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## STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1966

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains included in this report in all North American positions at March 31, 1966 are estimated at 1,223.5 million bushels, compared with 1,156.4 million at the same date in 1965, the record of 1,512.2 million set in 1957 and the ten-year (1956-65) average of 1,221.5 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's total and the ten-year (1956-65) averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 750.0 (717.7, 752.1); oats, 247.1 (241.4, 258.9); barley, 191.7 (171.5, 184.8); rye, 16.0 (11.8, 13.0); and flaxseed, 18.6 (14.0, 12.8). 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 30, 1966.

WHEAT AND RYE Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1966 are estimated at 750.0 million bushels compared with 717.7 million on the same date in 1965 and the record of 904.4 million in 1957. An estimated 450.4 million bushels representing 60 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 299.6 million bushels in off-farm positions, 181.6 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 16.0 million bushels were 36 per cent more than last year's 11.8 million and 23 per cent above the ten-year average of 13.0 million. Some 52 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 247.1 million bushels, were above last year's 241.4 million but below the ten-year average of 258.9 million bushels. Barley stocks at 191.7 million bushels were also above the 1965 level of 171.5 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1956-65 period were 184.8 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed, at 18.6 million bushels were larger than the 1965 level of 14.0 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1956-65 period were 12.8 million bushels. Farm-held stocks accounted for 89, 65 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, 1966 are estimated at 811.3 million bushels compared with 709.2 million in 1965 and the record 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957. Average farm stocks for the 1956-65 period were 760.8 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, 450.4 (381.0, 392.5); oats, 218.8 (196.5, 222.6); barley, 125.0 (119.8, 131.1); rye, 8.3 (6.6, 8.2); and flaxseed, 8.8 (5.2, 6.5).

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 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, 39.0, 307.0, 99.0; oats, 38.0, 62.0, 60.0; barley, 10.0, 33.0, 74.0; rye, 1.4, 4.0, 2.8; and flaxseed, 2.3, 4.2, 2.2.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1966

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1966 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 30, 1966. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at March 30 by the inclusion of stocks on farms and millable stocks in mill bins.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
	thousand bushels				
<b>In Canada</b>					
On farms .....	450,400	218,800	125,000	8,320	8,775
Country elevators .....	181,650	15,390	38,197	2,130	4,888
Interior private and mill elevators ..	6,772	685	92	22	45
Interior terminal elevators .....	769	55	2,672	-	21
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators ..	7,592	1,060	881	384	1,055
Victoria elevator .....	597	-	-	-	1
Prince Rupert elevator .....	957	1	3	-	-
Churchill elevator .....	824	5	-	-	-
Ft. William-Pt. Arthur elevators .....	57,364	6,168	13,100	4,244	3,007
In transit - rail .....	15,870	850	2,572	276	779
Eastern elevators .....	20,043	3,493	4,334	382	45
Storage afloat .....	4,457	-	4,856	-	-
Eastern mills (mill bins only) (1) ...	2,456	611	-	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) (1) ...	275	8	2	2	-
<b>Totals in Canada(2) .....</b>	<b>750,026</b>	<b>247,126</b>	<b>191,709</b>	<b>15,760</b>	<b>18,616</b>
<b>In United States .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Totals, Canadian Grain in Canada &amp; United States, March 31, 1966(2) ...</b>	<b>750,026</b>	<b>247,126</b>	<b>191,709</b>	<b>16,028</b>	<b>18,616</b>
<b>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1965(3)</b>					
In Canada .....	717,677	241,391	171,409	11,348	14,042
In United States .....	-	-	102	432	-
<b>Totals in Canada &amp; United States .....</b>	<b>717,677</b>	<b>241,391</b>	<b>171,510</b>	<b>11,780</b>	<b>14,042</b>
<b>1956-65 average .....</b>	<b>752,089</b>	<b>258,890</b>	<b>184,816</b>	<b>12,986</b>	<b>12,767</b>

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

(2) Subject to revision.

(3) Revised.