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CANADIAN MILLING STATISTICS

March, 1939.

Ottawa, Canada, May 4, 1939.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes, herewith, preliminary statistics of grains ground and products for March, 1939, with comparisons for the previous year, inventory for the month and wheat flour exports.

The daily capacity reporting for March, 1939 amounted to 94,040 barrels.

SUMMARY

During the month of March, 1939, 5,411,833 bushels of wheat were ground in Canadian mills compared with 4,498,940 bushels for the corresponding month of the previous year. Oats, buckwheat and mixed grain were higher than for March, 1938, while corn and barley were lower.

Grains ground for the month of March, 1939 are shown in bushels with comparative figures for the same month of the previous year in brackets: Wheat 5,411,833 (4,498,940); Oats 1,112,025 (945,541); Corn 252,736 (279,028); Barley 114,985 (115,917); Buckwheat 8,074 (6,951); and Mixed Grain 2,129,586 (1,610,123).

Mill stocks of wheat on March 31, 1939 amounted to 4,740,755 bushels, while for the same month in 1938 the amount was 3,590,551 bushels.

Flour production in March, 1939 amounted to 1,193,717 barrels compared with 999,387 barrels for the same month last year. Exports of flour in March, 1939 amounted to 300,752 barrels compared with 301,735 barrels in March, 1938.

MILL GRINDINGS

The following table shows the amount of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat and mixed grain milled for the month of March, 1939, by merchant and custom mills in Canada according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at March 31, 1939 (in bushels):-

Grain	Quantities Ground				Stocks on Hand, March 31, 1939		
	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total March 1939	Total March 1938	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total March 31, 1939
EASTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	2,287,435	-	2,287,435	Grades	889,964	-	889,964
Ontario Winter	219,031	-	219,031		193,411	-	193,411
Durum	90,041	-	90,041	Not	31,826	-	31,826
Garnet	53,104	-	53,104		2,657	-	2,657
United States and All Other	129,951	95,164	225,115	Available	57,961	158,289	216,250
Total Wheat	2,779,562	95,164	2,874,726	2,367,825	1,175,819	158,289	1,334,108
Oats	402,648	211,211	613,859	541,147	678,967	91,850	770,819
Corn	128,326	121,352	249,678	276,464	335,846	96,258	432,104
Barley	25,952	49,206	75,158	72,663	29,647	24,509	54,156
Buckwheat	-	8,074	8,074	6,951	12,006	3,933	15,939
Mixed Grain	42,131	2,016,122	2,058,253	1,545,617	8,443	18,476	26,919
WESTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	2,365,425	-	2,365,425	Grades	3,091,512	-	3,091,512
Ontario Winter	-	-	-		-	-	-
Durum	-	-	-	Not	13,475	-	13,475
Garnet	65,803	-	65,803		164,203	-	164,203
United States and All Other	5,335	100,544	105,879	Available	12,862	118,595	137,457
Total Wheat	2,436,563	100,544	2,537,107	2,131,115	3,288,052	118,595	3,406,647
Oats	427,951	70,215	498,166	404,394	591,143	15,963	607,106
Corn	2,519	539	3,058	2,564	18,408	916	19,324
Barley	18,128	21,699	39,827	43,254	36,698	5,421	42,119
Buckwheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Grain	9	71,324	71,333	64,506	177	633	810
DOMINION OF CANADA							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	4,652,860	-	4,652,860	Grades	3,981,476	-	3,981,476
Ontario Winter	219,031	-	219,031		193,411	-	193,411
Durum	90,041	-	90,041	Not	45,301	-	45,301
Garnet	118,907	-	118,907		166,860	-	166,860
United States and All Other	135,286	195,708	330,994	Available	76,823	276,884	353,707
Total Wheat	5,216,125	195,708	5,411,833	4,498,940	4,463,871	276,884	4,740,755
Oats	830,599	281,426	1,112,025	945,541	1,270,110	107,813	1,377,925
Corn	130,845	121,891	252,736	279,028	354,254	97,174	451,428
Barley	44,080	70,905	114,985	115,971	56,345	29,930	86,275
Buckwheat	-	8,074	8,074	6,951	12,006	3,933	15,939
Mixed Grain	42,140	2,087,446	2,129,586	1,610,123	8,620	19,109	27,729

Price: 50 cents a year.

