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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1972

Total stocks of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in all North American positions at March 31, 1972 are estimated at 1,552.5 million bushels, compared with 1,686.2 million at the same date in 1971, and the ten-year (1962-71) average of 1,357.3 million bushels. This year's March 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages, respectively, in brackets are estimated as follows: wheat, 864.8 (981.3, 849.3); oats, 227.2 (295.3, 242.9); barley, 411.1 (348.6, 235.7); rye, 20.4 (22.0, 12.8); and flaxseed, 29.0 (39.0, 16.6). Data for these estimates were obtained from Statistics Canada's annual March 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Canadian Grain Commission relative to grain in commercial positions at the close of business on March 29, 1972.

Wheat and Rye. - Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1972 are estimated at 864.8 million bushels compared with 981.3 million on the same date in 1971 and the ten-year average of 849.3 million bushels. It is estimated that 584.0 million bushels representing 68 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 280.8 million bushels in off-farm positions, 163.7 million were in primary elevators. Rye stocks at 20.4 million bushels were 7 per cent less than last year's 22.0 million but 59 per cent above the ten-year average of 12.8 million. Some 66 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 227.2 million bushels, were lower than last year's 295.3 million and below the ten-year average of 242.9 million bushels. Barley stocks at 411.1 million bushels were above the 1971 level of 348.6 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1962-71 period were 235.7 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 29.0 million bushels were substantially below the 1971 level of 39.0 million bushels. Average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1962-71 period were 16.6 million bushels. Farm-held stocks this year accounted for 88; 76 and 59 per cent of total stocks of

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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oats, barley and flaxseed, respectively.

Farm stocks. — Total farm-held stocks (includes marketable grain and quantities held for feed, seed and reserves) of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed at March 31, 1972 are estimated at 1,126.0 million bushels compared with last year's 1,199.4 million bushels. Average farm stocks for the 1962-71 period were 883.8 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, 584.0 (629.0, 481.6); oats, 200.0 (267.0, 210.9); barley, 311.5 (260.0, 174.6); rye, 13.4 (16.4, 8.0); and flaxseed, 17.0 (27.0, 8.7).

Rapeseed. — An estimated total of 68.4 million bushels of rapeseed was in all positions at the end of March 1972 of which 50.0 million were held on farms. Comparable data are not available for earlier years.

About 78 per cent of all farm-held stocks of oats, and 93 per cent or more of farm stocks of each of the other grains were located in the Prairie Provinces. Distribution of farm stocks at March 31, in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, is estimated as follows: wheat, 55.0, 430.0, 90.0; oats, 35.0, 75.0, 45.0; barley, 45.0, 150.0, 95.0; rye, 1.3, 7.4, 4.3; flaxseed, 3.2, 10.7, 3.1; and rapeseed 6.5, 28.0, 15.5.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1972

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1972 have been compiled by Statistics Canada and the Economics and Statistics Division, Canadian Grain Commission. 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 Canadian Grain Commission as visible stocks at the close of business on March 29, 1972. 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	Flax-seed	Rape-seed
thousand bushels						
<u>In Canada</u>						
On farms(1)	584,000	200,000	311,500	13,440	17,015	50,000
Primary elevators	163,661	15,425	52,747	3,549	5,995	10,595
Process elevators	4,156	401	1,640	57	110	935
Interior terminals	4,483	4	1,211	3	121	135
Vancouver-New Westminster	4,778	10	2,090	665	480	1,502
Victoria	402	-	8	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	309	-	-	1	-	-
Churchill	1,046	34	171	-	-	-
Thunder Bay	37,095	7,891	13,606	1,787	4,218	3,846
In transit rail	20,468	1,892	4,410	378	975	1,221
Eastern elevators	31,332	1,324	6,096	484	85	184
Storage afloat	9,701	-	17,642	-	-	-
Eastern mills	3,233	212	-	-	-	-
Western "	173	3	1	1	-	-
Totals in Canada(2)	864,837	227,196	411,122	20,365	28,999	68,418
<u>In United States</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1972(2)						
	864,837	227,196	411,122	20,365	28,999	68,418
<u>Comparative stocks, March 31, 1971^r</u>						
In Canada	981,336	295,321	347,510	21,781	38,986	N/A
In United States	-	-	1,084	191	-	-
Totals - Canada and United States	981,336	295,321	348,594	21,972	38,986	N/A
Average stocks, March 31, 1962-71 ..	849,267	242,860	235,702	12,831	16,610	N/A
thousand metric tons						
<u>Metric Equivalent of above stocks</u>						
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1972(2)						
	23,537	3,504	8,951	517	737	1,552
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1971^r</u>						
Totals - Canada and United States	26,708	4,554	7,590	558	990	N/A
Average stocks, March 31, 1962-71 ..	23,114	3,745	5,132	326	422	N/A

(1) Survey results for farm stocks in the Province of Quebec were not available at the time of publication however, an estimate of farm stocks, has been extrapolated from 1971 data and included in the Canada totals. (2) Subject to revision. ^r Revised figures.

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