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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1964

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains included in this report in all North American positions at March 31, 1964 are estimated at 1,311.8 million bushels, compared with 1,106.3 million at the same date in 1963, the record of 1,512.2 million set in 1957 and the ten-year (1954-63) average of 1,213.1 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year (1954-63) averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 784.3 (669.0, 745.4); oats, 302.8 (280.8, 252.7); barley, 200.0 (140.3, 188.0); rye, 11.3 (6.6, 15.8); and flaxseed, 13.5 (9.7, 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 1, 1964.

WHEAT and RYE Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1964 are estimated at 784.3 million bushels compared with 669.0 million on the same date in 1963 and the record of 904.4 million in 1957. An estimated 431.6 million bushels representing 55 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 352.7 million bushels in off-farm positions, 201.8 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 11.3 million bushels were 71 per cent more than last year's 6.6 million but 28 per cent below the ten-year average of 15.8 million. Some 58 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 302.8 million bushels, were above last year's 280.8 million and well above the ten-year average of 252.7 million bushels. Barley stocks at 200.0 million bushels were also considerably above the 1963 level of 140.3 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1954-63 period were 188.0 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed, at 13.5 million bushels were larger than the 1963 level of 9.7 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1954-63 period were 11.2 million bushels. Farm-held stocks accounted for 85, 69 and 47 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, 1964 are estimated at 839.6 million bushels compared with 624.2 million in 1963 and the record of 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957. Average farm stocks for the 1954-63 period were 754.2 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, 431.6 (280.8, 385.4); oats, 257.0 (240.0, 218.4); barley, 138.0 (95.9, 134.2); rye, 6.5 (3.2, 10.3); and flaxseed, 6.4 (4.3, 5.9).

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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About 78 per cent of all farm-held stocks of oats and 96 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, 28.0, 320.0, 78.0; oats, 35.0, 89.0, 76.0; barley, 10.0, 55.0, 68.0; rye, 1.3, 3.2, 1.8; and flaxseed, 2.2, 3.1, 1.1.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1964

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1964, 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 1, 1964. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at April 1 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.....	431,600	257,000	138,000	6,500	6,450
Country elevators	201,761	29,574	35,161	1,424	3,647
Interior private and mill elevators	7,866	535	2,236	29	76
Interior terminal elevators	5,634	168	638	-	54
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	8,765	989	3,016	191	604
Victoria elevator	700	-	-	-	1/
Prince Rupert elevator	713	2	4	-	-
Churchill elevator	4,759	-	-	-	1/
Ft. William-Pt. Arthur elevators ..	66,668	9,624	13,023	1,839	2,038
In transit - rail	21,812	884	2,963	442	353
Eastern elevators	21,262	3,292	4,442	413	209
Storage afloat	10,034	206	492	-	121
Eastern mills (mill bins only) 2/ .	2,380	497	-	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) 2/ .	328	7	1	2	-
Totals in Canada 3/	784,279	302,779	199,975	10,840	13,550
In United States	-	-	-	419	-
Totals, Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, March 31, 1964 3/	784,279	302,779	199,975	11,260	13,550
Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1963 4/					
In Canada	668,982	280,757	140,293	6,573	9,691
In United States	-	-	-	16	-
Totals in Canada & United States .	668,982	280,757	140,293	6,589	9,691
1954-63 average	745,359	252,686	187,960	15,814	11,249

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

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

3/ Subject to revision.

4/ Revised.