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg ..	3,292,137 ^r	546,334 ^r	3,838,471 ^r	2,152,817
France	303,517 ^r	—	303,517 ^r	195,827
Germany, West	2,264,046 ^r	2,183,508 ^r	4,447,554 ^r	5,560,219
Italy	7,326,028 ^r	5,106,688 ^r	12,432,716 ^r	8,116,480
Netherlands	2,316,495 ^r	1,488,781	3,805,276 ^r	5,526,115
Sub-totals	15,502,223 ^r	9,325,311	24,827,534 ^r	21,551,458
<u>Other Western Europe:</u>				
Austria	—	84,515	84,515	—
Britain	16,546,390 ^r	205,890 ^r	16,752,280 ^r	16,119,856
Finland	146,982	—	146,982	—
Ireland	1,672,664	588,000	2,260,664	195,745
Malta and Gozo	326,811	—	326,811	613,200
Norway	—	—	—	780,267
Portugal	—	492,800	492,800	—
Sweden	—	36,740	36,740	33,026
Switzerland	605,731 ^r	568,553 ^r	1,174,284 ^r	1,090,973
Sub-totals	19,298,578 ^r	1,976,498 ^r	21,275,076 ^r	18,833,067
Totals	34,800,801 ^r	11,301,809 ^r	46,102,610 ^r	40,384,525
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	519,120	—	519,120	—
Czechoslovakia	—	—	—	584,752
Poland	—	1,082,666	1,082,666	878,847
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	74,209,513	4,251,218	78,460,731	48,366,824
Totals	74,728,633	5,333,884	80,062,517	49,830,423
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	2,653,073	2,653,073	3,778,039
Ghana	1,329,268	—	1,329,268	1,674,685
Dahomey	41,961	—	41,961	—
Morocco	767,876	—	767,876	1,082,976
Nigeria	1,090,408	—	1,090,408	693,058
South Africa	—	—	—	234,746
Tunisia	—	1,194,550	1,194,550	—
Totals	3,229,513	3,847,623	7,077,136	7,463,504

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Destination	August — November 1972			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	472,292	—	472,292	422,211
Bangladesh	2,607,547	—	2,607,547	—
Burma	367,433	—	367,433	—
Hong Kong	184,800	—	184,800	323,755
India	—	—	—	19,424,209
Indonesia	785,120	—	785,120	284,000
Japan	14,732,694	—	14,732,694	19,211,828
Korea, North	—	—	—	1,180,666
Lebanon	37,334	1,837,170	1,874,504	—
Malaysia	174,533	—	174,533	91,093
Pakistan	5,378,616	260,660	5,639,276	2,717,900
People's Republic of China ..	57,697,592	5,346,799	63,044,391	37,460,552
Philippines	2,181,800	—	2,181,800	2,467,361
Singapore	186,667	—	186,667	50,960
Syria	846,655	—	846,655	5,789,086
Taiwan	—	—	—	1,208,853
Thailand	—	—	—	123,200
Totals	85,653,083	7,444,629	93,097,712	90,755,674
<u>Oceania</u>				
United States Oceania	—	—	—	143,114
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados	30	—	30	—
Brazil	8,270,040	—	8,270,040	10,283,242
Cuba	1,898,879	91,985	1,990,864	2,541,593
Guatemala	—	37,333	37,333	—
Haiti	672,000	—	672,000	575,505
Jamaica	415,245 ^r	—	415,245 ^r	524,837
Peru	1,541,298	—	1,541,298	2,480,520
St. Lucia	167	—	167	—
Venezuela	89,600	—	89,600	276,570
United States(2)	—	—	—	95,200
Totals	12,887,259 ^r	129,318	13,016,577 ^r	16,777,467
Sub-totals, all countries ..	211,299,289	28,057,263	239,356,552	205,354,707
Seed wheat(3)			57,069	378,934
Totals, all countries ...	211,299,289	28,057,263	239,413,621	205,733,641

(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.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	July	October	August-October	
	1972(1)	1972(2)	1972(2)	1971(1)
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Germany, West	—	713	713	626
Sub-total	—	713	713	626
Other Western Europe:				
Britain	221,456	151,965	481,622	411,417
Denmark	—	—	253	—
Gibraltar	2,576	—	3,461	2,705
Greece	8,997	—	18,090	1,150
Iceland	—	3,036	3,036	19,805
Ireland	1,803	901	1,803	3,606
Norway	—	—	230	—
Portugal	3,680	4,600	9,085	9,842
Sub-totals	238,512	160,502	517,580	448,525
Totals	238,512	161,215	518,293	449,151
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	—	—	561,034
Cameroon	—	—	—	117,921
Dahomey	230	3,457	6,217	14,490
French Africa nes	—	—	—	185,748
Gambia, The	4,658	1,150	5,807	6,900
Ghana	—	—	—	616
Guinea	—	110	110	12,917
Ivory Coast	2,990	1,380	2,300	5,750
Liberia	15,619	27,434	57,732	64,094
Malawi	4,434	3,563	3,563	15,468
Mozambique	—	472	5,764	4,211
Nigeria	—	—	—	9,945
Portuguese Africa nes	20,146	23,043	51,262	35,738
Sierra Leone	1,058	446	3,266	743
Somalia	—	—	82,384	22,816
Sudan	202,823	—	202,823	—
Tanzania	—	460	460	1,610
Togo	23,207	29,141	51,129	38,789
U.A.R.	—	—	1,119,691	1,372,095
Zaire	4,600	9,810	13,375	17,480
Totals	279,765	100,466	1,605,883	2,488,365
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	863	966	966	—
Burma	—	—	342,477	—
Ceylon	—	—	—	752,576
Cyprus	209	—	890	23,867

For footnotes see end of table.

