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NOVEMBER ESTIMATE OF 1950 FIELD CROPS OF CANADA

Ottawa, November 16, 1950 (3 p.m.) - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today its November estimate of the production of Canada's 1950 grain, forage and root crops. The 1950 production estimates presented in this report are based on yield data supplied by the Bureau's crop correspondents in late October and early November and by officials responsible for agricultural statistics in the various provinces. Acreage data for the most part are obtained from the Bureau's annual June 1 survey of seeded acreages. Also included in this report are estimates on the area and condition of winter wheat and fall rye; the estimated progress of preparation of land for the 1951 crop, and grain marketing data for the first quarter of the current crop year.

Canada's 1950 wheat crop is now placed in round numbers at 462 million bushels, 95 million above the 1949 crop of 367 million bushels. Production of coarse grains is also up markedly from 1949 levels, the 1950 oat crop now being estimated at 420 million, barley at 171 million and mixed grains at 74 million bushels. These represent increases over last year of 102, 51 and 18 million bushels, respectively. The 1950 combined outturn of spring and fall rye is placed at 13.3 million, well above the 1949 level of 10.0 million bushels, while the flaxseed crop, estimated at 4.5 million bushels is almost double last year's 2.3 million. Increases from the 1949 level are also common to the other crops covered in this report, with the exception of dry peas and dry beans for which moderate decreases are indicated.

Harvesting was unseasonably late this year over much of Canada and the September crop estimate (related to conditions at August 31) was necessarily based largely on pre-harvest estimates of yields. August frosts and unfavourable harvesting and threshing weather in September and October in western Canada adversely affected outturns of wheat, barley and flax particularly and the estimates for these crops are significantly lower than the September forecast. Little change however is indicated from the level established by the special October estimate (covering wheat, oats and barley in the Prairie Provinces) which was based on conditions at October 1. In eastern Canada, on the other hand, harvesting conditions were generally favourable and yields of many crops, e.g., potatoes and corn, were higher than anticipated earlier in the season.

Wheat - The 1950 wheat crop at 462 million bushels is 95 million above the 1949 outturn and 68 million above the 10-year (1940-49) average of 394 million bushels. The crop in the Prairie Provinces is placed at 427 million as compared with 337 million in 1949 and 370 million for the 10-year average. The estimated average yield of wheat in the Prairie Provinces this year is 16.5 bushels per seeded acre, with Manitoba averaging 21.0, Saskatchewan 16.0 and Alberta 16.1 bushels per seeded acre. Due, however, to frost damage and unseasonable harvesting weather, an abnormally high proportion of the 1950 crop in each of the three Prairie Provinces is of low quality. The western wheat crop contains a small proportion of winter wheat which is grown chiefly in

Note: Data for Newfoundland not available.

Alberta and is included in these estimates under spring wheat. The 1950 production of wheat in the remaining provinces of Canada is placed at some 35 million bushels, with Ontario's outturn of 31.2 million (30.1 million of which is winter wheat) accounting for the principal part.

Oats - Canada's 1950 oat crop at 420 million bushels is 102 million above the 1949 outturn and about 17 million above the 10-year average. The increase over 1949 is shared by all provinces except British Columbia.

Barley - Barley production at 171 million is about 51 million bushels greater than in 1949 and some 10 million above the 10-year average. Increases over 1949 are indicated in all provinces except British Columbia with most of the gain occurring in the Prairie Provinces.

Rye - The combined production of fall and spring rye in 1950 is placed at 13.3 million bushels as compared with the 1949 outturn of 10.0 million. Higher average yields per acre account for the increase, over-all acreage having changed little from last year.

Flaxseed - The 1950 flaxseed crop is estimated at 4.5 million bushels as compared with 1949 production of 2.3 million. The anticipated 1950 outturn, however, is not large historically and is well below the ten-year average of 9.8 million.

Dry Peas and Beans - Production of dry peas is placed at 829,000 bushels as against last year's 936,000. The dry bean crop at 1,385,000 bushels is also down from 1949 when 1,766,000 bushels were harvested. Acreages seeded to both crops in 1950 were well below 1949 levels.

Soy Beans - Canada's 1950 crop of soy beans, all of which is grown in Ontario, is estimated at a record 3.0 million bushels, nearly half a million greater than the previous record crop harvested in 1949.

Shelled Corn - Production of shelled corn in 1950 is placed at 13.8 million bushels, slightly above the 1949 crop of 13.6 million. With the exception of 390,000 bushels in Manitoba, Ontario accounts for the entire 1950 outturn.

