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## GRAIN MILLING STATISTICS

Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for the month of May 1956 amounted to 3,398,684 hundredweight compared with 3,298,186 hundredweight for the same month a year ago. Total production for the August-May period of the current crop year amounted to 33,366,532 hundredweight, which was below the 34,606,473 hundredweight recorded for the corresponding ten months in 1954-55.

Flour mill operations for May 1956 averaged 72.9 per cent when computed on a 26-day working period in the month and a daily capacity of 179,369 hundredweight. Mills reporting in April operated 73.0 per cent of their combined rated capacity for 25 days.

Wheat used in the manufacture of flour in May 1956 amounted to 7,770,860 bushels, while for the same month last year the wheat used amounted to 7,544,217 bushels. The quantity of wheat going into flour for the August-May period of the current crop year totalled 76,317,116 bushels against 78,647,645 bushels for the same period of the previous crop year.

Stocks of wheat in mill bins at the close of May 1956 amounted to 2,672,715 bushels for flour and 158,184 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 May 1956 by merchant and custom mills in Canada according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at May 31, 1956 (in bushels):

Grain	Quantities Ground				Stocks on Hand in Mill Bins		
	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Totals May 1956	Totals May 1955	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Totals May 31, 1956
<u>EASTERN DIVISION</u>							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring .....	3,288,131	-	3,288,131	3,078,404	1,646,100	-	1,646,100
Ontario Winter .....	465,715	-	465,715	413,701	479,294	-	479,294
Durum .....	84,880	-	84,880	80,404	202,154	-	202,154
Garnet .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other .....	-	94,317	94,317	73,120	30,717	185,328	216,045
Totals, Wheat .....	3,838,726	94,317	3,933,043	3,645,629	2,358,265	185,328	2,543,593
Feed Wheat .....	90,947	186,728	277,675	200,158	17,646	900	18,546
Oats .....	255,463	595,579	851,042	783,118	98,383	140,652	239,035
Corn .....	102,754	203,272	306,026	200,395	69,694	111,275	180,969
Barley .....	92,185	257,582	349,767	301,841	21,548	66,985	88,533
Buckwheat .....	-	33	33	185	17,150	505	17,655
Mixed Grain .....	95,541	818,859	914,400	961,087	1,531	10,363	11,894
<u>WESTERN DIVISION</u>							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring .....	3,748,126	-	3,748,126	3,858,747	125,440	-	125,440
Ontario Winter .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durum .....	21,991	-	21,991	10,555	-	-	-
Garnet .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other .....	60,430	7,270	67,700	29,286	-	3,682	3,682
Totals, Wheat .....	3,830,547	7,270	3,837,817	3,898,588	125,440	3,682	129,122
Feed Wheat .....	48,237	23,480	71,717	66,982	139,638	-	139,638
Oats .....	380,865	51,550	432,415	355,666	71,353	4,744	76,097
Corn .....	8,519	66	8,585	7,119	19,614	10	19,624
Barley .....	37,638	30,846	68,484	66,629	22,673	3,403	26,076
Buckwheat .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Grain .....	102,400	144,312	246,712	263,813	-	-	-
<u>CANADA</u>							
Wheat -							
Manitoba Spring .....	7,036,257	-	7,036,257	6,937,151	1,771,540	-	1,771,540
Ontario Winter .....	465,715	-	465,715	413,701	479,294	-	479,294
Durum .....	106,871	-	106,871	90,959	202,154	-	202,154
Garnet .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other .....	60,430	101,587	162,017	102,406	30,717	189,010	219,727
Totals, Wheat .....	7,669,273	101,587	7,770,860	7,544,217	2,483,705	189,010	2,672,715
Feed wheat .....	139,184	210,208	349,392	267,140	157,284	900	158,184
Oats .....	636,328	647,129	1,283,457	1,138,784	169,736	145,396	315,132
Corn .....	111,273	203,338	314,611	207,514	89,308	111,285	200,593
Barley .....	129,823	288,428	418,251	368,470	44,221	70,388	114,609
Buckwheat .....	-	33	33	185	17,150	505	17,655
Mixed Grain .....	197,941	963,171	1,161,112	1,224,900	1,531	10,363	11,894

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MILLINGS

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains ground in merchant and custom mills in Canada for the month of May 1956, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at May 31, 1956:

Product	Unit of Measure	Production from Grindings			Totals May 1955	Stocks on Hand May 31, 1956
		Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals May 1956		
<u>WHEAT FLOUR</u>						
Spring No. 1 or Top Patent, including Semolina .....	"	187,205	369,342	556,547	580,534	406,125
Spring No. 2 Patent .....	"	440,715	573,812	1,014,527	1,004,825	189,496
Spring No. 3 Patent (Strong Bakers or Export Patent) 1/ .....	"	658,647	583,394	1,242,041	1,212,630	517,990
Whole Wheat and Graham Flour .....	"	19,860	31,273	51,133	46,560	26,885
Ontario Winter Wheat Flour .....	"	206,220	-	206,220	178,405	39,991
Durum Semolina and Flour .....	"	34,790	8,643	43,433	29,606	11,994
Lower Grades of Flour .....	"	93,025	87,272	180,297	156,055	150,617
All Other .....	"	69,616	34,870	104,486	89,570	160,676
<b>Totals, Flour .....</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>1,710,078</b>	<b>1,688,606</b>	<b>3,398,684</b>	<b>3,298,186</b>	<b>1,503,774</b>
<u>SUNDRY CEREALS</u>						
Oatmeal .....	"			2,010,660	346,610	324,566
Rolled Oats .....	"		Breakdown	3,989,476	5,841,436	3,765,914
Barley, Pot and Pearl .....	"		Not	131,355	178,798	343,857
Buckwheat Flour .....	"		Available	945	5,612	200
<u>GROUND FEEDS</u>						
Feed Wheat .....	"	16,660,500	4,303,020	20,963,520	16,028,400	283,580
Ground Oats .....	"	26,225,350	5,883,482	32,108,832	27,508,749	923,721
Cracked Corn .....	"	10,528,140	480,760	11,008,900	7,328,904	348,578
Ground Barley .....	"	16,491,318	3,116,632	19,607,950	17,218,404	317,892
Mixed Grain .....	"	40,878,856	10,896,126	51,774,982	54,506,832	2,843,700
<u>MILLFEEDS</u>						
Bran .....	"	13,028	11,366	24,394	22,939	2,705
Shorts .....	"	13,420	10,952	24,372	24,353	2,325
Middlings .....	"	3,888	6,119	10,007	10,386	3,074
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>30,336</b>	<b>28,437</b>	<b>58,773</b>	<b>57,678</b>	<b>8,104</b>
All Other Offal 2/ .....	"	2,899	1,787	4,686	3,847	1,406
<b>Totals, Offal .....</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>33,235</b>	<b>30,224</b>	<b>63,459</b>	<b>61,525</b>	<b>9,510</b>

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 May 1956 amounted to 206,220 hundredweight compared with 178,405 hundredweight for the month of May last year. This brought the total for this grade of flour to 2,005,464 hundredweight for the August--May period of the current crop year compared with 2,201,768 hundredweight for the same period in 1954-55.

According to the publication "Trade of Canada", exports of wheat flour for May 1956 amounting to 1,584,970 hundredweight were higher than for any previous month in the 1955-56 crop year. However, total exports for the August--May period of the current crop year amounting to 13,997,279 hundredweight continued to lag behind last year's total of 15,441,997 hundredweight for the corresponding period.

Millfeed production for May 1956 amounted to 58,773 tons compared with 57,678 tons for the same month last year. The breakdown was bran 24,394 (22,939) tons, shorts 24,372 (24,353) tons and middlings 10,007 (10,386) tons. Total millfeed production for the August--May period of the current crop year amounted to 583,186 tons compared with 590,445 tons for the same period in 1954-55.

Ground feeds for May 1956 totalled 135,464,184 pounds against 122,591,289 pounds for the same month last year. The items in the group were as follows with the comparable figures in brackets and the quantities in pounds: Feed Wheat 20,963,520 (16,028,400); Ground Oats 32,108,832 (27,508,749); Cracked Corn 11,008,900 (7,328,904); Ground Barley 19,607,950 (17,218,404); and Mixed Grain 51,774,982 (54,506,832).

SUMMARY OF MILL GRINDINGS

The following table summarizes the mill grind of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat, rye and mixed grain for ten 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
				- bushels -				
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 .....	7,964,443	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
January 1956 .....	7,099,211	314,115	1,204,405	287,790	386,718	4,275	30,420	1,764,484
February .....	7,160,710	258,182	1,265,212	232,998	364,590	1,797	31,233	1,482,496
March .....	7,593,348	334,670	1,232,465	340,734	420,844	2,886	26,948	1,442,696
April .....	7,458,319	320,601	1,108,151	264,066	369,012	30	24,737	1,288,640
May .....	7,770,860	349,392	1,283,457	314,611	418,251	33	22,201	1,161,112
Totals .....	76,317,116	2,931,993	12,817,167	2,677,574	4,121,823	27,250	282,922	14,738,959
Totals, Last Year .....	78,647,645	2,556,771	13,298,777	1,971,154	4,209,992	31,769	265,781	14,975,699

SUMMARY OF MILL PRODUCTION AND WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS

