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CANADIAN MILLING STATISTICS
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Ottawa, January 29, 1948 - Flour production as reported by Canadian mills for the month of December dropped to 1,691,610 barrels, a decrease of 567,873 barrels from the previous month, representing the lowest December output of flour since December 1941 and the lowest monthly output for any single month since July 1942. The comparative December production of flour for 1946 was 2,350,040 barrels. Production for the first five months of the current crop year was 11,275,780 barrels against 11,687,845 barrels for the same period a year ago.

Mills reporting December operations had a total milling capacity of 98,865 barrels per 24-hour day, and over a 26-day working period in the month 65.8 per cent of this was effective. Mills reporting for November operated 85.5 per cent of their combined rated capacity.

Wheat used for the manufacture of flour in December amounted to 7,652,165 bushels compared with 10,498,514 bushels for the same month in 1946. Total wheat used for flour in the five months of the current crop year ending with December amounted to 51,030,545 bushels as compared with 52,087,432 bushels for the same five months of the previous crop year.

Stocks of wheat in flour mills at the end of December 1947 amounted to 8,311,658 bushels, while at the end of November the amount was 6,664,400 bushels.

MILL GRINDINGS

The following table shows the amount of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat and mixed grain milled for the month of December 1947, by merchant and custom mills in Canada according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at December 31, 1947 (in bushels):

Grain	Quantities Ground				Stocks on Hand December 31, 1947		
	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total December 1947	Total December 1946	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total Dec. 31, 1947
EASTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	3,127,596	-	3,127,596	4,429,213	3,485,418	-	3,485,418
Ontario Winter	231,071	-	231,071	250,697	1,136,460	-	1,136,460
Durum	101,707	-	101,707	77,852	273,524	-	273,524
Garnet	-	-	-	7,996	-	-	-
United States	34,918	-	34,918	-	140,868	-	140,868
All Other	82,759	181,836	264,595	274,136	149,601	240,771	390,372
Total Wheat	3,578,051	181,836	3,759,887	5,039,894	5,185,871	240,771	5,426,642
Feed Wheat	63,309	132,699	196,008	199,058	319,289	15,850	335,139
Oats	414,163	549,109	963,272	1,161,561	687,975	323,286	1,011,261
Corn	24,736	10,957	35,693	223,202	210,303	13,990	224,293
Barley	155,373	326,899	482,272	579,131	506,606	225,568	732,174
Buckwheat	1,697	3,730	5,427	8,953	34,339	7,437	41,776
Mixed Grain	86,227	1,655,141	1,741,368	2,156,672	350	38,012	38,362
WESTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	3,299,727	-	3,299,727	4,975,501	2,516,074	-	2,516,074
Ontario Winter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durum	8,183	-	8,183	6,084	-	-	-
Garnet	-	-	-	11,633	-	-	-
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	39,701	544,667	584,368	465,402	228,291	140,651	368,942
Total Wheat	3,347,611	544,667	3,892,278	5,458,620	2,744,365	140,651	2,885,016
Feed Wheat	49,901	7,411	57,312	96,331	171,148	-	171,148
Oats	821,669	66,968	888,637	1,188,618	1,045,369	18,303	1,063,672
Corn	391	80	471	1,311	4,073	-	4,073
Barley	154,441	74,281	228,722	290,409	406,285	24,332	430,614
Buckwheat	-	-	-	-	6,606	-	6,606
Mixed Grain	102,825	107,504	210,329	245,643	7,289	152	7,441
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Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	6,427,323	-	6,427,323	9,404,714	6,001,492	-	6,001,492
Ontario Winter	231,071	-	231,071	250,697	1,136,460	-	1,136,460
Durum	109,890	-	109,890	83,936	273,524	-	273,524
Garnet	-	-	-	19,629	-	-	-
United States	34,918	-	34,918	-	140,868	-	140,868
All Other	122,460	726,503	848,963	739,538	377,892	381,422	759,314
Total Wheat	6,925,662	726,503	7,652,165	10,498,514	7,950,236	381,422	8,331,658
Feed Wheat	113,210	140,110	253,320	295,389	490,437	15,850	506,287
Oats	1,235,832	616,077	1,851,909	2,350,179	1,733,344	341,789	2,075,133
Corn	25,127	11,037	36,164	224,513	214,376	13,990	228,366
Barley	309,814	401,180	710,994	869,540	912,888	249,900	1,162,788
Buckwheat	1,697	3,730	5,427	8,953	40,945	7,437	48,382
Mixed Grain	189,052	1,762,645	1,951,697	2,402,315	7,639	38,164	45,803

Price: 50 cents a year.

