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# WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

## World Wheat Exports Increase over Year Ago

Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-March period of the current crop year have amounted to 1,352.4

million bushels, 41 percent above both the 960 million bushels exported during the same eight months in 1971-72 and the ten-year (1961-62 - 1970-71) average shipments for the period. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, shipments from Canada, United States and Argentina were higher this year than last, while exports from Australia were below those of the previous year.

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

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

August - March	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million bushels						
1950-51 .....	135.9	80.3	198.3	54.4	468.9	
1951-52 .....	200.1	62.8	333.4	23.9	620.2	
1952-53 .....	224.7	56.7	233.0	6.0	520.4	
1953-54 .....	170.9	40.2	125.7	78.0	414.8	
1954-55 .....	172.7	62.8	188.1	92.2	515.8	
1955-56 .....	160.8	63.5	185.5	80.4	490.2	
1956-57 .....	178.0	97.6	356.3	62.8	694.7	
1957-58 .....	197.6	46.4	255.5	48.5	548.0	
1958-59 .....	188.5	50.4	297.2	61.7	597.8	
1959-60 .....	190.9	80.1	309.7	41.5	622.2	
1960-61 .....	205.8	108.6	447.8	55.4	817.6	
1961-62 .....	244.6	141.9	476.1	54.5	917.1	
1962-63 .....	212.0	96.5	379.1	43.8	731.4	
1963-64 .....	349.6	181.5	566.5	69.5	1,167.1	
1964-65 .....	264.9	132.6	454.4	102.8	954.7	
1965-66 .....	368.0	131.7	546.6	198.3	1,244.6	
1966-67 .....	338.9	157.2	508.0	70.3	1,074.4	73.5
1967-68 .....	176.9	176.6	539.8	30.2	923.5	93.7
1968-69 .....	207.0	127.2	324.8	67.9	726.9	123.9
1969-70 .....	183.3	173.3	391.7	53.9	802.2	159.8
1970-71 .....	256.0	243.8	506.6 <sup>r</sup>	46.1	1,052.5 <sup>r</sup>	84.0
1971-72 <sup>r</sup> .....	322.2	218.4	388.8	31.0	960.4	144.0
1972-73 <sup>p</sup> .....	377.6	151.6	735.5	87.7	1,352.4	127.6(1)

(1) August - December only.

## World Wheat Supplies Below Previous Year

Supplies of wheat held by the four traditional major exporters at April 1, 1973 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, at 1,576.0 million bushels,

declined by 25 per cent from the 2,110.2 million at the same time a year ago. Supplies were lower in Canada, Australia and United States, while an increase occurred in Argentina as compared with those of a year ago. Supplies at April 1, 1973, in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 585.5(771.3); Australia, 99.7(222.1); United States, 791.9(1,055.7); and Argentina, 98.9(61.1).



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

August-March	Canada	Australia	United States	Argentina	Total	France
million metric tons						
1950-51 .....	3,699	2,185	5,397	1,481	12,762	
1951-52 .....	5,446	1,709	9,074	650	16,880	
1952-53 .....	6,115	1,543	6,341	163	14,163	
1953-54 .....	4,651	1,094	3,421	2,123	11,289	
1954-55 .....	4,700	1,709	5,119	2,509	14,038	
1955-56 .....	4,376	1,728	5,049	2,188	13,341	
1956-57 .....	4,844	2,656	9,697	1,709	18,907	
1957-58 .....	5,378	1,263	6,954	1,320	14,914	
1958-59 .....	5,130	1,372	8,089	1,679	16,270	
1959-60 .....	5,196	2,180	8,429	1,129	16,934	
1960-61 .....	5,601	2,956	12,187	1,508	22,252	
1961-62 .....	6,657	3,862	12,957	1,483	24,960	
1962-63 .....	5,770	2,626	10,318	1,192	19,906	
1963-64 .....	9,515	4,940	15,418	1,892	31,764	
1964-65 .....	7,209	3,609	12,367	2,798	25,983	
1965-66 .....	10,015	3,584	14,876	5,397	33,873	
1966-67 .....	9,223	4,278	13,826	1,913	29,241	2,000
1967-68 .....	4,814	4,806	14,691	822	25,134	2,550
1968-69 .....	5,634	3,462	8,840	1,848	19,783	3,372
1969-70 .....	4,989	4,717	10,660	1,467	21,833	4,349
1970-71 .....	6,967	6,635	13,788 <sup>r</sup>	1,255	28,645 <sup>r</sup>	2,286
1971-72 <sup>r</sup> .....	8,769	5,944	10,582	844	26,138	3,919
1972-73 <sup>P</sup> .....	10,277	4,126	20,017	2,387	36,807	3,473(1)

(1) August - December only.

Wheat Harvest in 1972 Second Highest;  
Rye Production Drops

According to the March 1973 issue of the "World Agricultural Production and Trade" published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service world wheat production in 1972 is estimated at 308 million tons, 5 per cent below the 1971 record and just over the previous high in 1968. World wheat area was down 1 per cent at 208 million hectares. A decline of approximately 20 million tons in the Soviet Union, because of heavy winterkill and difficult harvest weather, was the main reason for the lower level. The United States produced its third largest crop at 42 million tons, down 2 million, with lower yield. The Australian harvest decreased 2.2 million tons to 6.5 million because of serious drought. Canada harvested 14.5 million tons of wheat in 1972, slightly above the previous crop. The Argentine crop, at 8.3 million tons, was 2.6 million tons higher. Brazil, however, lost two-thirds of its wheat with disastrous late-season weather. Wheat crops were generally larger than 1971 in Asia, the Indian harvest gaining 11 per cent and that of China 8 per cent. Crops were also good in northern Africa. The West European crop was unchanged at 51 million tons, although the French production was 1.2 million tons higher. East European wheat production at 31 million tons gained a million tons over the 1971 level.



The world rye crop in 1972 is estimated at 27 million tons, down 2.6 million tons. Rye area declined 1.3 million hectares, mainly in the USSR and the United States. The North American rye harvest was off about a third and at 1.2 million tons was near average, with declines in both the United States and Canada. In Western Europe, rye production declined 3 per cent, to 5.3 million tons, as area fell 2 per cent. The East European outturn was up 3 per cent, at 11 million tons. The Polish harvest was 5 per cent larger at 8.2 million tons, but area continued its long-term decline. The Soviet rye harvest was down 2.3 million tons, at 8.3 million, on a million fewer hectares.

# CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Down Total estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for the 1972-73 (August-July) crop year are placed at 1,123.0 million bushels, 11 per cent below the 1,263.7 million in 1971-72, reflecting a substantial decrease in carryover stocks which more than offset a small increase in production. August 1, 1972 carryover stocks, at 589.8 million bushels were 20 per cent less than the 734.2 million of 1971, while the 1972 crop placed at 533.3 million was slightly above the 529.6 million of a year ago. After making an allowance of 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirement, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1972-73 amount to 963.0 million bushels, 12 per cent less than the 1,093.5 million in 1971-72.

## Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1971-72 <sup>r</sup>	1972-73 <sup>p</sup>
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year	million bushels	
(August 1) .....	734.2	589.8
Production ....	529.6	533.3
Total estimated supplies .....	1,263.7	1,123.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year .....	170.2	160.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,093.5	963.0
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-March (1).....	304.6	361.4
Exports of seed wheat, August-March (2) .....	0.8	0.3
Total exports of wheat as grain .....	305.3	361.7
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-March (2) .....	16.9	15.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	322.2	377.6
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover .....	771.3	585.5

(1) As reported by the Canadian Grain Commission.

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

Exports at Record Level Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent during the first eight months of the current crop year amounted to an all-time high of 377.6 million bushels, 17 per cent more than the August 1971-March 1972 total of 322.2 million and 45 per cent higher than the ten-year (1961-62-1970-71) average for the period of 260.1 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 361.4 million bushels of wheat in bulk, 0.3 million of seed and 15.9 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the comparable period last year these figures were 304.6 million of wheat in bulk, 0.8 million of seed and 16.9 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on April 1, 1973 for export and for carryover amounted to 585.5 million bushels, 24 per cent below the April 1, 1972 total of 771.3 million.

Marketings, Disappearance and Visible Supplies Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to April 11 of the current crop year have amounted to 416.3 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 313.3 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 30.7 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the five weeks March 8 to April 11, 1973. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 47.5 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 264.1 million at March 7, 1973 to a level of 247.8 million at April 11, 1973.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at April 11 this year was 9 per cent below the 1972 comparable total of 272.4 million and represented a decrease of 28 per cent from the 1971 figure of 344.3 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 145.4 million bushels, were 9 per cent and 34 per cent less than the 1972 total of 159.9 million and the 1971 figure of 221.5 million. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at April 11, 1973, totalled 3.9 million bushels, 22 per cent lower than the 5.0 million of a year ago and 44 per cent below the 7.0 million of two years ago. The 14.7 million bushels "in transit rail" (western division) were less than both the 1972 figure of 19.7 million and the 18.4 million of 1971. Supplies at the Canadian Lakehead, totalling some 34.5 million bushels, declined by 15 per cent and 30 per cent, respectively, from the 40.3 million of a year ago and the 49.3 million two years ago. There were 10.3 million bushels in "transit lake" at April 11, 1973 in contrast to none at this date in either 1972 or 1971. The 9.2 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were 10 per cent above the 8.2 million of a year ago but 19 per cent less than the 11.3 million of two years ago. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at April 11, 1973, amounted to 16.6 million bushels slightly above the 16.3 million bushels at April 12, 1972 and increased by 14 per cent over the 14.6 million at April 14, 1971. The 6.2 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were 8 per cent below the 6.8 million at the comparable date a year ago but sharply above the 3.3 million of 1971.

March 1973 Exports of Wheat and Flour Total 35.4 Million Bushels Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, during March 1973 amounted to 35.4 million bushels, 14 per cent above the 31.0 million of the previous month, 37 per cent more than the ten-year (1962-71) average for the month of March of 25.8 million and 44 per cent larger than the March 1972 figure of 24.6 million. Exports of wheat in bulk (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission) during March 1973 totalled 33.3 million bushels, up 16 per cent over the February 1973 total of 28.6 million, 49 per cent larger than the ten-year average of 22.3 million and 51 per cent greater than the March 1972 total of 22.1 million. It is estimated that the equivalent of 2.0 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during March 1973, about 12 per cent less than both the previous month's figure and the March 1972 adjusted total of 2.3 million each and 35 per cent less than the ten-year average of 3.1 million bushels.



Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-March period of the current crop year amounted to 361.4 million bushels, 19 per cent above the 304.6 million shipped during the first eight months of 1971-72 and 52 per cent more than the ten-year average for the period of 237.3 million. The People's Republic of China and U.S.S.R. (Russia) were the major markets for wheat in bulk during the first eight months of the current crop year with shipments amounting to 99.8 million and 99.0 million, respectively and accounting for a combine 55 per cent of the August-March 1972-73 total. During the same months of 1971-72 shipments to these same countries were 131.4 million bushels (43 per cent of total). Other principal importers of Canadian wheat for the first eight months of the current crop year with figures for the same period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Japan, 32.3 (33.9); Britain, 30.6 (30.1); India, 13.9 (22.9); Italy, 10.5 (11.2); Brazil, 8.3 (10.3); Germany West, 6.4 (6.8); Philippines, 5.7 (4.2); Pakistan, 5.6 (2.7); Bangladesh, 5.4 (nil); and Cuba, 5.0 (5.5).

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

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first eight months of the 1972-73 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 15.9 million bushels of wheat, 6 per cent down from the adjusted August-March 1971-72 total of 16.9 million and 26 per cent less than the 10-year average for the period of 21.5 million.

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

Wheat Board Announces Wheat  
and Barley Sale to  
U.S.S.R.

On April 9, 1973 the Canadian Wheat Board announced the sale of wheat and barley to the U.S.S.R. The wheat contract covers a total of 1.5 million metric tons (approximately 58 million bushels) and will consist of a variety of grades of spring wheat and durums. The barley sale amounts to 500,00 metric tons (approximately 24 million bushels).

The shipment of these grains will be made from Pacific Coast ports, Churchill and eastern Canadian ports during the period April through October 1973. The sale was negotiated with V/O Exportkhleb the Soviet grain trading corporation.

Shipments against these contracts will be from supplies currently available in Canada and will require the heavy volume movement of western grains to be maintained throughout the current crop year.

Advances Issued Under the  
Prairie Grain Advance  
Payments Act

Requests are received concerning the level of cash advances issued and outstanding. This information from the Canadian Wheat Board will be carried in the Wheat Review as a regular feature.

Advances issued August 1, 1972 to April 13, 1973:

9,051 advances totalling ..... \$20,693,316  
Outstanding advances on April 13, 1973:

Issued in 1972-73 .....	4,448,863
Issued in 1971-72 .....	1,176,449
Issued in 1970-71 and prior .....	4,794,824

Total outstanding advances .....	<u>\$10,420,136</u>
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Two-Price Wheat  
Payments 1971-72  
Crop Year

The Honourable Otto Lang, Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, announced that on April 25, 1973 two-price wheat payments will be made to holders of special permit book holders who delivered wheat in the 1971-72 crop year.

Regular permit book holders are expected to receive their acreage-based payments within the next two weeks. Holders of special permit books will be paid as soon after that as possible, the Minister said.

The payment will be made only to those who delivered wheat on a valid 1971-72 Canadian Wheat Board special permit book. It will be paid on deliveries of wheat up to a maximum of 4,512 bushels per special permit book holder at seven cents per bushel, providing a maximum payment of \$315.84.

Producers who hold both special and regular permit books may not receive more than \$541.44, the maximum amount which they are eligible to receive under the regular payment.

Tailoring Grain to Meet  
Customer Needs

On April 5, 1973 the Canadian Wheat Board stated in part that Prairie grain customers at home and abroad are helping in search for new varieties for Prairie farmers. This approach is part of two market development programs being carried out under the auspices of the Canadian Wheat Board.