The following table summarizes the production of wheat flour, oatmeal, rolled oats and millfeeds for ten 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ Exports
	Percentage of Operation	Quantity Cwt.	Pounds	Pounds	Tons	Cwt.
August 1955 .....	69.0	3,295,109	242,084	7,387,960	58,629	1,162,347
September .....	79.7	3,513,073	446,765	8,530,948	61,044	1,505,186
October .....	78.2	3,471,597	332,714	9,283,622	61,399	1,547,224
November .....	80.9	3,640,577	635,646	7,256,797	63,820	1,341,357
December .....	68.8	3,214,933	371,027	6,404,322	56,971	1,337,400
January .....	69.6	3,100,787	437,896	5,686,796	54,308	1,213,809
February .....	69.7	3,124,518	366,266	9,158,396	54,132	1,497,615
March .....	71.7	3,336,875	1,256,700	4,664,254	57,503	1,382,973
April .....	73.0	3,270,379	396,504	4,172,769	56,607	1,424,398
May .....	72.9	3,398,684	2,010,660	3,989,476	58,773	1,584,970
Totals .....		33,366,532	6,496,262	66,535,340	583,186	13,997,279
Totals, Last Year .....		34,606,473	7,570,297	76,284,039	590,445	15,441,997

$\frac{1}{2}$  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 shows the production of barley feed for the calendar years 1950 to 1955:

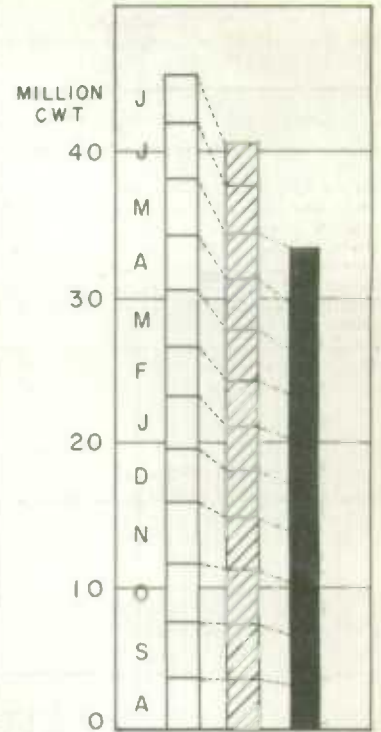
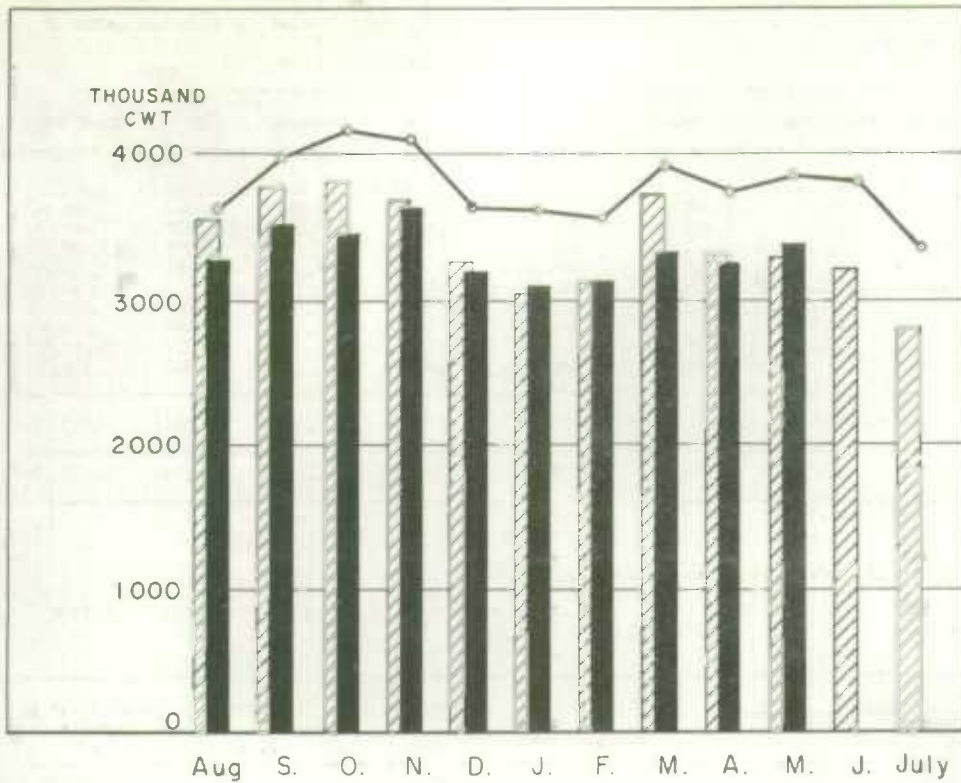
Month	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January .....	19,209,882	17,253,714	22,786,154	17,058,496	20,017,590	19,191,736
February .....	20,378,662	15,035,124	20,104,760	15,836,639	19,153,043	17,193,621
March .....	24,491,292	17,234,242	20,472,805	16,960,807	21,776,140	19,309,552
April .....	21,199,256	14,807,293	21,886,498	15,791,344	22,320,703	18,476,322
May .....	22,401,743	18,445,082	24,560,332	15,248,589	22,679,165	17,238,404
June .....	20,941,485	17,874,308	23,017,091	14,007,138	21,835,277	16,662,033
July .....	18,320,310	21,889,905	24,979,068	15,041,880	21,598,981	17,443,445
August .....	20,341,943	25,697,256	23,204,614	16,284,870	22,822,198	19,452,756
September .....	21,773,717	23,880,300	20,157,827	15,826,712	19,643,949	19,360,630
October .....	18,890,375	23,286,958	18,892,650	17,624,790	19,472,648	19,952,250
November .....	19,828,103	22,364,364	16,519,447	18,542,455	21,057,696	21,433,944
December .....	18,664,676	18,455,900	17,000,936	18,195,380	19,446,860	19,786,016
Totals .....	246,441,444	236,224,446	253,582,182	196,419,100	251,824,250	225,480,709





