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Ottawa, April 12, 1940, 3 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues 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, 1940; (2) the stocks of certain agricultural products of 1939 remaining on farms at March 31, 1940, and (3) the quantity of the 1939 wheat crop fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the crop season.

SUMMARY

Stocks of Grain at March 31.- Total wheat stocks in Canada at March 31, 1940, amounted to 371,974,792 bushels, an increase of approximately 171 million bushels over the revised total of 200,976,013 bushels for March 31, 1939. Due to a substantial carry-over of wheat on July 31 last year, followed by the harvesting of Canada's second largest wheat crop, the present March 31 stocks of Canadian wheat have attained record proportions, comparing with the previously high March 31 wheat stocks of 314,480,237 bushels in 1933.

In addition to the total stocks of Canadian wheat in Canada at March 31, 1940, there were 22,288,197 bushels of Canadian wheat in store in the United States, in contrast to 1,828,346 bushels in United States positions on March 31, 1939. Total Canadian wheat stocks in both Canadian and United States positions accordingly amounted to 394,262,989 bushels on March 31, 1940, as compared with 202,804,359 bushels, a year earlier.

Stocks of wheat on farms including seed supplies amounted to 81,156,000 bushels at March 31, 1940, representing an increase of almost 20 million bushels over the stocks on farms a year ago. Wheat in store or in transit in Canada, other than on farms, amounted to 290,818,792 bushels at March 31, this year, as compared with 139,756,013 bushels in the same positions on March 31, last year.

Stocks of oats in Canada at March 31, 1940, amounted to 153,867,569 bushels compared with 145,733,914 bushels a year ago, while barley stocks were 36,302,743 bushels compared with 35,792,549 bushels at March 31, 1939. Stocks of rye at the end of March this year amounted to 5,972,310 bushels compared with 4,931,618 bushels in the previous year, while flaxseed stocks totalled 999,066 bushels compared with 367,195 bushels a year ago.

Stocks of Potatoes and Hay and Clover on Farms at March 31.- Farm stocks of potatoes in Canada at March 31, 1940, amounted to 9,037,000 cwt., representing a decrease of 521,000 cwt. from the stocks on farms at the same date last year. Higher potato stocks are indicated this year in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, with decreases in the remaining provinces. Ten per cent of the 1939 potato crop has been lost through rot, frost, etc., as compared with 13 per cent of the 1938 crop lost in similar manner.

Supplies of hay and clover on farms at 2,915,000 tons show a decrease of 44,000 tons from the supplies at March 31, 1939.

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry.- The preliminary estimate of wheat fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the 1939-40 crop season amounts to 36,777,000 bushels as compared with a revised estimate of 31,092,000 bushels for the 1938-39 season. Increased use of wheat for feed is indicated in the western provinces for the present season.

Total Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1940

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1940, amounted to 371,974,792 bushels as compared with 200,976,013 bushels at the same date in 1939. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1940, with corresponding figures for 1939 within brackets are as follows: In elevators and flour mills 283,687,551 bushels (132,792,605 bushels); in transit by rail 7,131,241 bushels (6,963,408 bushels); on farms 81,156,000 bushels (61,220,000 bushels).

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

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The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1940, is estimated at 153,867,569 bushels, as compared with 145,753,914 bushels at the end of March, 1939, this year's total comprising 11,424,917 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 1,324,652 bushels in transit by rail and 141,118,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks amounted to 36,302,743 bushels, as compared with 35,792,549 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1940 including 7,916,023 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 800,720 bushels in transit by rail and 27,586,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1940, are estimated at 5,972,310 bushels, as against 4,931,618 bushels in 1939, this year's total including 3,033,810 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 115,500 bushels in transit by rail and 2,823,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks amounted to 999,066 bushels, as compared with 367,195 bushels at the end of March, 1939, the total in 1940 being made up of 663,366 bushels in elevators, 7,500 bushels in transit by rail and 328,200 bushels on farms.

