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As of March 31, total stock of wheat, canola, corn for grain, barley and oats was up compared with the same date in 2013. However, total stock of soybeans decreased from one year earlier.

Total wheat stock rose 46.9% from the same day a year earlier to 21.3 million tonnes as of March 31, 2014. This advance was driven by stock held on farms, which was up 72.5%, while commercial stock declined 11.3%. Wheat stock held on-farm accounted for 81.5% of the overall wheat stock total. Stock levels held on Alberta farms reached a record high of 5.2 million tonnes.

Following record canola production in 2013, total canola stock was at an all-time high of 9.0 million tonnes as of March 31, up 99.1% from the same date a year earlier and 2.1 million tonnes higher than the previous record set in 2010. Canola stock held on farms stood at 7.8 million tonnes, up 143.1% from March 31, 2013, with all three Prairie provinces holding record amounts on farms. However, commercial stock was down 9.8% to 1.2 million tonnes as of March 31.

Following an 8.7% increase in corn for grain production last year, total stock was up 18.0% from March 31, 2013, to 8.0 million tonnes. On-farm stock increased 21.1% from a year earlier to 6.0 million tonnes. Meanwhile, commercial stock was 9.7% above March 2013 levels at 2.0 million tonnes.

Total soybean stock decreased 13.6% from March 31, 2013, to 1.2 million tonnes, with on-farm (-6.5%) and commercial (-24.5%) stock both down. This decline occurred despite a 2.2% production increase in 2013.

Total stock of barley rose 42.8% from the same day a year earlier and stood at 4.3 million tonnes as of March 31, 2014. This gain was due to a 48.9% increase in volume kept on farms, which held 92.3% of total stock.

Total stock of oats increased 59.9% from the same day a year earlier and stood at 2.3 million tonnes as of March 31, 2014. On-farm stock accounted for 91.6% of total stock and was 84.7% higher than the same day in 2013.

Note to readers

The March Farm Survey of 11,500 farmers concerning, among other topics, stocks of principal field crops, was conducted from March 24 to 31, 2014. Farmers were asked to report the amounts of grain, oilseeds and special crops in on-farm storage. For this year only, two additional questions were asked during the March Farm Survey pertaining to permanent on-farm grain storage capacity and the percentage of grain stored on farms using temporary storage methods.

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.

Percentage changes are calculated using unrounded data.

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 31

	2012	2013	2014	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	14 652	14 469	21 251	-1.2	46.9
Wheat excluding durum	11 565	11 512	17 348	-0.5	50.7
Durum wheat	3 087	2 957	3 904	-4.2	32.0
Canola	5 202	4 529	9 018	-12.9	99.1
Corn for grain	5 769	6 777	7 998	17.5	18.0
Barley	3 280	3 044	4 346	-7.2	42.8
Oats	1 731	1 431	2 288	-17.3	59.9
Dry field peas	1 100	1 282	1 404	16.5	9.5
Soybeans	1 963	1 440	1 244	-26.6	-13.6
Lentils	1 321	1 104	648	-16.4	-41.3
Flaxseed	327	298	369	-8.9	23.8
Rye	89	131	80	47.2	-38.9
Canary seed	62	85	39	37.1	-54.1
Sunflower seed	14	53	25	278.6	-52.8

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

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