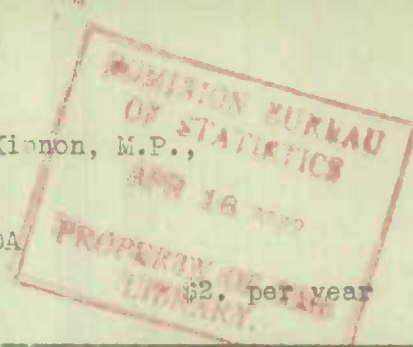


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Ottawa, April 15, 1942, 3 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a bulletin giving (1) the total quantities of Canadian wheat, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed on hand at the end of March, 1942; (2) the stocks of certain agricultural products of 1941 remaining on farms at March 31, 1942, and (3) the quantity of the 1941 wheat crop fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the crop season.

SUMMARY

Stocks of Canadian Grain at March 31.- Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all positions at March 31, 1942, amounted to 543,822,048 bushels. This represents a substantial reduction of 103,631,206 bushels from the all-time high March 31 stocks of a year ago, which reached a revised total of 652,453,254 bushels. Of this year's volume, 533,784,010 bushels were on farms, in transit or in store in Canada, while 15,038,038 bushels were in United States positions. At March 31 a year ago, 608,412,543 bushels were in Canada, and 44,040,711 bushels in the United States.

Farm stocks of wheat including seed supplies totalled 82,169,000 bushels, representing a reduction of 88,483,000 bushels from the revised total of 170,652,000 bushels on farms at March 31 a year ago. Wheat in commercial storage or in transit in Canada on March 31 this year amounted to 451,615,010 bushels compared with last year's revised total of 437,760,543 bushels.

Total stocks of Canadian oats at March 31, 1942, amounted to 106,644,038 bushels as compared with 145,152,502 bushels in all positions a year ago. Barley stocks on the other hand were slightly better than a year ago, with 37,596,031 bushels on hand at March 31, 1942, as compared with 35,834,025 bushels a year earlier. There were no Canadian oat or barley stocks in United States positions this year, whereas small amounts were carried in the United States on March 31, 1941. Total rye stocks at March 31 this year amounted to 5,802,886 bushels, representing an appreciable reduction from the 10,211,291 bushels on hand a year ago. Flaxseed stocks showed some improvement at March 31, 1942, with 2,739,501 bushels on hand compared with last year's total of 1,537,947 bushels.

Stocks of Potatoes and Hay and Clover on Farms at March 31.- Farm stocks of potatoes in Canada at March 31, 1942, amounted to 9,360,000 cwt. This volume was substantially lower than the farm stocks of 13,702,000 cwt. a year earlier, but it was approximately equal to the March 31 farm stocks of potatoes in 1939 and 1940. The usual amount of potatoes was reported lost through winter rot, etc., with the average loss indicated at 13 per cent, unchanged from a year ago.

Supplies of hay and clover on farms at March 31, 1942, were lower than in recent years, having been estimated at 2,136,000 tons, in comparison with supplies of 3,205,000 tons at March 31, 1941.

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 1941-42 crop season amounts to 59,239,000 bushels. This again sets a new record for the amount of wheat fed, and compares with last year's volume of 48,100,000 bushels. The heaviest increase in wheat feeding occurred in Alberta this season, with smaller increases reported in Saskatchewan and Manitoba as well. Less Ontario wheat was fed on farms this year, due to the short 1941 crop.

Total Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1942

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1942, amounted to 533,784,010 bushels as compared with 608,412,543 bushels at the same date in 1941. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1942, with corresponding figures for 1941 within brackets, are as follows: In elevators and flour mills and afloat 432,784,805 bushels (420,778,689 bushels); in transit by rail 18,830,205 bushels (16,921,854 bushels); on farms 82,169,000 bushels (170,652,000 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, 1942, is estimated at 106,844,032 bushels, as compared with 144,953,502 bushels at the end of March, 1941, this year's total comprising 6,673,206 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 861,832 bushels in transit by rail and 99,109,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks in Canada amounted to 37,596,031 bushels, as compared with 33,461,320 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1942 including 10,263,245 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 503,786 bushels in transit by rail and 26,829,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1942, are estimated at 4,393,408 bushels, as against 6,857,792 bushels in 1941, this year's total including 2,493,349 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 168,059 bushels in transit by rail and 1,732,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks in Canada amounted to 2,739,501 bushels, as compared with 1,837,947 bushels at the end of March 1941, the total in 1942 being made up of 1,698,489 bushels in elevators, 111,012 bushels in transit by rail and 930,000 bushels on farms.