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

Destination	July	October	August-October	
	1972(1)	1972(2)	1972(2)	1971(1)
	bushels			
<u>Asia — Concluded</u>				
Hong Kong	8,855	26,321	42,980	54,958
Iran	363	561	839	823
Japan	1,679	1,127	3,899	2,618
Jordan	60,798	31,979	56,759	—
Lebanon	—	6,433	6,433	85,008
Philippines	—	3,450	4,591	—
Qatar	393	—	—	—
Saudi Arabia	40,565	—	113,227	105,959
Singapore	—	2,300	2,300	—
Syria	—	—	—	67,027
Taiwan	—	—	63	—
Thailand	4,255	18,228	29,613	21,721
Trucial States	—	2,109	3,648	345
Totals	117,980	93,474	608,685	1,114,902
<u>Oceania</u>				
Australia	—	—	1,803	—
British Oceania nes	—	460	920	—
Fiji	—	—	460	920
United States Oceania	—	—	—	288
Totals	—	460	3,183	1,208
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas	14,081	12,096	46,370	50,080
Barbados	19,341	37,600	82,733	78,582
Bermuda	6,507	11,827	32,297	33,693
British Honduras	460	1,194	5,518	7,832
Cuba(3)	568,247	1,102,012	3,256,864	2,567,485
Dominican Republic	690	—	—	—
French West Indies	—	550	550	851
Guyana	3,245	598	2,337	4,317
Haiti	4,563	—	4,563	—
Honduras	—	920	3,105	228
Jamaica	10,120	1,840	21,995	59,142
Leeward and Windward Is.	68,292	113,763	208,845	158,707
Netherlands Antilles	2,604	2,210	6,796	10,568
Panama	—	—	—	338
St. Pierre and Miquelon	1,495	230	5,494	6,010
Surinam	4,846	1,615	7,719	2,337
Trinidad and Tobago	24,323	57,020	143,221	123,482
Venezuela	—	—	253	—
United States	4,600	2,300	34,555	14,720
Totals	733,414	1,345,775	3,863,215	3,118,372
Totals, all countries	1,369,671	1,701,390	6,599,259	7,171,998

(1) In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. (2) In terms of wheat equivalent. Preliminary and unadjusted for time lag. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. (3) Source — Canadian National Millers Association. nes — Not elsewhere specified. Note: Data for November 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				
	November 24	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22
	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>Export</u>					
<u>(Basis in Store Thunder Bay)</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	233/6	237/1	250/5	263/4	263/7
2 C.W. Red Spring 14%	229/6	233/1	246/5	259/4	259/7
3 C.W. Red Spring	217/6	221/1	234/5	247/4	247/7
No. 1 Canada Utility	174/4	176/1	193/4	201/4	199/7
No. 2 Canada Utility	172/4	174/1	191/4	199/4	197/7
No. 3 Canada Utility	176/4	178/1	195/4	203/4	201/7
3 Northern	228/4(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
4 Northern	225/4(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
5 Wheat(3)	176/4(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
6 Wheat(3)	174/4(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Feed Wheat(3)	169/4(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
1 Alberta Red Winter	225/6	229/1	242/5	255/4	255/7
2 Alberta Winter	224/6	228/1	241/5	254/4	254/7
3 Alberta Winter	223/6	227/1	240/5	253/4	253/7
1 C.W. Amber Durum	247/3	250/6	264/2	277/1	277/4
2 C.W. Amber Durum	246/3	249/6	263/2	276/1	276/4
3 C.W. Amber Durum	237/3	240/6	254/2	267/1	267/4
<u>(Basis in Store Vancouver)</u>					
1 C.W. Red Spring 14%	256/2	260/3	276/7	293/5	301/1
2 C.W. Red Spring	(2)	(2)	266/7	283/5	291/1
3 C.W. Red Spring	(2)	(2)	262/7	279/5	287/1
3 Northern	250/6(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
4 Northern	248/6(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
1 Alberta Red Winter	249/2	253/3	271/4	290/5	298/1
2 Alberta Winter	248/2	252/3	270/4	289/5	297/1
3 Alberta Winter	247/2	251/3	269/4	288/5	296/1

- (1) Average for November 20-22 only.
(2) Not quoted.
(3) Domestic sales only.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during November 1972 amounted to 3,294,000 hundredweight, 9 per cent lower than the 3,631,000 hundredweight produced during October 1972, 6 per cent less than the ten-year (1962-71) average production for the month of November of 3,502,000 hundredweight, but one per cent over the November 1971 total of 3,262,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during November 1972 had a total rated capacity of 164,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 77.2 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during November 1972 amounted to 7,497,000 bushels, 9 per cent below the 8,232,000 bushels milled during the preceding month but one per cent over the 7,396,000 bushels milled during November 1971. Of the wheat milled for flour during November 1972 some 5,977,000 bushels were Western Canadian red spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (772,000 bushels); Durum (484,000 bushels); and all other (264,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during October 1972 amounted to the equivalent of 1,701,000 bushels (some 740,000 hundredweight of flour) 24 per cent lower than the September 1972 exports of 2,237,000 bushels and 19 per cent less than the adjusted October 1971 exports of 2,104,000 bushels. Flour shipments during October 1972 went to forty-three countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 1,102,000 bushels or 65 per cent of the October total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of wheat during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels were as follows: Britain, 152; Leeward and Windward Islands, 114; Trinidad and Tobago, 57; Barbados, 38; Jordan, 32; Togo, 29; Liberia, 27; and Hong Kong, 26.

