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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1961

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in North American positions <sup>1/</sup> at July 31, 1961, were estimated at 738.7 million bushels, 3 per cent below last year's 763.5 million bushels, and 2 per cent below the ten-year (1951-60) average of 752.6 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1951-60 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 523.2 (537.6, 498.4); oats, 94.4 (92.8, 127.0); barley, 106.4 (121.5, 110.4); rye, 7.3 (6.8, 12.6); flaxseed, 7.5 (4.9, 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, 1961 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 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, 1961 were estimated at 523.2 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 537.6 million bushels. An estimated 89.4 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, up slightly from last year's total of 81.7 million, while 241.2 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 71.4 million and 56.3 million bushels, were in store in eastern elevators and in Fort William-Port Arthur terminals, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 7.3 million bushels, were up 7 per cent from last year's 6.8 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed: July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 94.4 million bushels, were 2 per cent larger than last year's 92.8 million but 26 per cent lower than the ten-year average of 127.0 million. Barley stocks, at 106.4 million bushels, were down 12 per cent from the 121.5 million held in 1960 and 4 per cent below the ten-year average of 110.4 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 7.5 million bushels were substantially above last year's 4.9 million and above the ten-year average of 4.2 million.

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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, 89.4 (81.7, 147.6); oats, 73.7 (72.0, 86.2); barley, 55.1 (63.0, 52.6); rye, 2.6 (3.8, 6.8); flaxseed, 1.4 (0.8, 1.2).

Approximately 89 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 75 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, 66.0, 13.0; oats, 9.0, 26.0, 20.0; barley, 7.0, 28.0, 18.0; rye, 0.3, 1.5, 0.6; flaxseed, 0.2, 0.8, 0.4.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1961 <sup>1/</sup>

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
- thousand bushels -					
<u>In Canada</u>					
On Farms .....	89,450	73,700	55,100	2,600	1,410
Country elevators <sup>2/</sup> .....	241,198	10,549	28,228	1,773	1,154
Interior private & mill elevators .	7,002	877	2,148	99	71
Interior terminal elevators .....	11,199	49	502	-	<sup>3/</sup>
Pacific Coast terminals .....	10,882	32	1,513	138	988
Churchill elevators .....	4,153	72	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators.	56,281	3,276	9,920	2,103	2,701
In transit - lake .....	6,923	816	1,636	-	252
In transit - rail .....	22,664	1,354	2,589	328	600
Eastern elevators .....	71,418	3,348	4,733	216	301
Eastern mills (mill bins only) ....	1,880	344	2	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) ....	103	5	<sup>3/</sup>	3	-
Totals in Canada <sup>2/</sup> .....	523,153	94,422	106,371	7,260	7,477
In United States .....	-	-	-	-	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1961 <sup>2/</sup> ...	523,153	94,422	106,371	7,260	7,477
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1960 <sup>4/</sup></u>					
In Canada .....	537,588	92,827	121,470	6,582	4,874
In United States .....	-	-	-	172	-
Total in Canada and United States .	537,588	92,827	121,470	6,753	4,874
Average stocks, July 31, 1951-1960.	498,415	126,972	110,358	12,639	4,212

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

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary revised - subject to further revision.

<sup>3/</sup> Less than 500 bushels.

<sup>4/</sup> Revised.