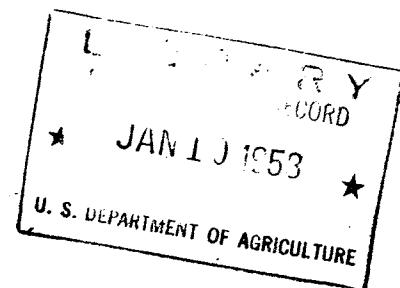


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INTRODUCTION

Commodity Futures Statistics is published annually by the Commodity Exchange Authority. This edition covers the fiscal year 1957 (July 1956-June 1957) and presents the more important data on futures trading in each commodity covered by the Commodity Exchange Act. The statistics are compiled from reports required of exchange clearing members and large traders by regulations promulgated under the act, and from official price records of contract markets.

Contract Markets and Commodities

A contract market is one which has been licensed by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to the Commodity Exchange Act to conduct trading in one or more commodities for future delivery. Listed below are the 17 commodity exchanges designated as contract markets, and the 23 commodities in which futures trading was conducted in the 1957 fiscal year subject to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act:

Chicago Board of Trade.....	Wheat, corn, oats, rye, soybeans, grain sorghums, cotton, cottonseed oil, soybean oil, lard, soybean meal
Chicago Mercantile Exchange.....	Butter, eggs, potatoes, onions
Chicago Open Board of Trade.....	Wheat, corn, oats, rye, soybeans
Duluth Board of Trade.....	(No trading in 1956-57)
Kansas City Board of Trade.....	Wheat, corn, soybeans, grain sorghums, bran, shorts, middlings
Memphis Board of Trade	
Clearing Association.....	Cottonseed meal, soybean meal
Milwaukee Grain Exchange.....	Wheat, corn, oats, rye
Minneapolis Grain Exchange.....	Wheat, oats, rye, flaxseed, soybeans
New Orleans Cotton Exchange.....	Cotton, cottonseed oil
New York Cotton Exchange.....	Cotton
New York Mercantile Exchange....	Potatoes, onions
New York Produce Exchange.....	Cottonseed oil, soybean oil, tallow
Portland Grain Exchange.....	(No trading in 1956-57)
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange...	(No trading in 1956-57) ..
San Francisco Grain Exchange....	(No trading in 1956-57)
Seattle Grain Exchange.....	Wheat
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.....	Wool, wool tops

The list of contract markets and regulated commodities in which futures trading was conducted in the 1957 fiscal year reflects the following changes as compared with the 1956 fiscal year:

Effective August 1, 1956, futures trading in tallow was resumed on the New York Produce Exchange after an interval of 15 years. On the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, after several years of inactivity, futures trading in cottonseed oil was resumed March 19, 1957. Futures trading in soybeans was inaugurated on the Kansas City Board of Trade effective September 18, 1956. The barley futures market of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange which had a nominal amount of trading in 1956, was inactive in 1957.

Classification of Statistics

The commodity futures statistics presented in this bulletin fall into five principal classes: volume of trading, open contracts, futures prices, contracts settled by delivery, and commitments of reporting traders. Reporting traders are those with positions of specified size. Such traders report daily to the Commodity Exchange Authority the size and character of their trades and positions. Data derived from such statistics include commitments of reporting traders as a percentage of open contracts, commitments of nonreporting traders, and commitments of nonreporting traders as a percentage of open contracts.

Volume of Trading

The volume of trading is the total of all purchases or of all sales -- not of purchases and sales combined. Since there are two parties to every futures contract -- the seller and the buyer -- the aggregate of all purchases is equal to the aggregate of all sales.

The volume of trading in a commodity is compiled by the Commodity Exchange Authority from data in required daily reports from exchange clearing members. Each clearing member of each contract market makes a daily report of all purchases and sales of commodity futures which it clears. A compilation of these reports gives the volume of trading in each commodity for each market for each day.

In some markets two units of trading are used, the round lot (for example, 5,000 bushels) and the job lot (for example, 1,000 bushels). In such cases the trading in both lots is combined.

The following tabulation shows the volume of trading, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, for the fiscal years 1955-56 and 1956-57:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>Percent of increase or decrease</u>
Wheat	1,000 bushels	4,180,556	4,885,821	+ 16.9
Corn	do.	2,762,007	2,275,888	- 17.6
Oats	do.	687,325	643,368	- 6.4
Rye	do.	574,098	913,312	+ 59.1
Barley	do.	25	0	---
Flaxseed	do.	11,108	6,147	- 44.7
Soybeans	do.	5,541,841	4,479,827	- 19.2
Grain sorghums	Million pounds	19	17	- 10.5
Cotton	1,000 bales	39,594	22,306	- 43.7
Wool	1,000 pounds	54,834	102,528	+ 87.0
Wool tops	do.	86,220	98,760	+ 14.5
Butter	Carlots	73	2	- 97.3
Eggs	do.	425,900	368,816	- 13.4
Potatoes	do.	126,339	137,178	+ 8.6
Onions	do.	1/ 126,795	89,229	- 29.6
Cottonseed oil	1,000 pounds	3,451,860	4,551,840	+ 31.9
Soybean oil	do.	8,185,200	12,583,200	+ 53.7
Lard	do.	1,974,720	2,439,080	+ 23.5
Tallow	do.	---	18,540	---
Bran	Tons	32,970	19,680	- 40.3
Shorts	do.	15,990	6,180	- 61.4
Middlings	do.	10,570	8,715	- 17.5
Cottonseed meal	do.	246,600	133,000	- 46.1
Soybean meal	do.	6,663,000	6,254,600	- 6.1

1/ Data on onions prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Number of Futures Transactions. Since the volume of trading is expressed in units of the physical commodity, i.e., wheat futures contracts in bushels, cotton in bales, eggs in carlots, and so on, a common denominator is needed when compiling the volume of trading in several dissimilar commodities or in making intercommodity comparisons. Such a common measure is provided by giving the same weight to a contract unit in wheat (5,000 bushels), as to a contract unit in cotton (100 bales), or one in eggs (one carlot). Thus in terms of contract units, the number of transactions in several dissimilar commodities may be combined, and futures activity in one commodity compared with that in another. Since the size and value of futures contracts in various commodities differ widely, the number of transactions in terms of contract units is of limited value in measuring changes in intercommodity activity, and particularly changes over short periods. Such a measure does provide a useful gauge of over-all market activity, however, and particularly changes from year to year or for other relatively long-term periods.

The tabulation which follows gives the estimated number of futures transactions, purchases plus sales, in terms of contract units, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, in the 1955-56 and 1956-57 fiscal years:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>
Wheat	1,929,000	2,355,000
Corn	1,231,000	1,037,000
Oats	286,000	268,000
Rye	278,000	443,000
Barley	(1)	0
Flaxseed	22,000	12,000
Soybeans	2,555,000	2,189,000
Grain sorghums	(1)	(1)
Cotton	792,000	446,000
Wool	18,000	34,000
Wool tops	34,000	40,000
Butter	(1)	(1)
Eggs	852,000	738,000
Potatoes	253,000	274,000
Onions	254,000	179,000
Cottonseed oil	115,000	152,000
Soybean oil	273,000	419,000
Lard	99,000	122,000
Tallow	---	1,000
Bran	1,000	(1)
Shorts	(1)	(1)
Middlings	(1)	(1)
Cottonseed meal	5,000	3,000
Soybean meal	133,000	125,000
Total	9,130,000	8,837,000

1/ Less than 500 transactions.

Value of Trading. Another common measure for presenting an over-all view of market activity, or for making intercommodity comparisons, is afforded by data on the dollar value of futures trading. The value of trading in a commodity is estimated by multiplying the monthly volume of trading in terms of the physical commodity (one side only) by the average closing price on the principal futures market. Since the dollar value measurement of futures activity reflects changes in price level as well as in volume of trading, the figures tend to show greater variations from year to year than data on number of transactions.

The estimated dollar value of futures trading, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, for the fiscal years 1955-56 and 1956-57, is shown in the following tabulation:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>
	(In thousands of dollars)	
Wheat	8,644,000	10,934,500
Corn	3,776,000	3,079,900
Oats	442,600	481,000
Rye	673,900	1,276,000
Barley	200	0
Flaxseed	37,700	20,100
Soybeans	14,683,200	10,978,900
Grain sorghums	400	400
Cotton	6,627,800	3,797,800
Wool	70,400	158,400
Wool tops	136,900	181,500
Butter	800	(1)
Eggs	2,471,100	1,863,000
Potatoes	173,600	147,600
Onions	132,700	74,800
Cottonseed oil	550,800	713,200
Soybean oil	1,064,800	1,580,500
Lard	238,900	326,400
Tallow	---	1,400
Bran	1,200	800
Shorts	700	200
Middlings	400	300
Cottonseed meal	12,000	6,600
Soybean meal	353,500	295,000
 Total	 40,093,600	 35,918,300

1/ Less than \$50,000.

Open Contracts

A futures contract is said to be "open" when it has been entered into and not yet liquidated by an offsetting transaction nor fulfilled by delivery.

The amount of open contracts for each commodity and contract market is obtained each business day by a tabulation of reports made by exchange clearing members. The aggregate of all long open contracts reported by clearing members equals the aggregate of all short open contracts reported. The open contract figures shown are for one side only, not the long and short sides combined. Where there are open contracts in both round and job lots, the totals of open contracts include both types.

The following tabulation shows average month-end open contracts, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, for the 1955-56 and 1956-57 fiscal years:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>Percent of increase or decrease</u>
Wheat	1,000 bushels	95,323	124,164	+ 30.3
Corn	do.	70,047	70,693	+ .9
Oats	do.	27,163	32,062	+ 18.0
Rye	do.	13,675	20,468	+ 49.7
Barley	do.	1	0	---
Flaxseed	do.	803	417	- 48.1
Soybeans	do.	93,367	89,102	- 4.6
Grain sorghums	Million pounds	1	3	+ 200.0
Cotton	1,000 bales	2,068	1,454	- 29.7
Wool	1,000 pounds	6,748	6,515	- 3.5
Wool tops	do.	10,002	7,945	- 20.6
Butter	Carlots	8	(1)	---
Eggs	do.	5,397	5,744	+ 6.4
Potatoes	do.	2,966	3,907	+ 31.7
Onions	do.	2/ 4,503	3,102	- 31.1
Cottonseed oil	1,000 pounds	196,395	247,605	+ 26.1
Soybean oil	do	310,680	408,475	+ 31.5
Lard	do.	76,503	80,430	+ 5.1
Tallow	do.	---	1,669	---
Bran	Tons	2,798	1,260	- 55.0
Shorts	do.	1,350	440	- 67.4
Middlings	do.	578	700	+ 21.1
Cottonseed meal	do.	20,667	12,408	- 40.0
Soybean meal	do.	421,608	345,275	- 18.1

1/ Less than one carlot.

2/ Data on onions prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange.

While most futures contracts are settled by offset prior to delivery, it is the right of a long to stand for delivery of the physical commodity, and of a short to make such delivery if he so elects. The delivery procedure includes the issuance of a delivery notice which is a document prepared by the seller notifying the buyer that he intends to deliver on a specified day the commodity specified in the contract. The original or a copy of each delivery notice tendered by a clearing member of a contract market is furnished to the Commodity Exchange Authority. From these delivery notices and from reports of deliveries made by clearing members, data on deliveries are compiled.

Futures Prices

Official records of contract markets are the source of the price information in this bulletin. Closing prices are shown by future for the fifteenth and last day of each calendar month. Where no trades took place during the "close," generally the closing seconds of trading, bid, asked, nominal, or settlement prices have been used, and are so indicated. For dates on which closing ranges were recorded the closing price shown is the average of the closing range.

Commitments of Reporting Traders

Any trader whose position in one future of any commodity reaches an amount specified by the Secretary of Agriculture is required to report daily all his trades and positions in that commodity to the Commodity Exchange Authority. In making this report, the trader also shows the classification of his position as speculative (including spreading or straddling) or hedging.

The minimum amounts specified for reporting during the fiscal year 1956-57 were as follows:

Wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, flaxseed, soybeans..	200,000 bushels
Grain sorghums.....	11,200,000 pounds
Cotton.....	5,000 bales
Wool.....	150,000 pounds
Wool tops.....	125,000 pounds
Butter, eggs, potatoes, onions.....	25 carlots
Cottonseed oil, soybean oil.....	1/ 1,500,000 pounds
Lard, tallow.....	1/ 1,000,000 pounds
Millfeeds (bran, shorts, middlings).....	1,000 tons
Cottonseed meal, soybean meal.....	1,500 tons
Rice, milled.....	56,000 pockets

1/ Prior to November 24, 1956, the amount specified for reporting in cottonseed oil and soybean oil was 900,000 pounds, and in lard and tallow, 600,000 pounds.

Data on commitments of large traders are obtained from these traders' reports. Commitments of nonreporting traders are derived by subtracting reporting traders' positions from the total of all positions. Commitments of nonreporting traders, being a residual item, include both speculative and hedging commitments.

Other Statistical Reports
of the Commodity Exchange Authority

Many of the data presented in this annual bulletin were initially released by the Commodity Exchange Authority on a daily or monthly basis. Daily reports giving the volume of trading and open contracts in the various commodities and markets are issued regularly by the agency's five field offices located in Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, New Orleans, and New York. The monthly report, Trade in Grain Futures, presents daily data on volume of trading, open contracts, and futures prices; and similar statistics for cotton are released in the monthly report, Trade in Cotton Futures. The monthly report, Commitments of Traders in Wheat Futures, shows aggregate open contracts of small and large traders in that commodity on all contract markets combined, with a breakdown of the speculative and hedging commitments of the large trader group. Similar data for cotton are issued in the monthly report, Commitments of Traders in Cotton Futures.

Special publications and reports were issued during the year containing basic statistics pertaining to sensitive market situations in particular commodities. One such report, Futures Trading in Onions, presents background data and results of market analysis work; and, a further report on onion futures in the latter part of the 1956-57 onion marketing season is entitled: "Speculation in Onion Futures, January-March 1957." Other reports were made covering special "surveys" of the accounts of all traders in the leading futures markets for cotton, onions, and potatoes.

Table 1.--Annual volume of trading on each contract market, 1947-48 to 1956-57

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July										
		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	
WHEAT 1/	Million bushels	4,385.0	3,294.1	3,244.8	3,305.2	2,976.1	2,654.4	3,855.1	3,222.9	3,294.5	3,984.6	
Chicago Board of Trade		141.6	109.4	89.8	81.1	66.8	48.8	70.4	76.1	92.9	92.4	
Chicago Open Board of Trade		424.9	453.6	369.1	603.8	641.9	448.1	446.1	325.3	363.5	366.0	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		811.0	652.6	489.6	684.7	654.1	626.1	390.3	343.8	428.5	441.1	
Kansas City Board of Trade		1.2	1.2	1.3	.6	.7	.6	.6	.6	.6	1.4	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		4.4	4.0	7.4	.3	2.1	2.5	.8	.4	.6	.3	
Seattle Grain Exchange												
Total		5,768.1	4,514.9	4,202.0	4,675.7	4,341.7	3,780.5	4,763.3	3,969.1	4,180.6	4,885.8	
CORN	Million bushels	3,643.1	3,555.7	1,984.8	2,207.6	2,602.5	2,773.0	2,321.5	2,190.6	2,723.5	2,256.1	
Chicago Board of Trade		140.6	117.0	27.4	27.9	35.1	30.6	21.5	21.7	37.2	18.6	
Chicago Open Board of Trade		0	0	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		12.0	2.1	.1	(2)	(2)	6.8	(2)	.5	.4	.1	
Kansas City Board of Trade		3.1	3.5	1.0	1.1	2.0	.8	1.0	.7	.9	1.1	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange												
Total		3,798.8	3,678.3	2,013.4	2,236.6	2,639.6	2,811.2	2,344.0	2,213.5	2,762.0	2,275.9	
OATS	Million bushels	2,365.6	1,009.0	917.8	1,496.1	2,099.5	2,282.7	1,145.9	699.1	648.7	598.9	
Chicago Board of Trade		31.3	11.3	7.3	11.4	15.4	12.6	4.5	1.6	1.9	3.2	
Chicago Open Board of Trade		269.1	153.5	121.0	108.0	120.9	123.8	81.3	56.2	35.7	40.1	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		2.6	1.9	2.1	1.8	3.4	2.1	.8	.7	1.0	1.2	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange												
Total		2,668.6	1,175.7	1,048.2	1,617.3	2,239.2	2,421.2	1,232.5	757.6	687.3	643.4	
RYE	Million bushels	---	3/ 88.0	540.3	543.9	395.8	680.1	705.8	802.2	561.9	899.2	
Chicago Board of Trade		---	3/ .5	1.8	3.6	2.9	2.8	3.7	6.2	6.2	10.7	
Chicago Open Board of Trade		21.1	36.8	39.1	26.5	26.4	19.3	14.0	5.5	3.8	3.0	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		---	4/ .1	.4	.2	1.5	.8	1.1	1.5	2.2	.4	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange												
Total		21.1	125.4	581.6	576.2	426.6	703.0	724.6	815.4	574.1	913.3	
BARLEY	Million bushels	(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chicago Board of Trade		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange												
Total		(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2)	0	
FLAXSEED	Million bushels	---	5/ (2)	0.1	5.6	40.9	32.0	14.6	7.4	11.1	6.1	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		---	5/ (2)	0.1	5.6	40.9	32.0	14.6	7.4	11.1	6.1	
SOYBEANS	Million bushels	6/ 40.2	1,508.3	3,537.4	2,875.9	2,905.7	3,291.2	5,082.1	4,880.8	5,477.1	4,415.0	
Chicago Board of Trade		---	1/ 29.4	76.5	76.7	47.5	55.1	59.7	70.4	61.9	63.9	
Chicago Open Board of Trade		---	---	---	8/ (2)	---	---	---	---	2/ 2.8	(2)	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		---	---	---	---	---	---	10/ 6.2	1.0	11/ (2)	---	
Memphis Board of Trade		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12/ .9	---	
Clearing Association												
Kansas City Board of Trade												
Total		do.	40.2	1,537.7	3,613.9	2,952.6	2,953.2	3,346.3	5,148.0	4,952.2	5,541.8	4,479.8
GRAIN SORGHUMS	Million pounds	48	1	0	2,309	7,686	518	53	102	8	4	
Kansas City Board of Trade		---	---	---	13/ 948	164	5	1	1	11	13	
Chicago Board of Trade												
Total		do.	48	1	0	2,309	8,634	682	58	103	19	17
RICE 1/	Million pounds	---	14/ 1.4	2.0	2.9	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	
New York Mercantile Exchange		---	14/ 1.4	2.0	2.9	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	
COTTON	Thousand bales	63,352	40,967	37,288	15/ 58,950	67,486	66,296	32,609	36,280	30,302	17,515	
New York Cotton Exchange		44,570	20,547	14,982	15/ 19,278	26,032	23,506	11,880	13,799	9,138	4,722	
New Orleans Cotton Exchange		2,661	1,871	427	15/ 839	1,369	1,533	397	316	154	69	
Chicago Board of Trade												
Total		do.	110,583	63,385	52,697	79,067	94,887	91,335	44,886	50,395	39,594	22,306
WOOL	Million pounds	40.1	38.6	34.9	16/ 90.0	296.4	158.0	93.7	17/ 98.7	54.8	102.5	
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.												
WOOL TOPS	Million pounds	31.6	50.6	48.3	16/ 82.8	172.4	154.9	103.5	119.7	86.2	98.8	
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.												
BUTTER 1/	Carlots	21,517	16,522	2,433	3,186	8,317	7,272	115	97	73	2	
Chicago Mercantile Exchange		549	855	0	50	51	21	0	0	0	0	
New York Mercantile Exchange												
Total		do.	22,066	17,377	2,433	3,236	8,368	7,293	115	97	73	2
EGGS 1/	Carlots	124,975	90,699	56,695	147,794	89,478	145,588	149,163	258,507	425,900	368,816	
Chicago Mercantile Exchange		45	492	243	1,017	527	0	0	0	0	0	
New York Mercantile Exchange												
Total		do.	125,020	91,191	56,938	148,811	90,005	145,588	149,163	258,507	425,900	368,816

Table 1.--Annual volume of trading on each contract market, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
POTATOES 1/ Chicago Mercantile Exchange New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	19 27,563	6 9,208	38 6,554	111 2,516	280 17,901	1,720 121,729	1,030 66,495	576 196,610	180 126,159	123 137,055
	do.	27,582	9,214	6,592	2,627	18,181	123,449	67,525	197,186	126,339	137,178
ONIONS 1/ Chicago Mercantile Exchange New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	14,766 280	25,223 581	122,278 99	69,405 34	84,227 21	136,735 14	76,210 83	163,772 435	18/120,826 12/ 5,969	88,942 207
	do.	15,046	25,804	122,377	69,439	84,248	136,749	76,293	164,207	126,795	89,229
COTTONSEED OIL New York Produce Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds	1,476.9	3,194.3	4,334.3	20/7,204.4	7,982.8	3,049.8	871.7	824.7	3,447.0	4,544.3
	do.	0	1.5	200.4	22/ 127.3	6.9	0	0	0	0	1.2
	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.9	6.3
	do.	1,476.9	3,195.8	4,534.7	7,331.7	7,989.7	3,050.3	871.7	825.2	3,451.9	4,551.8
SOYBEAN OIL 1/ New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds	0.9	0	22/ 227.1	22/1,571.0	640.2	372.7	424.6	411.7	225.1	123.5
	do.	---	---	---	23/1,961.6	2,155.6	2,676.0	4,286.7	3,906.8	7,960.1	12,459.7
	do.	.9	0	227.1	3,532.6	2,795.8	3,048.7	4,711.3	4,318.5	8,185.2	12,583.2
LARD Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds	2,938.9	3,613.7	1,521.4	2,213.1	1,323.9	1,414.1	2,861.9	2,027.3	1,974.7	2,439.1
TALLOW New York Produce Exchange	Million pounds	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	24/ 18.5
BRAN Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	518.0	337.0	358.4	406.8	285.4	246.4	142.3	102.6	33.0	19.7
SHORTS Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	300.8	213.0	143.7	173.7	161.3	195.9	88.7	97.6	16.0	6.2
MIDDLEINGS Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25/ 10.6	8.7
COTTONSEED MEAL 1/ Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Thousand tons	245.7	378.8	478.3	586.8	584.9	98.2	216.3	217.4	246.6	133.0
SOYBEAN MEAL 1/ Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand tons	412.2	474.7	1,126.0	2,292.0	1,568.4	1,031.7	1,697.6	2,172.3	1,712.9	1,117.9
	do.	---	---	---	---	25/ 404.1	806.2	2,356.4	3,569.0	4,950.1	5,136.7
	do.	412.2	474.7	1,126.0	2,292.0	1,972.5	1,837.9	4,054.0	5,741.3	6,663.0	6,254.6

1/ All types of contracts.

2/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

3/ Trading resumed July 12, 1948. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

4/ Trading resumed July 15, 1948. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

5/ Trading resumed April 11, 1949. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

6/ Trading resumed July 7, 1947. (Suspended February 19, 1943.)

7/ Trading resumed July 29, 1948. (Suspended February 19, 1943.)

8/ Market opened for trading on September 18, 1950; suspended February 16, 1951.

9/ Trading resumed July 15, 1955.

10/ Trading began December 14, 1953.

11/ Trading suspended January 23, 1956.

12/ Trading began September 18, 1956.

13/ Trading began October 1, 1951.

14/ Trading began June 1, 1949.

15/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed March 8, 1951.

16/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 29, 1951; resumed April 9, 1951.

17/ Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

18/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

19/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

20/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed February 13, 1951.

21/ As of September 28, 1949, contract basis changed from refined to crude oil.

22/ Trading suspended for one day only, January 27, 1951.

23/ Trading began July 17, 1950.

24/ Trading resumed August 1, 1956. (Discontinued June 5, 1941.)

25/ Trading began July 7, 1955.

26/ Trading began August 29, 1951.

NOTE: Dates of suspension of trading: Trading suspended after close of the market on dates given in footnotes, except as otherwise noted, in this and following tables.

