

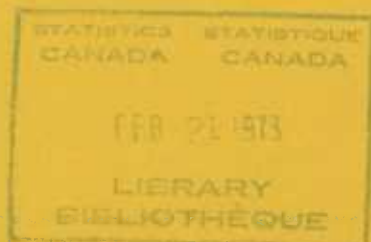
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# WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

## August-December Exports Reach an All-time High

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries during the August-December period of the current Canadian crop year amounted to a record 827.5 million bushels, and increase of 30 per cent over the 635.9 million exported during the same five months in 1971 and 34 per cent more than the ten-year (1961-70) average shipments for the period of some 616.2 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, Canada, United States and Argentina, registered increases over the previous year, while Australia was the only country showing a decline.

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

August-December	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million bushels						
1950 .....	87.1	51.5	93.0	25.2	256.8	
1951 .....	135.5	44.2	189.6	21.8	391.1	
1952 .....	168.1	33.4	134.2	0.2	335.9	
1953 .....	121.1	26.5	82.8	53.8	284.2	
1954 .....	116.9	37.5	101.8	53.2	309.4	
1955 .....	94.9	39.8	94.4	52.7	281.8	
1956 .....	127.4	63.0	204.2	38.6	433.2	
1957 .....	128.5	34.7	161.9	37.5	362.6	
1958 .....	122.9	26.3	177.8	39.6	366.6	
1959 .....	133.5	48.2	166.4	21.3	369.4	
1960 .....	134.2	54.8	246.7	34.9	470.6	
1961 .....	173.6	93.4	308.6	12.3	587.9	
1962 .....	144.0	42.9	232.8	19.8	439.5	
1963 .....	258.0	99.1	328.0	24.7	709.8	
1964 .....	197.4	66.7	331.1	55.0	650.2	
1965 .....	277.3	88.7	320.6	122.1	808.7	
1966 .....	260.8	77.8	361.1	28.6	728.3	
1967 .....	110.3	126.0	335.5	7.7	579.5	
1968 .....	137.8	75.2	249.4	28.3	490.7	67.6
1969 .....	108.3	111.9	223.6	26.6	470.4	93.4
1970 .....	186.2	149.3	327.2	33.9	696.6	52.8
1971 <sup>r</sup> .....	249.7	129.8	241.9	14.5	635.9	95.9
1972 <sup>p</sup> .....	283.0	100.7	414.0	29.8	827.5	72.2

(1) August-October only.

## Wheat Supplies of Four Major Exporters Decline

Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about January 1, 1973 in the four major exporting countries, for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, amounted to 2,139.6 million bushels, 12 per cent below the 2,444.6 million available a year ago. The newly harvested 1972-73 wheat crops in the Argentine and Australia are taken into consideration in these totals. Supplies in Argentina were higher while those of Canada, Australia and United States were lower than the previous year. Supplies on or about January 1, 1973 in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 679.6 (843.4); Australia, 157.1 (313.8); United States, 1,139.4 (1,202.5); and Argentina, 163.5 (84.9).

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

August-December	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
thousand metric tons						
1950 .....	2,371	1,402	2,531	686	6,989	
1951 .....	3,688	1,203	5,160	593	10,644	
1952 .....	4,575	909	3,652	5	9,142	
1953 .....	3,296	721	2,253	1,464	7,735	
1954 .....	3,182	1,021	2,771	1,448	8,421	
1955 .....	2,583	1,083	2,569	1,434	7,669	
1956 .....	3,467	1,715	5,557	1,051	11,790	
1957 .....	3,497	944	4,406	1,021	9,868	
1958 .....	3,345	716	4,839	1,078	9,977	
1959 .....	3,633	1,312	4,529	580	10,054	
1960 .....	3,652	1,491	6,714	950	12,808	
1961 .....	4,725	2,542	8,399	335	16,000	
1962 .....	3,919	1,168	6,336	539	11,961	
1963 .....	7,022	2,697	8,927	672	19,318	
1964 .....	5,372	1,815	9,011	1,497	17,696	
1965 .....	7,547	2,414	8,725	3,323	22,010	
1966 .....	7,098	2,117	9,828	778	19,821	
1967 .....	3,002	3,429	9,131	210	15,772	
1968 .....	3,750	2,047	6,788	770	13,355	1,840
1969 .....	2,947	3,045	6,085	724	12,802	2,542
1970 .....	5,068	4,063	8,905	923	18,959	1,437
1971 <sup>r</sup> .....	6,796	3,533	6,584	395	17,307	2,610
1972 <sup>P</sup> .....	7,702	2,741	11,267	811	22,521	1,965(1)

(1) August-October only.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Record Reflecting a substantial decrease in opening stocks which  
11 per cent Decline more than offset a relatively slight increase in the 1972  
From Year Ago harvest, total estimated supplies of wheat in Canada for  
the 1972-73 crop year are placed at some 1,122.6 million  
bushels compared with the previous year's total of 1,263.7 million and the all-  
time high of 1,536.1 million in 1969-70. Stocks at the beginning of the crop year  
totalled 589.4 million bushels and recorded a decline of 20 per cent from the 1971  
level of 734.2 million, primarily due to sharply decreased supplies in both on -  
farm and country elevator positions. The 1972 crop, estimated at 533.3 million  
bushels, was one per cent higher than the 1971 outturn of 529.6 million with an  
increase in seeded acreage more than offsetting a moderate decline in the average  
yield. 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.

August-December Exports Exports of wheat and flour, in terms of wheat equivalent,  
at Record Level during August-December 1972 amount to an all-time high of  
283.0 million bushels, some 13 per cent above the 249.7  
million exported during the same five months of 1971, but in sharp contrast to the  
ten-year (1961-70) average for the same five months of 185.4 million bushels.  
This year's exports consisted of 272.6 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 67



thousand of seed and 10.3 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the August-December period last year these figures were 237.4 million of wheat in bulk, 483 thousand of seed and 11.8 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on January 1, 1973 for export and for carryover amounted to 679.6 million bushels, 19 per cent below the January 1, 1972 total of 843.4 million.

### Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 <sup>r</sup>	1972-73 <sup>p</sup>
	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-December(1) .....	237.4	272.6
Exports of seed wheat, August-December(2) .....	0.5	0.1
Total exports of wheat as grain .....	237.9	272.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August- December (2) .....	11.8	10.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	249.7	283.0
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover .....	843.4	679.6

(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 January 10 of the current crop year have amounted to 340.9 million bushels, some 73 per cent greater than the 254.4 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 36.7 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks December 14, 1972 to January 10, 1973. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 28.9 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat increased from 284.9 million at December 13, 1972 to a level of 292.8 million at January 10, 1973.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at January 10 this year was 6 per cent less than the 1972 comparable total of 313.1 million and 20 per cent below the 1971 figure of 367.6 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 158.0 million bushels, were also lower than both the 1972 comparable total of 175.1 million, and

the 212.6 million of two years ago. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at January 10, 1973, at 2.8 million bushels, decreased sharply from the 6.3 million of 1972 and the 9.7 million of 1971. The 22.4 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) increased by 22 per cent over the 18.4 million of 1972 and was 37 per cent more than the 16.4 million in this position in 1971. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 27.9 million bushels, registered an increase over last year's comparable level of 23.4 million but was lower than the 32.9 million of two years ago. The 18.4 million bushels "in storage afloat" were smaller than both the 20.6 million in this position in 1972 and the 21.8 million at the same date in 1971. The 28.5 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports while little changed from those of the previous year were 8 per cent below the 31.0 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at January 10, 1973, at 18.7 million bushels were 29 per cent below the 26.4 million of 1972 and 31 per cent lower than the 27.0 million at the same date in 1971. The 8.1 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were 49 per cent larger than the 5.5 million at January 12, 1972 and 30 per cent above the 6.2 million at the comparable date in 1971.

December 1972 Exports of  
Wheat and Flour Total  
35.3 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1972 amount to 35.3 million bushels, well below the November 1972 total of 67.3 million, but

one per cent above the December 1971 figure of 34.9 million and 27 per cent more than the ten-year (1961-70) average for the month of December of 27.7 million.

Exports of wheat in bulk during December 1972 (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission), amounted to 33.3 million bushels, registering a sharp decline from the November 1972 exports of 65.6 million, but recorded increases of 4 per cent and 35 per cent, respectively, over the 32.0 million of the previous year and the ten-year average of 24.6 million. Exports of seed wheat during December 1972 based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to some 10 thousand bushels as against the December 1971 total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 104 thousand bushels. Customs returns also indicate that the equivalent of 2.0 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during December 1972, 17 per cent above the November 1972 figure of 1.7 million, but 26 per cent less than the December 1971 total (adjusted for time lag) of 2.7 million and 32 per cent below the ten-year average of 2.9 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-December period of the current crop year amounted to a record 272.6 million bushels, 15 per cent above the 237.4 million shipped during the first five months of the 1971-72 crop year and 59 per cent greater than the average for the period of 171.7 million. U.S.S.R. (Russia) was the leading market for Canadian wheat during the first five months of the 1972-73 crop year with purchases of 87.9 million an accounted for 32 per cent of the total. The People's Republic of China with imports of 72.9 million remained in second place and accounted for 27 per cent of the August-December total. During the comparable period of 1971-72 U.S.S.R. (Russia) imported 60.4 million (25 per cent of total) and the People's Republic of China, 42.0 million bushels (18 per cent of 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, 20.0 (19.2); Japan, 19.2 (22.4); Italy, 13.2 (8.2); Brazil, 8.3 (10.3); Pakistan, 5.6 (2.7); Germany West 4.9 (6.5); Netherlands, 4.5 (7.4); Belgium and Luxembourg, 3.9 (2.2); and Peru, 3.2 (2.5).

Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-December of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 67 thousand bushels as against last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 483 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first five months of the 1972-73 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 10.3 million bushels of wheat, 12 per cent below the comparable 1971-72 figure of 11.8 million (adjusted for time lag) and 21 per cent lower than the ten-year average for the period of 13.1 million.

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

Delivery Quotas        The following information pertaining to the Canadian Wheat Board's quota policy for the 1972-73 crop year has been extracted from the Board's Instructions to the Trade:

Re quotas — all other wheat No. 12. — Effective Monday, January 22, 1973 at all delivery points within the undernoted delivery blocks the Board authorizes;

the "D" quota for All Other Wheat previously approved for the delivery of wheat grading No. 1 C.W. and No. 2 C.W. Red Spring wheat only is now extended to include all grades of All Other Wheat. This quota applies to the quota acres assigned to "All Other Wheat" in the individual producer's permit book and does not authorize delivery of Hercules Durum, other Durum, Soft White Spring Wheat, Alberta Red Winter Wheat and feeding types.

The delivery points within each block in the designated area are those points set forth in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 2 dated July 20, 1972.

Re quotas — feeding types of wheat No. 5. — Effective Monday, January 22, 1973 at all delivery points within the designated area a "C" quota for Feeding Types of Wheat is hereby authorized at a level of two (2) bushels per quota acre assigned to Feeding Types of Wheat as shown in the individual producer's permit book. The delivery points within each block in the designated area are those points set forth in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 2 dated July 20, 1972. Under the quota policy for the 1972-73 crop year, Feeding Types of Wheat quotas are designated as non-cumulative. The third quota is to be identified as the "C" quota. The date of termination for the "C" quota for Feeding Types of Wheat will be announced at a future date.

Re quotas — feeding types of wheat No. 6. — Effective Monday, January 22, 1973 at all delivery points within the designated area a "D" quota for Feeding Types of Wheat is hereby authorized at a level of two (2) bushels per quota acre assigned to Feeding Types of Wheat as shown in the individual producer's permit book. The delivery points within each block in the designated area are those points set forth in Instructions to the Trade re Quotas (General) No. 2 dated July 20, 1972. Under the quota policy for the 1972-73 crop year, Feeding Types of Wheat quotas are designated as non-cumulative. The fourth quota is to be identified as the "D" quota. The date of termination for the "D" quota for Feeding Types of Wheat will be announced at a future date.



General Quotas 1972-73 as at Monday, Jan. 15, 1973 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 Monday, Jan. 15, 1973 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.

General Quotas 1972-73 as at Monday, January 15, 1973

	<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 1972-73 as at Monday, January 15, 1973

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

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

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to January 10 of the current crop year amounted to 333.6 million bushels, 28 per cent more than the August 1, 1971 - January 12, 1972 total of 261.6 million and sharply above the ten-year (1961-62 - 1970-71) average for the period of 191.9 million bushels.

