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CARRYOVER STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1951

Ottawa, August 17, 1951 (3 p.m.) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today its report on the carryover stocks of Canadian grain in all positions at July 31, 1951. The data are obtained from the Bureau's annual July 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns and from information supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. The statistics of total stocks as presented herewith differ from the July 31 visible supply figure by the inclusion of farm stocks and certain mill stocks.

Wheat and Rye - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions on July 31, 1951 were estimated at 186.4 million bushels, compared with 112.2 million on the same date last year. Approximately 1.7 million bushels of this year's July 31 stocks were held in United States positions in contrast to a year ago when all stocks were held in Canada. With the exception of an estimated 22.3 million bushels on farms, all of the July 31, 1951 stocks were located in commercial positions. While the current carryover is the largest since 1945, it is below the average carryover of 256.5 million for the 1941-1950 period and is less than one-third of the record 594.6 million carried over on July 31, 1943. Rye stocks, at 3.4 million bushels (including 0.7 million in the United States) were little more than half of the July 31, 1950 stocks of 6.4 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed - This year's July 31 stocks of both oats and barley were more than double those of a year ago. Current carryover stocks of oats are placed at 93.2 million bushels as against 44.9 million last year while barley stocks, at 52.8 million, increased from 20.4 million on July 31, 1950. Stocks of flaxseed, on the other hand, dropped sharply from 4.5 million a year ago to 1.2 million on July 31 this year.

Farm Stocks - Total farm stocks of wheat, at 22.3 million bushels, were almost 10 million greater than the estimated 12.4 million on July 31, 1950. Increases were also registered in farm-held stocks of oats, barley and flaxseed over those of last year. This year's farm stocks of these grains, in millions of bushels, with last year's figures in brackets, were as follows: oats 59.5 (33.6), barley 17.9 (11.3), and flaxseed 0.2 (0.1). Farm-held stocks of rye, at 0.8 million bushels, were down from 1.1 million a year ago. Most of the farm-held grain is located in the Prairie Provinces, and the farm-stocks position in this region is summarized in the accompanying table.

Farm Stocks in the Prairie Provinces, July 31, 1951

Province	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
Manitoba	1,000,000	7,000,000	3,000,000	100,000	45,000
Saskatchewan	12,000,000	22,000,000	5,000,000	300,000	140,000
Alberta	7,000,000	14,000,000	9,000,000	400,000	20,000
Prairie Provinces ..	20,000,000	43,000,000	17,000,000	800,000	205,000

Data for Newfoundland not available.

POSITION OF CANADIAN GRAIN STOCKS JULY 31, 1951 ^{1/}

Data for this report are obtained from the Bureau's annual crop-year-end surveys of grain held on farms, from mill returns and from statistics supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. These complete figures on stocks differ from the visible supply figures by the inclusion of estimated farm stocks and certain mill stocks. The quantities in flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of June.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
<u>In Canada</u>	- bushels -				
On farms	22,259,600	59,480,300	17,853,800	850,500	206,100
Country elevators	76,358,023	13,066,141	10,812,706	301,457	75,726
Interior private and mill elevators	4,006,204	757,110	2,413,794	6,172	99,911
Interior terminal elevators	9,975,456	23,182	30,007	30,040	517
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	3,203,614	108,449	477,654	1,720	-
Churchill elevator	2,445,865	381	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	32,072,966	11,032,208	11,141,906	952,736	505,207
In transit - lakes	3,077,664	1,119,289	1,678,995	-	32,055
In transit - rail	14,393,371	4,079,138	3,073,874	72,060	54,202
Eastern elevators	15,044,363	2,990,720	5,040,495	475,406	189,201
Eastern mills	1,676,000	293,000	191,000	-	-
Western mills	267,000	88,000	53,000	3,000	-
Total in Canada, July 31, 1951	184,780,126	93,037,918	52,767,231	2,693,091	1,162,919
Total Canadian Grain in United States, July 31, 1951	1,652,042	164,653	-	673,693	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1951	186,432,168	93,202,571	52,767,231	3,366,784	1,162,919
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1950 ^{2/}</u>					
In Canada	112,199,543	44,904,579	20,188,842	5,307,219	4,467,771
In United States	-	-	166,193	1,123,866	-
Total in Canada and United States	112,199,543	44,904,579	20,355,035	6,431,085	4,467,771

^{1/} Subject to revision. ^{2/} Revised.

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