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Field Crop Reporting Series No. 15STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1969

Total carryover stocks of the four major cereals, flaxseed and rapeseed in North American positions(1) at July 31, 1969, were estimated at 1,192.4 million bushels, 33 per cent above last year's 895.5 million bushels, and 54 per cent above the ten-year (1959-68) average of 773.8 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1959-68 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 848.3 (665.5, 531.1); oats, 128.1 (77.0, 119.9); barley, 198.0 (130.9, 108.6); rye, 8.5 (7.5, 7.2); flaxseed, 4.6 (4.7, 7.0); rapeseed 4.9 (9.9, -).

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.

Farm held stocks of rapeseed in the Prairie Provinces are being published for the first time in this report and it is expected that this statistic will be carried as a regular feature. A note of caution may be in order at this time however. All farm held stocks estimates are generated from response to a voluntary general purpose crop reporting panel, so that for crops such as rapeseed which are not as widely grown as the major grains, the resulting estimates may be somewhat less precise.

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, 1969, were estimated at 848.3 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 665.5 million bushels. An estimated 372.2 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, up from last year's total of 236.0 million while 285.7 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 72.3 million and 52.6 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and in Fort William-Port Arthur elevators, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 8.5 million bushels, were up 13 per cent from last year's 7.5 million.

(1) Excluding Newfoundland for which data are not available.

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COARSE GRAINS AND OILSEEDS: July 31 stocks of oats in all positions, estimated at 128.1 million bushels, were 66 per cent larger than last year's 77.0 million and 7 per cent higher than the ten-year average of 119.9 million. Barley stocks at 198.0 million bushels, were up 51 per cent from the 130.9 million held in 1968 and 82 per cent above the ten-year average of 108.6 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 4.6 million bushels were below last year's 4.7 million and well below the ten-year average of 7.0 million. Estimated stocks of rapeseed are 4.9 million bushels compared with last year's 9.9 million.

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, 372.2 (236.0, 137.8); oats, 94.5 (55.0, 86.0); barley, 138.5 (71.3, 51.2); rye, 5.0 (1.9, 2.2); flaxseed, 0.8 (0.6, 1.2); rapeseed, 0.7 (2.4, -).

Approximately 97 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, 40.0, 245.0 85.0; oats, 25.0 26.0, 29.0; barley, 20.0, 48.0, 66.0; rye, 1.0, 3.0, 1.0; flaxseed, 0.2, 0.4, 0.2, and rapeseed, 0.1, 0.4, 0.2.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1969(1)

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed	Rapeseed
thousand bushels						
<u>In Canada</u>						
On Farms	372,200	94,500	138,500	5,000	800	700
Country elevators(2)	285,708	18,163	41,215	1,686	1,212	2,338
Interior private & mill elevators	5,102	337	73	32	29	259
Interior terminal elevators	11,820	10	2,347	1	1	1
Vancouver - New Westminster ele- vators	9,894	146	1,966	268	730	922
Victoria elevator	706	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert elevator	1,336	1	1	-	-	-
Churchill elevator	4,503	45	-	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur elevators	52,580	11,179	6,207	847	1,192	100
In transit - lake	3,263	293	1,175	6	158	-
In transit - rail(2)	26,039	744	4,162	380	435	529
Eastern elevators	72,259	2,241	2,322	263	33	71
Eastern mills	2,678	391	-	-	-	-
Western mills	196	11	5	22	-	-
Totals in Canada(2)	848,284	128,061	197,973	8,505	4,590	4,920
In United States	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1969(2)	848,284	128,061	197,973	8,505	4,590	4,920
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1968^F</u>						
In Canada	665,510	76,951	130,917	7,260	4,678	9,923(3)
In United States	-	-	-	198	-	-
Totals in Canada and United States	665,510	76,951	130,917	7,458	4,678	9,923(3)
Average stocks, July 31, 1959-68	531,112	119,879	108,640	7,250	6,961	-

(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.

(3) Includes Canadian Wheat Board estimate for farm stocks.

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