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Cereals and oilseeds review

August 2005

Western Canadian farmers delivered 31.3 million metric tonnes of the six major grains to market in the 2004/05 crop year ending July 31, according to the August issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review*.

Total deliveries were well above the three-year average of 27.3 million tonnes, as the 2002/03 drought had reduced the amount of marketable grain. The five-year average is 30.9 million tonnes.

Deliveries declined by half a million tonnes from 2003/04, mainly as a result of fewer barley and flaxseed deliveries to licensed grain elevators. More barley was kept on farms to feed livestock. Flaxseed deliveries, although strong, were limited by low crop production.

Deliveries of durum wheat rose 17.7% over the previous year and 10% over the five-year average. More durum wheat than usual was delivered into the non-Board market for livestock feeding as the crop quality was lower than normal.

Oat deliveries were the highest since 2000/01, as farmers tried to clear their bins of massive supplies under the pressure of low prices.

Oilseed crushers processed 3.0 million tonnes of canola in 2004/05, down from 3.4 million tonnes in 2003/04, but still a substantial volume compared to tonnages of 2.2 million to 2.3 million in the early 2000s.

In contrast, soybean crushings rebounded from a decline in 2003/04 because of strong crush margins and ample supplies of soybeans. One of the two major crushing plants in Ontario stopped processing canola early in the crop year to only crush soybeans.

Industrial use of wheat for purposes such as ethanol rose to 130 000 tonnes in 2004/05, an increase of 9.2% over the previous year and the highest level since 2000/01. Contributing to the increase was a large crop of Prairie spring wheat which is used in ethanol production.

Preliminary data show wheat millings for human food use had not yet recovered significantly from the decline registered in 2003/04 that was attributed to low carbohydrate diets. Since the wheat crop was of mostly grade number 2 and number 3 quality in 2004/05, it also required marginally more wheat to produce the same amount of flour.

Oat processing rose for a second consecutive year to 526 000 tonnes, up 7.2% over 2003/04. There was strong demand for whole oat flour and other finished oat products. The majority of oat products are exported, mainly to the United States.

Supplies of malting barley were low in 2004/05. However, maltsters imported barley to minimize the decline in the manufacture of malt and to help maintain the level of malt exports.

Industrial use data are contained in the national supply-disposition tables of this publication. More detailed and final crop year industrial use data will be released in the November issue.

Data that will appear in the August issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-XIB, \$12/\$120) are now available. An overview of current markets will also be included in this publication, which will be available later in October.

For general information, contact Client Services (1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Les Macartney (613-951-8714; les.macartney@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Deliveries of major grains

September 2005

Data on major grain deliveries for September are now available.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404 and 3443.

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For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Susan Anderson (613-951-3859; sue.anderson@statcan.ca), or Client Services (1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Crushing statistics

September 2005

Oilseed processors crushed 261 091 metric tonnes of canola in September. Oil production last month totalled 109 823 tonnes while meal production amounted to 158 833 tonnes.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.

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Stocks of frozen poultry meat

October 1, 2005 (preliminary)

Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on October 1 totalled 64 185 metric tonnes, up 2.4% from a year ago.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3425.

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Large urban transit

August 2005 (preliminary)

Combined ridership on 10 large urban transit systems in Canada was 1.3% higher in August than it was for the same month in 2004.

Approximately 93.5 million passenger trips were taken on these transit systems in August. These systems account for about 80% of total urban transit in Canada.

The trips generated \$153.9 million in revenue in August (excluding subsidies), a 4.5% increase over August 2004.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2745.

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Catalogue number 56-001-XIE (\$11/\$35).

Wholesale Trade, August 2005, Vol. 68, no. 8
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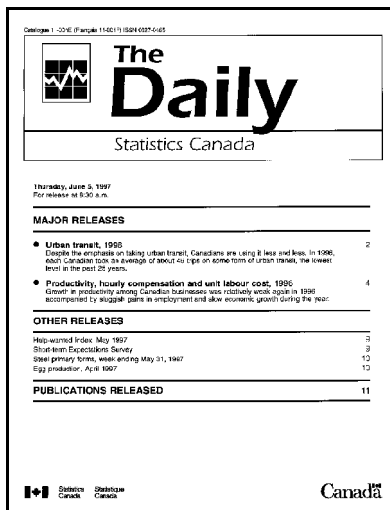
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