Note: Data re exports of wheat flour for November 1972 by country of destination are not available at this time and will be included in the next issue

Wheat Milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada

Crop year	Wheat milled for flour bushels	Wheat flour	
		Production	Exports (1)
		cwt.	
1935-36 — 1939-40 average	67,845,114	29,405,451	9,603,941
1940-41 — 1944-45 "	99,704,638	43,908,245	23,699,546
1945-46 — 1949-50 "	107,330,372	47,011,540	25,819,721
1950-51 — 1954-55 "	100,446,328	43,847,894	21,812,041
1955-56 — 1959-60 "	99,148,211	39,752,589	16,349,156
1960-61 — 1964-65 "	91,128,177	40,834,088	15,769,803
1965-66	97,925,995	43,531,263	16,576,117
1966-67	90,084,646	39,978,571	13,848,208
1967-68	84,769,150	37,755,841	10,734,857
1968-69	85,048,591	37,621,151	10,705,452
1969-70	90,557,332	39,640,459	11,723,205
1970-71	87,467,328	38,534,863	10,783,801
1971-72	88,123,761	39,071,806	10,739,460
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	3,293,926	744,980
Totals	30,835,328	13,547,642	3,614,223
Same months 1971-72 ^r	31,000,480	13,705,690	3,943,980

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop year 1945-46 — 1971-72 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns by Customs. (2) Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supplies Above Reflecting an increase in carryover stocks, which more than off-
1971-72 Level set a decrease in production, total domestic supplies of wheat
in the United States for the 1972-73 crop year are currently
placed at 2,409.6 million bushels, 3 per cent more than the previous year's total of
2,348.0 million. The 1972 crop, estimated at 1,544.8 million bushels, represents a
decrease of 5 per cent from the previous year's outturn of 1,617.8 million, while
the 864.8 million bushels carried over at July 1, 1972 were 18 per cent above the
1971 stocks of 730.2 million. Domestic disappearance during 1972-73 is estimated
at about 792.0 million bushels, 7 per cent below the 851.6 million last year. After
deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year,
some 1,617.7 million remain available for export and for carryover, 8 per cent above
the 1,496.5 million in 1971-72.

Exports Up from Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent
Previous Year during the period July-November 1972 amounted to 392.4 million
bushels, representing a rise of 60 per cent over the 244.9
million exported during the same months of 1971. The balance remaining on December
1, 1972 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,225.3 million bushels com-
pared with 1,251.7 million on approximately the same date a year previous.

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 ^r
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,348.0	2,409.6
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-November	0.1	0.1
Total estimated supplies(1)	2,348.2	2,409.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2)	851.6	792.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,496.5	1,617.7
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-November	222.7	370.2
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-November	22.2	22.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	244.9	392.4
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover ..	1,251.7	1,225.3

(1) Excludes imports for December-June.

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

Small Grain
Annual Summary

A report released on December 12, 1972 by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of the Agriculture stated that production of all wheat in 1972 totalled 1,545 million bushels, 5 per cent below the record high 1971 output of 1,618 million bushels but 14 per cent above 1970. Yield of 32.7 bushels per acre was second only to the 1971 average of 33.9 bushels and exceeded 1970 by 1.7 bushels. Harvested acreage at 47.3 million was down 1 per cent from 1971, but was 9 per cent above 1970.

The 1972 winter wheat crop of 1,186 million bushels stood 4 per cent above 1971 and 9 per cent above 1970. The increased production was harvested from 34.9 million acres, 8 per cent more than in 1971. Yield per acre of 34.0 bushels was 1.4 bushels below the record high 1971, but the 2nd highest on record. Unlike 1971, few States hit record high yields.

The crop entered the 1971-72 winter in generally good to excellent condition. Seeding in most Great Plains States started off with limited soil moisture supplies, but after mid-September, moisture was adequate to surplus. In Kansas, the leading State, seeding started slowly but condition of the crop on December 1 was mostly good to excellent, and top growth was more abundant than usual. Oklahoma's acreage was virtually all seeded by mid-October and the crop got off to a good start. Planting was delayed by wet fields in Texas but operations were nearly complete by mid-November. In Nebraska, conditions at seeding time were generally good except for dryness in eastern areas. Soil moisture shortages and cool weather in Montana caused spotty stands. The crop entered the winter in good condition and stands were good in the Pacific Northwest. Seeding in Missouri and the eastern Corn Belt progressed well and unusually good growth was promoted by adequate moisture and a mild fall. Seeding in the southeastern States was delayed by wet weather and late harvests of corn and soybeans. The Gulf States experienced dry weather but rains around December 1 were beneficial.

Winter wheat came through the winter in generally good condition. However, the percentage harvested for grain was the lowest since 1963. Winter and early spring drought in the Southern Plains and the January 1972 announcement of the additional set aside feature of the wheat program were the chief causes of the low percentage harvested for grain. Also, abandonment was heavier than usual in the important north central Montana area where soil moisture shortages persisted through most of the season. Winter rain followed by extreme cold left ice on many fields in central Michigan and resulted in considerable acreage losses. Abandonment was also heavy in the southeastern and Atlantic States where rust and other diseases combined with damage from tropical storms to reduce prospects.

Harvest of the 1972 crop was underway in southern Texas around May 1 and extended into September in Montana. Combining made relatively good progress in most States but was delayed by rain and high humidity in several Plains States, Montana and the southeastern States.

Production of spring wheat other than durum in 1972 totalled 286 million bushels, 25 per cent below the record large 1971 crop of 381 million bushels. The reduced output resulted primarily from a 21 per cent drop in acreage harvested. The average yield of 29.0 bushels per acre ranks second to the record high 1971 yield of 30.7 bushels.

