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CANADIAN MILLING STATISTICS

FEBRUARY, 1944

Ottawa, April 6, 1944.- Production of wheat flour in Canadian mills for the month of February amounted to 2,087,705 barrels compared with 1,990,732 barrels for the same month last year. This brought the total for the seven months covered in the crop year to 14,498,856 barrels against 13,398,743 barrels in the first seven months of 1942-43.

Mills reporting February operations had a total milling capacity of 87,966 barrels per 24-hour day, and over a 25-day working period in the month 94.9 per cent of this was effective. Mills reporting in January operated 93.0 per cent of their combined capacity.

The quantity of wheat ground during February was 9,194,576 bushels compared with 8,864,552 bushels in the same month a year ago. The cumulative total for the seven months under report amounted to 64,008,983 bushels compared with 59,822,472 bushels for the same period in the previous crop year. In the coarse grains, oats, barley and buckwheat were higher for the month than in February 1943.

Stocks of wheat in flour mills at the end of February 1944 amounted to 6,156,314 bushels, compared with 6,094,405 bushels at the end of January.

MILL GRINDINGS

The following table shows the amount of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat and mixed grain milled for the month of February 1944, by merchant and custom mills in Canada according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at February 29, 1944 (in bushels):-

Grain	Quantities Ground				Stocks on Hand, February 29, 1944		
	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total Feb. 1944	Total Feb. 1943	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total Feb. 29, 1944
EASTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	4,214,350	-	4,214,350	3,809,281	2,399,010	-	2,399,010
Ontario Winter	80,106	-	80,106	359,044	385,655	-	385,655
Durum	45,318	-	45,318	67,901	39,697	-	39,697
Garnet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States and All Other	52,425	136,409	188,834	152,013	59,918	180,839	240,757
Total Wheat	4,392,199	136,409	4,528,608	4,396,239	2,884,280	180,839	3,065,119
Oats	344,048	436,944	780,992	602,320	524,292	204,791	729,083
Corn	71,020	104,147	175,167	247,528	323,443	30,436	353,879
Barley	193,598	376,562	570,160	279,287	205,875	201,944	407,819
Buckwheat	4,437	5,550	9,987	1,428	15,055	3,040	18,095
Mixed Grain	143,626	2,210,656	2,354,282	2,708,893	15,150	20,085	35,235
WESTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	4,373,709	-	4,373,709	4,353,166	2,809,255	-	2,809,255
Ontario Winter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durum	9,928	-	9,928	13,253	8,770	-	8,770
Garnet	-	-	-	3,427	-	-	-
United States and All Other	8,028	274,303	282,331	106,467	24,447	248,723	273,170
Total Wheat	4,391,665	274,303	4,665,968	4,476,313	2,842,472	248,723	3,091,195
Oats	608,259	66,534	674,793	629,659	578,120	14,814	592,934
Corn	5,616	286	5,902	5,685	17,489	191	17,680
Barley	98,465	89,041	187,506	140,946	182,804	9,529	192,333
Buckwheat	-	-	-	-	1,798	-	1,798
Mixed Grain	85,304	146,323	231,627	232,736	-	383	383
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Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	8,588,059	-	8,588,059	8,162,447	5,208,265	-	5,208,265
Ontario Winter	80,106	-	80,106	359,044	385,655	-	385,655
Durum	55,246	-	55,246	81,154	48,467	-	48,467
Garnet	-	-	-	3,427	-	-	-
United States and All Other	60,453	410,712	471,165	258,480	84,365	429,562	513,927
Total Wheat	8,783,864	410,712	9,194,576	8,864,552	5,726,752	429,562	6,156,314
Oats	952,307	503,478	1,455,785	1,231,979	1,102,412	219,605	1,322,017
Corn	76,636	104,433	181,069	253,213	340,932	30,627	371,559
Barley	292,063	465,603	757,666	420,233	388,679	211,473	600,152
Buckwheat	4,437	5,550	9,987	1,428	16,853	3,040	19,893
Mixed Grain	228,930	2,356,979	2,585,909	2,941,629	15,150	20,468	35,618

Price: 30 cents a year.

MILLING

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains ground in merchant and custom mills in Canada for the month of February 1944, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at February 29, 1944:-

Products	Unit of Measure	Production from Grindings				Stocks on Hand February 29, 1944
		Eastern Division	Western Division	Total February 1944	Total February 1943	
	Barrels (196 lb.)			<u>Wheat Flour</u>		
Manitoba Sp. P. No. 1..	"	391,989	174,094	566,083	516,081	202,683
Manitoba Sp. P. No. 2..	"	230,705	374,338	605,043	588,853	122,269
Ontario Winter Straight	"	16,640	-	16,640	77,488	9,760
All Other	"	363,007	486,692	849,700	766,760	611,414
Low Grade Flour	"	8,396	21,579	29,975	32,988	10,306
Feed Flour	"	12,997	7,277	20,264	8,562	5,349
TOTAL FLOUR	"	1,023,724	1,063,981	2,087,705	1,990,732	961,761
				<u>Sundry Cereals</u>		
Oatmeal	Pounds	2,259,102	1,010,828	3,269,930	489,576	547,500
Rolled Oats	"	1,744,924	4,219,213	5,964,137	7,229,717	9,078,784
Corn Flour and Meal ...	"	1,775,500	-	1,775,500	2,602,594	676,597
Barley, Pot and Pearl .	"	82,730	102,704	185,434	476,570	931,025
Buckwheat Flour	"	254,400	-	254,400	23,648	18,900
				<u>Ground Feed</u>		
Ground Oats	Pounds	20,139,842	13,361,278	33,501,120	26,666,492	1,847,603
Cracked Corn	"	3,730,318	330,472	4,060,790	6,160,794	347,515
Ground Barley	"	27,202,580	8,826,724	36,029,304	18,878,359	1,556,472
Mixed Grain	"	108,987,903	11,619,052	120,606,955	135,466,784	3,100,351
				<u>Millfeeds</u>		
	Tons (2000 lb.)					
Bran	"	14,586	13,556	28,142	27,702	2,986
Shorts	"	12,582	13,876	26,458	25,105	3,377
Middlings	"	6,583	6,564	13,147	13,839	3,011
TOTAL	"	33,751	33,996	67,747	66,646	9,374
All Other Offal*	"	2,573	1,924	5,497	5,371	1,929
TOTAL OFFAL	"	37,324	35,920	73,244	72,617	11,303

