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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1957

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Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in all North American positions ^{1/}at July 31, 1957 were estimated at 1,108.2 million bushels, about 34 per cent above last year's 827.4 million, and some 139 per cent above the ten-year (1947-56) average of 464.0 million. This year's July 31 stocks, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1947-56 averages in brackets were estimated as follows: wheat, 723.0 (579.6, 290.3); oats, 223.0 (119.1, 90.0); barley, 140.9 (110.9, 70.3); rye, 14.0 (15.3, 10.1); flaxseed, 7.3 (2.5, 3.3). Data for farm stock estimates were obtained from the Bureau's annual July 31 survey as modified by available disposition information. Commercial stocks were obtained from mill returns, and from information supplied by the Statistics Branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada relative to grain in visible positions at July 31. Estimates of this year's July 31 stocks are subject to revision pending the availability of more complete disposition data.

Note: The estimate of farm-held wheat stocks for July 31, 1956 has been revised following necessary upward revisions of wheat production and stocks consequent on adoption of the recently released 1956 Census acreage figures as new bench marks. Complete revisions for intercensal estimates of wheat stocks and production of wheat and other grains for the period 1952-56 will be published at a later date.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at July 31, 1957 were estimated at a record 723.0 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 579.6 million and previous highs at July 31, 1954 of 618.7 million ^{2/} and at July 31, 1943 of 594.6 million. An estimated 319.2 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, while 228.8 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 68.3 million and 46.9 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and in the Fort William-Port Arthur terminals, respectively. Rye stocks, estimated at 14.0 million bushels were down 8 per cent from last year's 15.3 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed July 31 stocks of oats, estimated at 223.0 million bushels were 87 per cent greater than last year's 119.1 million and more than double the ten-year average of 90.0 million. Barley stocks, at 140.9 million bushels, were up 27 per cent from the 110.9 million held in 1956 and about double the ten-year average of 70.3 million. Stocks of flaxseed, at 7.3 million bushels were well above both last year's 2.5 million and the ten-year average of 3.3 million.

Farm Stocks This year's stocks on farms at July 31, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the ten-year averages in brackets are estimated as follows: wheat, 319.2 (201.2, 83.0); oats, 172.1 (71.2, 60.2); barley, 81.0 (50.5, 33.1); rye, 10.6 (9.1, 4.3); flaxseed, 1.5 (0.4, 0.5). Farm-held stocks of wheat, oats and flaxseed were at the highest levels on record, but stocks of rye and barley at July 31, 1954 exceeded this year's holdings.

^{1/} Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

^{2/} Revised.

Approximately 96 per cent of this year's farm-held grain stocks was located in the Prairie Provinces. For the individual grains, the percentage held on Prairie farms varied from 90 for oats to 99 for wheat and flaxseed. Distribution of farm stocks, in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 11.0, 229.0, and 75.0; oats, 35.0, 75.0, and 45.0; barley, 9.0, 34.0, and 36.0; rye, 0.7, 7.0, and 2.6; while farm stocks of flaxseed in these three provinces respectively, in thousands of bushels, were 150, 900 and 450.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1957

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and the United States as of July 31, 1957 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 as modified by disposition data 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, 1957. 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 -					
<u>In Canada</u>					
On farms	319,160	172,100	80,980	10,640	1,520
Country elevators	228,802	37,991	35,433	1,379	1,351
Interior private and mill elevators	6,755	710	1,816	18	60
Interior terminal elevators	12,213	28	90	24	4
Pacific Coast terminals	11,924	87	883	-	403
Churchill elevators	4,885	-	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	46,856	4,893	14,244	1,077	2,259
In transit — lake	5,103	702	930	20	381
In transit — rail	16,339	2,099	1,845	455	836
Eastern elevators	68,299	4,027	4,590	404	472
Eastern mills (mill bins only)	2,340	168	75	1	-
Western mills (mill bins only)	212	55	29	3	-
Totals in Canada <u>1/</u>	722,888	222,861	140,914	14,021	7,286
In United States <u>1/</u>	79	105	-	18	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1957 <u>1/</u> ..	722,967	222,966	140,914	14,039	7,286
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1956 <u>2/</u></u>					
In Canada	578,803	118,285	110,948	15,239	2,507
In United States	771	821	-	74	-
Total in Canada and United States .	579,574	119,106	110,948	15,313	2,507
<u>Average stocks, July 31,</u>					
1947-1956 <u>2/</u>	290,303	89,957	70,325	10,067	3,338

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Revised.