Table 2.--Monthly volume of trading on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1952-53 to 1956-57

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
WHEAT 1/ Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand bushels do.	1,188,014 500,860	1,029,439 395,732	743,687 300,759	731,433 265,657	604,391 335,442	647,223 336,799	533,137 321,056	389,215 352,629	569,536 337,207	735,464 348,444	677,137 353,457	882,614 454,917	8,731,250 4,302,959
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57	do. do. do. do. do.	460,685 609,505 495,597 568,892 523,733	348,909 688,888 363,334 511,980 493,901	250,038 475,715 310,581 377,557 300,479	228,821 318,354 236,198 260,482 455,939	265,073 371,049 311,525 255,855 345,685	291,361 310,233 273,956 253,466 333,306	253,779 249,651 256,793 233,088 332,137	303,593 244,375 291,525 233,088 352,137	292,217 369,093 359,771 311,608 385,851	259,241 413,184 301,608 295,501 372,915	281,074 344,474 403,125 365,287 372,915	585,743 368,755 402,502 4,180,556 450,681	3,780,534 4,763,276 3,969,072 4,180,556 4,885,821
CORN	Thousand bushels do.	312,908 238,636	339,092 242,748	181,118 289,483	184,812 200,366	210,560 274,607	197,313 250,597	143,555 229,135	95,760 233,340	124,052 129,798	187,101 181,989	159,334 193,019	190,045 208,727	2,325,650 2,675,822
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57	do. do. do. do. do.	232,901 253,677 254,027 162,857 199,458	232,973 237,347 200,159 360,354 198,942	210,465 242,628 146,581 274,519 158,963	256,608 262,498 189,273 236,405 200,824	226,388 268,223 238,763 243,848 263,704	287,794 209,951 200,972 176,033 181,138	230,267 158,492 181,870 150,695 144,053	262,049 135,602 181,307 182,376 186,861	197,672 159,933 123,312 185,611 157,427	184,597 182,537 161,154 181,884 195,387	306,639 116,312 159,272 295,868 197,752	2,811,204 2,345,979 2,213,472 2,762,007 2,275,888	
OATS	Thousand bushels do.	109,816 158,308	118,472 159,690	60,532 125,629	41,140 100,900	48,938 152,962	57,862 112,552	46,519 148,531	29,919 156,385	43,090 126,918	73,592 135,698	56,026 142,661	63,112 150,083	749,018 1,700,323
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57	do. do. do. do. do.	164,601 155,087 98,187 89,231 97,429	271,753 194,397 72,312 102,030 86,086	194,397 114,813 63,121 55,053 45,949	163,084 94,825 60,720 35,766 50,652	220,400 115,888 74,168 68,389 75,675	234,749 143,807 85,801 43,291 52,917	226,147 73,295 49,898 35,142 33,129	262,461 135,602 40,933 38,412 37,860	170,225 76,834 56,162 34,384 33,769	178,192 72,697 51,826 67,085 50,876	150,028 70,631 54,682 58,725 38,947	185,135 52,993 44,809 49,877 40,079	2,421,172 1,232,496 757,619 687,325 643,368
RYE	Thousand bushels do.	33,577 29,401	37,246 36,051	26,626 27,894	21,721 26,038	22,235 35,954	23,831 45,025	17,687 45,624	13,009 45,296	18,185 44,214	26,256 44,073	25,164 51,050	31,548 51,960	297,087 482,570
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57	do. do. do. do. do.	35,494 68,074 78,143 77,742 70,266	52,367 68,074 78,143 77,742 70,266	42,394 78,584 70,095 66,980 55,865	32,837 97,033 61,211 52,316 51,963	43,824 115,888 65,980 58,957 51,815	68,346 77,148 76,501 51,615 60,107	61,020 42,228 58,163 43,668 72,221	56,821 36,507 73,837 54,487 69,011	60,654 52,725 62,556 39,825 65,425	71,103 54,820 47,496 55,178 76,799	69,945 37,314 62,553 49,414 73,025	108,239 31,358 62,553 49,767 112,463	703,044 724,630 815,407 574,098 913,312
BARLEY	Thousand bushels do.	3,849	7,422	4,420	2,559	2,967	2,573	1,426	721	1,052	1,671	1,291	1,952	31,903
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	5	5	0	0	25
1955-56	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLAXSEED	Thousand bushels do.	625 2/ 627	2,296 2/1,516	2,237 2/2,179	1,589 2/2,140	1,347 2/2,588	616 2/1,698	412 2/1,657	209 2/1,846	417 2/ 852	834 1,541	655 684	741 1,419	11,978 18,747
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57	do. do. do. do. do.	1,661 2,346 780 1,241 876	4,408 1,595 844 902 811	3,243 2,956 1,575 1,241 684	2,691 1,008 1,008 1,051 1,226	4,526 1,622 1,224 1,051 1,226	2,904 866 164 515 246	2,013 878 249 1,194 121	3,121 878 277 1,795 238	1,153 763 111 801 94	1,569 621 111 1,180 624	1,289 704 668 646 416	2,361 324 363 416 172	32,039 14,637 7,361 12,108 6,147
SOYBEANS	Thousand bushels do.	4/1,182 184,837	4/2,390 185,615	4/1,797 190,307	4,518 314,215	3,911 285,718	2,805 261,094	1,665 265,746	1,018 204,271	1,592 258,479	1,513 222,183	2,072 257,546	2,265 247,727	27,028 2,880,738
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57	do. do. do. do. do.	227,027 245,142 473,791 240,674 465,620	270,859 164,366 509,927 401,269 341,955	338,764 335,154 525,308 327,044 481,780	227,455 408,966 529,488 477,140 484,182	294,505 483,146 479,717 377,608 439,425	327,659 487,377 341,645 321,333 461,936	259,732 178,269 456,403 394,396 349,966	318,021 704,694 295,670 684,739 306,475	254,558 589,365 251,775 684,739 283,537	282,433 518,989 210,113 784,370 310,991	266,228 473,002 4,952,249 623,310 247,149	3,346,329 5,147,957 4,952,249 5,541,841 4,479,827	
GRAIN SORGHUMS	Million pounds	127	107	38	111	303	293	203	282	242	292	186	141	2,325
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	423 0 2 7 0	72 3 0 0 0	38 7 1 3 1	79 13 5 5 11	40 30 16 5 3	12 1 23 1 0	6 6 6 1 0	5 0 24 2 0	5 0 8 1 0	0 0 17 1 0	0 1 0 0 1	682 58 103 19 17	
RICE 1/ Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand pounds	2/ 0	2/ 40	2/ 730	2/ 50	2/ 100	2/ 340	2/ 0	2/ 0	2/ 30	2/ 0	2/ 20	280	1,590

COMMODITY FUTURES

Table 2.--Monthly volume of trading on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1952-53 to 1956-57--Continued

commodity and year	unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
COTTON														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand bales do.	4,221 5,085	3,899 5,842	5,032 6,640	4,562 8,389	3,910 8,152	3,487 7,075	3,089 6,597	2,902 2/7,660	4,321 5,820	3,586 6,088	2,985 5,059	3,885 5,399	45,879 77,806
1952-53	do.	6,168	7,493	8,399	12,531	9,760	9,683	9,006	6,685	5,978	5,654	5,117	4,661	91,335
1953-54	do.	3,460	2,936	4,639	4,220	4,159	3,495	3,966	4,088	3,399	4,108	2,640	3,776	44,886
1954-55	do.	3,212	3,427	5,803	4,647	5,247	3,640	3,696	3,911	6,574	4,162	3,053	3,023	50,305
1955-56	do.	3,632	2,938	3,746	5,200	4,159	2,575	3,485	3,612	3,597	2,849	2,436	1,355	39,594
1956-57	do.	1,571	2,206	2,065	2,795	2,488	1,473	1,664	1,902	1,296	1,509	1,635	1,702	22,306
WOOL														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand pounds	7,099	7,919	13,392	13,202	9,755	9,872	10,630	2/10,960	2/12,936	11,176	10,172	11,249	128,362
1952-53	do.	17,790	14,478	21,378	16,800	10,584	10,420	13,632	9,498	14,598	11,130	8,676	8,982	157,956
1953-54	do.	4,843	7,278	6,330	9,120	8,886	6,396	4,170	5,626	8,562	12,834	9,606	11,076	93,732
1954-55	do.	7,386	10,674	6,324	6/15,276	16,254	9,972	8,676	5,454	5,684	5,040	4,614	4,876	98,692
1955-56	do.	4,128	7,518	6,996	3,270	5,556	4,284	3,498	3,125	3,492	4,008	3,876	5,082	54,834
1956-57	do.	4,260	5,340	7,968	6,408	11,808	11,640	7,542	10,746	7,002	14,826	9,600	5,388	102,528
WOOL TOPS														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand pounds do.	2,408 5,978	1,657 7,411	2,452 10,774	2,836 11,081	3,793 10,432	2,317 7,414	2,746 8,976	3,028 2/8,940	2,574 2/10,349	2,920 8,490	3,123 8,012	3,582 7,789	33,436 105,649
1952-53	do.	13,160	12,205	15,280	16,575	16,510	10,555	14,115	10,870	14,965	11,730	10,220	8,725	154,910
1953-54	do.	5,235	6,160	6,805	8,075	7,055	7,395	5,030	4,350	12,400	16,300	11,575	13,160	103,540
1954-55	do.	6,100	8,765	7,760	13,665	17,275	9,705	10,535	8,795	9,750	7,075	10,925	9,305	119,655
1955-56	do.	8,440	11,265	9,490	4,020	8,988	5,335	4,105	6,725	6,100	7,035	5,850	8,895	86,220
1956-57	do.	6,880	6,200	8,855	10,150	9,620	7,150	7,955			9,665	4,925	98,760	
BUTTER 1/														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Carlots do.	1,530 831	1,809 780	1,546 809	2,284 1,230	2,833 1,106	2,215 1,022	2,095 723	1,383 226	1,276 208	537 159	1,016 293	1,493 354	20,018 7,741
1952-53	do.	953	759	650	1,480	921	1,300	786	185	157	21	61	20	7,293
1953-54	do.	6	4	12	28	11	1	1	1	2	18	19	9	115
1954-55	do.	1	15	17	3	9	0	0	0	0	21	17	14	97
1955-56	do.	15	4	19	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
1956-57	do.	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
EGG 1/														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Carlots do.	2,243 10,104	3,168 10,549	5,249 13,698	6,752 13,542	6,099 10,245	5,218 8,333	2,725 4,081	1,383 2,942	1,476 5,480	2,931 8,661	2,911 9,954	2,303 8,898	42,458 106,597
1952-53	do.	14,247	12,303	18,322	17,482	13,196	11,744	5,687	4,100	10,230	15,005	11,127	12,145	145,588
1953-54	do.	11,359	9,772	15,511	18,602	12,786	11,269	8,967	7,037	12,947	15,913	10,111	14,889	149,163
1954-55	do.	19,047	25,194	30,289	24,305	16,539	16,038	13,906	20,392	22,472	23,891	21,947	24,887	258,507
1955-56	do.	39,167	42,296	40,751	49,315	42,858	28,424	18,040	17,595	17,734	27,462	47,201	425,900	
1956-57	do.	36,779	61,229	43,536	38,946	35,175	29,228	17,044	9,049	18,755	14,828	36,481	27,766	368,816
POTATOES 1/														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Carlots do.	40 1,500	91 3,080	83 3,035	170 3,628	118 2,925	116 3,634	189 3,001	172 3,608	295 3,123	147 2,276	35 1,031	10 1,172	1,466 32,013
1952-53	do.	6,018	13,629	11,868	12,853	8,719	13,987	12,440	14,813	13,126	9,689	3,562	2,745	123,449
1953-54	do.	3,395	3,030	3,691	4,191	5,367	5,652	9,035	7,271	8,578	6,572	5,693	5,050	67,525
1954-55	do.	11,770	15,928	13,464	17,774	17,202	15,809	12,577	20,407	27,190	29,661	14,706	11,716	197,186
1955-56	do.	4,118	3,731	1,200	3,109	3,678	2,776	11,126	12,830	23,505	35,468	20,705	4,093	126,339
1956-57	do.	15,215	10,398	8,240	11,577	10,105	9,314	12,779	10,760	15,801	15,164	17,008	817	137,178
ONIONS 1/														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Carlots	2,008	6,366	6,586	6,168	7,446	10,385	15,427	17,188	13,861	485	855	948	87,723
1952-53	do.	3,705	9,212	7,522	11,389	7,577	17,505	19,747	30,314	27,188	562	1,156	932	136,719
1953-54	do.	3,891	6,563	3,463	6,365	5,649	7,345	20,451	6,736	7,032	2,131	6,326	10,341	76,293
1954-55	do.	12,407	16,769	9,045	14,661	17,697	23,447	29,160	18,579	12,380	1,008	2,484	6,570	184,207
1955-56	do.	10,869	17,962	1/13,009	11,128	14,969	14,954	14,785	4,617	1,113	1,382	2,143	3,917	126,195
1956-57	do.	7,170	9,046	3,807	4,552	7,484	14,221	23,755	5,730	1,321	1,604	2,029		89,229
COTTONSEED OIL														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand pounds do.	154,836 408,864	203,964 452,460	177,942 424,080	168,372 411,204	153,942 520,482	191,754 483,402	211,836 486,786	245,040 335,512	203,538 371,610	189,090 437,388	143,010 430,320	179,082 458,328	2,222,406 5,220,438
1952-53	do.	392,040	531,840	480,360	241,860	188,340	209,940	171,120	215,400	207,780	99,720	155,760	156,120	3,050,280
1953-54	do.	155,280	66,660	93,480	50,400	36,540	79,860	64,960	65,340	77,580	79,800	57,480	44,700	871,680
1954-55	do.	52,680	44,120	48,720	57,780	76,200	87,420	81,720	104,100	126,180	76,140	53,340	825,180	
1955-56	do.	81,420	85,800	159,600	159,300	192,420	165,480	367,140	404,100	147,600	474,180	576,840	367,980	3,451,860
1956-57	do.	294,180	362,220	251,880	142,680	371,040	461,760	371,040	464,820	371,340	140,560	395,280	355,620	4,551,840
SOYBEAN OIL 1/														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand pounds	90,468	85,380	98,256	195,276	277,152	253,428	239,640	126,672	126,420	131,580	147,600	148,968	1,920,840
1952-53	do.	181,740	238,920	254,040	319,280	310,600	312,720	243,360	230,220	247,680	200,910	241,980	236,520	3,048,720
1953-54	do.	246,420	193,500	223,560	353,700	327,240	377,280	312,420	352,080	616,020	691,500	614,700	402,840	4,711,260
1954-55	do.	411,360	448,020	490,140	458,940	291,300	308,100	276,060	254,100	413,100	271,520	325,380	340,620	4,318,500
1955-56	do.	347,760	305,940	512,220	474,780	396,600	353,220	520,800	177,240	980,580	1,076,160	1,491,360	1,008,600	8,185,200
1956-57	do.	935,580	616,620	673,740	1,518,380	1,401,480	1,517,820	1,325,100	963,480	1,028,220	924,600	732,420	12,583,200	

Table 2.—Monthly volume of trading on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1952-53 to 1956-57—Continued

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
LARD														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousand pounds do.	99,560 233,072	180,870 241,728	96,640 203,901	84,180 187,408	103,180 155,000	113,460 159,320	104,480 147,496	93,210 137,896	101,740 136,936	113,030 126,976	89,720 133,816	92,690 153,680	1,272,760 2,017,232
1952-53	do.	118,560	156,120	191,960	150,160	93,760	124,360	85,960	90,080	103,160	94,888	83,440	121,640	1,414,080
1953-54	do.	122,360	169,920	246,920	166,120	161,080	273,080	278,920	137,680	264,400	325,520	375,880	310,440	2,861,920
1954-55	do.	247,800	283,160	169,640	220,920	258,480	212,600	149,880	85,880	118,720	90,360	85,720	104,160	2,027,320
1955-56	do.	121,360	105,280	128,280	115,920	144,400	106,280	158,720	143,240	123,560	277,520	339,080	211,080	1,974,720
1956-57	do.	159,520	232,960	148,480	278,480	255,000	185,320	241,040	165,200	145,000	185,560	215,600	226,920	2,439,080
TALLOW														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 8/	Thousand pounds do.	2/3,420	2/2,490	2/1,470	2/1,500	2/1,440	2/1,575	2/2,115	2/1,185	2/ 780	2/1,440	2/1,575	2,364	21,354
1956-57	do.	---	7,560	3,480	2,460	1,200	1,380	660	600	0	180	540	480	18,540
BEEF														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons do.	35,380 33,090	38,060 38,802	36,505 32,670	30,440 35,478	36,310 33,330	31,980 32,706	33,720 28,668	26,050 20,262	29,955 20,358	23,470 18,786	25,225 14,250	28,775 18,414	375,870 326,814
1952-53	do.	27,060	39,510	29,160	32,730	21,660	26,460	17,190	11,100	11,220	9,480	7,080	13,800	246,450
1953-54	do.	10,650	8,250	14,880	18,480	13,080	17,100	14,280	11,790	12,750	9,300	4,440	7,320	142,320
1954-55	do.	11,570	11,700	10,080	11,040	7,920	5,760	11,040	9,240	12,630	5,280	3,060	3,120	102,600
1955-56	do.	3,500	4,020	4,680	1,710	4,860	2,280	4,110	2,040	1,440	2,430	720	1,080	32,970
1956-57	do.	2,520	2,520	1,680	2,400	1,500	2,100	2,040	1,080	1,320	360	0	2,160	19,680
B SHORTS														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons do.	10,710 16,290	12,055 13,164	7,030 17,778	7,720 15,036	9,490 16,512	9,725 19,374	9,700 17,874	7,395 13,464	10,795 17,298	9,780 12,342	6,605 9,780	8,150 8,304	109,155 177,516
1952-53	do.	20,310	16,770	20,730	24,750	13,050	19,830	20,070	14,370	18,990	13,350	7,560	6,120	195,900
1953-54	do.	5,280	9,780	6,060	5,790	6,240	9,330	8,010	8,100	9,810	7,380	6,000	6,810	88,680
1954-55	do.	13,800	13,020	10,620	13,080	8,370	6,240	9,600	7,440	6,300	3,810	3,480	1,800	97,560
1955-56	do.	2,340	1,140	1,710	2,760	1,560	1,020	1,320	360	990	990	120	1,080	15,990
1956-57	do.	360	0	720	1,050	120	600	300	480	1,230	480	360	480	6,160
MIDDLEBINS														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39	Tons do.	3,210	3,300	2,250	3,500	2,870	3,130	3,930	3,220	3,140	2,980	2,460	2,400	36,390
1955-56	do.	1,155	840	1,890	210	1,645	210	840	210	735	525	1,155	1,155	10,570
1956-57	do.	1,785	1,050	1,785	420	525	315	0	420	840	315	1,055	1,055	8,725
COTTONSEED MEAL 1/														
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons do.	62,940 36,260	77,460 36,540	66,540 49,720	72,360 60,500	52,900 49,340	51,080 40,160	58,300 33,400	63,460 25,420	52,440 29,720	53,800 24,000	37,200 21,920	56,840 18,420	705,320 425,400
1952-53	do.	12,400	1,200	11,400	19,600	5,800	9,300	4,200	9,200	9,000	5,900	6,000	4,200	98,200
1953-54	do.	7,600	6,200	8,700	7,400	13,200	15,800	20,900	36,200	27,500	39,200	19,100	14,500	216,300
1954-55	do.	24,000	19,700	19,000	17,600	23,200	34,600	10,700	13,700	13,500	11,500	17,200	11,300	217,400
1955-56	do.	15,500	23,500	21,700	30,800	22,900	29,400	19,300	20,800	22,300	21,100	9,500	10,800	246,600
1956-57	do.	9,900	8,700	16,000	19,500	12,000	8,700	12,900	16,200	5,500	6,500	10,400	4,700	133,000
SOYBEAN MEAL 1/														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons do.	78,100	75,640	102,600	182,200	171,760	160,940	146,500	139,580	109,920	135,760	120,240	117,380	1,540,620
1952-53	do.	66,000	27,500	37,700	159,800	146,500	232,000	219,700	257,000	164,500	178,500	158,500	190,200	1,837,900
1953-54	do.	168,500	182,100	154,200	241,300	240,400	364,100	283,400	297,400	400,600	546,200	571,300	604,500	4,054,000
1954-55	do.	546,800	573,700	450,000	615,900	578,600	506,700	446,100	387,600	375,000	361,800	396,500	502,600	5,741,300
1955-56	do.	414,700	421,400	625,200	602,900	558,500	458,900	499,400	508,700	513,400	701,200	753,700	605,000	6,663,000
1956-57	do.	625,200	420,600	479,000	819,400	602,700	397,200	717,900	520,100	418,500	434,300	365,500	454,200	6,254,600

1/ All types of contracts.

2/ 4-year average.

3/ 3-year average; trading in soybean futures did not begin until October 5, 1936.

4/ 2-year average.

5/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

6/ Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

7/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange.

8/ Trading in tallow futures did not begin until June 26, 1935; figures obtained from the New York Produce Exchange.

NOTE: See Table 1, for dates of inauguration, suspension, and resumption of trading during the years 1952-53 through 1956-57. Omission of the 1934-35 to 1938-39 average, the 1948-49 to 1952-53 average, or a year in the period 1952-53 to 1956-57 indicates there was no trading.

Table 3.--Monthly volume of trading on each contract market, July 1956 to June 1957

Commodity and market	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
WHEAT	Thousand bushels													
Chicago Board of Trade		415,013	384,245	291,953	327,711	361,006	277,054	272,498	292,744	325,262	336,131	317,100	383,874	3,964,641
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	6,470	8,653	8,185	7,132	8,884	6,500	7,084	7,219	9,043	7,904	7,876	7,429	92,409
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	34,644	57,738	33,916	33,160	41,899	30,802	24,925	21,023	19,866	22,346	20,352	25,327	366,000
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	67,514	43,262	26,361	36,723	44,073	31,233	30,713	31,017	31,559	29,752	27,457	41,430	441,094
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	62	83	14	54	47	21	86	54	46	149	130	621	1,367
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	50	0	50	30	30	75	0	0	75	0	0	0	310
Total	do.	523,753	1,93,981	360,479	404,810	455,339	345,685	335,306	352,137	385,851	396,284	372,915	458,681	4,885,021
CORN	Thousand bushels													
Chicago Board of Trade		197,754	196,996	157,082	198,681	261,263	179,779	142,320	185,586	156,366	193,738	196,586	189,943	2,256,094
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	1,587	1,786	1,750	2,008	2,274	1,287	1,657	1,149	1,026	1,528	1,106	1,415	18,573
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	10	45	0	5	35	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	105
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	107	115	131	130	132	72	76	126	35	111	60	21	1,116
Total	do.	199,458	198,942	158,963	200,824	263,701	181,138	144,053	186,861	157,427	195,387	197,752	191,379	2,275,888
OATS	Thousand bushels													
Chicago Board of Trade		91,338	76,170	41,832	47,252	68,730	50,653	31,659	36,286	32,748	47,630	36,702	37,920	598,920
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	733	428	293	332	392	405	162	85	25	223	56	43	3,177
Minnesota Grain Exchange	do.	5,313	9,431	3,685	2,927	6,507	1,789	1,281	1,438	959	2,984	2,078	1,658	40,059
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	45	57	139	141	46	70	27	51	37	39	111	458	1,221
Total	do.	97,429	86,086	45,949	50,652	75,675	52,917	33,129	37,860	33,769	50,876	38,947	40,079	643,368
RYE	Thousand bushels													
Chicago Board of Trade		56,648	84,885	69,121	73,476	94,428	59,202	70,057	67,996	64,394	75,903	72,186	110,959	899,255
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	523	739	645	890	1,228	801	1,024	947	999	729	797	1,401	10,728
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	712	796	487	295	199	102	125	63	32	112	42	10	2,915
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	113	40	13	13	10	2	15	5	0	55	0	90	356
Total	do.	57,996	86,460	70,266	74,674	95,865	60,107	71,221	69,011	65,425	76,799	73,025	112,463	913,312
FLAXSEED	Thousand bushels													
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		639	876	811	684	1,226	246	121	238	94	624	416	172	6,147
SOYBEANS	Thousand bushels													
Chicago Board of Trade		460,273	302,274	337,451	476,247	477,293	432,217	454,475	344,613	278,780	300,726	306,243	244,429	4,415,021
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	5,342	4,537	4,134	5,268	6,754	7,093	7,376	5,353	4,757	5,749	4,748	2,720	63,851
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	5	0	30	5	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	45
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	---	---	1/340	240	135	115	80	0	0	0	0	0	910
Total	do.	465,620	306,811	341,955	481,780	484,182	439,425	461,936	349,966	283,537	306,475	310,991	247,149	4,479,827
GRAIN SORGHUMS	Million pounds													
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	0	0	1.4	0	0.8	0.6	0	0	0	0	0.6	0.8	4.2
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	0	0	0	0	2.4	0	0	0	-3	0	0	0	13.2
Total	do.	0	0	1.4	11.3	3.0	0	0	0	-3	0	.6	.8	17.4
COTTON	Thousand bales													
New York Cotton Exchange		1,158	1,674	1,616	2,230	2,031	1,134	1,299	1,561	1,083	1,199	1,237	1,293	17,515
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	403	519	444	558	453	329	362	335	210	307	396	406	4,722
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	10	13	5	7	4	10	3	6	3	3	2	3	69
Total	do.	1,571	2,206	2,065	2,795	2,488	1,473	1,664	1,902	1,296	1,509	1,635	1,702	22,306
WOOL	Thousand pounds													
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.		4,260	5,340	7,968	6,408	11,808	11,640	7,542	10,746	7,002	14,826	9,600	5,388	102,528
WOOL TOPS	Thousand pounds													
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.		6,880	6,200	8,855	7,815	10,150	9,620	7,150	7,125	7,955	12,400	9,685	4,925	98,760
BUTTER	Carlots													
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract	Carlots	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Eggs	Carlots													
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract	do.	36,779	61,229	43,536	38,946	35,175	29,228	17,044	9,049	18,755	14,828	36,481	27,766	368,645
Fresh Contract	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	171
Total	do.	36,779	61,229	43,536	38,946	35,175	29,228	17,044	9,049	18,755	14,828	36,481	27,766	368,616
POTATOES	Carlots													
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Russet Burbanks		8	0	8	45	12	26	12	6	0	1	3	2	123
New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Grown	do.	15,207	10,398	8,232	11,532	10,093	9,288	12,767	10,754	15,801	15,163	17,005	815	137,055
Total	do.	15,215	10,398	8,240	11,577	10,105	9,314	12,779	10,760	15,801	15,164	17,008	817	137,178
ONIONS	Carlots													
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract		7,128	9,009	3,793	4,532	7,433	8,428	14,134	23,747	5,729	1,381	1,604	2,024	88,942
New York Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	do.	42	37	14	20	51	21	87	8	1	1	0	5	287
Total	do.	7,170	9,046	3,807	4,552	7,484	8,449	14,221	23,755	5,730	1,382	1,604	2,029	89,229

Table 3.--Monthly volume of trading on each contract market, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
COTTONSEED OIL New York Produce Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds do. do.	293,400 0 780	360,420 0 1,800	251,280 0 600	441,720 0 960	461,040 0 720	370,980 0 60	464,760 0 60	340,620 0 720	459,660 720 180	394,800 300	350,100 240 120	355,500 120 0	4,544,280 1,260 6,300
Total	do.	294,180	362,220	251,880	442,680	461,760	371,040	464,820	341,340	460,560	395,280	350,460	355,620	4,551,840
SOYBEAN OIL New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds do.	12,840 922,740	8,520 608,100	3,420 670,320	15,960 1,500,420	13,680 1,387,800	9,300 1,508,520	11,040 1,314,060	10,980 956,500	13,200 1,015,020	7,260 940,500	6,660 917,940	10,680 721,740	123,540 12,459,660
Total	do.	935,580	616,620	673,740	1,516,380	1,401,480	1,517,820	1,325,100	963,480	1,028,220	947,760	924,600	732,420	12,583,200
LARD Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	159,520	232,960	148,460	278,480	255,000	185,320	241,040	165,200	145,000	185,560	215,500	226,920	2,439,080
TALIOW New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	---	2/7,560	3,480	2,460	1,200	1,380	660	600	0	180	540	480	18,540
BRAN Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	2,520	2,520	1,680	2,400	1,500	2,100	2,040	1,080	1,320	360	0	2,160	19,680
SHORTS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	360	0	720	1,050	120	600	300	480	1,230	480	360	480	6,180
MIDDLEINGS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	1,785	1,050	1,785	420	525	315	0	420	840	315	105	1,155	8,725
COTTONSEED MEAL Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Solvent Process Old Process	Tons do. 3/400	9,500 8,300 1,800	8,300 1,400	16,200 1,800	19,100 400	10,700 1,300	8,500 200	11,200 1,700	13,700 2,500	4,900 600	6,100 400	9,200 1,200	4,700 0	122,100 10,900
Total	do.	9,900	8,700	18,000	19,500	12,000	8,700	12,900	16,200	5,500	6,500	10,400	4,700	133,000
SOYBEAN MEAL Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Eastern Trunk Line Unrestricted Chicago Board of Trade	Tons do. do. do.	7,400 112,900 504,900	20,400 96,000 304,200	18,000 87,500 373,500	12,400 136,900 670,100	8,400 101,500 492,800	900 56,300 340,000	6,900 92,100 618,900	6,200 91,800 422,100	6,600 76,800 335,100	9,800 68,100 356,400	7,000 36,600 321,900	14,400 43,000 396,800	118,400 999,500 5,136,700
Total	do.	625,200	420,600	479,000	819,400	602,700	397,200	717,900	520,100	418,500	434,300	365,500	454,200	6,254,600

1/ Trading began September 18, 1956.

