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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN ON MARCH 31, 1945

Ottawa, April 16, 1945 (3 p.m.) - Stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions on March 31, 1945 were 503.0 million bushels, of which 24.1 million bushels were held in bond in the United States. The comparable figures for March 31, 1944 show stocks of Canadian wheat in all positions of 545.6 million bushels with 14.0 million bushels being held in the United States. Stocks of Canadian wheat in North America at March 31 of this year were thus 42.6 million bushels smaller than a year ago. These data are furnished by the annual March-end survey of grain held on farms made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and of grain in commercial positions as supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners.

The bulk of the Canadian wheat stocks is held in country elevators and on farms with 180 million bushels or 38 per cent of the total in country elevators and 154 million bushels or 32 per cent on farms. A year ago there were 195 million bushels of wheat in country elevators and an estimated 210 million bushels on farms. Farm stocks have thus declined by 56 million bushels despite a much better crop in 1944 than in 1943 and the reduced use of wheat for live-stock feed. More generous delivery quotas in the Prairie Provinces have permitted farmers to move more grain into commercial channels.

Farm stocks of wheat in the Prairie Provinces accounted for 149 million bushels of the total stocks on farms at March 31 of 154.2 million bushels. The quantity of wheat on farms in Manitoba is estimated at 14 million bushels, in Saskatchewan at 90 million bushels and in Alberta at 45 million bushels. From this grain will be taken seed for the 1945 crop and feed for live stock and poultry during the remaining third of the crop year leaving the balance available for delivery or carry-over at July 31.

The estimated quantities of wheat used for feed in the province in which it was produced during the August 1-March 31 period indicates a substantial reduction in 1944-45 as compared with 1943-44. Approximately 39.5 million bushels of wheat were fed during the first eight months of the present crop year as compared with 46.4 million bushels a year ago. A sharp decrease in the quantities of wheat fed in the Prairie Provinces has more than offset the increase in the quantities of winter wheat which were fed in Ontario. The increase in wheat feeding in Ontario has resulted from a more normal sized crop in 1944. These estimates of wheat used for feed exclude western wheat which was moved under the Federal Freight Assistance Policy to the Eastern Provinces and to British Columbia to be fed to live stock.

Coarse Grain and Flaxseed

The total stocks of Canadian oats on March 31, 1945 were 243.0 million bushels, practically all of which were located in Canada, and of which 200.6 million bushels were in farmers' hands. Farm and commercial stocks one year earlier were 255.8 million bushels or about 12.8 million bushels larger. Barley stocks in all positions, including less than one million bushels in the United States, amounted to 89.2 million bushels as compared with 115.7 million bushels a year ago or a net reduction of 26.5 million bushels.

Stocks of rye at March 31 totalled slightly over 5 million bushels, of which 1.8 million bushels were still on farms. This stock figure is well below that of a year ago when there were 13.2 million bushels of Canadian rye in all positions. Stocks of flaxseed, amounting to 6.0 million bushels, are also well below the 10.8 million bushels of March 31, 1944. Nearly 2 million bushels of the present stocks of flaxseed are still located on farms.

Total Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1945

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1945 amounted to 478,901,585 bushels as compared with 531,648,434 bushels at the same date in 1944. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1945, with corresponding figures for 1944 within brackets, are as follows: In elevators and flour mills and afloat 316,131,599 bushels (305,244,460 bushels); in transit by rail 8,533,986 bushels (16,244,974 bushels); on farms 154,236,000 bushels (210,159,000 bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1945 is estimated at 242,774,637 bushels, as compared with 255,762,276 bushels at the end of March 1944, this year's total comprising 37,271,282 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 4,894,355 bushels in transit by rail and 200,609,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks in Canada amounted to 88,440,376 bushels, as compared with 115,710,692 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1945 including 29,213,838 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 1,888,538 bushels in transit by rail and 57,338,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1945, are estimated at 5,002,493 bushels, as against 10,571,504 bushels in 1944, this year's total including 2,931,786 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 286,707 bushels in transit by rail and 1,784,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks in Canada amounted to 5,250,478 bushels, as compared with 10,555,472 bushels at the end of March 1944, the total in 1945 being made up of 3,642,928 bushels in elevators, 244,550 bushels in transit by rail and 1,963,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1945

