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Crop Reporting Series - No. 3STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1963

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains included in this report in all North American positions at March 31, 1963 are estimated at 1,106.9 million bushels, compared with 863.8 million at the same date in 1962, the record of 1,512.2 million set in 1957 and the ten year (1953-62) average of 1,212.3 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year (1953-62) averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 669.4 (580.7, 731.5); oats, 280.9 (159.8, 256.4); barley, 140.3 (107.3, 195.7); rye, 6.6 (6.7, 17.5); and flaxseed, 9.7 (9.4, 11.2). 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 3, 1963.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1963 are estimated at 669.4 million bushels compared with 580.7 million on the same date in 1962 and the record of 904.4 million in 1957. An estimated 280.8 million bushels representing 42 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 388.6 million bushels in off-farm positions, 210.8 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 6.6 million bushels were only slightly less than last year's 6.7 million but well below the ten-year average of 17.5 million. Some 48 per cent of the rye stocks this year was located on farms.

Oats, Barley and Flaxseed March-end stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 280.9 million bushels, were considerably above last year's 159.8 million and slightly above the ten-year average of 256.4 million bushels. Barley stocks at 140.3 million bushels were also well above the 1962 level of 107.3 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1953-62 period were 195.7 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed, at 9.7 million bushels were also larger than the 1962 level of 9.4 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1953-62 period were 11.2 million bushels. Farm-held stocks accounted for 85, 68 and 44 per cent of total stocks of oats, barley and flaxseed, respectively.

Farm Stocks Total farm-held stocks (includes marketable grain and quantities held for feed, seed and reserves) of the five major grains at March 31, 1963 are estimated at 624.2 million bushels compared with 453.3 million in 1962 and the record of 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957. Average farm stocks for the 1953-62 period were 753.6 million bushels. This year's March 31 farm stocks of grains in

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 280.8 (235.9, 375.6); oats, 240.0 (139.0, 221.9); barley, 95.9 (69.2, 139.1); rye, 3.2 (4.2, 11.0); and flaxseed, 4.3 (5.0, 6.0).

About 71 per cent of all farm-held stocks of oats and 94 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, 37.0, 190.0, 48.0; oats, 42.0, 69.0, 60.0; barley, 12.0, 30.0, 49.0; rye, 0.3, 1.6, 1.1; and flaxseed, 1.4, 2.1, 0.8.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at March 31, 1963

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1963 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 3, 1963. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at April 3 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.....	280,800	240,000	95,900	3,200	4,325
Country elevators	210,807	17,299	23,554	1,545	1,676
Interior private and mill elevators	8,061	521	2,443	36	47
Interior terminal elevators	5,352	263	1,091	-	-
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	10,984	1,218	659	234	572
Victoria elevator	687	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert elevator	607	-	5	-	-
Churchill elevator	4,857	-	-	-	1/
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators.	58,626	16,665	11,583	884	2,786
In transit - rail	20,651	2,573	1,867	430	57
Eastern elevators	51,637	1,777	2,071	242	22
Storage afloat	13,669	68	1,119	-	206
Eastern mills (mill bins only) 2/..	2,429	478	2	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) 2/..	249	6	1	8	-
Totals in Canada 3/.....	669,416	280,869	140,294	6,580	9,691
In United States	-	-	-	16	-
Totals, Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, March 31, 1963 3/	669,416	280,869	140,294	6,596	9,691
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1962 4/</u>					
In Canada	580,707	159,766	106,919	6,664	9,404
In United States	-	-	339	-	-
Totals in Canada & United States .	580,707	159,766	107,258	6,664	9,404
1953-62 average	731,494	256,405	195,710	17,526	11,180

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

2/ Small quantities of grain going into ground feeds have been excluded.

3/ Subject to revision.

4/ Revised.