Potatoes - The 1950 potato crop is estimated at 97.4 million bushels as against production in 1949 of 89.2 million, reduced outturns in Prince Edward Island New Brunswick being more than offset by increased production in all other provinces except British Columbia. Estimated average field-run yields in the Maritimes are: Prince Edward Island 255, Nova Scotia 240 and New Brunswick 286 bushels per seeded acre. Results of a special survey of correspondents in these provinces indicate, however, that losses due to late blight will run to about 11 per cent in Prince Edward Island and to some 13 per cent in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. If these losses are realized the above field-run yields would have to be reduced accordingly if it is desired to interpret the estimates in terms of 'marketable' potatoes.

Sugar Beets - A record Canadian crop of some 1.1 million tons of sugar beets is now indicated for 1950. A substantial increase in acreage in each of the four producing provinces largely accounts for the increase over last year's outturn of 858,700 tons.

Forage Crops - Production of hay and clover is estimated at 13.2 million tons, somewhat above the 1949 crop of 12.1 million but well below the 10-year average of 15.2 million tons. The alfalfa crop at 3.2 million tons compares favourably with last year's production of 2.6 million tons and fodder corn at 6.4 million is also higher than in 1949 when 5.5 million tons were harvested. Production of grain hay in 1950 is placed at 1.1 million tons as against 0.9 million last year.

Other Crops - The mixed grain crop at 74 million bushels is up sharply from last year's 56 million. Production of buckwheat at 3.9 million bushels is up 0.3 million from the 1949 level, and the outturn of turnips and mangels for live-stock feed (excluding the Prairie Provinces for which data are not currently available) is now placed at 23.0 million hundredweight, well above last year's total of 19.6 million.

AREA AND CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT AND FALL RYE

The area sown to winter wheat in the autumn of 1950 is estimated at 918,000 acres, a decrease of 125,000 or 12 per cent as compared with the area sown in 1949, viz., 1,043,000 acres. The condition at October 31 was reported at 100 per cent of average as compared with 106 per cent in 1949. These data on winter wheat refer to Ontario only. Winter wheat in western Canada has been included under spring wheat.

Fall rye sowings in Canada in 1950 are estimated 867,000 acres, a decrease of 58,000 acres or 6 per cent as compared with 925,000 acres sown in 1949. By provinces the acreages are as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Ontario 94,000 (98,000); Manitoba 53,000 (70,000); Saskatchewan 571,000 (595,000); Alberta 149,000 (162,000). The condition at October 31 in percentage of average is reported as follows, with last year's condition at the same date within brackets: Canada 99 (82); Ontario 100 (103); Manitoba 90 (91); Saskatchewan 100 (79); Alberta 98 (75).

PREPARATION OF LAND FOR 1951 CROP

Of the land intended for the next year's crop 58 per cent is estimated to have been worked at October 31 as compared with 72 per cent at the same date last year. By provinces the percentages are as follows, with the 1949 figures within brackets: Prince Edward Island 58 (52); Nova Scotia 57 (67); New Brunswick 67 (63); Quebec 72 (73); Ontario 67 (80); Manitoba 51 (90); Saskatchewan 49 (69); Alberta 66 (65); British Columbia 41 (61).

SUMMARY OF COMPARISONS OF PRODUCTION, 1950 AND 1949

All Canada - The November estimate of the production of grain crops in Canada in 1950 is, in bushels, as follows, with the 1949 production in brackets: wheat 461,730,000 (367,406,000); oats 420,328,000 (317,916,000); barley 171,328,000 (120,408,000); rye 13,346,000 (10,011,000); flaxseed 4,540,000 (2,284,000); dry peas 829,000 (936,000); dry beans 1,385,000 (1,766,000); soy beans 3,039,000 (2,605,000); buckwheat 3,859,000 (3,570,000); mixed grains 73,556,000 (55,928,000); shelled corn 13,839,000 (13,650,000).

Root and fodder crop production in Canada in 1950 is now estimated as follows, with the 1949 figures within brackets: Potatoes 97,410,000 bushels (89,197,000 bushels); field roots 22,965,000 cwt. (19,582,000 cwt.); hay and clover 13,164,000 tons (12,122,000 tons); alfalfa 3,239,000 tons (2,602,000 tons); fodder corn 6,396,000 tons (5,476,000 tons); grain hay 1,109,000 tons (914,000 tons); sugar beets 1,091,000 tons (858,700 tons).

