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### STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1972

Total carryover stocks of the four major cereals, flaxseed and rapeseed in North American positions(1) at July 31, 1972, were estimated at 974.9 million bushels, 8 per cent below last year's revised total of 1,064.2 million bushels. This year's July 31 stocks, in all positions, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals in brackets, were estimated as follows: wheat, 589.3 (744.2); oats, 118.3 (125.4); barley, 194.0 (144.3); rye, 15.5 (12.7); flaxseed, 16.0 (26.6) and rapeseed, 41.8 (11.0).

Data for farm stocks estimates were obtained from the annual July 31 Statistics Canada 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. A note of caution may be in order at this time with reference to crops which are not as widely grown as the major grains. All farm-held stocks estimates are generated from response of a voluntary general purpose crop reporting panel, so that for those crops the resulting estimates may be somewhat less precise. Commercial stocks were obtained from mill returns and from information supplied by the Economics and Statistics Branch of the Canadian Grain Commission 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.

Revisions for the July 31, 1971 estimates are included in this report and any further revisions for the period 1967-70 will be published in detail in due course. These revisions are necessary due to the incorporation of the 1971 Census

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

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acreage benchmarks into the series. In general, revisions of farm stocks from the previously published results will be small but space does not allow a complete review of these data at this time.

WHEAT AND RYE: Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at July 31, 1972 were estimated at 589.3 million bushels, compared with last year's revised estimate of 744.2 million bushels. An estimated 317.5 million bushels of this year's total were held on farms, down sharply from last year's total of 404.8 million, while 132.9 million of the off-farm stocks were in primary elevators. The next largest amounts, 48.3 million and 31.4 million bushels, were in store in eastern transfer elevators and in Thunder Bay elevators, respectively. Rye stocks in all positions, estimated at 15.5 million bushels, were up 22 per cent from last year's 12.7 million.

COARSE GRAINS AND OILSEEDS: July 31 stocks of oats in all positions; estimated at 118.3 million bushels, were 6 per cent smaller than last year's 125.4 million. Barley stocks, at 194.0 million bushels, were up 34 per cent from the 144.3 million held in 1971. Stocks of flaxseed at 16.0 million bushels were 40 per cent below last year's 26.6 million. Estimated stocks of rapeseed were 41.8 million bushels in contrast to last year's 11.0 million.

FARM STOCKS: This year's stocks on farms at July 31, in millions of bushels, with last year's totals in brackets, are estimated as follows: wheat, 317.5 (404.8); oats, 96.0 (91.2); barley, 106.0 (61.6); rye, 5.5 (5.2); flaxseed, 6.0 (10.5); and rapeseed, 16.3 (0.2).

Approximately 94 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, 26.0, 250.0, 38.0; oats, 14.0, 40.0, 24.0; barley, 10.0, 56.0, 30.0; rye, 0.5, 3.0, 2.0; flaxseed, 1.0, 4.0, 1.0 and rapeseed, 2.3, 10.5, 3.5.

Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 1972(1)

Position	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flax- seed	Rape- seed
thousand bushels						
<u>In Canada</u>						
On farms .....	317,500	96,000	106,000	5,500	6,000	16,300
Primary elevators(2) .....	132,930	14,113	42,477	7,047	5,339	16,210
Process elevators .....	4,374	141	2,646	67	34	1,042
Interior terminals .....	4,082	23	5,330	2	204	48
Vancouver .....	7,022	1	2,960	601	804	2,305
Victoria .....	772	—	5	—	—	—
Prince Rupert .....	324	—	—	1	—	—
Churchill .....	3,458	34	1,025	—	—	—
Thunder Bay .....	31,417	3,642	19,018	1,286	2,992	3,654
In transit — lake .....	10,833	288	2,760	—	—	—
In transit — rail(2) .....	25,450	1,690	3,629	587	468	2,152
Eastern transfer elevators ...	48,293	1,809	8,124	380	170	118
Eastern mills .....	2,587	583	—	—	—	—
Western " .....	214	—	1	17	—	—
Totals in Canada(2) .....	589,256	118,324	193,975	15,488	16,011	41,829
In United States .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1972(2)	589,256	118,324	193,975	15,488	16,011	41,829
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1971<sup>r</sup></u>						
In Canada .....	744,154	125,373	144,269	12,601	26,606	11,029
In United States .....	—	—	—	142	—	—
Totals — Canada and United States .....	744,154	125,373	144,269	12,743	26,606	11,029
thousand metric tons						
<u>Metric Equivalent of above stocks</u>						
Totals, Canadian grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1972(2)	16,037	1,825	4,223	393	407	949
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1971<sup>r</sup></u>						
Totals — Canada and United States .....	20,253	1,934	3,141	324	676	250

(1) See paragraph 2 page 1 for information on sources of estimates.

(2) Preliminary revised — subject to further revision.

r Revised figures.



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