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains ground in merchant and custom mills in Canada for the month of December 1947, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at December 31, 1947:

Products	Unit of Measure	Production from Grindings				Stocks on Hand
		Eastern Division	Western Division	Total December 1947	Total December 1946	December 31, 1947
Barrels (196 lb.)		WHEAT FLOUR				
Spring No. 1 or Top Patent, including Semolina	"	89,808	174,325	264,133	421,226	142,752
Spring No. 2 Patent	"	150,939	177,630	328,569	537,784	111,457
Spring No. 3 Patent (Strong Bakers or Export Patent)	"	432,451	339,293	771,744	1,019,956	227,954
Whole Wheat and Graham Flour	"	6,161	8,786	14,947	17,695	10,760
Ontario Winter Wheat Flour	"	61,602	-	61,602	64,679	18,495
Durum Semolina and Flour	"	21,634	-	21,634	19,519	4,775
Lower Grades of Flour	"	21,517	10,614	32,131	72,999	23,859
All Other	"	49,281	147,569	196,850	196,182	176,187
TOTAL FLOUR	"	833,393	858,217	1,691,610	2,350,040	716,239
Pounds		SUNDRY CEREALS				
Oatmeal	"	39,004	218,262	257,266	931,222	326,041
Rolled Oats	"	5,177,588	7,473,154	12,650,742	17,681,431	11,705,721
Corn Flour and Meal	"	620,472	-	620,472	3,388,626	373,406
Barley, Pot and Pearl	"	416,044	307,524	723,568	829,372	715,779
Buckwheat Flour	"	141,976	-	141,976	217,932	20,035
Pounds		GROUND FEED				
Feed Wheat	"	11,760,467	3,434,980	15,195,447	17,714,462	564,589
Ground Oats	"	24,496,703	14,111,556	38,608,259	43,606,624	1,171,108
Cracked Corn	"	771,608	26,376	797,984	4,300,367	58,978
Ground Barley	"	22,124,656	10,334,766	32,459,422	39,830,691	1,010,625
Mixed Grain	"	77,670,990	9,360,629	87,031,619	106,872,629	1,560,429
Tons		MILLFEEDS				
Bran	"	13,130	12,002	25,132	35,393	6,700
Shorts	"	10,444	14,093	24,537	32,808	6,124
Middlings	"	5,474	4,808	10,282	12,376	2,244
T o t a l	"	29,048	30,903	59,951	80,577	15,068
All Other Offal*	"	1,950	3,302	5,252	10,048	1,309
TOTAL OFFAL	"	30,998	34,205	65,203	90,625	16,377

* Including Coarse Grain Offal.

The production of Ontario winter wheat flour for December 1947 was 61,602 barrels compared with 64,679 barrels for the same month a year ago. This brought the total production for the five months under review this crop year to 340,167 barrels against 376,228 barrels for the same five months of 1946-47.

Wheat flour exports for December 1947 amounted to 1,091,555 barrels. Total exports for the first five months of the current crop year ending with December totalled 6,710,436 barrels compared with a total of 6,288,663 barrels exported for the same period a year ago.

Millfeed production for December dropped to a low of 59,951 tons compared with 80,577 tons for the same month of the previous year. The breakdown was bran 25,132 (35,393) tons, shorts 24,537 (31,808) tons and middlings 10,282 (12,376) tons. Total millfeed production for the five months under review to the end of December 1947 amounted to 398,466 tons, while for the same period of the previous year the amount was 399,568 tons.

Total ground feeds for the month of December amounted to 174,092,731 pounds against 212,324,773 pounds for the same month last year. The items in this group were as follows with the comparative figures in brackets and the quantities in pounds: Feed Wheat 15,195,447 (17,714,462); Ground Oats 38,608,259 (43,606,624); Cracked Corn 797,984 (4,300,367); Ground Barley 32,459,422 (39,830,691); and Mixed Grain 87,031,619 (106,872,629).

SUMMARY OF MILL GRINDINGS

The following table summarizes the mill grind of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat, rye and mixed grain for the first five months of the crop year 1947-48, with comparative figures for 1946-47:

Months	Wheat for Flour	Feed Wheat	Oats	Corn	Barley	Buckwheat	Rye	Mixed Grain
- bushels -								
August, 1947	10,950,530	321,677	2,266,393	164,976	844,173	750	-	1,322,035
September	11,199,740	315,896	2,388,779	176,866	772,155	327	1,497	1,499,891
October	11,432,448	346,131	2,611,175	138,643	945,755	8,127	1,144	1,799,120
November	9,795,662	344,628	2,348,385	100,885	853,225	9,400	690	1,827,455
December	7,652,165	253,320	1,851,909	36,164	710,994	5,427	2,655	1,931,697
Totals	51,030,545	1,581,652	11,466,641	614,534	4,126,302	24,031	5,986	8,400,198
TOTALS LAST YEAR	52,087,432	1,228,720	12,126,958	1,000,659	4,379,501	36,192	34,459	10,524,771