Prairie Provinces - The production of grain in the Prairie Provinces is now estimated, in bushels, as follows, with the 1949 figures within brackets: Three provinces - Wheat 427,000,000 (337,000,000); oats 254,000,000 (190,000,000); barley 157,000,000 (109,000,000); rye 11,200,000 (7,550,000); flaxseed 4,300,000 (2,050,000). Manitoba - Wheat 50,000,000 (57,000,000); oats 70,000,000 (53,000,000); barley 55,000,000 (40,000,000); rye 1,300,000 (750,000); flaxseed 2,900,000 (1,100,000). Saskatchewan - Wheat 260,000,000 (183,000,000); oats 112,000,000 (85,000,000); barley 46,000,000 (33,000,000); rye 6,200,000 (4,400,000); flaxseed 1,000,000 (650,000). Alberta - Wheat 117,000,000 (97,000,000); oats 72,000,000 (52,000,000); barley 56,000,000 (36,000,000); rye 3,700,000 (2,400,000); flaxseed 400,000 (300,000).

November Estimate of the Production of Field Crops in Canada
1950 as compared with 1949

C r o p s	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
CANADA						
Winter wheat	805,000	928,000	30.7	32.4	24,714,000	30,067,000
Spring wheat	26,735,700	26,093,200	12.8	16.5	342,692,000	431,663,000
All wheat	27,540,700	27,021,200	13.3	17.1	367,406,000	461,730,000
Oats	11,388,900	11,575,100	27.9	36.3	317,916,000	420,328,000
Barley	6,016,700	6,624,800	20.0	25.9	120,408,000	171,328,000
Fall rye	873,000	830,000	8.2	11.2	7,191,000	9,256,000
Spring rye	308,600	337,900	9.1	12.1	2,820,000	4,090,000
All rye	1,181,600	1,167,900	8.5	11.4	10,011,000	13,346,000
Peas, dry ✓	57,900	48,900	16.2	17.0	936,000	829,000
Beans, dry ✓	93,100	75,500	19.0	18.3	1,766,000	1,385,000
Soy beans ✓	103,800	142,000	25.1	21.4	2,605,000	3,039,000
Buckwheat ✓	169,700	155,400	21.0	24.8	3,570,000	3,859,000
Mixed grains ✓	1,683,200	1,679,200	33.2	43.8	55,928,000	73,556,000
Flaxseed ✓	322,500	547,000	7.1	8.3	2,284,000	4,540,000
Corn, shelled ✓	272,000	305,600	50.2	45.3	13,650,000	13,839,000
Potatoes <u>1/</u> ✓	510,300	505,200	175.0	193.0	89,197,000	97,410,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Field Roots (turnips, mangels, etc.)	105,500	102,800	186.0	223.0	19,582,000	22,965,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	9,502,200	9,254,000	1.28	1.42	12,122,000	13,164,000
Alfalfa	1,488,900	1,546,800	1.75	2.09	2,602,000	3,239,000
Fodder corn	567,400	628,500	9.65	10.18	5,476,000	6,396,000
Grain hay	740,000	814,500	1.24	1.36	914,000	1,109,000
Sugar beets	84,100	102,400	10.21	10.65	858,700	1,091,000
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Spring wheat	6,500	7,200	23.0	26.0	150,000	187,000
Oats	113,000	113,000	39.0	44.0	4,407,000	4,972,000
Barley	10,200	11,800	33.0	36.0	337,000	425,000
Buckwheat	1,000	900	23.0	27.0	23,000	24,000
Mixed grains	69,500	80,200	41.0	46.0	2,850,000	3,689,000
Potatoes	49,400	45,100	275.0	255.0	13,585,000	11,500,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Field roots (turnips, mangels, etc.)	13,300	12,900	270.0	274.0	3,591,000	3,535,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	225,000	226,000	2.00	1.30	450,000	294,000
Fodder corn	1,100	1,200	9.00	9.50	10,000	11,000
NOVA SCOTIA			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Spring wheat	2,000	1,500	22.0	30.0	44,000	45,000
Oats	69,500	68,900	40.0	46.0	2,780,000	3,169,000
Barley	7,800	7,700	30.0	37.0	234,000	285,000
Buckwheat	1,100	700	25.0	24.0	28,000	17,000
Mixed grains	6,300	7,700	38.0	42.0	239,000	323,000
Potatoes	21,200	21,700	228.0	240.0	4,840,000	5,208,000
			cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Field roots (turnips, mangels, etc.)	9,100	9,400	264.0	300.0	2,402,000	2,820,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	391,200	386,000	1.80	1.85	704,000	714,000
Fodder corn	1,000	1,000	10.00	12.00	10,000	12,000

1/ Field run basis.