The idea is to have our customers test new varieties to see which of these comes closest to meeting their needs. The results will then be used to encourage farm use of the best varieties available, to guide cereal breeders in the selection and development of future varieties and, finally, to enable customers to become familiar with the new varieties before their production becomes general on Prairie farms.

The two programs are still in their early stages. One, involving market testing of new durum varieties, started with the introduction of Hercules durum three years ago. The other, involving tests of utility wheat varieties for feeding purposes, started about nine months ago.

Many people and organizations other than the Wheat Board are involved in the two programs. These include the Research Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture; the Grain Research Laboratory of the Canadian Grain Commission; the Food Research Institute in Ottawa; Canadian Universities; Country Elevator companies and registered seed growers in the three Prairie provinces.

Durum Program

The purpose of the durum wheat program is to place Canada in the lead as a supplier of high quality durum wheats. The immediate goal is to find or develop new varieties possessing the qualities to better satisfy European (particularly Italian) tastes and, at the same time, perform well under Prairie growing conditions.

Pre-marketing tests were initiated with the introduction of Hercules several years ago. Laboratory test indicated that Hercules possessed qualities superior to those of other Canadian durum. An extensive program was undertaken to assess acceptance of Hercules durum on the European market. Samples were sent to European cereal laboratories for testing. A survey was undertaken in the Italian community of Toronto to assess consumer reaction to spaghetti manufactured from Hercules durum. This was followed with shipments to European mills and pasta manufacturers for more extensive testing under commercial conditions.



The results showed Hercules had the colour, kernel size and semolina yield (the special flour used for the manufacture of pasta products) that European millers and manufacturers were looking for. But the gluten strength, which determines the cooking quality of pasta products, wasn't high enough to give Canada a major breakthrough in southern European markets.

So the search for better durum varieties continues. Several promising new varieties are on the immediate horizon. Three of these varieties have been included in the current market-testing program. One of them, Wakooma, has already been licenced for production in Canada. The two others, DT 332 and DT 900 are still in the experimental stage. Laboratory tests show that all of these varieties have the potential of giving Canada the durum wheat that's needed to give this country the leading share of the European market.

Samples of grain, semolina and spaghetti have been prepared and sent to Europe in advance of a technical team from Canada that is scheduled to arrive in May. The team is made up of Herman Diepenbrock, the Wheat Board's Director of Market Development-Food Grains, Gary Gilmor also of the Market Development Department, Dr. R.R. Matsuo, of the Grain Research Laboratory and Dr. D. Leisle, a plant breeder from the CDA Research Station in Winnipeg. It will visit millers, processors and research laboratories in four important durum markets, Italy, Switzerland, West Germany and Austria.

The specific purpose of the mission is to get the first hand reaction of durum wheat users to the new varieties and, at the same time, establish even closer liason with a wide cross-section of the pasta manufacturing industry in Europe for future market testing programs.

The lessons learned since the start of the market testing program for Hercules has already produced several important spin-offs. One of these is the development of testing techniques which may make it possible to assess consumer reactions to experimental varieties still in the early stages of development. Another is a much more detailed knowledge of European milling and processing techniques. This has already made it possible to simulate European milling and processing products more closely than before.

#### Testing utility wheats

The market development program now underway for the new utility wheats (Gleanlea and Pitic 62) is aimed specifically to test the potential of these new varieties as feed grains. It is recognized, however, that the potential for the use of utility wheat varieties as filler wheats in European flour mills and in the manufacture of noodles in Asia may be as great or greater than as a feed grain.

The present objective is to determine the value of these dual-purpose wheats as a feeding grain, particularly in relation to corn. Although Canada's present hard spring wheat varieties can readily be substituted for corn in most feed formulations, including that for poultry, corn has a definite price advantage and, as a result, is preferred by overseas feed manufacturers. The main aim then is to find a wheat variety which can be priced competitively with corn but still has a high enough yield to give Prairie farmers an acreage return comparable to that for hard spring wheat or barley.

Open Quotas for Wheat,  
Barley and Oats

On April 30, 1973 the Canadian Wheat Board announced open delivery quotas for wheat, barley and oats in 22 Prairie shipping blocks. The new quotas go into effect immediately.

The change in quotas for the three grains is another step to open quotas for all grains across the Prairies. Rail shipments from areas not included in the quota change for wheat, barley and oats will be given priority and quotas for these grains will be opened in the remaining shipping blocks as soon as sufficient elevator space becomes available.

R.M. Esdale, Commissioner of the Wheat Board, said quotas for the three grains are being opened at this time to bring about an immediate increase in producer deliveries in those shipping blocks where deliveries have not kept pace with country elevator shipments. "We're gearing up for exceptionally heavy export programs in the next two months and additional quantities of wheat, oats and barley are needed to meet our sales commitments," Mr. Esdale said.

"I realize that spring seeding operations are just getting underway and that farmers may find it hard to take time off to deliver grain to country elevators," Mr. Esdale said. "But our sales requirements are very high at this time of year and we urge producers to co-operate in stepping up deliveries at this time to facilitate the forwarding of grain to export positions so that our commitments can be fully met without shipping delays."

The 22 shipping blocks in which now have open quotas for wheat, barley and oats are as follows:

Saskatoon South	Hanna South
Saskatoon North	Hanna West
Prince Albert East	Outlook
Prince Albert South	Medicine Hat
Prince Albert West	Brooks
Biggar North	Lethbridge
Edmonton North	Vulcan
Edmonton South	Calgary
Edmonton West	Red Deer
Edmonton CP	G.S.L. Railway
N.A.R. East	N.A.R. West

The open quotas also apply in all B.C. shipping points. These are:

Creston	Groundbirch
Dawson Creek	Pouce Coupe
Fort St. John	Taylor
	Wynndel

General Quotas 1972-73 as at Monday, April 9, 1973

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	
	bushels per quota acre					
Alberta Red Winter		2(1)	2(1)	2(1)	3	All blocks
Soft White Spring	5(2)	5(2)	5			All blocks
Rye	Open					All blocks
Flaxseed	Open					All blocks
Rapeseed (low erucic acid)	Open					All blocks
Rapeseed (other)	Open					All blocks

Special Quotas 1972-73 as at Monday, April 9, 1973

Selected Soft White Spring wheat	Open quota delivery	All blocks
Selected Pitic 62	1 carlot (50 assigned acres)	All blocks
Selected oats (3)	Rail - second carlot (60 assigned acres) Truck - 50 bushels per assigned acre	All blocks
Rye for distilleries	Open quota delivery	All blocks
Flaxseed for processors	Open quota delivery	
Rapeseed for crushers	Open quota delivery	All blocks

Selected barley

Two - Row barley	Extended to any additional carlot	All blocks
Six - Row barley (all varieties)	Extended to second carlot	All blocks
Six - Row barley (galt variety)	Extended to any additional carlot	All blocks

- (1) The "B", "C" and "D" quota for Alberta Red Winter wheat will terminate on May 18, 1973.  
 (2) The "A" and "B" quota for Soft White Spring wheat will terminate on May 18, 1973.  
 (3) For oats grading No. 1 Feed and higher only.



General Quotas 1972-73 as at Monday, April 9, 1973 Canadian National Railway Blocks

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

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General Quotas 1972-73 as at Monday, April 9, 1973 Canadian Pacific Railway Blocks

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

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Canadian Wheat Stocks  
at March 31, 1973

Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1973 were estimated at 670.2 million bushels compared with 864.9 million on the same date in 1972 and the ten-year (1963-72) average of 877.7 million bushels. Data for these estimates were obtained from Statistics Canada's annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Canadian Grain Commission relative to grain in commercial positions at the close of business on March 28. An estimated 411.0 million bushels, representing 61 percent of the total were held on farms, 30 per cent below last year's total of 584.0 million and 35 percent less than the 629.0 million of two years ago. All but 11 million bushels of the total farm stocks of wheat were held on farms in the Prairie Provinces. Farm-held stocks in Saskatchewan were placed at 300.0 million while those in Alberta and Manitoba were estimated at 65.0 million and 35.0 million bushels, respectively. Of the 259.2 million bushels held in off-farm positions, 148.2 million were in primary elevators compared with 163.7 million a year ago and 220.0 million two years ago. Stocks in Lakehead positions amounted to 42.4 million bushels, 14 per cent more than last year's corresponding total of 37.1 million, but 19 per cent below the 1971 level of 52.1 million. Supplies in eastern elevators, at 23.1 million bushels were 26 per cent and 24 per cent below the comparable 1972 and 1971 figures of 31.3 million and 30.5 million bushels, respectively.

Stocks of Canadian Wheat at March 31, 1971-73(1)

Position	1971	1972 <sup>r</sup>	1973 <sup>p</sup>
	thousand bushels		
<u>In Canada</u>			
On farms(2).....	629,000	584,000	411,000
Primary elevators .....	220,000	163,661	148,232
Process elevators .....	4,442	4,156	4,143
Interior terminals .....	7,186	4,483	3,526
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	2,362	4,778	4,718
Victoria elevator .....	236	402	365
Prince Rupert .....	664	309	1,416
Churchill .....	2,950	1,046	1,831
Thunder Bay .....	52,072	37,095	42,400
In transit rail:			
Western division .....	15,388	18,581	18,575
Eastern division .....	2,039	1,887	1,822
Eastern elevators .....	30,513	31,332	23,144
Storage afloat .....	10,843	9,701	5,600
Eastern mills .....	3,500	3,293	3,389
Western mills .....	141	131	69
Totals in Canada .....	981,336	864,855	670,230
<u>In United States</u> .....	-		
Totals in Canada and United States .	981,336	864,855	670,230

(1) Stocks other than on farms and in mills compiled by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission, as at the close of business on March 31, 1971, March 29, 1972 and March 28, 1973.

Area Intended for Wheat 1973 Canadian farmers intend to plant 24.3 million acres to all classes of wheat in 1973 according to plans as of March 15. This area is 14 per cent more than the 21.3 million acres seeded in 1972, and 25 per cent more than the 19.4 million acres seeded in 1971. It is anticipated that the acreage of oats will total 7.7 million an 8 per cent increase over 1972, while the area seeded to barley is expected to increase by 2 per cent to some 12.7 million acres compared with 12.5 million in 1972. Mixed grain acreage may total 2.1 million one per cent more than the previous year and the corn for grain acreage forecast at 1.4 million acres is 6 per cent larger than in 1972. The combined fall and spring rye area of 595,000 acres indicates a 6 per cent decrease from last year's all rye acreage of 634,500. The area intended for rapeseed in 1973 at 3.2 million acres is 2 per cent below the 3.3 million acres seeded in 1972. Flaxseed acreage is expected to increase by 17 per cent to 1.7 million acres compared with the 1.4 million acres sown last year. Acreage planned for soybeans at 440,000 acres is 9 per cent more than in 1972.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat in Canada, as at March 1, 1973 Compared with Acreages in 1972

Province	Acreage seeded in 1972(1) <sup>r</sup> acres	Acreage intended to be seeded in 1973		
		Per cent of 1972	Area 1973(1)	Indicated change
		%	acres	acres
Prince Edward Island .....	7,000	100	7,000	unchanged
Nova Scotia .....	3,700	95	3,500	- 200
New Brunswick .....	5,000	104	5,200	+ 200
Quebec .....	41,000	100	41,000	unchanged
Ontario .....	13,000	100	13,000	unchanged
Manitoba .....	2,600,000	115	3,000,000	+ 400,000
Saskatchewan .....	13,900,000	114	15,900,000	+2,000,000
Alberta .....	4,300,000	112	4,800,000	+ 500,000
British Columbia .....	115,000	104	120,000	+ 5,000
Totals .....	20,984,700	114	23,889,700	+2,905,000

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

The acreage seeded to all classes of wheat will be 24.3 million acres, an increase of 14 per cent from the 1972 area. In Manitoba the increase in acreage may be 15 per cent, in Saskatchewan 14 per cent and in Alberta 12 per cent. Prospective plantings of spring wheat including durum, of 23.9 million acres are up 14 per cent from the 1972 acreage. Durum wheat acreage is expected to decrease by 17 per cent and if the acreage intentions are carried out, Prairie farmers will plant 2,630,000 acres to this crop compared with 3,160,000 grown in 1972. Spring wheat acreage excluding durum may total 21.3 million in 1973. The 380,000 acres seeded to winter wheat in Ontario last fall was some 25,000 acres less than the 405,000 acres sown in the fall of 1971. The area harvested in 1972 was estimated at 365,000 acres.

