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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 865.5 million bushels, and increase of 2 per cent over the 846.5 million exported during the same five months in 1972 and 39 per cent more than the ten-year (1962-71) average shipments for the period of some 621.0 million. As indicated in the accompanying table, based on the Canadian crop year, United States was the only country registering an increase over the previous year, while Canada, Australia and Argentina showed declines.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August-December 1973 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	249.7	129.8	241.9	14.5	635.9	95.9
1972 ^r	282.8	95.7	438.4	29.6	846.5	127.6
1973 ^p	187.1	41.3	629.1	8.0	865.5	101.1(1)

(1) August-November only.

Wheat Supplies of Four
Major Exporters Decline

Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about January 1, 1974 in the four major exporting countries, for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, amounted to 1,708.4 million bushels, 17 per cent below the 2,067.7 million available a year ago. The newly harvested 1973-74 wheat crops in the Argentine and Australia are taken into consideration in these totals. Supplies in Australia were higher while those of Canada, United States and Argentina were lower than the previous year. Supplies on or about January 1, 1974 in millions of bushels, were held as follows, with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 637.1 (659.2); Australia, 306.9 (148.7); United States, 642.8 (1,110.3); and Argentina, 121.6 (149.5).

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August-December 1973 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	6,796	3,533	6,584	395	17,307	2,610
1972 ^r	7,697	2,605	11,931	806	23,038	3,473
1973 ^p	5,092	1,124	17,121	218	23,555	2,752(1)

(1) August-November only.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Supplies Decline from Year Ago

Reflecting a substantial decrease in opening stocks which more than offset an increase in the 1973 harvest, total estimated supplies of wheat in Canada for the 1973-74 crop year are placed at some 994.1 million bushels compared with the previous year's total of 1,117.0 million. Stocks at the beginning of the crop year totalled 365.4 million bushels and recorded a decline of 37 per cent from the 1972 level of 583.8 million. The 1973 crop, estimated at 628.7 million bushels, was 18 per cent higher than the 1972 outturn of 533.3 million. The increase in production compared with last year is due to a 2 per cent rise in yields combined with a 16 per cent increase in seeded acreage. After making an allowance of 170.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, supplies available for export and for carryover during 1973-74 amount to 824.1 million, 13 per cent less than the 942.0 million bushels in 1972-73.

August-December Exports Lower

Exports of wheat and flour, in terms of wheat equivalent, during August-December 1973 amount to 187.1 million bushels, some 34 per cent below the 282.8 million exported during the comparable months of 1972 and 3 per cent less than the ten-year (1962-71) average for the same five months of 193.0 million bushels. This year's exports consisted of 178.6 million

bushels of wheat in bulk, 276 thousand of seed and 8.2 million of flour in terms of wheat. During the August-December period last year these figures were 272.6 million of wheat in bulk, 167 thousand of seed and 10.0 million of flour in wheat equivalent. The balance remaining on January 1, 1974 for export and for carryover amounted to 637.1 million bushels, 3 per cent below the January 1, 1973 total of 659.2 million.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Item	1972-73 ^r	1973-74 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1)	583.8	365.4 ^r
Production	533.3	628.7
Total estimated supplies	1,117.0	994.1
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	175.1	170.0
Available for export and for carryover	942.0	824.1
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat in bulk, August-December (1)	272.6	178.6
Exports of seed wheat, August-December (2)	0.2	0.3
Total exports of wheat as grain	272.8	178.8
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August- December (2)	10.0	8.2
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	282.8	187.1
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover	659.2	637.1

(1) As reported by the Canadian Grain Commission.

(2) Customs returns, 1972-73 adjusted for time lag.

Marketings, Disappearance and Visible Supplies

Total primary deliveries of wheat (both east and west) up to January 9 of the current crop year have amounted to 190.6 million bushels in sharp contrast to the 340.9 million marketed during the same period of the previous year. Some 13.2 million bushels of this year's total were delivered during the four weeks December 13, 1973 to January 9, 1974. During the same period the volume of Canadian wheat entering domestic and export channels amounted to 25.4 million bushels. As a result, the total visible supply of Canadian wheat decreased from 226.4 million at December 12, 1973 to a level of 213.0 million at January 9, 1974.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat at January 9 this year was 27 per cent less than the 1973 comparable total of 292.8 million and 32 per cent below the 1972 figure of 313.1 million. Country elevator stocks, amounting to 110.0 million bushels, were also lower than both the 1973 comparable total of 158.0 million, and the 175.1 million of two years ago. Wheat stocks at interior terminals at January 9, 1974, at 0.7 million bushels, decreased sharply from the 2.8 million of 1973 and the 6.3 million of 1972. The 21.4 million bushels "in transit rail" (western

division) decreased by 5 per cent from the 22.4 million of 1973 but was 17 per cent more than the 18.4 million in this position in 1972. Supplies at the Lakehead, totalling some 18.4 million bushels, registered a decline from last year's comparable level of 27.9 million and was lower than the 23.4 million of two years ago. The 18.5 million bushels in "storage afloat" while little changed from those of the previous year were 10 per cent less than the 20.6 million at the same date in 1972. The 21.8 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports were below both the 28.5 million in 1973 and the 28.7 million at the comparable date in 1972. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports at January 9, 1974, at 12.7 million bushels were 32 per cent below the 18.7 million of 1973 and 52 per cent lower than the 26.4 million at the same date in 1972. The 5.3 million bushels in West Coast ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria) were 35 per cent smaller than the 8.1 million at January 10, 1973 and 3 per cent less than the 5.5 million at the comparable date in 1972.

December 1973 Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
34.2 Million Bushels

Combined exports of wheat in bulk, seed wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during December 1973 amount to 34.2 million bushels, 7 per cent below the November 1973 total of 36.8 million and 4 per cent less than the December 1972 figure of 35.4 million but 18 per cent more than the ten-year (1962-71) average for the month of December of 28.9 million.

Exports of wheat in bulk during December 1973 (as reported by the Canadian Grain Commission), amounted to 32.1 million bushels, registering a decline from both the November 1973 exports of 34.7 million and the December 1972 total of 33.3 million but was 24 per cent more than the ten-year average of 25.8 million. Exports of seed wheat during December 1973 based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to some 50 thousand bushels as against the December 1972 total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 113 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 1973, some 6 per cent less than the November 1973 figure of 2.1 million, 3 per cent smaller than the December 1972 total (adjusted for time lag) of 2.1 million and 32 per cent below the ten-year average of 3.0 million.

Cumulative exports of wheat in bulk during the August-December period of the current crop year amounted to 178.6 million bushels, declining by 35 per cent from the 272.6 million shipped during the first five months of the 1972-73 crop year and by one per cent from the average for the period of 179.6 million. U.S.S.R. (Russia) was the leading market for Canadian wheat during the first five months of the 1973-74 crop year with purchases of 34.8 million an accounted for 19 per cent of the total. During the comparable period of 1972-73 U.S.S.R. (Russia) imported 88.3 million (32 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: Japan, 23.9 (19.2); Britain, 22.3 (20.4); People's Republic of China, 13.1 (72.9); India, 12.8 (0.1); Italy, 10.1 (10.5); Germany, West, 8.6 (5.9); Brazil, 7.6 (8.3); Pakistan, 5.7 (5.6); Algeria, 5.4 (2.9); and Cuba, 5.1 (2.4). Cumulative exports of seed wheat during August-December of the current crop year, based on Canadian Customs returns, amounted to 276 thousand bushels as against last year's comparable total (adjusted to remove time lag) of 167 thousand.

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first five months of the 1973-74 crop year, based on Customs returns, were the equivalent of 8.2 million bushels of wheat, 18 per cent below the comparable 1972-73 figure of 10.0 million (adjusted for time lag) and 36 per cent lower than the ten-year average for the period of

12.9 million.

Exports of wheat flour by countries for August-December 1973, based on Customs data, are not available.

Price Changes for Domestic
Feed Grains Announced

On January 28, 1974 the Canadian Wheat Board stated that changes in domestic selling prices for Prairie feed grains were announced as a result of the latest survey of "off-Board" prices carried out by the Agricultural Products Board.

The survey showed that the weighted average price for feed wheat is up 5 3/4 cents per bushel from the previous survey; feed barley is up 3 7/8 cents per bushel; and the price for feed oats is up 6 3/4 cents per bushel.

The price changes, established under the provisions of the federal government's new feed grains policy, will go into effect immediately. The domestic prices, basis Thunder Bay or Vancouver, are as follows:

No. 3 Canada Western Red Spring Wheat \$3.86 1/4 per bushel;

No. 1 Feed Barley \$2.56 3/8 per bushel;

No. 1 Feed Oats \$1.64 per bushel;

Contract Program for
Glenlea Wheat Expanded

On January 22, 1974 the Canadian Wheat Board Department of information announced that grain producers in most regions of the Prairies may now apply to grow up to 150 acres of Glenlea wheat under contract this year. Producers taking part in the Canadian Wheat Board's contract program for Glenlea wheat were limited to one 50-acre contract when the program began in early December. But as the program enters its second phase January 23, up to three separate 50-acre contracts will be available to each producer. Those who have already contracted to grow 50 acres of Glenlea can apply for either one or two additional contracts.

The contract provisions have been expanded in response to producer requests for larger contracts and to ensure that maximum amounts of Glenlea are seeded in 1974.

Under the program, producers are guaranteed delivery of 2,500 bushels of Glenlea for each 50-acre contract. A producer is therefore assured of delivery of 7,500 bushels of Glenlea if he holds three contracts, and 5,000 bushels if he holds two contracts. The production contracts, being offered to producers through country elevator companies, are part of the Canadian Wheat Board's market development program for the new utility wheat varieties. Preliminary tests have shown that Glenlea, a utility wheat developed by the University of Manitoba, is acceptable to overseas buyers for both food and feed uses. The production contracts are designed to make sufficient supplies of Glenlea available to enable the Wheat Board to launch the next stage of the development program, and begin marketing the new utility wheat on a commercial basis.

Producers will receive the initial price for utility wheat prevailing in the 1974-75 crop year, as well as any final payment available at the end of the crop year. Field tests have shown that Glenlea's yield potential is about 25 per cent greater than present varieties of hard red spring wheats. Under a limited marketing program, Glenlea is currently being offered for export as food wheat at over \$5 per bushel.

General Quotas 1973-74 as at Monday, January 14, 1974
Canadian National Railway Blocks

No.	Name	Wheat(all others)		Utility wheat			Durum		Hercules Durum
		A	B	A	B	C	A	B	
bushels per quota acre									
01	Winnipeg N.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
03	Winnipeg S.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
05	Winnipeg W.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
07	Brandon N.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
09	Brandon W.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
11	Melville	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
13	Dauphin	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
15	Kamsack	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
17	Saskatoon M.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
19	Saskatoon S.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
21	Saskatoon W.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
23	Saskatoon N.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
25	Pr. Albert E. ...	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
27	Pr. Albert S. ...	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
29	Pr. Albert W. ...	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
31	Saskatoon E.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
33	Regina S.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
35	Regina W.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
37	Biggar N.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
39	Biggar W.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
41	Edmonton N.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
43	Edmonton S.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
45	Edmonton W.	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
47	Hanna S.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
49	Hanna W.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
90	Nar West	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
98	G.S.L.	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	

General Quotas 1973-74 as at Monday, January 14, 1974
Canadian Pacific Railway Blocks

No.	Name	Wheat(all others)		Utility wheat			Durum		Hercules Durum
		A	B	A	B	C	A	B	
bushels per quota acre									
61	Keewatin	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
62	La Rivière	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
63	Carberry	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
64	Brandon	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
71	Weyburn	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
72	Pasqua	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
73	Bulyea	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
74	Bredenbury	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
75	Saskatoon	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
76	Wilkie	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
77	Assiniboia	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
78	Swift Current ..	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
79	Outlook	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
81	Medicine Hat ...	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
82	Brooks	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
83	Lethbridge	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
84	Vulcan	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
85	Calgary	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
86	Red Deer	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
87	Edmonton	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	
95	N.A.R. East	5	—	5	20	15	5	5	
	B.C. Stations ..	5	5	5	20	15	5	5	

General Quotas 1973-74 as at Monday, January 14, 1974

	^A bushels per quota acre	
Alberta Red Winter	5	All blocks
Soft White Spring	5	All blocks
Rye	30	All blocks
Flaxseed	25	All blocks
Rapeseed (other)	25	All blocks

Special Quotas as at Monday, January 14, 1974

Selected Soft White Spring wheat	Rail - 1 carlot (40 assigned acres) Truck - 50 bushels per assigned acre	All blocks
Selected oats	Extended to any additional carlots	All blocks
Rye for distilleries	30 bushels per assigned quota acre	All blocks
Flaxseed for processors	25 bushels per assigned quota acre	All blocks
Rapeseed (low erucic acid)		
Rapeseed for crushers	25 bushels per assigned quota acre	All blocks
Two-Row barley	Extended to any additional carlots	All blocks
Six-Row barley	Extended to any additional carlots	Alberta only

1973 Season of
Navigation Closed
at Lakehead

The 1973 season of navigation at the Canadian Lakehead opened on April 14, 1973 and closed on January 2, 1974. Preliminary figures, for the 1973 season, show the lake shipping total for the six major grains at 443.3 million bushels, 22 per cent below the 568.8 million shipped in 1972. Shipments of each of the six grains registered declines from the previous year.

Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from Thunder Bay
Season of Navigation, 1962-73

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Rapeseed	Total
thousand bushels							
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	331,735	30,607	168,540	4,438	14,432	19,038	568,790
1973	292,965	20,231	103,139	3,286	11,248	12,394	443,263

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, 1973 to January 18, 1974:

11,634 advances totalling \$34,014,465

Outstanding advances on January 18, 1974:

Issued in 1973-74 20,363,048
 Issued in 1972-73 653,058
 Issued in 1971-72 and prior 2,880,004

Total outstanding advances \$23,896,110

Farmers' Marketing by
Crop Districts 1972-73

Farmers in the Prairie Provinces and certain areas of British Columbia marketed 633.3 million bushels of wheat during the 1972-73 crop year according to revised figures compiled by the Economics and Statistics Division of the Canadian Grain Commission.

In the following tables, farmers' deliveries are shown by the marketing channel employed, i.e., through primary elevators, directly to process elevators, as well as platform loading. Deliveries to primary elevators are, in turn, broken down by provinces and crop districts.

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Western Division, 1972-73

Marketing channel	Total wheat
	bushels
Primary elevators	629,302,536
Process elevators	3,860,154
Platform loadings	95,744
Total	633,258,434

Farmers' Marketings through Primary Elevators, 1972-73

Province and district	Wheat (other than durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
		bushels	
<u>Manitoba</u>			
Crop District Number 1	5,993,138	915,466	6,908,604
2	5,900,630	304,679	6,205,309
3	10,188,504	730,709	10,919,213
4	1,684,830	25,898	1,710,728
5	4,868,013	250,568	5,118,581
6	332,911	—	332,911
7	4,455,364	419,651	4,875,015
8	5,762,815	213,817	5,976,632
9	3,952,319	164,915	4,117,234
10	7,091,543	197,149	7,288,692
11	5,062,708	106,377	5,169,085
12	1,356,048	2,632	1,358,680
13	3,243,818	34,547	3,278,365
14	1,479,455	6,769	1,486,224
Total	61,372,096	3,373,177	64,745,273

Farmers' Marketings through Primary Elevators, 1972-73 — Concluded

Province and district	Wheat (other than durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat
	bushels		
<u>Saskatchewan</u>			
Crop District Number 1A	15,895,775	3,395,807	19,291,582
1B	12,766,418	876,228	13,642,646
2A	18,330,464	3,884,068	22,214,532
2B	27,565,198	7,668,321	35,233,519
3A North ..	14,776,344	3,131,170	17,907,514
3A South ..	24,027,510	6,787,660	30,815,170
3B North ..	21,463,621	6,569,906	28,033,527
3B South ..	17,921,971	4,318,796	22,240,767
4A	5,204,529	1,214,936	6,419,465
4B	12,707,659	5,439,348	18,147,007
5A	29,841,960	1,576,384	31,418,344
5B	26,472,311	426,551	26,898,862
6A	31,981,105	4,284,865	36,265,970
6B	24,560,060	2,775,119	27,335,179
7A	24,875,853	5,685,348	30,561,201
7B	19,605,160	550,800	20,155,960
8A	10,760,100	70,238	10,830,338
8B	18,209,976	183,616	18,393,592
9A	15,576,643	116,010	15,692,653
9B	11,637,146	35,994	11,673,140
Total	384,179,803	58,991,165	443,170,968
<u>Alberta</u>			
Crop District Number 1.....	19,396,726	2,229,401	21,626,127
2	35,113,252	3,592,020	38,705,272
3	9,409,638	504,942	9,914,580
4	36,160,344	86,845	36,247,189
5	2,809,518	2,449	2,811,967
6	3,503,300	—	3,503,300
7	6,480,885	12,524	6,493,409
Sub-total	112,873,663	6,428,181	119,301,844
<u>British Columbia</u>			
Crop District Number 1	186,292	—	186,292
7	1,898,159	—	1,898,159
Sub-total	2,084,451	—	2,084,451
Total(1)	114,958,114	6,428,181	121,386,295
Total marketed	560,510,013	68,792,523	629,302,536

(1) Alberta figures include country points in British Columbia.

Farmers' Marketings Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces up to January 9 of the current crop year amounted to 185.5 million bushels, 44 per cent below the comparable 1972-73 total of 333.4 million and 9 per cent less than the ten-year (1962-63 - 1971-72) average for the period of 203.7 million bushels.

Farmers' Marketings(1) of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces 1973-74

Week ending		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total	Last year
		bushels				
August	8, 1973 ..	—	50,143	—	50,143	5,025,148
	15	—	190,009	38,211	228,220	4,025,683
	22	1,657,641	2,028,800	1,645,290	5,331,731	17,193,810
	29	937,694	8,970,755	2,804,882	12,713,331	16,694,633
September	5	2,389,810	7,052,089	2,240,705	11,682,604	20,288,150
	12	770,246	9,274,583	1,810,084	11,854,913	18,672,141
	19	2,282,726	10,108,515	1,869,119	14,260,360	19,788,457
	26	1,758,977	8,281,744	5,548,413	15,589,134	11,112,424
October	3	1,638,890	8,219,300	769,398	10,627,588	8,143,985
	10	1,249,505	8,077,122	2,640,662	11,967,289	20,000,709
	17	1,249,785	10,017,734	3,528,484	14,796,003	27,031,181
	24	1,320,030	6,868,548	3,345,672	11,534,250	26,307,685
	31	1,034,077	7,586,618	2,891,319	11,512,014	16,383,292
November	7	1,259,891	5,073,418	2,106,100	8,439,409	18,006,561
	14	886,339	2,295,916	971,177	4,153,432	15,863,120
	21	868,094	4,763,693	1,159,641	6,791,428	22,163,995
	28	532,512	5,132,865	996,204	6,661,581	15,522,185
December	5	876,321	5,260,673	1,618,481	7,755,475	10,154,391
	12	647,211	4,445,619	1,243,971	6,336,801	4,552,055
	19	263,649	2,979,659	1,081,103	4,324,411	8,738,867
	26	1,310,319	2,520,159	159,645	3,990,123	—
January	2, 1974 ..	318,579	1,488,857	343,860	2,151,296	17,974,191
	9	166,321	1,048,091	1,508,794	2,723,206	9,769,411
Total		23,418,617	121,734,910	40,321,215	185,474,742	333,412,074
Average similar period: 1962-63 —						
1971-72 ..		26,316,110	132,882,029	44,468,487	203,666,627	

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

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, January 9, 1974
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1972 and 1973

Position	1972	1973	1974
	thousand bushels		
Primary elevators — Manitoba	18,010	11,875	8,400
Saskatchewan	109,444	103,960	72,578
Alberta	47,609	42,163	28,992
Sub-total	175,063	157,998	109,970
Process elevators	4,330	3,688	3,499
Interior terminals	6,282	2,807	664
Vancouver-New Westminster	5,023	5,800	4,011
Victoria	145	354	431
Prince Rupert	283	1,979	857
Churchill	1,046	1,831	275
Thunder Bay	23,443	27,944	18,352
In transsit rail (western division)	18,377	22,447	21,420
Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports	28,673	28,518	21,771
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports	26,408	18,672	12,731
Storage afloat	20,553	18,434	18,459
In transit rail (eastern division)	3,504	2,353	602
Total	313,130	292,825	213,042

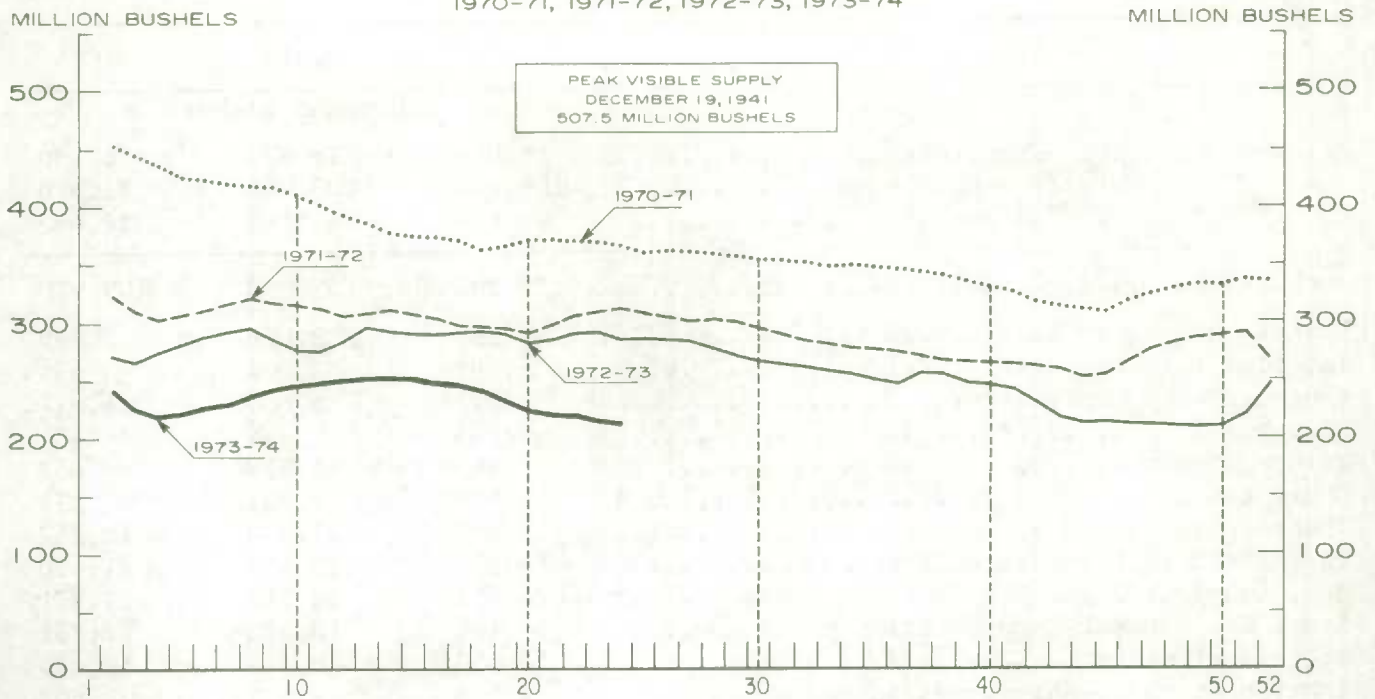
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-December 1973 with Comparisons

Grade	Crop year		August — December			
	1971-72	1972-73	1972		1973	
	per cent	per cent	cars	per cent	cars	per cent
1 C.W. Red Spring	60.1	57.4	90,385	59.6	59,537	59.5
2 C.W. Red Spring	19.8	14.6	28,013	18.5	15,544	15.6
3 C.W. Red Spring	1.8	7.5	6,711	4.4	4,691	4.7
1 Canada Utility	(1)	(1)	24	(1)	291	0.3
2 Canada Utility	—	(1)	4	(1)	36	(1)
3 Canada Utility	0.2	0.6	738	0.5	538	0.5
Others Red Spring	4.4	8.0	9,759	6.4	9,364	9.4
C.W. White Spring	0.3	0.4	309	0.2	803	0.8
C.W. Mixed Wheat	0.1	(1)	82	0.1	1	(1)
Alberta Winter	0.7	0.6	703	0.5	267	0.3
Nos. 1-6 C.W. Amber Durum.	12.3	10.6	14,721	9.7	8,597	8.6
Others C.W. Amber Durum ..	0.3	0.3	272	0.2	321	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	151,721	100.0	99,990	100.0
Gross bushels (approx.) ..			315,639,000		216,672,000	

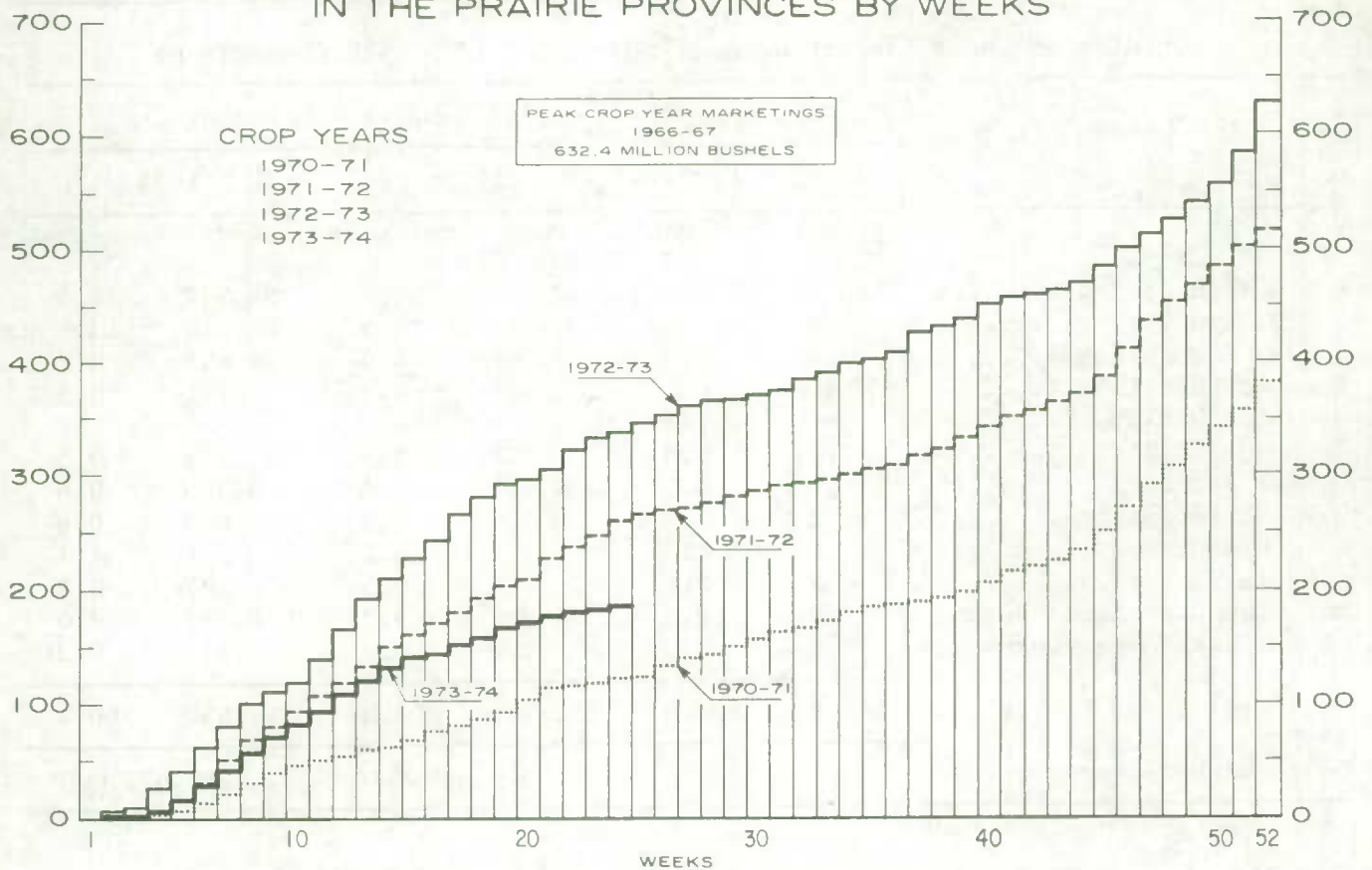
(1) Less than .05 per cent.

WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT

1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74



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 by Destination Total rail shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, for the August 1 - January 9 period of the 1973-74 crop year amounted to 7,000 bushels. During the same period of 1971-72 vessel shipments amounted to 95,000 bushels.

Wheat Shipments(1) to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1973 - January 9, 1974 with Comparisons

Destination	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
	bushels		
<u>By vessel</u>			
Hawaii	95,200	-	-
<u>By rail</u>			
U.S.A. domestic points	-	-	6,840
Total shipments	95,200	-	6,840

(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 1973 amounted to 4,000 bushels compared with the August - December 1972 figure of 8,796,000 bushels.

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

Origin of shipments	August 1 - December 31, 1972	August 1 - December 31, 1973
	bushels	
Port McNicoll	3,298,632	4,000
Midland, Tiffin	4,507,146	-
Goderich	327,978	-
Sarnia	661,990	-
Total	8,795,746	4,000

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Thunder Bay 1970-71 — 1973-74

Month	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
bushels				
August	169,566	181,419	208,597	147,240
September	244,549	195,721	193,397	199,219
October	176,450	128,382	97,166	205,252 ^r
November	178,523	158,083	313,262	273,981
December	330,120	193,204	339,487	175,080
January	525,019	1,420,522	625,164	
February	552,926	2,392,713	1,026,705	
March	418,387	1,728,504	650,493	
April	407,206	260,435	251,045	
May	187,347	189,234	223,640	
June	156,548	223,019	210,071	
July	200,415	141,665	256,160	
Total	3,547,056	7,212,901	4,395,187	

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

Grade	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
bushels					
1 C.W. Red Spring	—	—	—	—	4,000
2 C.W. Red Spring	—	—	—	—	6,000
3 C.W. Red Spring	10,000	33,500	57,667	49,700	—
3 Can. Utility	2,000	—	—	10,213	—
Others	—	—	—	—	2,000
Total	12,000	33,500	57,667	59,913	12,000

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading,
August 1, 1973 — January 9, 1974 with Comparisons

Port	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Oats(1)	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed	Rape- seed
thousand bushels							
<u>Pacific Seaboard</u>							
Van. — New Westminster .	58,983	497	71	22,100	1,360	1,798	14,540
Victoria	768	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert	3,654	—	—	—	—	—	429
Churchill	9,739	—	—	9,048	—	—	—
Thunder Bay Direct	1,042	—	—	1,142	1,323	4,021	5,459
<u>St. Lawrence</u>							
Montréal	22,626	10,272	263	6,900	248	—	—
Sorel	3,993	1,190	—	2,887	—	—	—
Trois-Rivières	8,345	1,816	—	3,088	—	—	—
Quebec	7,001	1,987	—	3,003	—	963	416
Baie Comeau	21,534	2,630	—	11,326	276	—	—
Port Cartier	20,716	5,815	—	3,326	—	—	—
<u>Maritime Port</u>							
Halifax	501	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	158,900	24,205	333	62,820	3,207	6,784	20,844
August 1, 1972 — January 10, 1973	245,958	31,976	1,731	67,540	3,600	9,225	22,455

(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 1973 amounted to 12,920,000 bushels, 4 per cent below the 13,468,000 shipped during the same five months of 1972. The bulk of the shipments during the current months under review went to destinations in Quebec with this province accounting for 47 per cent of the total compared with 56 per cent a year ago.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations August-December 1973 and 1972

Month	Western wheat							Total
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	B.C.	
thousand bushels								
August 1973	2	26	361	145	1,694	640	331	3,199
September	3	12	111	38	938	598	323	2,022
October	159	6	328	109	1,396	532	424	2,954
November	39	12	207	141	1,296	691	632	3,018
December	3	11	169	92	779	263	410	1,728
Total	204	68	1,177	525	6,103	2,724	2,120	12,920
Same months 1972 ...	405	110	1,232	520	7,575	1,841	1,785	13,468

Millfeed shipments under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations indicate shipments of 164,229 tons during August-December 1973. Shipments for the five-month total of the previous crop year amounted to 156,755 tons. The greater portion of the millfeed shipments during the period under review went to destinations in Quebec and Ontario with these two provinces each accounting for a combined 86 per cent of their totals.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments
under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations
August - December 1973 and 1972

Province	August - December	
	1972	1973
tons		
Newfoundland	597	2,031
Prince Edward Island	1,112	830
Nova Scotia	4,188	5,248
New Brunswick	2,743	2,193
Quebec	78,132	79,226
Ontario	56,592	62,509
British Columbia	13,391	12,192
Total	156,755	164,229

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>1971-72</u>					
August	48,530	2	48,533	1,983	50,516
September	44,520	336	44,856	3,086	47,942
October	59,356	34	59,389	2,105	61,494
November	52,948	7	52,956	1,899	54,855
December	32,041	109	32,149	2,709	34,859
January	21,627	73	21,700	1,352	23,052
February	23,420	45	23,466	1,431	24,897
March	22,108	179	22,287	2,297	24,584
April	33,798	46	33,844	1,840	35,684
May	39,255	17	39,273	1,916	41,188
June	45,540	43	45,583	2,724	48,307
July	54,940	73	55,013	1,373	56,386
Total	478,084	965	479,048	24,716	503,764
<u>1972-73</u>					
August	40,353	17	40,370	2,704	43,074
September	64,576	20	64,596	2,010	66,606
October	68,855	13	68,868	1,544	70,412
November	65,571	3	65,574	1,728	67,303
December	33,280	113	33,393	2,053	35,446
January	26,858	25	26,883	1,126	28,009
February	28,635	39	28,674	2,161	30,835
March	33,313	52	33,365	2,175	35,541
April	31,283	9	31,292	1,918	33,210
May	51,926	44	51,970	1,885	53,855
June	50,850	26	50,877	2,647	53,524
July	57,319	60	57,379	1,400	58,779
Total	552,820	422	553,242	23,352	576,594
<u>1973-74(4)</u>					
August	45,691	38	45,728	824	46,553
September	25,754	15	25,770	1,293	27,063
October	40,344	119	40,463	1,975	42,438
November ^r	34,655	54	34,709	2,136	36,844
December	32,111	50	32,161	2,000	34,161
Total	178,555	276	178,831	8,228	187,059

- (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, 1971-72 and 1972-73 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in reporting.
- (3) In terms of wheat equivalent. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.
- (4) Subject to revision.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, Crop Years 1972-73 and 1971-72

Destination	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Total wheat	Wheat flour(2)	Total wheat(1) and wheat flour(2)	Total same period last year ^r
bushels						
<u>Western Europe</u>						
EEC:						
Belgium and Luxembourg	4,379,841	830,292	5,210,133	265	5,210,398	4,858,510
Britain	42,928,963	667,809	43,596,772	990,405	44,587,177	48,901,787
France	387,298	—	387,298	—	387,298	598,935
Germany, West	2,320,671	6,052,903	8,373,574	3,179	8,376,753	10,510,999
Ireland	1,283,389	588,000	1,871,389	1,803	1,873,192	542,044
Italy	10,265,884	4,926,481	15,192,365	—	15,192,365	14,431,413
Netherlands	2,717,822	1,850,229	4,568,051	—	4,568,051	9,729,757
Sub-total	64,283,868	14,915,714	79,199,582	995,652	80,195,234	89,573,445
Other Western Europe:						
Austria	—	84,515	84,515	—	84,515	—
Denmark	—	—	—	253	253	—
Finland	146,982	—	146,982	—	146,982	—
Gibraltar	—	—	—	3,461	3,461	7,857
Greece	—	—	—	58,744	58,744	50,517
Iceland	—	—	—	7,220	7,220	36,439
Malta	326,811	—	326,811	—	326,811	945,168
Norway	—	—	—	345	345	1,086,515
Portugal	—	492,800	492,800	34,155	526,955	38,449
Sweden	—	44,095	44,095	—	44,095	77,097
Switzerland	1,045,367	1,831,476	2,876,843	—	2,876,843	3,348,352
Sub-total	1,519,160	2,452,886	3,972,046	104,178	4,076,224	5,590,394
Total	65,803,028	17,368,600	83,171,628	1,099,830	84,271,458	95,163,839
<u>Eastern Europe</u>						
Albania	3,997,729	—	3,997,729	—	3,997,729	1,638,792
Czechoslovakia	—	—	—	—	—	584,752
Poland	157,000	2,547,999	2,704,999	—	2,704,999	2,838,847
U.S.S.R. (Russia) ...	147,892,386	15,271,318	163,163,704	—	163,163,704	109,560,889
Total	152,047,115	17,819,317	169,866,432	—	169,866,432	114,623,280
<u>Africa</u>						
Algeria	—	8,752,442	8,752,442	—	8,752,442	11,475,547
Cameroon	—	—	—	—	—	117,921
Dahomey	41,961	—	41,961	31,830	73,791	29,670
French Africa n.e.s..	—	—	—	103,951	103,951	409,421
Gambia, The	—	—	—	36,915	36,915	51,233
Ghana	1,738,824	—	1,738,824	—	1,738,824	2,696,136
Guinea	—	—	—	6,702	6,702	52,861
Ivory Coast	49,860	—	49,860	24,999	74,859	99,493
Liberia	—	—	—	262,221	262,221	218,698
Malawi	—	—	—	13,444	13,444	32,000
Mauritania	—	—	—	—	—	100,668
Morocco	767,876	—	767,876	50,759	818,635	1,082,976
Mozambique	—	—	—	14,405	14,405	20,732
Nigeria	3,372,784	—	3,372,784	—	3,372,784	2,868,503
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s.	—	—	—	154,608	154,608	150,022
Sierra Leone	—	—	—	7,544	7,544	5,996