C r o p s	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Spring wheat	3,600	3,600	22.0	25.0	79,000	90,000
Oats	189,000	184,000	37.0	45.0	6,993,000	8,280,000
Barley	15,000	17,400	29.0	38.0	435,000	661,000
Beans, dry	1,400	1,000	18.0	17.0	25,000	17,000
Buckwheat	14,700	15,300	26.0	31.0	382,000	474,000
Mixed grains	10,100	14,100	37.0	46.0	374,000	649,000
Potatoes	61,400	59,900	307.0 ^{84.2}	286.0 ^{111.6}	18,830,000	17,131,000
Field roots (turnips, mangels, etc.)	8,900	9,000	cwt. 210.0	cwt. 200.0	cwt. 1,869,000	cwt. 1,800,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	628,000	620,000	1.30	1.00	816,000	620,000
Fodder corn	1,400	2,000	10.00	8.00	14,000	16,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>QUEBEC</u>						
Spring wheat	25,600	32,900	18.3	23.0	468,000	757,000
Oats	1,509,000	1,546,000	24.9	33.0	37,574,000	51,018,000
Barley	125,000	142,000	24.0	30.0	3,000,000	4,260,000
Spring rye	13,800	13,700	16.0	20.0	221,000	274,000
Peas, dry	15,500	14,500	14.3	18.0	222,000	261,000
Beans, dry	10,400	9,200	15.0	21.0	156,000	193,000
Buckwheat	78,600	74,900	20.3	24.0	1,596,000	1,798,000
Mixed grains	312,000	354,000	26.0	33.0	8,112,000	11,682,000
Potatoes	160,000	161,000	133.0	165.0	21,333,000	26,565,000
Field roots (turnips, mangels, etc.)	23,700	26,100	cwt. 168.0	cwt. 180.0	cwt. 3,982,000	cwt. 4,698,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	3,921,000	3,727,000	1.20	1.30	4,705,000	4,845,000
Alfalfa	106,000	105,000	1.80	2.00	191,000	210,000
Fodder corn	117,000	144,000	9.47	9.50	1,108,000	1,368,000
Sugar beets	6,200	11,800	11.06	11.44	68,600	135,000
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
<u>ONTARIO</u>						
Winter wheat	805,000	928,000	30.7	32.4	24,714,000	30,067,000
Spring wheat	59,000	55,000	18.0	21.2	1,062,000	1,166,000
All wheat	864,000	983,000	29.8	31.8	25,776,000	31,233,000
Oats	2,086,000	2,128,000	34.5	45.2	71,967,000	96,186,000
Barley	228,000	222,000	30.3	37.5	6,908,000	8,325,000
Fall rye	106,000	91,000	21.0	20.4	2,226,000	1,856,000
Peas, dry	25,400	17,700	15.4	16.0	391,000	283,000
Beans, dry	80,900	64,900	19.5	18.0	1,578,000	1,168,000
Soy beans	103,800	142,000	25.1	21.4	2,605,000	3,039,000
Buckwheat	72,200	58,600	20.9	25.1	1,509,000	1,471,000
Mixed grains	1,211,000	1,144,000	35.3	48.0	42,748,000	54,912,000
Flaxseed	16,500	19,800	11.9	11.4	196,000	226,000
Corn, shelled	250,000	275,600	52.4	48.8	13,100,000	13,449,000
Potatoes	117,000	113,000	160.0	192.0	18,720,000	21,696,000
Field roots (turnips, mangels, etc.)	48,800	43,700	cwt. 152.0	cwt. 224.0	cwt. 7,418,000	cwt. 9,789,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	2,951,000	2,836,000	1.25	1.59	3,689,000	4,509,000
Alfalfa	802,000	794,000	1.78	2.23	1,428,000	1,771,000
Fodder corn	418,000	452,100	10.00	10.70	4,180,000	4,837,000
Sugar beets	30,000	33,700	11.18	10.77	335,400	363,000

