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STOCKS OF GRAIN IN CANADA

Ottawa, August 11, 1932, 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, 1932, as compared with stocks on the same date in 1930 and 1931.

	July 31, 1930	July 31, 1931	July 31, 1932
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Wheat	111,094,912	134,078,963	130,948,901
Oats	21,582,780	63,431,989	29,972,324
Barley	22,875,432	29,461,716	7,161,920
Rye	9,190,705	14,435,795	5,380,879
Flaxseed	636,658	833,954	1,321,358

The following table gives in detail the stocks of grain in Canada at July 31, 1932. 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, 1932.

Quantities in	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY	RYE	FLAX
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Public and Private Terminal Elevators, Fort William and Port Arthur	48,683,128	2,727,871	1,296,802	2,542,044	1,040,165
Mills and Mill Elevators, Western Division	6,009,490	733,000	966,123	30,385	47,266
Interior Terminal Elevators, Western Division	102,412	4,444	4,121	263	1,030
Vancouver, New Westminster Terminal and Private Elevators	8,530,406	477,097	140,881	7,983	199
Victoria Elevator	337,349	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert Private Elevator	837,533	-	-	-	-
Churchill, Man.	2,290,508	-	-	-	-
Country, Private Terminal Elevators, Western Division	27,499,002	731,029	384,330	502,278	126,113
Eastern Elevators	17,839,890	1,335,807	369,709	1,535,827	33,790
In transit - Railways	2,725,540	288,033	99,836	71,835	30,162
In Flour Mills - Eastern Division (Estimated)	2,000,000	600,000	45,000	-	-
In farmers' hands	7,495,800	22,823,000	3,477,000	146,000	7,100
Afloat for unloading at Canadian Ports	6,597,843	252,043	378,118	544,264	35,533
T O T A L S	130,948,901	29,972,324	7,161,920	5,380,879	1,321,358

Official Carryover of Wheat

The total stocks of Canadian wheat in Canada at July 31, 1932, are placed at 130,948,901 bushels, slightly lower than the record carryover of July 31, 1931, viz., 134,078,963 bushels. Canadian wheat in elevators and afloat in the United States amounted to 4,706,828 bushels, while 1,181,427 bushels of Canadian wheat were afloat destined for United States ports. The comparable figures for these items at July 31, 1931, were 5,538,334 and 1,259,978 bushels respectively.

The total amount of Canadian wheat in Canada and in the United States at July 31, 1932, was 136,837,156 bushels compared with 140,877,275 bushels at July 31, 1931.

Distribution of the 1931 Wheat Crop

The final revision of the 1931 wheat crop estimates is not possible until January 1933, when the final figures for deliveries and platform loadings are made available by the Board of Grain Commissioners and when the final acreage figures for 1931 are released by the Census Branch of this Bureau. At the present time, however, a preliminary analysis of the distribution of the 1931 wheat crop may be interesting.

The carryover of wheat in Canada at July 31, 1931, was placed at 134,078,963 bushels and additional supplies were provided by the 1931 crop, estimated last January at 304,144,000 bushels. Adding the further small amount of 216,327 bushels imported during the period August, 1931,- July, 1932, the total for distribution amounts to 438,439,290 bushels.

The disposition of wheat during the same period was as follows:

	Bushels
Exports	207,029,555
Human consumption	41,500,000
Seed for 1932 crop	36,763,000
Feed for live stock and poultry ...	32,606,000
Loss in cleaning	5,040,000
Unmerchantable	2,826,100
Carryover, July 31, 1932	130,948,901
	<u>456,713,556</u>

The figures for seed, feed and human consumption are subject to later revision.

The January estimate of the 1931 wheat crop appears to be about 18¼ million bushels too low, on the basis of the above disposition of supplies.

The 1931 wheat crop of the Prairie Provinces was estimated last January at 284,000,000 bushels. To this must be added the carryover on farms at July 31, 1931, of 17,804,000 bushels, making a total of 301,804,000 bushels for disposition. The unrevised total marketings in the period from August 1, 1931, to July 29, 1932, amounted to 265,098,385 bushels. In addition, allowance must be made for 2,477,000 bushels of unmerchantable grain, 1,650,000 bushels (approximately) as custom millings, 29,931,000 bushels for seed, 23,079,000 bushels as feed, and 5,829,000 bushels as carryover on farms at July 31, 1932. The total of these items is 328,064,385 bushels, an underestimate of 26,260,385 bushels. This figure will probably be reduced when final figures are available. The final revision is made in January, 1933.

The following table will show that over half of the underestimate is in Saskatchewan.

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total
	000 bushels			
Carryover on Farms, July 31, 1931	2,042	6,459	9,303	17,804
January Estimate, 1931 crop	27,000	121,000	136,000	284,000
Total Available	29,042	127,459	145,303	301,804
Disposition :				
Marketings (#)	24,780	118,875	121,443	265,098
Seed (1)	3,826	13,804	12,301	29,931
Feed (#)	2,808	7,623	12,648	23,079
Unmerchantable	270	847	1,360	2,477
Country Millings (2) (#)	420	530	700	1,650
Carryover on farms				
July 31, 1932	624	1,016	4,189	5,829
Total Disposition (#)	32,728	142,695	152,641	328,064
Extent of Underestimate indicated	3,686	15,236	7,338	26,260

(#) Subject to revision.

(1) Allows for 100,000 acres in Manitoba and 4,500,000 acres in Saskatchewan drought areas to be seeded from deliveries.

(2) July millings estimated.

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