Intended Acreage of Spring Wheat(1) in the Prairie Provinces as at March 1, 1973  
Compared with Estimated Acreage 1972

Crop	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		Prairie Provinces	
	1972 <sup>r</sup>	1973	1972 <sup>r</sup>	1973	1972 <sup>r</sup>	1973	1972 <sup>r</sup>	1973
thousand acres								
Wheat, all spring .....	2,600	3,000	13,900	15,900	4,300	4,800	20,800	23,700
Durum .....	160	80	2,700	2,300	300	250	3,160	2,630
Other spring .....	2,440	2,920	11,200	13,600	4,000	4,550	17,640	21,070

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



Farmers'  
Marketings

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to April 11, of the current crop year amounted to 409.1 million bushels, 29 per cent more than the August 1, 1971 - April 12, 1972 total of 316.3 million and sharply above the ten-year (1961-62 - 1970-71) average for the period of 272.9 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	326,897
	16 .....	65,502	3,240,124	720,057	4,025,683	1,417,294
	23 .....	2,312,276	12,854,269	2,027,265	17,193,810	6,021,182
	30 .....	2,144,810	12,057,959	2,491,864	16,694,633	11,225,271
September	6 .....	3,771,234	12,655,807	3,861,109	20,288,150	14,207,202
	13 .....	2,477,887	13,750,919	2,443,335	18,672,141	20,602,711
	20 .....	2,250,234	14,585,168	2,953,055	19,788,457	16,273,398
	27 .....	2,505,119	7,931,203	676,102	11,112,424	11,005,033
October	4 .....	1,453,277	5,702,012	988,696	8,143,985	14,697,112
	11 .....	3,317,158	12,158,066	4,525,485	20,000,709	14,015,558
	18 .....	2,718,563	16,029,444	8,283,174	27,031,181	11,202,592
	25 .....	3,516,807	17,401,959	5,388,919	26,307,685	14,661,756
November	1 .....	1,994,979	11,104,724	3,283,589	16,383,292	15,705,604
	8 .....	2,624,750	11,681,742	3,700,069	18,006,561	11,700,501
	15 .....	2,090,495	9,543,908	4,228,717	15,863,120	10,704,380
	22 .....	2,437,171	15,055,689	4,671,135	22,163,995	9,878,742
December	29 .....	1,656,074	9,854,879	4,011,232	15,522,185	11,753,638
	6 .....	954,278	6,619,715	2,580,398	10,154,391	9,918,005
	13 .....	413,530	2,543,779	1,594,746	4,552,055	5,462,190
	20 .....	847,236	6,067,670	1,823,961	8,738,867	18,280,948
January	3, 1973 ..	1,242,106	12,202,021	4,530,064	17,974,191	20,912,942
	10 .....	507,591	7,613,613	1,648,207	9,769,411	12,835,935
	17 .....	166,841	2,196,108	1,831,152	4,194,101	5,120,984
	24 .....	448,949	6,143,828	2,243,952	8,836,729	2,439,799
February	31 .....	472,916	4,274,492	2,580,133	7,327,541	1,659,185
	7 .....	326,211	5,798,245	2,514,071	8,638,527	6,926,040
	14 .....	97,887	2,919,868	754,147	3,771,902	4,384,240
	21 .....	87,469	629,063	615,020	1,331,552	5,141,666
March	28 .....	249,007	2,642,761	1,516,297	4,408,065	3,003,758
	7 .....	196,530	2,295,864	1,894,013	4,386,407	2,078,928
	14 .....	933,773	5,420,591	2,802,520	9,156,884	1,852,866
	21 .....	799,211	4,216,286	1,825,123	6,840,620	5,249,893
April	28 .....	660,775	3,384,274	1,570,291	5,615,340	4,821,552
	4 .....	553,777	2,482,725	1,152,667	4,189,169	4,420,666
	11 .....	762,386	5,201,957	994,832	6,959,175	6,388,167
Totals .....		47,099,186	272,678,416	89,290,484	409,068,086	316,296,635
Average similar period:						
1961-62 - 1970-71 ..		34,659,541	166,077,508	72,122,340	272,859,388	

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



**Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, April 11, 1973**  
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1971 and 1972

Position	1971	1972	1973
	thousand bushels		
Primary elevators — Manitoba .....	23,026	18,506	14,991
Saskatchewan .....	134,197	97,286	93,806
Alberta .....	64,238	44,076	36,596
Sub-totals .....	221,461	159,868	145,393
Process elevators .....	4,577	4,165	4,167
Interior terminals .....	6,984	5,024	3,926
Vancouver-New Westminster .....	2,976	5,848	4,806
Victoria .....	241	320	369
Prince Rupert .....	116	625	1,067
Churchill .....	2,950	1,046	1,836
Thunder Bay .....	49,315	40,307	34,455
In transit rail (western division).....	18,353	19,719	14,713
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports ...	11,338	8,230	9,152
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports ....	14,590	16,269	16,578
Storage afloat .....	10,757	8,973	—
In transit lake .....	—	—	10,319
In transit rail (eastern division) .....	605	1,967	970
Totals .....	344,263	272,361	247,751

**Grading of Wheat Inspected, August 1972- March 1973 with Comparisons**

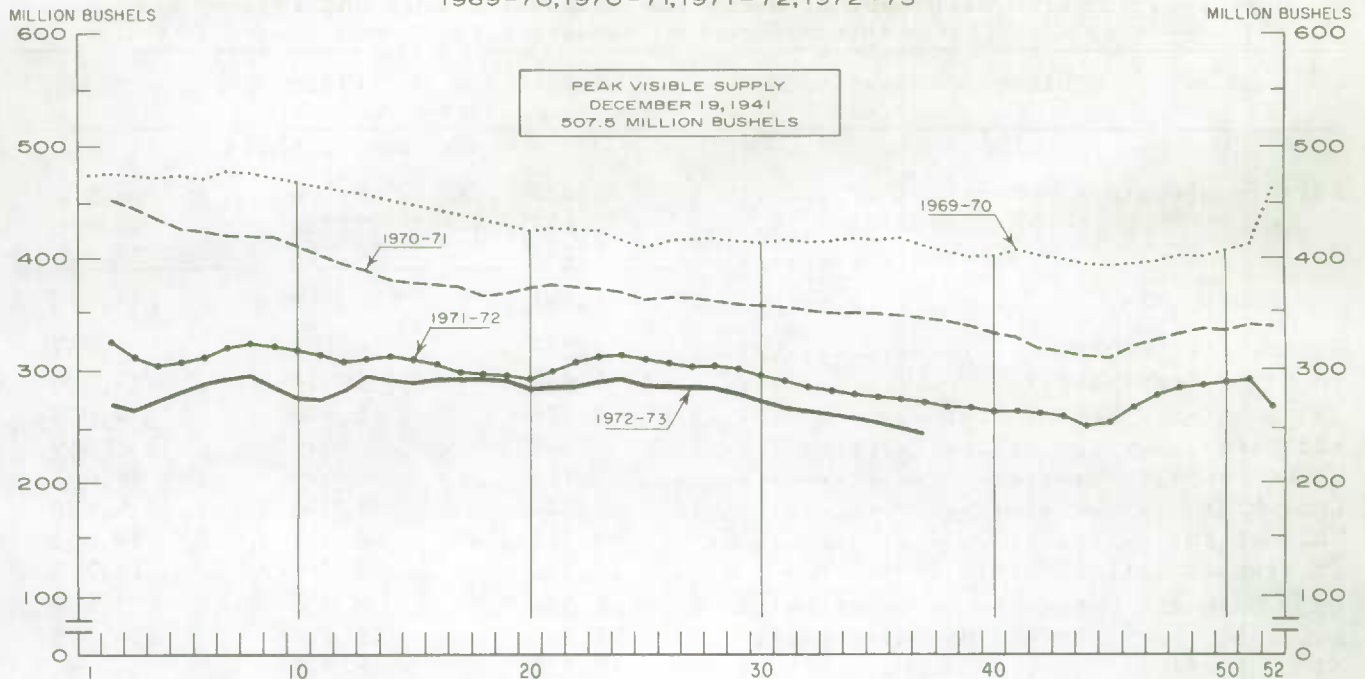
Grade	Crop year			August — March		
	Average	1971-72	1971-72 <sup>r</sup>	1972-73	cars	per cent
	1966-67- 1970-71					
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 C.W. Red Spring .....	47.7	60.1	114,097	62.4	109,847	56.6
2 C.W. Red Spring .....	25.9	19.8	35,781	19.6	31,995	16.5
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	3.3	1.8	—	—	14,724	7.6
1 Canada Utility .....	—	—	—	—	53	(1)
2 Canada Utility .....	—	—	3,823	2.1	12	(1)
3 Canada Utility .....	0.6	0.2	406	0.2	1,203	0.6
Others Red Spring .....	14.6	4.4	6,923	3.8	13,942	7.2
C.W. White Spring .....	0.2	0.3	567	0.3	606	0.3
C.W. Mixed Wheat .....	0.1	0.1	182	0.1	89	(1)
Alberta Winter .....	0.9	0.7	878	0.5	1,239	0.6
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum.	5.9	12.3	19,664	10.8	19,987	10.3
Other C.W. Amber Durum ...	0.9	0.3	558	0.3	351	0.2
Totals .....	100.0	100.0	182,879	100.0	194,048	100.0

Gross bushels (approx.) .. 364,511,000 405,888,000

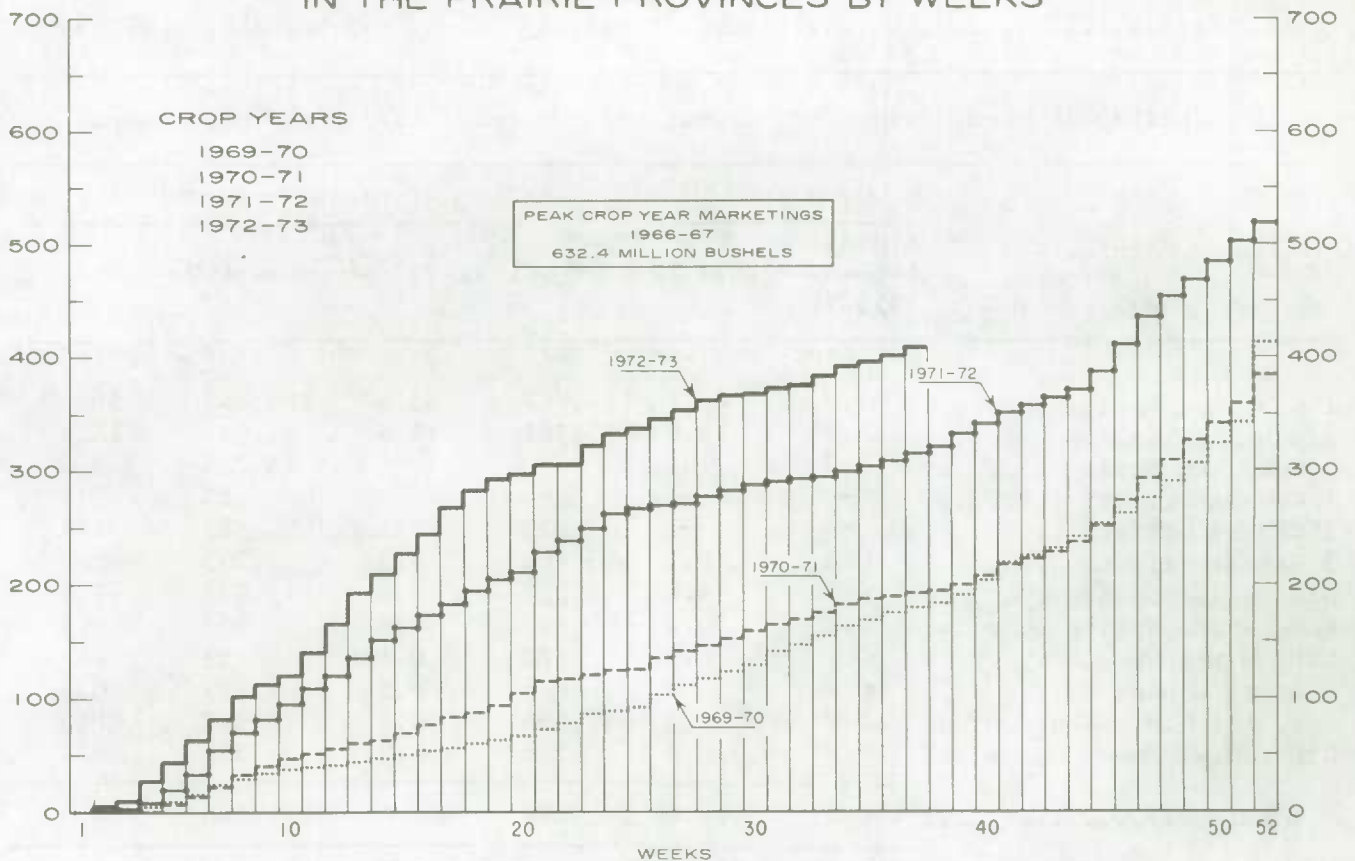
(1) Less than .05 per cent.

# WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

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



## CUMULATIVE RECORD OF WHEAT MARKETINGS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES BY WEEKS



(Data in both charts for crop years beginning August 1)

Wheat Shipments to  
the United States

There were no vessel shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to April 11, 1973. During the same period of 1971-72 vessel shipments amounted to some 95,000 bushels.

