



February 1959

GRAIN MILLING STATISTICS

The output of wheat flour in Canada during February 1959 amounted to 3,138,000 hundredweight, representing an increase of 1 per cent over the February 1958 output of 3,098,000 hundredweight but 4 per cent below both the January 1959 output of 3,263,000 hundredweight and the ten-year (1949-1958) average production for the month of February of 3,266,000 hundredweight. Ontario winter wheat flour included in the quantity for the month under review amounted to 234,000 hundredweight as against 187,000 hundredweight in February 1958. Production of wheat flour during the first seven months (August-February) of the 1958-59 crop year amounted to 23,750,000 hundredweight compared with 23,541,000 hundredweight produced during the same period of the past crop year.

Mill operations during February 1959 averaged 77.4 per cent of capacity when computed on a 24-day working period in the month and a daily capacity of 169,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting for January 1959 operated at 74.2 per cent of their combined rated capacity for 26 days.

Wheat milled for flour in February 1959 amounted to 7,101,000 bushels, exceeding by 1 per cent the 7,003,000 bushels milled in February a year ago. Ontario winter wheat included in the current month's milled wheat amounted to 540,000 bushels compared with 440,000 bushels of this type in February 1958. Total wheat milled for flour during the August-February period of the 1958-59 crop year amounted to 53,830,000 bushels as against 53,120,000 bushels milled in the same period of the past crop year.

Stocks of wheat for flour in mill bins at the close of February 1959 amounted to 2,750,000 bushels.

According to preliminary Customs returns wheat flour exports during February 1959 amounted to 1,113,000 hundredweight representing a decline of 27 per cent from the January total of 1,533,000 hundredweight and 7 per cent less than the adjusted February 1958 figure of 1,202,000 hundredweight. Total shipments during the first seven months of the 1958-59 crop year amounted to 9,257,000 hundredweight compared with 9,419,000 hundredweight (adjusted to remove the effect of time lag in reporting returns) in the same period of the preceding crop year.

Millfeed production for February 1959 amounted to 52,000 tons, compared with 52,000 tons produced in the same month last year. The breakdown was as follows: bran 23,000 (23,000) tons, shorts 23,000 (22,000) tons and middlings 6,000 (6,000) tons. Total millfeed production during the first seven months of the crop year 1958-59 amounted to 398,000 tons slightly above the 396,000 tons during the same period of 1957-58.

WHEAT

The following table shows the amount of wheat milled in Canadian mills for the month of February 1959, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at February 28, 1959:

WHEAT	QUANTITIES MILLED				STOCKS ON HAND IN MILL BINS		
	Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals Feb./59	Totals Feb./58	Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals Feb. 28/59
	- '000 bushels -						
Manitoba Spring	3,022	3,358	6,381	6,395	1,500	97	1,597
Ontario Winter	540	-	540	440	972	-	972
Durum	120	14	134	130	106	46	152
All Other	2	44	46	38			29
Totals, Wheat	3,685	3,416	7,101	7,003	2,604	146	2,750

NOTE: Components in tables may not add exactly to the totals due to rounding.

MILLINGS

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains milled in Canadian mills for the month of February 1959, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at February 28, 1959:

Product	Unit of Measure	PRODUCTION - FROM MILLINGS				Stocks On Hand Feb. 28, 1959
		Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals Feb./59	Totals Feb./58	
	'000 cwt.					
<u>WHEAT FLOUR</u>						
Spring No. 1 or Top Patent, including Semolina	"	235	520	755	553	376
Spring No. 2 Patent	"	459	358	817	815	211
Spring No. 3 Patent (Strong Bakers or Export Patent) <u>1/</u>	"	471	384	856	1,199	358
Whole Wheat and Graham Flour	"	13	21	34	39	16
Ontario Winter Wheat Flour	"	234	-	234	187	66
Durum Semolina and Flour	"	55	6	61	58	21
Lower Grades of Flour	"	128	137	264	180	138
All Other Flour	"	42	75	118	66	55
Totals, Flour	"	1,638	1,500	3,138	3,098	1,241

'000 lbs.