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

Week ending		Manitoba Saskatchewan		Alberta	Total	Last year
				bushels		
August	9, 1972 ..	42,377	4,417,684	565,087	5,025,148	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
	20 .....	847,236	6,067,670	1,823,961	8,738,867	18,280,948
January	3, 1973 ..	1,242,106	12,202,021	4,530,064	17,974,191	20,912,942
	10 .....	507,591	7,847,248	1,648,207	10,003,046	11,700,102
Totals .....		41,343,454	225,305,989	66,996,266	333,645,709	261,610,400
Average similar period:						
1961-62 - 1970-71 ..		25,585,496	122,702,397	43,567,017	191,854,910	

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

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, January 10, 1973  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1971 and 1972

Position	1971	1972	1973
	thousand bushels		
Primary elevators — Manitoba .....	17,121	18,010	11,875
Saskatchewan .....	129,394	109,444	103,960
Alberta .....	66,126	47,609	42,163
Sub-totals .....	212,641	175,063	157,998
Process elevators .....	4,290	4,330	3,688
Interior terminals .....	9,668	6,282	2,807
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	5,194	5,023	5,800
Victoria .....	276	145	354
Prince Rupert .....	764	283	1,979
Churchill .....	2,950	1,046	1,831
Thunder Bay .....	32,900	23,443	27,944
In transit rail (western division) .....	16,368	18,377	22,447
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ....	30,952	28,673	28,518
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ....	26,963	26,408	18,672
Storage afloat .....	21,783	20,553	18,434
In transit rail (eastern division) .....	2,812	3,504	2,353
Totals .....	367,561	313,130	292,825

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-December 1972 with Comparisons

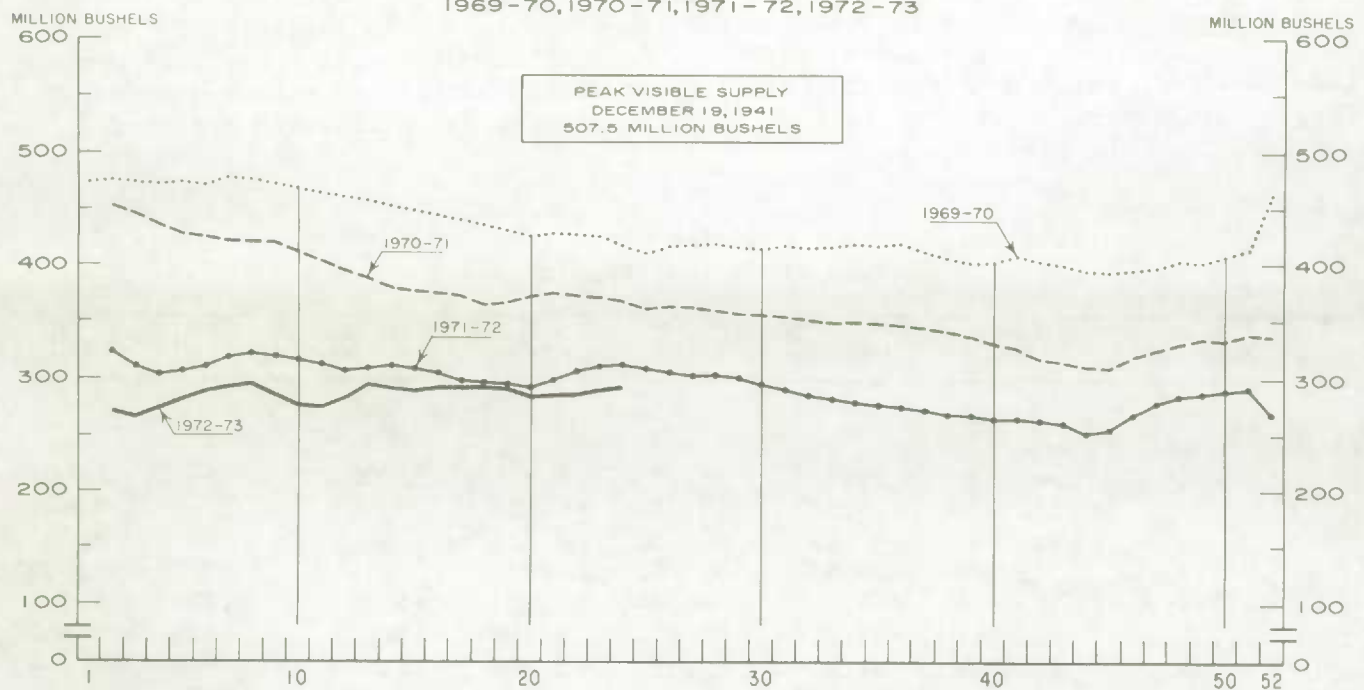
Grade	Crop year		August — December			
	Average		1971		1972	
	1966-67- 1970-71	1971-72				
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 C.W. Red Spring .....	47.7	60.1	93,940	61.9	90,385	59.6
2 C.W. Red Spring .....	25.9	19.8	30,555	20.2	28,013	18.5
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	3.3	1.8	3,616	2.4	6,711	4.4
1 Canada Utility .....	—	—	—	—	24	(1)
2 Canada Utility .....	—	—	—	—	4	(1)
3 Canada Utility .....	0.6	0.2	354	0.2	738	0.5
Others Red Spring .....	14.6	4.4	5,873	3.9	9,759	6.4
C.W. White Spring .....	0.2	0.3	454	0.3	309	0.2
C.W. Mixed Wheat .....	0.1	0.1	138	0.1	82	0.1
Alberta Winter .....	0.9	0.7	753	0.5	703	0.5
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum.	5.9	12.3	15,483	10.2	14,721	9.7
Other C.W. Amber Durum....	0.9	0.3	496	0.3	272	0.2
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	151,662	100.0	151,721	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) ..			302,733,000		315,639,000	

(1) Less than .05 per cent.

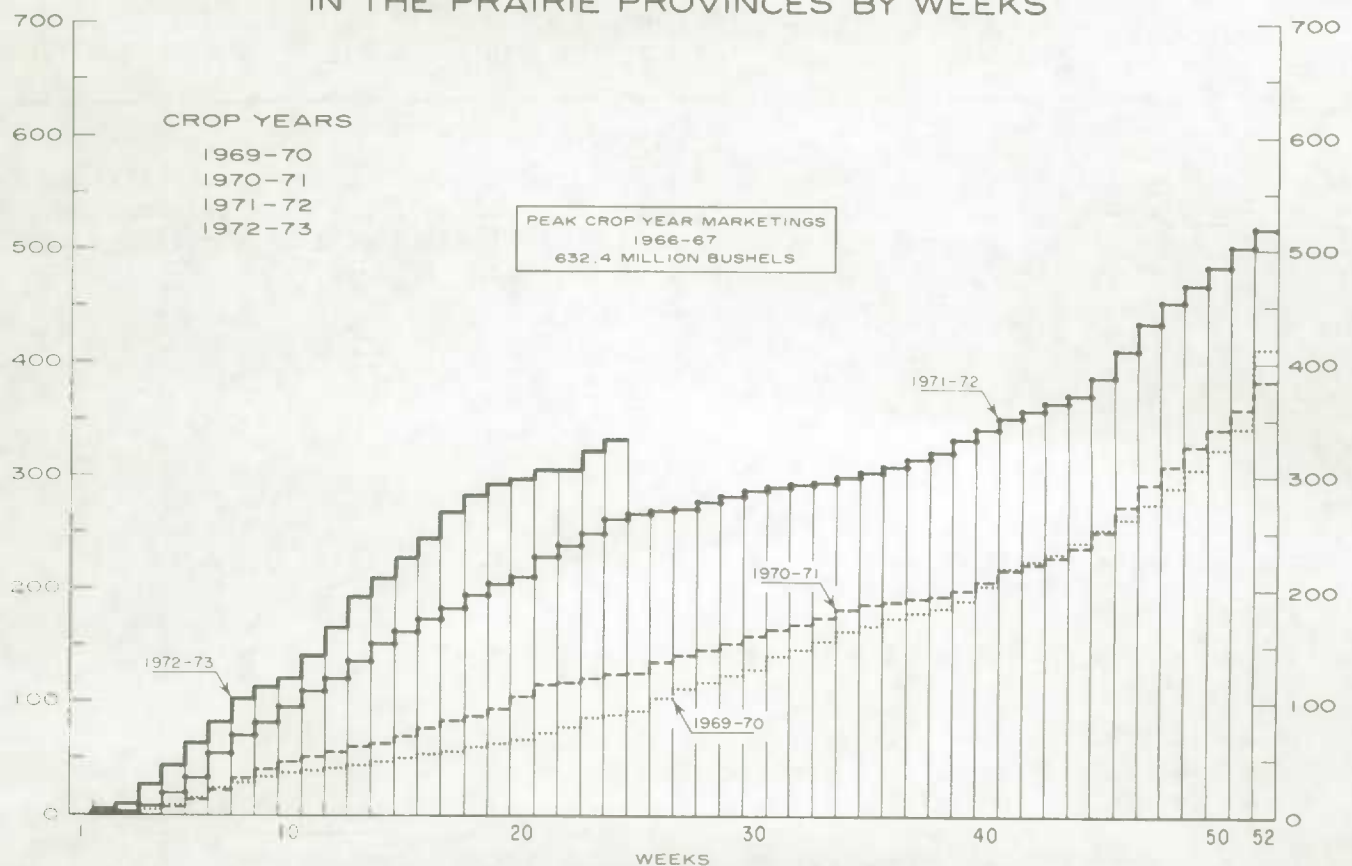


# WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

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)

1972 Season of  
Navigation Closed  
at Lakehead

The 1972 season of navigation at the Canadian Lakehead opened on April 14 and closed on December 30. Preliminary figures, for the 1972 season, show the lake shipping total for the six major grains at 568.8 million bushels, 4 per cent more than the 545.5 million shipped in 1971. Wheat, oats, barley and rapeseed moved in larger volumes this year than last while shipment of rye and flaxseed registered declines from the previous year.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from Thunder Bay  
Season of Navigation, 1960-71

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	29,735	6,123	7,965	—	249,660
1963 .....	251,087	42,479	43,702	3,725	7,359	—	348,351
1964 .....	349,300	33,559	42,711	4,922	9,513	59	440,064
1965 .....	300,934	46,058	46,344	4,203	11,041	1,337	409,918
1966 .....	392,367	33,104	45,010	8,512	14,258	1,250	494,500
1967 .....	238,928	37,169	67,793	5,505	10,669	929	360,994
1968 .....	185,291	21,095	31,458	3,061	5,718	622	247,245
1969 .....	172,180	20,960	57,135	2,092	8,747	2,172	263,287
1970 .....	274,362	28,024	144,983	3,542	12,722	7,921	471,554
1971 .....	312,296	26,811	167,709	4,794	17,801	16,101	545,511
1972 <sup>P</sup> .....	331,735	30,607	168,540	4,438	14,432	19,038	568,790

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 January 26, 1973:

8,953 advances totalling \$21,310,436

Outstanding advances on January 26, 1973:

Issued in 1972-73 .....	6,451,394
Issued in 1971-72 .....	1,368,417
Issued in 1970-71 and prior .....	5,505,100

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Total outstanding advances ..... 13,324,911

Wheat Shipments to  
the United States  
by Destination

95,000 bushels.

There were no vessel shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, for the August 1 - January 10 period of the 1972-73 crop year. During the same period of 1971-72 vessel shipments amounted to

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1972 - January 10, 1973 with Comparisons

Destination	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
		bushels	
<u>By Vessel</u>			
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 - December 1972 amounted to 8,796,000 bushels compared with the August-December 1971 figure of 7,871,000 bushels

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

Origin of shipments	August 1 - December 31, 1971	August 1 - December 31, 1972
		bushels
Port McNicoll .....	2,225,446	3,298,632
Midland, Tiffin .....	3,138,001	4,507,146
Owen Sound .....	1,140,152	—
Goderich .....	570,158	327,978
Sarnia .....	617,400	661,990
Port Colborne .....	30,000	—
Kingston .....	149,434	—
Totals .....	7,870,591	8,795,746

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	339,487
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	

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

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
bushels					
C.W. Red Spring .....	5,667	69,667	94,000	15,333	38,000
Others .....	—	54,000	28,000	4,820	30,000
Totals .....	5,667	123,667	122,000	20,153	68,000

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1972-January 10, 1973 with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
thousand bushels							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van. - New West .....	77,190	7,098	65	19,638	1,991	2,493	12,269
Victoria .....	6,362	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert .....	8,554	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Churchill</u> .....	16,281	—	137	8,855	—	—	—
<u>Thunder Bay Direct</u> .....	2,810	701	1,529	1,703	1,452	6,626	7,902
<u>Sarnia Direct</u> .....	173	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Kingston Direct</u> .....	552	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Prescott Direct</u> .....	560	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal .....	25,673	10,983	—	6,593	—	—	—
Sorel .....	14,445	1,574	—	3,669	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières .....	17,937	657	—	2,636	—	—	—
Quebec .....	14,634	349	—	4,170	68	106	821
Baie Comeau .....	25,675	4,485	—	10,920	88	—	1,463
Port Cartier .....	27,388	6,044	—	9,357	—	—	—
<u>Maritime Ports</u>							
Saint John .....	1,096	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Saint John .....	3,775	87	—	—	—	—	—
Halifax .....	2,853	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .....	245,958	31,976	1,731	67,540	3,600	9,225	22,455
August 1, 1971-January 12, 1972 .....	163,652	18,388	7,718	87,803	2,968	8,526	15,583

(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-December 1972 amounted to 13,468,000 bushels, 20 per cent above the 11,254,000 shipped during the same five months of 1971. The bulk of the shipments during the current months under review went to destinations in Quebec with that province accounting for 56 per cent of the total. During August-December last year Quebec accounted for 54 per cent of the total.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations  
August - December 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
December .....	166	32	122	121	1,314	391	284	2,430
Totals .....	405	110	1,232	520	7,575	1,841	1,785	13,468
Same months 1971 ...	426	63	1,014	424	6,103	1,607	1,617	11,254

Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate shipments of 156,755 tons during August-December 1972. Shipments for the five-month total of the previous crop year amounted to 176,175 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 - December 1972 and 1971

Province	August - December	
	1971	1972
	tons	
Newfoundland .....	2,531	597
Prince Edward Island .....	1,243	1,112
Nova Scotia .....	5,025	4,188
New Brunswick .....	4,016	2,743
Quebec .....	90,283	78,132
Ontario .....	60,540	56,592
British Columbia .....	12,537	13,391
Totals .....	176,175	156,755

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 .....	39,255	17	39,273	1,916	41,188
June .....	45,540	43	45,583	2,724	48,307
July .....	54,940	73	55,013	1,370	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 .....	65,571	3	65,574	1,713	67,288
December .....	33,280	10	33,290	2,000	35,290
Totals .....	272,636	67	272,703	10,313	283,016

- (1) Export clearances including shipments to the United States compiled by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission.
- (2) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1970-71 and 1971-72 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.
- (3) In terms of wheat equivalent. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.
- (4) Subject to revision.

Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			1972	1971 <sup>r</sup>
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	—	—	—	79,966
Germany, West .....	—	306,133	306,133	941,036
Italy .....	511,734	778,885	1,290,619	39,008
Netherlands .....	529,256	308,028	837,284	1,912,681
Sub-totals .....	1,040,990	1,393,046	2,434,036	2,972,691
Other Western Europe:				
Britain .....	3,179,945	—	3,179,945	3,040,763
Ireland .....	—	—	—	36,997
Switzerland .....	—	—	—	249,621
Sub-totals .....	3,179,945	—	3,179,945	3,327,381
Totals .....	4,220,935	1,393,046	5,613,981	6,300,072
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	8,312,173	1,083,677	9,395,850	12,018,623
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	217,169	217,169	522,704
Tunisia .....	—	—	—	523,502
Totals .....	—	217,169	217,169	1,046,206
<u>Asia</u>				
Burma .....	275,575	—	275,575	—
Hong Kong .....	123,200	—	123,200	—
India .....	—	98,593	98,593	3,501,680
Indonesia .....	624,960	—	624,960	—
Japan .....	4,464,781	—	4,464,781	3,212,759
Malaysia .....	156,800	—	156,800	77,093
People's Republic of China ....	9,499,616	385,734	9,885,350	4,571,124
Philippines .....	—	—	—	388,267
Singapore .....	198,987	—	198,987	—
Taiwan .....	—	—	—	54,880
Totals .....	15,343,919	484,327	15,828,246	11,805,803
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados .....	—	—	—	30
Cuba .....	400,000	—	400,000	419,900
Dominican Republic .....	—	—	—	308,661
Haiti .....	—	—	—	141,456
Jamaica .....	999	—	999	—
Peru .....	1,640,613	—	1,640,613	—
Venezuela .....	183,014	—	183,014	—
Totals .....	2,224,626	—	2,224,626	870,047
Sub-totals, all countries .....	30,101,653	3,178,219	33,279,872	32,040,751
Seed wheat(2) .....			10,000	103,615
Totals, all countries	30,101,653	3,178,219	33,289,872	32,144,366

(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 — December 1972			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg ..	3,292,137	620,739	3,912,876	2,232,783
France .....	303,517	—	303,517	195,827
Germany, West .....	2,264,046	2,604,804 <sup>r</sup>	4,868,850 <sup>r</sup>	6,501,255
Italy .....	7,837,762	5,367,040 <sup>r</sup>	13,204,802 <sup>r</sup>	8,155,488
Netherlands .....	2,845,751	1,689,411 <sup>r</sup>	4,535,162 <sup>r</sup>	7,438,796
Sub-totals .....	16,543,213	10,281,994 <sup>r</sup>	26,825,207 <sup>r</sup>	24,524,149
<u>Other Western Europe:</u>				
Austria .....	—	84,515	84,515	—
Britain .....	19,726,335	310,061 <sup>r</sup>	20,036,396 <sup>r</sup>	19,160,619
Finland .....	146,982	—	146,982	—
Ireland .....	1,672,664	588,000	2,260,664	232,742
Malta and Gozo .....	326,811	—	326,811	613,200
Norway .....	—	—	—	780,267
Portugal .....	—	492,800	492,800	—
Sweden .....	—	44,095 <sup>r</sup>	44,095 <sup>r</sup>	33,026
Switzerland .....	605,731	893,390 <sup>r</sup>	1,499,121 <sup>r</sup>	1,340,594
Sub-totals .....	22,478,523	2,412,861 <sup>r</sup>	24,891,384 <sup>r</sup>	22,160,448
Totals .....	39,021,736	12,694,855	51,716,591	46,684,597
<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) .....	82,521,686	5,334,895	87,856,581	60,385,447
Totals .....	83,040,806	6,417,561	89,458,367	61,849,046
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	2,870,242	2,870,242	4,300,743
Dahomey .....	41,961	—	41,961	—
Ghana .....	1,329,268	—	1,329,268	1,674,685
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	523,502
Totals .....	3,229,513	4,064,792	7,294,305	8,509,710

See footnotes at end of table.



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

Destination	August — December 1972			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	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
Dominican Republic .....	—	—	—	308,661
Guatemala .....	—	37,333	37,333	—
Haiti .....	672,000	—	672,000	575,505
Jamaica .....	415,245 <sup>r</sup>	—	415,245 <sup>r</sup>	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 <sup>r</sup>	129,318	13,016,577 <sup>r</sup>	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.

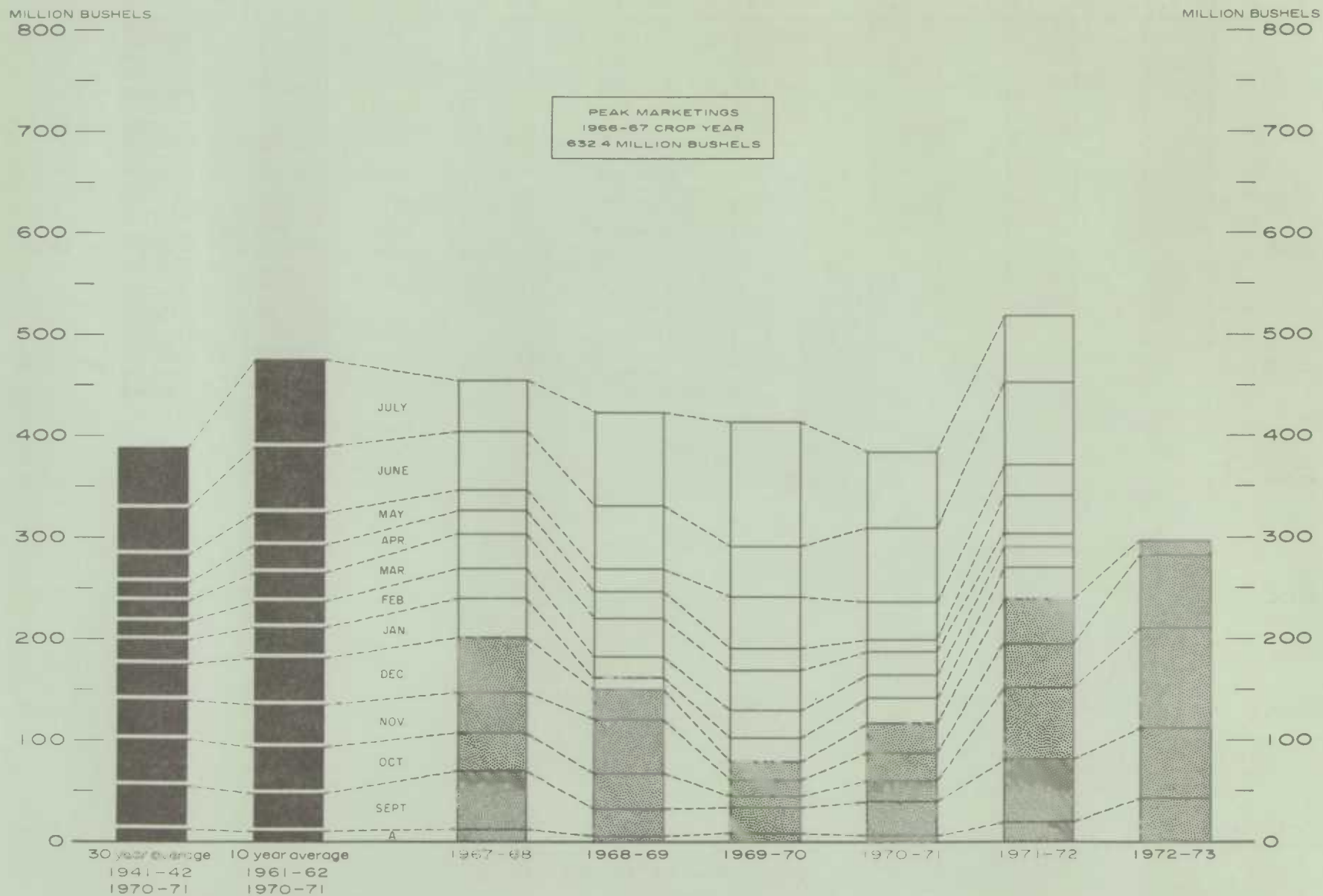
Excluding seed wheat. (2) Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.(3) Compiled from Canadian Customs returns, 1971 adjusted for time lag.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

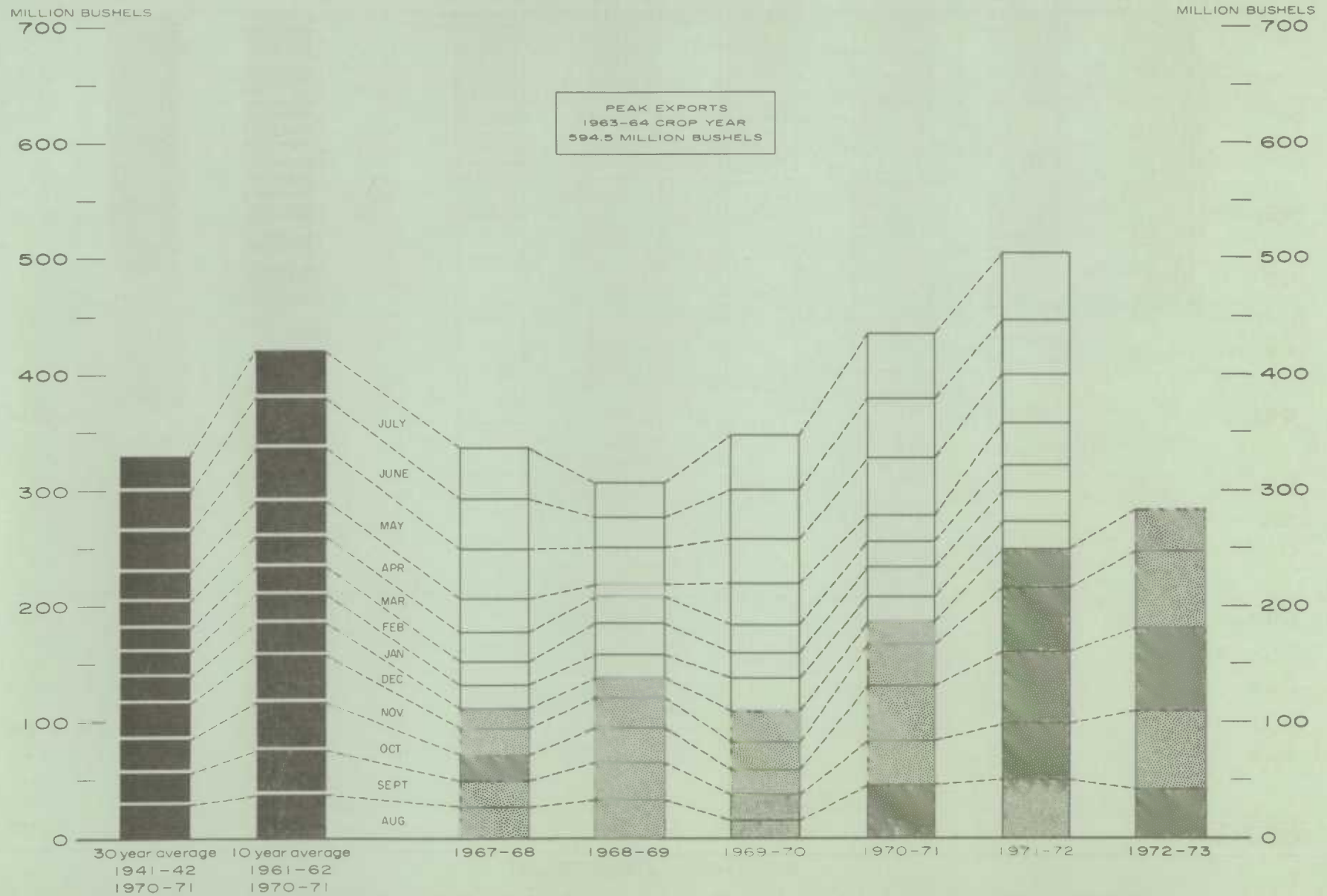
Destination	August 1972(1)	November 1972(2)	August - November 1972(2)	1971(1)
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	-	-	-	28
Germany, West .....	1,053	1,766	2,479	626
Sub-totals .....	1,053	1,766	2,479	654
Other Western Europe:				
Britain .....	126,578	148,125	629,747	565,027
Denmark .....	-	-	253	-
Gibraltar .....	3,461	-	3,461	2,705
Greece .....	1,104	7,985	26,075	13,835
Iceland .....	3,036	4,184	7,220	25,222
Ireland .....	-	-	1,803	3,606
Norway .....	-	-	230	-
Portugal .....	4,485	4,600	13,685	12,436
Sub-totals .....	138,664	164,894	682,474	622,831
Totals .....	139,717	166,660	684,953	623,485
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	-	-	-	561,034
Cameroon .....	-	-	-	117,921
Dahomey .....	2,760	6,566	12,783	24,840
French Africa nes .....	-	-	-	185,748
Gambia, The .....	4,600	3,450	9,257	18,400
Ghana .....	-	-	-	616
Guinea .....	110	-	110	33,359
Ivory Coast .....	690	4,025	6,325	10,350
Liberia .....	35,811	32,872	90,604	121,090
Malawi .....	-	-	3,563	15,468
Mozambique .....	5,292	-	5,764	4,211
Nigeria .....	-	-	-	9,945
Portuguese Africa nes .....	7,130	3,924	55,186	49,998
Sierra Leone .....	1,762	1,049	4,315	2,008
Somalia .....	82,384	15,573	97,957	22,816
Sudan .....	-	-	202,823	-
Tanzania .....	-	-	460	1,610
Togo .....	19,918	41,975	93,104	68,114
U.A.R. ....	678,624	-	1,119,691	1,372,095
Zaire .....	-	-	13,375	22,080
Totals .....	839,081	109,434	1,715,317	2,641,703
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan .....	-	-	966	-
Burma .....	336,773	2,249	344,726	-
Ceylon .....	-	76,059	76,059	1,506,590
Cyprus .....	-	221	1,111	23,977

For footnotes see end of table.