Seeding of the 1972 crop took an unusually long time. Wet weather delayed progress, and some fields in North Dakota and Minnesota were seeded as late as mid-June. After seeding, weather conditions were generally favorable for growth and development. However, in North Dakota, some acreage was hurt by dry weather in June and much of July, and in north central Montana soil moisture was short. Because of the late start, maturity was later than normal. Harvest in most areas was further delayed by rain and heavy dew. The North Dakota and Montana harvest extended into October.

The 1972 production of durum wheat at 73.0 million bushels was 20 per cent below the 1971 crop, but 38 per cent above the relatively short 1970 output. Acreage harvested, at 2.6 million, was down 11 per cent from a year earlier. Yield, at 28.6 bushels per acre, was 3.5 bushels below the record high 1971 average.

Seeding in the Dakotas and Minnesota was later than usual because of wet weather. Some North Dakota acreage was seeded as late as mid-June. In South Dakota some intended acreage was not seeded. Dry weather put stress on the North Dakota crop in July, but rains in early August generally relieved the moisture shortage. Montana's main growing area in the Northeast had favorable growing conditions and a record yield was established. Harvest extended into October in North Dakota and Montana where unfavorable weather slowed progress.

Production of rye during 1972 totalled 29.5 million bushels, 40 per cent less than 1971's 49.3 million bushels, mostly because of a 37 per cent decline in acreage harvested for grain.

Rye acreage harvested for grain was 1,101,000 acres, the smallest since 1968. Yield per acre was 26.8 bushels, second only to last year's record high 28.1 bushels.

Farmers seeded 3.5 million acres for the 1972 crop, 27 per cent less than a year earlier and the smallest acreage seeded since 1968. About 31.2 per cent of the seeded acreage was harvested for grain this year, lowest since 1968 when 29.1 per cent of the rye planted acreage was harvested for grain. The remaining acreage is generally used for a combination of pasture, hay, cover crop and soil building.

The leading State for rye production was South Dakota with a crop of 9.6 million bushels, nearly a third of the U.S. total. In total, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska accounted for 64 per cent of the Nation's rye crop.

Fall seedings for the 1972 rye crop made a good start and came through the winter in good condition. Spring moisture conditions were favorable in the major producing States, although some spring seedings were delayed by excessive moisture. Harvest was slowed by wet weather.

Highlights of Winter Wheat

On December 22, 1972 the United States Department of Agriculture announced the highlights of Winter Wheat:

Seeding of winter wheat in the fall of 1972 for harvest in 1973, at 42.8 million acres, was 1 per cent (0.5 million acres) above the previous year and 12 per cent (4.7 million acres) above 2 years earlier.

Prospective 1973 winter wheat production, at 1,278 million bushels, is record high and 8 per cent (92 million bushels) above the 1972 crop.

Winter Wheat

Item	Crop of 1971	Crop of 1972	Crop of 1973(1)
Acreage seeded for all purposes (1,000 acres)	38,060	42,247	42,793
Yield per seeded acre (bu.)	30.1	28.1	29.9
Production (1,000 bu.)	1,144,164	1,185,890	1,277,848
Seedings as per cent of previous year	101.2	111.0	101.3
Harvested for grain (per cent) ...	85.0	82.6	88.1

(1) Indicated December 1, 1972.

Fall seeding of winter wheat in 1972 for harvest in 1973 at 42.8 million acres is 1 per cent more than the 1972 crop and 12 per cent above the 1971 seeding. Most Great Plains and Western States seeded more acres than the previous year, but seedings were generally down in the eastern half of the country. Wet fields and late harvest of other crops delayed seeding in eastern areas, and some growers abandoned plans for further seeding of winter wheat.

The 1973 prospective winter wheat crop, based on conditions as of December 1, is a record 1,278 million bushels. This would be 8 per cent more than the 1972 crop and 12 per cent more than in 1971. Condition of the crop on December 1 was mostly good to excellent. The previous record high output of winter wheat was in 1968 when 1,218 million bushels were produced. In the past decade, changes from the December 1 forecast to the final estimate have averaged 59 million bushels, ranging from 2 million to 114 million bushels. In those 10 years, the December 1 forecast was above the final estimate five times with an average of 67 million and below five times with an average of 52 million bushels.

Yield per seeded acre at 29.9 bushels is 1.8 bushels above the 1972 crop but 0.2 bushel below 1971 — the record high. December 1 conditions indicate that about 88 per cent of the seeded acreage will be harvested for grain. If realized, this would be the highest percentage since the 1966 crop when 90.3 per cent was harvested, compared with 82.6 in 1972 and 85.0 in 1971.

Final Set-aside Program
Payments to be Mailed to
Wheat Growers

On December 1, 1972 the United States Department of Agriculture announced that checks totalling \$32 million in final payments under the 1972 wheat program will be mailed beginning December 1, 1972 to approximately

976,000 participating farms.

This year, USDA officials point out, market influences have been strong, capped by the historic and unprecedented sales to the Soviet Union. As a result, wheat producers have obtained more farm income from the marketplace and relied less on federal payments. Prices received for wheat in mid-November averaged \$1.97 per bushel — 66 cents per bushel above the mid-November prices of a year ago. The net

value of this year's wheat crop, including payments made to farmers under the set-aside program, is expected to reach \$3.3 billion, about a quarter of a billion dollars more than the 1971 crop.

The December payment is in addition to \$691 million mailed to wheat producers in July. Together the two payments assure that all program participants will get 100 per cent of parity on that portion of their 1972 wheat which is used for domestic food.

The December payment — 6 cents per bushel — is the difference between the face value of the certificate determined to be \$1.34 per bushel — and the preliminary payment of \$1.28 per bushel mailed in July. The face value of the certificates is the difference between 100 per cent of the July 1 parity price of \$3.02 per bushel and the national average wheat price of \$1.68 per bushel received by farmers for the 5-month period July through November.