2/ Trading resumed August 1, 1956.

3/ Trading began July 12, 1956.

Table 4.--Monthly volume of trading on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957

Future	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	41,640											
1956 September	146,392	59,771	17,504									
1956 December	132,940	166,805	127,522	119,547	96,371	24,450						
1957 March	58,324	73,947	49,317	61,421	103,020	80,106	69,961	63,669	20,646			
1957 May	35,717	68,313	57,001	75,218	98,623	94,869	75,480	89,978	125,651	134,250	63,982	
1957 July (old)	---	15,409	40,609	63,733	55,093	65,267	99,072	103,735	120,093	115,094	113,093	
1957 July (new)	---									1/ 9,908	23,058	57,206
1957 September (old)	---				7,792	7,899	11,916	21,888	25,320	38,870	31,324	68,443
1957 September (new)	---									1/ 4,498	17,127	19,422
1957 December (old)	---						446	6,097	10,092	20,002	26,485	20,957
1957 December (new)	---										25,555	15,303
1958 March	---										25,555	68,291
1958 May	---										22,004	48,001
Total	415,013	384,245	291,953	327,711	361,006	277,054	272,498	292,794	325,262	336,131	317,100	383,874
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	4,931											
1956 September	23,893	31,086	3,919									
1956 December	5,457	24,353	27,880	25,750	24,026	5,871						
1957 May	363		2,279	2,012	7,229	17,100	23,948	23,690	18,476	15,434	15,989	5,245
1957 July (old)	---	20	105	181	773	1,003	1,183	2,287	3,312	1,763	2,100	1,502
1957 July (new)	---									2/ 869	4,371	11,145
1957 September (old)	---									251	108	210
1957 September (new)	---									3/ 117	1,449	5,727
1957 December	---										30	730
Total	34,644	57,738	33,916	33,160	41,899	30,802	24,925	21,023	19,866	22,348	20,352	25,327
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	9,120											
1956 September	35,799	15,584	3,083									
1956 December	19,305	19,953	15,904	18,884	16,322	2,555						
1957 March	2,485	5,147	4,654	9,752	17,142	16,365	15,237	13,422	3,401	13,187	3,340	
1957 May	805	2,438	1,851	4,455	7,428	9,217	9,736	13,026	16,633	2,399	6,642	1,094
1957 July (old)	---	140	869	3,622	3,172	3,091	5,174	4,053	5,363	10,620	14,869	15,183
1957 July (new)	---									4/ 404	50	100
1957 September (old)	---					10	5	196	451			
1957 September (new)	---									4/ 435	1,335	2,931
1957 December (old)	---							370	65	70	134	14,402
1957 December (new)	---									5/ 45	1,812	133
1958 March	---										4,302	7,166
1958 May	---										60	2,522
Total	67,514	43,262	26,361	36,723	44,073	31,233	30,713	31,017	31,559	29,752	27,457	41,430
CORN, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	30,952											
1956 September	67,318	64,974	38,850									
1956 December	81,007	101,650	87,121	120,447	116,564	29,848						
1957 March	16,919	21,365	19,763	37,342	60,794	54,370	38,165	41,597	9,271	77,217	16,609	
1957 May	1,559	8,168	8,232	31,577	64,633	66,344	59,223	82,645	78,925	70,572	93,253	81,098
1957 July	---	839	3,116	8,290	15,544	21,133	26,448	36,590	41,661	12,922	19,053	26,934
1957 September	---				1,025	3,728	6,876	8,430	13,143	11,611	13,587	24,080
1957 December	---						1,208	10,054				48,642
1958 March	---										2,816	51,649
1958 May	---										9,148	13,167
Total	197,754	196,996	157,082	198,681	261,263	179,779	142,320	185,586	156,366	193,738	196,586	189,943
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	7,794											
1956 September	27,330	15,222	5,143									
1956 December	38,470	31,201	19,522	21,474	25,147	10,151						
1957 March	14,680	16,760	8,325	13,021	19,328	19,976	13,000	12,223	7,654			
1957 May	3,064	12,681	7,604	10,765	20,978	16,522	14,537	18,681	17,419	22,456	9,721	
1957 July	---	306	1,238	1,761	2,877	3,673	3,592	4,126	5,066	14,886	12,944	11,674
1957 September	---			231	400	332	530	1,190	2,195	6,556	7,167	12,902
1957 December	---							66	414	3,732	6,508	11,407
1958 March	---									362	1,755	
1958 May	---										182	
Total	91,338	76,170	41,832	47,252	68,730	50,653	31,659	36,286	32,748	47,630	36,702	37,920

Table 4.--Monthly volume of trading on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
RYE, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	3,576	---	2,239	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	20,294	13,432	28,248	24,026	16,122	4,160	16,833	12,673	4,574	30,314	11,948	---
1956 December	24,440	40,697	21,308	22,930	23,255	33,494	20,662	38,832	36,982	35,697	25,305	26,520
1957 March	6,695	21,308	14,578	21,223	37,117	27,517	7,679	11,697	13,611	17,260	4,804	27,196
1957 May	1,643	9,448	1,126	4,982	16	6,164	1,625	3,394	1,336	12,548	16,660	32,270
1957 July	---	---	---	---	98	1,070	---	---	2,059	7,736	16,642	38,420
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	416	10,322
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,751
Total	56,648	84,885	69,121	73,476	94,428	59,202	70,057	67,996	64,394	75,903	72,186	110,959
FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	30	---	167	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	364	604	548	861	103	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	245	272	622	548	109	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	1	8	7	10	12	1	---	481	237	---
1957 May	---	---	21	128	358	133	109	226	75	126	160	113
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	19	17	19	59
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	416	172	---
Total	639	876	811	684	1,226	246	121	238	94	624	416	172
SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	126,781	89,241	35,636	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	137,742	125,466	162,710	160,890	37,465	112,850	48,330	122,359	138,752	74,686	26,559	61,686
1956 November	125,695	41,344	57,889	132,407	187,937	100,368	134,881	176,494	165,275	145,027	133,934	127,045
1957 January	37,796	26,598	36,053	79,252	106,135	42,779	48,863	68,144	73,056	73,159	88,570	86,735
1957 March	24,625	19,625	41,338	73,499	28,199	2,609	13,264	19,147	16,858	14,869	33,679	60,300
1957 May	7,634	3,825	3,825	3,825	---	---	3,608	14,738	18,709	447	8,766	55,174
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	69,028
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14,038	1,517	21,258
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7,108	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	460,273	302,274	337,451	476,247	477,293	432,217	454,475	344,613	278,780	300,726	306,243	244,429
COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)												
1956 July	136	---	212	70	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	237	273	543	390	602	473	61	---	44	---	---	---
1956 December	337	543	390	455	455	286	407	273	170	305	99	---
1957 March	207	270	271	439	390	265	323	388	198	305	99	---
1957 May	131	259	300	499	390	247	139	194	170	165	169	122
1957 July	42	154	218	264	247	139	194	198	201	201	190	212
1957 October	57	123	137	206	206	270	183	273	273	201	190	176
1957 December	11	52	82	124	158	128	100	211	211	160	180	224
1958 March	---	6	26	30	40	41	98	73	73	79	110	125
1958 May	---	---	---	8	14	33	73	72	51	104	135	134
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	18	47	47	51	90	119	192
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	169	262
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	28
Total	1,158	1,674	1,616	2,230	2,031	1,134	1,299	1,561	1,083	1,199	1,237	1,293
COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)												
1956 July	33	---	43	15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	84	61	43	68	79	74	64	27	5	42	18	---
1956 December	105	159	74	131	106	8	64	84	34	45	41	40
1957 March	60	65	60	68	79	74	64	49	81	64	60	53
1957 May	65	111	101	111	77	77	118	84	34	35	50	48
1957 July	25	44	78	94	64	40	72	36	37	45	41	40
1957 October	26	62	62	91	81	69	49	81	64	60	79	74
1957 December	5	17	26	41	34	39	28	64	35	50	37	46
1958 March	---	---	7	16	18	10	15	11	14	26	31	50
1958 May	---	---	---	2	4	9	17	17	17	29	32	47
1958 July	---	---	---	---	12	11	7	7	41	84	84	117
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	5
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	403	519	444	558	453	329	362	335	210	307	396	406

Table 4.--Monthly volume of trading on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	240	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	852	930	960	222	1,416	792	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	1,170	1,368	2,076	1,578	4,368	4,938	2,130	1,932	510	1,266	1,32	---
1957 March	1,176	1,644	2,490	2,082	3,174	2,772	1,968	2,178	1,596	4,224	1,506	1,068
1957 May	306	426	1,026	1,320	696	1,728	1,944	1,716	3,912	2,670	3,756	3,024
1957 July	432	726	966	786	786	774	1,272	1,506	990	2,478	2,922	1,251
1957 October	84	186	336	282	36	336	288	414	828	1,740	1,422	810
1957 December	---	60	114	228	18	---	72	342	66	1,068	354	222
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	60	294	240	162	54	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	4,260	5,340	7,968	6,408	11,808	11,640	7,542	10,746	7,002	14,826	9,600	5,388
WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	275	---	---	555	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	1,505	1,210	1,400	1,810	280	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	1,655	1,715	1,630	1,820	3,850	3,715	1,925	1,515	1,130	1,570	435	---
1957 March	2,165	2,000	2,905	2,870	1,880	2,280	1,610	1,900	1,625	2,950	1,160	715
1957 May	815	660	1,390	1,095	1,570	2,200	1,185	1,645	1,835	2,365	2,770	1,335
1957 July	360	460	905	1,050	245	700	830	655	950	1,350	2,605	2,685
1957 October	95	150	565	340	260	1,090	675	1,350	1,350	1,685	1,715	925
1957 December	10	5	60	160	1,090	1,090	675	1,350	1,350	1,685	1,715	925
1958 March	---	---	20	---	50	365	200	495	155	180	395	155
1958 May	---	---	---	---	5	300	195	45	---	---	180	180
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	180
Total	6,880	6,200	8,855	7,815	10,150	9,620	7,150	7,125	7,955	12,400	9,685	4,925
EGGS, "Refrigerator Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 September	23,619	26,216	3,785	4,625	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	10,283	23,189	19,351	3,583	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	2,398	8,529	13,957	19,139	11,210	18,895	9,617	8,366	12,503	8,709	19,421	14,894
1956 December	355	2,062	4,384	11,508	11,508	17,266	2,084	6,852	6,252	5,441	12,340	8,824
1957 January	124	1,233	2,059	3,730	342	946	7,013	7,013	2,171	2,171	6,78	3,253
1957 September	---	---	---	343	182	1,599	1,599	1,599	1,599	1,599	551	705
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	36,779	61,229	43,536	38,946	35,175	29,149	16,978	9,023	18,755	14,828	36,481	27,766
POTATOES, "Maine Grown," New York Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 November	10,108	5,629	3,818	4,473	1,170	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	80	60	25	30	75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	193	97	213	343	475	556	690	41	41	41	41	41
1957 February	18	20	13	14	27	50	41	41	41	41	41	41
1957 March	4,526	4,254	3,903	5,566	7,007	6,444	7,617	5,779	2,830	2,272	16,486	---
1957 April	272	321	209	782	802	1,457	2,549	2,361	4,997	12,636	106	166
1957 May	14	17	51	324	564	623	1,766	2,434	7,795	106	18	337
1957 November	---	---	---	---	106	95	94	94	94	17	18	314
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	45	45	45	132	244	146
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	91	91	91
1958 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	15,207	10,398	8,232	11,532	10,093	9,288	12,767	10,754	15,801	15,163	17,005	815
ONIONS, "Yellow Globe Type Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (in carlots)												
1956 November (old)	4	57	---	21	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November (new)	2,953	3,368	978	1,590	477	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	3,833	4,509	1,602	1,519	2,256	2,137	1,278	---	---	---	---	---
1957 February	338	1,075	800	592	1,751	1,997	3,088	953	5,218	897	1,079	1,353
1957 March	---	---	413	810	2,948	4,263	9,714	22,586	423	484	517	554
1957 November	---	---	---	---	11	54	194	14	14	88	8	117
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	7,128	9,009	3,793	4,532	7,433	8,428	14,134	23,747	5,729	1,381	1,604	2,024

Table 4.--Monthly volume of trading on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	46,560	---	16,560	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	144,360	111,360	43,620	19,920	101,400	15,300	126,420	96,780	70,200	11,280	---	---
1956 October	22,620	63,360	59,120	113,380	2,380	6,120	122,280	186,620	120,300	190,260	108,420	29,460
1956 December	56,520	98,640	780	2,280	101,400	1,860	90,840	134,640	54,960	156,540	210,420	202,740
1957 January	1,520	360	118,680	161,640	126,420	126,420	122,280	186,620	120,300	190,260	108,420	29,460
1957 March	11,280	27,120	30,960	118,680	161,640	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420
1957 May	8,100	33,120	57,660	124,360	127,180	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420	126,420
1957 July	1,740	23,760	23,100	48,120	54,960	78,300	134,640	134,640	134,640	134,640	134,640	134,640
1957 September	600	2,700	9,120	6,240	8,280	15,240	22,860	45,660	21,180	15,900	9,960	15,120
1957 October	---	---	300	600	780	2,820	16,140	19,920	24,420	27,300	18,760	32,040
1957 December	---	---	60	2,580	4,500	3,900	1,320	2,460	7,860	4,020	6,900	12,360
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,720	1,860	6,300	5,580
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	60	60	60	2,160
Total	293,400	360,420	251,280	441,720	461,040	370,980	464,760	340,620	459,660	394,800	350,100	355,500
SOYBEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	191,940	136,---	57,300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	311,220	136,800	112,980	294,300	152,700	311,640	104,220	376,680	174,840	433,710	390,420	152,940
1956 October	152,100	135,900	154,980	500,520	312,560	563,220	305,400	300,840	199,680	303,120	364,740	457,580
1956 December	120,900	147,960	174,060	163,620	172,560	192,780	267,540	241,980	51,180	69,720	104,100	152,040
1957 January	45,120	22,020	34,080	287,280	359,520	305,400	359,520	300,840	17,280	23,580	29,940	52,320
1957 March	77,340	109,680	109,380	297,600	178,200	192,780	15,420	36,000	6,840	9,720	38,400	70,560
1957 May	24,120	54,900	115,320	297,600	267,540	16,200	16,200	16,200	16,200	16,200	12,900	28,680
1957 July	---	840	25,200	4,680	1,334,060	952,500	1,015,020	940,500	917,940	721,740	3,720	38,280
Total	922,740	608,100	670,320	1,500,420	1,387,800	1,508,520	1,334,060	952,500	1,015,020	940,500	917,940	721,740
LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	21,560	---	18,320	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	63,600	69,920	3,500	32,400	36,840	30,440	26,960	43,960	15,720	50,320	20,360	---
1956 October	35,520	62,560	47,640	500,520	52,800	88,680	52,800	73,840	61,200	61,200	73,080	122,400
1956 November	28,560	64,000	47,840	109,360	22,320	21,320	33,280	39,080	88,840	35,360	36,040	15,240
1956 December	10,280	29,960	5,480	92,400	55,040	55,040	33,120	49,520	94,440	1,100	1,360	6,080
1957 January	---	4,840	5,480	22,320	54,200	54,200	7,960	32,240	10,680	1,300	1,300	1,480
1957 March	---	1,680	6,080	19,040	37,480	37,480	800	200	1,300	2,200	4,760	300
1957 May	---	---	---	15,520	33,280	39,080	88,840	1,100	1,100	1,900	800	2,100
1957 July	---	---	---	---	800	7,960	33,120	49,520	94,440	1,100	100	300
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	200	1,100	1,900	800	2,100	1,100
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	100	300
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	100	200
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	159,520	232,960	148,480	278,480	255,000	185,320	241,040	165,200	145,000	185,560	215,600	226,920
COTTONSEED MEAL, "Solvent Process," Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In tons)												
1956 July	4,300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	600	300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	1,600	2,400	3,500	700	4,500	3,600	2,600	2,900	2,800	2,000	4,100	4,200
1956 December	1,300	3,800	4,700	5,700	4,500	1,200	1,800	5,400	2,800	2,000	4,100	4,200
1957 January	600	200	3,000	7,400	2,700	2,000	2,000	2,500	6,900	300	400	600
1957 March	600	1,000	1,400	4,400	1,200	1,600	200	1,700	200	1,700	300	300
1957 May	500	700	2,700	600	1,600	1,600	100	400	1,200	500	400	800
1957 July	---	200	600	300	200	200	200	400	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100
1957 September	---	---	---	---	500	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,900	800	2,100
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	100	300
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	100	1,100
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	100	300
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	100	200
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	9,500	8,300	16,200	19,100	10,700	8,500	11,200	13,700	4,900	6,100	9,200	4,700

Table 4.--Monthly volume of trading on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In tons)												
1956 July	67,100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 August	224,800	69,500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	64,900	73,500	26,300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	29,000	36,900	56,100	54,900	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	62,400	69,300	106,800	174,000	94,200	45,200	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	28,200	19,100	34,200	68,400	105,600	85,900	58,400	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	25,800	26,000	70,300	130,600	123,500	130,700	234,800	150,300	63,900	145,100	46,200	---
1957 May	2,700	8,900	40,300	117,800	52,100	27,100	149,100	105,300	129,000	116,000	133,700	144,500
1957 July	---	1,000	39,500	124,400	94,600	36,000	118,400	104,500	103,400	10,300	38,400	71,300
1957 August	---	---	---	---	---	22,800	12,500	34,900	35,600	20,100	48,200	30,700
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,600	8,700	9,300	7,100	10,300	63,900
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13,900	10,900	7,800	14,100	24,700
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	700	6,200	3,800	22,700	44,900	50,100
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,300	48,800
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13,700
Total	504,900	304,200	373,500	670,100	492,800	340,000	618,900	422,100	335,100	356,400	321,900	396,800

^{1/} Trading in "new" contracts began April 15, 1957, in the 1957 July, September, and December futures.^{2/} Trading in the "new" contract began March 15, 1957, in the 1957 July future.^{3/} Trading in the "new" contract began April 2, 1957, in the 1957 September future.^{4/} Trading in "new" contracts began March 15, 1957, in the 1957 July and September futures.^{5/} Trading in the "new" contract began March 18, 1957, in the 1957 December future.

Table 5.--Largest annual, monthly, and daily volume of trading on principal markets, from date trading data available through June 30, 1957

Commodity	Market	Unit	Beginning date	Largest year 1/		Largest month		Largest day	
				Year	Amount	Month	Amount	Date	Amount
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade Minneapolis Grain Exchange Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921 do. Jan. 3, 1921 do.	1929-30 1929-30 1929-30	16,598,849 1,248,091 874,990	July 1929 July 1929 July 1937	2,432,109 186,177 167,594	July 20, 1933 Oct. 24, 1929 July 20, 1933	163,099 13,654 14,072
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1924-25	7,343,148	June 1927	863,280	June 10, 1927	72,128
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1946-47	3,445,895	July 1946	424,698	Nov. 13, 1945	41,653
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1944-45	3,631,125	Apr. 1945	432,936	May 24, 1944	29,777
Barley	Chicago Board of Trade Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921 do.	1933-34 1933-34	58,671 103,277	July 1933 July 1933	21,992 26,800	July 18, 1933 July 19, 1933	3,705 2,650
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1941-42	42,014	Aug. 1941	8,449	Nov. 15, 1939	2,201
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Oct. 5, 1936	1955-56	5,477,113	May 1956	776,759	May 2, 1956	66,185
Grain Sorghums	Kansas City Board of Trade Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds	Oct. 19, 1944 do.	1951-52 1951-52	7,686 918	Nov. 1951 Dec. 1951	1,315 169	Apr. 30, 1952 Oct. 25, 1951	168 23
Rice	New York Mercantile Exchange	Thousand pounds	June 1, 1949	1950-51	2,880	Sept. 1949	1,680	Dec. 7, 1950	1,280
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	Aug. 1, 1925 do.	1927-28 1927-28	122,949 46,674	Sept. 1927 Sept. 1927	16,888 6,763	Mar. 8, 1951 Feb. 4, 1948	1,028 432
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	1951-52	296,422	Oct. 1951	39,450	Oct. 19, 1951	3,372
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	May 1, 1931	1939-40	184,635	Sept. 1939	35,565	Sept. 22, 1939	2,870
Butter	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	1930-31	34,868	Oct. 1941	5,537	Dec. 14, 1926	612
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	1955-56	425,900	Aug. 1956	61,229	July 12, 1955	4,970
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Dec. 2, 1941	1954-55	196,610	Apr. 1956	35,468	Mar. 1, 1955	2,791
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Sept. 8, 1942	1954-55	163,772	Feb. 1953	30,314	Feb. 7, 1957	3,323
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	Jan. 2, 1929	1951-52	7,982,760	Dec. 1951	1,013,820	Nov. 8, 1951	97,680
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	Sept. 3, 1940 do.	1950-51 1956-57	1,571,040 12,459,660	Nov. 1950 Dec. 1956	302,100 1,508,520	Nov. 24, 1950 Dec. 4, 1956	24,720 169,200
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	Feb. 1, 1926	1948-49	3,613,720	Aug. 1948	522,320	May 2, 1956	47,600
Tallow	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	June 26, 1935	1936-37	26,940	Aug. 1956	7,560	Sept. 5, 1956	1,500
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Jan. 4, 1932	1947-48	518,010	Feb. 1948	65,820	Aug. 5, 1949	8,400
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Jan. 4, 1932	1947-48	300,840	Jan. 1948	37,710	July 20, 1948	5,760
Middlings	St. Louis Merchants' Exchange Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	June 10, 1929 do.	1930-31 1955-56	53,925 10,570	June 1940 Sept. 1955	10,500 1,890	June 7, 1940 June 12, 1956	2,200 840
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	July 1, 1931	1941-42	860,400	Sept. 1941	162,800	Sept. 30, 1949	18,400
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Chicago Board of Trade	Tons	July 8, 1940 do.	1950-51 1956-57	2,292,000 5,136,700	Apr. 1954 Oct. 1956	310,600 670,100	Apr. 22, 1954 Jan. 10, 1957	114,400 67,200

1/ Year ending June 30.

