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A notable contributor to this phenomenon is the 9% drop in exports for both durum wheat and wheat excluding durum during the August 2000 to March 2001 period. However, exports of most other major grains increased by as much or more during that period.

#### Total stocks of grain at March 31

	2000	2001	2000 to 2001
	'000 tonnes		% change
All wheat	15 323	16 743	9
Wheat excluding durum	12 005	12 337	3
Barley	6 697	6 557	-2
Corn for grain	4 790	3 905	-18
Canola	3 881	3 171	-18
Durum wheat	3 318	4 406	33
Oats	1 995	1 577	-21
Soybeans	1 161	1 244	7
Flax	732	567	-23
Rye	256	189	-26

#### Total stocks of durum wheat set a new record

Total stocks of durum wheat were 4.4 million metric tonnes, upsetting the old record of 4.0 million tonnes set in 1992. On March 31, 2000, stocks were 3.3 million tonnes, a number equal to both the 5- and 10-year averages. Commercial stocks on March 31, 2001 were up 28% from March 31, 2000, while the stocks-on-farm survey showed a 35% increase. The growth in stocks can be attributed primarily to the fact that durum production last fall was the second highest on record. As well, exports for the August 2000-to-March 2001 period dropped by 9% compared with the same period a year previous.

#### Note to readers

The March Farm Survey of 12,200 farm operators was conducted by telephone interview from March 23 to March 31. Farmers were asked to report the amounts of grain in on-farm storage. Commercial stocks of western grains originate from the Canadian Grain Commission. Commercial stocks of corn and soybeans in Ontario and Quebec are obtained by a separate survey of commercial elevators. Commercial stocks of specialty crops originate from a survey of handlers and agents of specialty crops.

#### Stocks of canola were the second highest on record

Total stocks of canola were 3.2 million tonnes, 18% less than the record 3.9 million tonnes on March 31, 2000. Despite a drop of 19% in canola production last fall, and an increase in exports of 12% in the August 2000-to-March 2001 period, the record-high stock carryover from the previous crop year has maintained the high stocks.

#### Grain corn stocks near average

Total stocks of grain corn were 3.9 million tonnes, 18% lower than on March 31, 2000 but near the five-year average of 4.0 million tonnes. As with canola, high stock carryover from the previous crop year kept current stock levels high despite the worst corn harvest in seven years last fall.

*Field crop reporting series no. 3: Stocks of Canadian grain at March 31, 2001*, Vol. 80, no. 3 (22-002-XIB, \$11/\$66; 22-002-XPB, \$15/\$88) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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### Egg production

March 2001 (preliminary)

Egg production estimates for March are now available.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 30022, 30038, 30039 and matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.**

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### Agriculture value added account

1981 to 1999

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### Balance sheet of the agricultural sector at December 31

1981 to 1999

Data series on the balance sheet for the agricultural sector, at December 31 are now available. These are revised data for the years 1981 to 1994 and new estimates for 1995 to 1999.

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### Farm business cash flows

1981 to 1999 (revised)

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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1995** 4  
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