Flour Production According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in October 1972 amounted to 22,476,000 hundredweight, averaging 1,022,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 1,067,000 hundredweight last month and 1,033,000 hundredweight in October 1971. Wheat flour mills during October 1972 operated at 100.9 per cent of capacity, compared with 105.4 per cent and 103.9 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in October 1972 ground 50,090,000 bushels of wheat compared with 47,634,000 bushels the previous month and 48,166,000 bushels in October 1971.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies Disposition of Australian wheat supplies during the crop years
Lower than (December-November) 1970-71 and 1971-72 is set out in the
Previous Year accompanying table. Total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1971-72 crop year were estimated at 433.2 million bushels, a decrease of 22 per cent from the 555.0 million in 1970-71. This decline reflected the effect of a sharp decrease in carryover stocks offsetting a slight increase in production. The 1971 carryover stocks, estimated at 130.2 million bushels, were 51 per cent below the previous year's figure of 265.1 million. Production, at 303.0 million bushels, was 5 per cent above the 289.9 million harvested in 1970. After deducting some 85.8 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 347.4 million were available for export and for carryover during 1971-72, 24 per cent below the 458.1 million in 1970-71.

Exports Below Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of
Last Year grain equivalent during the 1971-72 Australian crop year amounted to 281.5 million bushels, 14 per cent less than the 327.9 million exported during 1970-71. The preliminary estimate places carryover stocks at December 1, 1972 at 65.9 million bushels, sharply below 130.2 million at approximately 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	130.2 ^r
Production	289.9	303.0
Total estimated domestic supplies	555.0	433.2
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ..	96.9	85.8
Available for export and for carryover	458.1	347.4
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December - November	311.4	269.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - November	16.5	11.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	327.9	281.5
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover ..	130.2	65.9

The following information relative to the Australian situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. C. V. Hiltz, Third Secretary (Agriculture), for Canada, Canberra, under date of December 5, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Wheat receivals - 1972-73.— The current crop year will be one of the worst in many years in Australia. Climatic conditions this year have caused setback after setback. First it was the drought which cut plantings to about 18 million acres and harvest prospects slowly deteriorated as the drought progressed until Wheat Board estimated receivals dropped to 207 million bushels. In November the situation reversed in many wheat areas of Queensland and New South Wales as hail and floods took over from the drought to further reduce crop prospects and damage wheat quality. Wheat Board estimated receivals have now been revised downwards to 202.5 million bushels. Perhaps even more significant than the reduced receivals caused by recent heavy rains will be the amount of wheat downgraded in quality which is expected to be significant. Current estimates of receivals with comparisons for the last estimate and the 1972-73 quota are shown in the following table:

State	Current estimated receivals	Previous estimated receivals	1972-73 quotas
	million bushels		
New South Wales	60	60	157
Queensland	11.5	14	38
Victoria	42	42	67
South Australia	19	21	50
Western Australia	70	70	95
Totals	202.5	207	407

Wheat situation by State.— Heavy rains and hail during the past three weeks in Queensland have severely damaged the crop, reducing production by about 2.5 million bushels and damaging quality. The south-east part of the State has been hurt the worst. Earlier in the season it was felt that up to 10 million bushels could be of prime hard quality but it is now felt that this total will not be more than 5 million bushels. Further rains will cause more acreage to be abandoned.

Also in New South Wales, rain and hail in the northern part of the State have caused serious damage and have slowed the harvest. The Grain Elevators Board has only received about 12 million bushels to date. Many of the Board's silos have not been able to take wheat yet because of the wet conditions and damp grain could be a future problem. Some of the late sown crops which were most promising are now in poor condition and further rain could cause large acreage to be abandoned.

In Victoria, with the exception of the Western District and parts of the Wimmera and Mallee, all the main cereal growing areas have been adversely affected by the dry season and production will be further affected by the decision of some farmers to cut wheat crops for hay because of the shortage of pasture growth for haymaking. Victoria has not had the severe heavy rains to further reduce the crop and production is expected to be in the area of 45 million bushels.

In South Australia harvesting has started and results so far have not been as good as was earlier anticipated. Estimated receivals have been revised to 19 million bushels from the earlier estimate of 21 million bushels. Rain at this point will be of no value to the crop and would hurt grain quality.

In Western Australia harvesting is progressing smoothly and grain quality to date has been fairly good. However, yields are averaging about 13.6 bushels per acre which is about 13 per cent below last year's 15.7 bushels per acre. Rain will not help even the late sown crops in the southern part of the State from here on in and if anything would damage the crop. Total production should reach about 80 million bushels.

Marketing the 1972-73 crop. — The current estimate of 202.5 million bushels of wheat to be delivered to the Wheat Board will be the smallest delivery to the Board since 1959-60 and will be 204.5 million bushels less than the 1972-73 quota. Adding to this the estimated carryover of 46 million bushels from the 1971-72 crop, the Board will have only 248.5 million bushels for disposal in the 1972-73 season which will be the lowest availability for about 11 years. Of this the Board must hold about 70 million bushels for the domestic market leaving 178.5 million bushels for export and carryover. Earlier in the year Mr. J. P. Cass, Chairman of the Wheat Board, was quoted as saying that the Board was anticipating possible sales for 1972-73 of 280 million bushels. Thus the Board is short of wheat by about 32 million bushels. In addition, the drought has increased the demand for feed wheat and some estimates say the demand for feed wheat could go as high as 100 million bushels this year. If this occurs then this estimated shortage could increase by another 35 million bushels to 67 million bushels in total.

