



Grain exports. The 1971-72 exports of bulk wheat, at 478.1 million bu, were 68.6 million bu higher than the preceding year's total of 409.4 million bu and also above the recent 10-year average of 377.5 million. During the 1971-72 crop year the People's Republic of China purchased 111.7 million bu and remained Canada's principal wheat customer for the fourth consecutive year. With the sharp increase in sales to 109.6 million bu, the largest volume since 1965-66, the USSR became Canada's second largest wheat market. Japan purchased 50.6 million bu and remained in third place on the list of wheat importers. Reduced sales of Canadian wheat to Britain, at 47.1 million bu, dropped that country to fourth position from second in 1970-71. Other leading markets during 1971-72 with quantities in millions of bu (1970-71 figures in parentheses) were as follows: India 23.0 (17.1); Italy 14.4 (15.4); Brazil 13.6 (15.5); Algeria 10.9 (14.3); the Federal Republic of Germany 10.5 (22.7); the Netherlands 9.7 (8.8); and Syria 9.2 (10.6).

Exports of Canadian wheat flour during the 1971-72 crop year amounted to 10.7 million cwt (24.7 million bu of wheat equivalent), slightly below the 1970-71 total of 24.8 million bu. Cuba was Canada's major customer for wheat flour, taking 5.9 million cwt or 13.5 million bu of wheat equivalent and accounting for a little more than half of the crop year total. The United Arab Republic and Britain, with imports equivalent to some 1.8 million bu each, accounted for a combined 14% of the crop year total and Ceylon imported 1.5 million bu.

Combined exports of oats, seed oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and rapeseed (including customs exports of oatmeal and rolled oats, malt in terms of grain equivalent) amounted to a record 320.1 million bu during the crop year 1971-72. This figure was 19% more than the com-