* Including Coarse Grain Offal.

Production of Ontario Winter wheat flour for February was the lowest this crop year, amounting to 16,640 barrels compared with 77,488 barrels for the same month last year. Total production for the seven months of the crop year 1943-44 amounted to only 240,039 barrels, the lowest total production for the first seven months of any crop year since 1921-22 when the quantity milled was 226,970 barrels in the period.

Exports of wheat flour for February were 854,272 barrels, making a total for the seven months of 6,788,847 barrels.

Millfeed production for February was 67,747 tons compared with 66,646 tons for the same month in 1943. The items making the totals were bran 28,142 (27,702) tons, shorts 26,458 (25,105) tons and middlings 13,147 (13,839) tons.

"Ground Feeds" for February compared as follows with the same month last year: Ground Oats, 33,501,120 (26,666,492) pounds; Cracked Corn, 4,060,790 (6,160,794) pounds; Ground Barley, 36,029,304 (18,878,359) pounds; and Mixed Grain, 120,606,955 (135,466,784) pounds.

SUMMARY OF MILL GRINDINGS

The following table summarizes the mill grind of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat, rye and mixed grain for the first seven months of the crop year 1943-44, with comparative figures for 1942-43:

Months	Wheat	Oats	Corn	Barley	Buckwheat	Rye	Mixed Grain
- bushels -							
August, 1943	8,341,270	1,367,300	186,611	609,232	1,728	10,040	2,067,456
September	8,946,009	1,641,431	186,097	711,366	4,555	12,533	2,245,582
October	9,349,024	1,874,794	192,610	913,782	15,647	14,644	2,375,695
November	9,606,905	1,891,825	193,422	1,061,250	14,668	20,946	2,918,775
December	9,583,573	1,594,757	171,938	947,560	10,101	20,061	2,894,500
January, 1944	8,987,626	1,338,336	156,942	901,283	3,738	17,505	2,654,721
February	9,194,576	1,455,785	181,069	757,666	9,987	21,014	2,585,909
T O T A L S	64,008,983	11,164,228	1,268,689	5,902,739	60,424	116,743	17,742,638
TOTAL LAST YEAR	59,822,472	8,907,423	1,505,272	3,173,251	73,194	84,670	19,666,168

SUMMARY OF MILL PRODUCTION

The following table summarizes the production of wheat flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, corn flour and meal and millfeeds for the first seven months of the crop year 1943-44, including percentage of operation and wheat flour exports with comparative figures for 1942-43:

Months	Wheat Flour		Oatmeal	Rolled Oats	Corn Flour and Meal	Millfeeds	Wheat Flour Exported
	Percentage of Operation	Quantity Barrels (196 lb.)	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Tons	Barrels (196 lb.)
August, 1943	82.4	1,888,030	581,342	8,102,891	1,784,930	63,862	1,121,568
September	91.5	2,014,255	435,216	10,276,943	2,266,218	67,043	873,917
October	93.3	2,118,409	486,512	12,130,259	2,093,440	69,812	849,886
November	96.7	2,175,831	380,084	12,440,180	2,065,644	71,057	857,691
December	94.8	2,173,433	632,099	10,098,865	1,595,460	70,272	1,106,479
January, 1944	93.0	2,041,193	735,398	5,677,046	1,346,132	68,994	1,125,034
February	94.9	2,087,705	3,269,930	5,964,137	1,775,500	67,747	854,272
T O T A L S		14,492,856	6,520,581	64,690,321	12,927,324	475,787	6,788,847
TOTALS LAST YEAR ..		13,398,743	6,518,996	62,625,781	14,605,560	451,112	6,497,091

The following table shows the manufacture of buckwheat flour for the calendar years 1938 to 1943:-

Months	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943 *
- pounds -						
January	229,270	172,328	133,282	141,984	48,696	62,744
February	161,842	148,164	89,740	38,080	16,294	32,048
March	48,287	116,536	93,414	103,368	40,366	23,672
April	107,012	97,984	52,912	31,694	12,352	22,708
May	42,772	87,200	35,920	20,960	25,960	15,920
June	97,446	73,036	39,544	23,640	31,704	31,684
July	94,300	59,904	30,144	8,384	19,404	12,112
August	73,120	50,240	20,960	11,644	23,632	27,648
September	147,112	157,060	83,814	97,974	118,928	101,580
October	500,604	433,306	292,034	354,522	501,376	286,428
November	413,030	501,968	472,935	271,798	402,168	317,816
December	262,194	409,358	173,140	191,082	77,104	163,588
T O T A L S	2,176,989	2,307,084	1,517,839	1,295,130	1,317,984	1,097,948

* Preliminary figures from August to December 1943.



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