A Wheat Board mission has just returned from a visit to its various customers in which they were explaining the reasons behind the Australian grain shortage and why they would not be able to fully supply the needs of all customers for 1972-73. This was an attempt by the Board to hold its wheat customers until its supply position improves. Although the mission has said that these customers have been very understanding it would seem that these people are very optimistic in thinking that Australia

will not lose future sales because of this position of being unable to supply. Just how much of an effect this will have on the future of course remains to be seen. Of particular importance will be the Board's ability to fulfill its contract with China for one million tons which was signed in September. The Board has been trying to get back into the Chinese market for some time and if it turned out that they couldn't completely fill this contract it would be a severe blow to them.

In addition to China, the Board has contracts with Russia and Egypt at set prices. It also has orders from Britain, Malaysia, Singapore, Chile, South Korea and Taiwan at ruling prices. To fill these contracts the Board may have to buy wheat from other exporting countries such as France or perhaps Canada and deliver it to customers at about the same price. In addition, export surcharges would add to the cost and to fill the contracts under such arrangements could cost Australia in the area of \$12 million.

Wheat prices - 1972-73. - According to regulations, the prices for wheat have to be announced on or near December 1 of each year. However, this year it has not been done as yet because of the Federal Election which was held on December 2. During the election campaign the Australian Labour Party committed itself to a \$1.20 first advance should they be elected. Now that they have been elected it is felt that they will make good their promise for the \$1.20. With the coming harvest of about 225 million bushels this would pump about \$270 million into the wheat industry immediately. The over-all net prices to growers who deliver wheat to the Board this year is expected to be about \$1.38 to \$1.40 per bushel.

In addition, domestic wheat prices for the 1972-73 year have to be announced soon. Last year the domestic price was increased by 4 cents per bushel and the 1972-73 price should show a similar increase.

Hail levy in Queensland highest ever. - An interim hail levy of 6 cents per bushel has been imposed by the Queensland State Wheat Board to meet the heaviest claims for hail damage in the State's history. Last year the levy was only 3 cents per bushel. Hail-damage claims totalling 1.4 million bushels have been assessed to date and this will go higher.

Under the Hail Insurance Scheme Regulations for the purpose of creating and maintaining the hail insurance compensation fund, the State Wheat Board is empowered to make, from time to time, a levy on the wheat grower. This levy is at such a rate as the Board may determine calculated on the basis of the quantity of wheat harvested and that on which compensation is payable in each year, provided the total amount does not exceed 7 1/2 per cent of the levy in any one year of the total value of wheat insured during the same year.

The Board has not yet determined what the rate of compensation will be this year. However, last year compensation was at the rate of 80 cents per bushel where claims were regular and in accordance with the Scheme Regulations. Where claims were irregular, the compensation paid was less than 80 cents per bushel.

Bulk handling costs for wheat. - Bulk handling costs for wheat for the year ended October 31, 1972, have been estimated as follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>Capital facilities allowance</u>		<u>Operating</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	million \$	cpb(1)	million \$	cpb(1)	million \$	cpb(1)
New South Wales	6.86	5.27	9.52	7.32	16.38	12.60
Victoria	2.30	3.55	2.15	3.31	4.45	6.86
South Australia	2.56	5.70	2.34	5.21	4.91	10.92
West Australia	4.77	5.55	5.10	5.93	9.87	11.48
Queensland	1.15	3.72	1.17	3.79	2.33	7.51
Totals	17.66	avg4.94	20.30	5.68	37.96	10.63

(1) cents per bushel.

Sales of Australian wheat to the Japanese Food Agency during the July-October period of 1972 amounted to some 15.2 million bushels as against 21.1 million in the comparable period a year previous.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Wheat Supplies Above Previous Year

Disposition of Argentine wheat for the crop years (December-November) 1970-71 and 1971-72 appears in the accompanying table. Total supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1971-72 crop year were estimated at some 224.7 million bushels, 7 per cent more than the previous year's level of 209.4 million, reflecting an increase in production which more than offset a decline in carryover stocks. The 1971 production, at 199.9 million bushels, was 11 per cent more than the 180.8 million of the previous year, while the December 1, 1971 carryover stocks, at 24.8 million registered a decline of 14 per cent from the 28.7 million at the same date in 1970. After deducting some 124.9 million bushels for domestic requirements, an estimated 99.8 million were available for export and for carryover as against 61.6 million in 1970-71.

Exports Higher than Last Year

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during the 1971-72 crop year amounted to 63.8 million bushels, some 75 per cent above the 36.4 million exported in the 1970-71 crop year. The preliminary estimate places carryover stocks at December 1, 1972 at 36.0 million bushels, in contrast to the December 1, 1971 figure of 24.8 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
Production	180.8	199.9
Total estimated domestic supplies	209.4	224.7
Less estimated requirements for crop year	148.3	124.9 ^r
Available for export and for carryover	61.1	99.8
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-November	30.9	56.9
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-November	5.4	6.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	36.4	63.8
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover ...	24.8	36.0

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

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

Destination	October		December - October	
	1971	1972	1970-71	1971-72
	thousand bushels			
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
France	-	-	244	-
Germany, Federal Republic .	-	-	26	-
Italy	1,885	525	13,250	11,212
Netherlands	-	-	259	218
Sub-totals	1,885	525	13,779	11,430
Other Western Europe:				
Spain	-	-	448	-
Sub-total	-	-	448	-
Totals	1,885	525	14,227	11,430
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	-	-	-	886
Jordan	111	-	111	154
Libya	-	-	1,121	220
Totals	111	-	1,232	1,260

Argentine Wheat Exports December — October 1971-72 and 1970-71 — Concluded

Destination	October		December-October	
	1971	1972	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia</u>				
Lebanon	—	—	261	—
Syria	—	—	1,533	—
Totals	—	—	1,794	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia	—	—	18	—
Brazil	415	3,321	4,769	33,787
Chile	118	—	2,848	5,374
Paraguay	—	29	142	280
Peru	—	—	318	—
Totals	533	3,350	8,095	39,441
Totals, all countries ..	2,529	3,876	25,346	52,131

FRENCH SITUATION

Supplies Increase
Over Previous Year

Reflecting a substantial increase in anticipated deliveries which more than offset a small decline in carryover stocks, total estimated commercial domestic supplies of soft wheat in

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-September 1972, including durum wheat and both hard and soft wheat have amounted to 2.1 million bushels, in sharp contrast to the 1.0 million imported during the same months last year. After deducing 242.5 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover is about 393.6 million bushels, 30 per cent above the 303.9 million the previous year.

