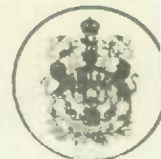


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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1954

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions* as at March 31, 1954 were estimated at 1,281.3 million bushels, second only to the record 1,353.4 million on hand at March 31, 1943. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year (1944-1953) averages, respectively, in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 741.2 (606.3, 365.3); oats, 281.1 (309.9, 215.3); barley, 227.2 (217.8, 109.2); rye, 26.0 (23.7, 10.1); and flaxseed, 5.9 (7.6, 7.0). Stocks of both barley and rye were the largest on record at March 31 while wheat stocks were second only to those on hand at that date in 1943.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1954 were estimated at 741.2 million bushels, compared with 606.3 million on the same date in 1953 and the record 762.4 million in 1943. An estimated 382.7 million bushels of this year's March 31 wheat stocks, representing about 52 per cent of the total, were held on farms. Of the 358.5 million bushels in off-farm positions, 197.2 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks, at 26.0 million bushels, set a new record for March 31, surpassing by 2.3 million the previous record of 23.7 million set last year.

Oats, Barley, and Flaxseed March-end stocks of oats, estimated at 281.1 million bushels, were down from last year's level of 309.9 million and well below the 1943 record of 393.5 million. Barley stocks, at 227.2 million bushels, set a record for the third successive year, surpassing last year's total by 9.4 million. Stocks of flaxseed, at 5.9 million bushels, were well below last year's level of 7.6 million and the 1949 record of 14.3 million.

Farm Stocks Total farm-held stocks of the five major grains at March 31, 1954, were estimated at 816.2 million bushels, compared with 754.7 million in 1953 and the record 843.1 million in 1943. New records were established for March-end farm stocks of wheat, barley and rye. Farm stocks of wheat, estimated at 382.7 million bushels, were 53.7 million above the previous record of 329.0 million set only last year. Barley stocks on farms, placed at 169.8 million bushels, set a record for the third consecutive year while farm-held stocks of rye, at 19.5 million, were well above the previous record of 14.9 million set in 1943. Farm stocks of oats were estimated at 241.4 million as against 266.7 million in 1953 and the 1943 record of 362.1 million. Flaxseed stocks on farms were estimated at 3.0 million bushels, compared with last year's record of 4.1 million.

With the exception of oats, at least 96 per cent of this year's March 31 farm-held grain stocks were in the Prairie Provinces. Provincial distribution of farm stocks, in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 21.0, 255.0, 98.0; oats, 30.0, 90.0, 75.0; barley, 33.0, 61.0, 70.0; rye, 1.4, 10.8, 7.0 and flaxseed, 0.9, 1.6, 0.4.

*Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at March 31, 1954

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and the United States as of March 31, 1954 have been compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. Stocks of grain on farms are estimated from reports of the Bureau's crop correspondents while those in mill bins are estimated from monthly returns made by mill operators to the Bureau. Stocks in all other positions are those reported by the Board of Grain Commissioners as visible stocks at the close of business on March 31, 1954. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at March 31 by the inclusion of stocks on farms and in mill bins.

| Position | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed |
|---|---------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | |
| In Canada | | | | | |
| On farms | 382,660 | 241,350 | 169,750 | 19,500 | 2,970 |
| Country elevators | 197,235 | 20,858 | 33,161 | 3,374 | 348 |
| Interior private and mill elevators | 6,928 | 589 | 2,081 | 20 | 22 |
| Interior terminal elevators | 15,000 | 19 | 626 | 1/ | 1/ |
| Vancouver-New Westminster elevators | 10,880 | 359 | 1,532 | 10 | 135 |
| Victoria elevator | 239 | 1/ | 1 | - | - |
| Prince Rupert elevator | 53 | 5 | 574 | - | - |
| Churchill elevator | 2,516 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Fort William-Port Arthur elevators | 54,557 | 11,155 | 12,364 | 1,758 | 1,910 |
| Storage afloat | 8,261 | - | - | - | - |
| In transit - rail | 8,222 | 5,100 | 3,432 | 213 | 219 |
| Eastern elevators | 50,904 | 1,347 | 3,120 | 1,065 | 320 |
| Eastern mills (mill bins only) | 2,796 | 236 | 144 | 4 | - |
| Western mills (mill bins only) | 313 | 95 | 38 | 7 | - |
| Totals in Canada 2/ | 740,563 | 281,114 | 226,824 | 25,952 | 5,924 |
| In United States | 609 | - | 355 | - | - |
| Totals, Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1954 2/ | 741,172 | 281,114 | 227,179 | 25,952 | 5,924 |
| Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1953 3/ | | | | | |
| In Canada | 604,297 | 309,251 | 217,403 | 22,815 | 7,604 |
| In United States | 2,038 | 697 | 394 | 902 | - |
| Totals in Canada and United States | 606,335 | 309,948 | 217,797 | 23,717 | 7,604 |
| 1944-1953 average | 365,339 | 215,300 | 109,239 | 10,056 | 7,011 |

1/ Less than 500 bushels. 2/ Subject to revision. 3/ Revised.