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

Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1942.

At March 31, 1942, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 52,159,000 bushels or 27 p.c. of the total 1941 wheat crop of 299,401,000 bushels. At the same date last year 170,652,000 bushels or 32 p.c. remained from the 1940 crop of 540,190,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1942, with the corresponding figures at the same date last year within brackets, were as follows: Oats 29 p.c. or 99,109,000 (36 p.c. or 137,529,000); barley 23 p.c. or 26,829,000 (29 p.c. or 29,756,000); rye 13 p.c. or 1,732,000 (31 p.c. or 4,272,000); flaxseed 15 p.c. or 930,000 (21 p.c. or 636,000); buckwheat 16 p.c. or 909,000 (20 p.c. or 1,361,000); corn for husking 12 p.c. or 1,428,000 (24 p.c. or 1,600,000); potatoes 24 p.c. or 9,360,000 cwt. (32 p.c. or 15,702,000 cwt.); hay and clover 17 p.c. or 2,136,000 tons (23 p.c. or 3,206,000 tons).

Preliminary Estimate of the Proportion of the 1941 Wheat Crop Retained on Farms as Feed for Live Stock and Poultry during the Crop Year ending July 31, 1942, as compared with the Previous Crop Year.

Province	Production in 1940	Quantities retained for feed in 1940-41		Production in 1941	Quantities retained for feed in 1941-42	
	bushels	p.c.	bushels	bushels	p.c.	bushels
Prince Edward Island	238,000	24.0	57,000	245,000	28.0	69,000
Nova Scotia	55,000	28.0	15,000	47,000	34.0	16,000
New Brunswick	176,000	36.0	64,000	131,000	40.0	52,000
Quebec	522,000	53.0	277,000	567,000	55.0	312,000
Ontario	23,400,000	62.0	14,508,000	17,716,000	61.0	10,807,000
Manitoba	66,400,000	6.5	4,325,000	54,500,000	11.0	6,000,000
Saskatchewan	266,700,000	4.2	11,199,000	136,000,000	11.8	16,000,000
Alberta	180,700,000	9.2	16,576,000	88,500,000	28.2	25,000,000
British Columbia ...	1,999,000	54.0	1,079,000	1,695,000	58.0	983,000
CANADA	540,190,000	8.9	48,100,000	299,401,000	19.8	59,239,000

STOCKS OF GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1942

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada has collected and compiled data showing complete stocks of Canadian grain as of March 31, 1942. The quantities on farms are estimated from the reports of Crop Correspondents. The quantities in eastern flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of February.

	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY	RYE	FLAXSEED
	(bushels)				
In Canada					
On Farms	82,169,000	99,109,000	26,829,000	1,732,000	930,000
Country & Private Terminal Elevators ..	199,950,909	2,672,405	1,787,104	573,863	721,116
Western Mills & Mill Elevators	6,592,008	1,126,002	2,142,642	137,151	101,293
Interior Terminal Elevators	17,643,161	55,129	78,362	-	2,395
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators ...	18,027,634	93,822	49,092	35	-
Victoria & Prince Rupert Elevators	2,230,810	-	-	-	-
Churchill Elevator	2,617,396	-	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators	133,250,110	1,630,784	3,177,070	1,421,715	870,332
In Transit - Lakes	557,881	-	-	-	-
In Transit - Rail	18,830,205	861,832	503,786	168,059	111,012
Eastern Elevators	47,967,596	259,164	2,905,375	250,585	3,353
Eastern Mills	3,947,300	835,900	123,600	110,000	-
Total in Canada, March 31, 1942	533,784,010	106,644,038	37,596,031	4,393,408	2,739,501
Total Canadian Grain in United States March 31, 1942	15,038,038	-	-	1,409,478	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, March 31, 1942	548,822,048	106,644,038	37,596,031	5,802,886	2,739,501
Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1941 ^{1/}					
In Canada	608,412,543	144,953,502	35,461,820	6,857,792	1,537,947
In United States	44,040,711	199,000	372,205	3,353,499	-
Total in Canada & United States	652,453,254	145,152,502	35,834,025	10,211,291	1,537,947

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