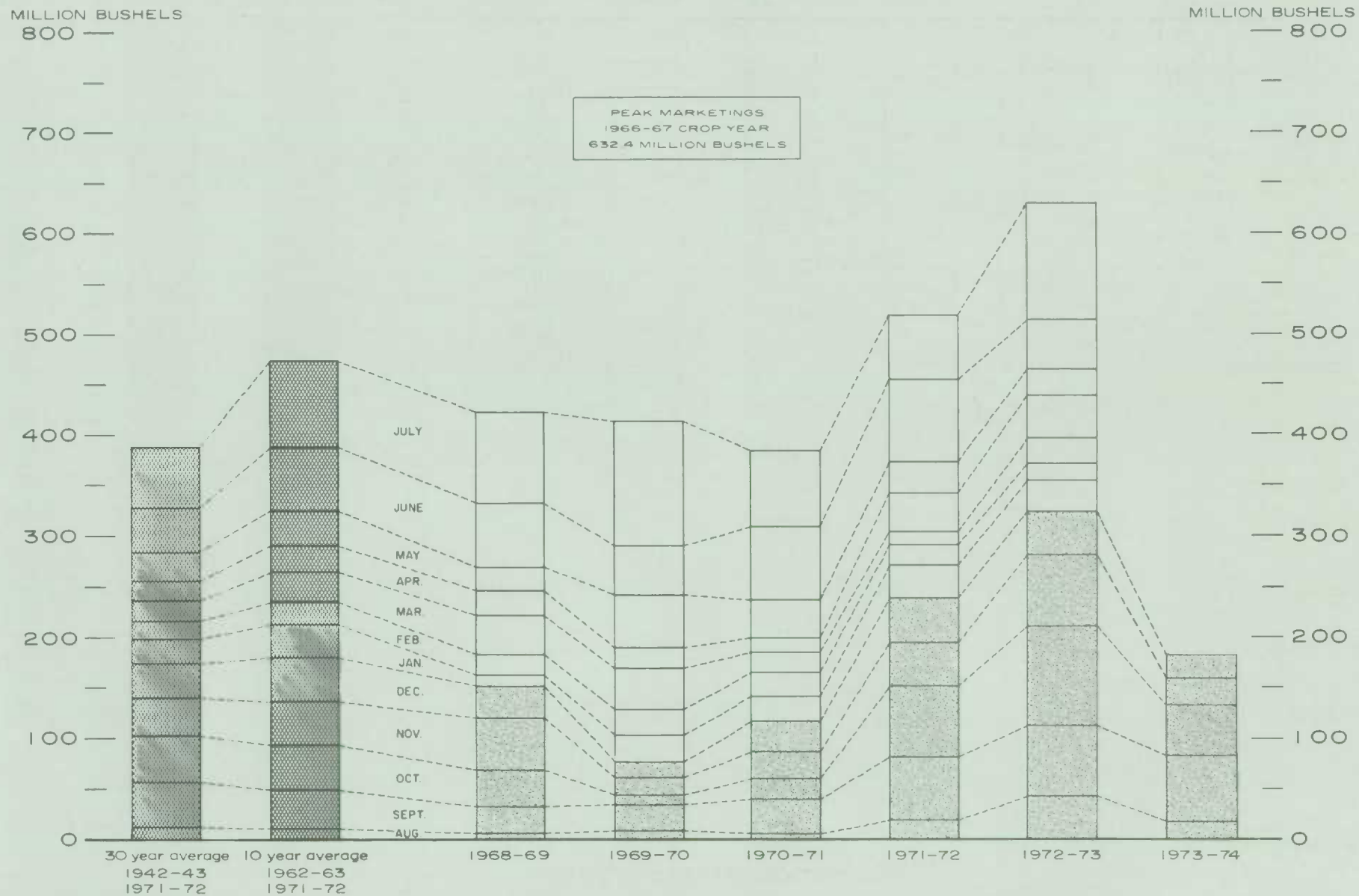
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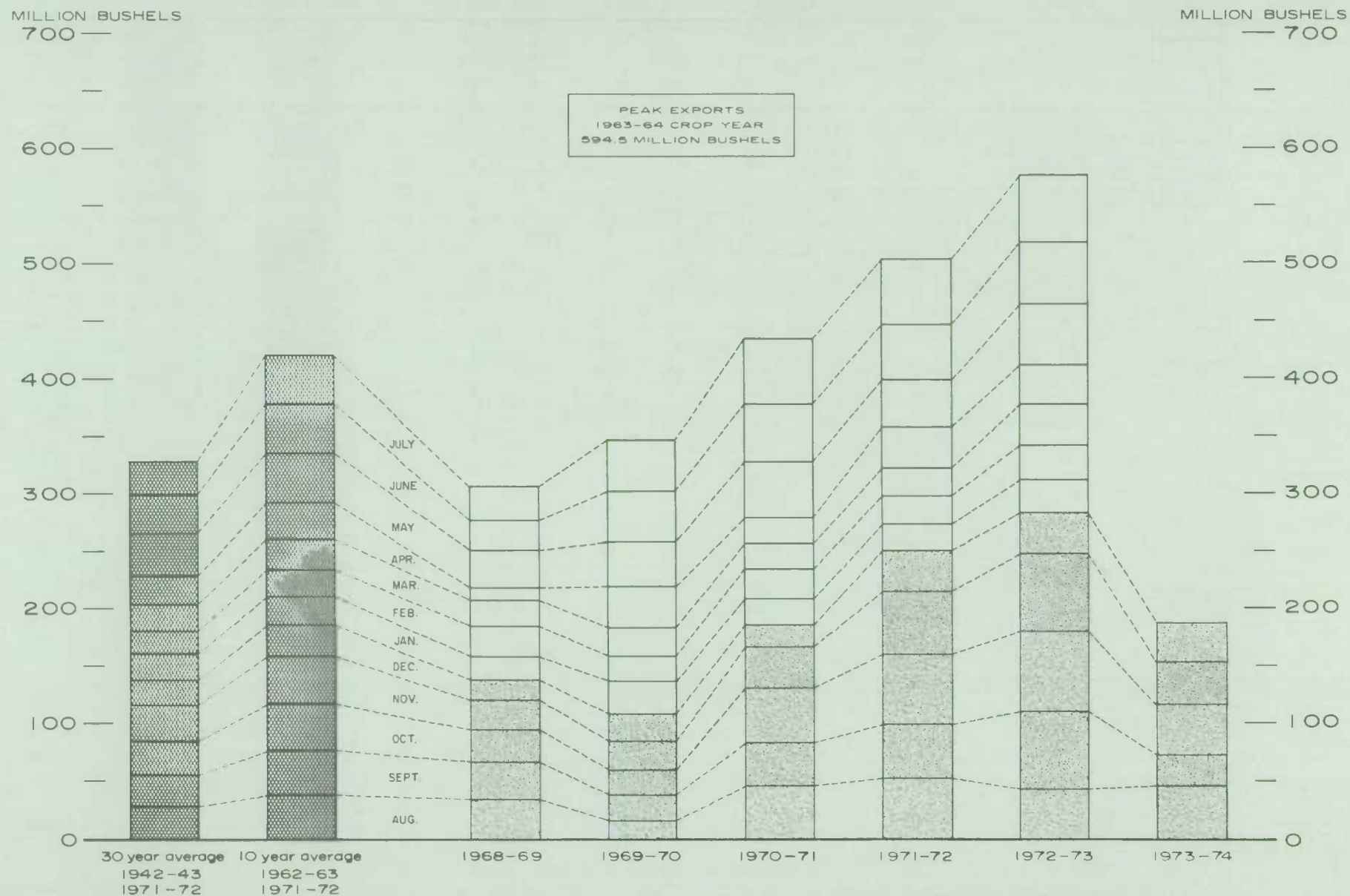
Destination	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Total Wheat	Wheat flour(2)	Total wheat(1) and wheat flour(2)	Total same period last year ^r
bushels						
<u>Africa - concluded</u>						
Somalia	-	-	-	148,732	148,732	55,205
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	719,785
Sudan	-	-	-	278,438	278,438	418,636
Tanzania	-	-	-	1,840	1,840	1,610
Togo	-	-	-	151,526	151,526	164,712
Tunisia	-	1,194,550	1,194,550	-	1,194,550	2,124,840
U.A.R.	-	-	-	1,119,690	1,119,690	1,830,287
Zaire	-	-	-	31,462	31,462	52,527
Zambia	595,765	-	595,765	-	595,765	-
Total	6,567,070	9,946,992	16,514,062	2,439,066	18,953,128	24,779,479
<u>Asia</u>						
Afghanistan	517,927	-	517,927	1,311	519,238	471,487
Bahrain	-	-	-	74	74	200
Bangladesh	4,617,499	2,690,764	7,308,263	-	7,308,263	5,040,146
Burma	957,679	-	957,679	344,726	1,302,405	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	1,012	1,012	24,186
Emirates, UUA	-	-	-	8,512	8,512	4,490
Hong Kong	647,733	-	647,733	161,315	809,048	1,082,385
India	16,127,051	98,593	16,225,644	-	16,225,644	22,971,818
Indonesia	1,810,395	-	1,810,395	-	1,810,395	1,386,300
Iran	-	-	-	2,689	2,689	5,009
Israel	624,348	-	624,348	-	624,348	-
Japan	50,596,553	141,307	50,737,860	11,111	50,748,971	50,606,282
Jordan	-	-	-	3,275	3,275	61,242
Korea, North	-	-	-	-	-	1,180,666
Lebanon	37,334	2,073,170	2,110,504	283,843	2,394,347	1,596,047
Malaysia	630,186	-	630,186	-	630,186	583,524
Pakistan	6,699,262	260,660	6,959,922	-	6,959,922	2,717,900
People DR Yemen	38,580	-	38,580	141,984	180,564	4,614
People's Republic of China	144,107,597	9,201,286	153,308,883	2,875	153,311,758	111,739,467
Philippines	5,914,574	19,600	5,934,174	10,090	5,944,264	6,364,107
Qatar	-	-	-	953	953	1,874
Saudi Arabia	392,000	-	392,000	78,688	470,688	235,681
Singapore	729,120	-	729,120	4,600	733,720	415,827
Sri-Lanka	-	-	-	2,099,838	2,099,838	1,506,590
Syria	1,690,463	-	1,690,463	-	1,690,463	9,295,446
Taiwan	-	-	-	62	62	2,762,853
Thailand	-	-	-	85,905	85,905	291,312
Total	236,138,301	14,485,380	250,623,681	3,242,863	253,866,544	220,349,453
<u>Oceania</u>						
Australia	-	-	-	-	-	1,895
British Oceania, n.e.s.	-	-	-	3,680	3,680	920
Fiji	-	-	-	2,300	2,300	1,380
United States Oceania	-	-	-	2,818	2,818	143,862
Total	-	-	-	8,798	8,798	148,057
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>						
Bahamas	-	-	-	199,819	199,819	200,961
Barbados	170	-	170	367,593	367,763	333,050

See footnotes at end of table.

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



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



*Beginning with 1955-56 includes seed wheat.

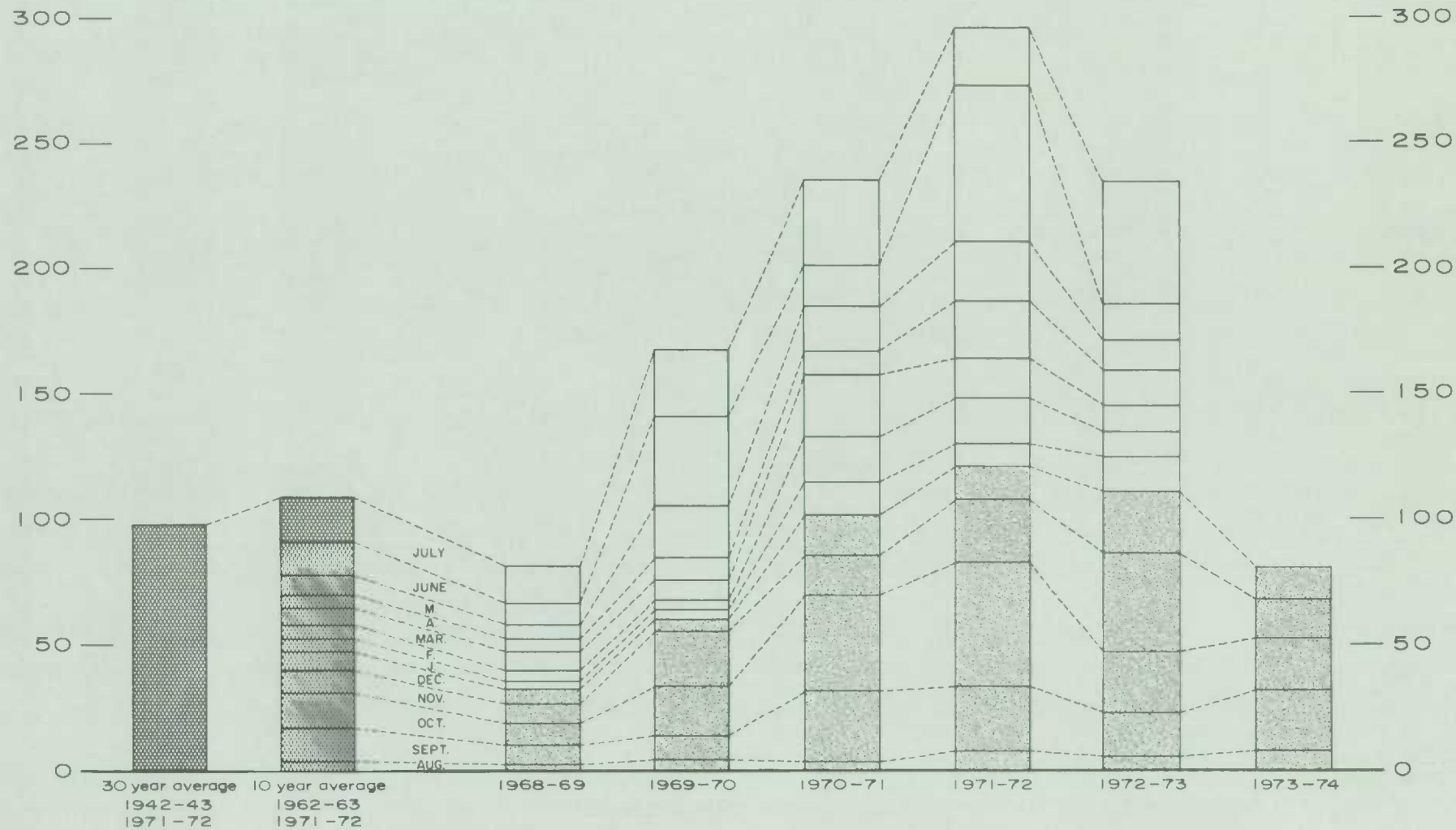
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF BARLEY, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN BARLEY AND BARLEY PRODUCTS* (SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS
250 —

MILLION BUSHELS
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225 —

— 225

200 —

— 200

175 —

— 175

150 —

— 150

125 —

— 125

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— 100

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*In terms of grain equivalent.

