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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1958

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions as at March 31, 1958 are estimated at 1,372.8 million bushels, compared with the record 1,512.2 million at the same date in 1957, 1,258.7 million in 1956 and the ten-year (1948-57) average of 948.3 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year (1948-57) averages respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 815.7 (904.4, 528.8); oats, 310.5 (357.2, 237.9); barley, 217.1 (216.0, 156.0); rye, 16.4 (17.5, 17.1); and flaxseed, 13.0 (17.1, 8.4). Data for these estimates were obtained from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada relative to grain in commercial positions at the close of business on April 2.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1958 are estimated at 815.7 million bushels compared with the record 904.4 million on the same date in 1957. An estimated 451.1 million bushels representing 55 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 364.6 million bushels in off-farm positions, 223.4 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 16.4 million bushels were only slightly below last year's 17.5 million and the ten-year average of 17.1 million but were considerably below the previous high of 26.0 million bushels in 1954. Some 63 per cent of the rye stocks was located on farms.

Oats, Barley and Flaxseed March-end stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 310.5 million bushels, were below last year's 357.2 million and the 1943 record of 393.5 million, but well above the ten-year average of 237.9 million bushels. Barley stocks at 217.1 million bushels were slightly above the 1957 level of 216.0 million but below the 1954 record stocks of 227.2 million bushels. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1948-57 period were 156.0 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed, at 13.0 million bushels, were well below last year's record 17.1 million but were considerably above the ten-year average of 8.4 million. The proportions of oats, barley and flaxseed stocks held on farms as at March 31 are estimated at 84, 71, and 47 per cent, respectively.

Farm Stocks Total farm-held stocks (includes marketable grain plus quantities held for feed, seed and reserves) of the five major grains at March 31, 1958 are estimated at 883.4 million bushels compared with the record 1,018.3 million in 1957 and 824.3 million in 1956. Average farm stocks for the 1948-57 period were 613.6 million bushels. This year's March 31 farm stocks of grains in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 451.1 (533.0, 283.1); oats, 262.0 (306.0, 206.2); barley, 153.8 (158.0, 111.1); rye, 10.4 (11.3, 9.7); and flaxseed, 6.1 (10.0, 3.5).

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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Farm stocks of each of the five grains at March 31 were larger than the ten-year average but in all cases were below the 1957 level, the decrease being due mainly to the smaller crops harvested last year in the Prairie Provinces. Farm stocks of wheat at 451.1 million bushels were well below the previous record holdings of 533.0 million in 1957. Flaxseed stocks on farms at 6.1 million were also well under last year's record of 10.0 million bushels. While farm stocks of oats declined by 14 per cent, stocks of barley and rye were down only slightly from a year earlier. About 77 per cent of all farm-held stocks of oats and 95 per cent or more of farm stocks of each of the other four grains were located in the Prairie Provinces. Distribution of farm stocks at March 31, in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, are estimated as follows: wheat, 33.0, 310.0, 99.0; oats, 51.0, 80.0, 70.0; barley, 24.0, 61.0, 63.0; rye, 1.0, 6.0, 2.8; and flaxseed, 0.9, 3.2, 2.0.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at March 31, 1958

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and the United States as of March 31, 1958 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 April 2, 1958. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at April 2 by the inclusion of stocks on farms and millable stocks in mill bins.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- thousand bushels -					
In Canada					
On farms	451,060	262,000	153,850	10,370	6,115
Country elevators	223,446	32,810	32,587	1,548	1,514
Interior private and mill elevators	8,091	623	2,159	29	45
Interior terminal elevators	11,781	90	1,135	13	17
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	10,254	324	1,511	454	1,182
Victoria elevator	272	1/	2	-	44
Prince Rupert elevator	-	-	676	-	-
Churchill elevator	4,620	183	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators.	48,634	10,628	17,818	2,893	2,884
Storage afloat	5,821	40	478	-	555
In transit - rail	14,900	1,556	3,777	659	250
Eastern elevators	34,043	2,151	2,539	452	366
Eastern mills (mill bins only) 2/..	2,668	80	13	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) 2/..	116	18	1	2	-
Totals in Canada 3/	815,706	310,501	216,546	16,419	12,973
In United States	-	-	587	18	-
Totals, Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, March 31/58 3/.	815,706	310,501	217,133	16,437	12,973
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1957 4/</u>					
In Canada	904,276	356,682	215,980	17,490	17,104
In United States	99	555	-	-	-
Totals in Canada & United States .	904,375	357,237	215,980	17,490	17,104
1948-1957 average	528,849	237,935	155,990	17,119	8,380

1/ Less than 500 bushels. 2/ Small quantities of grain going into ground feeds have been excluded. 3/ Subject to revision. 4/ Revised.