

Ottawa, April 14, 1938, 4 p.m. The Dominion Burcau of Statistics issued today a bulletin giving in summary from (1) the total quantities of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed in Canada at the end of March, 1938; (2) the stocks of certain agricultural products of 1937 remaining on farms at March 31, 1938; (3) the proportion of the crops of 1937 estimated by crop correspondents to be of unmerchantable quality, and (4) the quantity of the 1937 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
Verch 31, 1938, were 31 million bushels less than on March 31 of the previous year. Total stocks of oats and flaxseed were also lower than on March 31, 2937, while barley stocks were higher than a year ago, and rye stocks were practically unchanged.

Stocks of wheat in Cenada on March 31, 1938 were $84,160,585$ bushels compared with a revised figure of $115,212,298$ bushels a year ago. The 1938 figure is the lowest at this date since 1920. (77,306,348 bushels). Stocks of wheat on farms, including seed supplies, amounted to $38,980,000$ bushels which is $51 / 4 \mathrm{million}$ bushels less than the revised figure of $44,231,000$ bushels on farms at March 31, 1937. Wheat in store in Canada, other than on farms, amounted to $45,180,585$ bushels on March 31, 1938 , showing a reduction of $25,800,713$ bushels from the stocks in the same positions on March 31, 1937, namely $70,981,298$ bushels. In addition to the total stocks of Canadian wheat in Caneda at March 31, 1938, there were $1,109,833$ bushels of Canadian wheat in the United States, making a total of $85,270,418$ bushels in the United States and Cenada compared with $129,263,132$ bushels in the same positions on March 31, 1937. Etocks of Canadian wheat in the United States this year are greatly reduced from the $14,050,834$ bushels in store in that country on March 31, 1937. Stocks of oets in Canada at March 31: 1938, amounted to 77, 927,249 bushels compared with $80,092,118$ bushels a ycar ago, while barley stocks were $25,7 \varepsilon 7,624$ bushels compared with 19,756,277 bushels at Karch 31, 1937. At the end of March stocks of rye amounted to 1,984,350 compared with $1,948,919$ bushels a year 880 . Stocks of flaxseed were 527,399 bushels at March 31, 1938, compared with 888,047 bushels a ycar earlier.

Stocks of Potatoes and Hay and Clover on Farms at March 31. - Farm stocks of potatoes in Canada at March 31, 1938, amounted to $13,878,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. as compared with $10,482,000 \mathrm{cwt}$, a year ago, on increase of almost 3.4 million cwt . This increase is well distributed over the provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, where the 1937 production was greater than in 1936.

Supplies of hay and clover on farms at March 31, 1938, amounted to $2,740,000$ tons, which is a moderate reduction from the $3,356,000$ tons on hand a year ago.

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry. - The preliminary estimate of the wheat fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the 1937-38 crop seeson amounts to $18,938,000$ bushels as compared with $15,794,000$ bushels in the 1936-37 season. Heavier feeding of wheat this year has occurred in Ontario, Manitsba, Alberta and British Columbia with the availability of more wheat from the 1937 crop in these provinces than was the case in 1936.

Unmerchantable Quantitics of 1937 Harvest. - Only 1,658,300 bushels of the 1937 wheat harvest are estimated as of unerchantable quality as compared with the record low amount of $1,515,500$ bushels of unmerchantable wheat (unfit for feed or sale) from the 1936 crop. Over 46 per cont of the unmerchantable wheat from the 1937 harvest coccurred in ontario. Oats of unmerchantable quality from the 1937 crop is estimated at $9,147,000$ bushels as compared with $8,509,000$ bushels a year ago. As in the previous year, the bulk of the unmerchantable oats from the 1937 crop occurred in onterio and quebec. The amounts of berley and rye of unmerchantable quality in 1937 were moderately greater than in 1936.

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

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1938, amounted to $84,160,585$ bushels as compared with $115,212,298$ bushels at the same date in 1937. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1938, with corresponding figures for 1937 within brackets, are as follows: In elevators, flour mills and afloat 43,828,883 bushels ( $66,547,551$ bushels). in transit by rail $1,351,702$ bushols ( $4,433,997$ bushels); on farms $38,980,000$ bushels ( $44,231,000$ bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1938, is estimated at 77,927,249 bushels, as compared with $80,092,118$ bushels at the ond of March 1937, this year's total comprising $9,494,347$ bushele in elevators and flour mills, 389,902 bushels in transit by rail and $68,043,000$ bushels on farms.