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination  
August 1, 1972 - April 11, 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 - March of the current crop year amounted to 30,856,000 bushels compared with the 29,353,000 bushels during the first eight months of 1971-72.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1, 1971 - March 31, 1972	August 1, 1972 - March 31, 1973
		bushels
Port McNicoll .....	8,665,572	9,393,601
Midland, Tiffin .....	9,050,327	11,035,516
Collingwood .....	-	309,120
Owen Sound .....	3,125,164	3,106,135
Goderich .....	2,307,941	2,932,778
Sarnia .....	3,421,141	4,078,966
Port Colborne .....	598,841	-
Prescott .....	579,762	-
Kingston .....	1,604,316	-
Totals .....	29,353,064	30,856,116

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	625,164
February .....	403,541	552,926	2,392,713	1,026,705
March .....	298,335	418,387	1,728,504	650,493
April .....	260,918	407,206	260,435	
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, March 1973

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	bushels				
C.W. Red Spring .....	11,667	64,000	69,667	416,506	29,000
Feed Grades .....	—	—	—	20,653	14,000
Durum .....	—	—	—	4,000	21,000
Totals .....	11,667	64,000	69,667	441,159	64,000

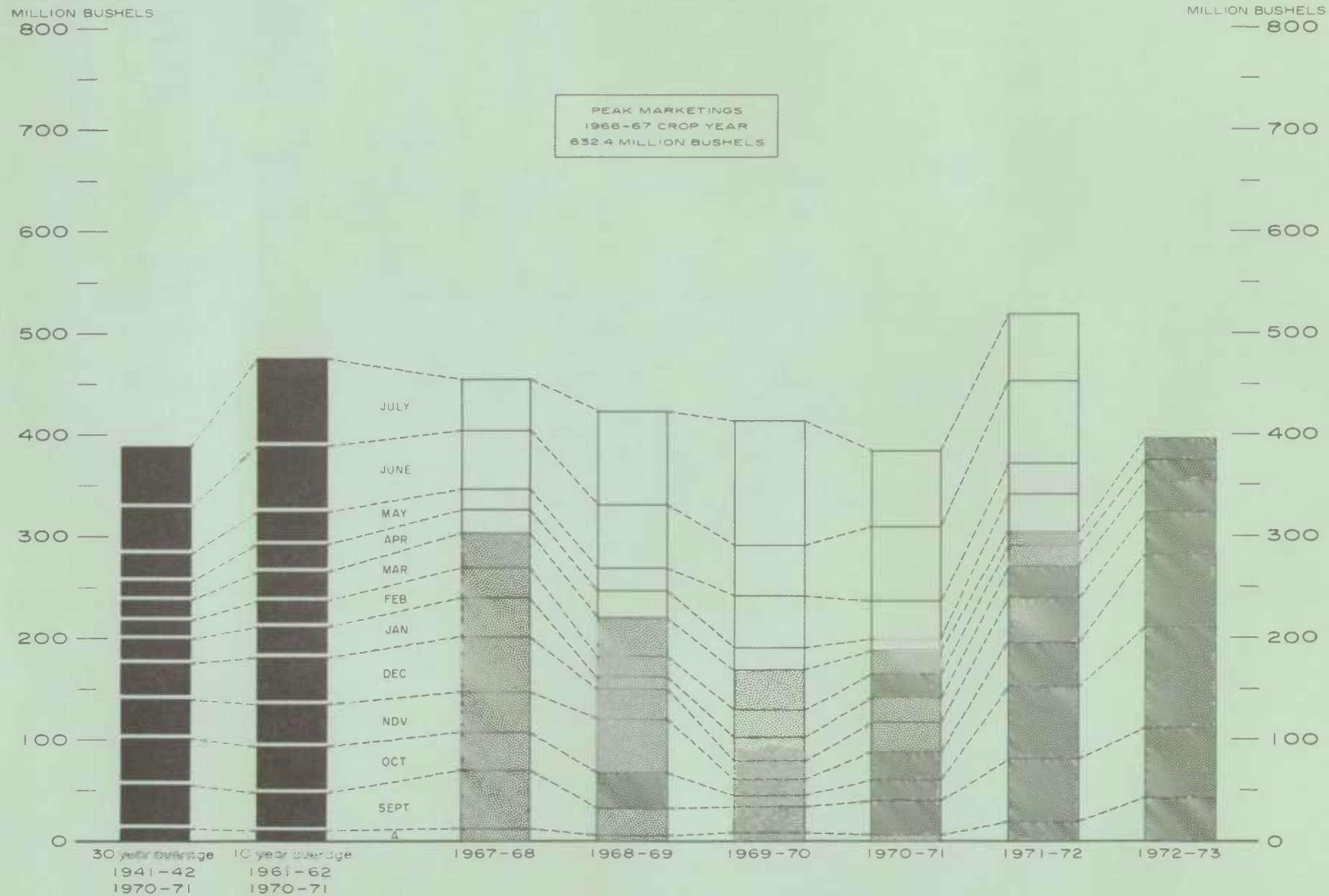
Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading,  
August 1, 1972 — April 11, 1973, with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed
	thousand bushels						
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van. — New Westminster .....	125,740	13,901	150	30,772	4,862	6,054	24,414
Victoria .....	7,301	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert .....	20,033	—	—	—	—	—	—
Churchill .....	16,281	—	137	8,855	—	—	—
Thunder Bay Direct .....	2,810	701	1,529	1,703	1,452	6,626	7,902
Sarnia Direct .....	173	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingston Direct .....	552	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prescott Direct .....	560	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montreal .....	25,782	10,983	—	6,593	—	—	—
Sorel .....	14,912	1,574	—	3,669	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières .....	17,937	657	—	2,636	—	—	—
Quebec .....	14,634	349	—	10,467	68	106	821
Baie Comeau .....	25,963	4,485	—	12,145	88	—	1,957
Port Cartier .....	27,388	6,044	—	9,357	—	—	—
<u>Maritime Ports</u>							
Saint John .....	2,070	—	—	196	—	—	—
West Saint John .....	15,799	98	—	475	—	—	—
Halifax .....	14,343	439	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .....	332,279	39,231	1,816	86,867	6,471	12,785	35,095
August 1, 1971 — April 12, 1972	284,092	30,180	3,652	106,889	6,949	17,591	25,664

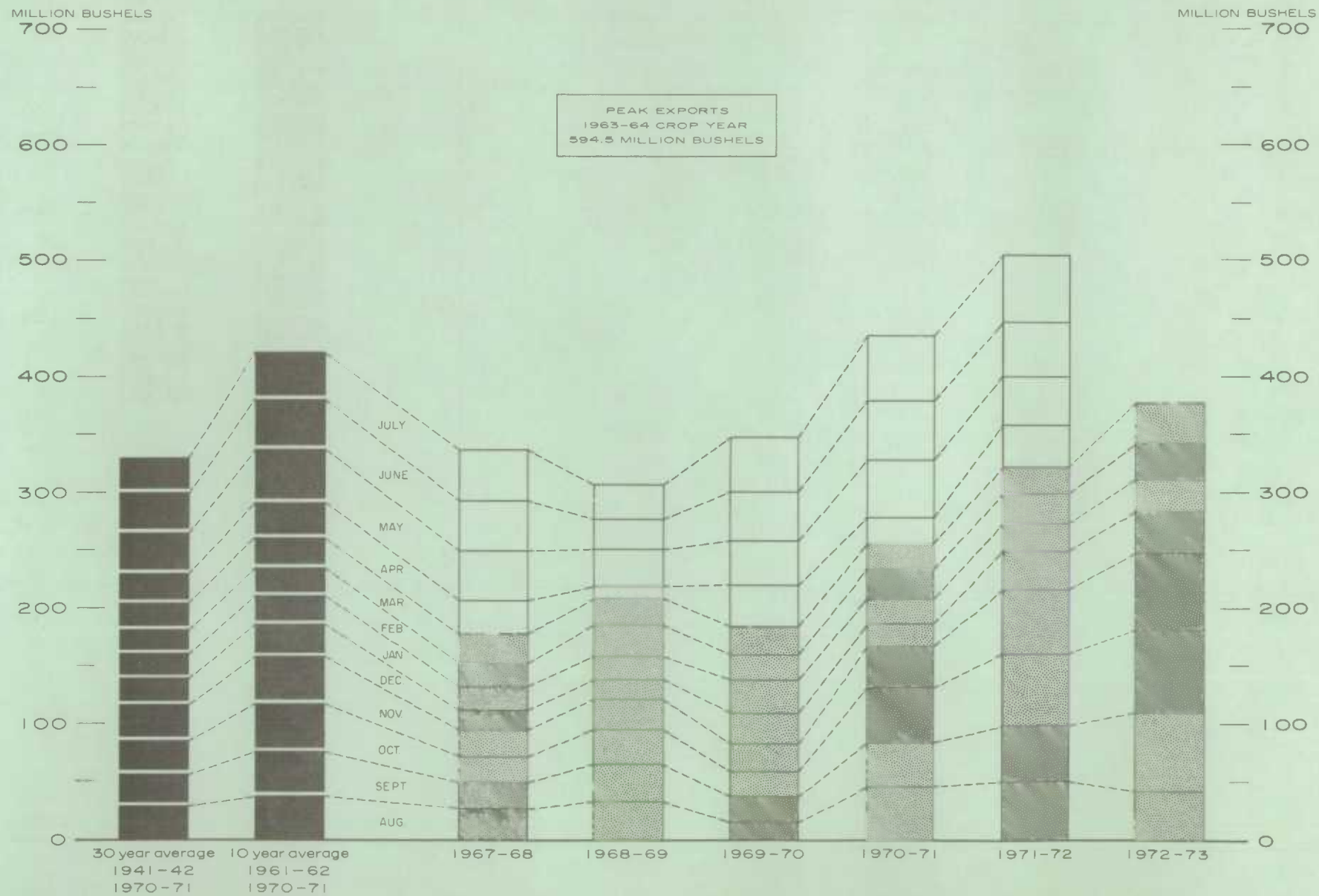
(1) Excluding seed.



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



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

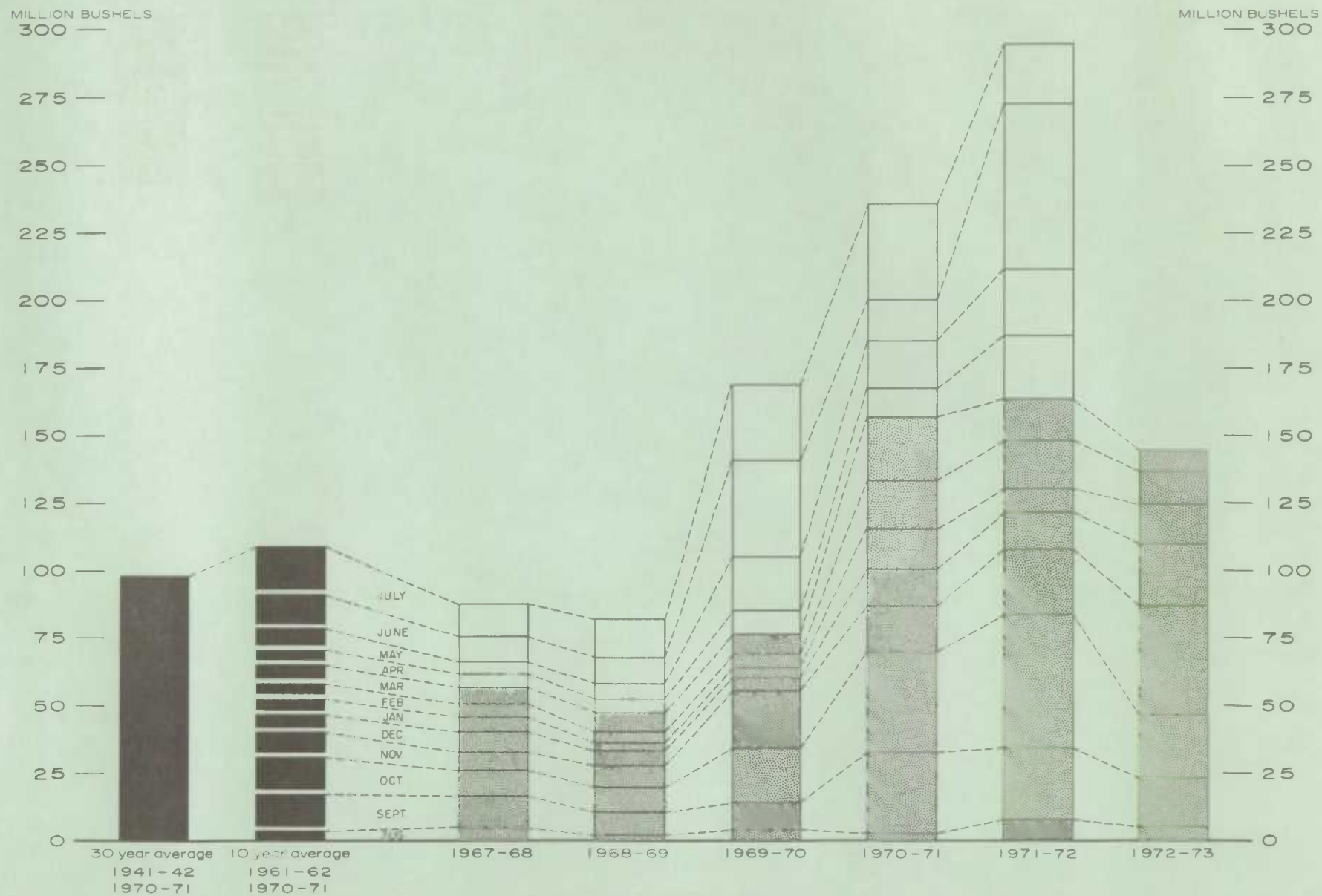


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\*\*In terms of wheat equivalent.

