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GRAIN MILLING STATISTICS

Wheat flour production, as reported by Canadian mills for the month of December 1955, amounted to 1,640,272 barrels. This was the lowest monthly output so far this crop year, but almost equalled the output of 1,672,242 barrels for December 1954. Production for the August-December period of the current crop year amounted to 8,747,494 barrels compared with 9,240,165 barrels for the same period in the crop year 1954-55. Preliminary wheat flour production for the calendar year 1955 totalled 20.2 million barrels compared with about 21.3 million barrels for the previous calendar year.

Mills reporting operations in December 1955 averaged 68.8 per cent of their combined rated capacity of 91,749 barrels for a 26-day working period. Mills reporting in November operated 80.9 per cent of their combined rated capacity for 25 days.

Wheat milled for flour in December 1955 amounted to 7,342,888 bushels compared with 7,445,966 bushels for December a year ago. Total wheat milled for flour for the August-December period of the current crop year was 39,234,668 bushels against 41,024,173 bushels for the same period in the crop year 1954-55. Wheat milled for flour in the calendar year 1955 amounted to 90.6 million bushels compared with 94.2 million bushels (revised) for the calendar year 1954.

Stocks of wheat in mill bins at the close of December 1955 amounted to 3,054,389 bushels for flour and 92,135 bushels of feed wheat.

MILL GRINDINGS

The following table shows the amount of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat and mixed grain ground for the month of December 1955 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, 1955 (in bushels):

Grain	Quantities Ground				Stocks on Hand in Mill Bins		
	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Totals December 1955	Totals December 1954	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Totals Dec. 31, 1955
EASTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	2,944,124	-	2,944,124	2,783,192	1,505,342	-	1,505,342
Ontario Winter	450,394	-	450,394	488,518	981,004	-	981,004
Durum	60,460	-	60,460	80,515	79,525	-	79,525
Garnet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	2,156	79,158	81,314	80,632	32,807	338,011	370,818
Totals, Wheat	3,457,134	79,158	3,536,292	3,432,857	2,598,678	338,011	2,936,689
Feed Wheat	67,209	171,586	238,795	192,236	81,633	150	81,783
Oats	205,365	594,896	800,261	742,725	131,945	161,782	293,727
Corn	82,876	189,457	272,333	175,973	151,328	68,917	220,245
Barley	81,343	297,646	378,989	350,308	69,524	92,681	162,205
Buckwheat	2,270	177	2,447	3,135	26,802	2,958	29,760
Mixed Grain	80,135	1,257,740	1,337,875	1,418,736	1,890	25,397	27,287
WESTERN DIVISION							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	3,719,995	-	3,719,995	3,966,371	115,841	-	115,841
Ontario Winter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durum	16,820	-	16,820	9,085	-	-	-
Garnet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	51,963	17,818	69,781	37,653	-	1,859	1,859
Totals, Wheat	3,788,778	17,818	3,806,596	4,013,109	115,841	1,859	117,700
Feed Wheat	30,656	27,628	58,284	53,217	10,352	-	10,352
Oats	384,080	61,661	445,741	357,602	59,449	2,952	62,401
Corn	3,713	-	3,713	4,626	10,759	-	10,759
Barley	34,355	39,757	74,112	72,462	24,845	1,334	26,179
Buckwheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Grain	115,362	306,053	421,415	329,104	-	7	7
CANADA							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring	6,664,119	-	6,664,119	6,749,563	1,621,183	-	1,621,183
Ontario Winter	450,394	-	450,394	488,518	981,004	-	981,004
Durum	77,280	-	77,280	89,600	79,525	-	79,525
Garnet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	54,119	96,976	151,095	118,285	32,807	339,870	372,677
Totals, Wheat	7,245,912	96,976	7,342,888	7,445,966	2,714,519	339,870	3,054,389
Feed Wheat	97,865	194,214	292,079	245,453	91,985	150	92,135
Oats	589,445	656,557	1,246,002	1,100,327	191,394	164,734	356,128
Corn	86,589	189,457	276,046	180,599	162,087	68,917	231,004
Barley	115,698	337,403	453,101	422,770	94,369	94,015	188,384
Buckwheat	2,270	177	2,447	3,135	26,802	2,958	29,760
Mixed Grain	195,497	1,563,793	1,759,290	1,747,840	1,890	25,404	27,294

