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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1960

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in North American positions ^{1/} at July 31, 1960, were estimated at 760.3 million bushels, 6 per cent below last year's 810.6 million bushels, but 9 per cent above the ten-year (1950-59) average of 695.1 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1950-59 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 536.2 (549.0, 455.9); oats, 92.5 (119.0, 122.2); barley, 120.1 (128.2, 100.2); rye, 6.8 (7.9, 12.6); flaxseed, 4.7 (6.5, 4.2).

Data for farm stocks estimates were obtained from the annual July 31 Dominion Bureau of Statistics' stocks survey as modified by available information on disposition. 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. For wheat the July 31, 1960 estimate on farm stocks is a residual figure derived from consecutive crop-year supply-disposition balance sheets. Independent sample surveys conducted by the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicates that farm wheat stocks may range higher than the level published herewith. However, upward revision of the farm stocks series at this stage would necessitate changes in acreage, yield, production and farm use statistics back to the last census date. Lacking firm benchmarks on which to base such adjustments, the decision has been made to delay revisions until benchmark data on acreage and stocks become available from the 1961 Census of Agriculture, following which the usual intercensal revisions of production, supply and disposition series will be published. Meanwhile readers are urged to consider the present estimate as preliminary and subject to revision.

Wheat and Rye Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at July 31, 1960 were estimated at 536.2 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 549.0 million bushels. An estimated 81.7 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, down sharply from last year's total of 130.0 million, while 260.6 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 75.3 million and 58.3 million bushels, were in store in eastern elevators and in Fort William-Port Arthur terminals, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 6.8 million bushels, were down 14 per cent from last year's 7.9 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 92.5 million bushels, were 22 per cent smaller than last year's 119.0 million and 24 per cent lower than the ten-year average of 122.2 million. Barley stocks, at 120.1 million bushels, were down 6 per cent from the 128.2 million held in 1959 but 20 per cent above the ten-year average of 100.2 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 4.7 million bushels were below last year's 6.5 million but above the ten-year average of 4.2 million.

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

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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, 81.7 (130.0, 140.7); oats, 72.0 (80.0, 82.4); barley, 63.0 (57.0, 47.4); rye 3.8 (3.4, 6.6); flaxseed, 0.8 (1.5, 1.2).

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 67 for oats to 99 for flaxseed. Distribution of farm stocks in millions of bushels, for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 8.0, 51.0, 21.0; oats, 10.0, 18.0, 20.0; barley, 11.0, 28.0, 22.0; rye, 0.6, 2.0, 1.0; flaxseed, 0.1, 0.4, 0.4.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1960 1/

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
- thousand bushels -					
In Canada					
On Farms	81,700	72,000	63,000	3,800	810
Country elevators <u>2/</u>	260,581	14,977	42,425	1,871	1,054
Interior private & mill elevators .	7,240	670	2,025	17	30
Interior terminal elevators	12,166	156	187	-	<u>3/</u>
Pacific Coast terminals	8,837	154	2,494	40	277
Churchill elevators	4,722	34	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators.	58,295	1,093	6,018	485	1,298
In transit - lake	5,111	603	554	27	527
In transit - rail	19,734	1,201	1,496	220	363
Eastern elevators	75,258	1,453	1,881	134	377
Eastern mills (mill bins only)	2,406	181	23	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only)	169	5	2	2	-
Totals in Canada <u>2/</u>	536,220	92,526	120,103	6,598	4,736
In United States	-	-	-	152	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, July 31, 1960 <u>2/</u> ..	536,220	92,526	120,103	6,750	4,736

Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1959 4/

In Canada	548,842	118,979	128,153	7,920	6,523
In United States	159	-	-	-	-
Total in Canada & United States ...	549,001	118,979	128,153	7,920	6,523
Average stocks, July 31, 1950-1959.	455,876	122,180	100,246	12,607	4,171

1/ See paragraph 2 page 1 for information on sources of estimates and special statement on farm wheat stocks.

2/ Preliminary revised - subject to further revision.

3/ Less than 500 bushels.

4/ Revised.