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Field Crop Reporting Series - No. 15STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1970

Total carryover stocks of the four major cereals and flaxseed and rapeseed in North American positions(1) at July 31, 1970, were estimated at 1,343.9 million bushels, 12 per cent above last year's 1,198.5 million bushels, and 67 per cent above the ten-year (1960-69) average of 806.6 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals and the 1960-69 averages in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 986.9 (851.8, 557.3); oats, 140.6 (128.7, 119.7); barley, 196.9 (199.4, 115.5); rye, 10.1 (8.7, 7.3); flaxseed, 5.8 (4.9, 6.8); rapeseed, 3.6 (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, 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.

Farm held stocks of rapeseed in the Prairie Provinces are being published for the second 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.

WHEAT AND RYE: Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at July 31, 1970, were estimated at 986.9 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 851.8 million bushels. An estimated 542.7 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, up from last year's total of 372.2 million, while 284.4 million of the off-farm stocks were in country elevators. The next largest amounts, 53.1 million and 43.1 million bushels, were in store in Eastern elevators and in Thunder Bay elevators, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 10.1 million bushels, were up 16 per cent from last year's 8.7 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 140.6 million bushels, were 9 per cent larger than last year's 128.7 million and 17 per cent higher than the ten-year average of 119.7 million. Barley stocks at 196.9 million bushels, were down one per cent from the 199.4 million held in 1969, but 70 per cent above the ten-year average of 115.5 million bushels. Stocks of flaxseed at 5.8 million bushels were above last year's 4.9 million but below the ten-year average of 6.8 million. Estimated stocks of rapeseed are 3.6 million bushels compared with last year's 5.1 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, 542.7 (372.2, 158.1); oats, 123.0 (94.5, 86.4); barley, 122.0 (138.5, 59.1); rye, 4.7 (5.0, 2.3); flaxseed, 0.6 (0.8, 1.2); rapeseed, 0.2 (0.7, -).

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, 400.0, 100.0; oats, 30.0, 40.0, 36.0; barley, 9.0, 32.0, 74.0; rye, 0.7, 3.2, 0.8; flaxseed, 0.2, 0.3, 0.2 and rapeseed, 0.02, 0.08, 0.05.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1970(1)

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed	Rapeseed
thousand bushels						
<u>In Canada</u>						
On Farms.....	542,700	123,000	122,000	4,700	600	150
Country elevators(2).....	284,362	9,421	38,147	2,228	2,751	1,181
Interior private & mill elevators..	4,663	524	85	25	29	134
Interior terminal elevators.....	12,958	8	2,569	2	—	14
Vancouver-New Westminster elevators	11,004	—	2,629	394	456	1,506
Victoria elevator.....	400	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Rupert elevator.....	1,399	1	1	—	—	—
Churchill elevator.....	4,120	35	—	—	—	—
Thunder Bay elevators.....	43,118	2,811	14,535	2,037	992	270
In transit - lake.....	7,471	855	4,668	—	84	—
In transit - rail(2).....	18,698	1,817	7,291	214	437	361
Eastern elevators.....	53,136	1,962	4,856	482	412	2
Eastern mills.....	2,630	186	—	—	—	—
Western mills.....	250	8	5	18	—	—
Totals in Canada(2).....	986,909	140,628	196,886	10,100	5,761	3,618
In United States.....	—	—	—	35	—	—
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1970(2).....	986,909	140,628	196,886	10,135	5,761	3,618
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1969^r</u>						
In Canada.....	851,828	128,657	199,383	8,673	4,909	5,069
In United States.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals in Canada and United States	851,828	128,657	199,383	8,673	4,909	5,069
Average stocks, July 31, 1960-69...	557,291	119,742	115,495	7,266	6,791	—

(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.

r Revised figures.