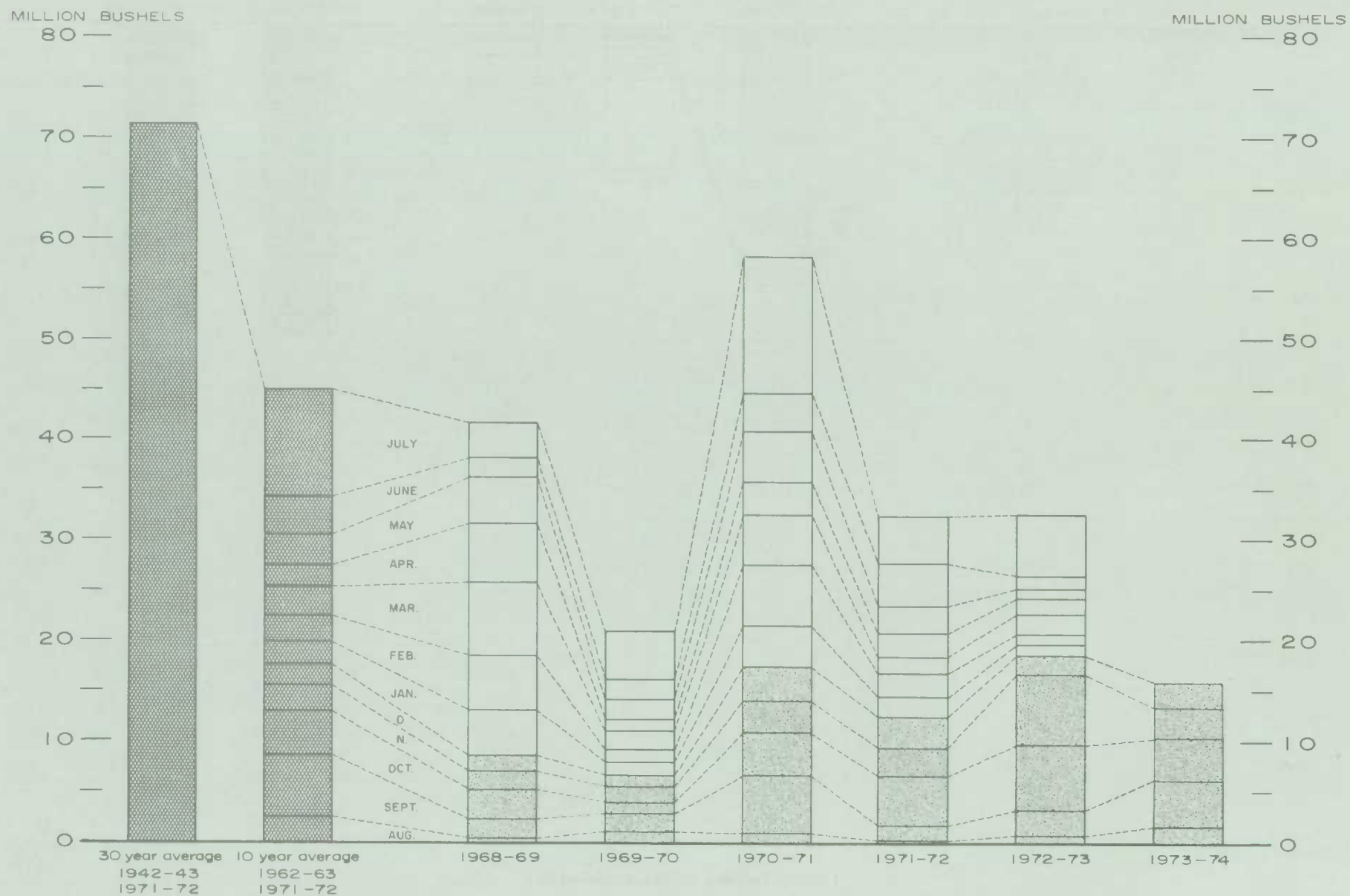
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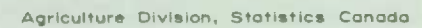
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FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF OATS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES (SPECIFIED PERIODS)



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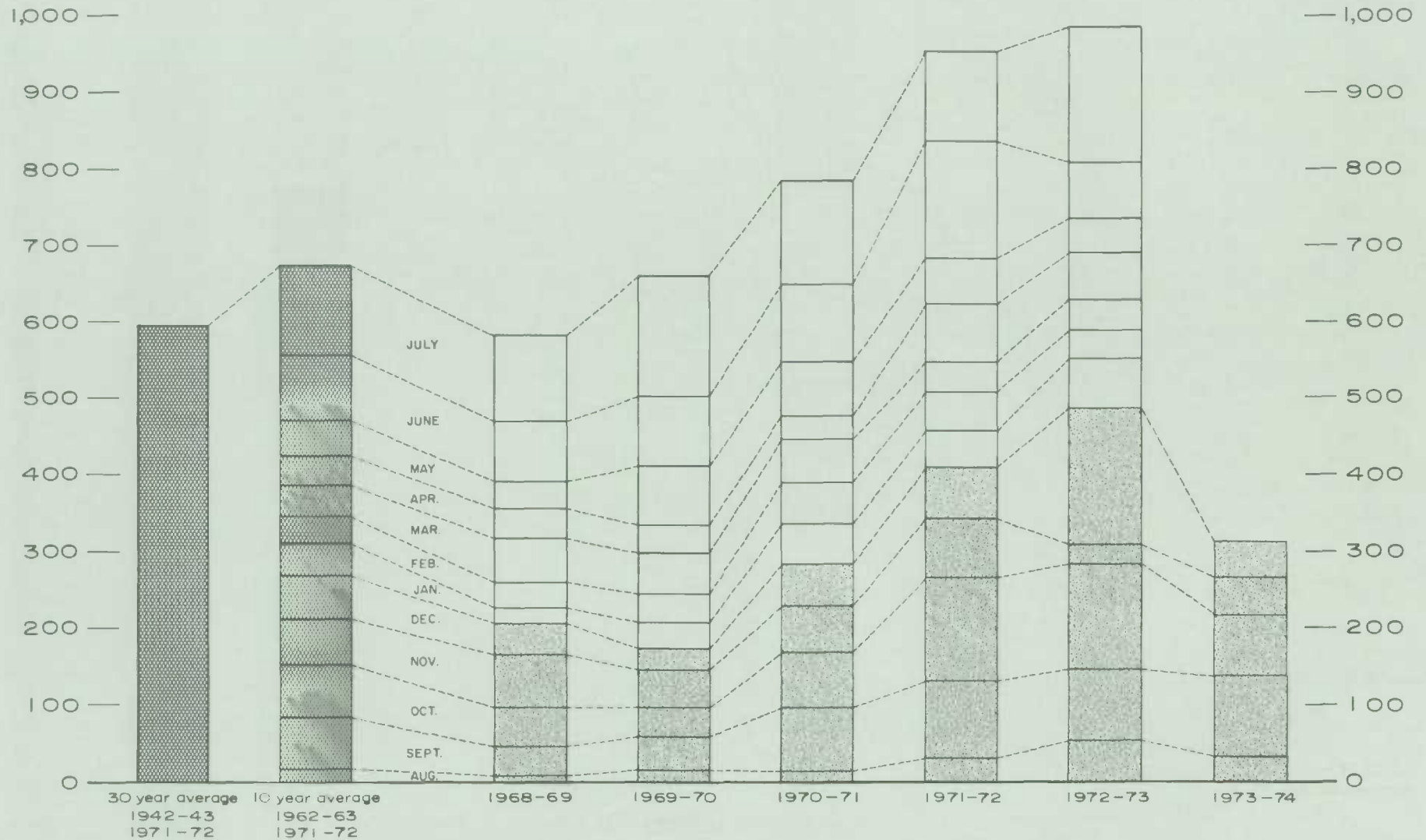


FARMERS' MARKETINGS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS*, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

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(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

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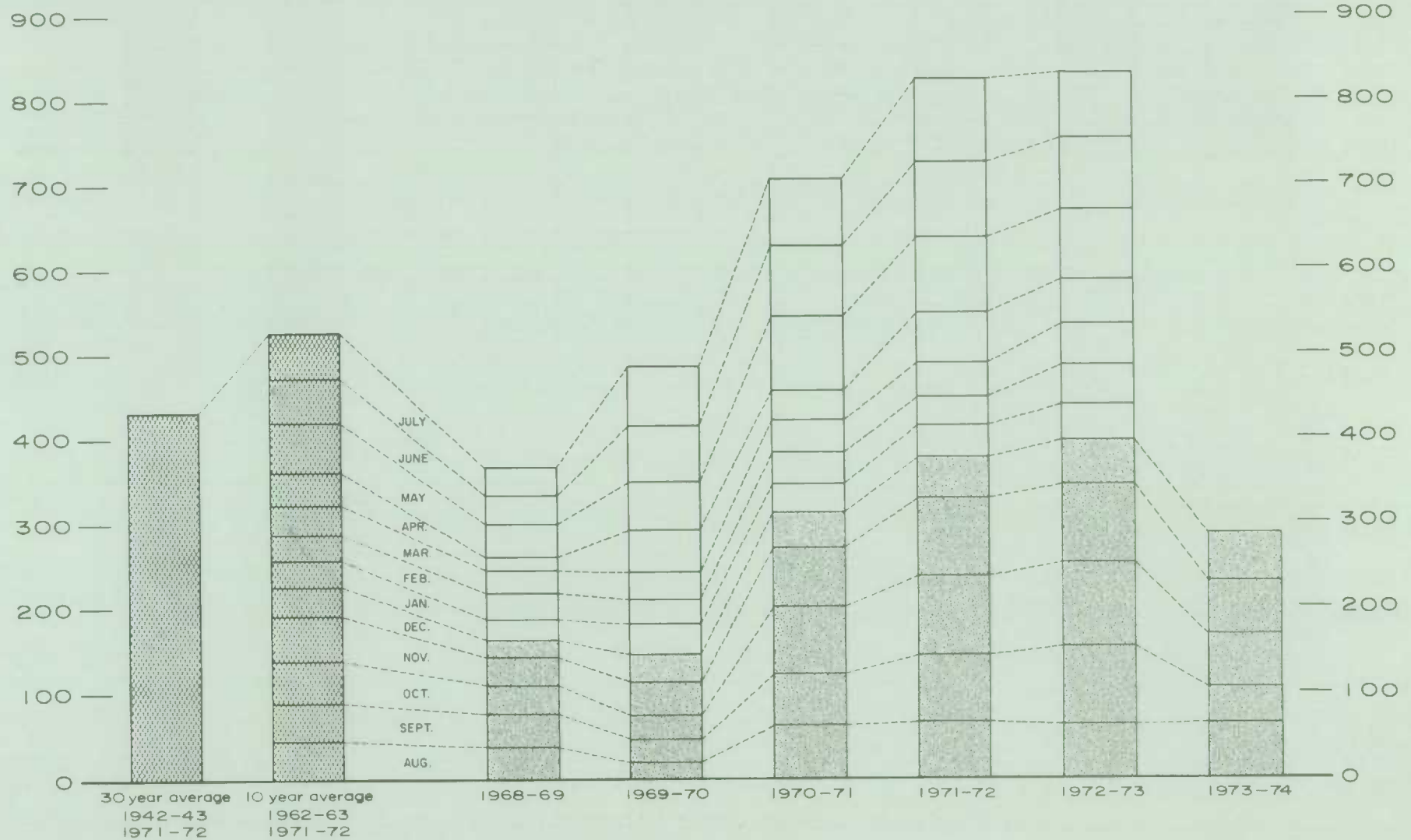


*Wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and from 1960-61 rapeseed.

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EXPORTS OF CANADA'S SIX MAJOR GRAINS AND PRODUCTS*

(SPECIFIED PERIODS)

MILLION BUSHELS
1,000 —MILLION BUSHELS
1,000 —

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

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, Crop Years 1972-73 and 1971-72 — Concluded

Destination	Wheat(1)	Durum wheat(1)	Total wheat(1)	Wheat flour(2)	Total wheat(1) and wheat flour(2)	Total same period last year ^f
bushels						
<u>Western Hemisphere-cont.</u>						
Bermuda	—	—	—	138,991	138,991	126,520
Brazil	15,613,383	—	15,613,383	—	15,613,383	13,588,006
British Honduras	—	—	—	24,881	24,881	33,281
Costa Rica	—	—	—	—	—	397,522
Cuba(3)	6,795,168	390,465	7,185,633	13,650,904	20,836,537	21,141,338
Dominican Republic ..	—	—	—	161,000	161,000	314,061
French West Indies ..	—	—	—	2,813	2,813	3,114
Greenland	—	—	—	237	237	—
Guatemala	—	37,333	37,333	—	37,333	—
Guyana	—	—	—	21,565	21,565	21,222
Haiti	2,022,433	—	2,022,433	437,157	2,459,590	1,819,873
Honduras	—	—	—	5,085	5,085	6,075
Jamaica	420,106	—	420,106	165,245	585,351	1,725,669
Leeward and Windward Islands	—	—	—	771,013	771,013	761,175
Netherlands Antilles.	—	—	—	25,654	25,654	57,424
Panama	—	—	—	—	—	676
Peru	6,544,114	—	6,544,114	—	6,544,114	6,064,111
St. Lucia	167	—	167	—	167	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon	—	—	—	26,871	26,871	27,041
Surinam	—	—	—	23,058	23,058	29,475
Trinidad and Tobago .	363,500	—	363,500	445,896	809,396	581,051
Venezuela	457,820	—	457,820	368	458,188	356,039
United States(4)	—	—	—	92,855	92,855	147,387
Total	32,216,861	427,798	32,644,659	16,561,005	49,205,664	47,735,071
Sub-total, all						
countries	492,772,375	60,048,087	552,820,462	23,351,562	576,172,024	502,799,179
Seed wheat(5)	—	—	—	—	421,590	964,502
Total, all countries ..	492,772,375	60,048,087	552,820,462	23,351,562	576,593,614	503,763,681

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

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

(3) Source — Canadian National Millers Association.

(4) Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents and Canadian Customs returns of wheat flour.

(5) Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

n.e.s. - not elsewhere specified.