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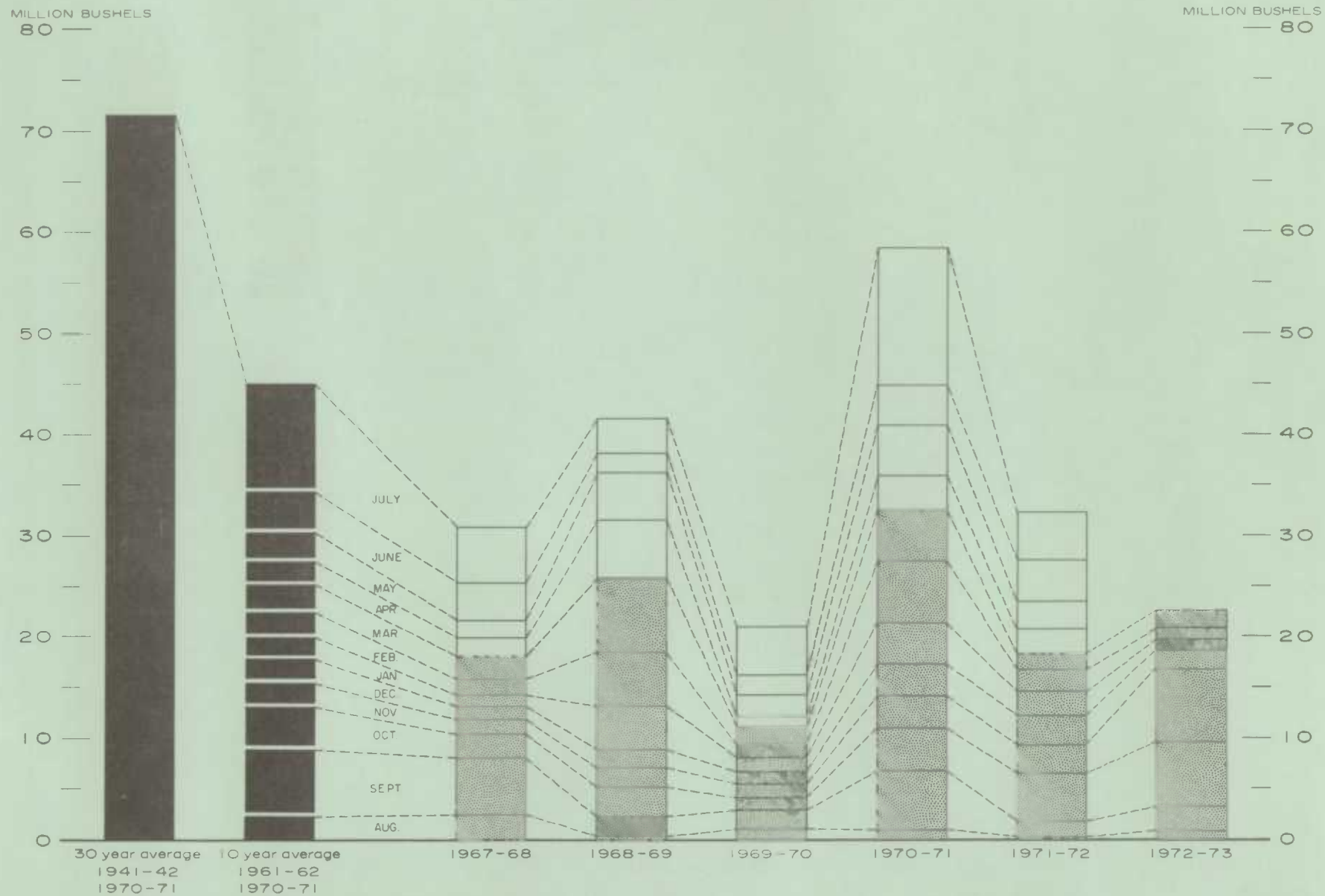
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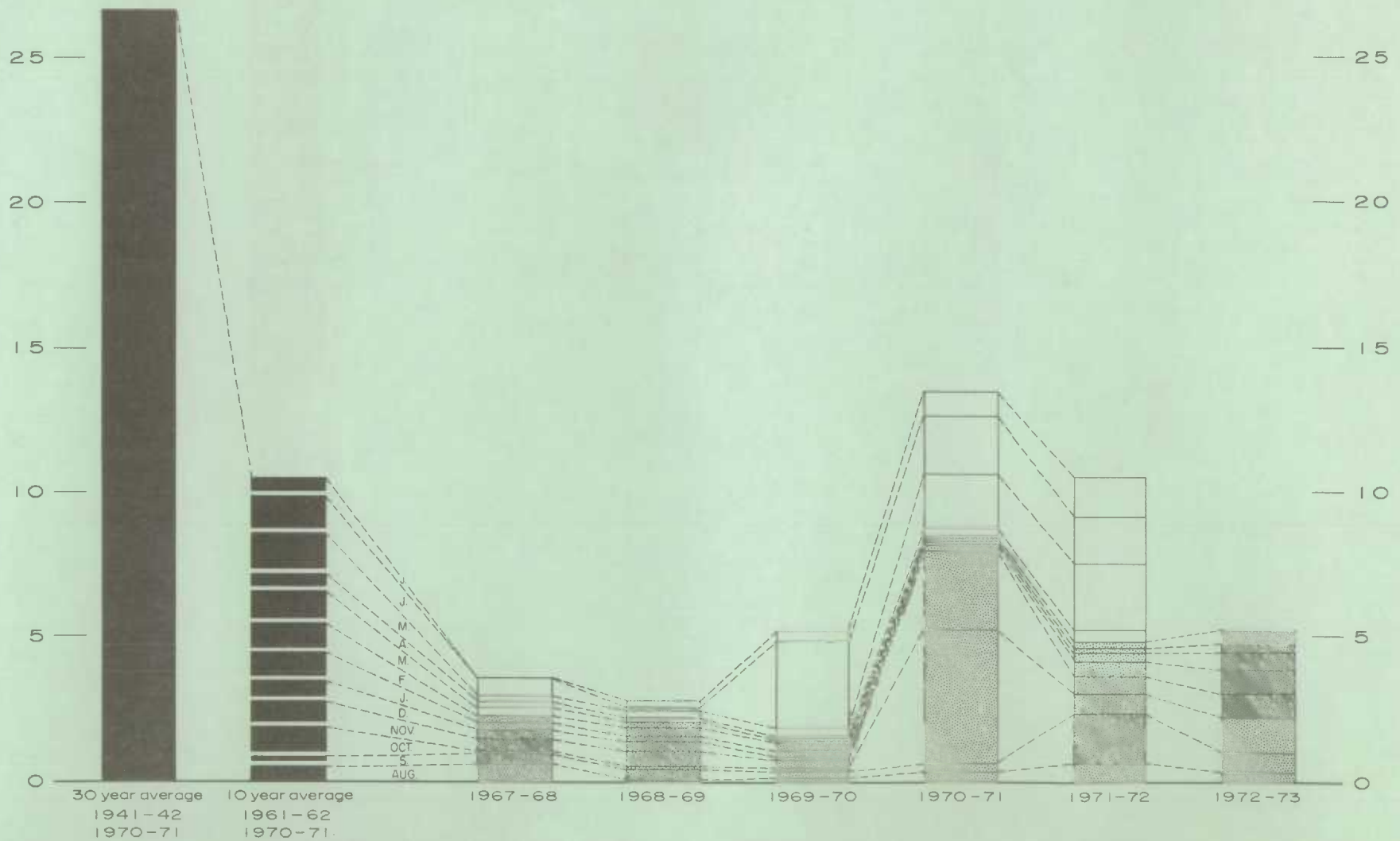
# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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

MILLION BUSHELS  
30 —

MILLION BUSHELS  
30 —



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

\*\*In terms of grain equivalent.

Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada

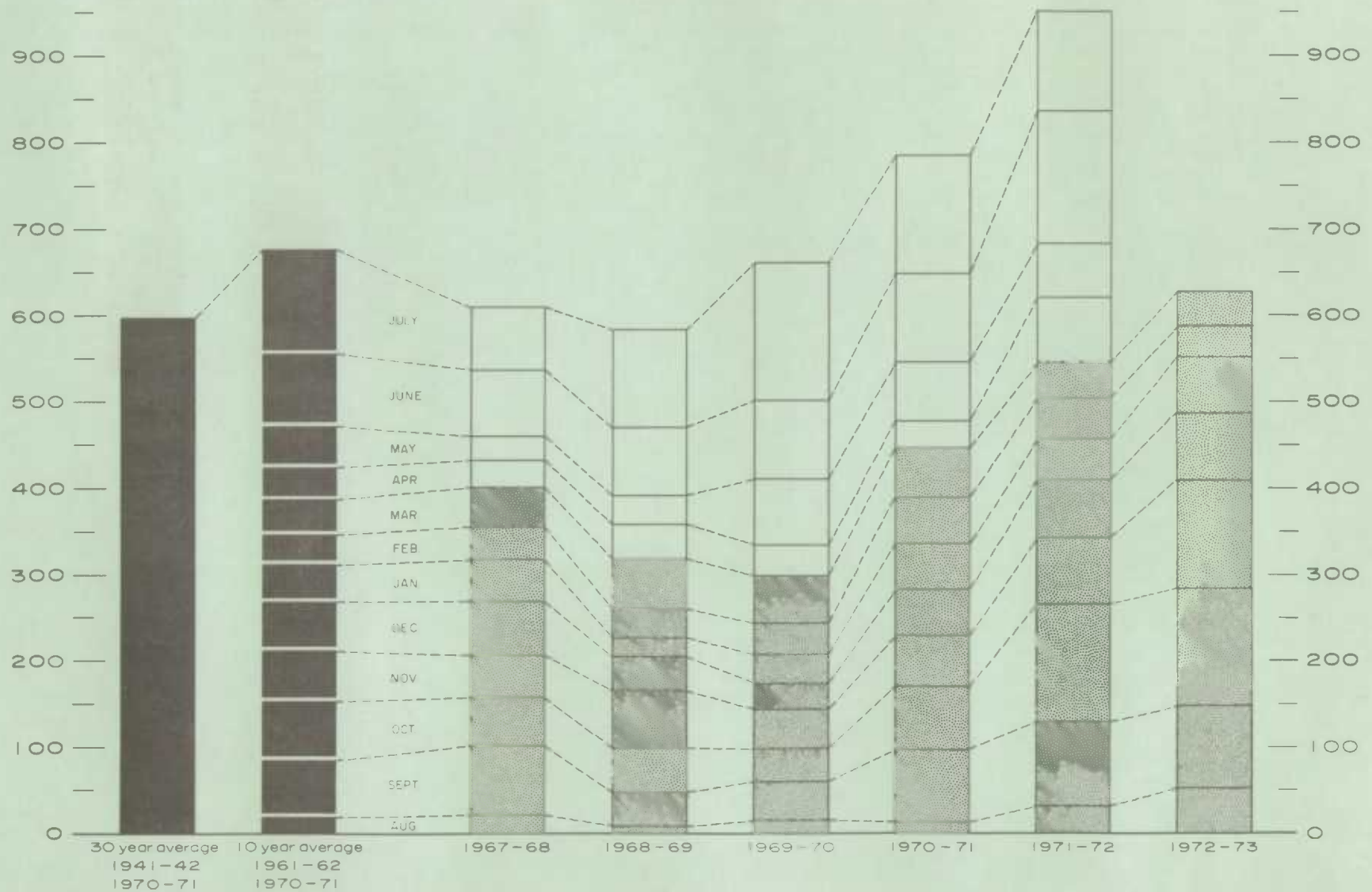


# FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS\*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

MILLION BUSHELS  
1,000 —

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS  
1,000 —

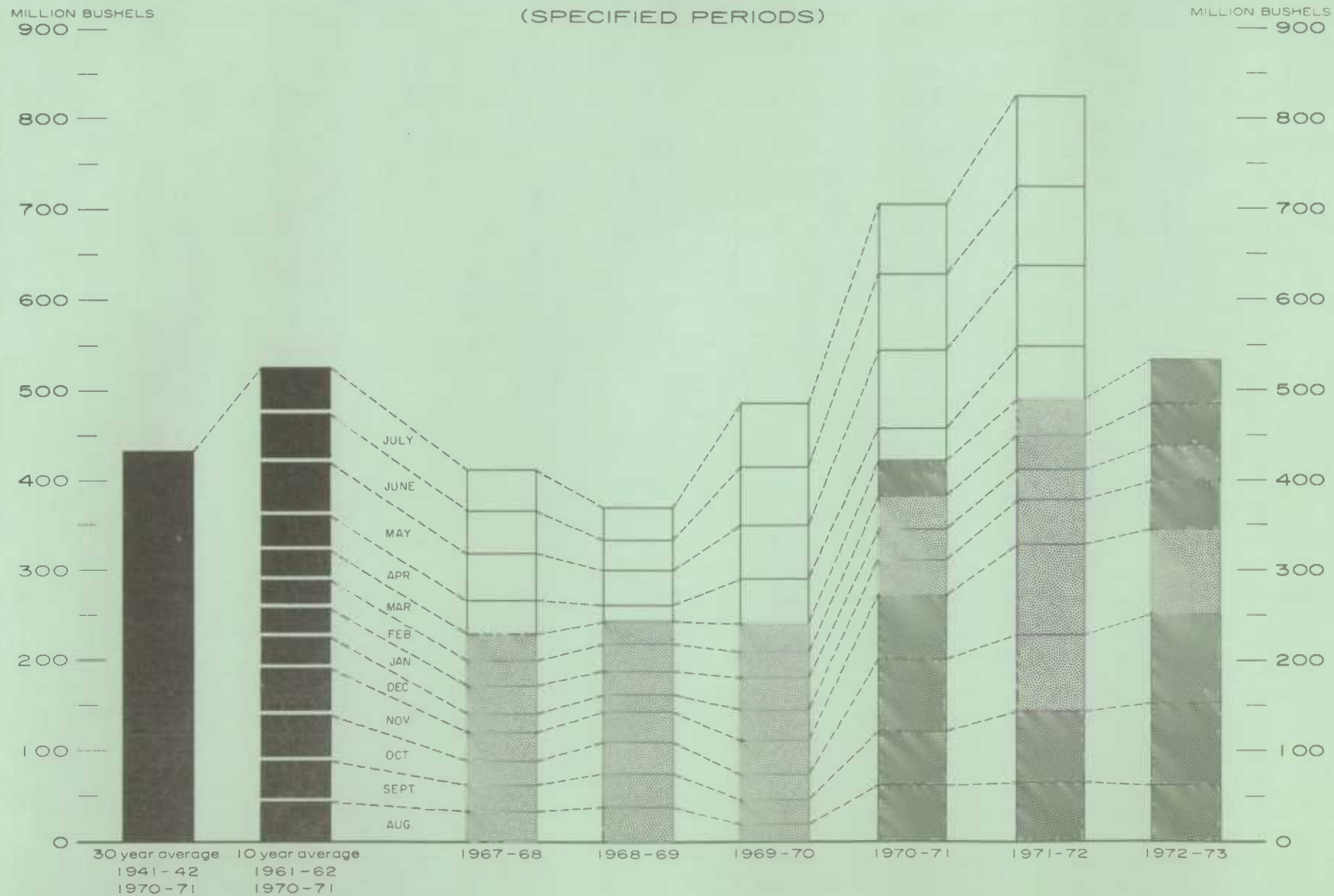


\* Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada

# 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.

Shipments Under Freight assistance shipments of wheat from the Prairie  
Feed Grain Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia during  
Assistance Regulations August 1972-March 1973, amounted to 21,154,000 bushels,  
 17 per cent above the 18,017,000 shipped during the  
 comparable period of 1971-72. The bulk of the shipments during the current months  
 under review went to destination in Quebec with that province accounting for 52 per  
 cent of the total unchanged from the previous year.

