

Section 1.—The Grain Trade

Subsection 1.—Governmental Agencies Regulating or Co-operating with the Grain Trade

The agencies exercising control of the grain trade in Canada are: the Board of Grain Commissioners, which administers the provisions of the Canada Grain Act, 1930; and the Canadian Wheat Board, which operates under the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935. An account of the organization and functions of the Board of Grain Commissioners appears at pp. 481-482 of the 1941 Year Book. An article on the operations of the Wheat Board is included in the 1939 Year Book. That material is brought up to date in the 1947 edition.

Subsection 2.—Distribution, Storage and Inspection of Field Crops

The dominant feature of the disposition of Canadian wheat for the past four years has been the heavy export movement of this grain. During each of the crop years 1943-44, 1944-45 and 1945-46, exports of wheat and wheat flour exceeded 340,000,000 bu. In two of these years, 1943-44 and 1945-46, exports actually exceeded production and this, coupled with somewhat heavier than usual domestic use, steadily reduced stocks of wheat so that the carryover at the beginning of 1946-47 was at an extremely low level. The harvesting of a 413,700,000 bu. crop in 1946, when added to carryover stocks at Aug. 1, gave a total wheat supply of 487,300,000 bu. This supply was lower than that of any other year since 1938-39. Both exports and domestic use were reduced in 1946-47 thus reflecting the low level of available supplies. The carryover at the end of the crop year (Aug. 1, 1947) was still at a very low ebb. Of the 242,900,000 bu. of wheat and flour exported in 1946-47, slightly over 160,000,000 bu. went to the United Kingdom. Other major recipients were Belgium with 9,500,000 bu. and the Netherlands with 7,600,000 bu.

Use of wheat in Canada dropped from 163,000,000 bu. in 1945-46 to 157,100,000 bu. in 1946-47. The decline is largely accounted for by reductions in the quantities used by industry and for human food.

1.—Production, Imports, Exports and Domestic Use of Wheat and Wheat Flour, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1942-47

(Millions of Bushels)

Item	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Carryover Aug. 1.....	480.1	423.8	594.6	356.5	258.1	73.6
Production.....	314.9	556.6	284.5	416.6	318.5	413.7
Imports.....	Nil	Nil	0.4	0.4	0.1	¹
Totals, Supply.....	795.0	980.4	879.5	773.5	576.7	487.3
Exports.....	225.8	214.7	343.8	342.9	340.1	242.9
Domestic use.....	145.4	171.1	179.2	172.5	163.0	157.1
Totals, Disposition.....	371.2	385.8	523.0	515.4	503.1	400.0
Carryover July 31.....	423.8	594.6	356.5	258.1	73.6	87.3

¹ Less than 100,000 bu.