MILLINGS

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains ground in merchant and custom mills in Canada for the month of March, 1939, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at March 31, 1939:-

Products	Unit of Measure	Production from Grindings				Stocks on hand
		Eastern Division	Western Division	Total March, 1939	Total March, 1938	March 31, 1939
Wheat Flour						
Manitoba Sp. P. No. 1	Barrels	225,040	173,618	398,658	338,907	400,657
Manitoba Sp. P. No. 2	"	182,379	174,093	356,472	266,208	270,120
Ontario Winter Straight	"	66,973	-	66,973	66,082	25,528
All Other	"	119,076	189,706	308,782	298,698	515,350
Total Flour	"	593,468	537,417	1,130,885	969,895	1,211,655
Sundry Cereals						
Low Grade Flour	Barrels	28,540	16,111	44,651	(29,492	13,347
Feed Flour	"	9,943	8,238	18,181	(29,492	8,617
Bran	Tons	10,974	8,471	19,445	14,983	3,487
Shorts	"	9,214	8,258	17,472	14,555	4,073
Middlings	"	4,319	2,863	7,182	4,619	2,416
All Other Offal*	"	3,606	2,628	6,234	6,835	2,324
Oatmeal	Pounds	243,956	357,234	601,190	579,750	906,165
Rolled Oats	"	5,275,000	6,580,986	11,855,986	9,995,402	6,197,388
Corn Flour and Meal	"	2,624,648	-	2,624,648	2,208,412	717,987
Barley, Pot and Pearl	"	155,318	196,196	351,514	346,802	318,349
Buckwheat Flour	"	131,016	-	131,016	112,447	11,222
Ground Feed						
Ground Oats	Pounds	8,016,160	3,689,260	11,705,420	9,341,035	479,818
Cracked Corn	"	7,841,703	171,339	8,013,042	8,427,732	770,496
Ground Barley	"	3,086,959	1,500,954	4,587,913	4,769,197	713,845
Mixed Grain	"	91,454,784	3,162,908	94,617,692	71,780,349	163,484

* Including Coarse Grain Offal

In the face of uncertainty in regard to political developments in Europe, Canadian flour millers have enjoyed better business in the month of March, 1939. Production of flour amounted to 1,193,717 barrels compared with 999,387 barrels for the corresponding month of last year or an increase of 194,330 barrels. March production has not been so large since the crop year 1929-30, when 1,220,671 barrels were manufactured in that month. Total flour production for the eight months of the present crop year ending March, 1939 amounted to 10,635,217 barrels compared with 9,200,010 barrels for the same period last year.

The plentiful supply of wheat in Canada combined with the fact that the millers are able to buy at favourable prices has placed Canadian flour in a position to compete with a fair margin of profit in world markets. Flour exports from Canada in March, 1939 amounted to 360,752 barrels compared with 301,735 barrels in March, 1938. Total shipments for the eight months of the present crop year were 3,008,628 barrels as against 2,545,339 barrels for this period a year ago.

Millfeeds for March, 1939 followed the upward trend of flour with bran 19,445 (14,983) tons, shorts 17,472 (14,555) tons, and middlings 7,182 (4,619) tons.

Cereal production for March, 1939 was as follows with figures for the same month last year in brackets and the quantities in pounds: Oatmeal 601,190 (579,750); Rolled Oats, 11,855,986 (9,995,402); Corn Flour and Meal 2,624,648 (2,208,412); Pot and Pearl Barley, 351,514 (346,802); Buckwheat Flour, 131,016 (112,447).

Animal feed products compared as follows: Ground Oats, 11,705,420 (9,341,035) pounds; Cracked Corn, 8,013,042 (8,427,732) pounds; Ground Barley, 4,587,913 (4,769,197) pounds; and Mixed Grain 94,617,692 (71,780,349) pounds.

Total flour stocks for March, 1939 amounted to 1,233,619 barrels compared with 1,082,707 barrels for the same month last year and 1,074,143 barrels for the previous month.

SUMMARY OF MILL GRINDINGS

The following table summarizes the mill grind of wheat, oats, corn, barley and mixed grain for eight months of the crop year 1938-39, with comparative figures for 1937-38:

Months	Wheat	Oats	Corn	Barley	Mixed Grain
			(bushels)		
August, 1938	4,940,255	959,110	252,749	97,989	1,084,736
September	7,266,336	1,271,323	230,697	123,227	1,430,305
October	8,531,847	1,851,679	272,930	138,263	1,643,733
November	7,176,994	1,616,828	245,941	178,786	2,269,076
December	4,741,974	1,088,190	325,933	120,745	2,714,619
January, 1939	4,976,235	1,164,676	255,181	128,494	2,248,195
February	4,680,304	971,295	228,337	131,048	2,007,207
March	5,411,833	1,112,025	252,736	114,985	2,129,586
T O T A L S	47,725,768	10,035,126	2,064,504	1,033,537	15,527,457
TOTALS LAST YEAR	41,239,211	9,047,793	1,967,282	972,921	11,891,771

SUMMARY OF MILL PRODUCTION

The following table summarizes the production of wheat flour, oatmeal, rolled oats and corn flour and meal for eight months of the crop year 1938-39, including percentage of operation and wheat flour exports, with comparative figures for 1937-38:-

