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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1953

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions\* as at July 31, 1953 were estimated at 625 million bushels, second only to the record 832 million on hand at July 31, 1943, and about 82 per cent above the 1943—1952 average of 343 million. This year's July 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1943—1952 averages, respectively, in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 362.7 (217.2, 206.8); oats, 136.5 (108.4, 86.0); barley, 106.4 (79.5, 41.7); rye, 16.4 (8.1, 5.5); and flaxseed, 3.0 (2.5, 3.5). 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 of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada relative to grain in commercial positions. The statistics on total stocks as presented in this report, therefore, differ from the weekly 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, 1953 were estimated at 362.7 million bushels, compared with 217.2 million on the same date last year, and were the highest since the record 594.6 million in 1943. An estimated 92 million bushels of this year's total were still on farms while 137.2 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. Rye stocks, estimated at 16.4 million bushels, set a new record for July 31, exceeding by 1.1 million bushels the previous high of 15.3 million set in 1943.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed July-end stocks of oats, estimated at 136.5 million bushels, were well above last year's level of 108.4 million and were second only to the record 149.3 million on hand in 1943. Barley stocks, at 106.4 million bushels, set a record for the second successive year, surpassing last year's total by 26.9 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed, placed at 3.0 million bushels, were 0.6 million above those of 1952 but were less than one-third of the record 10.7 million in store on July 31, 1949.

Farm Stocks Farm-held stocks of all grains at July 31, 1953 exceeded by wide margins the 1952 levels but, with the exception of barley and flaxseed, were well below previous records. Farm stocks of wheat, estimated at 92.0 million bushels, were almost five times the 19.3 million on hand in 1952 but less than half the record 190.2 million in 1943. Stocks of the remaining grains on farms, in millions of bushels, with last year's figures in brackets, were estimated as follows: oats, 90.7 (57.8); barley, 38.2 (21.5); rye, 3.6 (1.3) and flaxseed 0.7 (0.4). Farm stocks of oats and barley were second only to the records of 118.4 million and 41.3 million bushels, respectively, on hand at July 31, 1943 while stocks of rye and flaxseed on farms were the third highest on record.

With the exception of oats, at least 97 per cent of this year's July 31 farm-held grain stocks was located in the Prairie Provinces. Distribution of farm stocks, in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 2.3, 64.0, and 23.0; oats, 8.5, 45.0, and 25.0; barley 4.0, 18.0, and 15.0; rye, 0.05, 2.4, and 1.0; and flaxseed, 0.2, 0.3, and 0.2.

\*Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available

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Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- thousand bushels -					
In Canada					
On farms .....	92,016	90,660	38,235	3,555	721
Country elevators .....	137,164	31,397	42,699	3,214	861
Interior private and mill elevators .....	5,816	789	2,212	29	20
Interior terminal elevators .....	14,630	54	211	-	2/
Pacific Coast terminals .....	7,101	256	522	2	2/
Churchill elevator .....	2,133	4	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators .....	29,146	4,098	10,135	6,523	649
In transit - lakes .....	4,238	1,124	4,504	225	142
In transit - rail .....	19,069	3,892	2,820	617	98
Eastern elevators .....	48,268	3,076	4,670	1,441	528
Eastern mills .....	2,302	285	104	2/	-
Western mills .....	329	96	46	10	-
Totals in Canada .....	362,212	135,731	106,158	15,616	3,019
In United States .....	535	733	266	792	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1953 .....	362,747	136,464	106,424	16,408	3,019
Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1952 <sup>3/</sup>					
In Canada .....	214,934	104,862	79,287	7,517	2,464
In United States .....	2,244	3,497	217	577	-
Total in Canada and United States .....	217,178	108,358	79,504	8,094	2,464
Average stocks, July 31, 1943-1952 .....	206,767	85,989	41,732	5,506	3,497

<sup>1/</sup> Subject to revision.    <sup>2/</sup> Less than 500 bushels.    <sup>3/</sup> Revised.

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