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

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
January 1973 .....	60	9	229	157	1,261	479	452	2,646
February .....	3	16	356	126	986	541	511	2,541
March .....	10	13	212	114	1,233	404	512	2,499
Totals .....	478	148	2,030	918	11,055	3,265	3,261	21,154
Same months								
1971-72 .....	501	154	1,590	732	9,307	2,673	3,060	18,017

Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate the  
 movement of 26,163 tons during August-March 1972-73. Data for the eight-month total  
 of the previous crop year amounted to 304,628 tons. The greater portion of the mill-  
 feed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Quebec and  
 Ontario for both crop years.

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

Province	August - March	
	1971-72	1972-73
	tons	
Newfoundland .....	2,584	612
Prince Edward Island .....	2,243	1,871
Nova Scotia .....	8,567	6,800
New Brunswick .....	7,457	4,126
Quebec .....	150,579	126,941
Ontario .....	109,578	97,186
British Columbia .....	23,620	22,627
Totals .....	304,628	260,163



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 <sup>1</sup></u>					
August.....	44,765	103	44,868	699	45,567
September.....	35,194	120	35,315	2,306	37,620
October.....	44,412	84	44,496	3,543	48,039
November.....	33,307	71	33,378	2,126	35,504
December.....	18,016	43	18,059	1,444	19,502
January.....	18,882	2	18,884	2,725	21,609
February.....	23,334	77	23,411	2,421	25,832
March.....	20,293	93	20,386	1,900	22,286
April.....	20,951	157	21,108	1,861	22,969
May.....	47,631	49	47,681	1,834	49,515
June.....	47,904	71	47,975	1,994	49,969
July.....	54,750	100	54,850	1,994	56,844
Totals.....	409,440	971	410,410	24,846	435,257
<u>1971-72 <sup>1</sup></u>					
August.....	48,530	2	48,533	1,983	50,516
September.....	44,520	336	44,856	3,086	47,942
October.....	59,356	34	59,389	2,105	61,494
November.....	52,948	7	52,956	1,899	54,855
December.....	32,041	109	32,149	2,709	34,859
January.....	21,627	73	21,700	1,352	23,052
February.....	23,420	45	23,466	1,431	24,897
March.....	22,108	179	22,287	2,297	24,584
April.....	33,798	46	33,844	1,840	35,684
May.....	39,255	17	39,273	1,916	41,188
June.....	45,540	43	45,583	2,724	48,307
July.....	54,940	73	55,013	1,373	56,386
Totals.....	478,084	965	479,048	24,716	503,764
<u>1972-73(4)</u>					
August.....	40,353	3	40,357	2,661	43,018
September.....	64,576	37	64,613	2,237	66,850
October.....	68,856	13	68,869	1,701	70,571
November.....	65,571	3	65,574	1,713	67,288
December.....	33,280	111	33,391	2,081	35,472
January <sup>1</sup> .....	26,858	3	26,861	1,197	28,058
February <sup>1</sup> .....	28,635	52	28,687	2,272	30,959
March.....	33,313	50	33,363	2,000	35,363
Totals.....	361,443	273	361,716	15,863	337,578

- (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 March 1973 and 1972

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat		r
			March 1973	March 1972	
bushels					
<b>Western Europe</b>					
EEC:					
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	-	-	-	9,333	
Britain(2) .....	4,435,762	-	4,435,762	-	
Germany, West .....	-	438,667	438,667	132,284	
Italy .....	-	-	-	954,035	
Netherlands .....	-	-	-	241,983	
Sub-totals .....	4,435,762	438,667	4,874,429	1,337,635	
<b>Other Western Europe:</b>					
Britain(2) .....	-	-	-	4,272,769	
Sub-total .....	-	-	-	4,272,769	
Totals .....	4,435,762	438,667	4,874,429	5,610,404	
<b>Eastern Europe</b>					
Albania .....	176,000	-	176,000	399,467	
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	4,798,728	612,080	5,410,808	1,620,396	
Totals .....	4,974,728	612,080	5,586,808	2,019,863	
<b>Africa</b>					
Nigeria .....	431,200	-	431,200	-	
Totals .....	431,200	-	431,200	-	
<b>Asia</b>					
Bangladesh .....	1,020,731	617,943	1,638,674	-	
Hong Kong .....	-	-	-	39,200	
India .....	3,850,990	-	3,850,990	-	
Israel .....	624,348	-	624,348	-	
Japan .....	4,328,886	-	4,328,886	3,585,099	
Malaysia .....	-	-	-	214,671	
Peoples' Republic of China .....	8,431,621	738,827	9,170,448	7,393,838	
Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen ....	23,883	-	23,883	-	
Philippines .....	1,420,907	-	1,420,907	535,308	
Singapore .....	-	-	-	160,564	
Totals .....	19,701,366	1,356,770	21,058,136	11,928,680	
<b>Western Hemisphere</b>					
Cuba .....	447,440	-	447,440	1,045,485	
Haiti .....	42,000	-	42,000	403,760	
Jamaica .....	670	-	670	290,080	
Peru .....	872,667	-	872,667	809,984	
Totals .....	1,362,777	-	1,362,777	2,549,309	
Sub-totals, all countries .....	30,905,833	2,407,517	33,313,350	22,108,256	
Seed wheat(3) .....			50,000	180,473	
Totals, all countries .....	30,905,833	2,407,517	33,363,350	22,288,729	

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

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

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

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August - March 1972-73			Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg ..	3,747,017 <sup>r</sup>	665,393 <sup>r</sup>	4,412,410 <sup>r</sup>	2,636,808
Britain(2) .....	10,238,769	—	10,238,769	—
France .....	313,810	—	313,810	315,999
Germany, West .....	2,320,670 <sup>r</sup>	4,087,843 <sup>r</sup>	6,408,513 <sup>r</sup>	6,830,734
Italy .....	7,837,762	2,628,879	10,466,641	11,227,990
Netherlands .....	2,468,028	1,678,333	4,146,361	8,183,122
Sub-totals .....	26,926,056	9,060,448 <sup>r</sup>	35,986,504 <sup>r</sup>	29,194,653
Other Western Europe:				
Austria .....	—	84,515	84,515	—
Britain(2) .....	19,838,716	560,194	20,398,910	30,053,198
Finland .....	146,982	—	146,982	—
Ireland .....	1,283,389	588,000	1,871,389	232,742
Malta and Gozo .....	326,811	—	326,811	613,200
Norway .....	—	—	—	780,267
Portugal .....	—	492,800	492,800	—
Sweden .....	—	44,095	44,095	33,026
Switzerland .....	1038,761	1,211,779 <sup>r</sup>	2,250,540 <sup>r</sup>	1,340,594
Sub-totals .....	22,634,659	2,981,383 <sup>r</sup>	25,616,042 <sup>r</sup>	33,053,027
Totals .....	49,560,715	12,041,831	61,602,546	62,247,680
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania .....	695,120	—	695,120	808,155
Czechoslovakia .....	—	—	—	584,752
Poland .....	—	1,875,999	1,875,999	878,847
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	91,440,886	7,584,527	99,025,413	73,010,510
Totals .....	92,136,006	9,460,526	101,596,532	75,282,264
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	2,870,242	2,870,242	6,381,447
Dahomey .....	41,961	—	41,961	—
Ghana .....	1,152,413	—	1,152,413	1,674,685
Ivory Coast .....	36,743	—	36,743	—
Morocco .....	767,876	—	767,876	1,082,976
Nigeria .....	2,498,479	—	2,498,479	693,058
South Africa .....	—	—	—	234,746
Tunisia .....	—	1,194,550	1,194,550	523,502
Totals .....	4,497,472	4,064,792	8,562,264	10,590,414

For footnotes see page 25.



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

Destination	August-March 1972-73		Total wheat	Total same period last year <sup>r</sup>
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat		
bushels				
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan .....	517,927	—	517,927	468,140
Bangladesh .....	3,628,278	1,755,377 <sup>r</sup>	5,383,655 <sup>r</sup>	—
Burma .....	643,008	—	643,008	—
Hong Kong .....	461,066	—	461,066	572,283
India .....	13,837,869	98,593	13,936,462	22,925,889
Indonesia .....	1,810,395	—	1,810,395	871,627
Israel .....	624,348	—	624,348	—
Japan .....	32,266,469	—	32,266,469	33,931,328
Korea, North .....	—	—	—	1,180,666
Lebanon .....	37,334	1,837,170	1,874,504	—
Malaysia .....	480,853	—	480,853	382,857
Pakistan .....	5,378,616	260,660	5,639,276	2,717,900
Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen ...	23,883	—	23,883	—
People's Republic of China .....	90,586,628	9,201,286 <sup>r</sup>	99,787,914 <sup>r</sup>	58,427,140
Philippines .....	5,679,374	19,600	5,698,974	4,238,403
Singapore .....	557,387	—	557,387	211,524
Syria .....	846,655	—	846,655	5,789,086
Taiwan .....	—	—	—	1,754,853
Thailand .....	—	—	—	200,361
Totals .....	157,380,090	13,172,686	170,552,776	133,672,057
<u>Oceania</u>				
U.S. Oceania .....	—	—	—	143,114
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados .....	30	—	30	56
Brazil .....	8,270,040	—	8,270,040	10,283,242
Cuba .....	4,783,300	229,185	5,012,485	5,484,480
Dominican Republic..	—	—	—	308,661
Guatemala .....	—	37,333	37,333	—
Haiti .....	1,064,933	—	1,064,933	1,263,175
Jamaica .....	416,914	—	416,914	1,103,831
Peru .....	4,054,578	—	4,054,578	3,800,477
St. Lucia .....	167	—	167	—
Venezuela .....	272,614	—	272,614	276,570
United States ...	—	—	—	95,200
Totals .....	18,862,576	266,518	19,129,094	22,615,692
Sub-totals .....	322,436,859	39,006,353	361,443,212	304,551,221
Seed wheat (3) ....			292,537	802,028
Totals, all countries.....	322,436,859	39,006,353	361,715,749	305,353,249

For footnotes see page 25.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	November	February	August - February	
	1972(1)	1973(2)	1972-73(2)	1971-72(1)
bushels				
<b>Western Europe</b>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg .....	97	-	265	955
Britain(3) .....	-	81,655	255,339	-
France .....	-	-	-	-
Germany, West .....	-	-	2,479	1,548
Ireland(3) .....	-	1,803	1,803	-
Sub-totals .....	97	83,458	259,886	2,503
Other Western Europe:				
Britain(3) .....	112,090	-	776,883	954,613
Denmark .....	-	-	253	-
Gibraltar .....	-	-	3,461	2,705
Greece .....	-	23,959	50,034	40,416
Iceland .....	4,184	-	7,220	34,663
Ireland(3) .....	-	-	1,803	3,606
Norway .....	-	-	230	115
Portugal .....	-	9,200	25,530	31,089
Sub-totals .....	116,274	33,159	865,414	1,067,207
Totals .....	116,371	116,617	1,125,300	1,069,710
<b>Africa</b>				
Algeria .....	-	-	-	562,299
Cameroon .....	-	-	-	117,921
Dahomey .....	6,566	805	13,588	26,220
French Africa,n.e.s. ....	-	25,116	26,809	185,748
Gambia, The .....	3,450	6,900	16,157	25,300
Ghana .....	-	-	-	846
Guinea .....	-	-	110	52,803
Ivory Coast .....	5,060	929	8,634	12,880
Liberia .....	25,804	13,211	112,790	159,542
Malawi .....	-	-	4,540	25,289
Mozambique .....	-	2,571	11,295	13,901
Nigeria .....	-	-	-	9,945
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s. ....	6,850	14,699	104,208	77,280
Sierra Leone .....	1,049	-	6,031	2,880
Somalia .....	-	-	97,957	22,816
Sudan .....	-	-	202,823	17,121
Tanzania .....	-	-	460	1,610
Togo .....	46,517	3,473	102,270	81,799
U.A.R. ....	-	-	1,119,691	1,542,033
Zaire .....	2,300	2,300	21,448	24,380
Totals .....	97,596	70,004	1,848,811	2,962,613
<b>Asia</b>				
Afghanistan .....	-	-	966	2,139
Bahrain .....	-	-	74	200
Burma .....	2,249	-	344,726	-
Cyprus .....	-	-	1,111	23,977
Emirates, U.U. ....	-	-	6,673	4,490
Hong Kong .....	13,110	17,480	96,225	140,139
Iran .....	-	-	1,679	2,769
Japan .....	1,030	356	7,125	6,534

For footnotes see end of table.