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

Exports of Canadian Wheat (1) by Destination

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			December 1973	December 1972 ^r
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg.	112,000	—	112,000	32,914
Britain	4,024,496	404,849	4,429,345	3,336,745
France	206,192	842,501	1,048,693	—
Germany, West	1,710,782	156,288	1,867,070	409,293
Italy	4,833,395	—	4,833,395	585,654
Netherlands	21,467	18,667	40,134	350,724
Sub-total	10,908,332	1,422,305	12,330,637	4,715,330
Other Western Europe:				
Malta	411,600	—	411,600	—
Switzerland	343,562	1,097,346	1,440,908	450,651
Sub-total	755,162	1,097,346	1,852,508	450,651
Total	11,663,494	2,519,651	14,183,145	5,165,981
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Poland	—	1,102,827	1,102,827	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	1,102,528	—	1,102,528	9,843,850
Total	1,102,528	1,102,827	2,205,355	9,843,850
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	2,202,212	2,202,212	217,169
Ghana	284,200	—	284,200	—
Total	284,200	2,202,212	2,486,412	217,169
<u>Asia</u>				
Bangladesh	174,907	—	174,907	—
Burma	—	—	—	275,575
Hong Kong	58,800	—	58,800	123,200
India	1,860,244	—	1,860,244	98,593
Indonesia	—	—	—	624,960
Japan	5,644,289	—	5,644,289	4,464,781
Malaysia	58,800	—	58,800	156,800

For footnotes see end of table.

Exports of Canadian Wheat (1) by Destination — Concluded

Destination	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	All wheat	
			December 1973	December 1972 ^r
bushels				
<u>Asia — concluded</u>				
Pakistan	3,048,080	—	3,048,080	—
People's Republic of China	—	—	—	9,885,350
Philippines	274,400	—	274,400	—
Singapore	—	—	—	198,987
Total	11,119,520	—	11,119,520	15,828,246
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Cuba	747,397	37,333	784,730	400,000
Haiti	422,264	—	422,264	—
Jamaica	—	—	—	999
Peru	909,128	—	909,128	1,640,613
Venezuela	—	—	—	183,014
Total	2,078,789	37,333	2,116,122	2,224,626
Sub-total, all countries	26,248,531	5,862,023	32,110,554	33,279,872
Seed wheat (2)			50,000(3)	112,994
Total, all countries	26,248,531	5,862,023	32,160,554	33,392,866

(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, 1972 adjusted for time lag.

(3) Estimated.

Cumulative Exports of Canadian Wheat(1) by Destination

Destination	August — December 1973			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	724,764 ^r	12,806 ^r	737,570 ^r	4,091,133
Britain	21,456,446 ^r	863,362 ^r	22,319,808 ^r	20,398,910
France	206,192	842,501	1,048,693	303,517
Germany, West	3,987,418	4,581,209 ^r	8,568,627 ^r	5,933,260
Ireland	—	—	—	1,871,389
Italy	8,095,188	2,033,592 ^r	10,128,780 ^r	10,466,641
Netherlands	406,186 ^r	44,240 ^r	450,426 ^r	4,146,361
Sub-total	34,876,194 ^r	8,377,710 ^r	43,253,904 ^r	47,211,211
<u>Other Western Europe:</u>				
Austria	—	112,000 ^r	112,000 ^r	84,515
Finland	—	—	—	146,982
Greece	—	142,050 ^r	142,050 ^r	—
Malta	411,600	—	411,600	326,811
Norway	945,172	—	945,172	—
Portugal	—	—	—	492,800
Sweden	—	—	—	44,095
Switzerland	1,130,958 ^r	2,391,502 ^r	3,522,460 ^r	2,168,844
Sub-total	2,487,730 ^r	2,645,552 ^r	5,133,282 ^r	3,264,047
Total	37,363,924 ^r	11,023,262 ^r	48,387,186 ^r	50,475,258
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Albania	1,701,205	—	1,701,205	519,120
Poland	39,588	2,259,690	2,299,278	1,875,999
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	32,373,902	2,432,661	34,806,563	88,304,581
Total	34,114,695	4,692,351	38,807,046	90,699,700
<u>Africa</u>				
Algeria	—	5,369,813	5,369,813	2,870,242
Ghana	857,191	—	857,191	1,152,413
Dahomey	—	—	—	41,961
French Africa n.e.s.	36,743	—	36,743	—
Mauritania	216,786	—	216,786	—
Morocco	—	—	—	767,876
Nigeria	—	—	—	1,267,263
Tunisia	594,133	—	594,133	1,194,550
Zambia	523,040	—	523,040	—
Total	2,227,893	5,369,813	7,597,706	7,294,305

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Destination	August — December 1973			Total same period last year ^r
	Wheat (except durum)	Durum wheat	Total wheat	
bushels				
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	—	—	—	472,292
Bangladesh	4,845,960	—	4,845,960	2,607,547
Burma	—	—	—	643,008
Hong Kong	117,339	—	117,339	308,000
India	12,815,020	—	12,815,020	98,593
Indonesia	1,141,777	—	1,141,777	1,409,893
Japan	23,852,174	—	23,852,174	19,197,475
Lebanon	765,156	2,634,630	3,399,786	1,874,504
Malaysia	58,800	—	58,800	331,520
Pakistan	5,658,653	—	5,658,653	5,639,276
People's Republic of China ...	13,078,949	—	13,078,949	72,928,741
Philippines	1,580,546	—	1,580,546	2,181,800
Saudi Arabia	140,000	—	140,000	—
Singapore	—	—	—	385,654
Syria	—	—	—	846,655
Total	64,054,374	2,634,630	66,689,004	108,924,958
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Barbados	34	—	34	30
Brazil	7,647,550	—	7,647,550	8,270,040
Cuba	4,815,922	211,333	5,027,255	2,390,864
Guatemala	—	—	—	37,333
Haiti	1,179,197	—	1,179,197	672,000
Jamaica	2,395	—	2,395	416,244
Peru	3,076,200	—	3,076,200	3,181,911
St. Lucia	—	—	—	167
Venezuela	134,400	—	134,400	272,614
United States(2)	6,840	—	6,840	—
Total	16,862,538	211,333	17,073,871	15,241,203
Sub-total, all countries	154,623,424	23,931,389	178,554,813	272,635,424
Seed wheat(3)			276,041	166,755
Total, all countries .	154,623,424	23,931,389	178,830,854	272,802,179

(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, 1972 adjusted for time lag.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignment

Destination	August	November	August - November	
	1973(1)	1973(2)	1973-74(2)	1972-73(1)
bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	—	—	—	97
Britain	104,850	14,267	142,669	539,292
Denmark	—	—	—	253
Germany, West	—	—	1,014	2,479
Sub-total	104,850	14,267	143,683	542,121
Other Western Europe:				
Gibraltar	—	—	—	3,461
Greece	—	8,188	8,188	25,063
Iceland	—	—	—	7,220
Norway	—	—	—	230
Portugal	3,542	6,210	17,825	11,845
Sub-total	3,542	14,398	26,013	47,819
Total	108,392	28,665	169,696	589,940
<u>Africa</u>				
Dahomey	—	—	15,065	12,783
French Africa, n.e.s.	—	380,848	403,565	—
Gambia, The	—	—	10,362	9,200
Guinea	—	—	—	110
Ivory Coast	—	2,084	2,084	7,475
Liberia	16,486	2,300	27,135	93,599
Malawi	1,610	480	4,487	1,953
Morocco	—	—	50,759	—
Mozambique	—	—	1,566	5,764
Portuguese Africa, n.e.s.	2,760	3,910	44,482	40,970
Senegal	—	133,899	133,899	—
Sierra Leone	173	506	678	4,858
Somalia	—	55,658	55,658	97,957
Sudan	—	276,269	276,269	—
Tanzania	—	3,485	3,485	460
Togo	—	12,305	30,896	97,301
U.A.R.	—	—	—	1,119,690
Zaire	—	—	—	12,110
Total	21,029	871,744	1,060,390	1,504,230
<u>Asia</u>				
Afghanistan	—	—	—	966
Burma	—	—	—	344,726
Cyprus	—	24,125	45,883	902
Emirates, U.U.A.	1,465	—	5,453	3,648
Hong Kong	10,925	21,275	59,708	50,915
Iran	—	315	1,334	839

For footnotes see end of table.

Customs Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour by Countries of Consignemnt - Concluded

Destination	August	November	August - November	
	1973(1)	1973(2)	1973-74(2)	1972-73(1)
bushels				
<u>Asia - concluded</u>				
Japan	1,794	1,587	3,726	3,595
Jordan	773	—	1,113	1,598
Lebanon	2,263	—	10,274	10,718
Peoples' Republic of China	—	—	—	2,875
Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen	—	14,400	14,400	—
Philippines	—	—	—	7,351
Qatar	110	—	110	168
Saudi Arabia	2,208	34,224	132,351	72,662
Sri Lanka	—	78,593	132,882	76,059
Singapore	—	—	—	3,450
Taiwan	—	—	—	62
Thailand	4,600	13,513	30,878	37,433
Total	24,138	188,032	438,112	617,967
<u>Oceania</u>				
British Oceania n.e.s.	—	—	2,353	920
Fiji	460	—	1,035	460
United States Oceania	1,035	3,047	5,382	230
Total	1,495	3,047	8,770	1,610
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bahamas	11,213	18,920	54,563	69,959
Barbados	36,011	37,803	126,362	136,038
Bermuda	9,170	9,269	31,360	45,515
British Honduras	—	—	4,934	12,225
Cuba(3)	522,838	911,400	4,005,719	4,396,077
French West Indies	—	—	—	1,343
Guyana	8,894	2,753	13,678	7,652
Haiti	—	920	8,568	—
Honduras	1,605	1,605	1,605	3,105
Jamaica	3,450	9,106	29,889	28,053
Leeward and Windward Islands ..	89,019	3,335	156,490	308,147
Netherlands Antilles	5,235	2,445	14,897	7,303
St. Pierre and Miquelon	460	3,220	11,385	7,155
Surinam	161	2,599	7,519	11,077
Trinidad and Tobago	22,414	39,215	66,183	204,534
Venezuela	—	—	—	368
United States	9,660	1,780	18,340	33,175
Total	720,130	1,044,370	4,551,492	5,271,726
Total, all countries	875,184	2,135,858	6,228,460	7,985,473

(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. n.e.s. - Not elsewhere specified. Note: Data for December wheat flour exports not available.

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices, Crop Year 1973-74
Basis in Store Thunder Bay and Vancouver

Class and grade	Week ending			
	December 21	December 28	January 4	January 11
cents and eights per bushel				
<u>Initial payment to producers</u>				
1 C.W. Red Spring	225	225	225	225
2 C.W. Red Spring	218	218	218	218
3 C.W. Red Spring	209	209	209	209
No. 1 Canada Utility	196	196	196	196
No. 2 Canada Utility	196	196	196	196
No. 3 Canada Utility	196	196	196	196
1 Alberta Red Winter	211	211	211	211
2 Alberta Winter	206	206	206	206
3 Alberta Winter	200	200	200	200
1 C.W. Amber Durum	225	225	225	225
2 C.W. Amber Durum	221	221	221	221
3 C.W. Amber Durum	216	216	216	216
<u>Exports</u>				
<u>(Basis in store Thunder Bay)</u>				
1 C.W. Red Spring 13.5% .	557/6	561/3	560/1	566/2
2 C.W. Red Spring 13.5% .	553/6	557/3	556/1	562/2
3 C.W. Red Spring	547/6	551/3	550/1	556/2
No. 1 Canada Utility(1) .	364/3	364/3	366/1	380/2
No. 2 Canada Utility(1) .	362/3	362/3	364/1	378/2
No. 3 Canada Utility(1) .	368/3	368/3	368/3	377/2
1 Alberta Red Winter	551/6	555/3	554/1	560/2
2 Alberta Winter	550/6	554/3	553/1	559/2
3 Alberta Winter	549/6	553/3	552/1	558/2
1 C.W. Amber Durum	895/6	899/3	865/5	833/2
2 C.W. Amber Durum	894/6	898/3	864/5	832/2
3 C.W. Amber Durum	888/6	892/3	858/5	826/2
<u>(Basis in store Vancouver)</u>				
1 C.W. Red Spring 13.5% .	569/4	568/1	566/7	579
2 C.W. Red Spring	562/4	561/1	559/7	572
3 C.W. Red Spring	559/4	558/1	556/7	569
1 Alberta Red Winter	563/4	562/1	560/7	573/1
2 Alberta Winter	562/4	561/1	559/7	572/1
3 Alberta Winter.....	561/4	558/1	558/7	571/1

(1) Domestic sales.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian Mills during December 1973 amounted to 2,718,000 hundredweight, indicating a decrease of 9 per cent from the November 1973 output of 2,976,000 hundredweight and 17 per cent below the ten-year (1963-72) average production for the month of December of 3,271,000 hundredweight but 5 per cent more than the December 1972 total of 2,577,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during December 1973 had a total rated capacity of 165,000 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 63.3 per cent of this rated capacity was effective. Wheat milled for flour during December 1973 amounted to 6,124,000 bushels, 9 per cent less than the 6,749,000 bushels milled during the preceding month but 5 per cent above the 5,854,000 bushels milled during December 1972. Of the wheat milled for flour during December 1973 some 5,094,000 bushels were Western Canadian red spring wheat (other than durum) while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (1,191,000 bushels); durum (309,000 bushels); and all others (222,000 bushels).

Exports According to preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during November 1973 amounted to the equivalent of 2,136,000 bushels (some 929,000 hundredweight of flour) 8 per cent more than the October 1973 exports of 1,975,000 bushels and 24 per cent above the adjusted November 1972 exports of 1,728,000 bushels. Flour shipments during November 1973 went to thirty-seven countries with exports to Cuba amounting to 911,000 bushels or 43 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: French Africa, n.e.s., 381; Sudan, 276; Senegal, 134; Sri-Lanka, 79; Somalia, 56; Trinidad and Tobago, 39; and Barbados, 38.

