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WEEKLY SUMMARY OF THE WHEAT SITUATIONDECEMBER 1, 1939.International Trade

World shipments for the week ending November 25, 1939 amounted to 10,448,000 bushels compared with 8,721,000 bushels in the previous week and 12,400,000 bushels in the corresponding week last year.

Cumulative world shipments from August 1, 1939 to November 25, 1939 were 145,090,000 bushels compared with 193,640,000 bushels for the same period in 1938.

Primary Movement

Primary receipts of wheat for the week ending November 24, 1939 were 8,731,709 bushels as compared with the revised figure of 7,529,593 bushels for the previous week and 4,082,904 bushels for the corresponding week a year ago.

Revised cumulative receipts from August 1, 1939 to November 24, 1939 were 341,026,854 bushels compared with 242,888,202 bushels in the same period in 1938.

Visible Supply

The visible supply of Canadian wheat on November 24, 1939 was 360,192,977 bushels compared with 356,669,776 bushels in the previous week and 172,960,355 bushels a year ago.

Export Clearances

Overseas export clearances of Canadian wheat for the week ending November 24, 1939 were 3,502,525 bushels, compared with 2,996,116 bushels for the previous week and 5,389,455 bushels for the corresponding week a year ago.

Imports of Canadian wheat into the United States for consumption and milling in bond for the week ending November 24, 1939 were 121,000 bushels as compared with 190,000 bushels for the previous week and 207,000 bushels for the corresponding week in 1938.

Cumulative overseas clearances plus United States imports of wheat from August 1, 1939 to November 24, 1939 were 42,498,830 bushels, compared with 63,296,801 bushels for the same period in 1938.

Prices

The Winnipeg cash closing price of No. 1 Northern on Tuesday, November 28, 1939 was 72 7/8 cents, showing an increase of 2 3/8 cents over the previous Tuesday's close of 70 1/2 cents.

WORLD EVENTS

1. Canadian Export Sales

Canadian export sales for the past six market days have been reported as follows:

	<u>Bushels</u>
November 23	200,000
24	1,500,000
25	500,000
27	2,000,000
28	7,000,000 - 8,000,000
29	400,000

Sales on Tuesday last were by far the best volume done in wheat since the beginning of war. Over the week-end, pessimistic crop reports were received from Argentina, Australia and the United States. Buenos Aires export offers were withdrawn on November 25 and have not been renewed since. Meanwhile the pessimistic crop news, the heavy United Kingdom purchases early this week, and the Russian invasion of Finland have induced investment buying in both Chicago and Winnipeg with the net result, that the Winnipeg-December future rose from 70 1/8 cents on November 25 to 75 1/4 cents on November 30.

2. Southern Hemisphere Crop Prospects

Private reports from Argentina have reduced current estimates of the crop just being harvested to a range of 160 to 200 million bushels in comparison with earlier private estimates which ran as high as 260 million bushels. Further rainy weather has developed in Argentina at a time when dry weather would favour harvesting. In addition light frosts occurred on three successive nights last week.

In Australia, private reports indicate that the wheat crop may fall short of the 180 million bushels indicated by the first official estimate. Harvesting is revealing some disappointing yields, and more damage from rust appears to have occurred than was at first appreciated.

3. United States Winter Wheat Crop.

The Cargill Grain Company on Friday last estimated the sown winter wheat area at 40 million acres, compared with 46,173,000 acres sown a year ago, and forecasted a production of 350 million bushels, compared with winter wheat production in 1939 of 551 million bushels.



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