C r o p s	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
MANITOBA						
Spring wheat	3,167,000	2,382,000	18.0	21.0	57,000,000	50,000,000
Oats	1,703,000	1,610,000	31.1	43.5	53,000,000	70,000,000
Barley	1,699,000	1,717,000	23.5	32.0	40,000,000	55,000,000
Fall rye	40,000	69,000	16.6	15.9	665,000	1,100,000
Spring rye	6,100	13,400	13.9	14.9	85,000	200,000
All rye	46,100	82,400	16.3	15.8	750,000	1,300,000
Peas, dry	6,000	5,500	20.0	21.0	120,000	116,000
Buckwheat	2,100	5,000	15.0	15.0	32,000	75,000
Mixed grains	16,600	19,700	27.0	35.0	448,000	690,000
Flaxseed	134,000	300,000	8.2	9.7	1,100,000	2,900,000
Corn, shelled	22,000	30,000	25.0	13.0	550,000	390,000
Potatoes	26,000	28,100	113.0 ⁶¹³	142.0 ⁶¹³	2,947,000	3,990,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	227,000	303,000	1.50	1.95	340,000	591,000
Alfalfa	94,000	112,000	2.00	2.50	188,000	280,000
Fodder corn	20,000	19,000	4.80	5.00	96,000	95,000
Sugar beets	15,600	20,700	8.13	7.15	126,800	148,000
SASKATCHEWAN						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Spring wheat	15,737,000	16,203,000	11.6	16.0	183,000,000	260,000,000
Oats	3,381,000	3,381,000	25.1	33.1	85,000,000	112,000,000
Barley	1,800,000	1,954,000	18.3	23.5	33,000,000	46,000,000
Fall rye	557,000	518,000	5.4	8.5	3,000,000	4,400,000
Spring rye	133,000	150,000	10.5	12.0	1,400,000	1,800,000
All rye	690,000	668,000	6.4	9.3	4,400,000	6,200,000
Peas, dry	2,000	1,000	22.0	12.0	44,000	12,000
Mixed grains	6,000	6,200	20.2	20.9	121,000	130,000
Flaxseed	132,000	177,000	4.9	5.6	650,000	1,000,000
Potatoes	32,900	31,900	78.0 ¹¹⁶³	103.0 ⁶¹⁸	2,577,000	3,300,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	283,000	277,000	1.17	1.67	331,000	463,000
Alfalfa	149,000	158,000	1.46	2.05	218,000	324,000
Fodder corn	4,100	4,800	2.25	2.33	9,000	11,000
ALBERTA						
			bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Spring wheat	7,586,000	7,251,000	12.8	16.1	97,000,000	117,000,000
Oats	2,255,000	2,455,000	23.0	29.3	52,000,000	72,000,000
Barley	2,118,000	2,534,000	17.0	22.1	36,000,000	56,000,000
Fall rye	170,000	152,000	7.6	12.5	1,300,000	1,900,000
Spring rye	155,000	160,000	7.1	11.2	1,100,000	1,800,000
All rye	325,000	312,000	7.4	11.8	2,400,000	3,700,000
Peas, dry	5,500	6,500	15.5	15.0	85,000	98,000
Mixed grains	43,700	43,300	15.8	25.0	690,000	1,083,000
Flaxseed	37,500	48,300	8.0	8.3	300,000	400,000
Potatoes	25,400	28,300	97.0 ⁹²²	150.0 ⁹⁰⁶	2,455,000	4,245,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	665,000	664,000	1.00	1.10	665,000	730,000
Alfalfa	243,000	281,000	1.30	1.50	316,000	422,000
Fodder corn	700	1,000	4.40	10.00	3,000	10,000
Grain hay	700,000	770,000	1.20	1.33	840,000	1,024,000
Sugar beets	32,300	36,200	10.15	12.29	327,900	445,000

C r o p s	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
BRITISH COLUMBIA						
Spring wheat	149,000	157,000	26.1	15.4	3,889,000	2,418,000
Oats	83,400	89,200	50.3	30.3	4,195,000	2,703,000
Barley	13,700	18,900	36.1	19.7	494,000	372,000
Spring rye	700	800	20.3	20.0	14,000	16,000
Peas, dry	3,500	3,700	21.0	16.0	74,000	59,000
Beans, dry	400	400	18.6	18.3	7,000	7,000
Mixed grains	8,000	10,000	43.2	39.8	346,000	398,000
Flaxseed	2,500	1,900	15.0	7.6	38,000	14,000
Potatoes	17,000	16,200	230.0 cwt.	233.0 cwt.	3,910,000 cwt.	3,775,000 cwt.
Field roots (turnips, mangels, etc.)	1,700	1,700	188.0	190.0	320,000	323,000
			tons	tons	tons	tons
Hay and clover	211,000	215,000	2.00	1.85	422,000	398,000
Alfalfa	94,900	96,800	2.75	2.40	261,000	232,000
Fodder corn	4,100	3,400	11.20	10.50	46,000	36,000
Grain hay	40,000	44,500	1.85	1.90	74,000	85,000

