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Field Crop Reporting Series No. 15STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1968

Total carryover stocks of the four major Canadian grains and flaxseed in North American positions (1) at July 31, 1968, were estimated at 887.5 million bushels, 6 per cent above last year's 838.4 million bushels, and 14 per cent above the ten-year (1958-67) average of 779.0 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1958-67 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 667.5 (576.8, 529.2); oats, 77.0 (109.8, 127.9); barley, 130.6 (131.8, 107.4); rye, 7.5 (8.3, 7.5); flaxseed, 4.8 (11.8, 7.0).

Data for farm stocks estimates were obtained from the annual July 31 Dominion Bureau of Statistics' stocks survey. This year however, postal problems delayed mail-out of the survey much beyond the normal time and hence results are issued at this later date.

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, 1968, were estimated at 667.5 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 576.8 million bushels. An estimated 236.0 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, up from last year's million bushels of 205.0 million, while 255.5 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 46.7 million and 63.0 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and in Fort William-Port Arthur elevators, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 7.5 million bushels, were down 10 per cent below last year's 8.3 million.

COARSE GRAINS AND FLAXSEED: July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 77.0 million bushels, were 30 per cent smaller than last year's 109.8 million and 40 per cent lower than the ten-year average of 127.9 million. Barley stocks at 130.6 million bushels, were down one per cent from the 131.8 million held in 1967 but 22 per cent above the ten-year average of 107.4 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 4.8 million bushels were well below last year's 11.8 million and below the ten-year average of 7.0 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, 236.0 (205.0, 138.3); oats, 55.0 (81.0, 91.6); barley, 71.3 (67.0, 49.9); rye, 1.9 (2.2, 2.6); flaxseed, 0.6 (1.5, 1.3).

Approximately 95 per cent of this year's farm-held stocks was located in the Prairie Provinces. Distribution of farm stocks in millions of bushels for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, was estimated as follows: wheat, 21.0, 160.0, 52.0; oats, 9.0, 16.0, 17.0; barley, 9.0, 30.0, 29.0; rye, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8; flaxseed, 0.06, 0.44, 0.1.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1968(1)

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed
	thousand bushels				
<u>In Canada</u>					
On Farms	236,000	55,000	71,300	1,900	600
Country elevators(2)	255,456	10,668	41,704	2,300	1,111
Interior private & mill elevators	5,288	356	104	21	13
Interior terminal elevators	13,725	10	2,864	1	—
Pacific Coast terminals	10,223	229	1,548	590	727
Churchill elevators	4,163	39	—	—	—
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	63,026	5,985	8,223	1,782	1,193
In transit - lake	1,964	—	—	—	—
In transit - rail(2)	28,737	1,905	2,504	452	388
Eastern elevators	46,703	2,753	2,357	293	734
Eastern mills (mill bins only) ...	2,127	57	—	—	—
Western mills (mill bins only) ...	134	3	1	10	—
Totals in Canada(2)	667,546	77,005	130,605	7,349	4,766
In United States	—	—	—	198	—
Total Canadian Grain in Canada & United States, July 31, 1968(2) ..	667,546	77,005	130,605	7,547	4,766
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1967^r</u>					
In Canada	576,751	109,791	131,751	7,833	11,831
In United States	—	—	—	462	—
Total in Canada and United States	576,751	109,791	131,751	8,295	11,831
Average stocks, July 31, 1958-67	529,203	127,870	107,396	7,502	7,050

(1) See paragraph 3 page 1 for information on sources of estimates and special statement on farm wheat stocks.

(2) Preliminary revised - subject to further revision.

r Revised figures.