Exports Above
a Year Ago

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first two months of the 1972-73 crop year, at 43.0 million bushels, represented a 10 per cent increase over

the comparable August-September 1971 total of 39.0 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining October 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 350.6 million in contrast to the October 1, 1971 total of 265.0 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-September	1.0	2.1
Total commercial supplies	546.9	636.2
Less domestic requirements for crop year	243.0	242.5
Available for export and for carryover	303.9	393.6
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports(2) of wheat, August-September	31.7	36.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-September	7.3	9.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	39.0	43.0
Balance on October 1 for export and for carryover	265.0	350.6

(1) Includes durum, hard and soft wheat.

(2) Includes denatured, durum and soft wheat.

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Supply-disposition — soft wheat. — After the high level of deliveries in August, owing to the bad climatic conditions which prevented farm drying and storage for a number of farms, September farm marketings found again their usual amount with 1,264,400 metric tons (46,458,000 bushels) which remains, however, higher than the 804,200 tons (29,549,000 bushels) delivered in September 1971. On October 1, total deliveries reached 10,290,700 tons (378,114,000 bushels) in contrast to 8,458,200 tons (310,782,000 bushels) on October 1, 1971.

With 1,326,400 metric tons (48,736,000 bushels) in September 1972, total disposition remained strong, compared with 1,001,500 tons (36,798,000 bushels) in September 1971, and 980,900 tons (36,042,000 bushels) in the previous month. Both sales to millers and denatured or mixed wheats were placed at a higher position than last year for the same month and for August 1972. Total denatured and mixed wheats for these first two months were 372,200 tons (13,676,000 bushels) as against 253,100 tons (9,300,000 bushels) during the comparable two months last year. After the low figure during August 1972 of 374,000 tons (13,742,000 bushels), total wheat exports were up in September with 623,000 tons (22,891,000 bushels), surpassing widely the 449,500 tons (16,516,000 bushels) exported in September last year.

Durum wheat. — Producers delivered 34,100 tons (1,253,000 bushels) of durum wheat in September 1972, so that total deliveries on October 1, 1972 were placed at 237,100 tons (8,712,000 bushels). Comparable figures last year were 55,400 tons and 294,300 tons (2,036,000 and 10,814,000 bushels), respectively.

Owing to the decrease in supply, total disposition went from 42,900 tons (1,576,000 bushels) in September 1971 to 37,700 tons (1,385,000 bushels) in September 1972. For these first two months, sales to semolina millers were only 48,300 tons (1,775,000 bushels) compared with 57,900 tons (2,127,000 bushels) last year. Exports decreased from 5,600 tons (206,000 bushels) in September 1971 to 2,700 tons (99,000 bushels) in September 1972.

External trade. — In September, total wheat imports with 19,489 tons (716,000 bushels), remained stronger than a year earlier with 13,291 tons (488,000 bushels). Some 9,230 tons (339,000 bushels) of durum wheat were imported from the States, in contrast to 5,808 tons (213,000 bushels) bought last year. For milling wheat, French purchases increased from 7,483 tons (275,000 bushels) in September 1971, to 10,259 tons (377,000 bushels) in September 1972. With 5,985 tons (220,000 bushels), Canada remained the first supplier to France. For these first two months, French total wheat purchases doubled as they increased from 27,605 tons (1,014,000 bushels) last year to 56,040 tons (2,059,000 bushels), including a decrease from 21,797 to 17,567 tons (801,000 to 645,000 bushels) for milling wheats, and an important increase from 5,808 to 38,473 tons (213,000 to 1,414,000 bushels) for durum wheat. Canada improved its sales position for these two kinds of wheat.

French Wheat Imports, August-September

Destination	Durum wheat		Hard and soft wheats	
	1971	1972	1971	1972
	thousand bushels			
Canada	213	230	218	347
EEC (Holland)	—	—	21	(1)
United States	—	1,183	562	241
USSR (Russia)	—	—	—	57
Totals	213	1,413	801	645

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Total wheat exports from France amounted to 624,894 tons (22,961,000 bushels) for September 1972, in contrast to 454,857 tons (16,713,000 bushels) exported last year over the same period, and to 374,795 tons (13,771,000 bushels) exported the previous month.

The September shipments brought the August-September 1972 total exports to 999,689 tons (36,732,000 bushels), compared with the 862,825 tons (31,703,000 bushels) exported during the same period last year, i.e. 136,864 tons (5,029,000 bushels) more for the first two months of the current crop year. All the figures were higher than a year earlier, except for durum wheat with only 3,186 tons (117,000 bushels) compared with 9,507 tons (349,000 bushels) for August-September 1971.

With 433,053 metric tons (15,912,000 bushels) in September 1972, compared with 307,897 tons (11,313,000 bushels) in September 1971, the total wheat shipments to the EEC members since August 1, 1972 were placed at 618,402 tons (22,722,000 bushels), some 62 per cent of French sales, compared with 600,455 tons (22,063,000 bushels), 69 per cent, reached last year over the same period.

