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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1963

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in North American positions ^{1/} at July 31, 1963, were estimated at 740.2 million bushels, 38 per cent above last year's 537.0 million bushels, but 11 per cent below the ten-year (1953-62) average of 828.0 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1953-62 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 490.7 (391.1, 568.7); oats, 151.4 (79.1, 126.6); barley, 89.7 (57.8, 115.1); rye, 4.2 (3.8, 12.5); flaxseed, 4.3 (5.3, 5.1).

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. 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. On the basis of these surveys it was found necessary to increase the 1962 production of wheat in the Province of Saskatchewan by 10 million bushels. A review of survey results for the 1962 season indicate average yields per acre were probably low to this extent. 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, 1963 were estimated at 490.7 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 391.1 million bushels. An estimated 64.7 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, up from last year's total of 59.2 million, while 232.1 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 71.1 million and 57.2 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and Fort William-Port Arthur elevators, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 4.2 million bushels, were up 11 per cent from last year's 3.8 million.

COARSE GRAINS and FLAXSEED: July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 151.4 million bushels, were 91 per cent larger than last year's 79.1 million and 20 per cent higher than the ten-year average of 126.6 million. Barley stocks, at 89.7 million bushels, were up 55 per cent from the 57.8 million held in 1962 but 22 per cent below the ten-year average of 115.1 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 4.3 million bushels were below last year's 5.3 million and below the ten-year average of 5.1 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, 64.7 (59.2, 177.4); oats, 92.4 (56.9, 90.1); barley, 29.0 (26.3, 58.3); rye, 0.6 (1.2, 6.9); flaxseed, 0.8 (1.3, 1.4).

Approximately 85 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 74 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, 6.0, 45.0, 12.0; oats, 13.0, 29.0, 26.0; barley, 3.0, 8.0, 16.0; rye, 0.03, 0.2, 0.3; flaxseed, 0.1, 0.5, 0.2.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1963 ^{1/}

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
- thousand bushels -					
In Canada					
On Farms	64,700	92,400	28,950	550	810
Country elevators ^{2/}	232,099	40,421	41,830	1,635	1,571
Interior private & mill elevators.	7,748	703	1,863	29	27
Interior terminal elevators	5,437	199	294	-	-
Pacific Coast terminals	15,502	108	794	22	420
Churchill elevators	4,158	-	-	-	^{3/}
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	57,223	9,637	11,184	1,167	463
In transit - lake	4,690	873	427	138	-
In transit - rail ^{2/}	25,774	3,903	2,320	223	435
Eastern elevators	71,092	2,907	2,055	406	548
Eastern mills (mill bins only) ...	2,138	242	-	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) ...	93	3	-	9	-
Totals in Canada ^{2/}	490,656	151,396	89,717	4,178	4,275
In United States	-	-	-	-	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, July 31, 1963 ^{2/} ..	490,656	151,396	89,717	4,178	4,275
Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1962 ^{4/}					
In Canada	391,058	79,066	57,824	3,718	5,269
In United States	-	-	-	71	-
Total in Canada and United States.	391,058	79,066	57,824	3,789	5,269
Average stocks, July 31, 1953-62 .	568,667	126,641	115,096	12,507	5,080

^{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.