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

Destination	November 1972(1)	February 1973(2)	August - February	
			1972-73(2)	1971-72(1)
			bushels	
<u>Asia - Concluded</u>				
Jordan .....	-	471	57,541	-
Lebanon .....	-	30,866	41,584	107,205
Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen .....	-	-	-	4,614
Philippines .....	2,760	-	10,090	-
Qatar .....	168	-	278	952
Saudi Arabia .....	-	1,610	114,837	163,459
Singapore .....	1,150	1,150	4,600	4,600
Sri-Lanka .....	76,059	-	1,262,661	1,506,590
Syria .....	-	-	-	67,027
Taiwan .....	-	-	63	-
Thailand .....	6,210	-	53,993	58,291
Totals .....	102,736	51,933	2,004,226	2,092,986
<u>Oceania</u>				
Australia .....	-	-	1,803	-
British Oceania, n.e.s. ....	-	-	1,840	-
Fiji .....	-	-	1,150	920
United States Oceania .....	-	-	230	748
Totals .....	-	-	5,023	1,668
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas .....	20,785	20,077	121,498	118,744
Barbados .....	41,147	25,514	235,088	175,028
Bermuda .....	11,381	16,967	84,527	78,666
British Honduras .....	6,109	3,961	19,608	26,061
Cuba(4) .....	1,139,213	1,819,631	7,363,645	7,097,294
Dominican Republic .....	-	-	-	2,300
French West Indies .....	793	518	1,663	966
Guyana .....	4,827	764	10,341	8,241
Haiti .....	-	-	45,963	-
Honduras .....	-	286	3,799	918
Jamaica .....	4,600	3,680	56,122	88,817
Leeward and Windward Is. ....	127,022	50,372	479,428	440,145
Netherlands Antilles .....	4,520	8,174	19,296	35,241
Panama .....	-	-	-	338
St. Pierre and Miquelon .....	2,817	908	14,936	14,345
Surinam .....	3,358	5,065	18,030	10,185
Trinidad and Tobago .....	44,726	76,146	368,306	326,131
Venezuela .....	115	-	368	304
United States .....	-	1,150	36,648	14,812
Totals .....	1,411,413	2,033,213	8,879,266	8,438,536
Totals, all countries .....	1,728,116	2,271,767	13,862,626	14,565,513

(1) In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt. (2) In terms of wheat equivalent. Preliminary and unadjusted for time lag. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

(3) Commencing January 1, 1973 Britain and Ireland became members of the European Economic Community. (4) Source - Canadian National Millers Association. n.e.s. - Not elsewhere specified.

Note: Data for March 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			
	March 23	March 30	April 6	April 13
cents and eighths per bushel				
<u>Initial payment to producers</u>				
1 C.W. Red Spring .....	176	176	176	176
2 C.W. Red Spring .....	169	169	169	169
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	160	160	160	160
No. 1 Canada Utility .....	147	147	147	147
No. 2 Canada Utility .....	147	147	147	147
No. 3 Canada Utility .....	147	147	147	147
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	162	162	162	162
2 Alberta Winter .....	157	157	157	157
3 Alberta Winter .....	151	151	151	151
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	176	176	176	176
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	172	172	172	172
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	167	167	167	167
<u>Exports</u>				
<u>(Basis in store Thunder Bay)</u>				
1 C.W. Red Spring 14% .....	268/2	268/3	268/2	268/2
2 C.W. Red Spring 14% .....	264/2	264/3	264/2	264/2
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	252/2	252/3	252/2	252/2
No. 1 Canada Utility .....	216/4	216/4	216/4	216/4
No. 2 Canada Utility .....	214/4	214/4	214/4	214/4
No. 3 Canada Utility .....	218/4	218/4	218/4	218/4
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	260/2	260/3	260/2	260/2
2 Alberta Winter .....	259/2	259/3	259/2	259/2
3 Alberta Winter .....	258/2	258/3	258/2	258/2
1 C.W. Amber Durum .....	281/7	282	281/7	281/7
2 C.W. Amber Durum .....	280/7	281	280/7	280/7
3 C.W. Amber Durum .....	271/7	272	271/7	271/7
<u>(Basis in store Vancouver)</u>				
1 C.W. Red Spring 14% .....	301/4	301/5	302/1	302/1
2 C.W. Red Spring .....	291/4	291/5	292/1	292/1
3 C.W. Red Spring .....	287/4	287/5	288/1	288/1
1 Alberta Red Winter .....	298/4	298/5	299/1	299/1
2 Alberta Winter .....	297/4	297/5	298/1	298/1
3 Alberta Winter .....	296/4	296/5	297/1	297/1

# CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

**Production** Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during March 1973 amounted to 3,395,000 hundredweight, indicating an increase of 16 per cent over the 2,924,000 hundredweight produced in February 1973, 7 per cent more than the March 1972 total of 3,165,000 hundredweight, but 3 per cent less than the ten-year (1963-72) average production for the month of March of 3,497,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during March 1973 had a total rated capacity of 164,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 27-day working period 76.5 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during March 1973 amounted to 7,676,000 bushels 15 per cent higher than the 6,649,000 bushels milled during the preceding month and 7 per cent above the 7,141,000 bushels milled during March 1972. Of the wheat milled for flour during March 1973 some 6,311,000 bushels were Western Canadian red spring wheat (other than Durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat(583,000 bushels); Durum (560,000 bushels); and all other (222,000 bushels).

**Exports** According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during February 1973 amounted to the equivalent of 2,272,000 bushels (some 988,000 hundredweight of flour), 90 per cent more than the January 1973 exports of 1,197,000 bushels and 59 per cent greater than the adjusted February 1972 exports of 1,431,000 bushels. Flour shipments during February 1972 went to thirty-four countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 1,820,000 bushels or 80 per cent of the February 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, 82; Trinidad and Tobago, 76; Leeward and Windward Islands, 50; Lebanon, 31; Barbados, 26; French Africa, n.e.s., 25; and Greece, 24.

Note: Data re exports of wheat flour for March 1973 by country of destination are not available at this time and will be included in the next issue.

## Wheat milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada

Crop year	Wheat milled for flour bushels	Wheat flour	
		Production	Exports(1)
			cwt
1935-35 - 1939-40 average .....	67,845,114	29,405,451	9,603,941
1940-41 - 1944-45 " .....	99,704,638	43,908,245	23,699,546
1945-46 - 1949-50 " .....	107,330,372	47,011,540	25,819,721
1950-51 - 1954-55 " .....	100,446,328	43,847,894	21,812,041
1954-55 - 1959-60 " .....	99,143,211	39,752,589	16,349,156
1960-61 - 1964-65 " .....	91,128,177	40,834,088	15,769,803
1965-66 .....	97,925,995	43,531,263	16,576,117
1966-67 .....	90,084,646	39,978,571	13,848,208
1967-68 .....	84,769,150	37,755,841	10,734,857
1968-69 .....	85,048,591	37,621,151	10,705,452
1969-70 .....	90,557,332	39,640,459	11,723,205
1970-71 .....	87,467,328	38,534,863	10,802,813 <sup>r</sup>
1971-72 .....	88,123,761	39,071,806	10,745,908 <sup>r</sup>
1972-73(2)			
August .....	7,516,123	3,306,195	1,156,942
September .....	7,590,423	3,316,484	972,566
October .....	8,231,621	3,631,037	739,735
November .....	7,497,161	3,293,927	744,980
December .....	5,853,556	2,577,403	904,764
January .....	7,414,125	3,252,034	520,517
February .....	6,649,247	2,923,598	987,725
March .....	7,676,061	3,395,455	869,565
Totals .....	58,428,317	25,696,133	6,896,794
Same months 1971-72 <sup>r</sup> .....	51,621,580	22,850,862	7,331,561

(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 Remain at High Level Wheat supplies for the crop year 1972-73 are placed at 2,409.6 million bushels, the largest since 1962-63 and 3 per cent above the 1971-72 total of 2,348.0 million. Supplies of this magnitude reflect an increase in carryover stocks, which more than offset a decrease in production. Carryover stocks estimated at 864.8 million bushels are 18 per cent larger than the 730.2 million at July 1, 1971, while the 1972 production, at 1,544.8 million is the third largest crop on record but 5 per cent lower than the 1971 record harvest of 1,617.8 million. Domestic disappearance during 1972-73 is estimated at about 818.0 million bushels, 4 per cent less than the 851.6 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,591.7 million remain available for export and for carryover, 6 per cent more than the 1,496.6 million in 1971-72.

Exports at Record Level Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period July 1972-March 1973 amounted to an all-time high of 799.7 million bushels, sharply above the 440.8 million exported during the same months last year. The balance remaining on April 1, 1973 for export and for carryover was estimated at 791.9 million bushels in contrast to 1055.7 million on approximately 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-March.....	0.2	0.1
Total estimated supplies(1) .....	2,348.2	2,409.7
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2)	851.6	818.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	1,496.6	1,591.7
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-March .....	401.2	758.2
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-March .....	39.6	41.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	440.8	799.7
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover ..	1,055.7	791.9

(1) Excludes imports for April-June.

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



Winter Wheat Growing -  
Moisture Mostly Ample

According to a report released on April 9, 1973 by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture warm weather along with plentiful moisture supplies spurred growth of the Nation's winter wheat crop in March. Although the crop is in mostly good to excellent condition, some acreage losses are expected from flooding of lowlands, mostly in the Mississippi and Missouri River drainages. In other areas, the crop was under stress from too much rain and some yellowing was occurring. Application of fertilizer was delayed because fields were too soft to support machinery in many areas. Grazing was also hampered by soft fields. Montana and the Pacific Northwest were the only major growing areas where soil moisture was below normal.

Wheat in the Southern Plains was in mostly good to excellent condition around April 1, following considerable growth in March. Soil borne mosaic was observed in central and eastern Kansas and some wheat was damaged by standing water or flooding. Over half the Oklahoma crop had reached the jointing stage by April 1. Mosaic was reported in scattered areas. On the High and Low Plains of Texas, wheat was jointing and some fields were in the early boot stage. The condition of Nebraska wheat was above average around April 1 although some winterkill and mosaic were reported. South Dakota's fall seedings were generally in good condition but stands were highly variable. Soil moisture supplies in Colorado were the best in years, and conditions point to a very good crop of winter wheat. The crop was greening up in all areas east of the Rocky Mountains.

The Pacific Northwest and Montana got below normal precipitation again in March, continuing the general pattern of recent months. Montana's winter wheat varied from fair to good condition with some greening in March. Winter grains in Idaho were mostly in good condition. Farmers in Washington were busy reseeding as winterkill of fall planted grains became more evident. At month's end, wheat areas undamaged by winter weather were greening up and stands were thickening. Some light soil areas of the State were showing moisture stress. Fall seeded grain crops in Oregon were starting spring growth. California's fall seeded grains showed good development with fields heading in the South. In northern areas, grains on poorly drained fields and heavy soils were showing stress and yellowing from excess moisture.

Most of the wheat in Missouri was in fair to good condition. However, some low-lying fields were flooded in late March. Winter wheat was reported in good condition in Illinois with no reports of severe winterkill but flooding occurred on some acreage. Indiana wheat greened up earlier than usual. Ohio wheat varied considerably with early seeded fields showing most promise. Elsewhere east of the Mississippi River, warm temperatures spurred growth. Topdressing of fertilizer progressed when fields were dry enough to support machinery. Some lowland areas, mostly in the South, were flooded in late March.

Number of Farms Enrolled  
in 1973 Wheat Program -  
Second Highest on Record

According to a final signup report issued on April 6, 1973 by the United States Department of Agriculture the 1,033,019 farms signed up to participate in the 1973 wheat program number only 4,716 fewer than the record 1,037,735 farms which were enrolled in the 1971 wheat program.

Farms signed up for this year's wheat program represent 79 per cent of the 1,313,392 total eligible wheat farms and are 36,261 more than the 996,758 farms enrolled in 1972. The 1,033,019 farms have allotments totaling 17,439,089 acres, 94 per cent of the 18,470,370 eligible allotment.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies      Total estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1972-73  
Sharply Below      (December-November) crop year are placed at 284.5 million bushels,  
Year Ago              34 per cent less than the 433.4 million in 1971-72, reflecting  
the effect of a decrease in both carryover and production. Carry-  
over stocks at December 1, 1972, were placed at 50.1 million bushels as against the  
127.2 million at the same date a year ago, while the 1972 production, at 234.4 million,  
was 23 per cent below the comparable figure in 1971. After deducting some 115.3  
million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 169.2 million  
are available for export and for carryover during 1972-73, in sharp contrast to the  
335.2 million in 1971-72.

Exports Down from      Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of  
Previous Year          grain equivalent during the period December-March of the current  
Australian crop year amounted to 69.5 million bushels, a  
decrease of 39 per cent from the 113.1 million exported during the corresponding  
period of the 1971-72 crop year. The balance remaining on April 1, 1973 for export  
and for carryover, at 99.7 million bushels, was 55 per cent below the 222.1 million  
at the same date a year ago and the lowest since 1957-58.

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	50.1
Production .....	306.2	234.4
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	433.4	284.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ....	98.2	115.3 <sup>r</sup>
Available for export and for carryover .....	335.2	169.2
<u>Deduct</u>		
Export of wheat as grain, December-March .....	109.0	66.6
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December-March .....	4.1	2.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	113.1	69.5
Balance on April 1, for export and for carryover .....	222.1	99.7

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 April 5, 1973 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.



Smallest wheat harvest for 13 years. — With the Australian wheat harvest now complete, deliveries of wheat to the Australian Wheat Board stood at 5,377,300 metric tons (197.6 million bushels) at the beginning of February. With only small quantities of wheat likely to be delivered from farms from now on, this intake is the smallest since the 1959-60 harvest, when 4,880,000 tons (179.3 million bushels) were delivered.

Details of deliveries from each State are given in the following table:

Australian Wheat Deliveries 1972-73

State	metric tons	million bushels
New South Wales .....	1,436,800	52.8
Victoria .....	1,158,400	42.6
South Australia .....	700,500	25.7
Western Australia .....	1,754,800	64.5
Queensland .....	324,000	11.9
Tasmania .....	2,800	0.1
Totals .....	5,377,300	197.6

The small wheat harvest coincides with the smallest wheat carryover for four seasons. This was 1,364,000 tons (50.1 million bushels) as at December 1, 1972. Adding the carryover to the deliveries, the Board has 6,820,300 tons (250.6 million bushels) of wheat to supply export and domestic markets for the 1972-73 season.

The small wheat harvest has been brought about by extremely unfavourable growing conditions affecting production throughout the wheat growing areas of Australia. The adversity is highlighted by the fact that deliveries to the Board for 1972-73 season total less than 50 per cent of the national quota of 11,076,725 tons (407 million bushels).