Months	Wheat Flour		Oatmeal	Rolled Oats	Corn Flour and Meal	Wheat Flour Exported
	Percentage of operation	Quantity Barrels	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Barrels
August, 1938	45.5	1,103,037	975,578	10,905,829	2,928,338	286,270
September	71.7	1,639,231	748,938	15,425,367	2,581,438	319,739
October	83.6	1,906,385	1,566,732	23,547,039	3,063,773	528,601
November	71.5	1,605,557	2,300,746	18,949,392	2,537,248	477,875
December	45.6	1,052,002	1,953,298	10,570,982	1,980,188	365,085
January, 1939	50.1	1,097,822	1,961,424	11,875,262	2,945,808	379,538
February	49.1	1,037,466	872,808	11,607,414	1,082,798	290,766
March	50.1	1,193,717	601,190	11,855,986	2,624,648	360,752
T O T A L S		10,635,217	10,980,714	114,737,271	19,744,239	3,008,626
TOTALS LAST YEAR		9,200,010	6,259,148	103,089,969	16,781,446	2,545,339

The following table shows the production of mixed grain feed for the calendar years 1933 - 1938:-

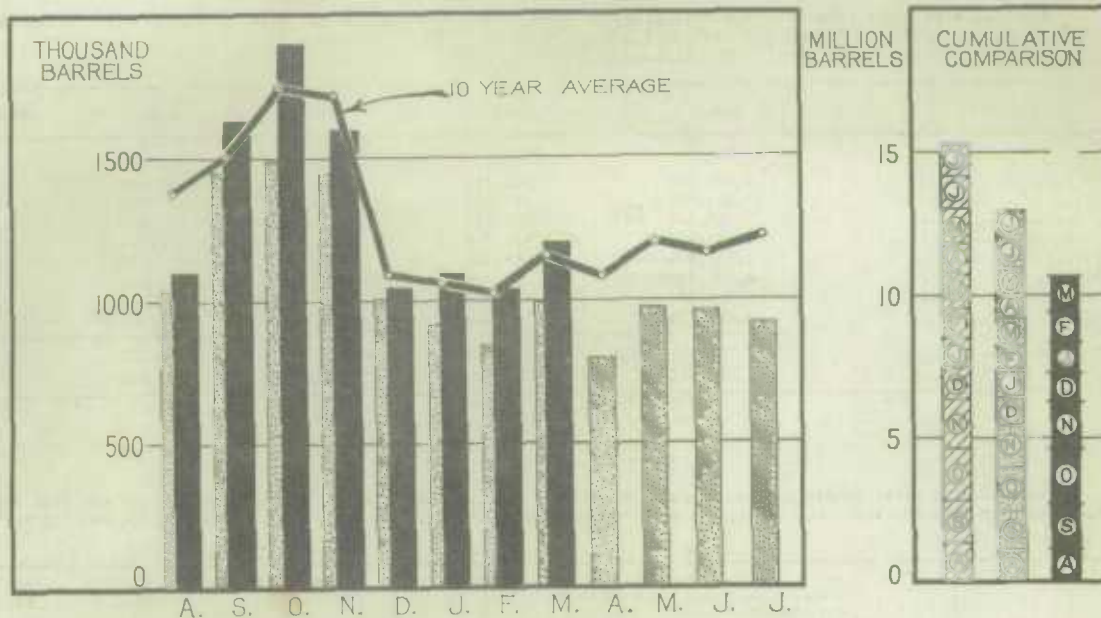
Months	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938 *
				(Pounds)		
January	69,927,317	59,059,082	67,978,754	81,458,096	61,762,151	82,815,643
February	61,880,472	54,323,344	63,144,493	75,688,182	53,820,274	70,110,379
March	66,094,109	56,402,138	64,289,632	74,310,851	55,735,540	74,727,173
April	57,966,341	46,790,899	61,904,803	71,102,911	49,111,858	67,389,427
May	43,379,872	33,266,941	49,511,622	44,433,778	35,302,814	48,319,140
June	29,732,188	23,964,527	35,098,461	39,704,002	27,615,874	36,584,972
July	25,620,167	21,287,295	30,740,782	38,438,622	24,064,111	36,178,091
August	37,530,786	33,150,561	39,668,027	46,872,567	35,360,675	48,289,805
September	50,935,256	46,936,030	54,434,034	58,975,481	56,585,498	63,786,768
October	61,727,024	59,338,377	71,403,856	70,002,354	69,125,536	72,900,345
November	71,626,598	69,969,546	82,367,560	74,980,042	79,742,431	101,002,773
December	62,712,646	72,700,946	85,518,493	73,634,964	79,560,530	122,762,401
T O T A L	639,132,776	577,189,686	706,060,517	749,601,850	627,787,292	824,866,917

* Preliminary from August to December, 1938.



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