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Ottawa, April 15, 1937, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued today a bulletin giving in summary form (1) the total quantities of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in Canada at the end of March, 1937; (2) the stocks of certain agricultural products of 1936 remaining on farms at March 31, 1937; (3) the proportion of the crops of 1936 estimated by crop correspondents to be of unmerchantable quality, and (4) the quantity of the 1936 wheat crop fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the crop season.

SUMMARY

Stocks of Grain at March 31. - Total stocks of wheat in Canada on March 31, 1937, were almost 129 million bushels lower than on March 31, 1936. Total stocks of oats, barley and rye were likewise considerably lower than on March 31, 1936, while stocks of flaxseed only were slightly higher.

Stocks of wheat in Canada on March 31, 1937 were 118,005,450 bushels compared with slightly revised figure of 246,797,301 bushels a year ago. The 1937 figure is the lowest at this date since 1922 (114,986,086 bushels). Stocks of wheat on farms, including seed supplies, amounted to 46,931,000 bushels which is slightly in excess of the revised figure of 46,754,000 bushels on farms at March 31, 1936. Wheat in store in Canada, other than on farms, amounted to 71,074,450 bushels on March 31, 1937, a reduction of 128,968,851 bushels from the amount in store of 200,043,301 bushels on March 31, 1936. In addition to the total stocks of Canadian wheat in Canada at March 31, 1937, there were 14,050,834 bushels of Canadian wheat in the United States, making a total of 132,056,284 bushels in the United States and Canada compared with 263,232,466 bushels in the same positions on March 31, 1936. Stocks of oats in Canada at March 31, 1937, amounted to 79,504,368 bushels compared with 155,783,236 bushels a year ago while barley stocks were 19,733,553 bushels compared with 31,447,981 bushels at March 31, 1936. At the end of March, stocks of rye amounted to 1,954,144 bushels compared with 6,979,456 bushels a year ago. Stocks of flaxseed were 888,047 bushels at March 31, 1937, compared with 694,957 bushels a year earlier.

Stocks of Potatoes and Hay and Clover on Farms at March 31. - Stocks of potatoes in Canada at March 31, 1937, amounted to 10,482,000 cwt. as compared with 11,447,000 cwt. a year ago, a decrease of about one million cwt. Stocks of potatoes in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick are considerably above those of last year, but in Manitoba and in Saskatchewan, stocks are very much lower than a year ago. The decrease of stocks in these two provinces is attributed to the small crops obtained in 1936.

Supplies of hay and clover on farms at March 31, 1937, amounted to 3,356,000 tons as against 3,967,000 tons a year ago. Stocks are particularly heavy in the Maritime Provinces.

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry. - The amount of wheat fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the crop season 1936-37 is preliminarily estimated at 12,774,000 bushels as compared with 20,939,000 bushels in the 1935-36 season. The decrease of over 8 million bushels, which occurred almost entirely in the Prairie Provinces, was due to the smallness of the crop, its high quality, and the higher prices prevailing during the current season.

Unmerchantable Quantities of 1936 Harvest. - Due to the relative absence of rust and frost damage in the Prairie Provinces, the unmerchantable proportion of the 1936 wheat crop was at a record low level. Thus only 1,515,500 bushels of wheat from the 1936 harvest are estimated to be of unmerchantable quality (unfit for feed or sale) compared with 9,869,300 bushels from the rust and frost damaged crop in 1935. Oats of unmerchantable quality from the 1936 crop is estimated at 8,509,000 bushels compared with 11,323,000 bushels a year ago. Whereas in 1935 the unmerchantable oats was fairly evenly distributed over the eastern and western provinces, in 1936 the bulk of the unmerchantable oats occurred in Ontario and Quebec. The unmerchantable proportions of the barley and rye crops were considerably lower than in 1935.

NOTE: - All figures covering stocks of grain and potatoes at March 31 include seed supplies for the ensuing crop.



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Total Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1937.

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1937, amounted to 118,005,450 bushels as compared with 246,797,301 bushels at the same date in 1936. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1937, with corresponding figures for 1936 within brackets, are as follows: in elevators, flour mills and afloat 66,640,453 bushels (193,412,726 bushels); in transit by rail 4,433,997 bushels (6,630,575 bushels); on farms 46,931,000 bushels (46,754,000 bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1937, is estimated at 79,504,368 bushels, as compared with 155,783,236 bushels at the end of March, 1936, this year's total comprising 10,641,991 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 783,377 bushels in transit by rail and 68,079,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks amounted to 19,733,553 bushels, as compared with 31,447,981 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1937 including 8,321,236 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 217,517 bushels in transit by rail and 11,195,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1937, are estimated at 1,954,144 bushels, as against 6,979,456 bushels in 1936, this year's total including 1,545,526 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 38,618 bushels in transit by rail and 370,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks amounted to 888,047 bushels, as compared with 694,957 bushels at the end of March, 1936, the total in 1937 being made up of 632,422 bushels in elevators, 35,125 bushels in transit by rail and 220,500 bushels on farms.

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

Stocks on Farms at March 31.