In September 1972, purchases by the new EEC members (UK and Ireland) were placed at 88,204 metric tons (3,241,000 bushels) in contrast to 60,099 tons (2,208,000 bushels) bought in September 1971, so that the French sales to these countries since August 1, 1972 were 175,293 tons (6,441,000 bushels), 17 per cent out of French sales, compared with 134,532 tons (4,943,000 bushels) 15 per cent exported over the same period in 1971.

In order to summarize the situation, for these first two months France exported 793,695 metric tons (29,163,000 bushels), 79 per cent out of its total wheat sales to the enlarged EEC, in contrast to 734,987 tons (27,006,000 bushels) or 85 per cent last year. Exports to Third Countries increased from 127,838 tons (4,697,000 bushels), 15 per cent out of total wheat sales of France last year to 205,994 tons (7,569,000 bushels) or 21 per cent in 1972.

Among overseas buyers, the following countries have to be noted:

- USSR with 51,676 metric tons (1,899,000 bushels).
- Egypt with 80,185 metric tons (2,946,000 bushels).
- Afghanistan with 8,000 metric tons (294,000 bushels).

French Wheat Exports, August-September

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
thousand bushels						
Afghanistan	—	294	—	—	—	—
Andorra	3	3	—	—	—	—
Belgium and Luxembourg	3,326	3,384	102	102	2,718	2,539
Cameroon	110	165	—	—	4	—
Central Africa	37	73	—	—	—	—
Dahomey	—	92	—	—	—	—
Ecuador	4	—	—	—	—	—
Egypt	—	2,946	—	—	—	—
Gabon	129	73	—	—	—	—
Germany	6,423	6,011	1	11	567	1,080
Guadeloupe	—	140	—	—	—	—
Ireland	349	186	—	—	—	—
Italy	3,927	1,790	166	—	2	6
Ivory Coast	871	110	—	—	—	—
Madagascar	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—
Malta	—	24	—	—	—	—
Martinique	—	—	—	—	(1)	—
Mauritania	1	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	4,352	4,982	—	1	480	2,818
Pakistan	551	—	—	—	—	—
Reunion Island	—	—	77	—	—	—
Senegal	450	347	—	—	—	—

For footnote see end of table.

French Wheat Exports, August-September — Concluded

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
thousand bushels						
Spanish North Africa (Canaries).	—	—	—	—	1	(1)
Switzerland	2,229	1,268	4	3	8	—
Tunisia	134	—	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom	4,594	6,253	—	—	—	2
United States	9	—	—	—	—	—
Upper Volta	64	129	—	—	—	—
USSR (Russia)	—	1,899	—	—	—	—
West Indies	—	—	—	—	—	1
Yemen	—	—	—	—	10	—
Totals	27,564	30,169	349	117	3,789	6,445

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Wheat flour. — With 65,241 metric tons for September 1972, flour shipments remained below last year comparable figure of 67,069 tons, but were higher than the 48,999 tons exported last August 1972. Since August, total wheat flour exports decreased from 131,766 tons last year to 114,241 tons for the two first months of the current crop year. North Korea was the main buyer with 9,255 tons.

Prices and market. — During the end of October and the beginning of November, wheat continued to be sold at 1 to 2 francs per 100 kilos (5 to 11 cents per bushel) above the support price and with reference to specific weight. Good varieties, such as Rex, were priced between 59.50 and 62 francs per 100 kilos (\$3.18 and \$3.32 per bushel). Denatured wheat was offered at 47 to 48 francs (\$2.52 to \$2.57 per bushel), i.e. 0.25 to 1 franc (one cent to 5 cents per bushel) above the support price. Forage wheats were sold 52.50 to 55 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.81 to \$2.95 per bushel) depending on the areas. For this kind of wheat, on November 15, farmers got only the support price, in certain areas.

Export prices were included between 56.25 and 57.75 francs (\$3.01 and \$3.09 per bushel) for FOB Rouen. Wheat with 10 to 15 per cent sprouted grains continued to be exported with the following prices: 55 to 57.25 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.95 to \$3.07 per bushel) for FOB Rouen, and 56 to 58.25 francs (\$3.00 to \$3.12 per bushel) for FOB Basel.

ONIC noted that with 540,000 metric tons (19,841,000 bushels) for the first three months, the animal feed disposition was up by 30 per cent over the same period of the previous year. For these first three months, sales to the enlarged EEC would reach 1,000,000 tons (36,743,000 bushels). Concerning Third Countries, certificates of exportation have been already reserved for 1,900,000 tons (69,812,000 bushels), i.e. around 2/3 of the 3,100,000 tons (113,904,000 bushels) to be exported to this group of buyers. According to the Bank of France prospects, situation appears good for millers, with the 200,000 tons of wheat flour to be delivered to North Korea from December 1972 to June 1973, with the foreign demand, especially from Vietnam and Egypt.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

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| December | 12 | The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that production of all wheat in the United States in 1972 totalled 1,545 million bushels, 5 per cent below the record high 1971 output of 1,618 million bushels but 14 per cent above 1970. |
| | 27 | The Canadian Wheat Board announced a second long-term wheat agreement with Brazil involving the sale of up to 600,000 metric tons (approximately 22,000,000 bushels) of wheat over a three to four-year period. The first long-term agreement was signed in May 1970, and completed last October. |
| | 29 | A release from the Honourable Otto Lang, Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board stated that "Cash advances on unharvested grain were being made available immediately. The Government had taken steps to bring the appropriate provisions of the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act into effect when it became evident a considerable number of farmers in Western Canada particularly in parts of Northern and Western Alberta were unable to complete their harvesting operations". |
| January | 3 | The Canadian Wheat Board announced the sale of 400,000 tons of wheat (approximately 15 million bushels) to India. |

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