SUNDRY CEREALS

Oatmeal	"			1,261	1,057	407
Rolled Oats	"			6,140	5,579	3,676
Barley, Pot and Pearl	"			305	211	275
Rye, Flour and Meal	"			1,126	1,596	551

'000 tons

MILLFEEDS

Bran	"	12	11	23	23	3
Shorts	"	12	11	23	22	3
Middlings	"	3	3	6	6	2
Totals	"	28	25	52	52	8

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

SUMMARY OF MILLINGS

The following table summarizes the milling of wheat and coarse grains for human consumption for the first seven months of the crop year 1958-59, with comparative figures for 1957-58:

Month	Wheat for Flour	Oats	Barley	Rye
August 1958	6,970	386	13	41
September	7,245	574	19	42
October	8,569	610	25	34
November	8,790	499	14	40
December	7,799	403	9	35
January 1959	7,355	371	15	37
February	7,101	404	18	29
Totals	53,830	3,247	112	257
Totals Last Year	53,120	3,234	129	253

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 seven months of the crop year 1958-59, including percentage of operation and wheat flour exports, with comparative figures for 1957-58:

Month	WHEAT FLOUR		Oatmeal '000 pounds	Rolled Oats '000 pounds	Millfeeds '000 tons	Wheat Flour ^{1/} Exports '000 cwt.
	% of Operation	Quantity '000 cwt.				
August 1958	68.8	3,058	415	6,530	52	1,261
September	71.2	3,205	817	9,684	54	1,003
October	80.8	3,791	836	10,516	63	1,501
November	89.1	3,864	1,471	7,673	66	1,420
December	81.3	3,431	1,383	5,965	58	1,426
January 1959	74.2	3,263	883	5,910	53	1,533
February	77.4	3,138	1,261	6,140	52	1,113
Totals	-	23,750	7,066	52,419	398	9,257
Totals Last Year	-	23,541	9,911	49,135	396	9,419

^{1/} Data for the month of February 1959 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 manufacture of buckwheat flour for the calendar years 1954 to 1958:

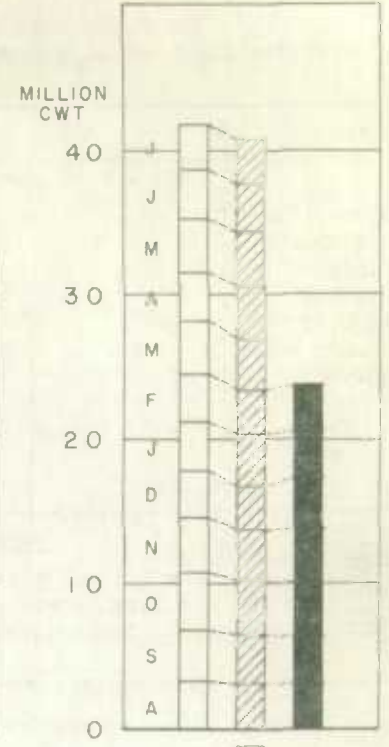
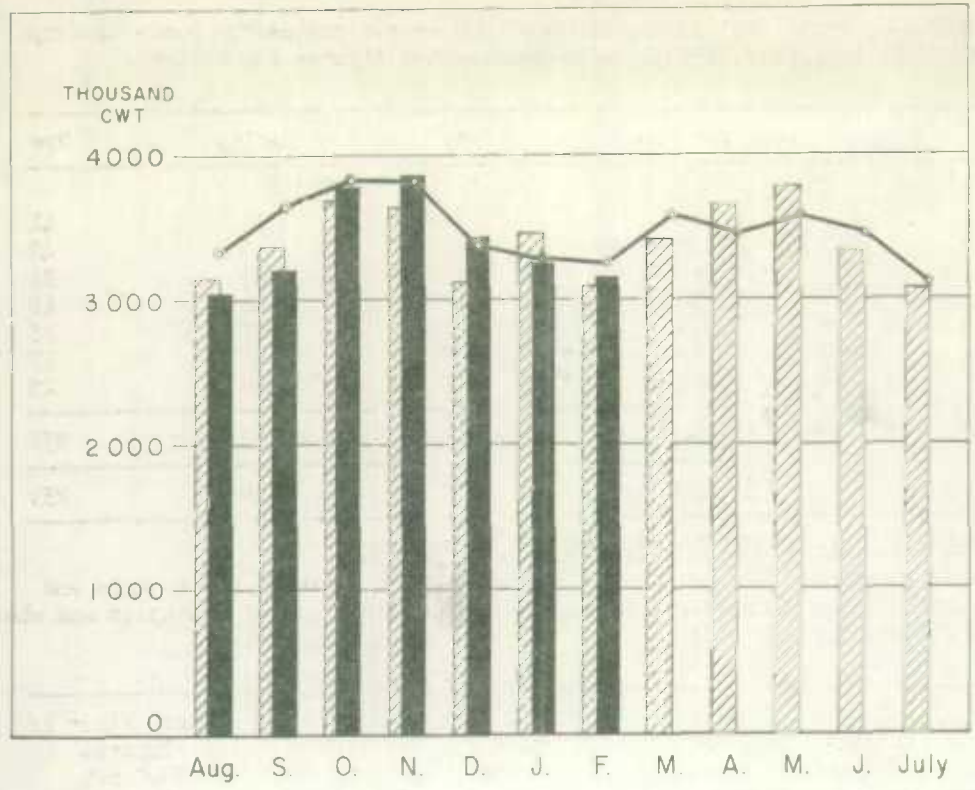
Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 *
January	73	98	121	62	141
February	128	138	55	149	32
March	67	75	77	1	113
April	26	-	1	2	15
May	-	6	1	32	37
June	-	69	57	1	40
July	50	1	32	27	28
August	70	2	68	82	85
September	113	68	55	115	65
October	131	184	118	156	93
November	190	196	220	230	198
December	89	75	76	121	67
Totals	937	914	881	979	913