At March 31, 1937, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 46,931,000 bushels, or 20 p.c. of the total 1936 wheat crop of 229,218,000 bushels. At March 31, 1936, 17 p.c. or 46,754,000 bushels remained from the 1935 crop of 281,935,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1937, were as follows, with the corresponding figures for 1936 within brackets: Oats 25 p.c. or 68,079,000 (36 p.c. or 142,164,000); barley 16 p.c. or 11,195,000 (26 p.c. or 21,951,000); rye 9 p.c. or 370,000 (23 p.c. or 2,178,000); flaxseed 12 p.c. or 220,500 (14 p.c. or 241,200); buckwheat 19 p.c. or 1,634,600 (22 p.c. or 1,711,000); corn for husking 16 p.c. or 973,000 (23 p.c. or 1,786,000); potatoes 27 p.c. or 10,482,000 cwt. (30 p.c. or 11,447,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 10 p.c. or 3,749,000 cwt. (10 p.c. or 3,460,000 cwt.) hay and clover 24 p.c. or 3,356,000 tons (28 p.c. or 3,967,000 tons).

Proportions of the 1936 Crops Unmerchantable

Of the total wheat crop of 1936, viz. 229,218,000 bushels, 0.7 p.c. or 1,515,500 bushels is reported as of unmerchantable quality as compared with 3.5 p.c. or 9,869,300 bushels from the 1935 crop of 281,935,000 bushels. Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels of unmerchantable quality are as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: Oats 3.1 p.c. or 8,509,000 (2.9 p.c. or 11,323,000); barley 1.2 p.c. or 832,200 (2.7 p.c. or 2,249,700); rye 0.5 p.c. or 23,500 (1.0 p.c. or 93,700); flaxseed 0.9 p.c. or 15,900 (1.1 p.c. or 17,750); buckwheat 3.1 p.c. or 264,200 (2.3 p.c. or 182,200); corn for husking 2.1 p.c. or 128,000 (2.4 p.c. or 186,000); potatoes 5.9 p.c. or 2,302,000 cwt. (5.6 p.c. or 2,176,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 4.4 p.c. or 1,698,700 cwt. (3.8 p.c. or 1,349,900 cwt.); hay and clover 1.5 p.c. or 209,500 tons (2.8 p.c. or 388,500 tons).

Preliminary Estimate of the Proportion of the 1936 Wheat Crop Retained on Farms as Feed for Live Stock and Poultry during the Crop Year ending July 31, 1937, as compared with the Previous Crop Year.

Province	Production in 1935	Quantities Fed in 1935-36		Production in 1936	Quantities Fed in 1936-37	
	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>p.c.</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>p.c.</u>	<u>Bushels</u>
Prince Edward Island.	435,000	13.3	58,000	199,000	32.9	65,000
Nova Scotia	70,000	28.6	20,000	77,000	26.1	20,000
New Brunswick	314,000	11.8	37,000	311,000	10.5	33,000
Quebec	1,130,000	17.7	200,000	931,000	27.0	251,000
Ontario	14,458,000	41.3	5,974,000	14,213,000	42.6	6,055,000
Manitoba	23,250,000	9.5	2,200,000	28,000,000	3.1	880,000
Saskatchewan	142,198,000	4.6	6,500,000	117,000,000	2.2	2,600,000
Alberta	98,648,000	5.6	5,500,000	67,000,000	3.3	2,200,000
British Columbia	1,432,000	31.4	450,000	1,487,000	45.0	670,000
CANADA	281,935,000	7.4	20,939,000	229,218,000	5.6	12,774,000



# STOCKS OF GRAIN IN CANADA AT MARCH 31, 1937.

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, 1937. 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.

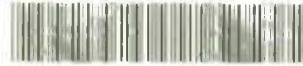
	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY	FLAXSEED	RYE
	B u s h e l s				
Public, Semi-Public Terminals and Private Elevators, Fort William and Port Arthur	11,375,795	1,228,492	3,609,369	206,633	930,930
Mill and Mill Elevators	3,927,466	1,276,017	2,163,255	56,577	23,690
Interior Public and Semi-Public Elevators - Western Division	38,848	508,473	58,433	-	-
Vancouver - New Westminster Elevators	7,043,935	284,052	12,361	603	9,434
Prince Rupert Elevator	910,994	-	-	-	-
Churchill	614,569	-	-	-	-
Country Elevators and Private Terminals	25,730,492	6,457,512	1,414,801	368,609	454,933
In Transit - Railways	4,433,997	783,377	217,317	35,125	38,618
In Flour Mills - Eastern Division (Estimated)	2,600,000	400,000	31,000	-	8,800
Eastern Elevators - In Store	14,299,153	487,445	1,032,017	-	117,739
Afloat on Soulanges Canal	99,201	-	-	-	-
On Farms	46,931,000	68,079,000	11,195,000	220,500	370,000
TOTAL - 1937	118,005,450	79,504,368	19,733,553	888,047	1,954,144
TOTAL - 1936 (revised)	246,797,301	155,783,236	31,447,981	694,957	6,979,456

Stocks of Canadian Grain in the United States at March 31, 1937, with Comparative Figures for 1936 in brackets:

Wheat	-	14,050,834	(16,435,165)	Bushels
Oats	-	-	(81,615)	"
Barley	-	2,741,509	( - )	"
Flaxseed	-	-	( - )	"
Rye	-	234,755	( - )	"

Total Stocks of Canadian Grain in Canada and the United States at March 31, 1937, with Comparative Figures for 1936 in brackets:

Wheat	-	132,056,284	(263,232,466)	Bushels
Oats	-	79,504,368	(155,864,851)	"
Barley	-	22,475,062	(31,447,981)	"
Flaxseed	-	888,047	(694,957)	"
Rye	-	2,188,899	(6,979,456)	"



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