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REPORT ON PROGRESS OF HARVESTING IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Despite adverse weather conditions which seriously delayed harvesting in the Prairie Provinces this fall, an estimated 86 per cent of the acreage in the five major grains had been cut, and 63 per cent threshed, by October 15. Results of surveys conducted in Saskatchewan by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and in Manitoba and Alberta by the Bureau indicate that, for the Prairies as a whole, 98 per cent of the rye, 87 per cent of the barley, 86 per cent of the oats, 83 per cent of the wheat, and 51 per cent of the flaxseed had been cut or swathed by October 15. Proportions threshed were smaller, with rye averaging 87 per cent, wheat 63, barley 62, oats 59, and flaxseed 42. Estimated percentages for the various grains cut and threshed, respectively, in each of the Prairie Provinces as at October 15, 1954 were as follows: Manitoba - wheat (97, 77); oats (96, 81); barley (95, 76); rye (99, 96); and flaxseed (52, 43); Saskatchewan - wheat (81, 62); oats (87, 63); barley (87, 63); rye (99, 90); and flaxseed (44, 38); Alberta - wheat (85, 59); oats (78, 40); barley (82, 51); rye (94, 78); and flaxseed (63, 50). Generally good weather conditions have prevailed throughout the Prairie Provinces since October 15 and further progress has been made towards the completion of harvest in most districts.

Estimated Progress of Harvesting in the Prairie Provinces as at October 15, 1954

Province and Crop	Area Seeded	Proportion and Area of Crop Cut*		Proportion and Area of Crop Threshed**	
		acres	%	acres	%
<u>Manitoba</u>					
Wheat	2,035,000	97	1,970,000	77	1,570,000
Oats	1,510,000	96	1,450,000	81	1,220,000
Barley	2,202,000	95	2,090,000	76	1,680,000
Rye	84,400	99	83,500	96	81,000
Flaxseed	444,000	52	230,000	43	190,000
<u>Saskatchewan</u>					
Wheat	15,540,000	81	12,590,000	62	9,635,000
Oats	2,851,000	87	2,480,000	63	1,800,000
Barley	2,313,000	87	2,010,000	63	1,460,000
Rye	453,000	99	448,000	90	408,000
Flaxseed	518,000	44	230,000	38	195,000
<u>Alberta</u>					
Wheat	5,862,000	85	4,960,000	59	3,470,000
Oats	2,354,000	78	1,825,000	40	935,000
Barley	3,053,000	82	2,500,000	51	1,550,000
Rye	215,300	94	203,000	78	168,000
Flaxseed	215,000	63	135,000	50	108,000
<u>Prairie Provinces</u>					
Wheat	23,437,000	83	19,520,000	63	14,675,000
Oats	6,715,000	86	5,755,000	59	3,955,000
Barley	7,568,000	87	6,600,000	62	4,690,000
Rye	752,700	98	734,500	87	657,000
Flaxseed	1,177,000	51	595,000	42	493,000

*Includes swathing. **Includes combining.

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Progress of Harvesting of Wheat, Oats and Barley in the Prairie Provinces,
by Crop Districts, as at October 15, 1954

Province and Crop District	Estimated Percentage of Cutting* Completed			Estimated Percentage of Threshing** Completed		
	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Wheat	Oats	Barley
<u>Manitoba</u>						
1	99	98	99	86	87	92
2	99	98	98	82	89	85
3	98	96	95	87	89	86
4	89	90	89	73	79	79
5	87	87	84	58	60	58
6	91	93	87	80	80	79
7	97	97	96	77	85	82
8	97	99	98	85	87	83
9	96	97	95	68	76	69
10	97	96	97	47	69	60
11	96	92	93	75	71	71
12	93	96	94	48	53	51
13	97	90	90	82	65	64
14	97	98	93	79	81	73
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
1	95	97	97	68	79	79
2	90	96	96	76	84	84
3	88	95	95	81	84	84
4	93	87	87	81	70	70
5	81	89	89	46	49	49
6	70	92	92	63	75	75
7	92	96	96	49	70	70
8	51	50	50	25	23	23
9	72	87	87	40	59	59
<u>Alberta</u>						
1	96	99	99	94	93	96
2	95	96	94	76	74	77
3A	92	95	90	90	70	87
3B	81	80	79	64	65	66
4	97	96	98	75	76	83
5	79	88	88	60	49	62
6	85	86	85	46	48	55
7	72	75	81	49	39	53
8	81	76	77	30	27	34
9	70	66	69	21	16	28
10	80	82	90	46	44	61
11	81	71	79	39	34	47
12	74	67	67	22	17	25
13	72	64	73	23	15	26
14	78	74	78	40	34	46
15	75	72	77	37	38	53
16	63	70	85	33	37	59
17	80	85	90	64	67	73

*Includes swathing.

**Includes combining.