Barley stocks amounted to $25,727,624$ bushels, as compared with $19,756,277$ bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1938 including $8,520,725$ bushels in elevators and flour mills, 145,899 bushels in transit by rail and 17,061,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1938, are estimated at 1,984,350 bushels, as against $1,948,919$ bushols in 1937, this year's total including $1,286,133$ bushels in elevators and flour mills, 4,217 bushels in transit by rail and 694,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks amounted to 527,399 bushels, as compared with 888,047 bushels at the end of March, 1937, the total in 1938 being made up of 438,447 bushels in elevators, 3,902 bushels in transit by rail and 85,050 bushels on farms.

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

Stocks on Farms at March 31
At March 31, 1938, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to $38,980,000$ bushels or 21 p.c. of the total 1937 wheat crop of $182,410,000$ bushels. At March 31, 1937, 20 p.c. or $44,231,000$ bushels remained from the 1936 crop of 219,218,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1938, were as follows, with the corresponding figures for 1937 within brackets: Oats 25 p.c. or $68,043,000(25$ p.c. or $68,079,000)$; barley 21 p.c. or $17,061,000(16 \mathrm{p.c}$. or $11,195,000$ ) ; rye $12 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. or 694,000 ( 9 p.c. or 370,000 ); flaxseed $12 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. or $85,050(12 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. or 220,500 ); buckwheat 18 p.c or $1,387,000$ ( 19 p.c. or $1,634,600$ ) ; corn for husking 20 p.c. or $1,083,000$ ( 16 p.c. or 973,000 ) ; potatoes $33 \mathrm{p.c}$. . or $13,878,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. ( $27 \mathrm{p.c}$. . or $10,482,000 \mathrm{cwt}$.) turnips, etc. $10 \mathrm{p.c}$. or 3,633,000 cwt. ( $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. or $3,749,000 \mathrm{cwt}$.) ; hay and clever 21 p.c. or $2,740,000$ tons ( 24 p.c. or $3,356,000$ tons).

## Proportions of the 1937 Crops Unmerchantable

Of the total wheat crop of $1937, \nabla 1 z ., 182,410,000$ bushels, 0.9 p.c. or $1,658,300$ bushels is reported as of unmerchantable quality as compared with 0.7 p.c. or $1,515,500$ bushels fram the 1936 crop of $219,218,000$ bushels. Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels of unmerchantable quality are as follows, with last year's f1gures in brackets: Oats 3.4 p.c. or 9,147,000 (3.1 p.c. or $8,509,000$ ); barley 1.3 p.c. or $1,118,300(1.2$ p.c. or 832,200$)$; rye 0.9 p.c. or $50,700(0.5$ p.c. or 23,500$)$; flaxseed 0.7 p.c. or $4,900(0.9$ p.c. or 15,900 ) ; buckwheat 3.3 p.c. or $257,800(3.1$ p.c. or 264,200 ); corn for husking 4.3 p.c. or 233,000 ( 2.1 p.c. or 128,000 ) ; potetoes 5.5 p.c. or $2,323,000 \mathrm{cwt}$. ( $5.9 \mathrm{p.c}$. or 2,302,000 owt.) ; turnips, etc. 3.3 p.c. or 1,211,800 cwt. ( $4.4 \mathrm{p.c}$. or 1,698,700 owt.); hay and clover $2.0 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. or 255,000 tons ( $1.5 \mathrm{p.c}$. or 209,500 tons).