MILLINGS

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains ground in merchant and custom mills in Canada for the month of December 1955, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at December 31, 1955:

Product	Unit of Measure	Production from Grindings				Stocks on Hand December 31, 1955
		Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals December 1955	Totals December 1954	
	Barrels 196 lb.	<u>WHEAT FLOUR</u>				
Spring No. 1 or Top Patent, including Semolina	"	108,097	240,157	348,254	335,154	219,503
Spring No. 2 Patent	"	203,438	258,674	462,112	510,022	93,022
Spring No. 3 Patent (Strong Bakers or Export Patent) 1/	"	277,758	193,505	471,263	548,139	296,941
Whole wheat and Graham Flour	"	8,450	67,939	76,389	21,043	13,649
Ontario Winter Wheat Flour	"	101,632	-	101,632	107,084	24,035
Durum Semolina and Flour	"	12,110	3,906	16,016	18,669	2,912
Lower Grades of Flour	"	36,789	48,113	84,902	79,747	49,355
All Other	"	44,198	35,506	79,704	52,384	81,136
Totals, Flour	"	792,472	847,800	1,640,272	1,672,242	780,553
	Pounds	<u>SUNDRY CEREALS</u>				
Oatmeal	"		Breakdown	371,027	404,646	226,366
Rolled Oats	"		Not	6,404,322	4,647,054	4,653,268
Barley, Pot and Pearl	"		Available	338,212	323,089	545,013
Buckwheat Flour	"			75,480	89,347	57,950
	Pounds	<u>GROUND FEEDS</u>				
Feed Wheat	"	14,327,700	3,197,040	17,524,740	14,727,180	285,520
Ground Oats	"	24,400,792	5,031,366	29,432,158	28,074,835	703,026
Cracked Corn	"	10,349,114	207,928	10,557,042	6,491,605	354,764
Ground Barley	"	18,031,872	3,012,704	21,044,576	19,446,860	363,029
Mixed Grain	"	59,133,593	18,112,396	77,245,989	77,547,347	3,754,000
	Tons	<u>MILLFEEDS</u>				
Bran	"	11,497	12,726	24,223	23,350	3,761
Shorts	"	12,207	9,670	21,877	24,654	2,121
Middlings	"	3,682	7,189	10,871	7,995	5,881
Totals	"	27,386	29,585	56,971	55,999	11,763
All Other Offal 2/	"	2,380	2,367	4,747	3,318	1,159
Totals, Offal	"	29,766	31,952	61,718	59,317	12,922

1/ Including flour of a higher extraction rate for export to the United Kingdom.
2/ Including Coarse Grain Offal.

Ontario winter wheat flour production for December 1955 was recorded at 101,632 barrels compared with 107,084 barrels for the same month in 1954. In the August-December period of the current crop year 553,617 barrels of this grade of flour were manufactured against 632,376 barrels for the same period in 1954-55.

According to the publication "Trade of Canada" wheat flour exports for December 1955 amounted to 682,347 barrels, bringing the total exports for the first five months of this crop season to 3,517,099 barrels compared with 3,859,130 barrels (adjusted to remove time lag) for the same five months a year earlier.

Millfeed production for December 1955 amounted to 56,971 tons compared with 55,999 tons for the same month last year. This was made up of bran 24,223 (23,350) tons, shorts 21,877 (24,654) tons and middlings 10,871 (7,995) tons. Millfeed production for the August-December period of the current crop year totalled 301,863 tons, while for the same period in 1954-55 the total was 305,478 tons.

Ground feeds for December 1955 totalled 155,804,505 pounds compared with 146,287,827 pounds for December of the previous year. The items in this group were as follows with the comparative figures in brackets and the quantities in pounds: Feed Wheat 17,524,740 (14,727,180); Ground Oats 29,432,158 (28,074,835); Cracked Corn 10,557,042 (6,491,605); Ground Barley 21,044,576 (19,446,860); and Mixed Grain 77,245,989 (77,547,347).