* Preliminary from August to December 1958.



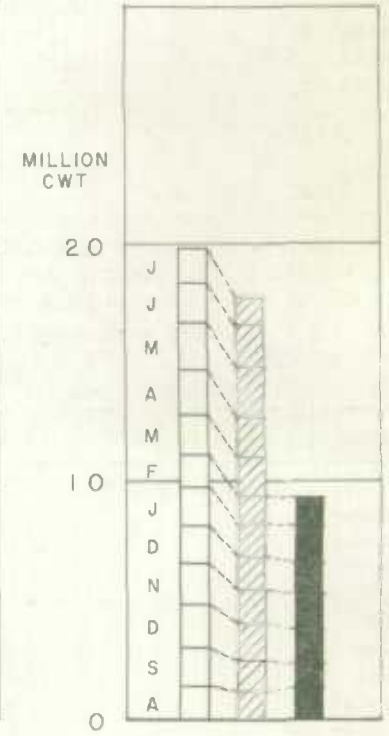
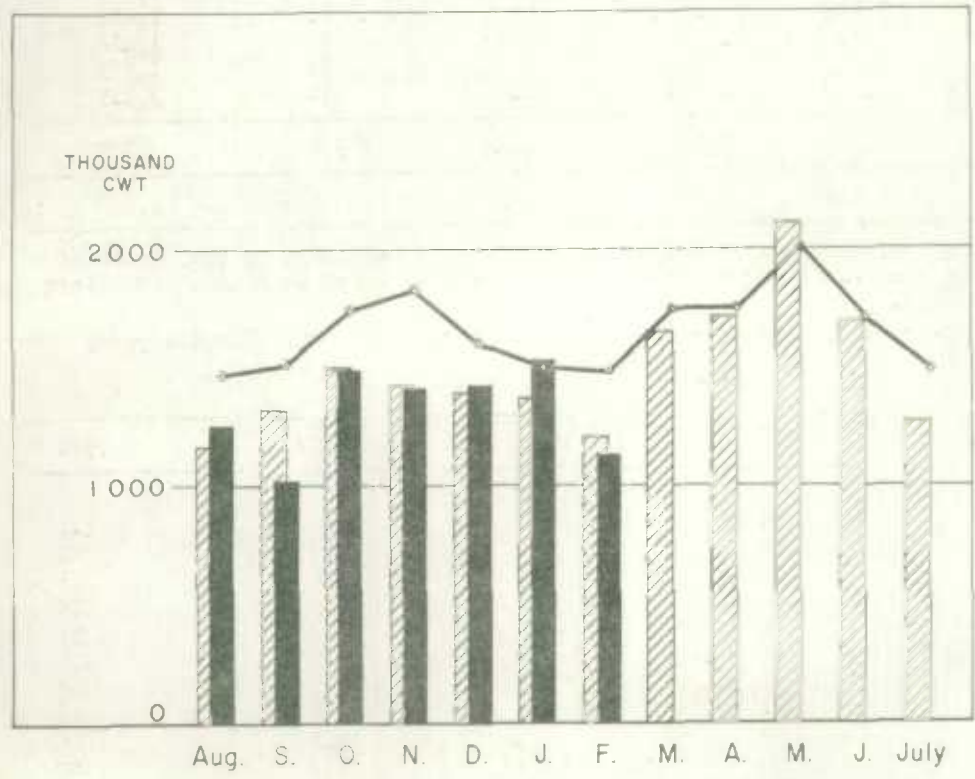
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WHEAT FLOUR PRODUCTION



CUMULATIVE COMPARISON

WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS



10 year average 1948-1949 - 1957-58
 1957-1958
 1958-1959