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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1958

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in North American positions ^{1/} at July 31, 1958, were estimated at 903.7 million bushels, about 19 per cent below last year's 1,120.3 million, but some 62 per cent above the ten-year (1948-57) average of 557.4 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1948-57 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 614.8 (729.5, 354.6); oats, 155.0 (226.2, 105.6); barley, 118.3 (142.8, 81.7); rye, 10.1 (14.2, 11.4); flaxseed, 5.6 (7.6, 4.0).

Data for farm stocks estimates were obtained from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual July 31 survey as modified by available disposition information. In addition, in the Prairie Provinces, a special stocks survey was conducted in conjunction with the annual June acreage survey, and the results from this survey were taken into account in establishing farm stocks at July 31. It should be emphasized that estimates of stocks of farm-held grain include not only marketable grain but also reserves for feed, seed and other purposes. 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.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at July 31, 1958 were estimated at 614.8 million bushels, compared with last year's record estimate of 729.5 million and the previous high at July 31, 1954 of 618.7 million bushels. An estimated 203.9 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, down sharply from last year's total of 319.2 million, while 240.6 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 63.4 million and 45.1 million bushels, were in store in eastern elevators and in Fort William-Port Arthur terminals, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 10.1 million bushels, were down 29 per cent from last year's 14.2 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 155.0 million bushels, were 31 per cent smaller than last year's 226.2 million but about 47 per cent higher than the ten-year average of 105.6 million. Barley stocks, at 118.3 million bushels, were down 17 per cent from the 142.8 million held in 1957 but 45 per cent above the ten-year average of 81.7 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 5.6 million bushels were well below last year's 7.6 million but above the ten-year average of 4.0 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, 203.9 (319.2, 112.3); oats, 108.0 (172.1, 72.1); barley, 57.5 (81.0, 39.5); rye, 6.0 (10.6, 5.4); flaxseed, 0.9 (1.5, 0.6).

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

Approximately 93 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 81 for oats to 99 for wheat. Distribution of farm stocks in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 6.0, 148.0, 47.0; oats, 23.0, 37.0, 28.0; barley, 6.0, 25.0, 24.0; rye, 0.5, 3.6, 1.1; flaxseed, 0.1, 0.6, 0.2.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1958

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and the United States as of July 31, 1958, 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 and a special June survey in the Prairie Provinces, while those in mill bins are estimated from monthly returns made by mill operators to the Bureau. Stocks in all other positions are those calculated by the Board of Grain Commissioners as visible stocks as at the close of business on July 31, 1958. It should be noted that the statistics on total stocks as presented in this report differ from 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..... | 203,900 | 108,000 | 57,500 | 6,030 | 930 |
| Country elevators <u>1/</u> | 240,616 | 32,754 | 35,409 | 1,798 | 1,044 |
| Interior private and mill elevators. | 7,786 | 675 | 2,310 | 38 | 54 |
| Interior terminal elevators | 10,944 | 38 | 357 | - | 2/ |
| Pacific Coast terminals | 11,814 | 65 | 755 | 70 | 630 |
| Churchill elevators | 3,559 | 183 | - | - | - |
| Fort William-Port Arthur elevators . | 45,137 | 5,311 | 14,888 | 1,326 | 2,105 |
| In transit - lake | 5,354 | 828 | 1,595 | - | 78 |
| In transit - rail | 19,649 | 2,733 | 1,010 | 456 | 315 |
| Eastern elevators | 63,386 | 4,168 | 4,293 | 294 | 419 |
| Eastern mills (mill bins only) | 2,464 | 188 | 12 | - | - |
| Western mills (mill bins only) | 155 | 8 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Totals in Canada <u>3/</u> | 614,764 | 154,951 | 118,130 | 10,015 | 5,575 |
| In United States <u>3/</u> | - | - | 176 | 64 | - |
| Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1958 <u>3/</u> ... | 614,764 | 154,951 | 118,306 | 10,079 | 5,575 |
| <u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1957 <u>4/</u></u> | | | | | |
| In Canada | 729,335 | 226,111 | 142,692 | 14,142 | 7,581 |
| In United States | 211 | 105 | 86 | 18 | - |
| Total in Canada and United States .. | 729,546 | 226,215 | 142,779 | 14,160 | 7,581 |
| Average stocks, July 31, 1948-1957 <u>4/</u> | 354,643 | 105,630 | 81,727 | 11,408 | 4,016 |

1/ Preliminary revised - subject to further revision.

2/ Less than 500 bushels.

3/ Subject to revision.

4/ Revised.