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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1965

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in North American positions (1) at July 31, 1965, were estimated at 749.2 million bushels, 3 per cent below last year's 770.7 million bushels, and 9 per cent below the ten-year (1955-64) average of 820.8 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1955-64 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 514.9 (459.4, 563.2); oats, 129.9 (179.4, 132.6); barley, 89.0 (118.3, 110.1); rye, 8.3 (7.1, 9.7); flaxseed, 7.1 (6.6, 5.4).

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. 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, both commercial and farm, 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, 1965 were estimated at 514.9 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 459.4 million bushels. An estimated 109.1 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, down from last year's total of 120.6 million, while 240.6 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 62.1 million and 49.7 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and in Fort William - Port Arthur elevators, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 8.3 million bushels, were up 17 per cent from last year's 7.1 million.

COARSE GRAINS AND FLAXSEED: July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 129.9 million bushels, were 28 per cent smaller than last year's 179.4 million and 2 per cent lower than the ten-year average of 132.6 million. Barley stocks at 89.0 million bushels, were down 25 per cent from the 118.3 million held in 1964 and 19 per cent below the ten-year average of 110.1 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 7.1 million bushels were above last year's 6.6 million and well above the ten-year average of 5.4 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, 109.1 (120.6, 163.4); oats, 90.7 (128.8, 93.4); barley, 35.8 (60.0, 53.7); rye, 1.7 (1.6, 5.1); flaxseed, 1.0 (1.3, 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 100 for rye and flaxseed. Distribution of farm stocks in millions of bushels for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 7.0, 79.0, 21.0; oats, 16.0, 29.0, 23.0; barley, 2.0, 12.0, 20.0; rye, 0.2, 0.7, 0.8; flaxseed, 0.1, 0.75, 0.15.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1965(1)

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
- thousand bushels -					
In Canada					
On Farms	109,100	90,700	35,800	1,700	1,000
Country elevators(2)	240,584	23,878	35,399	2,538	2,228
Interior private & mill elevators	7,387	547	1,847	33	57
Interior terminal elevators	4,971	98	472	26	5
Pacific Coast terminals	6,958	307	901	192	548
Churchill elevators	4,393	-	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	49,664	7,182	9,225	2,165	1,894
In transit - lake	6,776	1,550	1,143	64	457
In transit - rail(2)	20,878	2,766	1,809	540	593
Eastern elevators	62,100	2,759	2,429	647	330
Eastern mills (mill bins only) ...	1,783	112	-	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) ...	299	4	2	4	-
Totals in Canada(2)	514,892	129,903	89,027	7,908	7,112
In United States	-	-	-	374	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, July 31, 1965(2) ..	514,892	129,903	89,027	8,282	7,112
Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1964(3)					
In Canada	459,440	179,408	118,270	6,624	6,551
In United States	-	-	-	428	-
Total in Canada and United States	459,440	179,408	118,270	7,052	6,551
Average stocks, July 31, 1955-64	563,150	132,592	110,090	9,651	5,355

(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) Revised.