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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1967

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains included in this report in all North American positions at March 31, 1967 are estimated at 1,373.3 million bushels, compared with 1,223.7 million at the same date in 1966, the record of 1,512.2 million set in 1957 and the ten-year (1957-66) average of 1,218.1 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's total and the ten-year (1957-66) averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 847.5 (750.2, 748.1); oats, 236.0 (247.1, 259.8); barley, 255.8 (191.7, 184.3); rye, 14.7 (16.0, 12.1); and flaxseed, 19.3 (18.6, 13.8). 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 29, 1967.

WHEAT AND RYE Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1967 are estimated at 847.5 million bushels compared with 750.2 million on the same date in 1966 and the record of 904.4 million in 1957. An estimated 532.8 million bushels representing 63 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 314.7 million bushels in off-farm positions, 159.2 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 14.7 million bushels were 8 per cent less than last year's 16.0 million but 21 per cent above the ten-year average of 12.1 million. Some 53 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 236.0 million bushels, were lower than last year's 247.1 million but below the ten-year average of 259.8 million bushels. Barley stocks at 255.8 million bushels were also above the 1966 level of 191.7 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1957-66 period were 184.3 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 19.3 million bushels were larger than the 1966 level of 18.6 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1957-66 period were 13.8 million bushels. Farm-held stocks accounted for 84, 70 and 56 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, 1967 are estimated at 928.5 million bushels compared with 811.3 million in 1966 and the record 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957. Average farm stocks for the 1957-66 period were 759.5 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, 532.8 (450.4, 393.3); oats, 199.0 (218.8, 223.1); barley, 178.0 (125.0, 128.9); rye, 7.8 (8.3, 7.3); and flaxseed, 10.9 (8.8, 6.9).

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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About 75 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, 42.0, 377.0, 108.0; oats, 33.0, 60.0, 57.0; barley, 14.0, 63.0, 93.0; rye, 1.6, 3.5, 2.6; and flaxseed, 3.5, 4.6, 2.7.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1967

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1967 have been compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Statistics Division 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 29, 1967. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at March 29 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	532,800	199,000	178,000	7,820	10,860
Country elevators	159,225	26,549	53,355	2,520	3,621
Interior private and mill elevators ..	6,384	365	79	22	46
Interior terminal elevators	11,006	12	2,553	—	4
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators ..	10,306	11	1,322	390	516
Victoria elevator	847	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert elevator	379	1	4	—	—
Churchill elevator	944	4	—	—	—
Ft. William-Pt. Arthur elevators	65,995	6,019	12,874	2,060	3,367
In transit - rail	12,508	538	4,155	368	262
Eastern elevators	31,321	2,460	2,303	648	576
Storage afloat	13,436	197	1,163	—	—
Eastern mills (mill bins only) (1) ...	2,164	752	—	—	—
Western mills (mill bins only) (1) ...	177	9	4	(2)	—
Totals in Canada(3)	847,492	235,917	255,812	13,828	19,252
In United States	—	119	—	881	—
Totals, Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, March 31, 1967(3) ...	847,492	236,036	255,812	14,709	19,252
Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1966(4)					
In Canada	750,216	247,132	191,710	15,759	18,616
In United States	—	—	—	268	—
Totals in Canada & United States	750,216	247,132	191,710	16,027	18,616
1957-66 average	748,069	259,788	184,257	12,122	13,816

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

(2) Less than 500 bushels.

(3) Subject to revision.

(4) Revised.