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



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



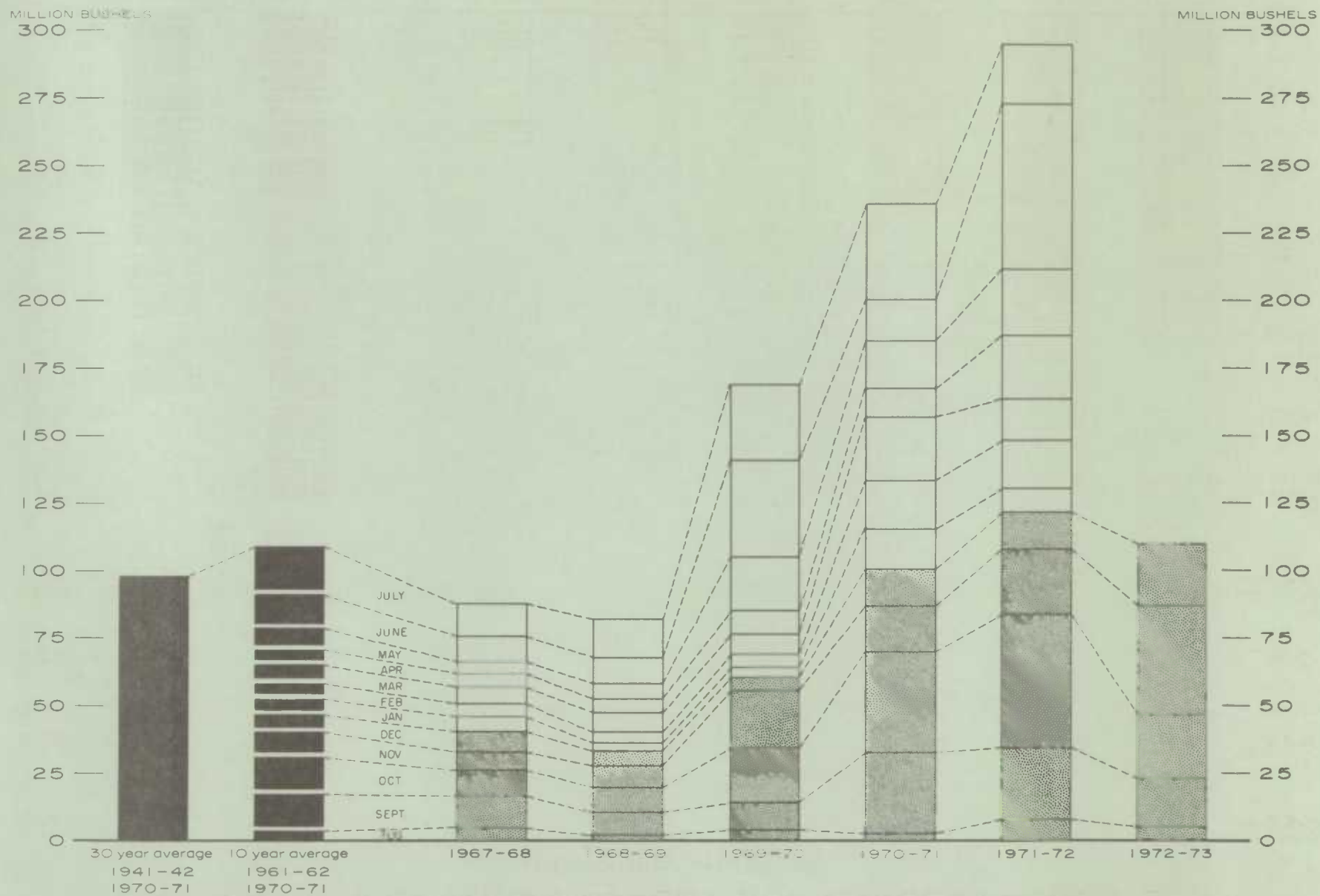
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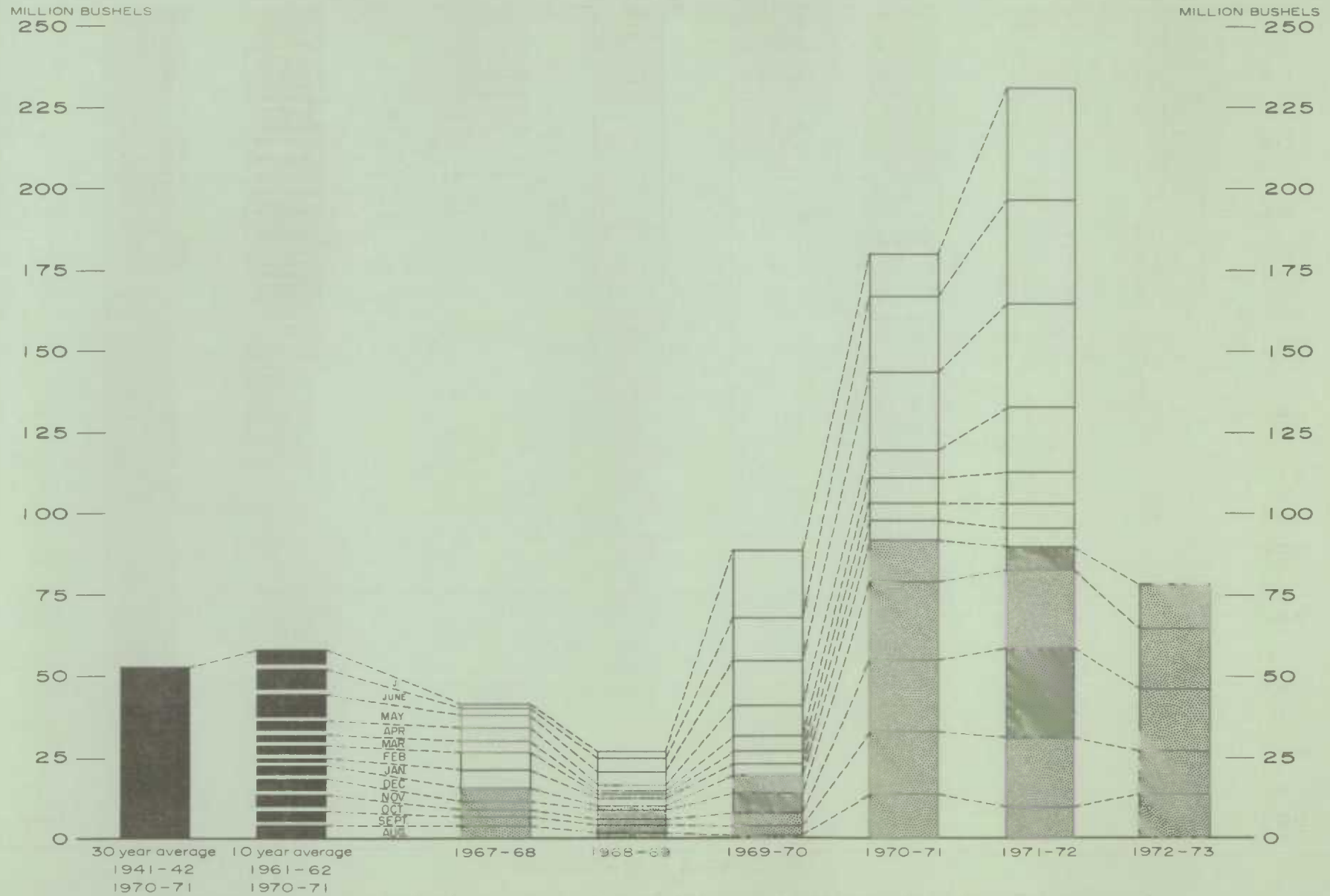
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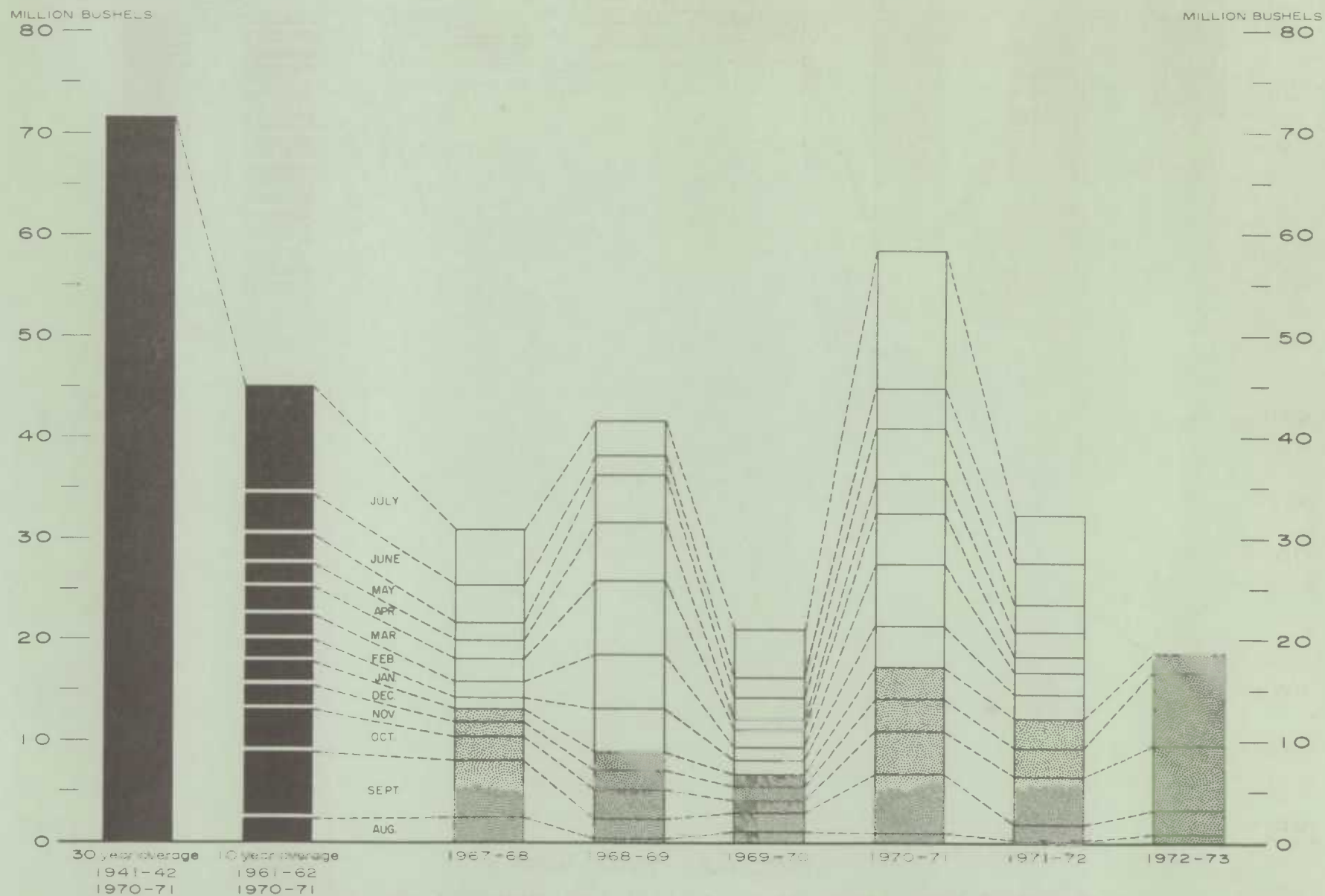
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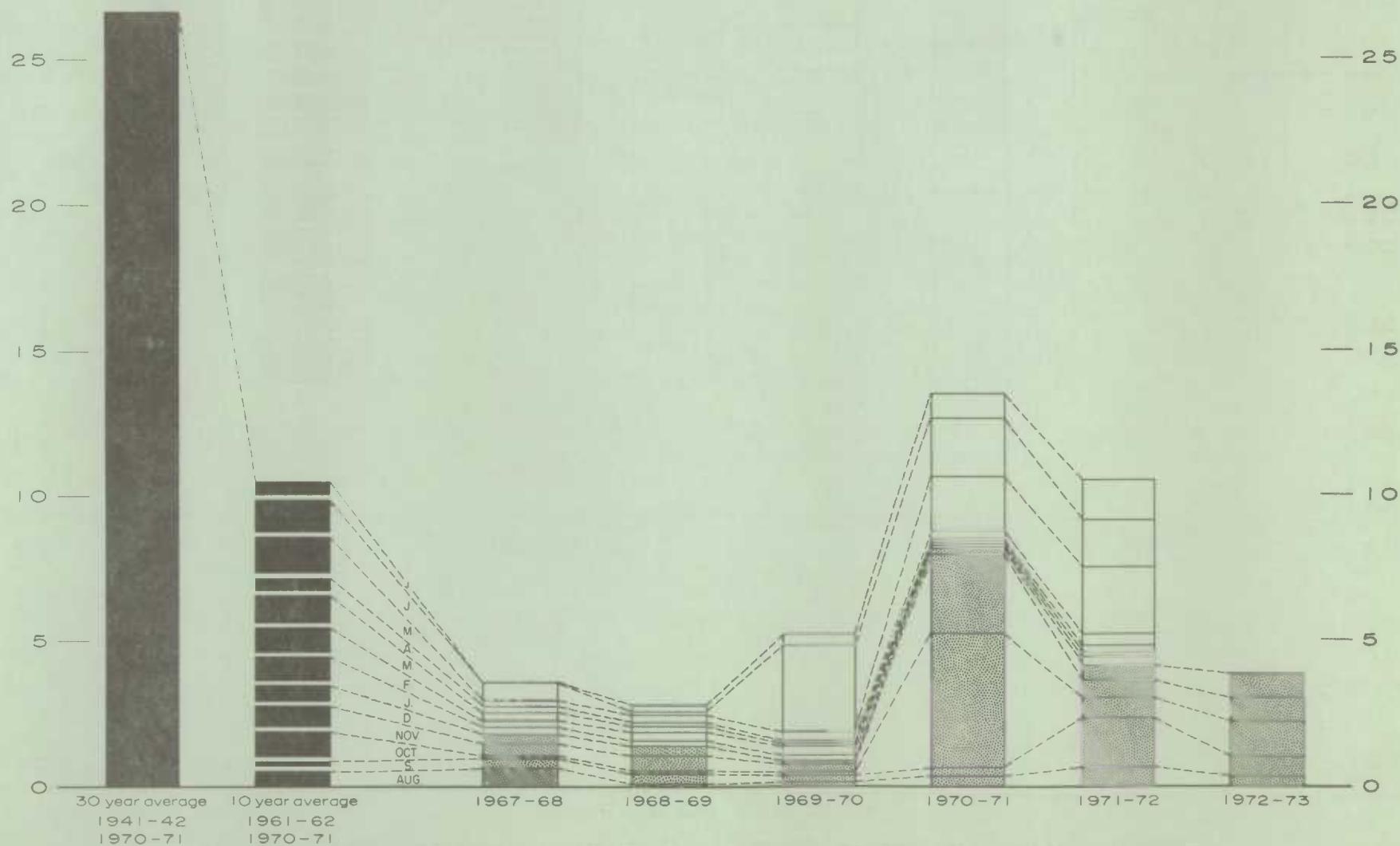
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# EXPORTS OF CANADIAN OATS\* AND OAT PRODUCTS\*\* (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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

