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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1965

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains included in this report in all North American positions at March 31, 1965 are estimated at 1,156.0 million bushels, compared with 1,312.1 million at the same date in 1964, the record of 1,512.2 million set in 1957 and the ten-year (1955-64) average of 1,212.6 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year (1955-64) averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 717.2 (784.5, 746.1); oats, 241.4 (302.7, 254.8); barley, 171.5 (200.0, 185.2); rye, 11.8 (11.3, 14.3); and flaxseed, 14.0 (13.6, 12.0). 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 March 31, 1965.

WHEAT AND RYE Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1965 are estimated at 717.2 million bushels compared with 784.5 million on the same date in 1964 and the record of 904.4 million in 1957. An estimated 381.0 million bushels representing 53 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 336.2 million bushels in off-farm positions, 182.1 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 11.8 million bushels were 5 per cent more than last year's 11.3 million but 18 per cent below the ten-year average of 14.3 million. Some 56 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 241.4 million bushels, were below last year's 302.7 million and below the ten-year average of 254.8 million bushels. Barley stocks at 171.5 million bushels were also below the 1964 level of 200.0 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1955-64 period were 185.2 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed, at 14.0 million bushels were larger than the 1964 level of 13.6 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1955-64 period were 12.0 million bushels. Farm-held stocks accounted for 81, 70 and 37 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, 1965 are estimated at 709.2 million bushels compared with 839.6 million in 1964 and the record of 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957. Average farm stocks for the 1955-64 period were 752.9 million bushels. This year's March 31 farm stocks of grain in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 381.0 (431.6, 386.7); oats, 196.5 (257.0, 220.0); barley, 119.8 (138.0, 131.0); rye, 6.6 (6.5, 9.0); and flaxseed 5.2 (6.4, 6.3).

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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About 73 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, 39.0, 263.0, 74.0; oats, 35.0, 55.0, 53.0; barley, 9.0, 37.0, 68.0; rye 1.3, 3.4, 1.8; and flaxseed, 1.8, 2.4, 1.0.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1965

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1965 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, 1965. 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 millable stocks in mill bins.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
thousand bushels					
In Canada					
On farms.....	381,000	196,500	119,800	6,600	5,250
Country elevators.....	182,068	31,030	31,394	1,613	2,634
Interior private and mill elevators	7,468	478	2,488	24	70
Interior terminal elevators.....	4,956	121	776	-	1
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	8,517	181	1,937	189	704
Victoria elevator.....	476	(1)	2	-	1
Prince Rupert elevator.....	764	1	4	-	-
Churchill elevator.....	4,700	-	-	-	-
Ft. William-Pt. Arthur elevators...	65,021	7,931	9,374	2,249	4,357
In transit - rail.....	11,015	413	1,037	253	512
Eastern elevators.....	37,092	3,986	3,821	416	512
Storage afloat.....	12,216	334	777	-	-
Eastern mills (mill bins only)(2)..	1,639	462	-	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only)(2)..	262	9	5	4	-
Totals in Canada(3).....	717,193	241,445	171,412	11,348	14,042
In United States.....	-	-	102	432	-
Totals, Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, March 31, 1965(3).	717,193	241,445	171,514	11,779	14,042
Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1964(4)					
In Canada.....	784,528	302,745	199,976	10,840	13,550
In United States.....	-	-	-	419	-
Totals in Canada & United States..	784,528	302,745	199,976	11,260	13,550
1955-64 average.....	746,146	254,842	185,238	14,345	12,011

(1) Less than 500 bushels.

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

(3) Subject to revision.

(4) Revised.