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GRAIN MILLING STATISTICS

The output of wheat flour in Canada during March 1961 amounted to 3,386,000 hundredweight representing an increase of 14 per cent over the February 1961 output of 2,969,000 hundredweight, but 2 per cent lower than the March 1960 total of 3,462,000 hundredweight and 5 per cent less than the ten-year (1951-60) average production for the month of March of 3,553,000 hundredweight. Ontario winter wheat flour included in the quantity for the month under review amounted to 225,000 hundredweight as against 210,000 hundredweight in March 1960. Production of wheat flour during the first eight months (August-March) of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 26,882,000 hundredweight compared with 27,104,000 hundredweight produced during the same period of the past crop year.

Mill operations during March 1961 averaged 84.0 per cent of capacity when computed on a 26-day working period in the month and a daily capacity of 155,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting for February 1961 operated at 81.4 per cent of their combined rated capacity for 24 days.

Wheat milled for flour in March 1961 amounted to 7,582,000 bushels, 3 per cent less than the 7,822,000 bushels milled in March a year ago. Ontario winter wheat included in the current month's milled wheat amounted to 521,000 bushels compared with 494,000 bushels of this type in March 1960. Total wheat milled for flour during the August-March period of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 60,572,000 bushels as against 61,436,000 bushels milled in the same period of the 1959-60 crop year.

Millfeed production for March 1961 amounted to 56,000 tons, 4 per cent less than the 58,000 tons produced in the same month last year. The breakdown was as follows with last year's comparable figures in brackets: bran 26,000 (26,000) tons, shorts 24,000 (25,000) tons and middlings 5,000 (6,000) tons. Total millfeed production during the first eight months of the crop year 1960-61 amounted to 453,000 tons compared with 459,000 tons during the same period of the preceding crop year.

According to preliminary Customs returns wheat flour exports during January 1961 amounted to 1,562,000 hundredweight, representing an increase of 15 per cent over the December 1960 figure of 1,358,000 hundredweight and 42 per cent above the January 1960 adjusted total of 1,097,000 hundredweight. Total shipments during the first six months of the 1960-61 crop year amounted to 8,319,000 hundredweight compared with 8,022,000 hundredweight (adjusted to remove the effect of time lag in reporting returns) in the same period of the preceding crop year.

NOTE:

Due to the introduction of a new commodity classification effective January 1, 1961, official wheat flour export data for February and March were not available at the time of preparation of this report. The flour export figure for both February and March included in this report represents an unofficial estimate.

WHEAT

The following table shows the amount of wheat milled in Canadian mills for the month of March 1961, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand March 31, 1961:

WHEAT	QUANTITIES MILLED				STOCKS ON HAND IN MILL BINS		
	Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals March/61	Totals March/60	Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals March 31/61
	- '000 bushels -						
Manitoba Spring	2,675	3,949	6,624	7,035	1,138	115	1,252
Ontario Winter	521	-	521	494	890	-	890
Durum	236	122	358	202			424
All Other	B R E A K D O W N		80	91	B R E A K D O W N		
Totals, Wheat	N O T A V A I L A B L E		7,582	7,822	N O T A V A I L A B L E		

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

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MILLINGS

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains milled in Canadian mills for the month of March 1961, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at March 31, 1961:

Product	PRODUCTION FROM MILLINGS				Stocks on hand March 31, 1961
	Eastern Division	Western Division	Totals March/61	Totals March/60	
<u>WHEAT FLOUR</u> - '000 cwt. -					
Spring No. 1 or Top Patent Including Semolina	215	431	646	704	SEE
Spring No. 2 Patent	515	557	1,072	1,089	
Spring No. 3 Patent (Strong Bakers or Export Patent) 1/	339	590	929	946	TABLE
Whole Wheat and Graham Flour	10	37	48	55	
Ontario Winter Wheat Flour	225	-	225	210	
Durum Semolina and Flour	101	19	120	87	
Lower Grades of Flour	102	151	253	237	BELOW
All Other Wheat Flour	24	69	94	134	
Totals, Flour	1,532	1,855	3,386	3,462	
<u>SUNDRY CEREALS</u> - '000 lbs. -					
Oatmeal	B R E A K D O W N		3,232	2,483	206
Rolled Oats	N O T		5,478	6,340	3,282
Barley, Pot and Pearl			423	363	484
Rye, Flour and Meal	A V A I L A B L E		1,421	1,480	731
<u>MILLFEEDS</u> - '000 tons -					
Bran	12	14	26	26	3
Shorts	11	13	24	25	2
Middlings	3	2	5	6	1
Totals	26	30	56	58	6

