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STOCKS OF GRAIN IN CANADA

Ottawa, August 13, 1930, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the following as the total stocks of grain in Canada at the end of the crop year, July 31, 1930, as compared with stocks on the same date in 1929 and 1928.

	July 31, 1928 Bushels	July 31, 1929 Bushels	July 31, 1930 Bushels
Wheat	77,626,071	104,383,221	111,692,519
Oats	28,604,960	45,165,498	21,411,710
Barley	3,459,693	11,020,857	22,840,550
Rye	2,080,940	4,219,756	9,192,059
Flaxseed	1,296,347	561,487	636,658

The following table gives in detail the stocks of grain in Canada at July 31, 1930. The quantities in farmers' hands are compiled from the reports of crop correspondents.

Stocks of Grain in Canada at the End of the Crop Year July 31, 1930.

	WHEAT Bush.	OATS Bush.	BARLEY Bush.	RYE Bush.	FLAXSEED Bush.
Public and Private Terminal Elevators, Fort William and Port Arthur	36,512,417	1,543,696	13,708,606	5,375,258	387,515
Country, Private and Mfg. Elevators	16,820,322	2,581,324	2,671,951	543,093	48,853
Interior Terminal Elevators, Western Divn.	2,808,006	188,495	23,218	16,296	1,082
Vancouver Terminal & Private Elevators	7,652,353	65,453	11,016	25,314	52
Victoria and Prince Rupert Elevators	891,623	284	94	-	-
Duluth Superior Elevator	28,000	5,000	75,900	-	-
Public Elevators in the East	21,374,632	2,785,443	1,856,514	1,561,892	-
In Transit-Railways	5,420,668	626,099	606,782	1,081,623	37,710
In Flour Mills-Estimated	7,500,000	1,300,000	60,000	3,000	-
In Farmers' Hands	5,326,000	12,020,000	3,050,000	166,000	3,600
Afloat for unloading at Canadian ports	7,358,498	295,916	776,529	419,583	59,600
TOTALS	111,692,519	21,411,710	22,840,550	9,192,059	636,658



DISTRIBUTION OF THE 1929 WHEAT CROP.

The distribution of the 1929 wheat crop has proceeded far enough to make possible a reliable recapitulation. Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in the crop year ended July 31, 1930 amounted to the equivalent of 186,267,212 bushels. The amount required for seed is estimated at 44.5 million bushels and food requirements at 44 million bushels. The total thus accounted for is 274,767,212 bushels, while stocks in Canada on July 31, 1930 add to the record amount of 111,692,519, giving a combined total of 386,459,731.

The carryover on July 31, 1929, from the 1928 crop was approximately 104,383,000 bushels, while imports during the crop year were about 1,010,000 bushels. The amount of wheat disposed of from the 1929 crop is therefore left at approximately 281,066,731 bushels.

The unmerchantable grain of the 1929 crop is now estimated at 7,159,554 bushels and the loss in cleaning at 9,136,007 bushels. Adding these to the 281,066,731 bushels above makes it possible to account for 297,362,292 bushels as exports, seed, human consumption, carryover, unmerchantable grain and loss in cleaning. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics final estimate of production for the 1929 crop was 299,520,000 bushels, and the difference of about 2 million bushels is more than accounted for by the wheat fed to live stock. Although no estimate of live stock consumption can be made, it is undoubtedly high in a season of low prices.

The 1929 wheat crop of the Prairie Provinces was finally estimated at 276,664,000 bushels. From August 1, 1929, to July 31, 1930, the marketings at country elevators were 234,740,436 bushels. Allowing 44.5 million bushels for seed and adding the 4,365,000 estimated as still in farmers hands, a total of 283,605,436 is reached--almost 7 million bushels over the Bureau's final estimate. Allowing for seed, Saskatchewan has already shipped more wheat than the December estimate, and it appears that 6 million bushels must be added to the figure for that province. In Alberta, the same situation prevails to a lesser extent, indicating an under-estimate of 2 million bushels. The Manitoba crop was slightly overestimated and a deduction of about 3 million bushels is indicated. The figure for Canada is now placed at 304,520,000 bushels and for the Prairie Provinces at 281,664,000 bushels.

At March 31, 1930, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimated the Canadian wheat export trade for the crop year at 187,375,000 bushels and the ^{Canadian} carry over at 115,000,000 bushels. These figures may now be compared with the actual returns of 186,267,212 bushels as exports and the carryover of 111,692,519 bushels. It should be noted that an additional 16,065,242 bushels of Canadian wheat were in store in the United States at July 31, 1930, making a carryover of Canadian wheat in Canada and the United States of 127,757,761 bushels. At July 31, 1929, Canadian wheat in store in Canada and the United States amounted to 127,297,146 bushels. Further quantities of Canadian wheat were in transit in the United States at July 31. About $3\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels were moving in the United States at this date last year and the figure for this year, not yet available, will show an equal or greater amount.

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