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

Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1940

At March 31, 1940, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 81,156,000 bushels or 17 p.c. of the total 1939 wheat crop of 489,623,000 bushels. At the same date last year 61,220,000 bushels or 17 p.c. remained from the 1938 crop of 360,010,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1940, with the corresponding figures at the same date last year within brackets were as follows: Oats 37 p.c. or 141,118,000 (36 p.c. or 135,424,000); barley 27 p.c. or 27,586,000 (28 p.c. or 29,001,000); rye 18 p.c. or 2,823,000 (25 p.c. or 2,732,000); flaxseed 15 p.c. or 328,000 (14 p.c. or 194,000); buckwheat 21 p.c. or 1,411,000 (20 p.c. or 1,439,000); corn for husking 19 p.c. or 1,538,000 (15 p.c. or 1,000,000); potatoes 25 p.c. or 9,037,000 cwt. (27 p.c. or 9,558,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 11 p.c. or 4,196,000 cwt. (11 p.c. or 4,224,000 cwt.); hay and clover 22 p.c. or 2,915,000 tons (21 p.c. or 2,959,000 tons).

Preliminary Estimate of the Proportion of the 1939 Wheat Crop Retained on Farms as Feed for Live Stock and Poultry during the Crop Year ending July 31, 1940, as compared with the Previous Crop Year.

Province	Production in 1938	Quantities retained for feed in 1938-39		Production in 1939	Quantities retained for feed in 1939-40	
	bushels	p.c.	bushels	bushels	p.c.	bushels
Prince Edward Island	180,000	29.7	53,400	165,000	18.0	30,000
Nova Scotia	54,000	28.9	15,600	45,000	29.0	13,000
New Brunswick	150,000	24.0	36,000	140,000	34.0	48,000
Quebec	758,000	29.0	220,000	577,000	43.0	248,000
Ontario	21,424,000	77.9	16,700,000	23,821,000	71.4	17,000,000
Manitoba	50,000,000	5.4	2,687,000	63,000,000	4.8	3,000,000
Saskatchewan	137,800,000	4.1	5,662,000	250,000,000	3.0	7,500,000
Alberta	148,200,000	3.4	4,967,000	150,000,000	5.3	8,000,000
British Columbia ...	1,444,000	52.0	751,000	1,875,000	50.0	938,000
CANADA	360,010,000	8.6	31,092,000	489,623,000	7.5	36,777,000

STOCKS OF GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1940

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has collected and compiled data showing complete stocks of grain in Canada as of March 31, 1940. Stocks of Canadian grain in store in the United States are shown in addition. The quantities in eastern flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of February. The quantities on farms are estimated from the reports of Crop Correspondents.

	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY	RYE	FLAXSEED
	(Bushels)				
<u>In Canada</u>					
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators	79,920,804	2,794,059	1,684,357	1,178,498	285,519
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators	15,791,380	203,045	258,522	8,442	-
Victoria Elevator	568,704	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert Elevator	1,136,049	-	-	-	-
Churchill Elevator	2,494,610	-	-	-	-
Interior Terminal Elevators	15,961,969	136,880	7,905	2,776	98
Country and Private Terminal Elevators	120,580,987	4,996,456	2,783,017	1,412,271	315,267
Mills and Mill Elevators	7,265,740	1,080,137	2,395,638	94,076	62,482
Eastern Elevators	37,767,308	1,464,340	706,534	326,747	-
Eastern Mills	2,200,000	750,000	80,000	11,000	-
In Transit Rail	7,131,241	1,324,652	800,720	115,500	7,500
On Farms	81,156,000	141,118,000	27,586,000	2,823,000	328,200
TOTAL IN CANADA, MARCH 31, 1940	371,974,792	153,867,569	36,302,743	5,972,310	999,066
Canadian Grain in United States, March 31, 1940	22,288,197	461,000	1,270,606	1,123,264	-
TOTAL CANADIAN GRAIN IN CANADA AND UNITED STATES, MARCH 31, 1940	394,262,989	154,328,569	37,573,349	7,095,574	999,066
<u>Comparative Stocks on March 31, 1939</u>					
Total in Canada	200,976,013	145,753,914	35,792,549	4,931,618	367,195
In United States	1,828,346	-	-	42,283	-
Total in Canada and United States	202,804,359	145,753,914	35,792,549	4,973,901	367,195

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