NOTE: The beginning of the period is the date when trading data are first available. Except as indicated below, the period for each commodity and market covered in the table is from the beginning date shown to June 30, 1957. For certain commodities and markets, daily volume of trading figures are not available until the following dates: Barley, Minneapolis Grain Exchange, July 2, 1923; soybeans, Chicago Board of Trade, January 3, 1939; cotton, New York Cotton Exchange and New Orleans Cotton Exchange, October 1, 1937; wool tops, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc., September 1, 1936; cottonseed oil, New York Produce Exchange, November 1, 1939; lard, Chicago Board of Trade, January 4, 1937; tallow, New York Produce Exchange, December 1, 1939; bran and shorts, Kansas City Board of Trade, and middlings, St. Louis Merchants' Exchange, October 1, 1937; and cottonseed meal and soybean meal, Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association, December 9, 1940.

Table 6.--Largest monthly and daily volume of trading on principal markets, during the year July 1956 - June 1957

Commodity	Market	Unit	Largest month			Largest day	
			Month	Year	Amount	Date	Amount
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade Minneapolis Grain Exchange Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand bushels do. do.	July August July	1956 1956 1956	415,013 57,738 67,514	July 16, 1956 August 20, 1956 July 16, 1956	42,712 4,052 8,871
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	November	1956	261,263	November 9, 1956	23,377
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July	1956	91,338	July 11, 1956	8,511
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	June	1957	110,959	June 19, 1957	13,507
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	November	1956	1,226	November 28, 1956	225
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	November	1956	477,293	December 4, 1956	51,832
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales do.	October October	1956 1956	2,230 558	October 31, 1956 October 31, 1956	210 69
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	April	1957	14,826	December 4, 1956	1,548
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	April	1957	12,400	April 18, 1957	1,220
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	August	1956	61,229	September 13, 1956	3,921
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	May	1957	17,005	May 7, 1957	1,624
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	February	1957	23,747	February 7, 1957	3,323
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	January	1957	464,760	March 22, 1957	58,380
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds do.	October December	1956 1956	15,960 1,508,520	March 22, 1957 December 4, 1956	2,820 169,200
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	October	1956	278,480	November 14, 1956	23,520
Tallow	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	August	1956	7,560	September 5, 1956	1,500
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	July and August	1956	2,520	December 13, 1956 and June 11, 1957	840
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	March	1957	1,230	April 1, 1957	400
Middlings	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	July and September	1956	1,785	July 19, 1956	630
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	October	1956	19,500	September 27, 1956 and February 21, 1957	3,900
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Chicago Board of Trade	Tons do.	October October	1956 1956	149,300 670,100	October 31, 1956 January 10, 1957	17,900 67,200

Table 7---Annual average of month-end open contracts on each contract market, 1947-48 to 1956-57

(Average of open contracts at end of each month) 1/

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
WHEAT 2/	Million bushels	69.4	61.4	62.8	65.1	74.2	76.1	74.1	70.6	67.3	54.4
Chicago Board of Trade		.6	.6	.5	.5	.4	.3	.5	.5	.6	.7
Chicago Open Board of Trade		7.1	7.4	8.4	12.6	14.6	11.3	9.6	7.6	8.4	9.9
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
Kansas City Board of Trade		16.6	20.9	12.9	19.8	18.0	18.6	12.0	14.0	19.0	19.1
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	.3	.3	.5	.1	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Total	do.	94.0	90.6	85.1	98.0	107.3	106.5	96.2	92.7	95.3	124.2
COFFEE	Million bushels	52.0	57.2	48.9	54.3	65.5	65.9	61.2	69.6	69.6	70.4
Chicago Board of Trade		.6	.5	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3
Chicago Open Board of Trade		0	0	(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
Kansas City Board of Trade		.3	.1	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	.5	(3)	.1	(3)
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		.1	.1	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	.1	(3)	.1	(3)
Total	do.	53.0	57.9	49.2	54.6	65.9	66.7	61.5	69.9	70.0	70.7
OATS	Million bushels	39.9	24.6	24.9	41.8	62.3	76.9	41.9	22.4	25.4	29.9
Chicago Board of Trade		.3	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.1	.1	.2
Chicago Open Board of Trade		4.7	3.5	3.0	3.0	4.1	6.9	3.5	2.0	1.6	2.0
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	(3)
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Total	do.	45.0	28.4	28.2	45.1	66.9	84.1	45.6	24.5	27.2	32.1
RYE	Million bushels	---	4/	2.9	17.4	12.8	9.0	16.6	20.1	18.3	20.1
Chicago Board of Trade		---	5/	(3)	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2
Chicago Open Board of Trade		0.8	1.2	1.3	.8	.8	.6	.6	.2	.3	.2
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	5/	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		do.	.8	4.1	18.8	13.7	9.9	17.3	20.8	18.6	13.7
Total	do.	8	4.1	18.8	13.7	9.9	17.3	20.8	18.6	13.7	20.5
BARLEY	Million bushels	(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago Board of Trade		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	do.	(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3)	0
PEANUTS	Million bushels	---	6/	(3)	(3)	0.4	2.1	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.8
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		---	6/	(3)	(3)	0.4	2.1	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.4
Total	do.	1.8	17.4	54.1	39.3	48.1	54.5	82.2	88.1	93.4	89.1
SOYBEANS	Million bushels	1/	1.8	17.3	53.8	39.0	47.8	54.2	80.7	87.6	92.4
Chicago Board of Trade		---	8/	.1	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.5	.5
Chicago Open Board of Trade		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10/	(3)
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	11/	1.2	.1	12/
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	(3)	---
Kansas City Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13/	.1
Total	do.	1.8	17.4	54.1	39.3	48.1	54.5	82.2	88.1	93.4	89.1
GRAIN SORGHUMS	Million pounds	2	(14)	0	138	15/	506	8	3	13	(14)
Kansas City Board of Trade		---	---	---	---	15/	93	14	(14)	1	2
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	2	(14)	0	138	599	22	3	13	1
Total	do.	2	(14)	0	138	599	22	3	13	1	3
RICE 2/	Million pounds	---	16/	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.1	0	0	0	0
New York Mercantile Exchange		---	16/	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.1	0	0	0	0
Total	do.	1.8	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
COTTON	Thousand bales	1,901	1,724	1,805	17/	2,705	2,817	2,940	2,077	2,480	1,738
New York Cotton Exchange		766	641	561	17/	564	715	689	645	700	322
New Orleans Cotton Exchange		28	34	21	17/	38	38	37	26	27	8
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
Total	do.	2,695	2,399	2,307	3,307	3,570	3,606	2,748	3,207	2,068	1,454
WOOL	Million pounds	4.5	4.0	2.7	18/	6.6	19.3	14.1	8.4	19/	9.4
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.		do.	4.5	4.0	2.7	18/	6.6	19.3	14.1	8.4	19/
Total	do.	4.5	4.0	2.7	18/	6.6	19.3	14.1	8.4	19/	9.4
WOOL TOPS	Million pounds	4.0	5.6	4.8	18/	6.0	13.9	14.6	10.9	13.4	10.0
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.		do.	4.0	5.6	4.8	18/	6.0	13.9	14.6	10.9	10.0
Total	do.	4.0	5.6	4.8	18/	6.0	13.9	14.6	10.9	13.4	10.0
BUTTER 2/	Carlots	693	634	164	195	505	562	15	12	8	(20)
Chicago Mercantile Exchange		42	51	0	3	7	5	0	0	0	0
New York Mercantile Exchange		do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
Total	do.	735	685	164	198	512	567	15	12	8	(20)
EGGS 2/	Carlots	2,667	2,509	2,311	2,838	2,216	3,038	3,008	5,219	5,397	5,744
Chicago Mercantile Exchange		6	16	23	25	20	(20)	0	0	0	0
New York Mercantile Exchange		do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
Total	do.	2,673	2,525	2,334	2,863	2,236	3,038	3,008	5,219	5,397	5,744

Table 7.--Annual average of month-end open contracts on each contract market, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

(Average of open contracts at end of each month) 1/

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
POTATOES 2/ Chicago Mercantile Exchange New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots do.	2 1,606	2 756	3 565	10 422	31 1,409	104 3,910	72 4,062	48 5,397	13 2,953	9 3,898
Total	do.	1,608	758	568	432	1,440	4,014	4,134	5,445	2,966	3,907
ONIONS 2/ Chicago Mercantile Exchange New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots do.	457 40	781 60	1,831 8	2,014 3	1,584 2	2,113 6	3,521 21	4,164 67	21/ 4,217 22/ 286	3,070 32
Total	do.	497	841	1,839	2,017	1,586	2,119	3,542	4,231	4,503	3,102
COTTONSEED OIL New York Produce Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds do. do.	53.2 0 0	91.6 .1 0	182.0 6.9 0	23/ 257.0 23/ 7.1 0	396.8 .3 0	182.7 (24) 0	57.9 0 0	69.3 0 (24)	196.0 .0 .4	246.9 .1 .6
Total	do.	53.2	91.7	188.9	264.1	397.1	182.7	57.9	69.3	196.4	247.6
SOYBEAN OIL 2/ New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds do.	0.1 ---	0 ---	25/ 17.1 ---	26/ 21/ 84.3 82.0	49.7 110.1	24.6 128.9	29.8 166.5	32.9 172.1	22.2 288.5	9.9 398.6
Total	do.	.1	0	17.1	166.3	159.8	153.5	196.3	205.0	310.7	408.5
LARD Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds	75.6	87.8	63.2	58.9	74.7	91.2	59.7	61.2	76.5	80.4
TALLOW New York Produce Exchange	Million pounds	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	28/ 1.7
BRAN Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	28.6	19.4	19.1	25.3	14.2	13.4	8.1	6.9	2.8	1.3
SHORTS Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	17.0	11.4	8.8	11.8	8.7	12.7	4.4	5.9	1.4	0.4
MIDDINGLES Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	29/ 0.6	0.7
COTTONSEED MEAL 2/ Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Thousand tons	19.7	24.3	31.0	52.8	50.0	10.7	19.2	19.2	20.7	12.4
SOYBEAN MEAL 2/ Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand tons do.	25.8 ---	26.1 ---	77.3 ---	175.6 ---	130.2 39/ 29.5	81.3 42.4	196.7 113.8	223.6 173.5	147.5 274.1	70.4 274.9
Total	do.	25.8	26.1	77.3	175.6	159.7	123.7	310.5	397.1	421.6	345.3

1/ In computing annual averages of month-end open contracts, yearly totals were divided by 12, although in some markets there were no contracts open at the end of one or more months. An exception was made for commodities which came under regulation during a fiscal year and for commodities in which trading was suspended. In such cases, averages were computed on the basis of the number of months during which reporting requirements were in effect and there was trading.

2/ All types of contracts.

3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

4/ Trading resumed July 12, 1948. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

5/ Trading resumed July 15, 1948. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

6/ Trading resumed April 11, 1949; 3-month average. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

7/ Trading resumed July 7, 1947. (Suspended February 19, 1943.)

8/ Trading resumed July 29, 1948. (Suspended February 19, 1943.)

9/ Market opened for trading on September 18, 1950; suspended February 16, 1951; 5-month average.

10/ Trading resumed July 15, 1955.

11/ Trading began December 14, 1953; 7-month average.

12/ Trading suspended January 23, 1956; 6-month average.

13/ Trading began September 18, 1956; 10-month average.

14/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

15/ Trading began October 1, 1951; 9-month average.

16/ Trading began June 1, 1949.

17/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed March 8, 1951.

18/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 29, 1951; resumed April 9, 1951.

19/ Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

20/ Less than one cariot.

21/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

22/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

23/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed February 13, 1951.

24/ Less than 50,000 pounds.

25/ As of September 28, 1949, contract basis changed from refined to crude oil.

26/ Trading suspended for one day only, January 27, 1951.

27/ Trading began July 17, 1950.

28/ Trading resumed August 1, 1956; 11-month average. (Discontinued June 5, 1941.)

29/ Trading began July 7, 1955.

30/ Trading began August 29, 1951; 11-month average.

NOTE: Dates of suspension of trading: Trading suspended after close of the market on dates given in footnotes, except as otherwise noted, in this and other tables.

Table 8.--Month-end open contracts on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1952-53 to 1956-57

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average 1/
WHEAT 2/	Thousand bushels do.													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39		143,687	160,969	153,652	153,053	144,076	133,363	127,093	123,547	116,466	100,318	93,759	98,202	129,015
1948-49 to 1952-53		115,973	119,763	116,110	114,312	107,028	96,115	91,088	84,853	78,528	80,011	75,098	91,088	97,497
1952-53	do.	143,260	145,820	135,234	129,499	120,161	108,350	96,865	80,471	75,150	70,198	71,756	101,720	106,540
1953-54	do.	136,102	130,661	117,796	123,888	105,985	93,282	82,351	77,888	71,670	63,863	66,716	84,350	96,213
1954-55	do.	105,435	110,236	103,076	102,716	97,969	89,674	83,807	75,500	80,199	79,895	80,301	104,151	92,747
1955-56	do.	135,370	121,613	127,675	108,264	99,913	84,801	87,236	72,286	67,160	70,795	75,699	93,104	95,323
1956-57	do.	130,471	155,896	152,345	150,087	141,265	132,240	118,884	108,659	97,403	91,944	91,461	112,309	124,164
CORN	Thousand bushels do.													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39		45,184	53,870	49,644	55,594	57,028	52,653	52,132	51,028	49,658	42,807	39,098	47,525	48,980
1948-49 to 1952-53		44,336	50,313	50,105	61,644	72,879	72,508	71,624	64,545	64,094	58,194	48,526	58,858	
1952-53	do.	56,613	59,949	64,345	80,146	89,795	86,062	81,925	69,143	63,792	54,263	46,787	47,445	66,683
1953-54	do.	55,818	56,410	53,881	68,929	89,647	78,261	72,854	64,266	61,995	52,525	44,149	38,767	61,458
1954-55	do.	50,941	56,949	51,472	62,051	93,634	94,897	96,316	85,056	74,150	69,187	57,621	46,343	69,901
1955-56	do.	44,582	59,190	63,616	69,425	75,822	76,980	82,767	80,370	77,870	76,797	69,097	59,443	70,047
1956-57	do.	52,513	54,854	52,104	71,030	82,589	73,774	80,616	82,019	77,739	76,326	64,118	70,693	
OATS	Thousand bushels do.													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39		32,807	43,015	42,261	41,146	36,548	34,236	32,872	31,425	30,569	24,045	19,152	21,478	32,463
1948-49 to 1952-53		46,425	61,993	61,080	61,231	61,824	53,496	53,584	47,203	43,758	39,325	36,878	39,859	50,555
1952-53	do.	80,456	108,514	114,337	117,589	120,228	96,296	89,246	75,092	64,565	50,783	46,728	45,780	84,135
1953-54	do.	51,608	64,300	62,529	65,775	59,067	55,705	49,343	41,360	31,454	21,253	19,151	25,220	45,564
1954-55	do.	27,545	31,208	30,554	31,229	31,251	24,480	23,706	20,471	18,623	19,218	17,234	18,879	24,533
1955-56	do.	32,032	40,027	35,565	32,000	28,346	26,325	23,352	21,476	18,864	21,798	20,057	23,113	27,163
1956-57	do.	38,334	49,026	48,7143	47,282	43,010	33,697	31,924	26,457	21,293	15,381	13,755	15,643	32,062
RYE	Thousand bushels do.													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39		10,904	12,196	11,801	12,269	11,251	10,704	10,876	10,918	10,915	9,613	9,287	9,630	10,864
1948-49 to 1952-53		9,309	12,049	12,108	13,137	12,950	13,627	14,629	14,343	14,253	13,635	11,615	11,610	12,772
1952-53	do.	11,169	14,233	14,719	15,199	15,688	20,387	20,149	21,251	20,042	20,215	18,518	16,309	17,323
1953-54	do.	19,049	19,667	24,017	26,990	29,301	25,255	23,436	21,452	18,866	15,798	13,421	13,156	20,834
1954-55	do.	14,333	17,710	22,282	24,105	22,287	22,135	21,301	17,185	16,507	15,197	15,487	14,943	18,623
1955-56	do.	14,452	14,270	14,627	15,819	16,596	15,287	14,573	14,306	11,590	11,335	10,538	10,707	13,675
1956-57	do.	15,364	21,693	23,771	25,720	25,169	23,026	22,520	17,718	16,865	16,261	16,515	19,989	20,468
BARLEY	Thousand bushels do.													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39		1,744	1,965	1,906	1,806	1,517	948	928	963	994	831	625	783	1,251
1955-56	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	1
FLAXSEED	Thousand bushels do.													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39		493	828	921	896	721	633	602	593	574	584	447	533	652
1948-49 to 1952-53		3/ 507	3/ 923	3/ 1,231	3/ 1,565	3/ 1,529	3/ 1,292	3/ 1,480	3/ 1,369	3/ 1,224	906	735	834	1,133
1952-53	do.	1,491	2,525	2,632	2,873	2,651	2,212	2,571	2,537	1,995	1,807	1,788	1,441	2,223
1953-54	do.	1,407	1,542	1,042	1,023	820	669	810	837	750	704	348	433	875
1954-55	do.	532	689	578	476	616	434	397	337	292	306	499	802	453
1955-56	do.	124	774	719	726	842	1,109	999	995	781	315	132	138	803
1956-57	do.	680	527	584	619	498	356	380	392	384	315			417
SOYBEANS	Thousand bushels													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53		24,362	31,915	42,378	57,303	58,593	59,516	48,714	44,922	41,468	38,541	32,485	32,238	42,703
1952-53	do.	42,009	48,838	58,942	68,972	68,229	71,980	57,093	51,665	48,613	44,932	47,083	45,264	54,468
1953-54	do.	44,454	44,068	54,018	85,875	98,544	114,270	108,582	106,348	92,504	85,030	70,834	75,743	82,160
1954-55	do.	82,088	93,015	107,893	121,458	127,125	118,724	79,662	72,077	65,473	64,963	67,994	88,092	
1955-56	do.	64,918	79,245	96,300	121,294	117,018	111,380	92,596	89,695	83,088	100,442	85,047	79,333	93,367
1956-57	do.	83,987	91,312	99,461	115,115	109,430	108,118	78,500	73,839	76,202	78,385	77,515		89,102
GRAIN SORGHUMS	Million pounds													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53		53	36	32	80	175	215	242	257	234	191	128	121	147
1952-53	do.	70	42	21	51	51	10	9	7	1	1	0	2	22
1953-54	do.	0	2	9	15	7	0	0	(5)	0	0	0	1	3
1954-55	do.	1	1	1	6	18	24	27	27	22	11	7	7	13
1955-56	do.	0	0	0	3	2	(5)	2	2	2	0	0	0	1
1956-57	do.	0	0	1	13	14	0	0	(5)	1	1	1	1	3
RICE 2/	Thousand pounds													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53		3/ 370	3/ 410	3/ 580	3/ 600	3/ 670	3/ 355	3/ 240	3/ 140	3/ 100	3/ 60	3/ 40	296	333
COTTON	Thousand bales do.													
Average 1937-38 to 1938-39 6/		1/2,466	1/2,535	2,996	3,428	3,399	3,321	3,244	2,856	2,515	2,207	2,056	2,074	2,749
1940-49 to 1952-53		2,500	3,147	3,434	3,432	3,447	3,441	3,424	3,428	3,134	2,735	2,655	2,527	3,066
1952-53	do.	3,164	3,281	3,607	4,114	4,382	4,474	4,331	4,110	3,839	3,247	2,901	2,542	3,666
1953-54	do.	2,641	2,700	2,591	2,984	3,120	3,429	3,238	2,869	2,767	2,306	2,241	2,066	2,748
1954-55	do.	2,446	2,827	3,157	3,577	3,734	3,954	3,883	3,595	3,110	2,935	2,663	2,607	3,207
1955-56	do.	2,504	2,563	2,417	2,312	2,090	1,899	1,841	1,917	1,860	1,744	1,773	2,068	2,054
1956-57	do.	1,814	1,925	1,863	1,814	1,512	1,467	1,272	1,199	1,135	1,096	1,113		1,454

Table 8.--Month-end open contracts on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1952-53 to 1956-57--Continued

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average 1/
WOOL	Thousand pounds													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53		7,922	8,876	10,198	9,176	9,362	9,335	9,830	10,025	9,973	9,364	9,004	9,005	9,339
1952-53	do.	20,814	21,186	19,800	16,326	14,460	12,192	11,322	11,436	11,334	10,890	9,756	9,144	14,055
1953-54	do.	8,208	8,118	7,890	7,420	7,128	6,828	6,846	6,654	10,344	11,754	12,618	8,429	
1954-55	do.	13,038	11,856	8/11,436	10,182	9,198	8,676	8,262	8,502	7,914	7,806	7,938	8,010	9,402
1955-56	do.	8,328	8,520	9,150	7,962	7,332	6,678	6,444	5,952	5,250	5,238	5,292	4,866	6,748
1956-57	do.	5,552	5,748	6,222	6,048	5,994	6,942	6,438	7,050	6,288	7,122	7,668	7,398	6,515
WOOL TOPS	Thousand pounds													
Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 2/ 1948-49 to 1952-53		10/ 5,738 6,935	4,370 7,910	4,103 9,292	4,315 9,168	4,917 9,938	4,767 9,210	5,150 9,917	5,195 9,886	5,118 9,376	5,603 9,107	6,065 8,479	5,973 8,371	5,110 8,966
1952-53	do.	15,410	16,275	17,195	15,100	16,020	14,020	15,835	15,875	13,820	13,045	11,810	10,640	14,586
1953-54	do.	9,305	9,755	10,455	10,470	10,555	9,610	9,652	9,710	9,600	13,255	13,270	10,936	13,421
1954-55	do.	14,755	14,385	14,995	13,705	12,240	12,105	11,525	13,610	13,435	14,055	12,520	12,990	10,002
1955-56	do.	12,075	11,755	12,235	11,390	10,110	9,245	8,830	8,575	8,710	8,375	9,015	9,705	10,002
1956-57	do.	9,180	8,875	9,095	8,050	6,975	6,995	7,785	7,135	7,125	7,645	8,265	8,220	7,946
BUTTER 2/	Carlots													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	1,470 731	1,630 831	1,687 804	1,598 530	1,047 333	718 112	534 112	356 115	189 99	339 151	728 221	1,121 345	951 425
1952-53	do.	989	1,107	1,268	1,345	1,127	558	167	100	38	42	33	30	567
1953-54	do.	27	27	26	15	0	1	1	5	4	18	26	30	15
1954-55	do.	31	18	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	25	32
1955-56	do.	30	29	21	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
1956-57	do.	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	(11)
Eggs 2/	Carlots													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	2,806 4,142	2,902 4,171	3,051 3,188	2,135 2,134	1,521 1,450	564 853	351 1,005	525 1,506	991 2,261	1,833 2,882	2,468 3,602	2,842 3,998	1,832 2,599
1952-53	do.	4,183	4,695	3,962	2,774	1,845	966	1,348	1,606	2,578	3,687	4,284	4,533	3,038
1953-54	do.	4,358	4,118	3,055	1,847	1,633	1,327	1,659	2,403	2,897	3,781	4,547	3,008	
1954-55	do.	4,593	4,042	5,230	5,423	4,611	2,968	2,513	5,347	5,347	6,647	7,127	9,191	5,219
1955-56	do.	7,676	8,402	6,730	4,380	3,960	3,450	3,541	4,016	5,332	5,961	5,573	5,397	5,744
1956-57	do.	6,923	6,604	5,859	5,583	5,711	3,861	2,866	5,134	6,136	7,768	8,834		
POTATOES 2/	Carlots													
Average 1934-35 to 1938-39 1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	40	78	90	90	108	108	75	80	40	41	7	16	64
1952-53	do.	1,320	1,529	1,860	1,958	1,639	1,562	1,255	1,096	1,191	1,185	1,133	1,549	1,440
1953-54	do.	3,456	4,304	5,357	5,861	4,754	4,836	4,236	3,084	3,223	2,970	2,448	3,634	4,014
1954-55	do.	4,515	5,064	5,424	5,357	4,513	4,199	3,950	3,071	3,126	2,888	2,973	4,483	4,134
1955-56	do.	6,185	6,804	7,827	7,985	7,634	6,806	6,914	4,290	3,993	3,322	1,429	2,152	5,145
1956-57	do.	3,444	3,805	3,719	2,892	2,621	2,518	2,636	3,362	3,121	2,789	1,731	2,958	2,966
ONIONS 2/	Carlots													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	1,214	1,979	2,417	2,639	2,332	2,531	2,287	1,924	1,447	614	820	960	1,680
1952-53	do.	1,626	2,996	3,136	2,876	2,911	2,798	2,692	2,607	464	752	1,173	1,395	2,119
1953-54	do.	2,576	4,200	4,741	4,621	4,134	4,403	3,607	2,599	1,068	2,032	3,883	4,635	3,542
1954-55	do.	5,501	5,256	5,547	5,581	6,246	7,038	4,733	3,273	553	1,107	2,213	3,726	4,231
1955-56	do.	5,570	7,485	7,975	8,935	6,607	5,183	3,074	1,935	1,046	1,495	1,973	2,758	4,703
1956-57	do.	4,195	4,494	4,453	4,906	5,148	4,923	4,970	3,271	1,663	624	1,181	1,492	3,907
COTTONSEED OIL	Thousand pounds													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53		163,440	168,516	187,746	218,148	282,804	289,134	281,166	256,242	235,644	218,772	203,496	193,632	224,895
1952-53	do.	307,260	279,720	239,520	215,220	206,460	181,980	177,720	153,000	134,640	115,380	93,840	87,420	182,680
1953-54	do.	75,120	66,900	48,900	44,460	44,700	52,500	62,940	64,260	53,800	59,160	55,500	57,935	57,935
1954-55	do.	46,710	49,800	55,800	60,900	70,080	78,360	106,200	104,700	85,980	64,680	56,540	69,330	69,330
1955-56	do.	50,580	59,280	120,300	179,700	201,060	295,680	325,920	290,400	288,900	288,060	252,840	204,360	196,395
1956-57	do.	163,260	192,900	206,820	236,820	236,980	268,860	314,280	305,100	288,900	259,200	243,540	234,600	247,605
SOYBEAN OIL 2/	Thousand pounds													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53		53,496	57,072	65,268	112,176	139,776	136,200	132,300	120,852	109,692	95,052	84,108	80,256	98,879
1952-53	do.	123,000	132,240	137,280	212,460	229,380	206,580	178,380	166,380	137,100	113,400	100,020	105,720	153,495
1953-54	do.	80,640	92,640	87,180	130,260	172,980	185,240	232,500	250,980	257,640	288,840	237,120	196,315	
1954-55	do.	188,520	232,200	211,980	192,060	207,900	212,760	222,000	237,300	182,520	181,800	178,760	201,965	
1955-56	do.	215,460	251,400	262,800	305,310	320,280	289,020	294,360	330,600	318,840	399,960	376,920	363,180	310,680
1956-57	do.	348,180	373,380	400,260	489,600	532,920	497,340	485,400	459,720	367,020	315,420	309,300	323,160	400,475
LARD	Thousand pounds													
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53		94,584	97,232	79,440	66,920	56,856	53,600	59,792	65,080	73,472	81,664	85,192	88,224	75,171
1952-53	do.	131,400	122,640	112,240	77,560	57,440	78,680	93,840	99,960	90,120	89,240	72,360	69,360	91,237
1953-54	do.	85,760	47,320	42,920	50,600	42,880	53,240	61,880	55,560	55,560	76,640	81,320	92,440	59,707
1954-55	do.	84,880	81,640	74,440	64,160	59,010	55,600	55,600	57,400	46,400	46,360	52,040	57,360	61,243
1955-56	do.	86,760	49,320	47,000	50,610	44,960	45,000	78,180	81,400	97,880	133,920	121,640	120,040	76,503
1956-57	do.	113,880	106,360	97,480	90,800	72,400	65,800	63,920	60,280	59,160	64,280	70,320	92,480	80,430

