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Releases

Stocks of principal field crops, March 31, 2013

As of March 31, total stocks of most principal field crops were down compared with the same date in 2012. However, total stocks of corn for grain increased to record levels.

Following lower canola production in 2012, total stocks were down 24.9% or 1.3 million metric tonnes from the same date in 2012 to 3.9 million tonnes as of March 31, 2013. The decline was almost exclusively in on-farm stocks, down 33.1%, while commercial stocks were stable.

Total wheat stocks declined 8.1% or 1.2 million tonnes from March 31, 2012 to 13.5 million tonnes. This decline occurred despite a 7.6% increase in wheat production in 2012. Commercial stocks fell 2.3% to 4.3 million tonnes, while on-farm stocks declined 10.7% to 9.1 million tonnes.

Following a 15.0% increase in the production of corn for grain in 2012, total stocks rose 16.2% from March 31, 2012 levels to a record 6.7 million tonnes. Commercial stocks were up 4.2% from March 2012 levels, while on-farm stocks were up 21.4% to 4.9 million tonnes.

Soybean total stocks decreased 25.5% to 1.3 million tonnes. This decline occurred despite a 14.7% increase in production in 2012. The drop was because of declines in both on-farm stocks (-17.7%) and commercial stocks (-33.8%).

Total stocks of barley fell 9.7% to a record low 3.0 million tonnes as of March 31. This decline was mainly because of a 10.8% decrease in volumes kept on farms. Similarly, total stocks of oats fell 29.9% to 1.2 million tonnes, as a result of a 40.0% decrease in on-farm stocks.

Note to readers

The March Farm Survey of 13,805 farmers concerning, among others, stocks of principal field crops was conducted from March 25 to April 3, 2013. Farmers were asked to report the amounts of grain, oilseeds and special crops in on-farm storage. Data on commercial stocks of western major crops originate from the Canadian Grain Commission.

Commercial stocks of corn and soybeans are estimated by a Statistics Canada sample of grain elevators in Eastern Canada. Data on commercial stocks of special crops originate from a survey of handlers and agents of special crops.

National supply-disposition tables for the major grains and special crops are published jointly with the current release on stocks levels.

Stocks data are subject to revision during the two years following their initial publication. Revisions are published in the July stocks report, which is released in September.

Release calendar: The dates for upcoming releases from the Field Crop Reporting Series are available online: [Stocks of principal field crops](#), [Principal field crop areas](#) and [Production of principal field crops](#).

Table 1
Total stocks of principal field crops at March 31¹

	2011	2012	2013	2011 to 2012	2012 to 2013
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	15 875	14 652	13 459	-7.7	-8.1
Wheat excluding durum	12 929	11 565	10 797	-10.5	-6.6
Durum wheat	2 946	3 087	2 663	4.8	-13.7
Corn for grain	5 777	5 769	6 702	-0.1	16.2
Canola	6 641	5 202	3 909	-21.7	-24.9
Barley	3 784	3 280	2 961	-13.3	-9.7
Soybeans	1 604	1 773	1 321	10.5	-25.5
Oats	1 681	1 731	1 214	3.0	-29.9
Lentils	1 106	1 154	907	4.3	-21.4
Dry field peas	1 660	1 085	872	-34.6	-19.6
Flaxseed	369	327	264	-11.4	-19.3
Rye	139	89	120	-36.0	34.8
Chick peas	65	47	111	-27.7	136.2
Mustard seed	175	141	100	-19.4	-29.1
Sunflower seed	58	14	63	-75.9	350.0
Canary seed	115	62	56	-46.1	-9.7

1. Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Available in CANSIM: tables 001-0010, 001-0017 and 001-0040 to 001-0043.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 3401, 3403, 3404, 3443, 3464, 3476, 5046 and 5153.

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Canadian Foreign Post Indexes, May 2013

Data on Canadian Foreign Post Indexes are now available for May.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.

The May 2013 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-X) is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Asphalt roofing, March 2013

Data on asphalt roofing are now available for March.

Note to readers

Revised data for January and February are available.

Available in CANSIM: table 303-0052.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2123.

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Methodological document on the 2011 Census language data

Statistics Canada is today releasing the reference document *Methodological Document on the 2011 Census Language Data*. This document presents a detailed analysis on the comparability of 2011 Census language data to that of previous censuses.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3901.

The reference document *Methodological Document on the 2011 Census Language Data* (98-314-X2011051) is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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New products and studies

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Sawmills, February 2013, Vol. 67, no. 2
Catalogue number 35-003-X (HTML | PDF)

Canadian Foreign Post Indexes, May 2013
Catalogue number 62-013-X (HTML)

Guide to Job Vacancy Statistics
Catalogue number 72-210-G (HTML | PDF)

Census: Language: "Methodological Document on the 2011 Census Language Data", Census year 2011, No. 51
Catalogue number 98-314-X2011051 (HTML | PDF)

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Release date	Title	Reference period
6	Building permits	March 2013
8	2011 National Household Survey: Aboriginal Peoples in Canada: First Nations People, Métis and Inuit	
8	2011 National Household Survey: Immigration, place of birth, citizenship, ethnic origin, visible minorities, language and religion	
9	New Housing Price Index	March 2013
10	Labour Force Survey	April 2013

See also the release dates for major economic indicators for the rest of the year.



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