



Canadian flaxseed was the Netherlands with imports amounting to 6.8 million bu, followed by Japan, 4.3 million bu; the Federal Republic of Germany, 3.2 million bu; Britain, 1.9 million bu; Belgium and Luxembourg, 1.3 million bu; and Spain, 1.2 million bu. In the 1970-71 crop year, trade in rapeseed amounted to 46.8 million bu, an all-time high, and more than double the 22.2 million bu of the previous year. Japan continued to be Canada's major market for this oilseed with purchases of 16.0 million bu, an increase of some 11% over 1969-70. Clearances to the Netherlands at 9.1 million bu; France, 4.5 million bu; the Federal Republic of Germany and Italy, 4.4 million bu each; India, 3.6 million bu; and Pakistan, 2.2 million bu, were well in excess of last year's exports to these countries.

11.7.1.2 The 1971-72 crop year

The 1971-72 crop year opened with carryover stocks of the six major grains (wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and rapeseed) at 1,054.2 million bu. Stocks of wheat at August 1, 1971 amounted to 734.2 million bu, significantly lower than the 1,008.7 million bu held in storage a year earlier. August 1, 1971 stocks of the other major grains in millions of bushels (1970 figures in parentheses) were: oats, 125.4 (141.3); barley, 144.3 (200.1); rye, 12.7 (10.6); flaxseed, 26.6 (6.0); and rapeseed, 11.0 (3.6).

Domestic production of the six major grains amounted to 1,633.9 million bu in 1971-72. Wheat increased from 331.5 million bu in 1970-71 to 529.6 million bu in 1971-72, resulting in a total supply for the 1971-72 crop year of 1,263.7 million bu. Oats declined from 367.8 million bu to 363.5 million bu, for a supply of 488.9 million bu in 1971-72. A record 601.6 million bu of barley was produced which, combined with opening stocks, also resulted in a record supply for 1971-72 of 745.9 million bu. Rye production declined to 21.9 million bu from 22.4 million bu in 1970-71, resulting in a supply for 1971-72 of 34.7 million bu. Flaxseed production decreased to 22.3 million bu from 48.9 million bu in the previous year, and rapeseed production at 95 million bu surpassed by a wide margin the 1970-71 crop of 72.2 million bu; total supplies of these oilseeds in 1971-72 were: flaxseed, 48.9 million bu and rapeseed, a record of 106 million bu.

Farmers' marketings of the six grains during the 1971-72 crop year amounted to a record 952.2 million bu, an increase of 21% over the 1970-71 total of 785.3 million bu. Four grains registered an increase in 1971-72 over 1970-71, with oats and flaxseed the exceptions.