Table 8.--Month-end open contracts on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1952-53 to 1956-57--Continued

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average ^{1/}
TALLOW														
1956-57	Thousands pounds	---	4,260	2,640	1,980	1,740	1,320	1,320	1,200	1,200	1,020	780	900	1,669
BRAN														
Average 1937-38 to 1938-39 ^{1/} 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons do.	1/ 28,050 22,416	1/ 26,875 28,812	1/ 25,175 29,052	24,888 26,526	21,562 22,686	20,538 19,956	20,812 17,748	18,350 15,270	15,300 10,560	14,212 8,784	17,300 6,828	20,450 10,764	21,126 18,284
1952-53	do.	19,830	26,370	25,110	22,020	17,100	11,850	9,360	6,720	6,540	1,320	4,680	7,440	13,445
1953-54	do.	10,560	9,810	8,160	11,880	10,920	11,040	10,560	8,400	5,280	3,120	2,640	4,320	8,060
1954-55	do.	7,440	7,800	11,040	11,880	9,000	6,000	8,520	8,160	7,560	2,040	1,200	2,520	6,930
1955-56	do.	4,320	3,480	4,440	2,880	4,200	4,440	3,270	1,710	1,950	960	840	1,080	2,798
1956-57	do.	2,280	1,200	960	1,680	1,140	1,920	1,440	0	600	0	0	1,680	1,260
SHORTS														
Average 1937-38 to 1938-39 ^{1/} 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons do.	1/ 7,350 9,624	1/ 8,150 12,420	1/ 8,750 14,322	5,775 14,580	5,688 14,790	6,050 14,388	5,462 12,204	6,562 11,354	5,838 10,344	1,825 6,312	3,438 3,732	5,075 4,440	6,080 10,710
1952-53	do.	16,800	18,060	18,750	22,080	18,750	14,760	10,440	9,240	12,000	5,040	3,840	3,000	12,730
1953-54	do.	3,720	6,480	3,600	3,840	5,550	5,520	6,240	6,840	3,600	2,760	1,800	3,330	4,440
1954-55	do.	6,960	10,800	12,360	9,600	7,140	5,280	6,240	5,280	3,420	1,800	1,200	960	5,915
1955-56	do.	2,340	2,150	2,430	2,310	2,970	1,380	1,140	780	630	120	120	720	1,250
1956-57	do.	1,080	1,080	840	360	240	120	360	360	240	120	120	240	440
MIDDLEDDINGS														
Average 1937-38 to 1938-39 ^{1/}	Tons	1/ 2,200	1/ 1,700	1/ 2,100	1,950	1,500	1,750	1,650	2,050	2,650	1,750	1,200	1,750	1,854
1955-56	do.	315	1,050	105	315	735	840	420	420	525	1,050	0	1,155	578
1956-57	do.	1,155	1,995	525	630	630	105	315	735	105	105	0	945	700
COTTONSEED MEAL ^{2/}														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons	37,140	46,520	49,420	39,320	36,340	28,180	25,020	24,840	25,300	30,400	30,320	32,400	33,767
1952-53	do.	25,300	25,200	21,300	9,900	7,100	5,500	5,000	6,000	5,100	6,600	6,300	5,200	10,708
1953-54	do.	6,400	6,100	8,000	7,900	9,500	13,900	21,700	26,900	27,900	34,400	35,300	32,700	19,225
1954-55	do.	15,500	22,400	25,200	28,600	25,100	22,100	18,700	17,200	12,400	5,900	16,800	20,200	19,175
1955-56	do.	19,800	19,700	17,800	23,300	22,700	21,400	24,000	23,900	22,200	19,600	17,200	16,400	20,667
1956-57	do.	10,700	11,600	16,700	16,500	15,300	9,600	7,800	13,700	13,600	12,400	9,600	11,400	12,408
Soybean Meal ^{2/}														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Tons	66,580	86,500	113,900	125,340	133,380	122,520	130,000	122,360	117,220	111,700	105,720	105,000	111,685
1952-53	do.	86,300	70,600	78,300	98,200	128,000	110,500	151,600	118,100	123,400	122,800	141,600	172,400	121/123,706
1953-54	do.	124,000	109,100	113,100	209,500	221,100	202,400	281,800	284,500	288,900	415,200	398,100	392,000	121/310,546
1954-55	do.	363,500	387,800	417,600	430,700	424,800	403,300	383,200	373,300	332,900	331,100	360,600	377,000	121/397,061
1955-56	do.	364,700	381,100	424,100	446,900	501,500	458,500	450,400	453,100	418,800	401,200	379,100	356,900	421,608
1956-57	do.	274,500	243,500	310,800	441,600	491,700	422,500	434,200	388,900	325,700	288,700	265,500	255,700	345,275

^{1/} In computing annual averages of month-end open contracts, yearly totals were divided by 12, although in some markets there were no contracts open at the end of one or more months. For exceptions in computing averages, see footnotes, Table 7.

^{2/} All types of contracts.

^{3/} 4-year average.

^{4/} Partial period average for certain markets.

^{5/} Less than 500,000 pounds.

^{6/} 2-year average; information on open contracts in cotton futures not available prior to September 30, 1937.

^{7/} One year only.

^{8/} Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

^{9/} 3-year average; information on open contracts in wool top futures not available prior to August 31, 1936. From August 1936 through June 1938, 3-year average includes open contracts on non-clearing as well as clearing members. From July 1938, only open contracts reported by clearing members included. The exclusion of non-clearing members reduced open contracts about 7 percent as estimated from sample comparative data.

^{10/} 2-year average.

^{11/} Less than one carlot.

^{12/} Partial period average for certain contracts.

^{13/} Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange.

^{14/} 2-year average; information on open contracts in bran, short, and middling futures not available prior to October 1, 1937.

NOTE: See Table 7, for dates of inauguration, suspension, and resumption of trading during the years 1952-53 through 1956-57. Omission of the 1934-35 to 1938-39 average, the 1948-49 to 1952-53 average, or a year in the period 1952-53 to 1956-57 indicates there was no trading.

Table 9.--Month-end open contracts on each contract market, July 1956 to June 1957

Commodity and market	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average $\frac{1}{12}$
WHEAT														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	104,210	118,301	116,983	115,633	103,924	101,452	87,579	81,544	74,004	70,397	70,915	87,633	94,381
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	836	840	700	629	864	897	691	640	672	568	608	671	718
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	7,917	11,957	12,053	12,370	12,924	9,694	11,186	9,760	8,888	8,225	6,139	7,202	9,866
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	25,439	24,728	21,599	23,503	20,065	19,313	16,598	13,787	12,691	13,745	12,691	16,745	19,132
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	19	20	10	46	50	57	40	42	52	63	54	58	43
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	50	50	0	30	0	75	75	75	0	0	0	0	30
Total	do.	138,471	155,896	151,345	150,087	141,265	132,240	118,884	108,659	97,403	91,944	91,461	112,309	124,164
CORN														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	52,259	54,552	51,850	70,717	82,178	73,451	80,245	80,265	81,635	77,508	76,146	63,880	70,391
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	205	180	154	225	338	279	334	315	328	174	163	214	242
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	10	55	55	55	50	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	24
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	39	67	45	33	23	34	27	42	46	37	17	24	36
Total	do.	52,513	54,854	52,104	71,030	82,589	73,774	80,616	80,632	82,019	77,739	76,326	64,118	70,693
OATS														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	36,286	45,409	44,549	43,025	39,855	31,952	30,344	25,057	19,880	13,988	12,986	15,317	29,888
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	308	330	349	299	378	191	79	60	75	59	37	56	185
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	1,725	3,271	3,735	3,933	2,742	1,498	1,457	1,304	1,293	1,268	697	459	1,950
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	15	16	110	25	35	56	44	36	43	46	35	11	39
Total	do.	38,334	49,026	48,743	47,282	43,010	33,697	31,924	26,457	21,291	15,381	13,755	15,843	32,062
RYE														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	14,837	20,981	23,287	25,071	25,560	22,763	22,175	17,394	16,576	15,964	16,349	19,701	20,055
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	178	189	205	236	206	194	158	148	125	122	166	243	182
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	346	505	264	408	388	54	157	151	139	175	0	10	216
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	3	18	15	5	15	15	20	25	25	0	0	35	15
Total	do.	15,364	21,693	23,771	25,720	26,169	23,026	22,520	17,718	16,865	16,261	16,515	19,989	20,468
PLAXSEED														
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	680	527	584	619	498	356	380	392	384	315	132	138	417
SOYBEANS														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	83,685	90,930	98,769	114,192	108,500	104,324	79,414	77,900	73,237	75,635	77,800	76,951	88,445
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	297	377	407	543	670	603	704	600	602	567	585	564	546
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	5	5	25	30	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	---	---	2/ 260	350	255	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	3/ 108
Total	do.	83,987	91,312	99,461	115,115	109,430	105,152	80,118	78,500	73,839	76,202	78,385	77,515	89,102
GRAIN SORGHUMS														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	0	0	1.4	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	1.1
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	0	0	0	10.5	12.0	0	0	0	-3	-3	-3	.3	2.0
Total	do.	0	0	1.4	12.7	14.2	0	0	0	-3	-3	-3	.9	1.4
COTTON														
New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	1,463	1,563	1,534	1,454	1,223	1,186	1,054	1,008	1,018	912	874	914	1,184
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	345	355	324	353	282	273	210	187	213	220	220	196	265
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	6	7	5	7	7	8	8	4	5	3	2	3	5
Total	do.	1,814	1,925	1,863	1,814	1,512	1,467	1,272	1,199	1,236	1,135	1,096	1,113	1,454
WOOL														
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	5,562	5,748	6,222	6,048	6,942	5,994	6,138	7,050	6,288	7,122	7,668	7,398	6,515
WOOL TOPS														
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	9,180	8,875	9,095	8,050	6,975	6,995	7,785	7,135	7,115	7,645	8,265	8,220	7,945
BUTTER														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract	Carlots	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	(4)
EDCB														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract Fresh Contract	Carlots	6,923	6,604	5,859	5,983	5,711	3,806	2,830	3,646	5,134	6,136	7,768	8,834	5,736
Total	do.	6,923	6,604	5,859	5,983	5,711	3,861	2,866	3,646	5,134	6,136	7,768	8,834	5,744
POTATOES														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Russet Burbanks	Carlots	5	5	8	31	27	10	12	5	0	1	2	4	9
New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Grown	do.	4,157	4,242	4,445	4,875	5,121	5,005	4,911	4,965	3,709	3,431	804	1,107	3,898
Total	do.	4,162	4,247	4,453	4,906	5,148	5,015	4,923	4,970	3,709	3,432	806	1,111	3,907
ONIONS														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	Carlots	4,147	4,431	5,030	4,305	4,511	4,337	3,260	1,659	622	1,178	1,489	1,869	3,070
New York Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	do.	48	63	58	56	69	61	11	4	2	3	3	3	32
Total	do.	4,195	4,494	5,088	4,361	4,580	4,398	3,271	1,663	624	1,181	1,492	1,872	3,102

Table 9.--Month-end open contracts on each contract market, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average ^{1/}	
COTTONSEED OIL New York Produce Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	162,840	192,060	205,920	235,620	255,780	267,720	313,200	304,620	288,600	259,020	243,240	234,300	246,910	
	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	300	300	55	
	do.	420	840	900	1,200	1,200	1,140	1,080	480	300	120	0	0	640	
	Total	do.	163,260	192,900	206,820	236,820	256,980	268,860	314,280	305,100	288,900	259,200	243,540	234,600	247,605
SOYBEAN OIL New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	6,340	7,080	5,880	11,160	11,880	13,320	12,420	15,210	11,580	9,960	5,220	8,160	9,895	
	do.	341,310	366,300	394,380	478,440	521,040	484,020	472,980	444,480	355,440	305,460	304,080	315,000	358,580	
	Total	do.	348,180	373,380	400,260	489,600	532,920	497,340	485,400	459,720	367,020	315,420	309,300	323,160	408,475
LARD Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	113,880	106,360	97,480	90,800	72,400	65,800	63,920	68,280	59,160	64,280	70,320	92,480	80,430	
TALLOW New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	---	5/4,260	2,640	1,980	1,740	1,320	1,320	1,200	1,200	1,020	780	900	6/1,669	
BRAN Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	2,280	1,200	960	1,680	1,440	1,920	1,920	1,440	600	0	0	1,680	1,260	
SHORTS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	1,080	1,080	840	360	240	120	240	360	360	240	120	240	440	
MIDDLEINGS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	1,155	1,995	525	525	630	630	105	315	735	735	105	945	700	
COTTONSEED MEAL Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Solvent Process Old Process	Tons	10,300	11,200	15,600	15,600	14,600	9,000	6,300	11,500	12,400	11,100	9,100	10,500	11,500	
	do.	7/400	400	1,100	900	700	600	1,500	1,800	1,200	1,300	500	500	908	
	Total	do.	10,700	11,600	16,700	16,500	15,300	9,600	7,800	13,700	13,600	12,400	9,600	11,400	12,408
SOYBEAN MEAL Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Eastern Trunk Line Unrestricted Chicago Board of Trade	Tons	8,400	7,100	5,400	5,800	9,800	9,100	7,800	6,800	3,800	11,900	6,600	18,700	8,433	
	do.	65,600	61,800	69,300	77,400	88,300	67,700	71,400	74,500	58,300	44,000	36,200	29,400	61,992	
	do.	200,500	174,600	236,100	358,400	393,600	345,700	355,000	307,600	263,600	232,800	222,700	207,600	274,850	
	Total	do.	274,500	243,500	310,800	441,600	491,700	422,500	434,200	388,900	325,700	288,700	265,500	255,700	345,275

^{1/} In computing annual averages of month-end open contracts, yearly totals were divided by 12, although in some markets there were no contracts open at the end of one or more months.

^{2/} Trading began September 18, 1956.

^{3/} 10-month average.

^{4/} Less than one carlot.

^{5/} Trading resumed August 1, 1956.

^{6/} 11-month average.

^{7/} Trading began July 12, 1956.

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	8,862	---	18,329	9,043	3,086	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	23,995	24,633	40,042	43,408	40,766	36,788	32,180	23,876	16,211	8,981	3,381	---
1956 December	26,802	34,978	33,461	35,568	37,903	39,841	40,042	40,928	39,425	37,470	37,799	36,585
1957 March	18,499	29,397	21,609	25,312	26,350	29,385	28,799	31,421	32,150	30,276	30,258	30,025
1957 May	5,963	15,202	1,323	4,970	8,547	10,969	15,161	16,793	20,717	23,013	25,655	28,411
1957 July (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,196	2,615	3,582	4,184	5,353	6,046
1957 July (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	385
1957 December (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 December (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	84,121	104,210	114,784	118,301	118,652	116,983	117,378	115,633	112,085	103,924	102,446	101,452
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	1,120	---	5,077	2,180	509	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	3,304	4,756	8,882	9,143	9,349	9,978	8,273	6,723	3,698	560	---	---
1956 December	1,628	2,858	3,608	1,629	2,589	3,246	3,840	5,971	8,607	9,261	8,650	8,044
1957 May	---	303	882	1,708	115	150	266	276	619	821	1,044	1,044
1957 July (old)	---	---	15	30	115	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
1957 July (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	6,132	7,917	9,567	11,957	11,390	12,053	13,374	12,379	12,970	12,924	10,642	9,694
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	1,837	---	8,273	2,662	662	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	12,867	11,785	12,980	17,194	16,498	13,271	11,377	8,547	6,390	3,340	116	---
1956 December	6,127	11,814	12,503	3,143	4,101	5,381	6,115	8,583	10,851	13,606	12,480	10,261
1957 March	515	1,326	1,087	1,609	1,830	2,245	2,251	2,665	3,344	4,070	5,734	6,273
1957 May	122	514	120	257	702	1,359	1,575	2,337	2,477	2,477	2,982	3,516
1957 July (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	10	15
1957 July (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	21,468	25,439	24,843	24,728	23,348	21,599	21,102	21,370	22,922	23,503	21,322	20,065
CORN, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	4,961	---	17,777	13,572	8,391	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	22,323	21,014	23,252	25,622	27,696	32,190	32,492	33,037	31,428	27,835	17,044	1,260
1956 December	20,235	19,514	27,696	32,190	32,492	33,037	31,428	27,835	27,190	28,007	26,719	26,719
1957 March	6,013	7,074	7,717	8,849	11,430	11,794	13,758	18,244	23,676	28,317	31,060	30,663
1957 May	---	919	2,897	4,080	5,174	6,086	9,436	16,434	25,763	26,299	11,747	11,747
1957 July	---	134	355	615	1,478	1,887	1,71	550	7,840	9,595	2,544	3,530
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	171	550	839	1,787	1,787	792
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	53,532	52,259	54,147	54,552	58,000	51,850	58,289	70,717	84,412	82,178	72,466	73,451
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	1,760	---	7,584	5,041	767	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	9,527	9,739	19,514	21,460	22,408	22,260	20,702	16,745	11,658	6,906	713	---
1956 December	13,281	17,838	19,514	11,374	12,010	12,015	12,174	13,207	12,984	14,598	14,853	13,365
1957 March	2,757	6,991	9,607	7,298	8,249	9,392	9,572	11,719	13,654	15,834	15,857	15,253
1957 May	---	1,718	4,829	236	606	882	889	1,305	1,708	2,238	2,596	2,596
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	79	49	99	279	294	340
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	27,325	36,286	41,534	45,409	44,040	44,549	43,416	43,025	40,103	39,855	34,313	31,952

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	30,886	22,477	15,957	10,734	2,642	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	27,869	25,257	26,442	25,186	26,947	24,794	20,595	12,163	5,670	20,417	15,395	6,852
1957 July (old)	30,571	30,921	30,438	31,701	32,161	30,475	31,277	28,112	25,632	7,998	10,377	9,859
1957 July (new)	6,884	7,671	9,073	9,553	10,728	11,861	1/ 797	10,949	11,792	10,994	10,416	7,251
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1/ 57	1,984	3,481	5,376	10,304	14,693
1957 September (new)	835	2,253	3,452	4,370	5,650	6,874	8,567	8,768	8,930	9,050	9,755	14,886
1957 December (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1/ 870	3,002	5,325	9,942	15,033	20,442
1957 December (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1/ 221	3,939	7,258	11,420	14,886	7,895
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,523	2,523	7,895
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	97,045	87,579	85,362	81,544	78,128	74,004	75,049	70,397	71,096	70,915	84,518	87,633
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	9,692	9,717	8,472	7,767	6,159	5,476	4,812	3,027	740	276	34	---
1957 July (old)	1,202	1,439	1,521	1,806	2,847	2,642	2,677	2,383	1,785	1,402	4,281	3,112
1957 July (new)	30	89	187	333	431	339	964	2,450	3,674	3,601	265	75
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	3/ 40	278	271	364	821	1,642
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	87	30	217	3,453	528
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	10,894	11,186	10,082	9,760	9,349	8,888	8,771	8,225	6,834	6,139	6,691	7,202
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	9,061	7,389	4,473	2,597	82	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	7,189	7,513	8,830	8,346	8,305	7,001	5,413	2,662	803	1,659	1,195	685
1957 July (old)	3,830	4,066	4,561	5,120	5,187	3,722	2,494	2,058	1,726	5,672	5,637	4,114
1957 July (new)	---	---	---	---	4/ 432	2,265	4,599	5,745	6,578	188	185	170
1957 September (old)	35	120	265	275	350	236	153	168	193	1,726	2,715	5,240
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	4/ 5	258	476	625	1,353	10	---	---
1957 December (old)	225	250	260	285	260	230	130	10	---	---	---	---
1957 December (new)	---	---	---	---	5/ 45	561	1,243	2,155	2,676	3,322	4,120	1,809
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	60	337	769	864	227	607	607
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	155	427	4,347	5,496	696
Total	20,115	19,313	18,399	16,598	14,646	13,787	13,926	12,691	13,155	13,745	14,145	16,745
CORN, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	24,725	20,881	14,305	5,545	632	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	31,927	33,979	31,244	34,397	32,843	28,209	21,304	9,483	2,175	36,054	25,450	14,414
1957 July	13,800	16,039	18,794	23,681	28,584	31,788	34,920	38,952	41,704	16,389	20,528	14,414
1957 September	3,876	4,851	7,741	8,243	9,288	10,270	10,938	12,678	15,145	20,296	22,125	22,746
1957 December	3,063	4,495	6,641	8,399	9,574	11,368	13,715	15,056	17,743	3,447	4,375	5,496
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	628	1,339	2,790	4,270	427	506	696
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	77,391	80,245	78,725	80,265	80,921	81,635	81,505	77,508	79,557	76,146	69,976	63,880
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	12,150	10,708	7,874	5,997	2,683	---	---	---	706	5,757	4,867	3,394
1957 May	15,403	15,173	13,675	13,708	14,234	13,054	8,993	4,535	706	3,513	4,202	5,121
1957 July	3,671	3,947	4,308	4,469	4,796	4,851	4,980	5,366	5,962	4,867	4,211	5,715
1957 September	422	516	802	834	1,395	1,731	2,122	2,530	2,891	3,451	980	107
1957 December	---	---	5	49	207	244	850	1,557	2,229	45	265	506
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	45	265	506	980
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	31,646	30,344	26,664	25,057	23,315	19,880	16,945	13,988	11,833	12,986	13,786	15,317

