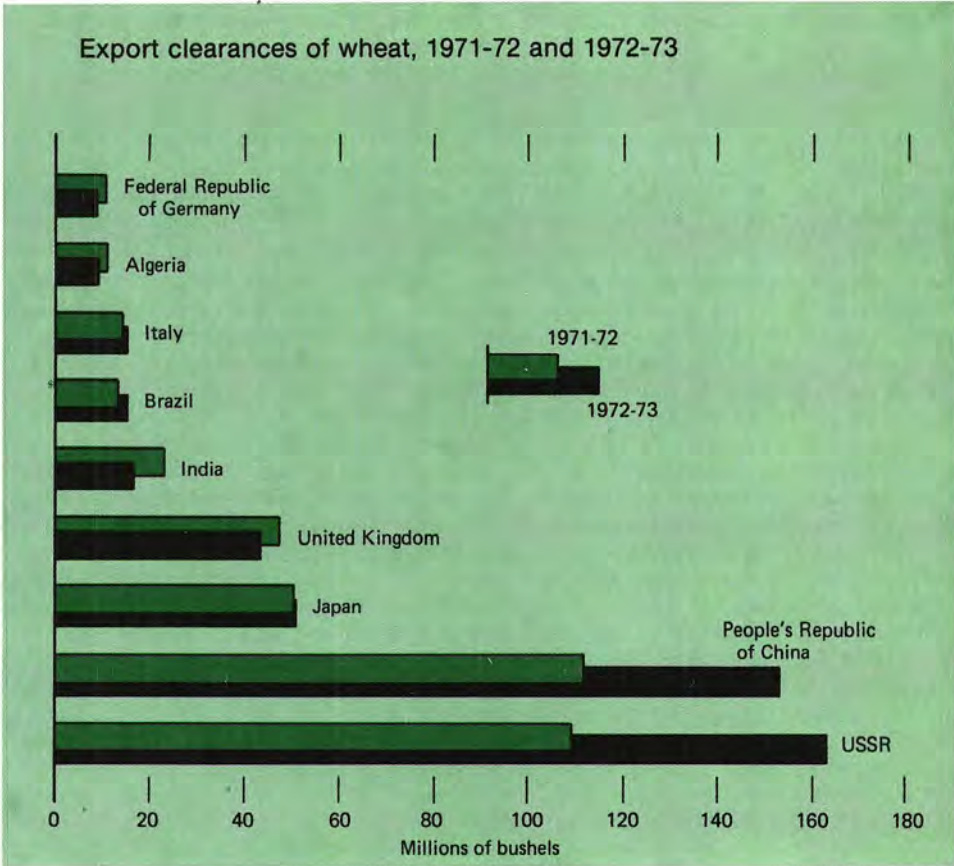


Export clearances of wheat, 1971-72 and 1972-73



104.6 million bu. Exports of Canadian oats in bulk totalled 6.9 million bu during 1972-73, a decrease of 34% from the 10.5 million bu shipped during the previous year. United States was the principal market for this grain with purchases of 4.1 million bu. The Netherlands, at 1.1 million bu, was the largest overseas market. In addition, exports of Canadian oatmeal and rolled oats amounted to the equivalent of 38,000 bu in 1972-73 compared with 25,000 the year before.

Barley exports, at 156.8 million bu, were 22% below the 224.3 million bu of 1971-72. Italy remained Canada's best market for this grain with imports of 44.8 million bu. Japan was the second market with purchases of 41.0 million bu in 1972-73, a gain of 33% over 1971-72. The USSR was third, importing 26.5 million bu of Canadian barley, and Britain placed fourth with 11.0 million bu, 61% below the previous year. In addition to the exports of Canadian barley as grain, shipments of malt were the equivalent of 8.3 million bu, about 32% above the 1971-72 figure of 6.3 million bu.

Exports of Canadian rye during the 1972-73 crop year amounted to 8.2 million bu. Japan continued to be the principal market, importing 6.1 million bu in 1972-73.

During 1972-73, clearances of Canadian flaxseed moving overseas amounted to 19.6 million bu, 24% below the 25.7 million bu of 1971-72.

Although shipments of flaxseed to the Netherlands were only 47% of the previous year's total, it remained the largest single importer, purchasing 5.2 million bu. The Federal Republic of Germany (4.4 million bu) and Japan (4.3 million bu) were second and third. Shipments to the European Economic Community totalled 13.4 million bu (68%) of the total.