Freliminary Estimate of the Proportion of the 1937 iheat Crop Retained on Farms as Fead for Live Stool: and Foultry during the Crop Year ending July 31, 1938, as compared with the Previous Crop Year.

| Province | Production in 1936 |  | Quantities Fed in 1936-37 | Production in 1937 |  | ities Fed 1937-38 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | bushels | P.o. | bushels | bushels | P.c. | bushels |
| Prince Edward Island | 199,000 | 32.7 | 65,000 | 238,000 | 23.0 | 55,000 |
| Mova Scotia | 77,000 | 26.0 | 20,000 | 51,000 | 15.0 | 8,000 |
| Hew Brunswick | 311,000 | 10.6 | 33,000 | 184,000 | 12.0 | 22,000 |
| Quebec | 931,000 | 27.0 | 251,000 | 879,000 | 25.0 | 220,000 |
| Ontario | 14,213,000 | 42.6 | 6,055,000 | 20,290,000 | 42.8 | 8,684,000 |
| Manitoba | 26,000,000 | 4.6 | 1,200,000 | 48,000,000 | 5.4 | 2,600,000 |
| Se skat chewan | 110,000,000 | 4.1 | 4,500,000 | 37,000,000 | 8.1 | 3,000,000 |
| Alberta | 66,000,000 | 4.5 | 3,000,000 | 74,000,000 | 4.7 | 3,500,000 |
| British Columbia | 1,487,000 | 45.1 | 670,000 | 1,768,000 | 48.0 | 849,000 |

CANADA
$219,218,000$
7.2 15,794,000
$182,410,000$
$10.418,938,000$

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The Dominion Brieau of Statistios has collected and compiled data showing complete stocks of grain in Canada at the close of the
 are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of Februery.

|  | WHEAT | Qisis | BARLEY | RY\% | FLaXSEAD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fublic, Semi-Public Terminals and Private Elevators, Fort Iilliam and Fort Arthur | 13,143,928 |  | 8 h e |  |  |
| Lill and Mill Elevators | $\begin{array}{r} 3,1 \cdot 3,928 \\ 3,179.899 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 379,755 \\ & 761,689 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,926,906 \\ & 2,020,173 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 946,302 \\ 14,883 \end{array}$ | $215,604$ |
| Interior Public and Smi-Public Elevators - Western Jivision Vancouver - New Westrinster Elevators | 1,082,759 | $\begin{aligned} & 101,689 \\ & 640,57 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,020,173 \\ 131,279 \end{array}$ | $14,883$ | $52,765$ |
| Vancouver - New Ẅestminster Elevators Prince Rupert Elevator | 1,490,746 | $267,336$ | 109,974 | 9,598 | 42 |
| Churchill | 292,279 | - |  | 9.598 |  |
| Country Elevators and Private Terminals | 15:322,176 |  |  | 508 | 21 |
| In Transit - Railways | $\begin{array}{r} 15: 322,176 \\ 1: 351,702 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,584 \cdot 336 \\ 389,902 \end{array}$ | 3,151,410 | 286,528 | 167:921 |
| In Flour Mills - Fastern Division (Estimated) Eastern Elevators - In Store | $\begin{aligned} & 1,351,702 \\ & 1,925,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 389,902 \\ & 300,000 \end{aligned}$ | 145,899 60,000 | 4,217 10,000 | 3,902 |
| Eastern Elevators - In Store On Farms | 7,380,276 | 560,657 | 1,120,983 | 18,822 | 2,115 |
| TOTAL-1938 | 38,980,000 | 68,043,000 | 17,061,000 | 694,000 | 85,050 |
| - 1 a - 1938 | 8r, 160,585 | 77,927,249 | 25,727,624 | 2,934,350 | 527,399 |
| TOTAL - 1937 (Revised) | 115,212,298 | 80,092,118 | 19:756,277 | 1,948,919 | 888,047 |

Stocks of Canadian Grain in the United States at liarch 31, 1938, with Comparative Figures for 1937 in brackets:

| Wheat | $1,109,833$ | $(14,050,834)$ | Bushels |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oats | - | - | " |
| Barley | 115,479 | $(2,741,509)$ | " |
| Rye | - | $234,755)$ | " |
| Flaxseed | - | - | " |

Total Stocks of Canadian Grain in Canada and the United States at March 31, 1938, with Comparative Figures Ior 1937 in brackets:

| Wheat | $85,270,418$ | $(129,263,132)$ | Bushels |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Oats | $77,927,249$ | $(80,092,118)$ | " |
| Barley | $25,843,103$ | $(22,497,786)$ | " |
| Rye | $1,984,350$ | $(2,183,674)$ | " |
| Flaxseed | 527,399 | $(888,047)$ | " |

