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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN ON MARCH 31, 1947

Ottawa, April 17, 1947 (3 p.m.) - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics today issues its report on stocks of Canadian grain in all positions at March 31, 1947.

Wheat - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions on March 31, 1947 were 245.4 million bushels, of which only .2 million bushels were held in the United States. The comparable figures for March 31, 1946 show stocks of 212.4 million bushels, including 2.5 million bushels held in the United States. Stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31 of this year were thus 33 million bushels or 15.5 per cent above the level of a year ago. These data are obtained from the Bureau's annual March-end survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns and from figures supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners, relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. These complete figures on stocks differ from the weekly visible supply figures by the inclusion of farm stocks and certain eastern mill stocks. Farm stocks include seed held for the 1947 crop and grain required for live stock and poultry feed until new crop grain becomes available.

At March 31 more than four-fifths of Canada's total wheat stocks were held on farms and in country elevators, 133.2 million bushels or 54.3 % of total stocks being accounted for by farm-held wheat, while 65.3 million bushels or 26.6 per cent of the total were stored in country elevators. A year ago there were an estimated 106.0 million bushels on farms and 35.6 million bushels in country elevators. Lakehead stocks stood at 16.9 million bushels on March 31 this year, nearly 30 per cent down from last year's figure of 24 million bushels. Likewise, stocks in other forward positions were considerably lower than on the same date last year. The relatively high proportion of stocks remaining in interior positions this year is chiefly attributable to transportation difficulties experienced during the fall and winter months. These same difficulties have seriously delayed the country's export program, and are in large part responsible for the increase in March-end total wheat stocks over last year's level. Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat for the eight-month period ending March 31 were roughly 139 million bushels as compared with approximately 259 million bushels for the same period last year.

Farm stocks of wheat in the Prairie Provinces accounted for 129 million bushels of the total Canadian farm stocks of 133.2 million bushels. The quantity of wheat on farms in Manitoba is estimated at 14 million bushels; in Saskatchewan at 77 millions and in Alberta at 38 million bushels. From these stocks will be taken seed for the 1947 crop and such amounts as may be required for live stock and poultry feed during the remaining third of the crop year, leaving the balance to be divided between deliveries and July 31 carry-over stocks of sufficient magnitude to meet farm requirements until new grain is available.

The estimated quantities of wheat used for feed in the province in which it was produced during the 1946-47 crop year are slightly below the comparable estimates for 1945-46. It is estimated that 37.3 million bushels of wheat will have been fed by the end of the current crop year as compared with 39.7 millions for the last crop year. These estimates of wheat used for feed exclude western feed wheat which has moved under the Freight Assistance Policy to the eastern provinces and to British Columbia. Freight-assisted shipments of wheat (on which claims have been filed to date) for the seven-month period ending February 1947 were 13.7 million bushels or approximately 20 per cent less than the free-freight movements of wheat during the same period last year.

Coarse Grain and Flaxseed - The total stocks of Canadian oats on March 31, 1947 were 184.0 million bushels, practically all of which were located in Canada—with 154.9 millions remaining in farmers' hands. Barley stocks in all positions amounted to 76.8 million bushels. Of this quantity, little more than half a million bushels were in the United States, while 58 million bushels were held on farms.

Stocks of rye at March 31 totalled 2.8 million bushels, of which .8 million bushels were still on farms. Total stocks of flaxseed amounted to 3.2 million bushels with farm stocks accounting for 1.2 million bushels.

Total Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1947

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1947 amounted to 245,202,751 bushels as compared with 209,975,413 bushels at the same date in 1946. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1947 with corresponding figures for 1946 within brackets, are as follows: In elevators and flour mills 105,783,968 bushels (94,142,764 bushels); in transit by rail 6,198,783 bushels (9,789,649 bushels); on farms 133,220,000 bushels (106,043,000 bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1947 is estimated at 183,295,470 bushels, as compared with 167,918,080 bushels at the end of March 1946, this year's total comprising 25,821,604 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 2,538,866 bushels in transit by rail and 154,935,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks in Canada amounted to 76,297,699 bushels as compared with 66,811,246 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1947 including 17,307,823 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 1,029,876 bushels in transit by rail and 57,960,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1947, are estimated at 2,553,675 bushels, as against 1,731,145 bushels in 1946, this year's total including 1,647,529 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 148,146 bushels in transit by rail and 758,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks in Canada amounted to 3,209,349 bushels, as compared with 3,927,887 bushels at the end of March 1946, the total in 1947 being made up of 1,895,095 bushels in elevators, 74,854 bushels in transit by rail and 1,239,400 bushels on farms.

Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1947

At March 31, 1947, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 133,220,000 bushels or 32 p.c. of the total 1946 wheat crop of 420,725,000 bushels. At the same date last year 106,043,000 bushels or 33 p.c. remained from the 1945 crop of 318,512,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1947, with corresponding figures at the same date last year within brackets, were as follows: Oats 39 p.c. or 154,935,000 (34 p.c. or 130,477,000); barley 36 p.c. or 57,960,000 (26 p.c. or 41,036,000); rye 10 p.c. or 758,000 (13 p.c. or 742,000); flaxseed 17 p.c. or 1,239,400 (18 p.c. or 1,403,000); buckwheat 19 p.c. or 923,000 (17 p.c. or 903,000); corn for grain 33 p.c. or 3,431,000 (23 p.c. or 2,351,000); potatoes 34 p.c. or 16,564,000 cwt. (17 p.c. or 6,195,000 cwt.); hay and clover 18 p.c. or 2,677,000 tons (22 p.c. or 3,903,000 tons).

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry

Province	Production 1945 000 bu.	Fed Crop Year 1945-46		Production 1946 000 bu.	Fed and to be fed Crop Year 1946-47 ^{1/}	
		p.c. 1945 crop	Quantity 000 bu.		p.c. 1946 crop	Quantity 000 bu.
Prince Edward Is.	80	74	59	78	90	70
Nova Scotia	21	82	17	25	78	20
New Brunswick ...	41	75	31	34	75	26
Quebec	398	83	330	389	87	338
Ontario	20,828	65	13,538	17,110	64	10,950
Manitoba	38,800	10	3,900	63,000	7	4,500
Saskatchewan	168,100	6	10,600	200,000	5	10,500
Alberta	87,700	11	9,600	137,000	6	8,900
British Columbia.	2,544	63	1,603	3,089	61	1,884
CANADA	318,512	12	39,678	420,725	9	37,288

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.

^{1/} Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

STOCKS OF GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1947

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, 1947. 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	133,220,000	154,935,000	57,960,000	758,000	1,239,400
Country and Private Terminal Elevators	65,287,580	11,222,467	9,041,624	425,342	819,595
Western Mills and Mill Elevators	3,302,140	1,398,104	462,323	29,759	91,503
Interior Terminal Elevators	64,194	318,094	888,713	-	39,301
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators	3,087,552	1,400,132	155,462	-	21
Victoria and Prince Rupert Elevators	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill Elevator	42,656	75	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators	16,898,449	9,623,828	5,823,478	934,920	525,060
In Transit - Lakes	-	-	-	-	-
In Transit - Rail	6,198,783	2,538,866	1,029,876	148,146	74,854
Eastern Elevators	12,897,397	1,253,904	799,823	250,508	419,615
Eastern Mills	4,204,000	605,000	136,400	7,000	-
Total in Canada, March 31, 1947	245,202,751	183,295,470	76,297,699	2,553,675	3,209,349
Total Canadian Grain in United States,					
March 31, 1947	231,043	669,633	536,918	270,542	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States,					
March 31, 1947	245,433,794	183,965,103	76,834,617	2,824,217	3,209,349
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1946 ^{1/}</u>					
In Canada	209,975,413	167,918,080	66,811,246	1,731,145	3,927,887
In United States	2,457,791	248,280	50,000	87,046	-
Total in Canada and United States	212,433,204	168,166,360	66,861,246	1,818,191	3,927,887

^{1/} Revised.



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