NOTE: Data re exports of wheat flour for December 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.
1935-36 - 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 - 1969-70 "	89,677,143	39,705,457	12,717,568
1970-71	87,467,328	38,534,863	10,802,813
1971-72	88,123,761	39,071,806	10,745,908
1972-73	86,390,113	38,049,127	10,152,853
1973-74(2)			
August	8,162,253	3,614,900	358,334
September	7,685,039	3,397,175	562,335
October	7,914,688	3,508,583	858,723
November	6,748,525	2,976,326	928,634 ^r
December	6,124,174	2,717,730	870,000
Total	36,634,679	16,214,714	3,578,026
Same months 1972-73 ^r	36,687,340	16,124,397	4,364,601

(1) Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop year 1945-46 - 1972-73 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. (2) Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supplies Decrease
from Previous Year Total domestic supplies of wheat in the United States for the 1973-74 crop year are currently placed at 2,141.0 million bushels, 11 per cent below the previous year's total of 2,408.0 million reflecting a 50 per cent decrease in carryover stocks, which more than offset an 11 per cent increase in production. Domestic disappearance during 1973-74 is estimated at about 755.0 million bushels, slightly below the 795.0 million last year. After deducting anticipated domestic requirements for the current United States crop year, some 1,386.0 million remain available for export and for carryover, 14 per cent less than the 1,613.0 million in 1972-73.

Exports Well
Above Year Ago Exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during July-December 1973 amount to a record 743.2 million bushels, 48 per cent larger than the 502.7 million exported during the same six months last year. The balance remaining on January 1, 1974 for export and for carryover was estimated at 642.8 million bushels in contrast to 1,110.3 million on the same date a year ago.

United States Wheat Supplies

Item	1972-73 ^r	1973-74 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1)	863.1	429.6
Production	1,544.9	1,711.4
Total estimated domestic supplies	2,408.0	2,141.0
Imports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat for domestic use, July-December	0.1	0.1
Total estimated supplies (1)	2,408.1	2,141.0
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year(2).	795.0	755.0
Available for export and for carryover	1,613.0	1,386.0
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, July-December	475.1	720.3
Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-December	27.6	22.9
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	502.7	743.2
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover	1,110.3	642.8

(1) Excludes imports for January-June.

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

1973 Production
of All Wheat

A report released on January 16, 1974 by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that production of all wheat in 1973 totalled a record high 1,711 million bushels, 11 per cent above the 1972 output and 6 per cent above the previous high of 1,618 million bushels in 1971. Yield per acre, at 31.8 bushels, was exceeded only by the 1972 and 1971 averages of 32.7 and 33.9 bushels, respectively. Harvested acreage, at 53.9 million, was the largest since 1968 and 14 per cent above the 1972 acreage.

The 1973 winter wheat crop of 1,270 million bushels was record large, 7 per cent above 1972 and 11 per cent above 1971. The increased production was harvested from 38.4 million acres, 10 per cent more than in 1972 and the largest acreage since 1968. Yield per acre of 33.1 bushels was 0.9 bushel below the 1972 yield and 2.3 bushels below the 1971 record high.

The crop entered the 1972-73 winter in generally good to excellent condition. Seeding in the Great Plains proceeded ahead of schedule except in southwest Oklahoma and in Texas where soil moisture shortages delayed progress and then wet fields further slowed completion. Cool November weather in the Plains delayed growth but the crop was in good condition on December 1. Soil moisture was in short supply in Montana and the Pacific Northwest at seeding time. November rains helped relieve short moisture conditions in Washington. Seeding in Missouri and most States east of the Mississippi River was handicapped by a wet fall. Late harvest of corn and soybeans prevented seeding some of the intended acreage of wheat and contributed to the delay in seeding of other fields.

Survival of winter wheat was good and 89.0 per cent of the seeded acreage was harvested for grain, the highest since 1966. USDA announced in early January the elimination of the mandatory set-aside requirement, except for growers who elected to participate in the voluntary set-aside program. This, along with improved wheat prices, contributed to the higher than usual proportion harvested. The chief exception was Washington where persistent drought through virtually the entire season caused the highest abandonment in 17 years. Yields per acre were the lowest since 1961 in Washington and were also lower than usual in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. Shortage of soil moisture was the chief reason for the disappointing yields in that area. Some acreage was drowned out by spring floods along the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

The Plains States enjoyed a rare season in which the crop was not under serious stress at any time from planting to harvest. Record high yields per acre were attained in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas with total production also at record levels in Kansas and Oklahoma. Harvest began later than usual in Kansas but wound up rapidly in mid-July under favourable weather.

Disappointing yields were the rule in Missouri and the eastern Corn Belt States, with yields 5 to 15 bushels below the previous year. Too much rain and some disease problems were blamed for the shortfall. Harvest weather was generally excellent in this area.

Production of spring wheat other than durum in 1973 totalled 357 million bushels, 24 per cent above the 1972 crop but 7 per cent below the record high 1971 output. The larger production resulted from a 26 per cent increase in acreage harvested. The average yield of 28.6 bushels per acre was 0.4 bushels below the previous year and 2.1 bushels below the record high 1971 yield of 30.7 bushels.

Seeding of 1973 spring wheat in major growing areas was completed earlier than normal due to favourable weather. However, the crop was under stress during June and July from soil moisture shortages in Minnesota, the Dakotas, north central Montana, and Washington. While this held yields somewhat below earlier expectations, expanded use of new higher yielding varieties resulted in the third highest average yield of record. Minnesota and Idaho achieved record high yeilds per acre. Harvest progressed reasonably well, although showers slowed progress and reduced quality. Despite the delay, combining was completed earlier than normal in most areas.

Durum wheat production in 1973 totalled 84.9 million bushels, up 16 per cent from the 1972 output but 8 per cent below the large 1971 production. Acreage harvested, at 3.0 million, was up 17 per cent from a year earlier. Yield, at 28.5 bushels per acre, was 0.1 bushels below 1972 and 3.6 bushels under the record high 1971 average.

Durum was seeded earlier than usual this year. Growth and development occurred ahead of normal because of the early seeding as well as moisture shortages in the Dakotas. The dryness reduced production below early season expectations in North Dakota and Montana. Harvest progressed well and was completed by the third week of August in South Dakota and by mid-September in Montana. Harvest was complete in North Dakota by October 1 except for a few late fields in northern counties where showers delayed progress.

The 1973 rye crop totalled 26.4 million bushels, 10 per cent below the 1972 production of 29.2 million bushels and 46 per cent below the 1971 crop which was the largest of record since 1942. Rye for grain was harvested from 1,038,000 acres, the second smallest of record. Yield per acre, at 25.4 bushels, is the fourth highest of record, exceeded only by yields in the 3 previous years.

Farmers seeded 3.6 million acres for the 1973 crop, 1 per cent above a year earlier but 27 per cent below the 1971 planted acreage. About 29.1 per cent of the seeded acreage was harvested for grain, compared with 30.6 per cent in 1972 and 36.2 per cent in 1971.

Rye generally came through winter in good condition. However dry weather during the critical head-filling stage hampered crop development in North Central States. Most of the Norther Plains' acreage was harvested on schedule but rains slowed harvest in a number of southern States.

Prospective Plantings
for 1974

According to a release on January 22, 1974 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that the prospective planted acreage of durum wheat totalled 4.5 million acres, an increase of 47 per cent from the 1973 acreage of 3.0 million. This survey included all of the durum producing States. If current intentions are realized, the 1974 acreage would be the largest since 1930. North Dakota continues to dominate in durum acreage and expects a 45 per cent increase this year. Larger increases are expected for Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, and California.

Planted acreage of spring wheat other than durum in the nine States surveyed is expected to total 14.6 million acres, up 14 per cent from 1973 and 44 per cent more than 1972. If these intentions are carried out, the 1974 acreage will be the largest since 1953. The survey included the nine spring wheat States which accounted for 99 per cent of the 1973 acreage. North Dakota, with nearly half of the expected 1974 acreage, intends an 11 per cent increase. Minnesota and Montana are also large producers and anticipate 29 and 16 per cent gains, respectively. All other States except Colorado and Washington indicate increases ranging from 8 to 30 per cent. Colorado is showing a decrease of 17 per cent and Washington's acreage is down 30 per cent from last year. Washington's 1973 acreage was unusually large because many acres of winter wheat winterkilled and were reseeded to spring wheat.

Weather and
Crop Progress

On January 9, 1974 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated that Winter wheat was under a protective blanket of snow in most of the norther half of the country around January 1 as precipitation was above normal during December except in the Southwest.

In the Great Plains, wheat made some growth in early December when temperatures averaged above normal. However, top growth to date over most of the Plains is less than normal. Although little damage from wind has occurred, the threat exists. Soil moisture is abundant except in the Plains of Texas and the Oklahoma Panhandle where supplies remain short.

Montana and the Pacific Northwest received mostly above normal precipitation for the second consecutive month. Washington growers were especially optimistic after a very dry 1973 season.

Wheat in Missouri and the eastern Corn Belt was mostly under snow around January 1. Soil moisture supplies are abundant. In other States east of the Mississippi River, the crop remains in generally good condition. In early December the first general rain in nearly 4 months was very beneficial to fall seedings in North Carolina and other South Atlantic States.

Flour production

According to the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, wheat flour production in the United States in October 1973 amounted to 21,982,000 hundredweight, averaging 1,047,000 hundredweight per working day. This compared with an average output per working day of 1,079,000 hundredweight last month and 1,022,000 hundredweight in October 1972. Wheat flour mills during October 1973 operated at 92.0 per cent of the capacity, compared with 93.6 per cent and 100.9 per cent, respectively, for the previous month and the same month a year ago. Flour mills in October 1973 ground 49,258,000 bushels of wheat compared with 48,111,000 bushels the previous month and 50,090,000 bushels in October 1972.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Wheat Supplies Above Previous Year Reflecting the effect of sharp increase in production which more than offset a large decline in carryover stocks, total supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1973-74 crop year are estimated at 439.5 million bushels, registering a 53 per cent increase over the 286.5 million in 1972-73. The current crop, estimated at 422.0 million bushels, is 79 per cent greater than the 236.4 million bushels harvested in 1972-73 and carryover stocks at 17.5 million bushels were 65 per cent smaller than the 50.1 million at December 1, 1972. After deducting some 119.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 320.5 million are available for export and for carryover during 1973-74, some 92 per cent more than the 167.3 million in 1972-73.

Exports Decline from Year Ago Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the period December 1 - 22 of the current Australian crop year amounted to 13.6 million bushels, some 27 per cent lower than the 18.6 million exported during the corresponding period of 1972-73. The balance remaining on December 23, 1973 for export and for carryover was estimated at 306.9 million in contrast to the 1972 total of 148.7 million.

Australian Wheat Supplies

Item	1972-73 ^r	1973-74 ^p
	million bushels	
Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1)	50.1	17.5
Production	236.4	422.0
Total estimated domestic supplies	286.5	439.5
Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year	119.2	119.0
Available for export and for carryover	167.3	320.5
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - 22	18.2	13.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - 22	0.4	0.3
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	18.6	13.6
Balance on December 23, for export and for carryover	148.7	306.9

The following information relative to the Australian situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. C.V. Hiltz, Second Secretary (Agriculture) for Canada, Canberra, under date of January 10, 1974 and is reproduced with the permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

1973-74 Australian wheat production. — As was predicted in our last report the Australian Wheat Board again had to revise its estimate of 1973-74 wheat production downwards during the month and estimates may have to be revised downwards again during the month and estimates may have to be revised downwards again because of further bad weather. Current estimates by State are as follows:

1973-74 Wheat Production

<u>State</u>	<u>Production</u> million bushels
Queensland	19
New South Wales	140
Victoria	65
South Australia	63
Western Australia	135
Total	422

Some crops in Victoria are not stripping as well as was originally thought they would, so that a further drop in production may occur in this State. Heavy rain over central and southern New South Wales during the past week will also further reduce wheat yields. At the end of December it was estimated that 25 per cent of the crop in this State remained to be harvested, which had a potential intake of 15 to 20 million bushels. Therefore the rain could have a substantial effect on yield even at this late date.

Australian wheat quotas for 1974-75. — At its mid-December meeting the Australian Wheatgrowers Federation again voted in favour of retaining the wheat quota principal for the 1974-75 season. They will recommend to Government that the national quota be set at 514 million bushels, the same as for 1973-74. In addition they will also recommend the establishment of a contingency pool of 110 million bushels to take in wheat produced in any State over the quota. This contingency pool would operate in a similar manner to the special 20 million bushel pool established by the Government for the 1973-74 crop. The Federation also recommended that any shortfalls or over-quota wheat recorded up to and including the 1973-74 crop be cancelled. The quota share to each State would be as follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>Quota</u> million bushels
Queensland	43.2
New South Wales	193.8
Victoria	91.5
South Australia	73.3
Western Australia	112.6
Total	514.4
Contingency pool	110.0
Grand total	624.4

The recommendation, in effect means the suspension of production limits but with retention of the machinery for wheat quotas. Last years quota essentially eliminated production limits also, but this did not prove to be successful in encouraging wheatgrowers to plant next to a record crop. This season's fluctuating crop prospects might also influence grower plantings in that they may not be willing to put all of their eggs into one basket, so to speak.

A quota of this size will also have to be carefully considered by Government before it is accepted, particularly from the Treasury's point of view. First advance payments on 624 million bushels of wheat would undoubtedly have a tremendous impact on the economy particularly if the Government is unsuccessful at reducing inflation over the next twelve months.

Special pool for lightweight wheat in 1973-74. — As a result of the rust and weather damage experienced during the present season, Australia is harvesting a larger than usual quantity of wheat which is below the usual standard for off-grade because of low bushel weight. Wheat of this quality is not usually received into storage and is customarily required to be sold privately. However, because of the quantities of this type of wheat involved this season the Wheat Board has decided to set up a special "A Pool" to receive underweight wheat.