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
RYE, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	628	---	---	1,340	550	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	3,778	3,854	2,442	8,492	9,136	9,483	8,862	8,164	6,425	5,000	2,566	947
1956 December	5,436	7,323	2,758	4,504	6,593	7,633	7,880	8,420	8,668	9,734	11,105	8,284
1957 March	998	912	2,246	3,912	4,807	5,992	6,744	8,345	10,861	11,137	10,922	11,153
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	553	955	1,633	1,934	2,741	2,984	3,242
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	236	364
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	72
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	10,840	14,837	17,684	20,981	22,473	23,287	24,283	25,071	27,529	25,560	23,372	22,763
FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	70	---	526	173	254	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	459	506	185	354	458	566	607	517	398	170	5	---
1956 December	159	174	---	---	---	1	9	9	9	11	12	12
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	17	58	93	139	317	338	344
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	688	680	711	527	612	584	674	619	546	498	355	356
SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	8,829	---	18,865	11,579	6,142	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	23,463	22,257	29,796	31,916	36,107	31,404	26,690	12,296	4,265	---	---	---
1956 November	24,231	29,462	16,304	17,742	21,724	23,986	26,088	30,268	35,366	34,163	32,032	26,536
1957 January	15,408	16,304	11,805	13,663	16,471	18,359	19,981	21,883	26,087	27,230	28,254	30,759
1957 March	7,592	6,857	6,484	9,240	15,059	19,418	25,261	31,749	32,140	33,512	34,560	34,990
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	1,878	4,876	8,694	11,160	13,505	14,168	15,996
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,197	2,349	3,586	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	79,523	83,685	86,550	90,930	99,653	98,769	108,978	114,192	108,958	108,500	108,372	104,324
COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)												
1956 July	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	275	263	218	213	169	51	1	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	516	530	548	568	567	532	439	348	159	52	1	---
1957 March	311	332	348	363	384	414	414	401	377	376	366	330
1957 May	154	162	179	201	233	260	282	344	361	393	397	408
1957 July	126	128	129	118	117	134	146	158	153	167	169	166
1957 October	32	41	60	70	84	92	98	118	131	129	145	145
1957 December	4	7	21	30	40	47	54	71	77	82	95	97
1958 March	---	---	---	---	1	4	8	14	15	18	26	28
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	6	8	12
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	1,419	1,463	1,533	1,563	1,595	1,534	1,442	1,454	1,274	1,223	1,207	1,186
COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)												
1956 July	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	66	62	50	44	43	13	(6)	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	90	90	89	93	88	82	69	64	47	7	1	---
1957 March	56	61	60	61	61	67	69	65	56	58	51	50
1957 May	82	88	93	91	87	84	83	90	89	84	82	81
1957 July	26	30	29	31	29	36	51	54	51	51	57	55
1957 October	8	11	26	27	30	30	34	50	48	47	47	43
1957 December	2	3	7	8	12	12	15	26	25	26	29	30
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	(5)	4	7	7	2	9	10
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	4	4	4
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	331	345	354	355	350	324	321	353	323	282	280	273

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
RYE, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	7,342	6,150	4,181	2,408	625	8,575	7,377	4,334	1,077	---	---	---
1957 May	11,734	11,218	9,833	9,365	9,649	10,288	6,102	6,140	6,137	5,291	2,802	---
1957 July	3,715	3,672	3,550	3,790	4,629	5,278	2,177	3,108	3,923	5,056	5,341	5,376
1957 September	505	742	1,017	1,281	1,413	1,804	1,434	2,420	3,057	5,378	6,913	6,739
1957 December	199	393	483	550	762	919	1,434	2,420	3,057	5,378	6,913	6,739
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	272	2,121	1,443
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	786	1,443	1,443
Total	23,495	22,175	19,064	17,394	17,078	16,576	16,816	15,964	14,997	16,349	20,167	19,701
FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	4	4	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	12	4	4	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	346	376	379	384	363	368	336	195	108	135	110	76
1957 July	---	---	---	4	13	16	24	12	10	22	115	62
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	358	380	383	392	376	384	360	315	145	132	142	138
SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	6,135	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	28,114	22,629	17,642	10,757	1,955	30,194	24,159	16,571	10,102	28,932	27,364	23,738
1957 May	34,044	31,057	31,492	31,605	33,362	21,760	22,350	23,905	10,830	13,300	15,883	19,096
1957 July	18,367	18,714	18,197	19,421	20,557	17,362	17,362	17,362	17,362	17,735	21,933	21,933
1957 September	4,596	5,571	8,011	8,962	9,640	9,935	10,830	10,830	10,830	19,491	23,043	25,633
1957 November	---	1,443	4,817	7,155	8,856	11,088	14,340	17,567	4,292	5,341	8,452	9,875
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	260	2,269	2,269	2,269	1,206	1,206	1,206
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,047	1,047
Total	91,256	79,414	80,159	77,900	74,370	73,237	73,948	75,635	79,749	77,800	80,513	76,951
COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	264	185	97	42	6	315	237	100	2	---	---	---
1957 May	418	391	379	368	315	315	155	176	164	115	92	28
1957 July	157	146	139	141	160	157	174	178	173	174	177	166
1957 October	145	151	146	156	178	182	174	178	178	205	214	235
1957 December	102	105	130	143	157	162	164	168	178	178	178	178
1958 March	34	38	63	68	73	76	83	95	102	122	134	137
1958 May	18	28	42	56	68	80	85	92	100	111	126	129
1958 July	---	10	26	34	40	46	65	64	64	73	79	99
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	17	39	58	74	80	105	105
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	15
Total	1,138	1,054	1,022	1,008	1,027	1,018	980	912	841	874	903	914
COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	31	21	7	5	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	66	44	42	41	42	40	35	18	(6)	43	34	28
1957 July	40	35	33	31	34	36	37	44	43	34	36	6
1957 October	42	46	41	38	42	49	45	46	45	35	36	31
1957 December	32	32	26	24	25	31	25	24	30	38	37	34
1958 March	10	11	14	17	19	19	20	21	20	26	28	27
1958 May	5	10	15	19	21	24	30	28	26	32	35	38
1958 July	---	11	12	12	13	14	20	20	19	21	23	27
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	19	26	34	29	31
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	2
Total	226	210	190	187	197	213	217	220	209	220	217	196

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	126	---	---	---	762	---	144	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	1,332	1,236	1,128	936	520	144	---	---	1,032	540	---	---
1956 December	1,518	1,896	1,824	1,854	1,788	1,812	1,920	1,620	1,452	2,406	2,652	2,652
1957 March	876	1,314	1,614	1,530	1,674	1,752	1,788	2,070	2,514	2,742	1,164	1,213
1957 May	276	366	414	336	534	672	846	804	846	1,242	1,056	1,036
1957 July	534	624	654	768	972	996	1,080	1,044	1,003	1,080	522	594
1957 October	120	126	210	264	306	330	306	228	300	300	288	288
1957 December	---	---	24	60	150	168	222	204	6	24	48	66
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	4,782	5,562	5,868	5,748	6,132	6,222	6,252	6,048	6,330	6,942	6,096	5,994
WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	135	---	---	---	1,380	585	240	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	2,890	2,595	2,320	1,885	2,370	2,355	2,465	1,885	1,145	605	365	365
1956 December	2,700	2,565	2,500	2,475	2,695	3,115	3,355	3,370	3,165	2,755	3,035	3,190
1957 March	2,110	2,315	2,480	1,025	1,025	1,365	1,425	1,360	1,330	1,250	1,475	3,070
1957 May	715	770	755	820	820	910	955	960	905	1,140	1,290	1,525
1957 July	620	665	725	740	855	910	955	960	905	745	775	795
1957 October	205	230	240	245	320	490	515	525	510	200	270	305
1957 December	5	10	10	15	15	35	120	155	175	30	30	30
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	5
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	9,380	9,180	9,030	8,875	9,080	9,095	9,100	8,050	6,820	6,975	7,395	6,995
EGGS, "Refrigerator Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 September	4,097	3,896	2,431	1,433	612	---	483	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	1,914	2,061	2,390	2,869	2,544	1,776	483	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	652	724	1,174	1,230	1,402	2,152	2,174	1,679	196	---	---	---
1956 December	114	206	447	638	759	1,097	1,879	2,245	2,471	2,033	694	694
1957 January	24	36	254	434	508	834	1,049	1,504	2,390	3,062	2,716	2,456
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	81	155	353	488	784	1,152
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	108	128	166	198	198
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	6,831	6,923	6,696	6,604	5,825	5,859	5,666	5,583	5,518	5,711	4,360	3,806
POTATOES, "Maine Grown," New York Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 November	1,940	2,200	1,903	1,840	1,772	1,500	1,274	640	238	---	---	---
1956 December	83	89	70	69	65	70	70	66	60	55	21	---
1957 January	85	149	155	181	227	297	387	454	506	521	379	314
1957 February	39	39	42	35	38	39	50	50	40	40	40	43
1957 March	1,282	1,502	1,539	1,830	1,953	2,134	2,419	2,774	3,008	3,266	3,311	3,190
1957 April	133	167	176	274	311	347	512	571	682	750	816	870
1957 May	11	11	7	13	26	58	129	320	401	489	518	485
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	103	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	3,573	4,157	3,892	4,242	4,392	4,445	4,841	4,875	4,935	5,121	5,115	5,005
ONIONS, "Yellow Globe Type Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 November (old)	82	79	25	22	22	7	1	86	---	---	---	---
1956 November (new)	1,257	1,459	1,621	1,592	1,537	1,471	1,155	393	903	1,813	1,406	1,039
1957 January	1,893	2,299	2,193	2,265	2,397	2,503	2,375	2,268	2,028	1,129	1,190	1,079
1957 February	256	310	395	552	732	743	839	863	586	1,055	1,509	2,211
1957 March	---	---	---	---	134	291	586	780	1,055	5	1,989	6
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	3,488	4,147	4,234	4,431	4,822	5,030	4,962	4,305	4,072	4,511	4,670	4,337

Table 10.-Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	2,436	2,070	1,278	582	378	---	402	168	66	---	---	---
1957 May	1,266	1,224	1,242	1,332	1,200	942	1,952	1,866	1,674	1,314	1,098	708
1957 July	1,140	1,363	1,444	2,598	2,478	2,196	1,710	1,896	2,040	2,086	2,094	2,058
1957 October	786	1,002	1,140	1,416	1,488	1,542	972	1,314	1,662	1,848	1,962	2,094
1957 December	264	282	282	304	588	756	654	948	1,056	1,278	1,272	1,273
1958 March	72	114	384	426	450	552	660	660	642	690	702	696
1958 May	60	78	246	264	252	252	270	312	450	498	534	30
1958 July	---	---	12	48	48	48	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	6,024	6,138	6,223	7,050	6,832	6,288	6,420	7,122	7,452	7,668	7,626	7,398
WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	2,795	2,195	1,625	1,180	455	---	845	485	350	---	---	---
1957 May	1,690	1,645	1,510	1,475	1,555	1,615	1,760	2,005	1,685	1,625	1,465	1,240
1957 July	1,395	1,505	1,515	1,675	1,675	1,975	2,005	1,685	1,625	1,465	1,240	1,000
1957 October	890	1,040	1,140	1,150	1,120	1,325	1,670	1,950	2,180	2,250	2,190	2,155
1957 December	620	825	860	855	1,025	1,205	1,245	1,425	1,615	1,650	1,835	1,760
1958 March	165	300	340	405	500	645	990	1,365	1,520	1,815	1,775	1,865
1958 May	115	275	370	370	395	425	585	600	620	740	770	850
1958 July	---	---	10	25	25	25	70	135	175	345	395	440
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	150	150
Total	7,670	7,785	7,370	7,135	6,835	7,115	7,410	7,645	8,085	8,265	8,235	8,220
EGGS, "Refrigerator Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	1,544	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	1,804	2,311	2,685	2,877	3,528	3,691	3,936	3,989	4,218	4,527	4,610	4,659
1957 October	265	519	677	769	1,139	1,443	1,738	1,854	2,036	2,345	2,576	2,726
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	95	293	470	697	775	1,013	1,013
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	90	99	199	256	373	63
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	15	15
Total	3,613	2,830	3,362	3,646	4,667	5,134	5,769	6,136	6,814	7,768	8,232	8,834
POTATOES, "Maine Grown," New York Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	192	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 February	41	47	11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	3,204	2,892	2,547	1,938	469	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 April	842	1,056	1,184	1,358	1,462	941	266	2,976	1,681	---	---	---
1957 May	563	743	1,079	1,462	2,239	2,443	2,940	2,976	1,681	269	331	348
1957 November	163	173	175	187	189	222	247	237	112	112	108	401
1958 January	---	---	34	40	58	103	105	105	112	112	116	116
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	72	113	216	298	320	438	438
1958 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	51	63	77	1,107	1,107	1,107
Total	5,005	4,911	5,030	4,965	4,417	3,709	3,630	3,431	2,329	804	813	813
ONIONS, "Yellow Globe Type Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In carlots)												
1956 November (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	218	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 February	1,037	417	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	2,587	2,795	2,626	1,437	255	---	673	929	1,058	1,074	1,214	1,255
1957 November	19	48	120	208	440	550	155	249	378	408	473	537
1958 January	---	---	14	35	72	155	249	378	7	37	77	77
Total	3,861	3,260	2,752	1,659	730	622	826	1,178	1,436	1,489	1,724	1,869

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	9,540	---	61,620	19,320	2,100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	90,060	70,200	15,900	33,480	34,260	19,560	3,960	48,360	41,160	9,540	8,640	---
1956 October	10,980	12,420	3,060	3,300	3,780	3,960	4,380	4,920	5,040	6,000	6,000	5,520
1956 December	36,240	38,820	52,020	57,060	55,260	56,520	52,560	46,140	50,820	67,920	84,000	81,960
1957 January	2,760	3,060	20,280	23,580	29,160	29,340	36,000	71,760	82,980	88,260	93,300	102,720
1957 March	20,160	15,480	24,900	30,360	37,380	56,580	20,500	35,580	44,100	45,000	58,500	103,080
1957 May	12,780	1,800	9,480	16,680	20,040	24,180	20,500	9,000	9,960	11,700	12,420	13,140
1957 July	720	1,080	2,700	5,160	8,760	9,000	720	960	1,800	2,100	2,100	13,920
1957 September	540	780	1,080	120	300	480	720	720	720	720	720	720
1957 October	---	---	---	---	60	420	2,280	3,600	4,560	6,240	6,240	6,660
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	183,780	162,840	191,860	192,060	187,440	205,920	217,500	235,620	262,500	255,780	279,000	267,720
SOYBEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	37,680	57,480	47,640	35,400	10,200	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	76,080	84,300	85,740	78,480	76,260	56,160	19,500	84,600	69,960	49,920	21,300	---
1956 October	70,860	64,320	71,880	77,520	84,540	93,720	97,620	84,600	59,460	60,780	64,920	44,160
1956 December	56,160	72,480	34,380	40,440	39,660	38,340	38,940	42,600	48,360	57,900	143,820	186,000
1957 January	59,400	74,940	91,260	103,260	109,800	117,540	121,440	138,000	150,480	159,480	162,160	179,400
1957 March	7,440	11,700	25,680	32,640	43,320	73,020	109,260	26,320	45,420	61,980	175,140	164,160
1957 May	---	---	660	4,620	11,040	720	2,040	3,180	6,120	9,840	77,580	12,120
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	342,000	341,340	361,860	366,300	367,680	394,380	424,620	478,440	497,880	521,040	536,940	484,020
LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	9,000	61,880	49,520	18,880	2,960	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	68,400	27,440	32,560	41,160	38,120	26,240	9,600	26,400	30,280	6,920	6,320	---
1956 October	25,440	17,120	21,320	29,280	35,320	42,960	46,920	21,200	29,480	25,480	19,080	18,800
1956 November	11,640	9,360	13,400	13,120	17,000	17,000	21,200	10,240	15,520	10,240	15,520	20,000
1956 December	5,480	7,440	640	2,480	3,080	4,440	5,800	9,320	12,360	14,520	16,120	21,560
1957 January	---	---	1,160	3,720	4,840	7,800	11,080	10,640	11,840	760	2,680	5,040
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	119,960	113,880	113,400	106,360	96,320	97,480	91,400	90,800	67,760	72,400	66,400	65,800
COTTONSEED MEAL, "Solvent Process," Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In tons)												
1956 July	1,100	700	100	100	100	600	100	600	100	600	100	100
1956 September	3,700	3,400	2,900	2,400	2,300	4,800	5,000	3,500	3,800	3,100	3,900	---
1956 October	2,600	3,100	2,900	3,200	3,400	3,700	5,900	5,800	4,800	5,100	4,300	2,600
1956 December	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,800	3,300	2,600	3,200	2,800	3,300	2,800	2,800	2,700
1957 January	500	600	600	1,500	2,300	1,600	3,200	2,600	2,600	2,300	2,300	2,000
1957 March	500	500	500	1,100	1,600	700	800	900	900	800	800	800
1957 May	---	---	---	100	200	700	800	900	900	800	800	800
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	500	500	600	600
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	500	500	100	100
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	11,200	10,300	9,600	11,200	13,200	15,600	18,200	15,600	15,900	14,600	14,800	9,000

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	4,080	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	67,320	53,220	35,820	10,740	1,860	---	---	---	2,760	---	---	---
1957 May	106,020	112,680	109,920	112,680	99,240	78,060	60,480	30,180	121,500	103,080	84,120	33,480
1957 July	72,720	90,420	95,040	103,860	109,740	115,260	126,720	117,180	65,160	52,980	36,240	93,480
1957 September	18,180	21,540	23,340	24,180	21,780	27,240	29,160	32,640	28,440	28,500	30,660	32,880
1957 October	8,220	18,780	25,560	26,520	26,700	29,520	29,380	28,500	40,020	41,580	42,480	48,000
1957 December	10,080	15,360	19,980	23,770	25,860	31,200	32,340	36,340	10,260	13,500	15,840	1,920
1958 March	---	1,200	2,160	2,880	4,020	3,960	5,820	7,080	7,740	7,380	6,780	8,700
1958 May	---	---	---	---	1,680	3,360	3,480	5,100	---	60	1,860	1,920
Total	286,620	313,200	311,820	304,620	290,830	288,600	289,380	259,020	244,080	243,240	244,980	234,300
SOYBEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	21,060	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	183,180	163,620	130,620	104,700	46,920	160,140	121,200	67,920	22,500	156,120	130,680	91,800
1957 May	175,140	184,560	192,180	187,930	175,140	142,500	139,560	145,020	154,560	58,020	70,740	84,060
1957 July	97,680	105,720	108,900	107,640	120,600	31,980	45,360	46,020	54,060	23,220	35,280	40,680
1957 September	14,700	14,220	25,740	29,700	28,620	13,200	16,500	13,840	39,200	34,200	39,120	44,640
1957 October	660	1,360	9,420	10,560	12,720	7,620	12,120	20,820	29,520	11,760	17,160	19,380
1957 December	---	---	1,620	3,900	5,400	---	1,380	6,840	---	3,300	10,320	22,620
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	492,720	472,980	468,480	444,480	389,400	355,440	336,120	305,460	295,620	304,080	310,920	315,000
LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	8,080	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	24,160	26,280	21,160	20,160	3,640	---	28,200	28,200	14,600	1,440	---	---
1957 May	26,120	26,320	30,680	29,800	33,360	19,920	25,440	33,680	40,480	37,640	33,720	31,840
1957 July	7,640	9,680	12,000	12,680	15,120	5,640	12,360	13,200	17,080	25,360	33,240	14,500
1957 September	40	1,480	4,160	4,720	5,560	1,400	2,080	2,800	2,920	5,120	5,720	8,320
1957 October	---	160	840	920	1,240	---	---	---	200	920	1,760	3,400
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,280	2,480	4,120	4,120
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	66,040	63,920	68,840	68,280	59,920	59,160	68,080	64,280	62,320	70,320	76,920	92,480
COTTONSEED MEAL, "Solvent Process," Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In tons)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	600	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	2,600	3,000	3,300	1,500	500	5,600	5,000	4,000	1,100	1,300	1,200	700
1957 May	2,300	1,600	3,100	5,700	5,700	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200
1957 July	800	800	1,000	1,600	1,400	600	800	800	800	800	1,400	1,400
1957 September	600	600	600	600	600	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	2,700	3,300	3,500
1957 October	100	300	1,300	1,500	2,000	1,800	2,800	2,900	2,900	3,700	4,100	4,500
1957 December	---	---	100	1,000	1,000	---	100	100	200	200	500	500
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	100	100	100	100
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	200	200
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	7,000	6,300	9,400	11,900	12,000	12,400	12,100	11,100	7,800	9,100	10,100	10,900

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In tons)												
1956 July	10,200	41,---	20,300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 August	61,500	41,100	29,800	27,100	18,000	5,600	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	36,400	29,800	28,700	29,900	30,700	37,100	30,200	8,600	---	---	---	---
1956 October	26,500	28,700	29,900	30,700	37,100	52,000	66,600	58,100	50,500	40,100	22,000	3,800
1956 December	36,200	42,400	44,300	47,900	40,200	43,800	41,900	45,000	53,600	59,700	53,100	38,500
1957 January	26,700	33,200	35,600	40,200	39,100	47,400	64,400	89,500	97,300	109,700	107,600	32,000
1957 March	9,900	20,400	19,700	30,000	13,400	25,700	46,500	75,800	77,700	83,200	84,700	94,100
1957 May	3,300	4,900	6,700	7,000	16,200	24,300	51,100	89,000	104,900	111,000	115,600	86,000
1957 July	---	---	800	---	---	---	---	---	5,800	14,600	15,000	114,700
1957 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,200	1,500
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	210,700	200,500	183,600	174,600	207,200	236,100	273,700	358,400	385,500	393,600	366,400	345,700

^{1/} Trading in "new" contracts began April 15, 1957, in the 1957 July, September, and December futures.^{2/} Trading in the "new" contract began March 15, 1957, in the 1957 July future.^{3/} Trading in the "new" contract began April 2, 1957, in the 1957 September future.^{4/} Trading in "new" contracts began March 15, 1957, in the 1957 July and September futures.^{5/} Trading in the "new" contract began March 18, 1957, in the 1957 December future.^{6/} Less than 500 bales.

Table 10.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In tons)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	3,300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	84,500	105,800	81,100	42,500	17,600	---	---	34,400	5,300	---	---	---
1957 May	91,000	102,200	96,600	93,900	91,600	85,700	67,700	126,400	118,700	120,700	99,100	57,600
1957 July	110,500	112,000	119,300	119,700	123,800	120,000	126,400	125,300	29,600	31,600	31,000	37,400
1957 August	25,200	24,400	27,400	28,000	26,600	26,500	25,300	28,600	12,900	15,400	23,600	39,900
1957 September	3,500	3,000	6,900	8,000	9,700	10,000	11,800	15,600	16,400	20,400	23,800	44,300
1957 October	1,200	6,900	9,800	11,200	12,900	14,300	11,200	20,800	38,900	42,600	31,000	38,200
1957 December	---	700	2,700	4,300	6,900	7,100	---	---	200	2,600	45,600	48,800
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,600	6,400	7,000
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	200	200	2,900
Total	319,200	355,000	343,800	307,600	289,100	263,600	258,000	232,800	232,500	222,700	211,400	207,600

Table 11.--Maximum open contracts on principal markets for long-time periods 1/, and during the year July 1956 - June 1957

Commodity	Market	Unit	Long-time periods ending June 1957			Year, July 1956 - June 1957	
			Beginning 1/	Amount	Date	Amount	Date
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade Minneapolis Grain Exchange Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand bushels do. do.	July 9, 1923 Aug. 1, 1923 Aug. 1, 1923	248,294 44,727 36,115	Oct. 16, 1929 Oct. 23, 1929 Nov. 20, 1932	119,701 13,655 26,141	Sept. 12, 1956 Nov. 9, 1956 July 23, 1956
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1923	120,172	July 19, 1933	85,842	Nov. 16, 1956
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1923	114,327	Feb. 5, 1925	45,409	Aug. 31, 1956
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1923	54,471	Mar. 31, 1945	27,627	Nov. 16, 1956
Barley	Chicago Board of Trade Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels do.	July 9, 1923 Aug. 1, 1923	6,766 7,894	July 19, 1933 Jan. 29, 1930	(2) (2)	---
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	Aug. 1, 1923	3,630	Oct. 29, 1941	720	Aug. 16 & 20, 1956
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Dec. 9, 1940	129,207	Nov. 16, 1954	114,542	Oct. 24, 1956
Grain Sorghums	Kansas City Board of Trade Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds do.	Sept. 19, 1944 Oct. 1, 1951	931 158	Feb. 1, 1952 Feb. 1 & 18, 1952	2 12	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30, 1956 Nov. 19-30, 1956
Rice	New York Mercantile Exchange	Thousand pounds	June 1, 1949	1,440	Oct. 3-21, 1949	(2)	---
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales do.	Sept. 30, 1937 Sept. 30, 1937	3,700 1,333	Dec. 16, 1952 Oct. 14, 1946	1,614 358	Sept. 20, 1956 Oct. 29, 1956
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	24,312	Mar. 27, 1952	7,980	May 22, 1957
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	Aug. 31, 1936	17,405	Sept. 26, 1952	9,540	July 2, 1956
Butter	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	3,455	Oct. 4, 1941	2	Nov. 16, 1956 - Jan. 18, 1957
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	12,096	June 25, 1946	8,834	June 28, 1957
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Dec. 2, 1941	7,839	Oct. 28, 1954	5,241	Dec. 4, 1956
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Sept. 8, 1942	8,020	Oct. 31, 1955	5,996	Oct. 9, 1956
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	584,520	Jan. 15, 1952	322,380	Feb. 8, 1957
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds do.	Mar. 17, 1941 July 17, 1950	152,280 540,780	Nov. 25, 1950 Dec. 13, 1956	15,420 540,780	Feb. 26 & 27, 1957 Dec. 13, 1956
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	198,950	Aug. 30, 1941	120,360	July 12 & 20, 1956
Tallow	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	4,440	Aug. 22-27, 1956	4,440	Aug. 22-27, 1956
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Oct. 1, 1937	42,390	Nov. 20, 1947	2,280	(3)
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Oct. 1, 1937	26,340	Dec. 3, 1947	1,200	Sept. 12-17, 1956
Middlings	St. Louis Merchants' Exchange Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons do.	Oct. 1, 1937 July 7, 1955	8,200 2,310	June 19-21, 1948 Sept 5 & 6, 1956	(2) 2,310	Sept. 5 & 6, 1956 ---
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	Mar. 17, 1941	83,200	Sept. 20, 1950	19,500	Oct. 19 & 22, 1956
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Chicago Board of Trade	Tons do.	Mar. 17, 1941 Aug. 29, 1951	274,400 394,300	Apr. 23, 1954 Nov. 28, 1956	103,300 394,300	Nov. 27, 1956 Nov. 28, 1956

1/ Date when data was first reported by clearing members, or earliest date for which data was obtained from the clearing house.

