

Section 1.—Grain Trade*

Supply and Disposition of Field Crops.—The large carryover stocks of wheat accumulated in Canada early in the War were rapidly disposed of during the crop years ended July 31, 1946 to 1949. World wheat supplies were then at a low ebb and world markets absorbed practically all of Canada's exportable surplus.

Domestic utilization of wheat and wheat products reached a high level during the latter part of the War but dropped steadily after 1945-46. This decline in domestic use is attributable to decreases in the amounts used for human consumption, for live-stock feed and for industrial purposes.

By July 31, 1949, shortages of wheat in deficit areas were becoming less acute and pressure on stocks in exporting countries was relieved to some extent. Carry-over stocks of Canadian wheat rose from 77,700,000 bu. at July 31, 1948, to 102,400,000 bu. on the same date in 1949.

1.—Production, Imports, Exports and Domestic Use of Wheat and Wheat Flour, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1944-49

(Millions of bushels)

Item	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49
Carryover Aug. 1.....	594.6	356.5	258.1	73.6	86.1	77.7
Production.....	284.5	416.6	318.5	413.7	341.8	386.3
Imports.....	0.4	0.4	0.1	1	0.8	0.3
Totals, Supply.....	879.5	773.5	576.7	487.3	428.7	464.3
Exports.....	343.8	342.9	343.2	239.4	195.0	232.3
Domestic use.....	179.2	172.5	159.9	161.8	156.0	129.6
Totals, Disposition.....	523.0	515.4	503.1	401.2	351.0	361.9
Carryover July 31.....	356.5	258.1	73.6	86.1	77.7	102.4

¹ Less than 100,000 bu.

Exports of wheat, oats, barley and flaxseed were greater than in 1947-48 with outward shipments of rye remaining at about the same level. Feed for live stock and poultry accounts each year for large quantities of the grain used within the country, about 453,000,000 bu. being used for this purpose in 1948-49.

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2.—Distribution of Canadian Grain Crops, Crop Year Ended July 31, 1949

(Millions of bushels)

Item	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
Carryover Aug. 1, 1948.....	77.7	47.9	31.5	0.9	3.4
Production in 1948.....	386.3	358.8	155.0	25.3	17.7
Imports ²	0.3	0.2	1	1	1
Totals, Supply.....	464.3	406.9	186.5	26.2	21.1
Exports ²	232.3	23.2	24.0	10.2	4.4
Domestic Use—					
Human consumption.....	42.6	5.3	0.1	0.1	—
Animal feed and waste.....	49.0	290.0	110.6	2.0	1.1
Seed requirements.....	37.4	27.7	10.1	1.4	0.2
Industrial use.....	—	—	11.8	0.6	4.7
Loss in handling and drying.....	0.6	0.1	0.2	—	—
Totals, Disposition.....	361.9	346.3	156.8	14.3	10.4
Carryover July 31, 1949.....	102.4	60.5	29.7	11.9	10.7

¹ Less than 100,000 bu.

² Export and import data for wheat, oats, barley and rye, respectively, include flour in terms of wheat, rolled oats in terms of oats, malt in terms of barley and rye-flour in terms of rye.