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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1973

Total stocks of Canadian wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in all North American positions at March 31, 1973 are estimated at 1,307.8 million bushels, compared with 1,552.4 million at the same date in 1972, and the ten-year (1963-72) average of 1,426.1 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, 670.2 (864.9, 877.7); oats, 196.4 (227.1, 249.6); barley, 405.0 (411.1, 266.1); rye, 16.9 (20.4, 14.2); and flaxseed, 19.3 (29.0, 18.6). 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 28, 1973.

Wheat and Rye. — Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1973 are estimated at 670.2 million bushels compared with 864.9 million on the same date in 1972, and the ten-year average of 877.7 million bushels. It is estimated that 411.0 million bushels representing 61 per cent of the total were held on farms. Of the 259.2 million bushels in off-farm positions, 148.2 million were in primary elevators. Rye stocks at 16.9 million bushels were 17 per cent less than last year's 20.4 million but 19 per cent above the ten-year average of 14.2 million. Some 54 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 196.4 million bushels, were lower than both last year's 227.1 million and the ten-year average of 249.6 million bushels. Barley stocks at 405.0 million bushels were below the 1972 level of 411.1 million. Average barley stocks at March 31 for the 1963-72 period were 266.1 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 19.3 million bushels were substantially below the 1972 level of 29.0 million bushels. However, average flaxseed stocks at March 31 for the 1963-72 period were 18.6 million bushels. Farm-held stocks this year accounted for 90, 75 and 39 per cent of total stocks of oats, barley and flaxseed, respectively.

Note: Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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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, 1973 are estimated at 905.6 million bushels compared with last year's 1,126.0 million. Average farm stocks for the 1963-72 period were 951.1 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, 411.0 (584.0, 516.4); oats, 176.0 (200.0, 217.0); barley, 302.0 (311.5, 198.8); rye, 9.1 (13.4, 8.9); and flaxseed, 7.5 (17.0, 9.9).

Rapeseed. — An estimated total of 51.9 million bushels of rapeseed was in all positions at the end of March 1973 of which 22.0 million were held on farms. The comparable figures for March 31, 1972 were total stocks 68.4 million bushels and farm held stocks of 50.0 million.

About 77 per cent of all farm-held stocks of oats, and 92 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, 35.0, 300.0, 65.0; oats, 26.0, 52.0, 58.0; barley, 42.0, 120.0, 120.0; rye, 0.9, 4.5, 3.1; flaxseed, 2.6, 3.9, 1.0; and rapeseed, 3.7, 12.7, 5.6.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1973

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and United States as of March 31, 1973 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 28, 1973. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the weekly visible stocks figures at March 28, 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	411,000	176,000	302,000	9,100	7,515	22,000
Primary elevators	148,232	5,257	55,608	3,886	6,396	14,624
Process elevators	4,143	197	2,133	127	116	774
Interior terminals	3,526	4	3,939	2	677	1,891
Vancouver-New Westminster	4,718	—	1,670	522	557	4,503
Victoria	365	—	4	—	—	—
Prince Rupert	1,416	—	—	1	—	—
Churchill	1,831	—	219	—	—	—
Thunder Bay	42,400	4,868	15,806	2,236	3,462	4,978
In transit rail	20,397	6,855	4,687	835	610	2,689
Eastern elevators	23,144	2,502	10,026	235	2	412
Storage afloat	5,600	—	8,954	—	—	—
Eastern mills	3,389	760	—	—	—	—
Western "	69	—	1	(1)	—	—
Totals in Canada(2)	670,230	196,443	405,047	16,944	19,335	51,871
<u>In United States</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1973(2)</u>						
	670,230	196,443	405,047	16,944	19,335	51,871
<u>Comparative stocks, March 31, 1972[†]</u>						
In Canada	864,855	227,059	411,141	20,364	28,999	68,418
In United States	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals — Canada and United States	864,855	227,059	411,141	20,364	28,999	68,418
Average stocks, March 31, 1963-72	877,682	249,589	266,090	14,201	18,569	N/A
<u>Metric Equivalent of above stocks</u>						
thousand metric tons						
<u>Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1973(2)</u>						
	18,241	3,030	8,819	430	491	1,176
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1972[†]</u>						
Totals — Canada and United States	23,538	3,502	8,952	517	737	1,552
Average stocks, March 31, 1963-72	23,887	3,849	5,794	361	472	N/A

(1) Less than 500 bushels. (2) Subject to revision. [†] Revised figures.

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