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TOTAL STOCKS, QUANTITIES ON FARMS AND UNMERCHANTABLE,
AND QUANTITY OF WHEAT FED.

Ottawa, April 11, 1935. 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day a bulletin giving in summary form (1) the total quantities of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in Canada at the end of March, 1935; (2) the stocks of agricultural products of 1934 remaining on farms at March 31, 1935; (3) the proportion of the crops of 1934 estimated by crop correspondents to be of unmerchantable quality, and (4) the quantity of the 1934 wheat crop fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry in the crop season as estimated by crop correspondents.

SUMMARY

Stocks of Grain:- Total stocks of wheat, barley and flaxseed in Canada on March 31, 1935 were lower than a year ago while slight increases are reported in the case of oats and rye. Stocks of wheat in Canada on March 31, 1935 amounted to 282,674,799 bushels compared with a revised estimate of 304,272,741 bushels on March 31, 1934, a reduction of 21.6 million bushels. Barley stocks amounted to 22,762,907 bushels as compared with 24,224,788 bushels a year ago. Stocks of rye in Canada on March 31 amounted to 4,602,383 bushels compared with 4,516,656 bushels on the same date last year. Oats stocks increased slightly, amounting to 113,184,680 bushels as compared with 107,520,068 bushels a year ago. At the end of March flaxseed stocks amounted to 580,839 bushels compared with 663,668 a year ago. Rye stocks amounted to 4,602,383 bushels, a slight increase over a year ago.

Stocks of Potatoes and Hay and Clover on Farms:- At March 31, stocks of potatoes on farms amounted to 19,740,400 cwt., as compared with 12,634,000 cwt. on March 31, 1934. Larger quantities were held in each province in eastern Canada and in British Columbia. Hay and Clover supplies in farmers' hands on March 31, 1935 were somewhat higher than on March 31, 1934, amounting to 2,291,000 tons compared with 1,897,000 tons last year. The increase in stocks is mostly due to larger farm reserves in Quebec.

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry:- A preliminary estimate of the amount of wheat fed to live stock and poultry in the crop season, 1934-35, is 18,913,000 bushels compared with a final estimate of 17,039,900 bushels in 1933-34.

Note: - The quantities of grain and potatoes in farmers' hands include seed for the 1935 crops.

Total Stocks of Grain in Canada

Returns received from elevators, flour mills, railway companies and crop correspondents show that on March 31, 1935, stocks of Canadian wheat in Canada amounted to 282,674,799 bushels, as compared with a revised figure of 304,272,741 bushels for the same date in 1934. Total stocks in various positions on March 31, 1935, are shown as follows, with the corresponding figures for 1934 in brackets: In elevators, flour mills and afloat, 217,114,569 bushels (225,405,134 bushels); in transit by rail, 5,100,230 bushels (6,722,607 bushels); and on farms, 60,460,000 bushels (72,145,000 bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada on March 31, 1935, is estimated at 113,184,680 bushels, as compared with 107,520,068 bushels at the same date in 1934, the total for 1935 comprising 14,682,663 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 97,569,000 bushels on farms and 933,017 bushels in transit by rail.

The total quantity of barley in Canada on March 31, 1935, is estimated at 22,762,907 bushels, as compared with 24,224,788 bushels in 1934. This year's total includes 9,574,969 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 13,006,200 bushels on farms, and 181,738 bushels in transit by rail.

Total stocks of rye held in Canada on March 31, 1935, are estimated at 4,602,383 bushels, compared with 4,516,656 bushels in 1934, the total for this year including 3,850,185 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 747,300 bushels on farms and 4,898 bushels in transit by rail.

Of flaxseed, the total quantity in Canada on March 31, 1935, was 580,839 bushels, as compared with 663,668 bushels in 1934. The total for 1935 comprises 408,853 bushels in elevators, 166,300 bushels on farms and 5,686 bushels in transit by rail.

A detailed statement of stocks is given on the last page of this report.

Stocks on Farms

According to the reports of crop correspondents, 22 p.c. of the 1934 wheat crop, or 60,460,000 bushels, remained on farms at March 31, 1935, out of a total crop of 275,849,000 bushels. At March 31, 1934, 26 p.c., or 72,145,000 bushels, remained on farms, while in 1933 at the same date 82,627,000 bushels remained. These figures include seed for the following crop.

Of the other crops, the proportions and quantities estimated as remaining on farms at March 31, 1935, were, in bushels, as follows, with the corresponding figures for last year within brackets: Oats 30 p.c. or 97,569,000 (29 p.c. or 89,269,000); barley 20 p.c. or 13,006,200 (21 p.c. or 13,354,000); rye 14 p.c. or 747,300 (13 p.c. or 567,000); flaxseed 18 p.c. or 166,300 (13 p.c. or 81,700); buckwheat 20 p.c. or 1,684,000 (20 p.c. or 1,688,000); corn for husking 19 p.c. or 1,292,000 (19 p.c. or 960,000); potatoes 41 p.c. or 19,740,400 cwt. (30 p.c. or 12,634,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 12 p.c. or 4,843,400 cwt. (10 p.c. or 3,319,000 cwt.); hay and clover 21 p.c. or 2,291,000 tons (17 p.c. or 1,897,000 tons).