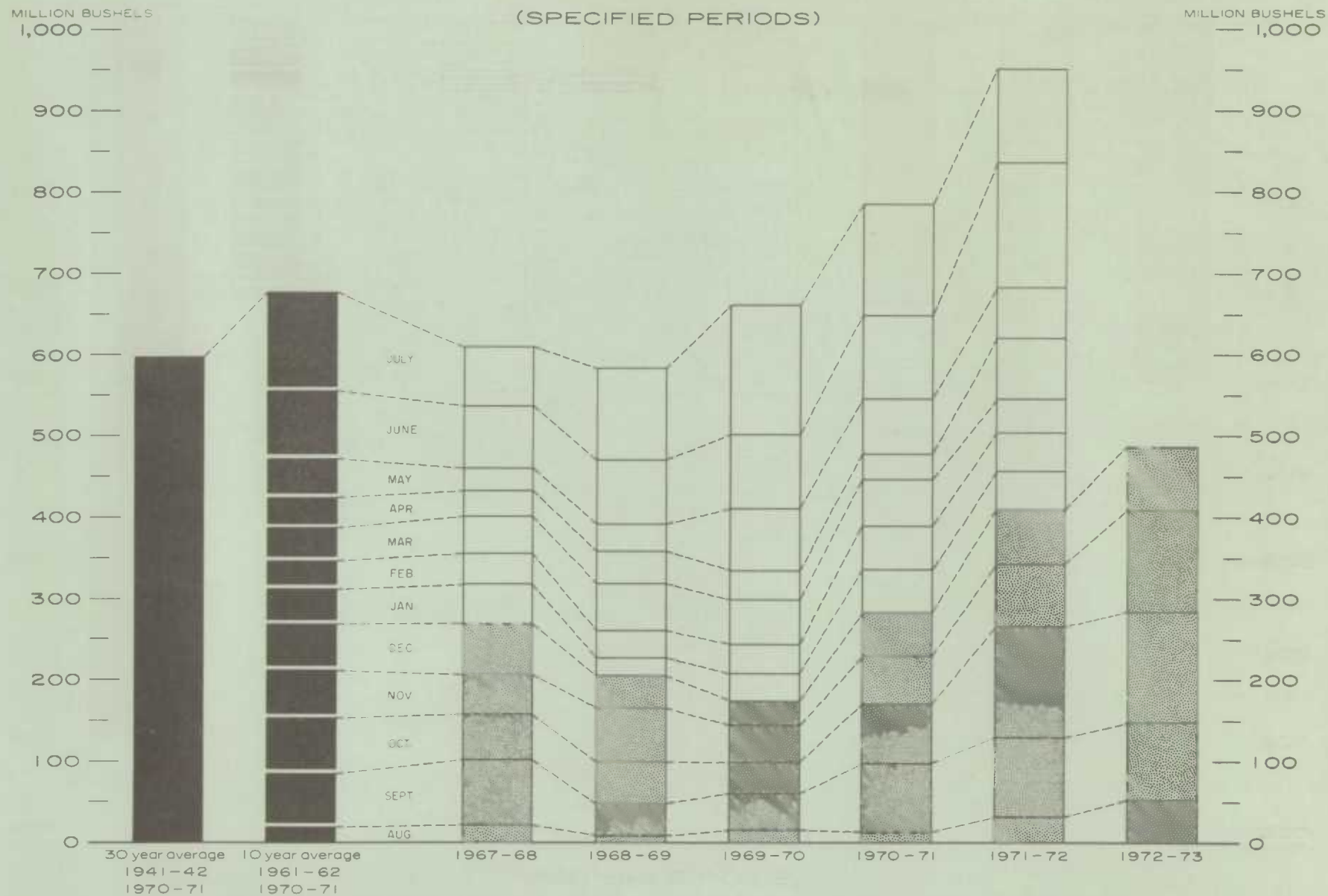
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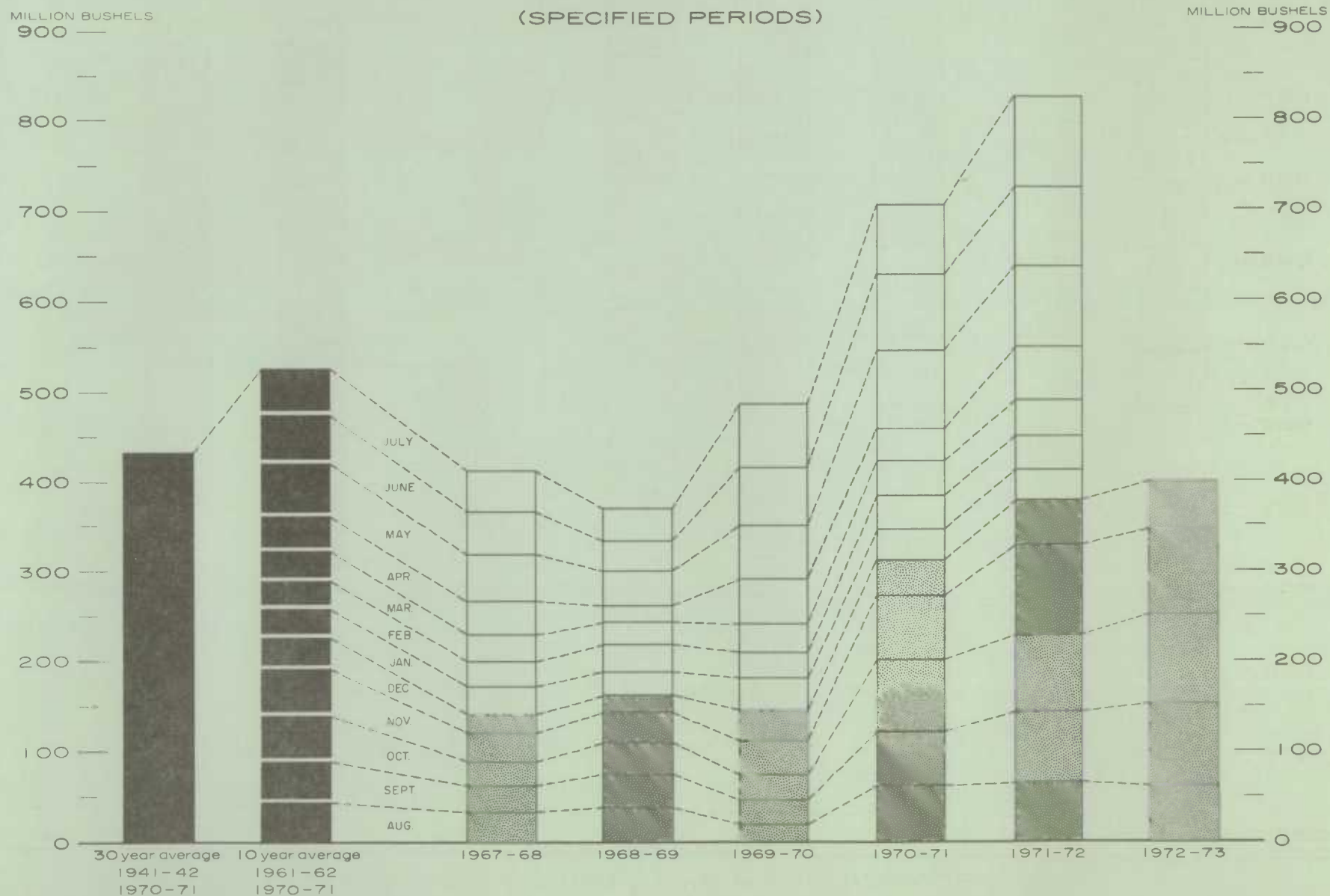


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# EXPORTS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS\*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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

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

Destination	August	November	August-November	
	1972(1)	1972(2)	1972(2)	1971(1)
<u>Asia — Concluded</u>				
Hong Kong .....	9,759	13,455	56,435	80,810
Iran .....	-	-	839	823
Japan .....	1,438	1,030	4,929	4,041
Jordan .....	-	311	57,070	-
Lebanon .....	1,362	4,285	10,718	90,310
Philippines .....	1,141	-	4,591	-
Qatar .....	-	168	168	469
Saudi Arabia .....	72,662	-	113,227	110,559
Singapore .....	-	1,150	3,450	-
Syria .....	-	-	-	67,027
Taiwan .....	62	-	63	-
Thailand .....	7,130	10,120	39,733	31,956
Trucial States .....	1,539	-	3,648	2,245
Totals .....	431,866	109,048	717,733	1,918,807
<u>Oceania</u>				
Australia .....	-	-	1,803	-
British Oceania nes .....	460	-	920	-
Fiji .....	460	-	460	920
United States Oceania .....	-	230	230	748
Totals .....	920	230	3,413	1,668
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas .....	14,189	22,050	68,420	58,466
Barbados .....	30,744	46,122	128,855	115,396
Bermuda .....	12,213	2,495	34,792	42,667
British Honduras .....	1,610	7,100	12,618	8,082
Cuba (3) .....	1,091,782	1,139,213	4,396,077	3,108,413
French West Indies .....	-	276	826	7,006
Guyana .....	872	1,355	3,692	-
Haiti .....	-	-	4,563	-
Honduras .....	-	-	3,105	228
Jamaica .....	8,719	13,418	35,413	66,974
Leeward and Windward Is. ....	69,575	34,277	243,122	252,860
Netherlands Antilles .....	-	3,611	10,407	18,556
Panama .....	-	-	-	338
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	2,742	3,156	8,650	7,424
Surinam .....	1,500	3,358	11,077	2,337
Trinidad and Tobago .....	28,308	50,616	193,837	181,058
Venezuela .....	253	115	368	-
United States .....	29,771	920	35,475	14,720
Totals .....	1,292,278	1,328,082	5,191,297	3,885,491
Totals, all countries .....	2,703,862	1,713,454	8,312,713	9,071,154

(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 December 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		
	Jan. 5 (1)	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
cents and eighths per bushel			
<u>Initial payment to producers</u>			
1 C.W. Red Spring .....	176	176	176
2 C.W. Red Spring .....	169	169	169
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	160	160	160
No. 1 Canada Utility .....	147	147	147
No. 2 Canada Utility .....	147	147	147
No. 3 Canada Utility .....	147	147	147
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	162	162	162
2 Alberta Winter .....	157	157	157
3 Alberta Winter .....	151	151	151
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	176	176	176
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	172	172	172
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	167	167	167
<u>Export</u>			
<u>(Basis in Store Thunder Bay)</u>			
1 C.W. Red Spring 14% .....	264/2	267/1	268/6
2 C.W. Red Spring 14% .....	260/2	263/1	264/6
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	248/2	251/1	252/6
No. 1 Canada Utility .....	199/4	199/4	205/7
No. 2 Canada Utility .....	197/4	197/4	203/7
No. 3 Canada Utility .....	201/4	201/4	208/1
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	256/2	259/1	260/6
2 Alberta Winter .....	255/2	258/1	259/6
3 Alberta Winter .....	254/2	257/1	258/6
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	277/7	280/6	282/3
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	276/7	279/6	281/3
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	267/7	270/6	272/3
<u>(Basis in Store Vancouver)</u>			
1 C.W. Red Spring 14% .....	301/4	302	302
2 C.W. Red Spring .....	291/4	292	292
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	287/4	288	288
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	298/4	299	299
2 Alberta Winter .....	297/4	298	298
3 Alberta Winter .....	296/4	297	297

(1) Period December 27, 1972 - January 5, 1973.



# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during December 1972 amounted to 2,577,000 hundredweight, indicating decreases from the 3,294,000 hundredweight produced during November 1972, the ten-year (1962-71) average production for the month of December of 3,263,000 hundredweight, and the December 1971 total of 3,022,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during December 1972 had a total rated capacity of 164,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 25-day working period 62.9 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during December 1972 amounted to 5,854,000 bushels, lower than the 7,497,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 15 per cent below the 6,858,000 bushels milled during December 1971. Of the wheat milled for flour during December 1972 some 4,781,000 bushels were Western Canadian red spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (558,000 bushels); Durum (364,000 bushels); and all other (151,000 bushels).

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during November 1972 amounted to the equivalent of 1,713,000 bushels (some 745,000 hundredweight of flour) one per cent more than the October 1972 exports of 1,701,000 bushels but 10 per cent less than the adjusted November 1971 exports of 1,899,000 bushels. Flour shipments during November 1972 went to thirty-nine countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 1,139,000 bushels or 66 per cent of the November 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, 148; Ceylon, 76; Trinidad and Tobago, 51; Barbados, 46; Togo, 42; Leeward and Windward Islands, 34; and Liberia, 33.

Note: Data re exports of wheat flour for December 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
December .....	5,853,556	2,577,403	870,000(2)
Totals .....	36,688,884	16,125,046	4,484,223
Same months 1971-72 <sup>F</sup> .....	37,858,131	16,727,409	5,121,406

(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 Increase  
over Previous Year

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 above the previous year's total of 2,348.0 million reflecting a 19 per cent increase in carryover stocks, which more than offset a 5 per cent decrease in production. Domestic disappearance during 1972-73 is estimated at about 792.0 million bushels, slightly 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 more than the 1,496.5 million in 1971-72.

Exports Well  
Above Year Ago

Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during July-December 1972 amount to a record 478.2 million bushels, the highest since the 431.7 million shipped in 1966-67 and 63 per cent larger than the 294.0 million exported during the same six months last year. The balance remaining on January 1, 1973 for export and for carryover was estimated at 1,139.4 million bushels compared with 1,202.5 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 <sup>r</sup>	1972-73 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) .....	730.2	864.8
Production .....	1,617.8	1,544.8
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	2,348.0	2,409.6
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-December .....	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-December .....	268.0	449.6
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-December .....	26.0	28.6
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	294.0	478.2
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover ..	1,202.5	1,139.4

(1) Excludes imports for January-June.

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

USDA Eliminates Required  
Set-Aside from 1973 Wheat  
Program; Lifts Grazing Ban

On January 11, 1973 the United States Department of Agriculture stated that in a move to assure an adequate supply of agricultural commodities to meet a growing market demand, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the elimination of the 86 per cent mandatory set-aside requirement under the 1973 wheat program, except for those producers who elect to participate in the voluntary set-aside. In order to participate in the voluntary set-aside program, these producers will be required to comply with the mandatory set-aside as well as the voluntary program. Also, the Department announced that livestock grazing will be permitted on acreage set aside under the provisions of the 1973 feed grain and wheat program. These actions clearly demonstrate the flexibility of the set-aside programs, USDA officials said, in that it enables adjustment to rapid changes in market demand. When the 1973 wheat program was announced in July 1972, the amount of set-aside land required for program participation was an acreage equal to 86 per cent of a farm's domestic allotment.

Since announcement of the program, demand for wheat worldwide has developed following crop failures or reductions in grain harvest throughout much of Asia and in other portions of the world. Demand for other grain crops and for oilseed crops also has increased heavily. The national wheat allotment for 1973 is 18.7 million acres. Elimination of the required wheat set-aside acreage will free nearly 15 million acres for production of crops, including wheat or forage. It is expected to add to market income earned by farmers.

No other 1973 wheat program provisions were changed except for elimination of the required set-aside percentage, USDA reported, and program payments will not be affected in any way by the reduction in set-aside acreage.

The decision to permit grazing on set-aside acreage was made in order to prevent or alleviate a shortage in the supply of livestock feed, the Department explained. The grazing privilege will assist livestock producers in meeting increasing consumer demand for meat products by making additional forage available to supplement feed supplies for the production of livestock, the Department added. Previously, grazing of set-aside acreage was not permitted during any of the five principal months of the normal growing season.

The Department stated that there will be a reduction in payment for the privilege of grazing the set-aside acres. The county set-aside payment rate reduction for those producers electing to graze set-aside acreage will be available at all applicable county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices.

January 1973 Prospective  
Plantings

A report released on January 19, 1972 by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that the prospective planted acreage of durum wheat totals 2,837,000 acres, up 9 per cent from 1972 but 4 per cent below the 1971 level. This survey includes all the durum producing States. North Dakota, the dominant durum State, is up 7 per cent from 1972. Greater percentage increases are also expected in Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota. Seedings of spring wheat other than durum are expected to total 11,736,000 acres in the States surveyed, up 17 per cent from 1972 but down 8 per cent from 1971. The survey included 9 of 12 spring wheat States which accounted for over 99 per cent of the 1972 seeded acreage. Larger acreages than a year ago are intended in all States. North Dakota, with over half the 9 State total, is up 17 per cent. Minnesota and South Dakota are up 25 per cent and 22 per cent, respectively, while Montana is up 3 per cent -- the smallest gain expected in the States surveyed.



AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies  
Below Previous  
Year

Reflecting the effect of sharp decreases in both carryover stocks and production, total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1972-73 crop year are estimated at 287.6 million bushels, registering a 34 per cent decline from the 433.4 million in 1971-72. The current crop, estimated at 234.4 million bushels, is 23 per cent lower than the 306.2 million bushels harvested in 1971-72 and carryover stocks at 53.2 million bushels were 58 per cent smaller than the 127.2 million at December 1, 1971. After deducting some 111.9 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 175.7 million are available for export and for carryover during 1972-73, some 48 per cent below the 338.3 million in 1971-72.

Exports Decline  
from Year Ago

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 - 23 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 18.6 million bushels, some 24 per cent lower than the 24.5 million exported during the corresponding period of 1971-72. The balance remaining on December 24, 1972 for export and for carryover was estimated at 157.1 million in contrast to the 1971 total of 313.8 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 <sup>r</sup>	1972-73 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) .....	127.2	53.2
Production .....	306.2	234.4
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	433.4	287.6
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ...	95.1	111.9
Available for export and for carryover .....	338.3	175.7
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - 23 .....	24.0	18.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - 23 .....	0.5	0.4
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	24.5	18.6
Balance on December 24 for export and for carryover ..	313.8	157.1

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 January 5, 1972 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.



1971-72 wheat sales. — Total disposals of Australian wheat for the 1971-72 season which ended on November 30, 1972 were 353 million bushels. This was almost exactly equal to the average disposals for the last three years but were down 42.1 million bushels from last year's record 395.1 million bushels. The Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board has said that the total was made up of the following components:

<u>Australian Wheat Disposals</u>		
	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>
	million bushels	
Exports of wheat as grain .....	315.8	272.9
Exports of wheat as flour		
and wheat products .....	16.7	12.2
Domestic sales .....	62.6	67.9
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Totals .....	395.1	353.0

The Wheat Board began the 1971-72 season with about 406.2 million bushels of wheat available. The disposal of 353 million bushels for the year left a carryover of 53.2 million bushels which is the lowest carryover in four years.

The Wheat Board feels that had the prospects for 1972-73 been better, the export figure of 285.1 million bushels would have been increased and may have surpassed the record exports of 332.5 million bushels set last year. Due to the poor harvest prospects for the 1972-73 crop year, the Board reduced the volume of offers to some markets to conserve stocks. However, the export of 285.1 million bushels compares favourably with the average of about 250 million bushels exported over the last ten years.

Similarly, Australia's carryover of 53.2 million bushels is almost half the 90 million bushel average carryover of the past ten years.

The principal markets in 1971-72 were Egypt, 55 million bushels; Japan, 49 million bushels ; United Kingdom, 23 million bushels; Chile, 20 million bushels; Russia, 20 million bushels; and East Germany, 18 million bushels.

The sale of 67.9 million bushels on the domestic market was 5 million bushels higher than that for 1970-71; the increase being almost entirely due to increased sales of wheat for stockfeed purposes.

1972-73 crop prospects. — The latest official estimates of Australian wheat acreage and production were released in early December by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. Their estimate was for a crop of 234.4 million bushels from 18.4 million acres. The estimate by state is shown in the following table.

<u>State</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Production</u>
	thousand acres	thousand bushels
New South Wales .....	6,315	72,666.0
Victoria .....	2,730	37,837.1
Queensland .....	900	13,468.9
South Australia .....	2,441	27,231.4
Western Ausutralia .....	6,100	82,905.3
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Totals(1)	18,499	234,402.9

(1) Includes Tasmania  
and the A.C.T.

However, since these estimates were made average yields have improved slightly in some cases and the final result should be higher. In New South Wales, average yields have increased slightly to 15.1 bushels per acre and it is now expected that the crop will be closer to 77 million bushels. In Victoria 43 million bushels have already been delivered to the Board's silos and harvesting is not complete.

The fact that final production may be improved slightly has not helped the Wheat Board's position any. In contrast the Board has revised it's estimates of receivals downwards again and they now expect to receive only 192.5 million bushels. Nowever, some people think that the Board is being too pessimistic and that total receivals will still be close to 200 million bushels. Current estimated receivals by State are as follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>Current estimated receivals</u>	<u>Previous estimated receivals</u> million bushels	<u>1972-73 quotas</u>
New South Wales.....	53.0	60.0	157.0
Queensland .....	12.0	11.5	38.0
Victoria .....	43.0	42.0	67.0
South Australia .....	23.0	19.0	50.0
Western Australia .....	61.5	70.0	95.0
Totals .....	<u>192.5</u>	<u>202.5</u>	<u>407.0</u>

The downward revision is being attributed to the fact that growers are holding back deliveries and storing the grain on their farms for stock feed. There is currently a shortage of millfeed and hay and prices have increased substantially over the past three months. In addition some growers are selling their wheat to stock feed agents. Agents are reportedly offering between \$1.20 and \$1.30 per bushel in the paddock which is much better than what growers are receiving from the Wheat Board after freight and other expenses are deducted.

1973-74 wheat quotas. — The Australian Wheat Growers' Federation has reaffirmed its policy of wheat production quotas for the 1973-74 crop year. Previously there had been some speculation that the Federation would recommend that quotas be dropped for the next year or two until Australia was able to improve her carryover position. However, the Federation has recommended to the Federal Government that next year's quota be 514.4 million bushels. Although the Government has not officially accepted the recommendation as yet, there seems to be little doubt that it will be accepted.

By setting such a large quota, the Federation has in effect put forward a production unlimited policy for the 1973-74 crop year. Prior to the introduction of quotas, Australia's largest crop was 544 million bushels produced in the 1968-69 crop year from 26.8 million acres. In order to produce such a large crop, growing conditions will have to be next to ideal and at this point in time there doesn't seem to be any reason to be so optimistic. Drought conditions are continuing and sub-soil moisture reserves are diminishing. Unless good rains are received shortly growers will not be able to get their land into good planting condition for next year.

The 1973-74 quota recommendations by State are as follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>1972-73 Quota</u>	<u>1973-74 Quota</u>
	million bushels	
New South Wales .....	157	193.8
Victoria .....	67	91.5
South Australia .....	50	73.3
Western Australia .....	95	112.6
Queensland .....	38	43.2
Totals .....	407	514.4

In establishing the quota recommendations, the Federation took into account a 20 per cent increase in the base quota and an allowance for the estimated 50 per cent shortfall in the 1972-73 delivery.

Australian home consumption prices for wheat — 1972-73. — The 1972-73 home consumption prices for Australian wheat were set in early December by the Australian Wheat Board. The prices, applicable from December 1, 1972, are as follows; bulk, f.a.q., f.o.r. ports basis with the previous seasons prices in brackets:

- (a) For human consumption \$1.84 per bushel (\$1.78 per bushel)
- (b) For stockfeed-basic price \$1.84 per bushel (\$1.60 per bushel)
- (c) For manufacture of flour for industrial use and wheat for stockfeed where the purchaser undertakes to buy all his requirements for the season from the Australian Wheat Board \$1.55 per bushel (\$1.49 per bushel)

The guaranteed price for wheat of the 1972-73 Pool was set at 156.8 cents per bushel and applies to a maximum of 200 million bushels of exports from the Pool. This is a five cent a bushel increase over the guaranteed price for wheat of the 1971-72 Pool.

The six cent rise in the price for human consumption comprises a five cent a bushel rise in the estimated cost of producing wheat plus an extra one cent increase in the loading charge to cover the cost of shipping wheat to Tasmania which is a non-producing State. The cost of production sector is based on the increase in on-farm costs over the past year as assessed by a special committee comprising wheat and Departmental officials. This concept of cost of production has been criticized many times because it is not only difficult to assess and open to abuse but also irrelevant when presented as a national average.

No wheat available for Red Sea markets. — Several South Australian firms which have built up a substantial trade in shipping bagged wheat to Red Sea ports have been refused wheat supplies by the Australian Wheat Board. The Board, in a telegram, regretted that wheat could not be made available as national wheat stocks were barely sufficient to meet existing commitments.