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 1955-56, with comparative figures for 1954-55:

Month	Wheat for Flour	Feed Wheat	Oats	Corn	Barley	Buckwheat	Rye	Mixed Grain
August 1955	7,580,542	267,686	1,299,108	242,242	405,505	100	21,534	1,364,755
September	8,039,098	255,492	1,348,179	246,756	421,070	2,195	30,702	1,346,355
October	7,964,143	247,808	1,417,381	242,749	425,370	6,053	27,688	1,603,996
November	8,307,997	291,968	1,412,807	229,582	457,362	7,434	29,776	1,525,135
December	7,342,888	292,079	1,246,002	276,046	453,101	2,447	37,683	1,759,290
Totals	39,234,668	1,355,033	6,723,477	1,237,375	2,162,408	18,229	147,383	7,599,531
Totals, Last Year ..	41,024,173	1,279,332	7,152,640	995,984	2,237,975	21,398	133,081	7,643,138

SUMMARY OF MILL PRODUCTION AND WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS

The following table summarizes the production of wheat flour, oatmeal, rolled oats and millfeeds for the first five months of the crop year 1955-56, including percentage of operation and wheat flour exports, with comparative figures for 1954-55:

Month	Wheat Flour		Oatmeal	Rollled Oats	Millfeeds	Wheat Flour 1/ Exports
	Percentage of Operation	Quantity Barrels (196 lb.)	Pounds	Pounds	Tons	Barrels (196 lb.)
August 1955	69.0	1,681,178	242,084	7,387,960	58,629	593,034
September	79.7	1,792,384	446,765	8,530,948	61,044	767,952
October	78.2	1,771,223	332,714	9,283,622	61,399	789,400
November	80.9	1,857,437	635,646	7,256,797	63,820	684,366
December	68.8	1,640,272	371,027	6,404,322	56,971	682,347
Totals		8,742,494	2,028,236	38,863,649	301,863	3,517,099
Totals, Last Year ..		9,240,165	4,676,970	44,797,969	305,478	3,859,130

1/ Data for the current crop year are unadjusted Customs figures as published in the "Trade of Canada". The figures for the comparable period last year have been adjusted to remove the effect of time lag in reporting returns.

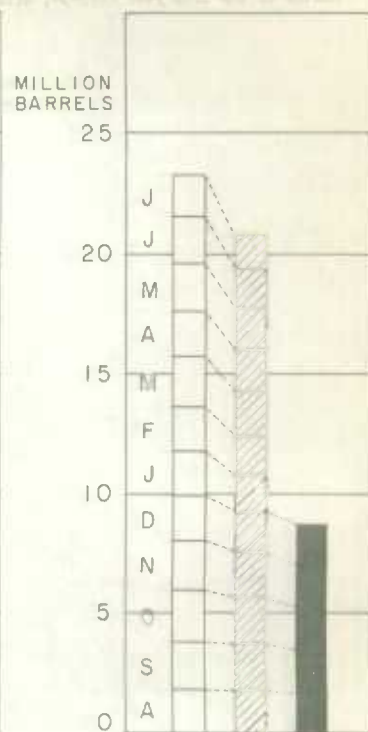
The following table gives the quantity of wheat ground and wheat flour produced by divisions for the calendar year 1955 (preliminary):

Month	Wheat Ground			Wheat Flour Produced		
	Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals Canada	Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals Canada
	- bushels -					
January	3,211,682	3,694,944	6,906,626	723,840	828,407	1,552,247
February	3,305,097	3,808,340	7,113,437	739,584	849,689	1,589,273
March	4,099,680	4,385,717	8,485,397	914,417	978,139	1,892,556
April	3,706,966	3,867,834	7,574,800	829,616	864,627	1,694,243
May	3,646,029	3,897,026	7,543,055	815,336	867,173	1,682,509
June	3,452,573	3,902,212	7,354,785	768,554	870,903	1,639,457
July	3,413,372	3,004,920	6,418,292	761,115	664,974	1,426,089
August	3,481,365	4,099,177	7,580,542	773,972	907,206	1,681,178
September	3,828,849	4,210,249	8,039,098	855,350	937,034	1,792,384
October	3,641,103	4,323,040	7,964,143	812,599	958,624	1,771,223
November	3,942,230	4,365,767	8,307,997	879,983	977,454	1,857,437
December	3,536,292	3,806,596	7,342,888	792,472	847,800	1,640,272
Totals, 1955	43,265,238	47,365,822	90,631,060	9,666,838	10,552,030	20,218,868
Totals, 1954 (Revised)	45,326,098	48,854,315	94,180,413	10,236,853	11,045,484	21,282,337

