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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN, MARCH 31, 1951

Ottawa, April 19, 1951 (3 p.m.) - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics today issues its report on stocks of Canadian grain in all positions at March 31, 1951. The data are obtained from the Bureau's annual March-end survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns and from data supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions ¹/₂. The statistics on total stocks as presented below differ from the weekly visible supply figures by the inclusion of farm stocks and certain mill stocks. Farm stocks include seed held for the 1951 crop and grain required for live stock and poultry feed until new-crop grain becomes available.

Wheat - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at March 31, 1951 were estimated at 353 million bushels, some 103 million bushels more than last year's total. Only 370 thousand bushels of this year's March 31 stocks of Canadian wheat were held in the United States. The estimated amount held on Canadian farms at March 31 this year was 161 million bushels as against 112 million a year ago. Of the 191 million bushels in Canadian commercial positions 133 million, or 70 per cent, were held in country elevators, interior private and mill elevators, and interior terminal elevators. Stocks at Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver-New Westminster were 36 million and 3.5 million bushels respectively. The remaining 19 million bushels were either in transit or held in mill bins, in eastern elevators and at Churchill.

The estimated quantity of wheat remaining on farms in the Prairie Provinces at March 31 amounted to 152 million bushels, with the provincial distribution as follows: Manitoba, 17 million; Saskatchewan, 100 million; and Alberta, 35 million bushels. From these stocks will be taken seed for the 1951 crop and such amounts as may be required for live stock and poultry feed during the remaining one-third of the crop year, leaving the balance to be divided between deliveries until July 31 and carryover stocks at that date.

The estimated quantities of wheat for use as feed in the provinces where it was produced during the crop year 1950-51 are up by approximately one-third from the 1949-50 level, with all provinces except Manitoba and British Columbia indicating increased feeding of home-grown wheat. Estimated quantities fed or to be fed in the Prairie Provinces are up from 17.1 million to 22.6 million bushels. For all Canada (excluding Newfoundland) the estimate of wheat fed or to be fed in the province where grown amounts to 41 million bushels as against 31 million in 1949-50. These quantities do not include wheat moved interprovincially under the Federal Freight Assistance Plan.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed - Stocks of Canadian oats at March 31, 1951 amounted to 230 million bushels of which 193 million were on farms. At ¹/₂ Commercial positions (except mills) as at March 29.

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

March 31, 1950 total oat stocks were 139 million bushels, with 125 million on farms. This year's barley stocks, at 111 million bushels, were also well above last year's level of 66 million. Farm-held stocks this year were 73 million as compared with 46 million a year ago.

Rye stocks at March 31, estimated at 10.9 million bushels, were up only slightly from last year's total of 10.4 million. Farm stocks of rye in both years were approximately 4 million bushels. The quantity of flaxseed in store this year was only 3 million bushels, less than half the March 31, 1950 stocks of 6.8 million.

Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1951

At March 31, 1951, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 161,450,000 bushels or 35 per cent of the total 1950 wheat crop of 461,664,000 bushels. At the same date last year 111,665,000 bushels or 30 per cent remained from the 1949 crop of 371,406,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1951, with corresponding figures at the same date last year within brackets, were as follows: Oats 46 per cent or 193,138,000 (39 per cent or 124,814,000); barley 42 per cent or 72,550,000 (38 per cent or 46,349,000); rye 30 per cent or 4,075,000 (39 per cent or 3,952,000); flaxseed 31 per cent or 1,390,000 (28 per cent or 633,000); buckwheat 34 per cent or 1,346,000 (28 per cent or 1,009,000); shelled corn 37 per cent or 5,127,000 (26 per cent or 3,543,000); potatoes 35 per cent or 34,051,000 (29 per cent or 25,955,000); hay and clover 24 per cent or 3,079,000 tons (23 per cent or 2,784,000 tons).

Estimate of Wheat Fed ^{1/} to Live Stock and Poultry 1949-50 and 1950-51

Province	Production 1949	Fed Crop Year 1949-50 ^{2/}		Production 1950	Fed and to be Fed ^{3/} Crop Year 1950-51	
		p.c. of 1949 Crop	Quantity		p.c. of 1950 Crop	Quantity
	000 bu.	p.c.	000 bu.	000 bu.	p.c.	000 bu.
Prince Edward Is.	150	71	106	187	72	135
Nova Scotia	44	78	34	45	85	38
New Brunswick ...	79	80	63	90	76	68
Quebec	468	75	351	691	85	587
Ontario	25,776	49	12,630	31,233	55	17,178
Manitoba	52,000	8	3,900	50,000	7	3,400
Saskatchewan	186,000	4	7,700	260,000	4	11,400
Alberta	103,000	5	5,500	117,000	7	7,800
British Columbia.	3,889	20	780	2,418	20	484
Canada	371,406	8	31,064	461,664	9	41,090

^{1/} These 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 Plan.

^{2/} Revised.

^{3/} Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1951 ^{1/}

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada has collected and compiled data showing stocks of Canadian grain as of March 31, 1951. The quantities on farms are estimated from the reports of crop correspondents. Stocks in flour mills are estimated from monthly returns made by mill operators.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
<u>In Canada</u>					
On Farms	161,450,000	193,138,000	72,550,000	4,075,000	1,390,000
Country Elevators	119,367,579	20,310,053	17,140,722	2,180,562	356,024
Interior Private and Mill Elevators	3,909,510	636,603	2,915,384	6,856	176,643
Interior Terminal Elevators	9,475,571	32,028	770,931	59,469	91,338
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators	3,506,329	62,433	198,153	307	80,483
Churchill Elevator	460,556	703	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators	35,732,319	11,396,371	15,103,060	2,706,163 ^{2/}	603,584
In Transit - Rail	5,160,020	799,715	664,932	69,021	43,668
Eastern Elevators	10,768,335 ^{3/}	1,553,190	1,135,777	254,849	232,312
Eastern Mills	2,275,000	415,000	152,000	-	-
Western Mills	347,000	150,000	76,000	2,000	-
Total in Canada, March 31, 1951	352,452,219	228,494,096	110,706,959	9,354,227	2,974,052
<u>Total Canadian Grain in United States,</u>					
March 31, 1951	370,204	1,305,625	314,190	1,574,866	-
<u>Total Canadian Grain in Canada and</u>					
United States, March 31, 1951	352,822,423	229,799,721	111,021,149	10,929,093	2,974,052
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1950</u> ^{4/}					
In Canada	250,089,451	139,042,716	65,447,760	10,004,038	6,752,807
In United States	81,298	54,660	662,141	415,883	-
Total in Canada and United States	250,170,749	139,097,376	66,109,901	10,419,921	6,752,807

^{1/} Stocks other than on farms and in mills are compiled by the Board of Grain Commissioners as at March 29.

^{2/} Includes 632,488 bushels in Storage Afloat.

^{3/} Includes 76,075 bushels in Storage Afloat.

^{4/} Revised.

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