In the last few years this market has been taking close to 100,000 tons of bagged Australian wheat per year which is a fairly substantial quantity. The firms involved are asking why this market is not considered an "existing commitment".



Australian wheat exports to Rhodesia banned. - The export of Australian wheat to Rhodesia will no longer be permitted by the Australian Government. This was announced after the new Government reviewed the circumstances under which wheat exports had been permitted since the United Nations sanctions were imposed on Rhodesia in 1968. Up until now, wheat exports had been allowed under an exemption to the sanctions which allowed the export of foodstuffs to that country in special humanitarian circumstances. The new Government feels that humanitarian considerations no longer justify wheat exports to Rhodesia.

Australia sold 30,683 long tons (1,145,000 bushels) of wheat to Rhodesia last year and 56,485 long tons (2,109,000 bushels) in 1970-71.

Australian Labor Party's wheat policies. - Since the Australian Labor Party was elected on December 2, there has been much speculation as to what it's rural policies will be, particularly since this is the first Labor Government in Australia in more than twenty years. As the Opposition, they of course had their rural spokesmen and Shadow Ministers of Primary Industry, but it seems they never formed what could be called a comprehensive rural policy. Rather, rural policy for the Labor Party was formed on more of an ad hoc basis.

In relation to wheat, the Labor Party has advanced a number of policies which are summarized as follows:

(a) Stabilization and Price

A continuation of the Wheat Stabilization Act based on a weighted one price criteria for domestic consumption and the appropriate guaranteed export quantity as determined within the Act. This price will provide the grower with the same financial return as the two price differential. But whereas the relatively high domestic price of wheat has to be borne principally by the family men under the two price scheme, the increased costs of the one price basis would be borne by the nation in general

In determining the domestic and guaranteed price, consideration will be given to real changes in cash costs of wheat production.

Labor will not fix a price based on the cost of production concept which includes the imputed costs of fallacious values of land as well as the qualitative judgements on sideline income and the rate of interest on all farm assets, including the self generating value of land.

(b) Controlled Wheat Production

Labor supports the principle of controlled production in relation to aggregate demand on a national basis. There should always be provision for minimum individual quotas to allow a producer to earn at least a livable income.

Quotas will be fixed well in advance of preparatory land workings.

The principle of reducing all quotas by a fixed pro-rata percentage which can mean that a small producer could be left with a quota below economic subsistence level, is unjust.



(c) First Advance Payments

The first advance payment financed by the Reserve Bank will be applicable only to the national quota. But where the Wheat Board secures markets above the quota after plantings based on the national quota have been undertaken, the first advance will be extended to cover this additional production, if it is available.

Where major crop failures will result in a production below the national quota, based on the total of individual quotas, first advance payments will be paid on a pro-rata to those producers who have been fortunate to have above quota wheat available to make up the national quota.

(d) At Own Risk

The important principle underlying Labor's wheat policy is that controlled production is essential but any producer is free to grow above his quota if he desires on the strict basis that he does so at his own risk. In some years his judgement of growing above quota wheat may be correct, in others it may not, but Labor will not pay first advances, or otherwise, on wheat produced above the quota if a market does not exist for that wheat.

(e) Second Pool

Because it is virtually impossible to produce exactly the quota required, producers, in the main, plant to achieve a production level slightly above their individual quotas to counter possible emergencies such as drought. If good seasons prevail, above quota wheat will be produced. If this wheat cannot be sold within the terms of the I.G.A., the Wheat Board will make arrangements for this wheat to be stored in strategically located storages to be used for the purpose of drought and special sales. This wheat is referred to as No. 2 Pool Wheat, as distinct from No. 1 Pool which constitutes the national quota.

Unless determined otherwise this No. 2 Pool (above quota wheat) will be sold under normal demand and supply conditions. The risk and level of return for producing over quota wheat rests always with the producer.

(f) Storages in Drought Areas

In view of the huge economic losses to the nations caused by recurring drought, a Labor Government will assist in the financing of major storages for No. 2 Pool Wheat in those livestock areas highly susceptible to drought. At the same time, encouragement through development loans and income tax concessions, will be given to producers in drought areas to make provision for on-farm storages for drought reserve.

(g) Wheat Quality

The Labor Party recognizes that the grading of wheat is unsatisfactory as regards specific market requirements. A Labor Government will arrange for the payment of premiums for those grades of wheat which have the best demand on international markets. At the same time a Labor Government will insist to the States that quotas should be designed to give priority to those areas, including new areas, which can produce the types of wheat the market demands most.

A Labor Government will not financially support the production of inferior wheat for which no satisfactory market exists.

(h) Feed Grains

Labor will provide positive forward information to wheat growers as to changing market patterns for grains. Available evidence indicates that there exists a sound future for feed grain varieties, including high yielding wheat varieties suitable for livestock production.

A Labor Government will step up the activities of the Trade Commission services in order to provide continuing information to the Government to supplement Wheat Board data on current and Future market demands for different types of grains.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 - November 30, 1971-72 and Corresponding Period 1970-71

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Germany, West.....	30	-	-	-
Italy .....	1,033	-	-	-
Netherlands .....	258	-	-	-
Sub-total .....	1,321	-	-	-
Other Western Europe:				
Britain .....	46,789	23,213	368	254
Ireland .....	1,798	1,593	-	-
Malta .....	370	565	-	-
Norway .....	4,850	5,221	-	-
Switzerland .....	1,631	22	-	-
Sub-totals .....	55,438	30,614	368	254
Totals .....	56,759	30,614	368	254
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Germany, East .....	5,159	18,277	-	-
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	6,823	19,725	-	-
Totals .....	11,982	38,002	-	-
<u>Africa</u>				
Angola .....	1,030	574	-	-
Ethiopa .....	1,566	-	-	-
Egypt U.A.R. ....	61,770	54,560	-	-
Kenya .....	-	2,382	-	-
Malawi .....	-	-	819	597
Mauritius - Comm. ....	-	-	801	819
- F. Aid .....	-	-	128	182
Mozambique .....	2,718	2,130	-	-
Rhodesia .....	2,109	1,146	-	-
South Africa .....	849	-	-	-
Sudan .....	5,715	1,431	-	-

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 - November 30, 1971-72 and Corresponding Period 1970-71- Cont'd

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Africa</u> (concluded)				
Tanzania .....	694	764	-	-
Zambia .....	2,520	3,298	-	-
Others .....	6	6	458	370
Totals .....	78,977	66,291	2,206	1,968
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden .....	495	460	-	-
Aden and Aden I/T Atta .	-	-	34	21
Afghanistan .....	-	411	-	-
Arabian Gulf .....	338	625	240	390
Arabian Gulf Atta .....	-	-	1,445	1,723
Bangladesh - Comm. ....	-	1,707	-	-
- F. Aid ....	-	511	-	-
Burma - F. Aid .....	-	-	556	253
Ceylon - Sri Lanka .....	3,055	3,373	-	-
- Sri Lanka - Comm.	-	-	4,398	92
- Sri Lanka -F.Aid	-	-	599	732
China .....	3,038	-	-	-
Hong Kong .....	2,955	2,104	22	17
India - Comm. ....	2,440	-	-	-
- F. Aid .....	1,723	1,466	-	-
Indonesia - F. Aid ....	1,019	3,537	1,568	-
- Comm. ....	1,029	-	7	3
Iran .....	23,912	2,784	-	-
Iraq .....	17,336	2,696	-	-
Japan .....	38,996	49,277	-	-
Korea North .....	-	1,853	-	-
Korea South .....	11,333	2,898	-	-
Kuwait .....	4,054	4,411	-	-
Lebanon .....	3,896	1,260	-	-
Malaysia .....	11,213	11,567	-	-
Pakistan - Comm. ....	2,699	-	-	-
- F. Aid .....	234	878	-	-
Philippines - Comm. ....	1,296	-	216	336
- F. Aid ...	-	246	-	518
Sabah .....	-	-	3	2
Sarawak .....	-	-	(1)	-
Saudi Arabia .....	2,506	4,114	242	346
Singapore .....	6,676	6,238	1	(1)
Taiwan .....	5,646	4,756	-	-
Thailand .....	1,252	1,923	185	185
Yemen .....	1,310	2,893	-	-
Others .....	-	-	157	186
Totals .....	148,451	111,988	9,673	4,804
<u>Oceania</u>				
New Zealand .....	2,191	551	-	-
Okinawa .....	913	198	-	-
Totals .....	3,104	749	-	-

See footnote at end of table.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 - November 30, 1971-72 and Corresponding Period 1970-71 - Concluded

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia .....	1,660	566	-	-
Chile .....	7,408	19,932	-	-
Colombia .....	747	-	-	-
Peru .....	6,646	4,680	-	-
West Indies Area .....	-	-	129	84
Totals .....	16,461	25,178	129	84
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands .....	66	78	4,196	4,970
Ships' Stores and Sundries	-	-	130	119
Totals .....	66	78	4,326	5,089
Totals, all countries .....	315,800	272,900	16,700	12,200

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

Commercial Supplies  
Above a Year Ago

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, some 16 per cent more than the 1971-72 total of 545.9 million. Imports of wheat during August-October 1972, including durum wheat and both hard and soft wheat have amounted to 5.0 million bushels, in sharp contrast to the 2.0 million imported during the same three months of 1971. After deducting 242.5 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover is about 396.5 million bushels 30 per cent above the 305.0 million the previous year.

Exports Sharply Higher  
than Previous Year

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first three months of the 1972-73 crop year, at 72.2 million bushels, were 51 per cent more than the comparable August-October 1971 total of 57.9 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on November 1, 1972 for export and for carryover amounted to 324.4 million compared with the November 1, 1971 total of 247.1 million bushels.

The following account of the wheat situation in France has been extracted from a report from Mr. G.W. Doucet, Agricultural Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of January 15, 1973 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Where possible, conversions to Canadian measures have been made for the convenience of our readers.



# French Soft Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 <sup>r</sup>	1972-73 <sup>p</sup>
	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 - October .....	2.0	5.0
Total commercial supplies .....	548.0	639.0
Less domestic requirements for crop year .....	243.0	242.5
Available for export and for carryover .....	305.0	396.5
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports (2) of wheat, August-October .....	47.1	61.4
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-October .....	10.7	10.7
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour ..	57.9	72.2
Balance on November 1 for export and for carryover .....	247.1	324.4

(1) Includes durum, hard and soft wheat.

(2) Includes denatured, durum and soft wheat.

Supply-disposition - soft wheat. - October and November farm marketings were respectively 589,600 metric tons (21,664,000 bushels) and 239,200 tons (8,789,000 bushels), bringing the total farm deliveries at December 1, 1972 to the record level of 11,119,500 tons (408,567,000 bushels) in contrast to 8,980,800 tons (329,984,000 bushels) delivered by December last year.

Since last August, total disposition has been increased each month, and amounted to a higher level than a year earlier. In November 1972 total disposition reached 1,370,000 tons (50,338,000 bushels) compared with the 1,012,800 tons (37,214,000 bushels) in November 1971, and the previous months figures of 1,352,000 tons (49,677,000 bushels) in October, 1,313,600 tons (48,266,000 bushels) in September and 980,900 tons (36,042,000 bushels) in August 1972. While sales to millers were higher than last year in August, September and October, the November 1972 figure, with only 375,400 tons (13,793,000 bushels) was 69,700 tons (2,561,000 bushels) lower than the November 1971 figure of 445,100 tons (16,354,000 bushels). Total denatured and mixed wheats for these first four months were 702,700 tons (25,820,000 bushels) as against only 486,800 tons (17,887,000 bushels) last year. Total exports were respectively 667,600 tons (24,530,000 bushels) in October and 758,600 tons (27,873,000 bushels) in November, surpassing widely the 416,900 tons (15,318,000 bushels) and the 400,200 tons (14,705,000 bushels) exported last year over the two comparable months. Stocks on December 1, 1972 were placed at 7,224,200 tons (265,441,000 bushels) compared with 5,762,100 tons (211,719,000 bushels) on December 1, 1971.

Durum wheat. - Durum wheat producers delivered 39,400 tons (1,448,000 bushels) in October and 10,100 tons (371,000 bushels) in November 1972, so that total deliveries on December 1, 1972 were placed at 286,600 tons (10,531,000 bushels) as against the 344,800 tons (12,669,000 bushels) delivered a year ago.

Total disposition went from 46,800 tons (1,720,000 bushels) in October and 45,800 tons (1,683,000 bushels) in November 1971 to 41,500 tons (1,525,000 bushels) and 30,800 tons (1,132,000 bushels), respectively, in October and November 1972. In these first four months, sales of semolina millers were only 104,100 tons (3,825,000 bushels) compared with 136,700 tons (5,023,000 bushels) last year. The level of exports was good in October 1972 with 6,000 tons (220,000 bushels) in contrast to 3,900 tons (143,000 bushels) sold in October 1971, but became lower in November with 2,900 tons (107,000 bushels) as against 3,700 tons (136,000 bushels) exported during the month of November 1971. Stocks on December 1, 1972 were 168,000 tons (6,173,000 bushels) in contrast to 205,000 tons (7,532,000 bushels) December 1, 1971.

External trade. - In October, total French wheat imports, with 78,732 tons (2,893,000 bushels) remained larger than a year earlier at 27,801 tons (1,022,000 bushels). For durum wheat, 46,318 tons (1,702,000 bushels) were imported from the States, in contrast to the 15,675 tons (576,000 bushels) bought last year. French purchases of hard and soft wheat were also more important, as they increased from 12,125 tons (446,000 bushels) in October 1971 to 32,413 tons (1,191,000 bushels) in October 1972, and the main suppliers to the French market were the States with 22,507 tons (827,000 bushels), Canada with 8,656 tons (318,000 bushels) and the USSR with 1,239 tons (46,000 bushels).