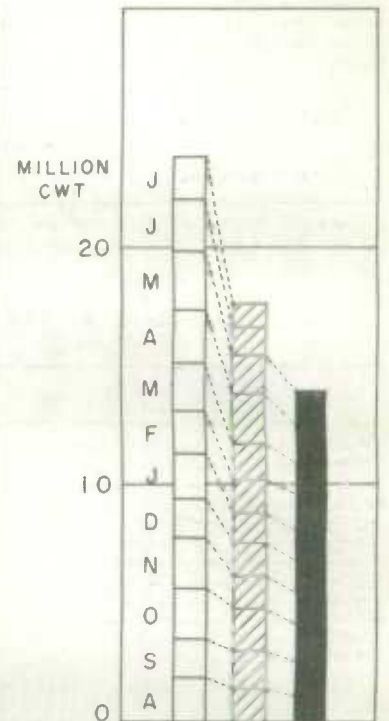
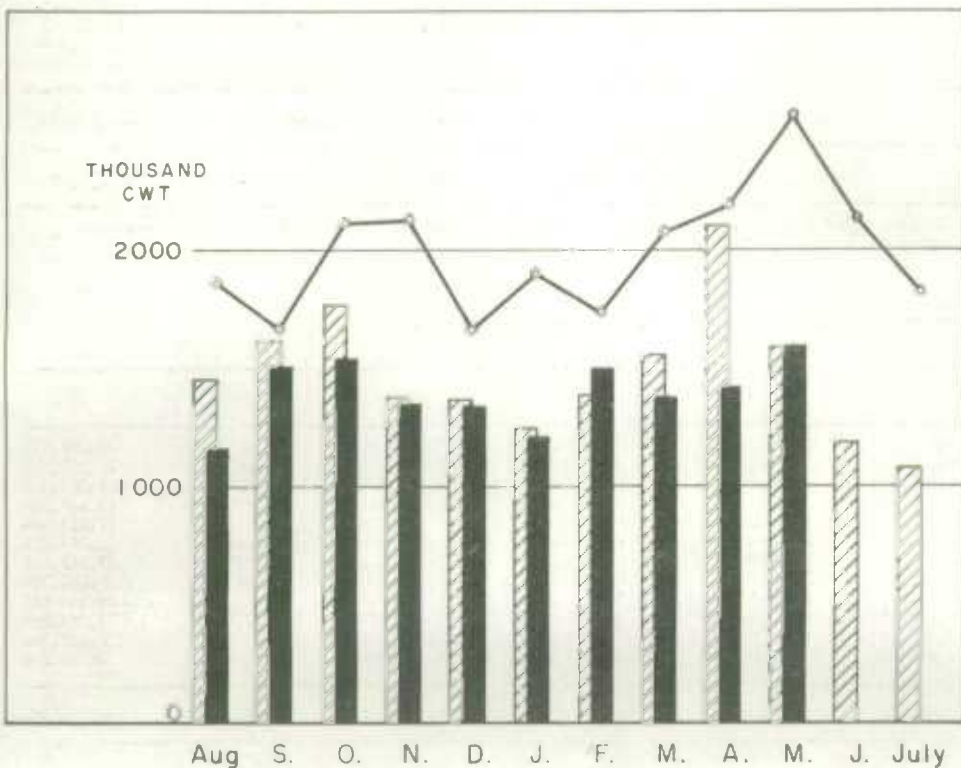
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# WHEAT FLOUR PRODUCTION



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COMPARISON

# WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS



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