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CARRYOVER STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1952

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions as at July 31, 1952 were estimated at almost 405 million bushels, compared with last year's level of 342.4 million and the 1941-1950 average of 368.3 million. Stocks of wheat, placed at 213.0 million bushels, accounted for slightly more than half the total volume of this year's July 31 carryover of the five grains. Data for these estimates were obtained from the Bureau's annual July 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. The statistics of total stocks as presented here-with differ from the July 31 visible supply figures by the inclusion of farm stocks and certain mill stocks.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at July 31, 1952 were estimated at 213.0 million bushels as against 189.2 million on the same date last year. With the exception of an estimated 19.3 million bushels on farms, all of this year's July-end 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 only about 36 per cent of the record 594.6 million carried over on July 31, 1943. Rye stocks, at 7.7 million bushels of which 1.3 million were on farms, were more than double the July 31, 1951 stocks of 3.3 million and were almost 50 per cent above the ten-year average of 5.2 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed Current carryover stocks of oats, the largest since 1944, are placed at 104.9 million bushels as against 95.2 million last year and 72.6 million for the 1941-1950 average. Barley stocks are estimated at a record 76.9 million bushels, compared with 53.5 million last year and the ten-year average of 30.6 million. Flaxseed stocks, placed at 2.4 million bushels, are double last year's 1.2 million, but are below the ten-year average of 3.3 million.

Farm Stocks Total farm stocks of wheat, at 19.3 million bushels, were somewhat below the 22.3 million held on farms a year ago. Farm-held stocks of oats at July 31 this year, estimated at 57.8 million bushels, were also down slightly from last year's 59.5 million. Stocks of the remaining grains on farms, however, were all above last year's levels. Estimates for these grains, in millions of bushels, with last year's figures in brackets, are as follows: barley, 21.5 (17.9); rye, 1.3 (0.9); and flaxseed, 0.4 (0.2). 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, 1952

Province	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- bushels -					
Manitoba .....	1,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	100,000	150,000
Saskatchewan .....	10,000,000	22,000,000	7,000,000	500,000	165,000
Alberta .....	7,000,000	19,000,000	12,000,000	700,000	75,000
Prairie Provinces ..	18,000,000	45,000,000	21,000,000	1,300,000	390,000

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

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POSITION OF CANADIAN GRAIN STOCKS JULY 31, 1952 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
	- bushels -				
<u>In Canada</u>					
On farms .....	19,262,000	57,836,000	21,476,000	1,346,000	409,000
Country elevators .....	94,946,931	21,942,720	24,355,320	1,838,888	496,635
Interior private and mill elevators .....	4,651,936	679,773	1,915,907	15,339	22,245
Interior terminal elevators .....	5,454,062	26,361	95,880	63	507
Pacific Coast Terminals .....	6,613,771	769,528	1,934,457	922	-
Churchill elevator .....	2,251,181	381	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators .....	13,699,828	7,133,524	8,441,899	2,922,844	861,129
In transit - lakes .....	4,520,226	2,265,665	2,617,653	-	48,139
In transit - rail .....	19,812,200	7,240,567	6,032,581	347,317	138,184
Eastern elevators .....	37,593,896	3,121,077	9,654,553	626,555	458,712
Eastern mills .....	1,638,000	319,000	159,000	1,000	-
Western mills .....	287,000	65,000	38,000	300	-
Total in Canada, July 31, 1952 .....	210,731,031	101,399,596	76,721,250	7,099,228	2,434,551
Total Canadian Grain in United States, July 31, 1952 .....	2,243,683	3,496,766	217,077	577,308	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1952 .....	212,974,714	104,896,362	76,938,327	7,676,536	2,434,551
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1951 2/</u>					
In Canada .....	187,189,563	94,526,622	53,496,371	2,624,988	1,203,778
In United States .....	2,013,104	650,865	-	673,693	-
Total in Canada and United States .....	189,202,667	95,177,487	53,496,371	3,298,681	1,203,778
1941-1950 average .....	256,517,427	72,652,332	30,610,154	5,193,433	3,294,551

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