For these first three months, French total wheat purchases increased from 55,406 tons (2,036,000 bushels) last year to 134,772 tons (4,952,000 bushels), this year including to a large extent both these two wheat varieties: from 21,484 tons to 84,791 tons (789,000 bushels to 3,116,000 bushels) for durum, and from 33,922 tons to 49,981 tons (1,246,000 bushels to 1,836,000 bushels) for milling wheat. Canada continues to improve its sales position, as the total figure went from 13,378 tons (484,000 bushels) on November 1, 1971 to 24,371 tons (895,000 bushels) on November 1, 1972.

#### French Wheat Imports, August-October

Destination	Durum wheat		Hard and soft wheats	
	1971	1972	1971	1972
	thousand bushels			
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	-	-	1	(1)
Canada .....	-	230	492	665
Germany .....	-	-	9	-
Italy .....	-	-	1	-
Netherlands .....	-	-	-	(1)
United States .....	789	2,885	713	1,068
U.S.S.R. ....	-	-	32	103
Totals .....	789	3,116	1,246	1,836

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

Total wheat shipments from France amounted to 672,435 tons (24,707,000 bushels) for October 1972, in contrast to 420,104 tons (15,436,000 bushels) exported last year and 624,894 tons (22,961,000 bushels) exported in September 1972.

The August-October 1972 total exports amounted to 1,672,124 tons (61,439,000 bushels) compared with 1,282,929 tons (47,139,000 bushels) exported last year.

The 346,110 tons (12,717,000 bushels) wheat sold to the EEC in October 1972 was 60,992 tons (2,241,000 bushels) more than the comparable 285,118 tons (10,476,000 bushels) exported last year. On November 1, 1972, total French wheat shipments to the EEC partners were placed at 964,516 tons (35,440,000 bushels) or 57.7 per cent out of French sales, compared with 885,580 tons (32,539,000 bushels), 69 per cent reached last year.

In October 1972, purchases by the new EEC members (UK and Ireland) were placed at 144,739 tons (5,318,000 bushels) in contrast to 47,473 tons (1,744,000 bushels) bought during October 1971, so that the French sales to these countries since August 1, 1972 were 320,032 tons (11,759,000 bushels), 19.1 per cent out of French sales, compared with 182,006 tons (6,688,000 bushels) 14.2 per cent last year.

For these first three months, France exported 1,284,548 tons (47,199,000 bushels), 77 per cent of its total wheat sales, to the enlarged EEC, in contrast to 1,067,586 tons (39,227,000 bushels), 83 per cent last year over the same period. Consequently, exports to Third Countries increased from 215,343 tons (7,912,000 bushels), 17 per cent out of total wheat sales of France, last year to 387,576 tons (14,241,000 bushels), 23 per cent for these first three months.

Major overseas buyers were the UAR with 133,125 tons (4,891,000 bushels); USSR with 115,508 tons (4,244,000 bushels); Switzerland with 56,314 tons (2,069,000 bushels); Senegal with 18,849 tons (693,000 bushels); Ivory Coast with 11,000 tons (404,000 bushels); and Afghanistan with 10,850 tons (399,000 bushels).

Wheat flour. — With 80,690 tons for October 1972, flour shipments were higher than the last year comparable figure of 63,009 tons and also surpassed the level of 65,241 tons exported in September 1972. Since August 1972, 194,931 tons of wheat flour have already been exported, little changed from last year's 194,776 tons. The key buyers were UAR with 99,551 tons, Western Germany with 10,666 tons, and North Korea with 9,255 tons.

Prices and market. — During the end of November and the beginning of December wheat prices increased from 56 francs to 58 francs per 100 kilos (\$2.99 to \$3.10 per bushel), surpassing the support price by 2 to 3.50 francs (11 to 19 cents per bushel). Good varieties, such as Rex, were priced between 60 and 62.50 francs (\$3.20 and \$3.34 per bushel). Denatured wheat was offered at 1.50 francs (8 cents per bushel) above the support price. Forage wheats were sold 55 to 56 francs (\$2.94 to \$2.99 per bushel), i.e. 1 franc (5 cents per bushel) above the support price.

Export prices were up between 58 and 59.60 francs per 100 kilos (\$3.10 and \$3.18 per bushel) FOB Rouen. Forage wheats, 10 to 15 per cent sprouted grains, continued to be exported with the following prices: 57 to 59 francs (\$3.04 to \$3.15 per bushel) FOB Rouen, and 58.25 to 60.75 francs (\$3.11 to \$3.24 per bushel) FOB Basel, Switzerland was looking for such wheats.



French Wheat Exports, August-October

Destination	Milling soft wheat		Durum		Denatured durum and soft wheat	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
thousand bushels						
Afghanistan .....	-	399	-	-	-	-
Andorra .....	5	4	-	-	-	-
Angola .....	540	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	4,801	5,610	168	156	3,924	3,860
Cameroon .....	230	358	-	-	4	-
Central Africa .....	64	110	-	-	-	-
Congo-Brazza .....	-	18	-	-	-	-
Dahomey .....	-	276	-	-	-	-
Ecuador .....	4	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt .....	-	4,882	-	-	-	10
Gabon .....	156	73	-	-	-	-
Germany .....	9,002	8,641	56	121	1,009	1,481
Guadeloupe .....	-	140	-	-	-	-
Ireland .....	578	816	-	-	-	-
Italy .....	6,320	2,650	187	52	3	7
Ivory Coast .....	1,141	404	-	-	-	-
Kenya .....	478	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar .....	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	-
Malta .....	-	90	-	-	-	-
Martinique .....	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-
Mauritius .....	2	-	-	1	-	-
Morocco .....	113	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands .....	6,103	8,147	-	-	635	4,714
Pakistan .....	551	197	-	-	-	-
Poland .....	765	-	-	-	-	-
Reunion Island .....	-	-	77	-	-	-
Senegal .....	879	693	-	-	-	-
Spanish Canaries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-
Spanish North Africa .....	-	1	-	-	-	(1)
Switzerland .....	2,608	2,054	4	3	8	12
Tunisia .....	134	121	-	-	-	-
Uganda .....	1	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom .....	6,082	10,941	-	-	28	2
United States .....	9	-	-	-	-	-
Upper Volta .....	129	147	-	-	-	-
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	-	4,244	-	-	-	-
West Indies .....	-	-	-	-	-	2
Yemen .....	-	-	-	-	10	-
Others .....	331	(1)	-	(1)	(1)	(1)
Totals .....	41,024	51,017	493	334	5,622	10,088

(1) Less than 500 bushels.



Following the ONIC Permanent Committee meeting on December 27, total deliveries remained included between 14.5 and 15 million metric tons (532,778,000 and 551,150,000 bushels). Wheat quality would appear satisfactory. Wheat deliveries slackened in November and December, owing to the delay of the corn harvest. Exports to the EEC were weak in November, but a net increase is forecast for December. On December 27, wheat already contracted to Third Countries surpassed 2.3 million tons (84,510,000 bushels) compared with 3.1 million tons (113,904,000 bushels) to be contracted to these countries.

Increase of soft wheat prices on both domestic and export markets depend on the world market situation and especially for France, to the corn delivery now forecast lower than all previous estimates. Around December 8, it was announced that the USSR was inquiring about 700,000 tons (25,720,000 bushels) of French wheat and 300,000 tons (13,779,000 bushels) of French barley. This was reflected in higher prices for a few days, but no purchase was confirmed as yet.

Crop situation. — The French Department of Agriculture delivered new provisionnal estimates on November 1, 1972 which are listed below in comparison with 1971:

	<u>Cultivated Area</u> thousand acres		<u>Yield</u> bushels per acre		<u>Production</u> '000 bushels	
	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Soft wheat	9,371	9,377	58	69	545,539	649,386
Durum wheat	426	399	41	41	17,556	16,520

#### ARGENTINE SITUATION

Wheat Supplies Increase Over Previous Year Total estimated supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1972-73 (December-November) crop year are placed at 304.4 million bushels, some 36 per cent above the previous season's total of 224.7 million. Current crop year supplies consist of the December 1 estimated carryover of 25.2 million compared with 24.8 million the year before, while the 1972 production, at 279.2 million, represented a 40 per cent increase over the 199.9 million harvested in 1971. After making an allowance of 132.3 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 172.2 million will be available for export and for carryover in 1972-73, sharply above the 89.0 million the previous year.

Exports More than Double Year Ago Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1972 amounted to 8.6 million bushels, considerably above the 4.1 million exported during the same month in 1971. The balance remaining on January 1, 1973 for export and for carryover was estimated at 163.5 million bushels, in contrast to the January 1, 1972 total of 84.9 million.

# Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 <sup>r</sup>	1972-73 <sup>p</sup>
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1)(1) ....	24.8	25.2
Production .....	199.9	279.2
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	224.7	304.4
Less estimated requirements for crop year .....	135.7	132.3
Available for export and for carryover .....	89.0	172.2
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December .....	3.5	7.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December ...	0.6	1.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	4.1	8.6
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover .....	84.9	163.5

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

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The Department of Agriculture's first estimate of the wheat crop has been set at 7.6 million metric tons (279,249,000 bushels) including 580,000 tons (21,311,000 bushels) of Durums. However, because of the recent excellent climatic conditions, the trade believes that 8.0 million tons (293,946,000 bushels) is a more accurate figure.

The high international price for wheat has caused considerable upward pressure on local prices. Due to the relatively high rate of inflation, approximately 80 per cent this year, government authorities have been forced to take steps to keep prices down to avoid a sharp rise in bread prices.

One measure was to ban exports as of December 9, 1972. By this date export commitments had reached 3.3 million tons (121,253,000 bushels), somewhat more than the estimated exportable surplus. In addition, a retroactive tax was placed on exports committed before December 9, when the index price was U.S. \$82.00. The tax is a movable tax between 8 per cent and 13 per cent, depending on whether or not the export sale was closed at a price above or below the U.S. \$82.00 index price. As a result, the local price declined from 60 pesos to 50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$3.26 to \$2.72 per bushel). It would appear that the government will attempt to maintain this price.

Soon after writing our previous review, the index prices for wheat exports were changed to:

	Cdn. \$ per bushel
Bread wheat, in bulk, up to 15 per cent bagged .....	2.59
Bread wheat, more than 15 per cent bagged .....	2.65
Durums, in bulk, up to 15 per cent bagged .....	2.64
Durums, more than 15 per cent bagged .....	2.70

On January 4, these prices were again increased to:

Bread wheat, in bulk, up to 15 per cent bagged .....	2.64
Bread wheat, more than 15 per cent bagged .....	2.70
Durums, in bulk, up to 15 per cent bagged .....	2.86
Durums, more than 15 per cent bagged .....	2.92

A delegation of Italian millers visited Argentina recently to observe storage and transportation methods. The head of the delegation stated that if Argentina could improve the colour of Durums, Italy would import much larger quantities from Argentina.

An official mission from Paraguay visited Argentina recently to discuss the purchase of 20,000 tons (735,000 bushels) of wheat. Nothing has been reported yet on the terms and prices of this sale.

The National Grain Board published the figures for wheat exports during 1972. Bread wheat amounted to 1,297,188 tons (46,773,000 bushels) and 309,995 tons (11,390,000 bushels) in 1971; Durums 365,598 tons (13,443 bushels) and 493,978 (18,150,000 bushels) in 1971. The main buyers were Italy and Brazil.

On January 16, hard wheat closed at 53.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$2.91 per bushel) f.o.r. Buenos Aires, semi-hard 53.00 pesos (\$2.88 per bushel) and Durums 55.50 pesos (\$3.01 per bushel). In Bahia Blanca they were quoted at 53.50, 53.00 and 53.50 pesos respectively, (\$2.91, \$2.88 and \$2.91 per bushel).

On the Futures Exchange hard wheat closed at 55.00 pesos per 100 kilos (\$2.99 per bushel) for February delivery; 57.51 pesos (\$3.12 per bushel) for March; 59.60 pesos (\$3.24 per bushel) for April and 62.31 pesos (\$3.38 per bushel) for May.

#### CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

December	30	The 1972 season of navigation closed at the Canadian Lakehead.
January	2	According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in November 1972 amounted to 21,092,000 hundredweight, averaging 1,004,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 1,022,000 hundredweight last month and 957,000 hundredweight in November 1971. Wheat flour mills during November 1972 operated at 99.1 per cent of capacity, compared with 100.9 per cent and 96.3 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in November 1972 ground 46,867,000 bushels of wheat compared with 50,090,000 bushels the previous month and 44,492,000 bushels in November 1971.



- 11 According to a report from Mr. C. V. Hiltz Third Secretary (Agriculture) for Canada, Canberra, the latest official estimate of Australian wheat acreage and production for 1972-73 indicates a crop of 234.4 million bushels from 18.5 million acres.
- 16 A report from Mr. H. G. Fairfield, Assistant Commercial Secretary for Canada (Agriculture) Buenos Aires, the first estimate of the wheat crop in Argentina has been placed at 7.6 million metric tons (279,249,000 bushels) including 580,000 tons (21,311,000 bushels of Durums. However, because of the recent excellent climatic conditions, the trade believes that 8.0 million tons (293,946,000 bushels) is a more accurate figure.
- 19 According to a release from the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture the prospective planted acreage of durum wheat in the United States totals 2,837,000 acres, up 9 per cent from 1972 but 4 per cent below the 1971 level. Seedings of spring wheat other than durum are expected to total 11,736,000 acres in the States surveyed, up 17 per cent from 1972 but down 8 per cent from 1971.









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