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 five months of the crop year 1947-48, including percentage of operation and wheat flour exports with comparative figures for 1946-47:

	Wheat Flour		Oatmeal	Rolled Oats	Corn Flour and Meal	Millfeeds	Wheat Flour Exports
	Percentage of Operation	Quantity Barrels (196 lb.)	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Tons	Barrels (196 lb.)
August, 1947	96.2	2,412,394	306,920	13,571,132	775,180	85,648	1,545,784
September	103.2	2,481,189	235,864	14,173,910	1,148,972	87,393	1,292,628
October	99.6	2,531,104	442,332	18,392,316	1,226,848	88,947	1,582,906
November	85.3	2,159,483	432,530	16,606,442	1,045,720	76,527	1,197,563
December	65.8	1,691,610	257,266	12,650,742	620,472	59,951	1,091,555
Totals		11,275,780	1,674,912	75,394,542	4,817,192	398,466	6,710,436
TOTALS LAST YEAR		11,687,845	5,339,935	100,102,918	10,062,106	399,568	6,288,663

The following table gives the quantity of wheat ground and wheat flour produced by divisions for the calendar year 1947 (Preliminary):-

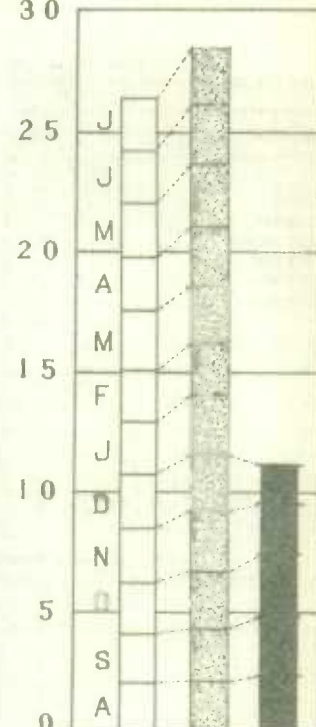
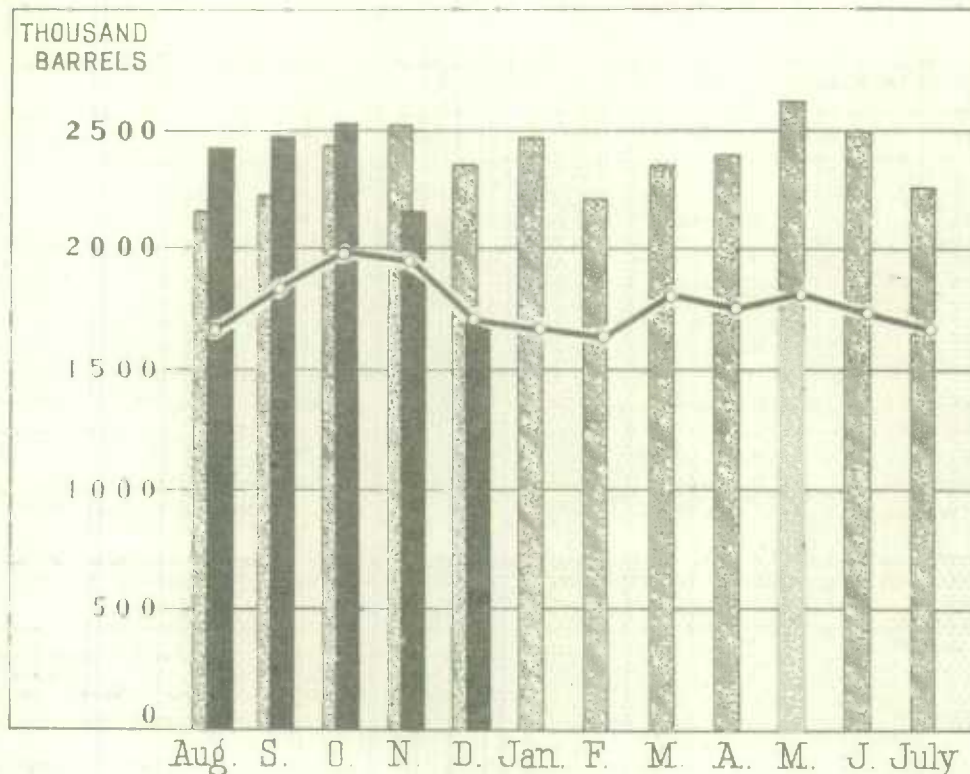
Months	Wheat Ground			Wheat Flour Produced		
	Eastern Division	Western Division	Total Canada	Eastern Division	Western Division	Total Canada
- bushels -				- barrels -		
January	5,535,519	5,541,687	11,077,206	1,283,986	1,223,879	2,477,865
February	4,863,697	5,054,229	9,917,926	1,104,708	1,107,499	2,212,207
March	4,842,960	5,649,950	10,492,910	1,096,075	1,258,053	2,354,128
April	4,975,157	5,814,997	10,790,154	1,117,857	1,281,217	2,399,074
May	5,854,276	5,887,891	11,742,167	1,319,623	1,305,553	2,625,176
June	5,483,825	5,704,521	11,188,146	1,230,567	1,266,757	2,497,324
July	5,126,171	5,062,812	10,188,983	1,145,987	1,118,996	2,264,983
August	5,197,189	5,753,341	10,950,530	1,158,138	1,254,256	2,412,394
September	5,649,678	5,550,062	11,199,740	1,256,060	1,225,109	2,481,169
October	5,398,427	5,834,021	11,432,448	1,249,887	1,281,217	2,531,104
November	4,896,310	4,899,352	9,795,662	1,087,599	1,071,884	2,159,483
December	3,759,887	3,892,278	7,652,165	833,393	858,217	1,691,610
TOTAL - 1947	61,782,896	64,645,141	126,428,037	13,853,900	14,252,637	28,106,537
TOTAL - 1946	60,955,670	60,868,714	121,824,384	13,760,618	13,614,621	27,375,239