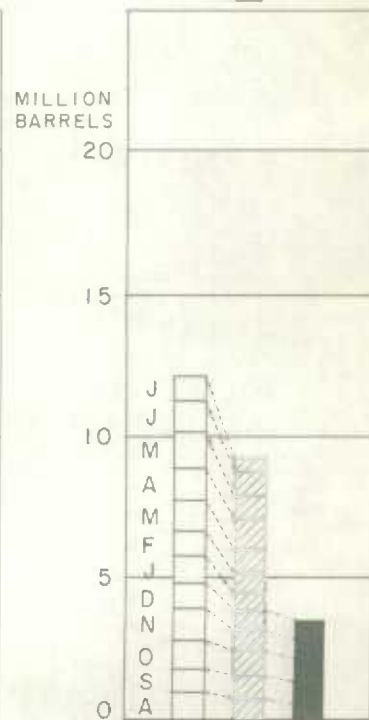
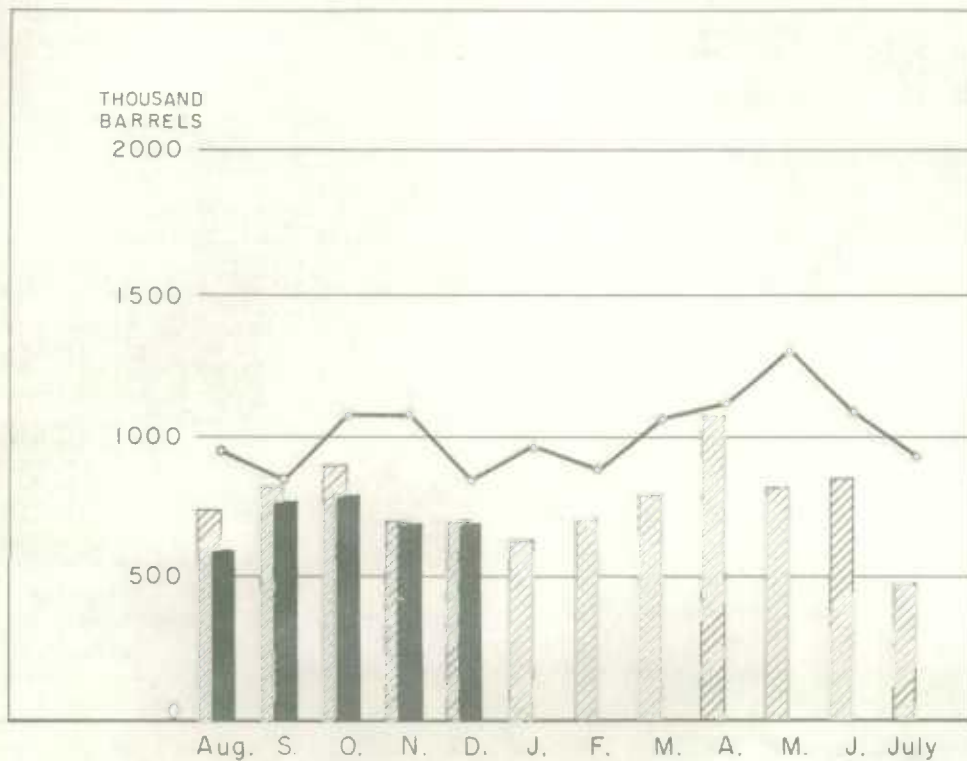


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WHEAT FLOUR PRODUCTION



WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS



CUMULATIVE COMPARISON

LEGEND

- 10 year average 1945-46 - 1954-55
- ▨ 1954-55
- 1955-56