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

MILL OWNED FLOUR STOCKS

Grade of Flour	EASTERN DIVISION			WESTERN DIVISION			Total East and West
	At Mills	At Offsite Positions, in Transit and on Consignment East of the Lakehead	Total	At Mills	At Offsite Positions, in Transit and on Consignment Lakehead and West	Total	
- '000 cwt. -							
Spring No. 1 or Top Patent Including Semolina	61	229	290	104	195	299	589
Spring No. 2 Patent	101	162	263	102	61	164	427
Spring No. 3 Patent (Strong Bakers or Export Patent)	38	257	295	52	105	157	452
Whole Wheat and Graham Flour	8	12	20	13	7	20	40
Ontario Winter Wheat Flour	67	30	97	-	-	-	97
Lower Grades of Flour	53	17	71	14	7	21	92
All Other Wheat Flour	16	11	27	21	29	50	77
Durum Semolina and Flour	B R E A K D O W N		28	35	-	35	63
Totals	N O T A V A I L A B L E		1,091	341	405	746	1,837

SUMMARY OF MILLINGS

The following table summarizes the milling of wheat and coarse grains for human consumption for the first eight months of the crop year 1960-61, with comparative figures for 1959-60:

Month	Wheat for Flour	Oats	Barley	Rye
- '000 bushels -				
August 1960	7,794	441	16	39
September	8,268	521	22	37
October	8,480	529	24	34
November	8,634	420	20	45
December	7,066	342	12	40
January 1961	6,092	454	14	40
February	6,656	470	18	35
March	7,582	445	19	37
Totals	60,572	3,622	144	307
Totals, Last Year	61,436	3,804	134	298

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 eight months of the crop year 1960-61, including percentage of operation and wheat flour exports, with comparative figures for 1959-60:

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 1960	74.2	3,418	1,099	7,064	60	1,215
September	85.6	3,654	970	8,730	62	1,188
October	87.9	3,754	1,339	8,887	63	1,064
November	101.5	3,835	1,352	6,629	65	1,931
December	80.0	3,145	1,503	5,210	53	1,358
January 1961	71.8	2,720	1,898	6,647	45	1,562 ^{2/}
February	81.4	2,969	1,993	6,948	49	1,300 ^{3/}
March	84.0	3,386	3,232	5,478	56	1,200 ^{3/}
Totals	-	26,882	13,386	55,594	453	10,819
Totals, Last Year	-	27,104	13,468	57,501	459	10,401

^{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.

^{2/} Preliminary.

^{3/} Estimate, see text for explanation of these figures.

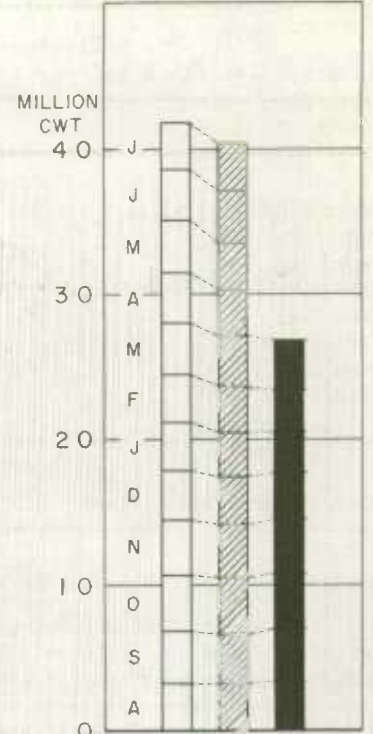
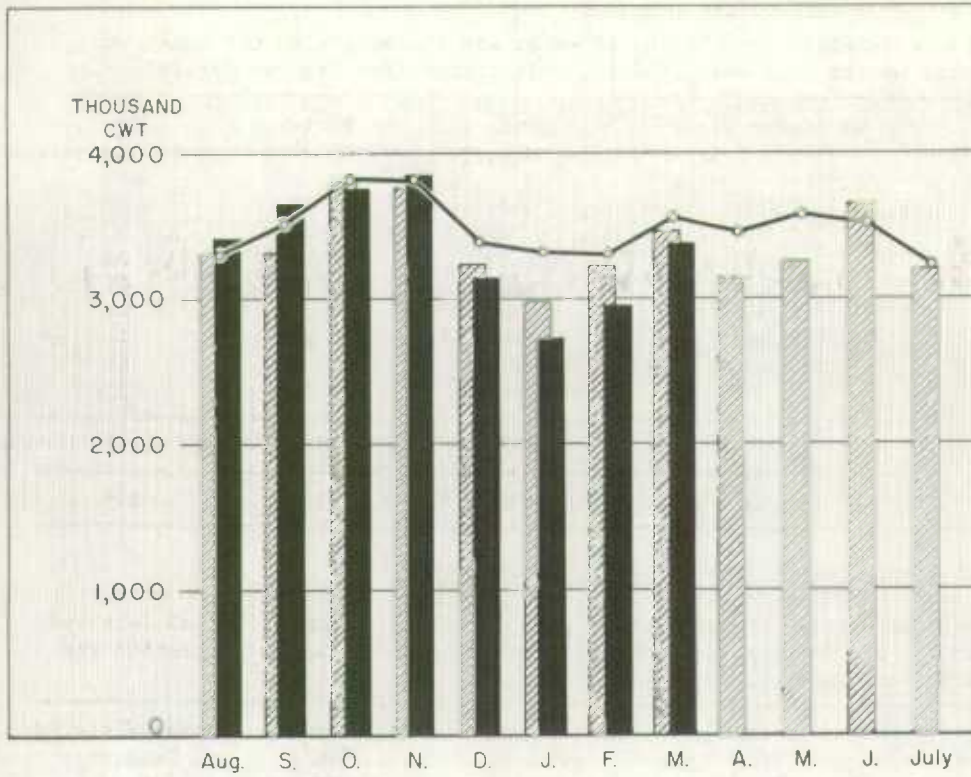
The following table shows the quantity of wheat used in the manufacture of flour for the calendar years 1956 to 1960:

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
- '000 bushels -					
January	7,114	6,987	7,840	7,357	6,728
February	7,161	6,695	7,003	7,106	7,321
March	7,599	6,684	7,739	6,842	7,822
April	7,452	6,439	8,275	6,994	7,073
May	7,770	6,684	8,594	7,298	7,377
June	7,537	6,266	7,572	7,664	8,270
July	7,942	6,832	6,989	7,515	7,233
August	7,873	7,094	6,969	7,518	7,794
September	7,233	7,630	7,248	7,515	8,268
October	8,041	8,315	8,571	8,649	8,484
November	8,300	8,186	8,781	8,530	8,641
December	7,114	7,052	7,798	7,354	7,065
Totals	91,136	84,865	93,379	90,341	92,077

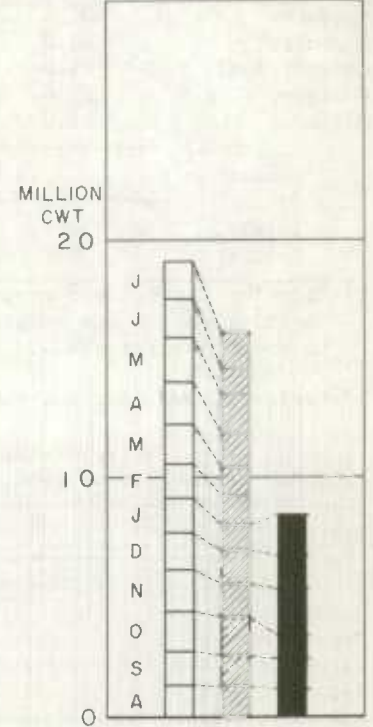
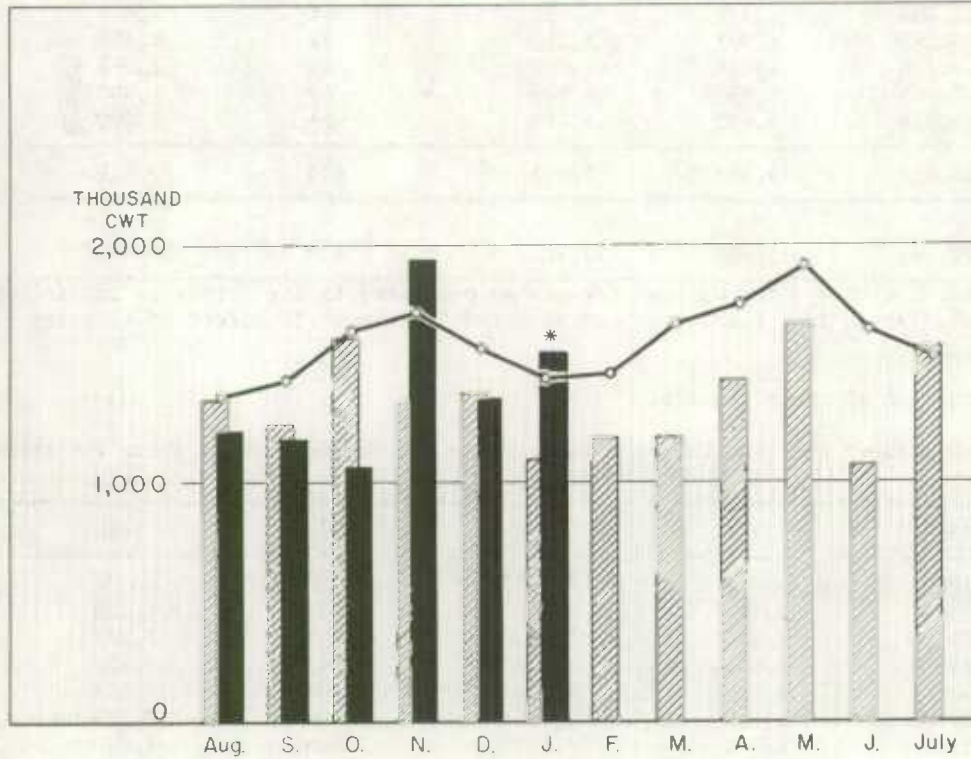


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WHEAT FLOUR PRODUCTION



WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS



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* PRELIMINARY

○ — ○ 10 year average 1950-51 — 1959-60

▨ 1959-60

■ 1960-61