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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1954

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions* at July 31, 1954 were estimated at a record 876.8 million bushels, some 5 per cent above the previous record of 832.3 million on hand at July 31, 1943 and more than two and one-half times as great as the 1944-1953 average of 324.8 million. This year's July 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1944-1953 averages, respectively, in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 587.5 (369.2, 184.2); oats, 123.8 (144.4, 85.5); barley, 144.3 (111.7, 46.0); rye, 18.8 (16.2, 5.6); and flaxseed, 2.5 (3.9, 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 at July 31. Estimates for this year's July 31 stocks are subject to revision pending the availability of more complete disposition data.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions* at July 31, 1954 were estimated at 587.5 million bushels, second only to the record 594.6 million on hand in 1943. An estimated 205.9 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms while 208.6 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 66.5 million and 52.3 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and Fort William-Fort Arthur terminals, respectively. Rye stocks, estimated at 18.8 million bushels, set a new record for the second successive year, exceeding last year's total by 2.6 million bushels.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed July-end stocks of oats, estimated at 123.8 million bushels, were the third highest on record, being surpassed only by last year's 144.4 million and the 1943 record of 149.3 million. Barley stocks, at 144.3 million bushels, set a record for the third consecutive year, exceeding last year's total by 32.6 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed, estimated at 2.5 million bushels, were 1.4 million below those of July 31, 1953 and less than one-fourth of the record 10.7 million in store on July 31, 1949.

Farm Stocks Farm-held stocks of wheat, barley and rye at July 31, 1954, were the highest on record for the end of a crop year while those of oats and flaxseed were exceeded only once before. Farm stocks of wheat, estimated at 205.9 million bushels, were more than two and one-half times the 79.7 million on farms in 1953 and 8 per cent above the previous record of 190.2 million set in 1943. Stocks of oats on farms, at 97.2 million bushels, were somewhat higher than the 90.7 million in 1953 but about 18 per cent below the 1943 record of 118.4 million. Farm stocks of barley and rye, at 96.8 million

*Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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and 12.9 million bushels, respectively, were more than double the 1943 records of 41.3 million and 6.1 million bushels. Farm-held stocks of flaxseed, estimated at 1.0 million bushels, were second only to last year's record of 1.5 million.

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 7.0, 140.0, and 55.0; oats, 10.0, 40.0, and 35.0; barley, 16.0, 40.0, and 39.0; rye, 0.7, 7.5, and 4.5; and flaxseed, 0.2, 0.7, and 0.1.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1954

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and the United States as of July 31, 1954 have been compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. 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 Board of Grain Commissioners as visible stocks at the close of business on July 31, 1954. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from the visible stocks figures at July 31 by the inclusion of stocks on farms and in mill bins.

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
- thousand bushels -					
In Canada					
On farms	205,860	97,250	96,810	12,860	1,030
Country elevators	208,602	17,913	30,450	3,129	342
Interior private and mill elevators ..	6,022	485	2,123	31	22
Interior terminal elevators	15,795	10	191	1/	1/
Pacific Coast terminals	7,065	259	731	-	-
Churchill elevator	2,166	1	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators ..	52,313	1,826	6,789	1,400	646
In transit - lake	5,389	1,159	1,763	59	66
In transit - rail	15,374	2,624	3,242	474	124
Eastern elevators	66,490	2,007	2,036	814	248
Eastern mills (mill bins only)	2,066	176	100	6	-
Western mills (mill bins only)	238	80	43	15	-
Totals in Canada 2/	587,379	123,790	144,278	18,788	2,478
In United States 2/	107	-	-	-	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1954 2/	587,487	123,790	144,278	18,788	2,478
Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1953 3/					
In Canada	368,546	143,526	111,261	15,288	3,939
In United States	640	884	406	902	-
Total in Canada and United States	369,185	144,409	111,667	16,191	3,939
Average stocks, July 31, 1944-1953 ...	184,223	85,496	45,971	5,598	3,529

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