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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Grain stocks

July 31, 2001

Total stocks (stocks held on farms plus stocks in commercial positions) of durum wheat on July 31 set a new record, and total stocks of wheat excluding durum increased from July 31, 2000 but remained below the average of the previous 10 years. However, total stocks of barley, oats, canola, flax, and rye were lower than in 2000. Total stocks of the special crops declined as well, except lentils.

#### Total stocks of grain at July 31

	2000	2001	2000 to 2001 % change
	'000 tonnes		
All wheat	7 739	9 208	19
Wheat excluding durum	5 964	6 335	6
Barley	2 838	2 454	-14
Durum wheat	1 775	2 873	62
Canola	2 156	1 054	-51
Oats	1 122	840	-25
Flax	386	273	-29
Lentils	80	206	158
Dry field peas	400	195	-51
Mustard seed	115	100	-13
Rye	161	88	-45
Canary seed	90	70	-22
Sunflower seed	41	31	-24

#### Durum wheat stocks set a new record

Total stocks of durum wheat were 2.873 million metric tonnes, up 62% from July 31, 2000, and a new record. Farm stocks totalled a record 1.200 million tonnes, surpassing the previous record of 1.198 million tonnes set in 1980. Near-record production of durum in the fall of 2000 and stable demand for the rest of the crop year left most of the excess production in storage on farms.

#### Total stocks of barley below average

Total stocks of barley fell to 2.454 million tonnes, down 14% from July 31, 2000 and lower than both the 5- and 10-year averages. The reduction in stocks was due to higher demand for barley from both the export and domestic livestock feed markets. The drought in the Prairie provinces this summer has reduced the

#### Note to readers

The July Farm Survey of 17,000 farm operators was conducted by telephone interviews from July 27 to August 4. Farmers were asked to report the amounts of grain in storage. Data on commercial stocks of western grains are from the Canadian Grain Commission. Data on commercial stocks of specialty crops originate from a survey of handlers and agents of specialty crops.

production prospects for barley well below average levels, making these remaining stocks more important to the livestock feed and domestic malting industries. However, the potential for higher barley prices is expected to be tempered by competing feed grains such as domestic oats and wheat as well as imported grain corn.

#### Total stocks of canola drop to half of 2000 levels

Total stocks of canola were 1.054 million tonnes, down 51% from July 31, 2000, and slightly above the recent five-year average of 949 000 tonnes. While total supplies for the 2000/01 crop year were almost the same as the previous crop year, a 24% increase in export demand, notably from China, accounted for the reduction in stocks.

Available on CANSIM: table 10003 and matrix 5628.

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## OTHER RELEASES

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### Steel primary forms

Week ending September 8, 2001 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending September 8 totalled 305 658 metric tonnes, up 9.1% from 280 129 tonnes a week earlier and down 2.4% from 313 203 tonnes in the same week of 2000. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week

was 10 375 828 tonnes, down 12% from 11 793 905 in the same period of 2000.

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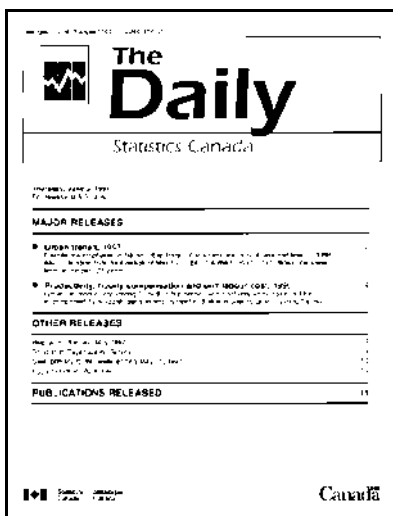
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