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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1959

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in North American positions ^{1/} at July 31, 1959, were estimated at 806.8 million bushels, 13 per cent below last year's 928.2 million bushels, but 28 per cent above the ten-year (1949-58) average of 632.3 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1949-58 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 546.3 (639.5, 408.0); oats, 119.3 (154.9, 116.3); barley, 127.1 (118.2, 90.4); rye, 7.9 (10.1, 13.0); flaxseed, 6.2 (5.7, 4.6).

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 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, 1959 were estimated at 546.3 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 639.5 million and the previous record high at July 31, 1957 of 729.5 million bushels. An estimated 130.0 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, down sharply from last year's revised total of 231.9 million, while 251.2 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 56.2 million and 46.4 million bushels, were in store in eastern elevators and in Fort William-Port Arthur terminals, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 7.9 million bushels, were down 22 per cent from last year's 10.1 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 119.3 million bushels, were 23 per cent smaller than last year's 154.9 million but only 3 per cent higher than the ten-year average of 116.3 million. Barley stocks, at 127.1 million bushels, were up 8 per cent from the 118.2 million held in 1958 and 41 per cent above the ten-year average of 90.4 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 6.2 million bushels were above last year's 5.7 million and the ten-year average of 4.6 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, 130.0 (231.9, 131.6); oats, 80.0 (108.0, 79.2); barley, 57.0 (57.5, 43.5); rye, 3.4 (6.0, 6.6); flaxseed, 1.5 (0.9, 1.0).

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

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Approximately 87 per cent of this year's farm-held stocks was located in the Prairie Provinces. For the individual grains the percentages held on Prairie farms varied from 66 for oats to 99 for flaxseed. Distribution of farm stocks in million of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 8.0, 90.0, 28.0; oats, 13.0, 22.0, 18.0; barley, 11.0, 25.0, 18.0; rye, 0.3, 2.1, 0.8; flaxseed, 0.2, 1.0, 0.3.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1959

The following data on stocks of Canadian grain in Canada and the United States as of July 31, 1959, 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, 1959. 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	130,000	80,000	57,000	3,440	1,520
Country elevators ^{1/}	251,228	27,241	49,895	1,929	1,611
Interior private & mill elevators	7,262	744	2,083	28	83
Interior terminal elevators	13,347	153	268	-	2/
Pacific Coast terminals	9,906	287	1,940	2/	595
Churchill elevators	4,593	40	-	-	2/
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	46,383	4,795	11,316	845	947
In transit - lake	9,760	1,341	729	975	505
In transit - rail	15,046	2,047	1,051	461	351
Eastern elevators	56,215	2,407	2,845	210	564
Eastern mills (mill bins only) ..	2,234	220	4	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) ..	165	11	2	1	-
Totals in Canada ^{1/}	546,139	119,286	127,132	7,890	6,176
In United States ^{1/}	159	-	-	-	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, July 31, 1959 ^{1/}	546,298	119,286	127,132	7,890	6,176
Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1958 ^{3/}					
In Canada	639,454	154,916	117,990	9,997	5,652
In United States	-	-	176	64	-
Total in Canada & United States	639,454	154,916	118,165	10,062	5,652
Average stocks, July 31, 1949-1958					
	410,817	116,333	90,398	13,007	4,588

^{1/} Preliminary revised - subject to further revision.

^{2/} Less than 500 bushels.

^{3/} Revised.