**AREA AND PRODUCTION OF WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, RYE AND FLAXSEED
IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES, 1950 AS COMPARED WITH 1949**

	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
	ac.	ac.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
PRAIRIE PROVINCES						
Wheat	26,490,000	25,836,000	12.7	16.5	337,000,000	427,000,000
Oats	7,339,000	7,446,000	25.9	34.1	190,000,000	254,000,000
Barley	5,617,000	6,205,000	19.4	25.3	109,000,000	157,000,000
Rye	1,061,100	1,062,400	7.1	10.5	7,550,000	11,200,000
Flaxseed	303,500	525,300	6.8	8.2	2,050,000	4,300,000
MANITOBA						
Wheat	3,167,000	2,382,000	18.0	21.0	57,000,000	50,000,000
Oats	1,703,000	1,610,000	31.1	43.5	53,000,000	70,000,000
Barley	1,699,000	1,717,000	23.5	32.0	40,000,000	55,000,000
Rye	46,100	82,400	16.3	15.8	750,000	1,300,000
Flaxseed	134,000	300,000	8.2	9.7	1,100,000	2,900,000
SASKATCHEWAN						
Wheat	15,737,000	16,203,000	11.6	16.0	183,000,000	260,000,000
Oats	3,381,000	3,381,000	25.1	33.1	85,000,000	112,000,000
Barley	1,800,000	1,954,000	18.3	23.5	33,000,000	46,000,000
Rye	690,000	668,000	6.4	9.3	4,400,000	6,200,000
Flaxseed	132,000	177,000	4.9	5.6	650,000	1,000,000
ALBERTA						
Wheat	7,586,000	7,251,000	12.8	16.1	97,000,000	117,000,000
Oats	2,255,000	2,455,000	23.0	29.3	52,000,000	72,000,000
Barley	2,118,000	2,534,000	17.0	22.1	36,000,000	56,000,000
Rye	325,000	312,000	7.4	11.9	2,400,000	3,700,000
Flaxseed	37,500	48,300	8.0	8.3	300,000	400,000

Deliveries from Farms in Prairie Provinces
August 1 to October 31 (approx.) 1/



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	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949 2/	1950 2/
- million bushels -						
Wheat	130.5	173.1	157.8	194.8	194.0	165.1
Oats	36.0	37.4	35.1	35.6	43.1	30.2
Barley	42.6	32.5	38.2	34.9	36.7	37.9
Rye	2.2	3.7	8.3	10.4	5.3	5.3
Flaxseed	3.8	3.9	8.2	11.3	1.2	1.6
Total	215.1	250.6	247.6	287.0	280.3	240.1

1/ Since marketing data are compiled on a weekly basis the length of the period included varies slightly from year to year.

2/ Subject to revision.

Total deliveries of grain from farms in western Canada during the first quarter of the current crop year amounted to 240.1 million bushels, a decrease of 40.2 million from the total for the same period last year. The unseasonably late harvest has been the chief factor in accounting for this year's August-October reduced marketings, the lowest since 1945. While current crop-year marketings of barley, rye and flaxseed either equalled or exceeded those of last year for the period under review, fairly substantial decreases took place in marketings of wheat and oats. Deliveries of wheat, at 165.1 million bushels, are approximately 30 million below those for the first quarter of the last two crop years while marketings of oats, at 30.2 million bushels, are the lowest since 1944.

Grading of 1950 Western Wheat Crop - The proportion of the 1950 western Canadian wheat crop qualifying for the higher grades has shown a marked decrease from 1949 according to inspections of the Board of Grain Commissioners. Of the new-crop wheat inspected in the August-October period, 1950 only 50.9 per cent graded No. 4 Northern or better (excluding toughs) in contrast to 87.2 per cent last year. Since the Board separates old and new crop inspection for August and September only, there may be some old-crop wheat included in the October inspections for both years. A breakdown by individual grades indicates that only 4.6 per cent of the 1950 crop has graded No. 1 Northern as against 16.1 per cent for the 1949 crop inspected during the first quarter of the crop year. Comparable figures for No. 2 Northern are 20.0 per cent and 58.5 per cent, respectively. A further indication of the effect of adverse harvesting conditions on the grades of this year's wheat crop is the proportion grading tough--10.5 per cent for all grades and varieties of new-crop western wheat during August-October, 1950, as against 2.2 per cent for the same period last year.