2/ No open contracts during the year, July 1956 to June 1957.

3/ On July 19, 20, 30, 31, and August 1, 1956.

Table 12.--Highest and lowest prices of futures on principal markets, by date and future, for long-time periods ending June 30, 1957

Commodity	Market	Unit	Period beginning	Highest Futures Price			Lowest Futures Price		
				Future	Date	Price	Future	Date	Price
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1927 May	May 11, 1917	325	1932 Dec.	Nov. 25, 1932	41 1/2
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	July 1, 1914	1927 May	May 12, 14, 1917	330	1932 Dec.	Dec. 20, 1932	40 1/8
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	July 1, 1914	1927 May	May 12, 1917	329	1932 Dec.	Dec. 20, 1932	36
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1948 May	Jan. 16, 1948	270 3/4	1932 Dec.	Dec. 23, 1932	20 3/4
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1948 Mar.	Jan. 16, 23, 1948	139	1932 Dec.	Dec. 3, 1932	13 7/8
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1946 May	May 7, 1946	286 1/4	1932 Dec.	Nov. 1, 3, 1932	26 1/4
Barley	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Jan. 3, 1918	1947 Sept., Dec.	Sept. 15, 1947	300	1932 Dec.	Nov. 3, 1932	24 1/2
	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	Sept. 12, 1918	1947 Dec.	Dec. 1, 1947	187	1932 Dec.	Dec. 13, 1932	25
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Oct. 9, 1918	1920 May	May 4, 1920	173	1932 Dec.	Oct. 8, 1932	19 5/8
	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 2, 1920	1951 July	Mar. 14, 1951	492	1932 Sept.	July 21, 1932	90
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	Oct. 5, 1936	1948 Mar.	Jan. 16, 1948	441	1939 Dec.	Aug. 15, 1939	65 3/4
Grain Sorghums	Kansas City Board of Trade	Cents per hundred pounds	Sept. 19, 1944	1948 May	Jan. 19, 1948	435	1944 Dec.	Nov. 21, 1944	160
Rice	New York Mercantile Exchange No. 1 Long Grain Contract	Dollars per hundred pounds	June 1, 1949	1951 Jan.	Aug. 29-31, 1950	11.75	1951 Oct.	Sept. 21, 1951	8.50
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange	Cents per pound	July 1, 1914	(1951 Mar., (May, July)	(1)	45.39	1932 July	June 10, 1932	4.91
	New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	July 1, 1914	(1951 Mar., (May, July)	(1)	45.39	1932 July	June 10, 1932	4.92
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	Mar. 17, 1941	1951 Mar.	Jan. 24, 1951	364.0	1945 July	Sept. 5, 1944	80.0
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	May 18, 1931	1951 Mar.	Jan. 24, 1951	432.0	1932 Aug.	Aug. 4, 1932	45.0
Butter	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract	Cents per pound	Dec. 1, 1919	1948 Jan.	Jan. 16, 1948	82.50	1933 Dec.	Dec. 14, 1933	14 1/8
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract	Cents per dozen	Dec. 1, 1919	1921 Jan.	Jan. 29, 1921	64.00	1931 Jan.	Jan. 30, 1931	10 3/8
Potatoes	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Russet Burbanks 2/ New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Grown, Contract No. 1	Dollars per hundred pounds	Jan. 1, 1931	1952 Mar.	Dec. 26, 1951	7.25	1931 Oct.	Oct. 7, 24, 1931	1.20
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	Dollars per 50-pound sack	Sept. 8, 1942	1948 Mar.	Mar. 22, 1948	6.60	1950 Mar.	Mar. 15, 1950	.10
	New York Produce Exchange Prime Summer Yellow (Drums)/ Bleachable Prime Summer Yellow (Tunk caro)	Cents per pound	July 1, 1914	1919 Oct.	June 23, 1919	28.00	1934 Dec.	Oct. 27, 1914	4.58
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange Prime Summer Yellow (Drums)/ Bleachable Prime Summer Yellow (Tunk caro)	do.	May 3, 1930	1948 May	May 14, 1948	43.00	1932 July	May 5, 1932	3.27
	New York Produce Exchange Prime Crude Bleachable Refined 4/ Chicago Board of Trade Crude	Cents per pound	Sept. 3, 1940	1951 Mar.	Jan. 31, 1951	21.80	1941 May	Oct. 9, 25, 1940	4.25
	do.	Nov. 25, 1946	1947 Mar.	Feb. 11, 1947	31.00	1948 Jan.	Aug. 5, 1947	16.00	
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per pound	July 1, 1914	1919 July	June 14, 1919	36.35	1932 July	June 2, 1932	3.62
Tallow	New York Produce Exchange	Cents per pound	June 26, 1935	1937 June	Jan. 14, 1937	9.95	1940 Sept. (old)	Aug. 13, 1940	3.45
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	Jan. 1, 1932	1948 Jan.	Jan. 17, 1948	86.10	1932 Dec.	(5)	5.85
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	Jan. 1, 1932	1948 Jan.	Jan. 23, 1948	88.50	1933 Jan.	Dec. 29, 1932	6.95
Middlings	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	July 7, 1955	1956 May	May 8, 1956	47.00	1955 Sept.	Aug. 9, 1955	33.50
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Dollars per ton	Jan. 15, 1929	1948 Jan.	Jan. 9, 1948	99.00	1931 Oct.	Oct. 5, 1931	9.75
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Dollars per ton	July 8, 1940	1948 Jan.	Jan. 24, 1948	108.50	1940 Oct.	July 8, 1940	17.00
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	Aug. 29, 1951	1954 May	Apr. 27, 1954	105.00	1957 Oct.	June 19, 1957	42.55

^{1/} On several dates from March 8, 1951 through May 14, 1951.^{2/} Prior to December 26, 1951; "Idaho Russets."^{3/} Contract terminated May 7, 1930.^{4/} Contract suspended March 3, 1950.^{5/} On December 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27, 1932.

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	207 1/2	216 ---	219 7/8	221 ---	226 ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	210 1/2	216 1/2	219 ---	221 ---	226 ---	229 5/8	227 1/2	237 1/2	240 1/2	243 3/4	240 1/8	---
1956 December	214 3/4	221 1/8	225	226 3/4	230 1/2	234 1/4	232 3/4	242 1/2	243 1/4	243 3/8	239 1/2	241
1957 March	215 3/8	223 5/8	228	231 3/8	233 1/2	234 1/4	233 1/8	243 1/2	241 1/4	239 3/4	236	237
1957 May	214 1/4	221 1/2	226 1/8	231	231 3/4	234	233 1/8	243	241 1/4	239 3/4	227 3/4	228 3/4
1957 July (old)	---	---	218 1/4	226 3/4	225 1/4	227 7/8	225	233	229	229 7/8	229 5/8	230 3/4
1957 July (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	227	235	230 3/4	229 7/8	229 5/8	230 3/4
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	233 3/4
1957 December (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	232 5/8	228 ---	228 3/8	229 5/8	229 3/8a	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	224 3/4	228 5/8	228 3/8	229 5/8	231 1/4	230	230	234 1/2	234 7/8	234 1/2	232 1/4	---
1956 December	223 1/8	228 5/8	230 1/2	233 3/4	236 1/4b	235 1/8	234	239 3/4a	238	234 1/4b	234 7/8	233 1/2
1957 May	---	228 5/8a	231 3/8	236 7/8b	234 1/2n	234 1/8a	232 1/20	239 1/2	235	231 1/2	232 3/8n	232
1957 July (old)	---	---	---	235n	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 July (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	207 5/8	215 ---	218 1/8	220 5/8	222 7/8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	211 1/2	215 1/8	218 3/8	221 5/8	226 3/8	226 3/8	225 5/8	236	233 5/8	229 5/8	229 7/8	---
1956 December	214 1/2	218 3/8	221 5/8	228 5/8	228 7/8	229 1/2	229 1/8	240	236 3/4	232 3/4	231 1/2	231 3/8
1957 March	215 1/2	219 5/8	223 1/2	228 1/8	227 3/8	230	229 3/4	239 3/4	235 1/2	232	230 1/8	230
1957 May	212 1/2	217 5/8	220 7/8	226 7/8	227 3/8	225 1/2	224 3/8	233 1/2	227 1/2	224 1/2	225 1/8	225 3/4
1957 July (old)	---	---	---	221 1/2	221 3/4b	225 1/2	224 3/8	233 1/2	227 1/2	224 1/2	225 1/8	225 3/4
1957 July (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	226b	226 3/4b	227 1/4
1957 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CORN, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	151 5/8	149 ---	151 3/4	147 1/4	149 1/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	148 1/2	149 1/4	151 3/4	147 1/2	149 1/4	138	133 1/2	139 5/8	138 1/4	137	132 1/2	---
1956 December	136 3/4	139	142 3/4	138 1/2	137 1/2	142 3/4	138 3/4	141 1/4	142 3/4	141 1/4	137 1/4	134 3/4
1957 March	140 3/4	143 1/4	147 1/2	143 1/4	142	142 3/4	141 3/4	147 1/8	146	144 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/8
1957 May	---	145 3/4b	149 7/8	146 5/8	145 5/8	145 3/4	141 3/4	144 1/8	148 1/2	146 1/2	142 1/4	140 1/8
1957 July	---	---	151 7/8	149 1/8	148	147 7/8	144 1/8	148 1/2	148	146 1/2	142 1/4	137 3/4
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	143 1/8	145 3/4	141 3/4	138 1/4	133 1/4	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	72 3/4	74 ---	75 1/4	72 ---	72 1/8b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	74 1/4	74 ---	76 5/8	76 5/8	76 7/8	75 3/4	77 1/4a	80 1/2	78 3/4	79 1/4	77 1/2	---
1956 December	76 1/8	76 5/8	78 1/4	78 1/2b	78 1/4	78 3/4	78 1/2	79 3/8	82	80	77 1/2	77 1/4
1957 March	77 1/8	77 1/4	77 1/2b	78 1/4	78 1/4	78 3/4	78 1/2	79 3/8	78 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/8	75 1/4
1957 May	---	77 1/4	77a	76	76 5/8	75 7/8	75 1/8	76 3/4	76 1/4	73 1/8	69 7/8	70 1/0
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	76	77	75 1/8b	73 1/4n	70 1/2b
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
RYE, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	133 3/8	139 ---	146 ---	146 1/8	149 1/2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	134 7/8	139 5/8	144 ---	146 ---	152 1/4	152 7/8	152 1/4	160 3/4	154	144 1/8	143 1/4a	---
1956 December	138 3/4	143 3/8	148 1/4	150 3/8	152 1/4	156 5/8	156	164 7/8	158	148 5/8	145	145 1/4
1957 March	140 5/8	145 3/4	152	154 1/8	154	156 5/8	156	164 1/2	157 3/4	148 3/4	145 7/8	146 7/8
1957 May	---	146	152	154	156	156 7/8	156	165 1/2	160 1/2	153	145	145 3/4
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	151 1/4	150 3/4	160 1/2	153	145	145 1/4a	147 1/4a
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	145b	145 1/4a	145 3/4
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "n" - nominal price; "s" - settlement price.

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued'

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	329 1/2b											
1956 September	332b	330b	329b	319 1/2b	324b	326 1/2	329 1/2a	326 1/2	331 1/2	338 1/2b	341 1/2	342
1956 December	334b	334b	332 1/2b	326 1/2	329 1/2a	330b	333 1/2a	336 1/2a	340b	345a	347 1/2a	335a
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	346	348b	349
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	348b	349a	349a
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	338 1/2a
SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	264 3/4	250 5/8	241 5/8	248 5/8	236 3/8	230 5/8	236 5/8	237 1/4	249 3/8	253 1/2	256	249
1956 September	244 1/8	238 7/8	242 1/8	242 7/8	234 7/8	232 3/8	235 7/8	242 1/8	254 1/4	257 3/8	262 7/8	249 3/8
1956 November	247 7/8	242 1/8	246 1/2	237 7/8	240 3/8	243 7/8	245 7/8	258 1/8	260 1/2	266 5/8	252 5/8	247 7/8
1957 January	250 3/4	245	249 1/4	240 3/4	239	242	246 3/4	248 5/8	260 5/8	261 3/8	268 5/8	254 5/8
1957 March	---	246	251 1/2	243 1/4	---	---	247 1/2	249 1/4	260 1/4	259	266 1/8	252 5/8
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	252 1/2	247 5/8
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	239 1/8
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	34.58	32.32	32.46	33.41	33.74	33.77	34.00	34.67	34.67	34.67	34.67	34.67
1956 October	32.48	32.62	33.36	33.83	33.80	34.17	34.00	33.85	34.36	34.25	34.25	34.25
1956 December	32.57b	32.63	33.20	33.72b	33.72	34.30	34.17	34.09	34.11	33.92	33.92	34.19
1957 March	32.31b	32.47	32.84	33.55	33.68b	34.25	34.13	34.21	34.32	34.11	33.81	34.16
1957 May	31.70b	31.82b	32.27	32.88	33.36	33.83	33.84	33.90	34.21	33.98	33.52	33.95
1957 July	30.85b	31.02b	31.65	32.18b	32.70b	33.32	33.22b	33.28	33.69	33.27	32.92	32.92
1957 October	30.87b	31.03b	31.65b	32.18b	32.71b	33.31	33.19b	33.28	33.72b	33.22b	32.88	32.88
1958 March	---	---	---	---	32.66b	33.18b	33.17b	33.66b	33.14b	32.84b	33.15	33.15
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	33.58b	32.78b	33.09b	32.78b	33.09b
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	34.61	32.34b	32.47b	33.43	33.73b	33.75b	34.03b	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50
1956 October	32.34b	32.47b	32.63	33.39	33.83b	33.78	34.17	33.99	33.83b	34.36	34.30b	34.30b
1956 December	32.47b	32.63	33.20b	33.72	33.72b	34.30	34.15	34.08	34.23b	34.09b	33.90	34.18b
1957 March	32.58	32.63	32.44	32.87b	33.54	33.68	34.25	34.12b	34.19	34.32	34.10b	34.21b
1957 May	32.31b	31.69b	31.83	32.29	32.86	33.36	33.84b	33.83b	33.84	34.21b	33.98	33.94
1957 July	30.88b	31.06b	31.65b	32.18	32.71b	33.71	33.24b	33.30	33.70	33.24b	33.20b	33.27
1957 October	30.90b	31.07b	31.65b	32.18b	32.72b	33.29b	33.22b	33.26	33.72	33.20b	32.89b	32.89b
1958 March	---	---	---	---	32.67b	33.24b	33.20b	33.26b	33.67b	33.18b	32.87b	33.19b
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	33.61b	33.14b	32.82b	33.12b	33.12b
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	131.5b	134.2b	137.1b	135.5b	139.7	143.4b	142.6b	143.5b	143.5b	143.5b	143.5b	143.5b
1956 October	133.2b	136.6b	135.5b	139.4b	144.5	142.2b	143.2b	151.5b	156.0	168.1b	160.4b	163.8b
1956 December	132.2b	135.5b	134.7b	138.4b	144.0b	142.0b	142.7b	150.2b	154.1b	167.0b	159.0	158.2b
1957 March	131.5b	134.8b	134.0b	137.0b	143.0b	141.2b	141.5b	147.5b	151.2b	163.0	154.6	153.5b
1957 May	131.5b	133.5b	133.5b	135.5b	142.1	139.5b	138.9b	144.8b	147.5b	160.0	150.1b	151.5b
1957 July	131.0b	132.5b	132.5b	135.0b	141.1b	138.5b	137.5b	142.0b	143.5b	148.4b	148.4b	149.0b
1957 October	130.0b	132.5b	131.5b	134.0b	140.1b	137.5b	137.0b	142.0b	145.0b	157.2b	146.5b	147.5b
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	143.0b	155.2b	144.5b	146.0b
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	161.1b	166.5b	166.0b	168.2b	173.1b	169.8b	169.2b	171.5	179.8	182.0b	197.0b	191.5b
1956 October	163.7	166.5b	166.0b	169.1	174.5	171.0b	171.0b	171.0b	179.0	182.0	195.4b	188.0b
1956 December	165.0b	166.5b	166.0b	168.6b	174.5b	171.5b	171.0b	169.6b	177.0b	180.0	192.8b	184.5b
1957 March	162.0	164.9b	165.0b	168.6b	173.6b	171.0b	169.6b	167.5b	175.0	178.0	190.6	184.0b
1957 May	161.2	163.9b	164.0b	167.3b	166.2b	173.0	169.3b	167.5b	174.1b	176.5b	188.5b	181.6b
1957 July	160.3b	163.0b	163.0b	166.2b	165.2b	172.5	168.5b	167.0b	174.5b	175.2b	187.0b	179.5b
1957 October	159.3b	162.0b	162.5b	165.2b	164.2b	171.5b	166.5b	167.5b	172.5b	173.2b	186.4b	174.5b
1957 December	158.3b	161.0b	162.0b	164.0b	164.2b	171.5b	167.5b	165.0b	171.0b	173.2b	186.4b	175.5b
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	165.0b	171.0b	173.2b	186.4b	177.5b
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "n" - nominal price; "s" - settlement price.

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	338 3/4a	333a	320 1/2a	320 1/2	317a	310	310 1/2b	310	310b	306	307 1/2b	302b
1957 May	340 1/4a	336b	325	324	319a	312a	312 1/2a	314	312	306	307 1/2b	305a
1957 September	---	---	---	327	319a	312a	313 1/2b	311	311	306	307 1/2b	308
SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	251 1/4	248 1/8	241 1/2	240 7/8	242 5/8	241 1/4	240 3/4	236 1/2	234 1/4	234 3/4	231 1/2	237 1/4
1957 March	254 1/2	245 3/8	242 3/8	241 3/8	242 3/4	243	236 3/4	237 1/4	234 1/4	234 3/4	231 1/2	237 1/4
1957 May	257 3/8	248 7/8	242 1/8	239 1/8	239 1/2	238	229 1/2	227 1/2	227 3/8	227 1/2	225	224
1957 July	255 1/4	245 3/8	240 1/8	233 1/8	233 5/8	231 3/4	226 1/2	224	223 3/4	222 1/2	221	220
1957 September	242 1/8	236 7/8	232 1/4	233 1/8	231 1/4	229 1/4	229 1/2	227	226 3/4	225 1/2	224 1/4	223 3/4
1957 November	---	233 1/8	228 7/8	230 3/8	231 1/4	232	229 1/2	227	226 3/4	225 1/2	224 1/4	223 3/4
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	228 3/8a	227 1/4	223 3/4
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	34.42	34.87	35.20	35.19	35.25	34.86	35.17	35.21	35.29	35.20	35.33	35.50
1957 May	34.44b	34.82	35.22	34.68	34.32	34.60	34.66b	34.84	35.12	34.28	34.68	35.28
1957 July	34.20	34.29	34.66	34.68	34.32	34.60	33.67b	33.64b	33.90b	34.24b	34.66	35.20
1957 October	33.41	33.42	33.28	33.09	32.94	33.14	33.47b	33.68	33.92b	34.24b	34.49	35.23
1957 December	33.38	33.36	33.11b	32.96b	32.92	33.43	33.70b	33.96	33.90b	34.26b	34.80	35.26
1958 March	33.33b	33.33b	33.06	32.95b	32.99b	33.50	33.70b	33.76b	33.90b	34.26b	34.79	35.26
1958 May	33.26b	33.25b	33.01	32.91b	33.04b	33.45	33.77b	33.68	33.90b	34.26b	34.80	35.26
1958 July	---	32.77b	32.61b	32.50b	32.58	32.85b	33.08	32.90b	33.18	33.70b	34.37	34.93
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	31.95	31.38b	31.66	31.81	33.14	34.13
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	33.11b	34.15b	34.10b
COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	34.36b	34.76b	35.15	34.97b	35.22b	34.85b	35.17b	35.20	35.28	35.10	35.17b	35.30b
1957 May	34.45b	34.79	35.19	34.66	34.32	34.65	34.68b	34.86	35.10	34.27b	34.65b	35.28
1957 July	34.23b	34.29	34.62	34.66b	34.32b	34.65	33.63b	33.63b	33.91b	34.25	34.64b	35.19b
1957 October	33.44b	33.43b	33.27b	33.08b	32.96	33.13b	33.67b	33.66	33.92b	34.25b	34.80b	35.29
1957 December	33.41	33.36b	33.12	32.96b	32.93b	33.16	33.67b	33.68b	33.97	34.26b	34.79b	35.28b
1958 March	33.35b	33.33b	33.07b	32.98b	33.00b	33.49b	33.75b	33.66b	33.90b	34.26b	34.79b	35.28b
1958 May	33.30b	33.25b	33.00b	32.90b	33.04b	33.50	33.75b	33.68b	33.86b	34.26b	34.79b	35.28b
1958 July	---	32.80b	32.62b	32.52b	32.60	32.89b	31.93b	31.36b	31.65b	31.83	33.14	34.10b
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	33.11b	34.10b	34.10b
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	165.5b	164.2b	159.7b	155.0b	154.0b	162.5	166.0b	162.1b	157.1b	162.0b	158.5b	162.0b
1957 May	160.2	160.6	156.5b	151.5b	151.7	155.8b	161.4	166.5b	160.5b	157.6	162.0b	158.1
1957 July	157.5b	157.0b	154.5b	149.9b	150.0	154.7	160.8	167.0	160.1b	157.6	162.0b	156.6
1957 October	155.0b	155.9	153.7b	149.3	148.7b	153.2b	158.0b	165.6b	159.5b	156.1b	160.7	153.6
1957 December	152.8b	153.9b	151.7b	148.0	146.5b	151.7b	158.0b	163.4b	157.2b	153.7	158.0	153.6
1958 March	150.5b	151.9b	150.3b	146.1b	145.5b	149.7b	156.0b	161.2b	155.5b	152.4b	155.7b	151.6b
1958 May	149.0b	150.0b	148.3b	142.4b	141.5b	145.7b	153.0b	159.2b	154.0b	149.4b	154.2b	149.7b
1958 July	---	---	146.3b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	148.0b
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	148.0b
1958 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	148.0b
WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	194.7b	194.8b	192.0b	190.0b	193.2	194.6b	200.0b	195.8b	190.5b	194.8b	191.2b	190.1
1957 May	191.5b	190.5b	188.0b	184.0b	185.5b	190.3b	194.6b	197.3b	191.6b	189.5b	193.1b	187.8b
1957 July	187.5	187.5b	186.0b	182.0b	182.5	187.0	192.6	197.1b	191.6b	187.9b	190.8b	187.8b
1957 October	185.3b	186.6b	184.5b	181.5b	181.0	186.0	192.2	197.1b	191.6b	188.8b	186.0b	185.1b
1957 December	183.6b	183.3b	183.5b	180.1b	179.4	183.5b	190.1b	196.5b	190.6b	187.9b	190.8b	186.6b
1958 March	182.0b	183.9b	182.0b	178.6b	177.5	181.0	188.9	194.3b	188.8b	186.0b	188.7b	186.6b
1958 May	180.0b	182.7b	180.0b	176.6b	176.1b	179.0b	186.9b	192.3b	186.8b	183.6b	186.0b	183.6b
1958 July	---	---	178.0b	174.6b	174.1b	177.0b	185.7	190.3b	184.8b	181.0b	184.3b	181.6b
1958 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	185.8b	185.8b	183.6b