At March 31, 1945, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 154,236,000 bushels or 35 p.c. of the total 1944 wheat crop of 435,535,000 bushels. At the same date last year 210,159,000 bushels or 74 p.c. remained from the 1943 crop of 284,460,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1945, with the corresponding figures at the same date last year within brackets, were as follows: Oats 40 p.c. or 200,609,000 (45 p.c. or 217,036,000); barley 29 p.c. or 57,338,000 (39 p.c. or 85,003,000); rye 21 p.c. or 1,784,000 (38 p.c. or 2,687,000); flaxseed 20 p.c. or 1,963,000 (18 p.c. or 3,148,000); buckwheat 20 p.c. or 1,115,000 (21 p.c. or 1,311,000); corn for grain 23 p.c. or 2,657,000 (24 p.c. or 1,872,000); potatoes 26 p.c. or 13,020,000 cwt. (27 p.c. or 11,789,000 cwt.); hay and clover 19 p.c. or 2,799,000 tons (23 p.c. or 3,938,000 tons).

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry

Province	Production	Quantities fed		Production	Quantities fed	
	in 1943	August 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944	August 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945	in 1944	August 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945	in 1944
	000 bu.	p.c.	000 bu.	000 bu.	p.c.	000 bu.
Prince Edward Island	148	51	76	128	57	73
Nova Scotia	32	47	15	32	73	23
New Brunswick	61	51	31	60	59	35
Quebec	503	60	300	506	80	405
Ontario	13,857	54	7,500	21,679	66	14,308
Manitoba	39,000	13	5,000	54,900	7	4,000
Saskatchewan	146,000	11	16,000	250,000	4	10,000
Alberta	82,800	20	16,500	105,700	9	9,000
British Columbia ...	2,059	49	1,000	2,530	65	1,645
CANADA	284,460	16	46,422	435,535	9	39,489

Note: Above figures do not include wheat shipped from one province to another and used for feed, as for example, wheat moved under the Federal Freight Assistance Policy.

STOCKS OF GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1945

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, 1945. The quantities on farms are estimated from the reports of Crop Correspondents. The quantities in eastern flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of February.

	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY	RYE	FLAXSEED
	- bushels -				
<u>In Canada</u>					
On Farms	154,236,000	200,609,000	57,338,000	1,784,000	1,963,000
Country & Private Terminal Elevators	180,114,413	12,508,162	7,951,820	677,132	1,048,275
Western Mills & Mill Elevators	5,801,198	824,524	173,369	40,870	152,016
Interior Terminal Elevators	13,719,309	205,083	245,772	-	84,892
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators	16,447,877	234,464	54,094	-	-
Victoria & Prince Rupert Elevators	2,019,584	-	-	-	-
Churchill Elevator	1,877,787	-	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators	57,225,401	20,258,238	16,631,760	2,121,162	2,208,157
In Transit - Lakes	1,060,439	63,330	759,021	-	-
In Transit - Rail	8,533,986	4,894,355	1,888,538	286,707	244,550
Eastern Elevators	34,698,121	2,554,123	3,161,499	52,179	149,588
Eastern Mills	3,167,470	623,358	236,503	40,443	-
<u>Total in Canada, March 31, 1945</u>	<u>478,901,585</u>	<u>242,774,637</u>	<u>88,440,376</u>	<u>5,002,493</u>	<u>5,850,478</u>
Total Canadian Grain in United States, March 31, 1945	24,076,406	219,455	739,365	46,370	199,000
<u>Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1945</u>	<u>502,977,991</u>	<u>242,994,092</u>	<u>89,179,741</u>	<u>5,048,863</u>	<u>6,049,478</u>
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1944 ^{1/}</u>					
In Canada	531,648,434	255,762,276	115,710,692	10,571,304	10,555,472
In United States	14,001,109	-	13,800	2,606,000	201,000
<u>Total in Canada & United States</u>	<u>545,649,543</u>	<u>255,762,276</u>	<u>115,724,492</u>	<u>13,177,304</u>	<u>10,756,472</u>

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