Historical File Copy Pt 22-002 Authority of the Hon. James-A. Mackinnon, M.P., no. 3 Minister of Trade and Commerce 1943 INION BUR LAU OF STATISTICS - CANADA c. 2 AGRICULTURAL BRANCH C. R. No. 28 \$2. per year 1943. S. A. Cudmore, M.A. (Oxon.), F.S.S., F.R.S.C. Dominion Statistician: C. F. Wilson, Ph.D. Chief, Agricultural Branch: Statistician: J. McAnsh. Ottawa, April 15, 1943, 3 p.m.- Stocks of the five principal Canadian grain crops held in all North American positions, including stocks on Canadian farms, amounted in the aggregate to 1,389,511,867 bushels on March 31, 1943, compared with 735,315,483 bushels reported a year earlier, according to a report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Wheat accounted for 798 million bushels or 57 per cent of the total, but the stocks of oats and barley, especially the supplies still in farmers' hands, were

unusually large, reflecting the record crops produced in 1942. It should be noted, however, that seed for the 1943 crops is included in the farm stocks and the acreage objectives for wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed this year call for the planting of approximately 44 million acres to these crops.

Attention is drawn to the fact also that the estimates of the 1942 crops are subject to further revision. The outcome of threshing operations involving grain that was still in the fields when winter descended on western Canada, may have an important bearing on these estimates and on the stocks now reported in farmers' hands, both of which include an allowance for unthreshed grain.

The report also contains data on end of March stocks of certain other agricultural products and a preliminary estimate for the crop year 1942-43 of the uantity of wheat likely to be fed on the farms where it was grown, to live stock and poultry. This estimate of wheat feeding is 18.5 million bushels higher than the revised figure for the crop year 1941-42 and suggests a record total of 74 million bushels for the current crop year.

### Wheat Stocks at March 31.

A new high level of wheat stocks at the end of March is recorded for this year. The total on farms, in warehouses or in transit in Canada on the last day of March was 790 million bushels, compared with 551 million bushels in these positions a year previous, while the quantity in store or in transit in the United States was 8.2 million bushels, compared with 15 million bushels on Merch 31, 1942.

Stocks on farms in the three Prairie Provinces, which include seed for the 1943 crop, are reported at the high figure of 357,000,000 bushels which compares with the revised total of 98,000,000 bushels a year earlier.

#### Coarse Grain and Flaxseed.

Despite unusually heavy farmers' marketings of oats and barley in western Canada in the first eight months of the current crop year, the supplies of cats remaining on farms at the end of March totalled 314.5 million bushels in the three Prairie Provinces and 362 million bushels for all Canada. Berley stocks on farms in western Canada amounted to 131 million bushels and for the whole of the Dominion 135 million bushels. These figures show a very substantial increase over last year's farm stocks, while stocks of oats and barley in commercial storage are also much greater than at the same date in 1942.

Rye stocks in all positions are much larger this year due to the big crop produced in 1942, but the bulk of the current supply is still held on farms in the Prairie Provinces. Flaxseed has passed largely into commercial channels, and farm stocks in western Canada are not much in excess of seed requirements for the increased acreage expected in 1943.

# Potatoes, Hay and Clover.

Farm stocks of potatoes in Canada amounted to 11,998,000 cwt. at the end of March compared with 9,460,000 cwt. a year previous. The stocks of hay and clover on farms are also larger than a year ago, the figures for this year totalling 3,778,000 tons compared with 2,155,000 tons on March 31, 1942.

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# Total Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1943

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1943, amounted to 790,212,515 bushels as compared with 551,409,288 bushels at the same date in 1942. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1943, with corresponding figures for 1942 within brackets, are as follows: In elevators and flour mills and afloat 420,128,256 bushels (431,203,083 bushels); in transit by rail 6,359,259 bushels (18,830,205 bushels); on ferms 363,725,000 bushels (101,376,000 bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1943, is estimated at 393,025,782 bushels, as compared with 112,580,814 bushels at the end of March 1942, this year's total comprising 28,292,470 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 2,593,312 bushels in transit by rail and 362,140,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks in Canada amounted to 166,886,605 bushels, as compared with 46,178,266 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1943 including 30,028,537 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 1,819,068 bushels in transit by rail and 135,039,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1943, are estimated at 20,531,467 bushels, as against 5,662,752 bushels in 1942, this year's total including 5,542,331 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 60,136 bushels in transit by rail and 14,929,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks in Canada amounted to 8,676,172 bushels, as compared with 3,036,847 bushels at the end of March 1942, the total in 1943 being made up of 5,228,052 bushels in elevators, 213,120 bushels in transit by rail and 3,235,000 bushels on farms.

# Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1943

At March 31, 1943, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 363,725,000 bushels or 61 p.c. of the total 1942 wheat crop of 592,684,000 bushels. At the same date last year 101,376,000 bushels or 32 p.c. remained from the 1941 crop of 314,825,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1943, with the corresponding figures at the same date last year within brackets, were as follows: Oats 56 p.c. or 362,140,000 (34 p.c. or 105,173,000); barley 52 p.c. or 135,039,000 (32 p.c. or 35,387,000); rye 60 p.c. or 14,929,000 (26 p.c. or 2,992,000); flaxseed 22 p.c. or 3,235,000 (19 p.c. or 1,111,000); buck-wheat 21 p.c. or 1,090,000 (17 p.c. or 792,000); corn for husking 24 p.c. or 3,481,000 (13 p.c. or 1,677,000); potatoes 28 p.c. or 11,998,000 cwt. (24 p.c. or 9,460,000 cwt.); hay and clover 24 p.c. or 3,778,000 tons (17 p.c. or 2,155,000 tons).

#### Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry

Province	Production in 1941	Final Estimate of Quantities retained for feed in 1941-42		Production in 1942	Preliminary Estimate of Quantities retained for feed in 1942-43	
	000 bu.	p.c.	000 bu.	000 bu.	p.c.	000 bu.
Prince Edward Island	168	41	69	162	55	89
Nova Scotia	40	40	16	53	52	28
New Brunswick	80	65	52	84	68	57
Quebec	533	59	312	554	68	377
Ontario	15,884	68	10,807	24,252	70	16,976
Manitoba	51,000	11	5,520	52,000	13	6,500
Saskatchewan	147,000	12	18,268	335,000	7	23,500
Alberta	98,000	20	19,632	178,000	14	25,000
British Columbia		46	983	2,579	63	1,625
CANADA	314,825	18	55,659	592,684	13	74,152

Note: Above figures do not include wheat shipped from one province to another and used for feed.

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### STOCKS OF GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1943

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada has collected and compiled data showing complete stocks of Canadian grain as of March 31, 1943. The quantities on farms are estimated from the reports of Crop Correspondets. The quantities in eastern flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of February.

	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY	RYE	FLAXSEED			
n Canada	bushels							
On Farms	363,725,000	362,140,000	135,039,000	14,929,000	3,235,000			
Country & Private Terminal Elevators	223,670,136	15,148,320	14,747,963	2,849,522	1,323,163			
Western Mills & Mill Elevators	5,017,767	742,455	206,274	65,364	110,085			
Interior Terminal Elevators	16,521,169	26,526	68,304	_	37,568			
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators	17,386,207	73,806	36,690	_	_			
Victoria & Prince Rupert Elevators	2,216,014	44	<u>-</u>	400	_			
Churchill Elevator	2,617,396		_	-	60-			
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators	100,297,339	11,066,578	13,621,162	2,552,078	3,699,322			
In Transit - Lakes	-	-	-	***				
In Transit - Rail	6,359,259	2,593,312	1,819,068	60.136	213,120			
Eastern Elevators	47,904,228	849,785	1,203,644	67,317	57,914			
Eastern Mills	4,498,000	385,000	144,500	8,050	An			
otal in Canada, March 31, 1943	790,212,515	393,025,782	166,886,605	20,531,467	8,676,172			
Cotal Canadian Grain in United States March 31, 1943	8,235,814	510,544	183,650	953,718	295,600			
Otal Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1943	798,448,329	393,536,32€	167,070,255	21,485,185	8,971,772			
Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1942 1/								
In Canada	551,409,288	112,580,814	46,178,266	5,662,752	3,036,847			
In United States	15,038,038	7	Harris A.	1,409,478	- 7			
Cotal in Canada & United States	566,447,326	112,580,814	46,178,266	7,072,230	3,036,847			

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