

The dramatic rise of Canadian wheat purchases by Communist countries has radically altered the Canadian position in these markets. Current Chinese trade data are hard to obtain but it appears that Canada recently held up to one tenth of the restricted import market of this large but autarchic economy. The impact on Eastern Europe has been less striking because of their considerable exchanges within the region and their widening commercial contacts throughout the world. Nevertheless, in 1964 Canada supplied 2.4 p.c. of all Eastern Europe's imports, a many-fold rise from earlier shares. Moreover, considering Russia (U.S.S.R.) alone, the Canadian share has been even higher—surpassing 4 p.c. in 1964. This fell along with wheat sales in 1965 but climbed again in 1966.