The "A Pool" will receive wheat weighing from 48 pounds down to 42 pounds per bushel but it must meet all other requirements for off-grade. Growers delivering to the "A Pool" will receive the first advance payment but will be subject to regular rates of dockage and must bear the costs of "A Pool" operation. Provisional dockage on this wheat will be 85 cents per bushel. Therefore growers delivering to the "A Pool" can expect to receive a net first advance payment of approximately 15 cents per bushel assuming an average freight and handling charge of 20 cents per bushel. In addition receivals of this type of wheat are expected to exceed local demand and so any additional costs involved with out-of-zone movement to markets may also have to be borne by the pool.

Normal rates of dockage for underweight wheat are shown in the following table:

<u>Weight of wheat</u> pounds per bushel	<u>Dockage</u> cents per bushel
59-58	4
58-56	7
56-54	10
54-53	14
53-51	20
51-50	28
50-48	41

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 — November 30, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Europe</u>				
EEC:				
Britain	23,209	7,105	255	20
Ireland	1,593	86	—	—
Sub-total	24,802	7,191	255	20
Other Western Europe:				
Malta	565	—	—	—
Norway	5,220	—	—	—
Switzerland	22	—	—	—
Sub-total	5,807	—	—	—
Total	30,609	7,191	255	20
<u>Eastern Europe</u>				
Germany, East	18,274	2,959	—	—
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	19,722	29,166	—	—
Total	37,996	32,125	—	—
<u>Africa</u>				
Angola	573	—	—	—
Egypt A.R.E.	54,551	22,592	—	—
Kenya	2,382	—	—	—
Malawi	—	—	601	44
Mauritius - Comm.	—	—	823	1,022
- F. Aid	—	—	183	189
Mozambique	2,130	—	—	—
Rhodesia	1,145	—	—	—
Sudan	1,430	—	—	—
Tanzania	764	—	—	—
Zambia	3,297	1,850	—	—
Others	6	4	372	128
Total	66,278	24,446	1,979	1,383
<u>Asia</u>				
Aden	460	—	—	—
Aden I/T Atta	—	—	21	—
Afghanistan - Comm.	411	—	—	—
- F. Aid	—	146	—	—

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 - November 30, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72 - Continued

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Asia - continued</u>				
Arabian Gulf	625	321	392	398
Arabian Gulf Atta	—	—	1,733	1,635
Bangladesh - Comm.	1,707	—	—	—
- F. Aid	511	463	—	—
Burma - F. Aid	—	—	254	—
China	—	23,231	—	—
Hong Kong	2,103	1,617	17	1
India - F. Aid	1,466	—	—	—
Indonesia	—	—	3	1
- F. Aid	3,537	1,592	—	—
Iran	2,783	—	—	—
Iraq	2,695	—	—	—
Japan	49,469	8,590	—	—
Korea, North	1,852	—	—	—
Korea, South	2,897	—	—	92
Kuwait	4,410	3,982	—	—
Lebanon	1,260	676	—	—
Malaysia	11,565	11,848	—	—
Pakistan - F. Aid	878	680	—	—
Philippines - Comm.	—	—	337	272
- F. Aid	246	129	521	83
Qatar	—	496	—	—
Sabah	—	—	2	1
Sarawak	—	—	—	3
Saudi Arabia	4,113	1,363	348	708
Singapore	6,237	6,343	(1)	2
Sri Lanka	3,373	3,054	93	—
- Comm.	—	—	—	5
- F. Aid	—	—	736	854
Taiwan	4,755	4,827	—	—
Thailand	1,923	1,973	186	74
Yemen	2,892	147	—	—
Others	—	3	187	198
Total	112,168	71,481	4,830	4,327
<u>Oceania</u>				
Fiji	—	239	—	—
- F. Aid	—	—	—	57
New Zealand	550	556	—	—
Total	550	795	—	57

For footnotes see end of table.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat
December 1 - November 30, 1972-73 and Corresponding Period 1971-72 - Concluded

Destination	Wheat		Wheat flour	
	1971-72	1972-73	1971-72	1972-73
thousand bushels				
<u>Western Hemisphere</u>				
Bolivia	566	-	-	-
Chile	19,928	5,063	-	-
Peru	4,679	471	-	-
West Indies Area	-	-	85	56
Total	25,173	5,534	85	56
<u>Pacific Area and Sundries</u>				
Pacific Islands	78	70	4,998	4,438
Ships' Stores and Sundries	-	-	120	93
Total	78	70	5,118	4,531
Total, all countries ...	272,855	141,646	12,266	10,375

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Wheat Supplies
Decrease from
Previous Year

Total estimated supplies of wheat in Argentina for the 1973-74 (December-November) crop year are placed at 264.6 million bushels, some 14 per cent below the previous season's total of 308.1 million. Current crop year commercial domestic supplies consist of the December 1 estimated carryover of 51.5 million as against 17.9 million the year before, while the 1973 production, estimated at 213.1 million represented a 27 per cent decline from the 290.3 million harvested in 1972. After making an allowance of 145.0 million for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 121.9 million will be available for export and for carryover in 1973-74, some 23 per cent below the 158.1 million the previous year.

Exports Down
Sharply

Preliminary exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent during December 1973 amounted to 0.3 million bushels, considerably below the 8.6 million exported during the same month in 1972. The balance remaining on January 1, 1974 for export and for carryover was estimated at 121.6 million bushels, in contrast to the January 1, 1973 total of 149.5 million.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

Item	1972-73 ^F	1973-74 ^P
	million bushels	
Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) (1)	17.9	51.5
Production	290.3	213.1
Total estimate commercial domestic supplies	308.1	264.6
Imports - December	—	2.3
Total commercial supplies	308.1	266.9
Less domestic requirements for crop year	150.0	145.0
Available for export and for carryover	158.1	121.9
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat as grain, December	7.3	0.3
Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December	1.3	—
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	8.6	0.3
Balance on January 1 for export and for carryover	149.5	121.6

(1) Includes allowance for farm stocks.

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The first official estimate of wheat production for the 1973-74 agricultural year has been announced at 5.8 million tons (213.1 million bushels). This is a decline of 26.6 per cent from last year's 7.9 million tons (290.3 million bushels) and can be attributed mainly to poor weather conditions during the sowing season. Farmers also point to the low maximum prices and initial delay in their announcement by the Government - now the only authorized buyer - as providing little initial incentive.

This year's harvest could be sufficient to cover local requirements now running to around four million tons (147.0 million bushels) and Argentina's traditional commitments to Brazil and neighbouring countries.

During the initial stages of the harvest, the National Grain Board was the only entity permitted to handle the crop. This, however, caused serious difficulties to farmers unequipped to condition their wheat to the Government silo reception standards. In view of this problem, by mid-December the Board requested co-operatives to receive supplies to the limit of their capacity, assuring them that they would have no difficulty in selling them to the Board at a later date.

By end December, the Board began selling 1973-74 durums abroad, with 150,000 tons (5,511,000 bushels) to Italy for January delivery, at US\$ 285 per ton f.o.b. and 20,000 tons (735,000 bushels) to Sierra Leone, for the same month, although a price was not revealed.

The Board then also announced that it was prepared to listen to offers for the sale of a further 60,000 tons (2,205,000 bushels) for February delivery; so, if and when this volume is obtained, it will have sold around half of the estimated exportable surplus of 460,000 tons (16,902,000 bushels) of durums.

During November, there were no exports of bread wheat or durums.

On January 8, hard wheat was quoted at 67 pesos per 100 kilos (\$3.61 per bushel Cdn.) f.o.r. Buenos Aires; semi-hard at 65 pesos (\$3.51 per bushel) and durums at 75 pesos (\$4.05 per bushel). There were no quotations on the Futures Exchange.

FRENCH SITUATION

French Soft Wheat Supplies

Item	1972-73 ^r	1973-74 ^P
	million bushels	
Commercial carryover, August 1	90.8	52.2
Anticipated deliveries to Grain Board	543.3	551.2
Total estimated commercial domestic supplies	634.1	603.3
Imports (1), August-November	6.6	5.8
Total commercial supplies	640.7	609.1
Less domestic requirements for crop year	281.3	262.7
Available for export and for carryover	359.4	346.4
<u>Deduct</u>		
Exports of wheat (2), August-November	89.5	85.9
Exports of wheat flour, August-November	13.6	15.1
Total exports of wheat and wheat flour	103.2	101.1
Balance on December 1 for export and for carryover	256.3	245.4

(1) Includes durum, hard and soft wheat.

(2) Includes denatured, durum and soft wheat.

The following account of the wheat situation in France has been extracted from a report from Mr. G.W. Doucet, Commercial Secretary, (Agriculture) Canadian Embassy, Paris, under date of January 21, 1974 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.

Supplies Lower
than Previous Year

Total estimated commercial domestic supplies of soft wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1973-74 consisting of the August 1 carryover of 52.2 million bushels and anticipated marketings of 551.2 million amount to some 603.3 million, 5 per cent less than the 1972-73 total of 634.1 million. Imports of wheat during August-November 1973 including durum wheat and both hard and soft wheat have amounted to 5.8 million bushels, 13 per cent below the 6.6 million imported during the same four-months of 1972. After deducting 262.7 million bushels for estimated domestic use, including normal feed wheat requirements, the surplus available for export and for carryover is about 346.4 million bushels, a decrease of 4 per cent from the 640.7 million the previous year.

Exports Slightly
Below Year Ago

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during August-November 1973 amounted to 101.1 million bushels, 2 per cent smaller than the comparable 1972 total of 103.2 million. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on December 1, 1973 for export and for carryover amounted to 245.4 million, 4 per cent lower than the December 1, 1972 total of 256.3 million bushels.

Market. - The key developments in November regarding the domestic market was that the denaturing premium reduction was immediately followed by a 50 per cent decrease in wheat utilisation by the animal feed sector, 110,000 metric tons (4,042,000 bushels) in November 1973, instead of 210,000 tons (7,716,000 bushels) in October 1973 and 178,000 tons (6,540,000 bushels) in November 1972.

Total wheat exports in November 1973 seriously slackened with only 401,203 tons (14,742,000 bushels) while they amounted to 454,333 tons (16,694,000 bushels) last October and to 764,968 tons (28,107,000 bushels) in November 1972. Consequently, the first four months exports were lower than a year earlier, slackened by the application of levy and rising freight costs, with 2,339,002 tons (85,943,000 bushels) compared to 2,437,090 tons (89,547,000 bushels) for the same period one year earlier. European common preference became more evident, especially to Italy, a country which purchased 473,156 tons (17,385,000 bushels) within these four months compared to only 104,000 tons (3,821,000 bushels) last year, i.e. a 355 per cent increase.

Wheat flour exports went up, with 92,500 metric tons in November 1973, compared to 70,300 tons last October and 52,000 tons in November 1972, so that four months cumulated exports amounted to 274,114 tons, while they were only 246,917 tons last year.

New agreements passed with North Korea for wheat flour shipments to take place within the first six months of 1974 were announced, so that the French milling capacities are now completely booked.

Next crop winter wheats seedings. - After the AGPB meeting held on January 4, the following figures of winter wheats seedings were released as follows:

	4-year Average 1968-71	December 1			
		1970	1971	1972	1973
		thousand acres			
Soft wheat	7,815	8,247	7,758	6,163	7,947
Durum wheat	122	-	-	101	125

The 1973 winter wheats seedings on December 1 largely surpassed those made on December 1, 1972, which had been delayed by the corn harvest. Last summer's dryness allowed an early corn harvest and increased soft wheat seedings. According to ACPB, spring wheat seedings will be lower than last year and consequently, winter and spring soft wheat acreage will be comparable to last year.

In some areas of Central France, such as Loir et Cher district, soft wheat acreage will be 10 per cent up, due to the poor yield of corn, as a result of the drought.

Regarding durum wheat situation, winter seedings acreage was 20 per cent higher than last year but tended to overtake the four years average figure. Usually, French growers follow the 50 per cent winter 50 per cent spring distribution, so that a net increase of 20 per cent in durum wheat acreage is expected. Some growers are said to have doubled their durum crop, encouraged by the increasing prices.

All winter seedings were undertaken in good conditions, sproutings were considered as satisfactory, except in Southern France. In Northern areas, two soft wheat varieties are currently popular: Top and Mary Huntsman, the yield of which will be in France 14 per cent above Champlain, the variety used as a reference. After the last two excellent harvests, farmers fear a lower yield for the next one.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

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| January | 2 | The 1973 season of navigation closed at the Canadian Lakehead. |
| | 10 | A report from Mr. R.F. Place, Commercial Officer (Agriculture) Buenos Aires, stated that the first official estimate of wheat production in Argentina for the 1973-74 agricultural year has been announced at 5.8 million metric tons (213.1 million bushels). This is a decline of 26.6 per cent from last year's 7.9 million tons (290.3 million bushels) and can be attributed mainly to poor weather conditions during the sowing season.

According to a report from Mr. C.V. Hiltz, Second Secretary (Agriculture) Canberra, the Australian Wheat Board again had to revise its estimate of the 1973-74 wheat production downwards to 422 million bushels during the month and estimates may have to be revised downwards again in Australia because of further bad weather. |
| | 22 | According to a report from the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, the prospective planted acreage of durum wheat in the United States totalled 4.5 million acres, an increase of 47 per cent over the 1973 acreage of 3.0 million. This survey included all of the durum producing States. If current intentions are realized, the 1974 acreage would be the largest since 1930. Planted acreage of spring wheat other than durum in the nine States surveyed is expected to total 14.6 million acres, up 14 per cent from 1973 and 44 per cent more than 1972. If these intentions are carried out, the 1974 acreage will be the largest since 1953. |

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