

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 Canadian Wheat Board is included in the 1939 Year Book. This material is brought up to date in the 1947 and 1948-49 editions.

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

In the latest two years total disposition of wheat declined from 503,100,000 bu. in 1945-46 to 401,200,000 bu. in 1946-47 and to 351,000,000 bu. in 1947-48. Reductions in amounts fed to live stock, lower domestic flour consumption and decreases in quantities used in industry are the chief reasons for the decline in domestic use which dropped from 179,200,000 bu. in 1943-44 to 156,000,000 bu. in 1947-48. Exports have also fallen off markedly from 340,000,000 bu. in 1945-46 to 195,000,000 bu. in 1947-48.

Carryover stocks which were high during the war years declined to the low level of 77,700,000 bu. at July 31, 1949.

1.—Production, Imports, Exports and Domestic Use of Wheat and Wheat Flour, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1943-48

(Millions of Bushels)

Item	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48
Carryover Aug. 1.....	423.8	594.6	356.5	258.1	73.6	86.1
Production.....	556.6	284.5	416.6	313.5	413.7	341.8
Imports.....	—	0.4	0.4	0.1	1	0.8
Totals, Supply.....	980.4	879.5	773.5	576.7	487.3	428.7
Exports.....	214.7	343.8	342.9	340.1	239.4	195.0
Domestic use.....	171.1	179.2	172.5	163.0	161.8	156.0
Totals, Disposition.....	385.8	523.0	515.4	503.1	401.2	351.0
Carryover July 31.....	594.6	356.5	258.1	73.6	86.1	77.7

¹ Less than 100,000 bu.

The domestic and export trade in Canada's five principal grain crops are shown in some detail in Table 2. Exports of wheat, oats and barley were substantially lower than in 1946-47, but rye and flaxseed showed increases. Feed for live stock and poultry each year accounts for large quantities of grain, about 450,000,000 bu. being used for this purpose in 1947-48.

* Revised by the Agriculture Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.