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## FIELD CROP REPORTING SERIES - NO. 3 STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1969

Total stocks of the five major Canadian grains included in this report in all North American positions at March 31, 1969 are estimated at a record 1,548.3 million bushels, compared with 1,314.3 million at the same date in 1968, the previous record of 1,512.2 million set in 1957 and the ten-year (1959-68) average of 1,198.4 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's total and the ten-year (1959-68) averages, respectively, in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 1,024.3 (908.6, 751.7); oats, 198.6 (160.0, 232.6); barley, 301.0 (223.4, 188.9); rye, 12.5 (10.6, 11.3); and flaxseed, 11.9 (11.5, 13.9). 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 2, 1969.

Wheat and Rye. - Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1969 are estimated at a record 1,024.3 million bushels compared with the previous record of 908.6 million on the same date in 1968. It is estimated that 618.0 million bushels representing 60 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 406.3 million bushels in off-farm positions, 252.4 million were in country elevators. Rye stocks at 12.5 million bushels were 18 per cent more than last year's 10.6 million and 11 per cent above the ten-year average of 11.3 million. Some 80 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 198.6 million bushels, were higher than last year's 160.0 million but below the ten-year average of 232.6 million bushels. Barley stocks at a record 301.0 million bushels were above the 1968 level of 223.4 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1959-68 period were 188.9 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 11.9 million bushels were larger than the 1968 level of 11.5 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1959-68 period were 13.9 million bushels. Farm-held stocks accounted for 86, 80 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, 1969 are estimated at a record 1,043.0 million bushels compared with 765.8 million in 1968 and the previous record of 1,018.3 million bushels in 1957. Average farm stocks for the 1959-68 period were 738.8 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, 618.0 (449.4, 393.1); oats, 170.0 (138.9, 200.1); barley, 239.8 (168.0, 132.3); rye, 10.0 (5.8, 6.5); and flaxseed, 5.2 (3.8, 6.8).

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, 79.0, 392.0, 142.0; oats, 39.0, 38.0, 50.0; barley, 36.0, 75.0, 120.0; rye, 2.0, 5.8, 2.0; and flaxseed, 2.2, 1.6, 1.4.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1969

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1969 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 April 2, 1969. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at April 2 by the inclusion of stocks on farms and millable stocks in mill bins.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
	thousand bushels				
<u>In Canada</u>					
On farms .....	618,000	170,000	239,800	10,000	5,235
Country elevators .....	252,389	12,582	41,195	1,193	3,340
Interior private and mill elevators	4,838	410	66	21	69
Interior terminal elevators .....	6,604	87	2,560	—	21
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	14,053	159	1,043	113	846
Victoria elevator .....	843	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert elevator .....	850	1	1	—	—
Churchill elevator .....	4,694	45	—	—	—
Ft. William-Pt. Arthur elevators ....	50,995	7,945	8,449	607	1,556
In transit — Rail .....	14,215	3,945	4,485	213	868
Eastern elevators .....	45,563	2,583	2,858	263	—
Storage afloat .....	8,374	111	534	—	—
Eastern mills (mill bins only)(1) ...	2,810	691	—	—	—
Western mills (mill bins only)(1) ...	117	3	4	12	—
Totals in Canada(2) .....	<u>1,024,345</u>	<u>198,562</u>	<u>300,995</u>	<u>12,422</u>	<u>11,935</u>
In United States .....	—	—	—	125	—
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1969(2) .....	1,024,345	198,562	300,995	12,547	11,935
<u>Comparative stocks, March 31, 1968<sup>r</sup></u>					
In Canada .....	908,622	160,025	223,430	10,262	11,546
In United States .....	—	—	—	367	—
Totals in Canada and United States	<u>908,622</u>	<u>160,025</u>	<u>223,430</u>	<u>10,629</u>	<u>11,546</u>
1959-68 average .....	751,738	232,603	188,870	11,263	13,888

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

(2) Subject to revision. <sup>r</sup> Revised figures.