Besides affecting wheat yields, the drought brought an increased demand for wheat as stockfeed from Australian farmers. The result of these two factors is that the availability of Australian wheat for export is about six million tons (220.4 million bushels) below the quantity for which the industry was aiming with a view to maintaining supplies to all markets and creating a reasonable carryover.

Prospects for 1973-74 seeding. — Virtually the entire State of Queensland has made a rapid recovery after widespread rains in February. Good to excellent seasonal conditions have been maintained under the fine and humid weather prevailing in March, and the outlook for the winter is the best since 1956. However, much of the country has dried off after the February rains and follow-up rains will be needed to consolidate the favourable position. Land preparation for the planting of winter grains has become quite general but progress is being hampered in some cases by excessive grass and weed growth.

In New South Wales the heavy February rains resulted in one of the best early seasonal breaks for years. Subsoil moisture has been replenished which enabled widespread cultivation to begin in preparation for sowing winter crops. However, good rains throughout April will be needed to ensure large plantings.



In Victoria good rains were received in February and early March which replenished sub-soil moisture over most of the wheat belt and enabled land preparation to begin. Little rain was received during the later part of March and there has been a drying off effect. Good rains during April will be needed to ensure ideal planting conditions.

Heavy rains occurred in South Australia at the beginning of February which relieved the drought conditions but rain has been patchy since that time. Most of the land to be cropped this season has received at least one working but more rain is needed so that land preparation can continue. Good rains during April and May will be essential if planting intentions in this State are to be reached.

Drought conditions have persisted in Western Australia where only isolated areas of the grain belt have received good rains. The hot, dry conditions persisted throughout February and March and are predicted to continue into April. If good rains do not come by early May it is almost certain that this State will have no chance of producing its 113 million bushel quota.

Net return from wheat predicted at A\$1.46 (\$2.08 Cdn.) per bushel in 1973-74.— In an address to a group of New South Wales wheatgrowers the Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board predicted that the wheatgrower would get a net cash return of between \$1.46 and \$1.49 (\$2.08 and \$2.11 Cdn.) per bushel for his wheat in the 1973-74 season. He based this assessment on the assumption that world wheat prices would continue at high levels for the next 1½ to 2 years.

Some of the reasons for a continuance of these high prices were given as:

- (a) Reports that the U.S.S.R. crop is again suffering from the lack of snow cover, and that substantial purchases will again be made by Russia;
- (b) China has not fully recovered from drought and will be in the market again;
- (c) The continuation of adverse seasonal conditions in a considerable number of producing countries including India, the Middle East and Africa;
- (d) A recent statement by the Director-General of F.A.O. "that perhaps the most serious consequences for the long run is the depletion of the world's reserves of grain. We estimate that by about the middle of this year wheat exporters' stocks will be down to below 30 million tons, the lowest level since 1952 and in the interval of these two decades the world's population has grown by about 50 per cent".

New South Wales may give new growers wheat quotas. — The New South Wales State Minister for Agriculture has announced that his Government was exploring the possibility of issuing wheat quotas to new growers. "New growers have been defined as property owners in traditional wheat growing areas who are not in possession of a wheat quota".

The final decision has not yet been made but application forms for new growers are now available and must be returned to the Grain Elevators Board by April 30. The application forms require such information as size of property, area intended to be sown to wheat, when wheat was last sown, area of arable land and the closest G.E.B. facility. After all the applications are received a final decision will be made.

This step is an attempt to increase the State's chances of reaching its quota. The New South Wales quota of 193.1 million bushels plus the special pool of 20 million bushels means that the State could deliver a maximum of 213.1 million bushels. Because of the attractiveness of other commodities and the near perfect growing conditions which will be needed the chances of N.S.W. reaching it are near impossible

Industry leaders in the other States are watching this move closely since it would breach the closed industry principle. In addition it would increase N.S.W.'s chances of getting the lions share of the special 20 million bushel quota which is feared in particular by such States as Western Australia who have already expressed their displeasure of such a move. If N.S.W. goes ahead with the plan it seems likely that it will cause friction within the industry.

Search for a yellow spaghetti. — The number one priority at the Department of Agriculture's research station at Tamworth, N.S.W., which is the only research station in Australia concerned with the breeding of durum wheats, has become the search for a yellow spaghetti. Australian durum wheats presently lack this color and the development of a variety with this yellow color would increase Australian durum sales particularly to such countries as Italy. Suitable varieties grown in other countries are not suitable under Australian conditions because Australian wheat is grown during the winter months under short days.

Wheat for Bangladesh. — The Australian Government will give Bangladesh a gift of 12,600 metric tons (463,000 bushels) of wheat valued at A\$940,000 (\$1,336,000 Cdn.). The gift is in response to appeals by the Bangladesh Government and the U.N. for assistance in supplying food grains to Bangladesh. The gift augments the 54,000 metric tons (1,984,000 bushels) of wheat which Australia shipped to Bangladesh during 1972 and brings the value of Australian gift wheat to this country during the current financial year, to almost A\$5 million (\$7.1 million Cdn.). In addition, Australia will pay the freight costs.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 — March 31, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Other Western Europe</u>				
Britain .....	5,576	6,574	92	20
Ireland .....	379	90	—	—
Malta .....	371	—	—	—
Norway .....	4,032	—	—	—
Totals .....	10,358	6,664	92	20
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Germany East .....	7,990	2,958	—	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .....	8,559	16,412	—	—
Totals .....	16,549	19,370	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 — March 31, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72 — continued

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Africa</u>				
Kenya .....	1,806	—	—	—
Malawi .....	—	—	251	43
Mauritius — Comm. ....	—	—	257	310
Mozambique .....	1,064	—	—	—
Rhodesia .....	682	—	—	—
Sudan .....	1,430	—	—	—
Tanzania .....	741	—	—	—
Egypt-A.R.E. ....	25,692	4,812	—	—
Zambia .....	985	887	—	—
Others .....	1	3	327	42
Totals .....	32,401	5,702	835	395
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden .....	263	—	—	—
Aden and Aden Atta .....	—	—	10	—
Afghanistan — Comm. ....	411	—	—	—
Arabian Gulf .....	154	74	146	98
Arabian Gulf Atta .....	—	—	617	414
Bangladesh .....	237	—	—	—
China .....	—	5,800	—	—
Hong Kong .....	729	767	8	—
India — F. Aid .....	1,466	—	—	—
Indonesia — Comm. ....	—	—	2	(1)
— F. Aid .....	232	617	—	—
Iran .....	2,782	—	—	—
Iraq .....	2,695	—	—	—
Japan .....	18,001	7,990	—	—
Korea, South .....	2,896	—	—	—
Kuwait .....	1,335	1,587	—	—
Lebanon .....	1,260	—	—	—
Malaysia .....	3,347	3,703	—	—
Pakistan — F. Aid .....	878	—	—	—
SRI Lanka .....	597	1,176	72	6
— F. Aid .....	—	—	655	463
Philippines .....	—	—	116	50
— F. Aid .....	—	129	—	—
Qatar .....	—	242	—	—
Sabah .....	—	—	1	—
Saudi Arabia .....	1,605	493	38	55
Singapore .....	2,532	1,534	—	1
Taiwan .....	2,019	4,825	—	—
Thailand .....	772	1,135	66	36

See footnotes at end of table.



Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat  
December 1 — March 31, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72 — concluded

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia — concluded</u>				
Yemen .....	1,064	—	—	—
Others .....	—	2	59	63
Totals .....	45,275	30,074	1,790	1,186
<u>Oceania</u>				
New Zealand .....	550	—	—	—
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia .....	566	—	—	—
Chile .....	2,152	4,302	—	—
Peru .....	1,129	471	—	—
West Indies Area .....	—	—	20	6
Totals .....	3,847	4,773	20	6
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands .....	21	17	1,315	1,256
Ships' Stores and Sundries ....	—	—	48	37
Totals .....	21	17	1,363	1,293
Totals, all countries ...	109,000	66,600	4,100	2,900

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supplies Above  
Year Ago

Reflecting an increase in production which more than offset a decline in carryover stocks total estimated domestic supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1972-73 (December-November) crop year are placed at some 315.5 million bushels, 41 per cent more than the previous year's total of 223.5 million. The 1972 production estimated at 297.6 million bushels exceeded by 43 per cent the 208.7 million produced in 1971 while the December 1, 1972 carryover stocks, at 17.9 million, are 28 per cent below the 24.8 million at the same date a year ago. After making an allowance of 150.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 165.5 million are available for export and for carryover in 1972-73 in contrast to the 81.6 million of the previous year.

Exports Increase Sharply  
over Year Ago

Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1972 - March 1973 amounted to 66.6 million bushels, in sharp contrast to the 20.5 million exported during the same four months in 1971-72. The balance remaining on April 1, 1973 for export and for carryover was estimated at 98.9 million bushels, as against the April 1, 1972 total of 61.1 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	17.9
Production .....	208.7	297.6
Total estimated domestic supplies .....	223.5	315.5
Less estimated requirements for crop year .....	151.9	150.0
Available for export and for carryover .....	81.6	165.5
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December-March .....	18.4	61.2
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December - March .....	2.1	5.5
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour .....	20.5	66.6
Balance on April 1 for export and for carryover .....	61.1	98.9

(1) Includes allowances for farm stocks.

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There have been no further official production estimates but private sources calculate that the total production will be 8.5 million metric tons (312,318,000 bushels) including 660,000 tons (24,251,000 bushels) of Durums. The official estimate now stands at 8.1 million tons (297,621,000 bushels) including Durums.

Distribution will be approximately as follows:

	thousand bushels
Internal consumption and seed .....	146,973
Authorized private exports (Bangladesh, India, Chile, N. Korea, Europe and others) .....	55,115
Government to Government contracts	
Brazil .....	47,766
Bolivia .....	9,553
Chile .....	9,186
Uruguay .....	4,409
Paraguay .....	3,674
Durums .....	24,251
Remainder available for export .....	11,390
Total .....	312,318

During a meeting held last week, the Minister of Agriculture announced the new prices for wheat. These will be as follows: (for 1973-74 crop year).

Bread wheat	57 pesos per 100 kilos (\$3.10 per bushel Cdn.)
Durums	58.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$3.18 per bushel Cdn.)

There has been no indication on the new price for semi-hard wheat yet.

On April 10, hard wheat was quoted at 59.50 pesos per 100 kilos (\$3.23 per bushel), f.o.r. Buenos Aires; semi-hard at 59.00 pesos (\$3.21 per bushel) and Durums at 53.00 pesos (\$2.88 per bushel). At Bahia Blanca they were quoted at 56.00, 55.50 and 51.00 pesos (\$3.04, \$3.01 and \$2.77 per bushel), respectively.

On the Futures Market hard wheat was quoted at 60.40 pesos (\$3.28 per bushel) f.o.r. Buenos Aires for May delivery; 62.50 pesos (\$3.40 per bushel) for June; 64.30 pesos (\$3.49 per bushel) for July; and 65.80 pesos (\$3.57 per bushel) for August.

Argentine Wheat Exports December — November 1971-72 and 1970-71

Destination	November		December — November	
	1971	1972	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
France .....	429	—	673	—
Germany, Federal Republic ....	—	—	26	—
Italy .....	349	1,080	13,599	12,292
Netherlands .....	—	—	259	218
Sub-totals .....	778	1,080	14,557	12,510
Other Western Europe:				
Spain .....	—	—	448	—
Sub-total .....	—	—	448	—
Totals .....	778	1,080	15,005	12,510
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria .....	—	—	—	886
Jordan .....	261	—	372	154
Libya .....	—	—	1,121	220
Totals .....	261	—	1,493	1,260
<u>Asia</u>				
Lebanon .....	—	—	261	—
Syria .....	—	—	1,533	—
Total .....	—	—	1,794	—



Argentine Wheat Exports December — November 1971-72 and 1970-71 — concluded

Destination	November		December — November	
	1971	1972	1970-71	1971-72
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia .....	—	—	18	—
Brazil .....	3,500	1,545	8,267	35,332
Chile .....	886	351	3,734	5,725
Paraguay .....	—	—	142	280
Peru .....	—	—	318	—
Totals .....	4,386	1,896	12,479	41,337
Totals, all countries .....	5,424	2,976	30,770	55,108

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- March 30 The 1973 season of navigation opened at the Canadian Lakehead with the arrival of the Scott Misener.
- 31 According to World Agricultural Production and Trade, USDA, world wheat production in 1972 is estimated at 308 million tons, 5 per cent below the 1971 record and just over the previous high in 1968. World wheat area was down 1 per cent at 208 million hectares.
- April 6 Based on farmers' intentions at March 15, the acreage seeded to all classes of wheat in Canada in 1973 will be 24.3 million acres an increase of 14 per cent over the 1972 seeding of 21.3 million and 25 per cent more than the 19.4 million acres seeded in 1971.
- 9 The Canadian Wheat Board announced the sale of wheat and barley to the U.S.S.R. The wheat contract covers a total of 1.5 million metric tons (approximately 58 million bushels) and will consist of a variety of grades of spring wheat and durum. The barley sale amounts to 500,000 metric tons (approximately 24 million bushels).
- 18 Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1973 were estimated at 670.2 million bushels compared with 864.9 million on the same date in 1972 and the ten-year average of 877.7 million bushels. It is estimated that 411.0 million bushels representing 61 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 259.2 million bushels in off-farm positions, 148.2 million were in primary elevators.

Flour Production According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in February 1973 amounted to 19,574,000 hundredweight, averaging 979,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 970,000 hundredweight last month and 952,000 hundredweight in February 1972. Wheat flour mills during February operated at 96.6 per cent of capacity above the 95.8 per cent of the previous month but below the 97.4 per cent the same month a year ago. Flour mills in February 1973 ground 43,523,000 bushels of wheat compared with 47,529,000 bushels the previous month and 44,464,000 bushels in February 1972.









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