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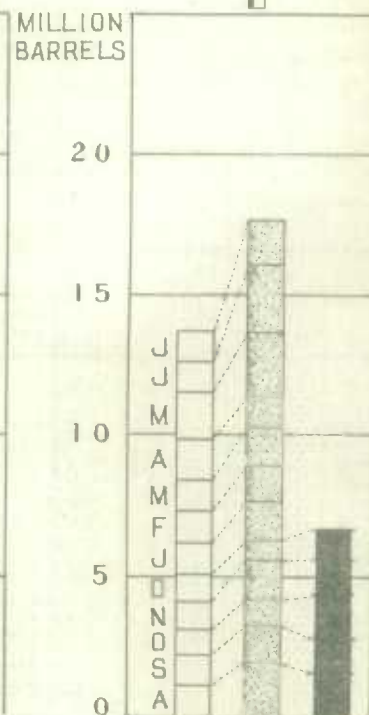
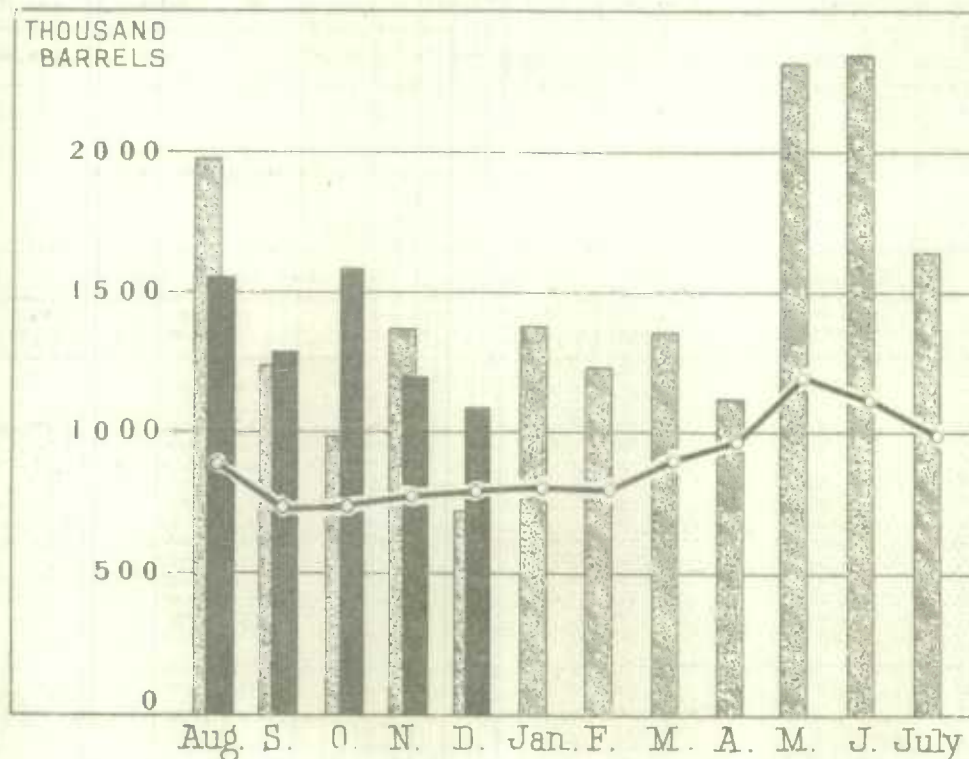
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