Proportions of the 1934 Crops Unmerchantable.

Of the total estimated wheat crop of 1934, viz. 275,849,000 bushels, 1.3 p.c. or 3,571,200 bushels is reported by crop correspondents as having proved of unmerchantable quality, as compared with 1.1 p.c. or 2,965,400 bushels for the previous year. Of the remaining crops, the quantities in bushels and the proportions not merchantable are as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: Oats 2.1 p.c. or 6,834,000 (2.5 p.c. or 7,719,000); barley 1.7 p.c. or 1,113,800 (1.2 p.c. or 743,000); rye 0.8 p.c. or 45,000 (0.8 p.c. or 34,000); flaxseed 1.4 p.c. or 12,700 (0.4 p.c. or 2,700); buckwheat 3.5 p.c. or 305,900 (4.0 p.c. or 338,200); corn for husking 1.5 p.c. or 102,000 (2.0 p.c. or 101,000); potatoes 5.1 p.c. or 2,432,200 cwt. (7.4 p.c. or 3,060,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 4.5 p.c. or 1,814,600 cwt. (6.8 p.c. or 2,344,300 cwt.); hay and clover 1.3 p.c. or 146,000 tons (1.2 p.c. or 142,000 tons).

Feeding of Wheat to Live Stock and Poultry.

The quantity of wheat used in the feeding of live stock and poultry during the crop season of 1934-35 is estimated preliminarily at 18,913,000 bushels or 6.9 p.c. of the 1934 crop, as compared with 17,039,900 bushels or 6 p.c. of the 1933 crop. Details by provinces are given in the following table.

Province	Production in 1933	Quantities Fed in 1933-34		Production in 1934	Quantities Fed in 1934-35	
	Bushels	p.c.	Bushels	Bushels	p.c.	Bushels
Prince Edward Island	562,000	9.0	50,800	504,000	19.7	99,000
Nova Scotia	60,000	29.9	17,960	57,000	32.9	19,000
New Brunswick	271,000	12.1	32,800	319,000	27.2	87,000
Quebec	979,000	19.6	191,740	1,245,000	27.5	342,000
Ontario	15,699,000	47.3	7,424,800	8,527,000	44.1	3,760,000
Manitoba	32,666,000	3.1	1,008,000	37,100,000	4.0	1,500,000
Saskatchewan	128,004,000	3.5	4,458,000	114,200,000	5.6	6,400,000
Alberta	102,334,000	3.1	3,213,000	112,500,000	5.1	5,700,000
British Columbia	1,317,000	48.8	642,800	1,397,000	72.0	1,006,000
CANADA	281,892,000	6.0	17,039,900	275,849,000	6.9	18,913,000

STOCKS OF GRAIN IN CANADA AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR MARCH 31, 1935.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has collected and compiled data showing complete stocks of grain in Canada at the close of the fiscal year ended March 31, 1935. The quantities in farmers' hands are estimated from the reports of Crop Correspondents. The quantities in flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of February.

	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY B u s h e l s	FLAXSEED	RYE	TOTAL
Public, Semi-Public Terminals and Private Elevators, Fort William and Port Arthur	63,819,523	2,606,878	3,519,683	156,362	2,576,846	72,679,292
Mill and Mill Elevators	6,255,333	713,940	1,322,486	7,983	4,454	8,304,196
Interior Public and Semi-Public Elevators - Western Division	2,007,316	634,400	420,683	3,876	164	3,066,439
Vancouver - New Westminster Elevators	10,475,543	807,381	312,094	786	50,442	11,646,246
Prince Rupert and Victoria Elevators	1,798,722	-	-	-	-	1,798,722
Churchill	2,389,404	-	-	-	-	2,389,404
Country Elevators and Private Terminals	96,864,451	7,004,696	2,021,968	239,846	614,625	106,744,986
In Transit - Railways	5,100,230	933,017	181,738	5,686	4,898	6,225,569
In Flour Mills-Eastern Division (Estimated)	2,500,000	800,000	70,000	-	30,000	3,400,000
Eastern Elevators - In Store	31,004,277	2,115,368	1,908,055	-	574,254	35,601,954
In farms	60,460,000	97,569,000	13,006,200	166,300	747,300	171,948,800
 TOTAL - 1935	 282,674,799	 113,184,680	 22,762,907	 580,839	 4,602,383	 423,805,608
 TOTAL - 1934 (revised)	 304,272,741	 107,520,068	 24,224,788	 663,668	 4,516,656	 441,197,921

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