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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1966

Total carryover stocks of the five major Canadian grains in North American positions (1) at July 31, 1966, were estimated at 671.7 million bushels, 10 per cent below last year's 747.4 million bushels, and 18 per cent below the ten-year (1956-65) average of 822.1 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1956-65 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 422.9 (513.0, 560.8); oats, 129.0 (130.1, 137.2); barley, 98.1 (88.8, 109.8); rye, 10.8 (8.3, 8.5); flaxseed, 11.0 (7.1, 5.8).

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, the results of a special stocks survey conducted in conjunction with the annual June acreage survey, were taken into account. 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, 1966 were estimated at 422.9 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 513.0 million bushels. An estimated 100.0 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, down from last year's total of 109.1 million, while 183.1 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 38.5 million and 36.6 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and in Fort William-Port Arthur elevators, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 10.8 million bushels, were up 30 per cent above last year's 8.3 million. WHEAT CROP REVISIONS: Marketing and other disposition data to date indicate that the yield per acre of the 1965 prairie wheat crop was over-estimated. Preliminary revisions are as follows, in bushels per acre: Manitoba, 24.4; Saskatchewan, 21.6; Alberta, 25.3. The revised production estimates are as follows, in millions of bushels: Manitoba, 79.0; Saskatchewan, 400.0; Alberta, 153.0.

COARSE GRAINS AND FLAXSEED: July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 129.0 million bushels, were one per cent smaller than last year's 130.1 million and 6 per cent lower than the ten-year average of 137.2 million. Barley stocks at 98.1 million bushels, were up 10 per cent from the 88.8 million held in 1965 but 11 per cent below the ten-year average of 109.8 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 11.0 million bushels were above last year's 7.1 million and above the ten-year average of 5.8 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, 100.0 (109.1, 160.5); oats, 91.0 (90.7, 97.2); barley, 33.0 (35.8, 53.0); rye, 2.4 (1.7, 4.1); flaxseed, 1.9 (1.0, 1.2).

Approximately 88 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 100 for rye and flaxseed. Distribution of farm stocks in millions of bushels for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 5.0, 70.0, 23.0; oats, 12.0, 30.0, 25.0; barley, 2.0, 9.0, 20.0; rye, 0.4, 1.0, 1.0; flaxseed, 0.3, 1.2, 0.4.

STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1966(1)

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
- thousand bushels -					
In Canada					
On Farms	100,000	91,000	33,000	2,400	1,900
Country elevators(2)	183,140	21,238	44,612	3,295	3,498
Interior private & mill elevators	6,734	763	56	27	28
Interior terminal elevators	2,227	10	1,481	-	-
Pacific Coast terminals	11,249	16	1,552	249	963
Churchill elevators	4,131	5	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	36,627	8,245	11,383	3,058	2,920
In transit - lake	8,953	537	581	64	304
In transit - rail(2)	28,701	2,754	1,742	603	732
Eastern elevators	38,519	3,999	3,647	734	613
Eastern mills (mill bins only) ...	2,370	392	-	-	-
Western mills (mill bins only) ...	283	7	1	1	-
Totals in Canada(2)	422,934	128,966	98,055	10,431	10,958
In United States	-	-	-	352	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, July 31, 1966(2) ..	422,934	128,966	98,055	10,783	10,958
Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1965(3)					
In Canada	513,024	130,121	88,776	7,928	7,141
In United States	-	-	-	374	-
Total in Canada and United States	513,024	130,121	88,776	8,302	7,141
Average stocks, July 31, 1956-65	560,777	137,207	109,819	8,488	5,811

(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.