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
EGGS, "Refrigerator Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In cents per dozen)												
1956 September	39.60	37.40	30.90	33.10	36.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	39.80	37.50	31.60	33.80	36.15	33.40	32.20	31.75	29.05	29.50	30.30	---
1956 November	39.85	37.40	32.05	34.35	36.45	33.90	32.95	32.70	29.90	30.30	30.30	---
1956 December	39.70	37.45a	32.85	34.75	36.40	33.90	33.35	32.60	30.30	30.00	30.30	29.30
1957 January	38.90	36.60b	32.80	34.30	35.35b	33.10	33.25	32.60	30.30	30.00	30.30	28.70
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	39.15	39.05	39.35	39.20	38.50	38.70
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	39.50	39.40b	38.70	38.80
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
POTATOES, "Maine Grown," New York Mercantile Exchange (In dollars per hundred pounds)												
1956 November	2.92	2.68	2.22	2.22	2.30	2.16	1.90	2.04	2.21	2.30	2.26b	---
1956 December	2.95b	2.70b	2.26b	2.20b	2.30b	2.20b	1.90b	2.10b	2.20b	2.30	2.30	2.40
1957 January	3.07b	2.83	2.36b	2.33b	2.42b	2.29b	2.01	2.20b	2.38	2.43	2.35b	2.40
1957 February	3.05b	2.80b	2.42b	2.26b	2.42b	2.25b	2.00b	2.15b	---	2.53	2.50	2.61
1957 March	3.22	2.95	2.48	2.41	2.50	2.35	2.12	2.34	2.52	2.61	2.50	2.61
1957 April	3.25b	2.98b	2.52	2.43b	2.50b	2.37	2.13b	2.36b	2.56	2.69	2.55	2.68
1957 May	3.20b	---	2.50b	2.35b	2.50b	2.40	2.12b	2.44	2.59	2.72b	2.60b	2.75b
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.44b
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ONIONS, "Yellow Globe Type Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In dollars per 50-pound sack)												
1956 November (old)	1.90s	1.87s	1.37s	1.06s	1.06s	1.06s	.83s	.80	1.19	---	---	---
1956 November (new)	2.13	1.83	1.24	1.02	.98	.90	.87	.80	1.19	1.31	.97	.94
1957 January	2.40	2.07	1.42	1.21	1.12	1.03	1.01	.96	1.19	1.31	1.46	1.12
1957 February	2.58a	2.17	1.54b	1.30	1.20	1.13	1.11	1.05	1.23	1.43a	1.62	1.28
1957 March	---	---	---	---	1.31	1.21	1.23	1.16	1.23	1.43a	1.55s	1.57
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	15.14	14.68	14.79	13.90b	13.90	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	15.34	14.68	14.79	14.11b	14.02b	14.48b	15.53	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	15.04b	14.64b	14.77b	14.60b	14.22b	14.27b	14.72	15.75	15.75b	15.96	16.53b	16.05
1956 December	14.83b	14.58	14.68b	14.60b	14.25b	14.65b	14.62b	15.65b	15.94b	16.68b	16.05b	16.09
1957 January	14.66b	14.50b	14.60b	14.60b	14.25b	14.65b	14.60b	15.84	15.98	16.22	16.84	16.20
1957 March	14.77b	14.57	14.65b	14.31b	14.60	15.09	15.21b	15.92	16.08	16.35	16.94	16.26
1957 May	14.72b	14.51b	14.61b	14.34b	14.65b	14.51	14.51	15.91	16.08	16.36	16.92	16.23
1957 July	14.60b	14.55	14.57b	14.28	14.65	14.34	14.28	14.97	15.75b	15.94b	16.19	16.20
1957 September	14.50b	14.40b	14.36b	14.20	14.25b	14.80b	14.66b	15.88b	15.88b	16.10b	16.15b	15.83
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	14.60b	15.65b	15.75b	16.00b	15.86b	15.90	15.62b
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SOYBEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	12.44	11.96	12.07	11.08	11.05b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	12.39	11.88b	11.77b	11.86b	11.13	11.18b	11.55	12.35b	12.80	13.40	14.50	14.02
1956 October	11.88b	11.77b	11.86b	11.62	11.14b	11.26	11.54	12.36	12.76b	13.30	14.32	13.72
1956 December	11.60	11.55	11.64b	11.13	11.33b	11.56b	12.20b	12.20b	12.70	13.10	13.96	13.08
1957 January	11.56	11.56b	11.64b	11.13	11.47	11.66b	11.66b	12.21b	12.70	12.70	12.98	13.04
1957 March	11.59	11.58b	11.74	11.13	11.47	11.45b	11.74	12.09	12.64	12.78b	13.45	12.75
1957 May	11.53b	11.58b	11.77b	11.08b	11.48	11.65b	11.96b	12.32b	12.53b	12.90	12.31b	12.15b
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	10.90a	11.35b	12.37	10.75b	11.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	11.22	11.35b	12.52	10.95b	11.22	11.40	12.20a	11.70a	13.40	---	---	---
1956 October	11.37a	11.52b	12.52	11.12a	11.37a	11.52	12.20	13.42b	13.97	15.75b	14.87	---
1956 November	11.45a	11.65b	12.52	11.30a	12.50	12.75	13.12	13.70	13.60a	14.10	15.42	14.30
1956 December	12.60	13.12b	13.80a	12.45	12.60	13.00	13.77a	13.80a	13.77	14.40	15.40	14.20
1957 January	---	---	13.65b	12.45	12.65b	12.87	13.17	13.80a	13.77	14.40	15.37b	14.30b
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	13.97	14.25a	14.60	15.40a	14.25	14.45	14.85
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "n" - nominal price; "s" - settlement price.

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
EGGS, "Refrigerator Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In cents per dozen)												
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	29.50	38.50	39.10	38.40	37.60	37.00	36.00	35.60	36.40	33.80	33.50	33.40
1957 September	38.70	39.30	38.55	37.80	37.10	36.20	35.95	36.80	34.40	34.40	34.30	32.20
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	36.65	37.60	35.10	35.10	35.15	33.10
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	35.70	35.70	35.85	34.00
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	35.65a	33.75	33.75
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
POTATOES, "Maine Grown," New York Mercantile Exchange (In dollars per hundred pounds)												
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	2.57	2.52	2.36b	2.30b	2.31	2.27	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	2.51b	2.52	2.32	2.26	2.28	2.18	1.97	2.18	2.18	2.24	2.24	2.24
1957 February	2.52	2.54	2.29	2.20	2.28	2.18	2.06	2.07	1.94	2.34	2.38b	2.31b
1957 March	2.54	2.58	2.27	2.18	2.26	2.18	2.06	2.07	2.32b	2.46b	2.46b	2.27b
1957 April	2.54	2.58	2.27	2.18	2.26	2.18	2.06	2.07	2.42b	2.53b	2.53b	2.16b
1957 May	2.40b	2.34b	2.45b	2.51b	2.47b	2.45b	2.45b	2.45b	2.42b	2.47b	2.46b	2.40b
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.60	2.63b	2.68b	2.60b	2.55b
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.71b	2.64b	2.59b	2.51b
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ONIONS, "Yellow Globe Type Contract," Chicago Mercantile Exchange (In dollars per 50-pound sack)												
1956 November (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November (new)	1.16	1.13	1.54	1.18a	1.12	1.05	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	1.23	1.23	1.70	1.16	1.59	1.51	1.54	1.57	1.56a	1.53	1.54	1.43
1957 February	1.64a	1.64a	1.65a	1.55	1.79a	1.70	1.73	1.76	1.72	1.67	1.70	1.38
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.78	1.68	1.50
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.56	1.43
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.50	1.38
1958 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.60	1.40
COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	16.85b	17.00	16.73b	16.22	15.85b	15.58b	15.24	15.54	15.12	14.97	14.97	14.97
1957 March	16.85b	16.85b	16.28	16.14	15.87	15.33	15.33	15.50	15.18	14.84	15.24	15.28
1957 May	17.02	17.00	16.70	16.24	16.12	15.93	15.14	15.18b	14.84	14.61	15.23	15.63
1957 July	17.00	17.00	16.60	16.24	16.12	15.88	15.78	15.14	14.84	14.61	15.23	15.32
1957 September	16.75b	16.75b	16.40	15.93b	15.88	15.78	15.14	15.18b	14.73b	14.37b	14.92	15.79
1957 October	16.16b	16.16b	15.94b	15.69b	15.65	15.56	15.07	15.02	14.91b	14.65b	14.31b	14.78
1957 December	15.95b	15.95b	15.85b	15.57	15.49b	15.48	15.02	14.92b	14.65b	14.31b	14.90	15.52
1958 March	---	---	15.80b	15.50b	15.44b	15.44b	14.99b	14.85b	14.60b	14.34b	14.75	14.85b
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	15.45b	14.97b	14.80b	14.60b	14.35b	14.65b	14.81b
1958 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14.55b	14.55b	14.75b	15.30b
SOYBEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	14.27	13.87	13.70	13.48	13.20	12.99	12.19	12.24b	11.70	11.40	11.40	11.40
1957 March	13.64	13.64	13.18	12.98	12.90	12.56	11.88	11.98	11.70	11.36	11.66b	11.54
1957 May	13.43	13.43	12.70	12.57	12.56	12.30	11.88	11.98	11.70	11.36	11.32	11.76
1957 July	12.88	12.88	12.23b	12.01	12.01b	12.07b	11.49	11.49b	11.33b	11.00	11.32	11.72
1957 September	12.45b	12.45b	12.03	11.72b	11.75b	11.92	11.38	11.38	11.33b	10.87	11.05	11.04
1957 October	---	---	---	11.58	11.58b	11.77	11.28	11.23	10.95b	10.80	10.95	10.98b
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.16	10.84b	10.74b	10.86b	10.98b	11.57
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.84b	10.99	11.53b	11.53b
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.99	11.53b	11.53b
LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	15.52b	15.82a	15.65	15.02b	14.45	14.35	14.32	14.62	13.15a	12.22	12.90a	12.52b
1957 March	15.95a	15.95a	15.62b	15.12b	14.62	14.62	14.47	14.70b	13.57	12.62	12.87a	13.02
1957 May	15.90	15.90	15.50a	15.15	14.62	14.77	14.47	14.70b	13.57	12.62	12.87a	13.47a
1957 July	15.85a	15.85a	15.42	14.97a	14.55a	14.67a	14.42b	14.55	13.45b	12.85	13.12	13.60
1957 September	15.85a	15.85a	15.42	14.97a	14.55a	14.67a	14.10a	14.15	13.15a	12.60b	12.77	12.55
1957 October	---	---	15.35a	14.75b	14.35a	14.45	14.10a	14.15	13.15a	12.15a	12.15	12.02b
1957 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.97b	12.82	13.15a
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.60b	13.60b	13.60b

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
COTTONSEED MEAL, "Solvent Process," Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In dollars per ton)												
1956 July	52.50b	---	49.00b	47.00b	44.00b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	49.25b	49.25b	48.90b	49.25b	47.50b	45.00b	48.00b	46.00b	---	---	---	---
1956 October	49.25b	48.90b	48.90b	49.50b	47.50b	45.00b	48.25b	47.25	50.25	52.00	53.00	51.90b
1956 December	49.25b	48.90b	48.90b	49.50b	47.25b	45.25b	48.50b	46.50b	50.00b	50.35b	48.50b	50.00
1957 January	49.25b	48.90b	48.90b	49.50b	47.25b	45.25b	48.50b	46.50b	49.00b	49.20b	47.75b	52.25
1957 March	49.25b	48.90b	48.90b	49.25b	48.00b	46.25b	49.00	46.00b	48.60b	48.50b	47.50b	48.75b
1957 May	49.25b	48.90b	48.90b	49.25b	48.70b	46.25b	48.50b	46.00b	48.50b	49.00b	47.50b	49.00b
1957 July	---	---	49.25b	49.50b	46.50b	46.25b	49.25b	48.50	46.50b	48.50b	48.00b	49.50b
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	46.00b	46.00b	47.00b	47.50b	47.25b	48.50
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1956 July	54.55b	---	54.60b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 August	54.30	51.40	51.00b	47.50b	45.10b	45.25b	47.00	44.65b	---	---	---	---
1956 September	51.40	50.25	51.00b	47.50b	45.10b	45.25b	47.00	44.65b	47.50	46.25b	47.35	46.50
1956 October	49.50	48.20b	48.75b	47.00	45.50	44.75	46.40	44.30	47.50	46.35b	47.25b	45.75b
1956 December	49.40b	48.10b	48.55b	47.05	45.50	44.75	46.20b	46.90b	44.75	47.50	46.35b	45.50
1957 January	49.40b	48.10b	48.85b	47.70	46.20b	45.20b	46.90b	46.60b	47.20	48.20	47.00	47.60b
1957 March	50.25b	49.00b	50.10b	48.50b	47.25	47.40	45.40	45.40	46.35	49.10	47.80	48.50b
1957 May	50.50b	49.50b	51.00b	49.40	48.00	48.10	46.35	46.60b	49.50	47.90	48.60	46.90b
1957 July	---	---	---	49.80	48.50	48.30b	48.30b	47.80b	47.80b	48.50b	47.05b	46.25b
1957 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	46.05	46.05	45.25b	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "n" - nominal price; "s" - settlement price.

1/ Trading in "new" contracts began April 15, 1957, in the 1957 July, September, and December futures.

2/ Trading in the "new" contract began March 15, 1957, in the 1957 July future.

3/ Trading in the "new" contract began April 2, 1957, in the 1957 September future.

4/ Trading in "new" contracts began March 15, 1957, in the 1957 July and September futures.

5/ Trading in the "new" contract began March 18, 1957, in the 1957 December future.

NOTE: For dates on which closing ranges were reported, prices shown are averages. When the fifteenth or end of a month fell on Sunday or exchange holiday, the prices shown are for first preceding day on which there was trading.

Table 13.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 28	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
COTTONSEED MEAL, "Solvent Process," Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In dollars per ton)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	53.00b	50.75b	51.00b	50.60b	50.00b	49.50b	49.50b	49.25b	47.00b	48.00b	48.00b	48.00b
1957 March	51.00	50.50b	50.75	50.25b	50.25b	50.00b	49.50b	49.50b	47.25b	47.00b	47.75b	47.75b
1957 May	50.25b	50.50b	51.00b	50.75b	50.25b	50.50b	49.00b	48.25b	48.50b	48.00b	48.50b	48.50b
1957 July	49.25b	49.50b	49.25b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	48.25b	48.25b	47.50b	47.50b	47.50b
1957 September	48.00b	49.50b	48.50b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	48.25b	48.25b	47.50b	47.50b	47.50b
1957 October	47.75b	49.50b	48.50b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	48.25b	48.25b	47.50b	47.50b	47.50b
1957 December	48.00b	49.50b	48.50b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	48.25b	48.25b	47.50b	47.50b	47.50b
1958 January	48.00b	49.50b	48.50b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	48.25b	48.25b	47.50b	47.50b	47.50b
1958 March	48.00b	49.50b	48.50b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	48.25b	48.25b	47.50b	47.50b	47.50b
1958 May	48.00b	49.50b	48.50b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	49.00b	48.25b	48.25b	47.50b	47.50b	47.50b
SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	49.70	47.95	47.70	46.60	45.85	46.60	46.60	45.15	45.40	46.00	46.10	46.10
1957 March	48.10	47.50	46.40b	46.30	46.95	46.80b	45.10b	45.60b	46.20b	46.00	46.30	46.30
1957 May	48.25	47.40	46.40b	46.35	47.05b	47.10	45.65b	46.35	45.80	46.25b	46.50	46.50
1957 July	48.35	47.45	46.25	46.40b	47.15b	47.15	45.75b	46.35	45.85b	45.95	43.90	43.90
1957 August	46.95b	46.35b	45.15b	45.70	46.20b	46.10	45.25b	45.25b	44.75b	44.10	43.20b	43.20b
1957 September	46.50	45.65b	44.90	45.15b	45.50b	45.65b	44.80b	44.60b	44.05	44.15b	43.00b	43.50b
1957 October	45.65b	45.65b	44.90	45.15	45.50b	45.60b	44.85	44.60b	44.10	44.30b	43.50b	43.90
1957 December	45.65b	45.65b	44.90	45.15	45.50b	45.60b	44.85	44.60b	44.40b	44.40b	43.50b	44.25
1958 January	45.65b	45.65b	44.90	45.15	45.50b	45.60b	44.85	44.60b	44.40b	44.40b	43.50b	44.40b
1958 March	45.65b	45.65b	44.90	45.15	45.50b	45.60b	44.85	44.60b	44.40b	44.40b	43.50b	44.40b

Table 14.—Highest and lowest prices of futures on principal markets, by date and future, during the year July 1956 - June 1957

Commodity	Market	Unit	Highest Futures Price			Lowest Futures Price		
			Future	Date	Price	Future	Date	Price
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1956 Dec.	Nov. 26, 1956	246 3/4	1957 July (old)	June 12, 1957	200 7/8
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	1957 May	Oct. 31, 1956	240 1/8b	1957 Sept. (old)	June 5, 1957	212 3/4
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	1957 May	Oct. 31, 1956	240 3/4	1958 May	June 13, 1957	201 1/2
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1956 Sept.	Sept. 19, 1956	155 1/2	1957 Dec.	June 10, 1957	121 1/4
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1957 Mar.	Oct. 31, 1956	82 1/8	1957 July	June 7, 1957	62
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1957 May	Oct. 31, 1956	166 1/4	1957 July	May 27, 1957	110 3/4
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Cents per bushel	1957 May	Nov. 15, 28 and 29, 1956	350	1957 July	June 17 & 18, 1957	301
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1956 July	July 6, 1956	281 1/4	1957 Nov.	June 12, 1957	220 1/4
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange	Cents per pound	1957 July	June 28, 1957	35.51	(1957 Oct. (1957 Dec.)	July 26, 1956	30.25
	New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	1957 July	June 25-28, 1957	35.50	1957 Dec.	July 26, 1956	30.31
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	1956 Dec.	Nov. 29, 1956	172.2	1957 Oct.	July 3, 1956	121.0
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	1957 May	May 23, 1957	203.5	1957 Oct.	July 3, 1956	156.3
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract	Cents per dozen	(1956 Oct. (1956 Nov.)	July 18, 1956	41.30	1956 Dec.	Dec. 19 & 20, 1956	28.20
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Grown	Dollars per hundred pounds	1957 Mar.	July 9, 1956	3.61	1956 Nov.	Oct. 11, 1956	1.81
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	Dollars per 50-pound sack	1957 Feb.	July 12, 1956	2.60	1956 Nov. (new)	Oct. 11, 1956	.76
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Cents per pound	1957 May	Jan. 17, 1957	17.28	1956 Sept.	Aug. 29, 1956	13.60
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Cents per pound	1956 Dec. (old)	Dec. 12, 1956	14.70	1958 Mar.	May 6, 1957	10.80
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	1957 Jan.	Jan. 22, 1957	14.82	1958 Jan.	May 16, 1957	10.67
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per pound	1957 May	Jan. 17, 1957	16.30	1956 July	July 3, 1956	10.17
Tallow	New York Produce Exchange	Cents per pound	(1957 Jan. (1957 July)	(Jan. 8, 1957 (June 20 & 24, 1957)	8.45	(1956 Sept. (1956 Oct.)	(Aug. 6, 1956 (Aug. 1, 1956)	6.80
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	1957 Apr.	Jan. 15, 1957	44.75	(1957 Aug. (1957 Sept.)	June 21, 1957	32.00
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	1957 Mar.	Jan. 7, 1957	44.50	1957 May	May 17, 1957	33.00
Middlings	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	1957 Mar.	Dec. 18, 1956	41.75	1957 July	June 25, 1957	30.30
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Solvent	Dollars per ton	1956 July	July 20, 1956	56.75	1956 Sept.	Sept. 20, 1956	44.50
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Unrestricted Contract	Dollars per ton	1956 July (1956 July (1956 Aug.)	July 2, 1956 July 2, 1956	58.75 58.90	1957 Oct. 1957 Oct.	June 19, 1957 June 19, 1957	42.75 42.55

Table 15.--Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, years beginning July, 1947-48 to 1956-57

Table 15.--Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, years beginning July, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
POTATOES 1/ Chicago Mercantile Exchange New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots do.	2 877	1 452	16 275	46 17	17 246	98 900	159 1,097	23 1,326	3 387	25 791
Total	do.	879	453	291	63	263	998	1,256	1,349	390	816
412 10	914 25	4,040 13	2,448 2	1,595 9	1,301 ---	1,608 2	2,134 21	4/ 5/ 1,273 150	615 29		
ONIONS 1/ Chicago Mercantile Exchange New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots do.	422	939	4,053	2,450	1,604	1,301	1,610	2,155	1,463	644
Total	do.										
COTTONSEED OIL New York Produce Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds do. do.	11,040	45,600	46,380	28,020	95,160	88,320	34,560	32,040	61,200	75,600
Total	do.	11,040	45,600	46,380	28,020	95,160	88,320	34,560	32,040	61,200	75,600
---	---	2,040 4,080	8,520 33,960	23,400	16,080 69,180	7,260 65,760	9,240 25,140	6,540 68,760	4,740 124,560		
SOYBEAN OIL 1/ New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds do.	---	---	2,040	12,600	57,360	85,260	73,020	34,380	75,300	129,300
Total	do.	---	---	2,040	12,600	57,360	85,260	73,020	34,380	75,300	129,300
LARD Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	63,660	91,360	68,560	93,320	18,720	138,160	55,200	57,000	70,120	127,840
TALLOW New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,080
BIRIN	Tons	8,010	9,930	27,030	22,930	5,610	18,570	15,480	22,080	6,660	2,520
SHORTS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	6,360	6,690	8,970	10,620	7,560	21,060	7,080	15,000	2,490	780
MIDDLELINGS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,995	2,310
COTTONSEED MEAL 1/ Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	2,800	1,200	3,900	700	1,300	1,500	5,300	12,600	7,600	5,200
SOYBEAN MEAL 1/ Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Chicago Board of Trade	Tons do.	100 ---	1,400 ---	5,800 ---	16,700 ---	7,200 100	14,200 10,100	22,100 31,300	33,200 30,400	14,200 100,500	55,300 77,300
Total	do.	100	1,400	5,800	16,700	7,300	24,300	53,400	63,600	114,700	132,600

1/ All types of contracts.

2/ Information on deliveries prior to the 1954 December future obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

3/ Less than one carlot.

4/ Information on deliveries prior to the 1955 November future obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

5/ Information on deliveries prior to the 1955 November future obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Table 16.--Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, by future, July 1956 to June 1957

Commodity and market	Unit	Future												
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
WHEAT	Thousand bushels	1,605	---	3,160	---	---	1,378	---	---	5,460	---	670	---	12,275
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	---	468	---	---	1,963	---	---	---	---	725	---	3,151
Chicago Open Board of Trade		5	---	621	---	2,270	---	---	1,421	---	449	---	2,062	
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Kansas City Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Seattle Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		2,905	---	4,255	---	---	5,611	---	---	6,881	---	1,834	---	21,486
CORN	Thousand bushels	7,644	---	255	---	---	15,254	---	---	6,230	---	5,220	---	34,603
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	40	---	---	---	---	20	---	60
Chicago Open Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Kansas City Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		7,644	---	255	---	---	15,294	---	---	6,230	---	5,240	---	34,663
OATS	Thousand bushels	355	---	4,241	---	---	5,065	---	---	1,212	---	3,501	---	14,374
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	---	10
Chicago Open Board of Trade		310	---	367	---	---	1,286	---	---	---	---	334	---	2,297
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		665	---	4,618	---	---	6,351	---	---	1,212	---	3,835	---	16,681
RYE	Thousand bushels	960	---	424	---	---	1,075	---	---	1,381	---	2,635	---	6,475
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Chicago Open Board of Trade		331	---	338	---	---	385	---	---	---	---	175	---	1,229
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Milwaukee Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		1,291	---	762	---	---	1,460	---	---	1,381	---	2,810	---	7,704
FLAXSEED	Thousand bushels	293	---	137	---	---	259	---	---	4	---	340	---	1,033
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
SOYBEANS	Thousand bushels	10,110	---	769	---	5,059	---	11,901	---	10,293	---	2,500	---	40,632
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25
Chicago Open Board of Trade		do.	---	---	5	---	145	---	---	---	---	---	---	150
Minneapolis Grain Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Kansas City Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		10,110	---	769	---	5,089	---	12,046	---	10,293	---	2,500	---	40,807
GRAIN SORGHUMS	Million pounds	---	---	---	---	---	2.2	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.2
Kansas City Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	12.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.0
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	14.2	---	---	---	---	---	---	14.2
Total		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
COTTON	Thousand bales	1	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	7	---	9	---	19
New York Cotton Exchange		1	---	(1)	---	1	---	---	1	---	1	---	4	
New Orleans Cotton Exchange		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Chicago Board of Trade		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		do.	2	---	1	---	2	---	8	---	10	---	23	
do.		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
WOOL	Thousand pounds	270	---	462	---	408	---	210	---	120	---	1,470	---	
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
WOOL TOPS	Thousand pounds	200	---	265	---	455	---	330	---	80	---	1,330	---	
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
BUTTER	Carlots	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
EGGS	Carlots	---	---	253	356	214	285	188	---	13	---	---	---	1,296
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13
Fresh Contract		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		do.	---	253	356	214	285	188	13	---	---	---	---	1,309
POTATOES	Carlots	---	---	---	---	10	---	8	2	5	---	---	---	25
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Russet Burbanks		do.	---	---	---	66	35	60	30	144	91	365	---	791
New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Grown		do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		do.	---	---	---	76	35	68	32	149	91	365	---	816

Table 16.--Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, by future, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	Future												Total
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
ONIONS Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	Carlots	---	---	---	---	40	---	169	149	257	---	---	---	615
New York Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract		do.	---	---	---	6	---	15	7	1	---	---	---	28
Total		do.	---	---	---	46	---	184	156	258	---	---	---	644
COTTONSEED OIL New York Produce Exchange New Orleans Cotton Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	16,560	---	7,800	9,660	---	17,160	6,960	---	7,200	---	10,260	---	75,600
do.		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
do.		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total		16,560	---	7,800	9,660	---	17,160	6,960	---	7,200	---	10,260	---	75,600
SOYBEAN OIL New York Produce Exchange Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	420	---	360	1,020	---	---	3,840	---	8,220	---	2,940	---	4,740
do.		18,180	---	23,260	30,960	---	11,280	3,840	---	8,220	---	26,800	---	124,560
Total		18,600	---	23,640	31,980	---	11,280	3,840	---	8,220	---	31,740	---	129,300
LARD Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	16,080	---	14,040	24,040	28,840	7,080	11,160	---	16,520	---	10,080	---	127,840
TALLOW New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	---	---	300	240	---	420	120	---	---	---	---	---	1,080
BRAIN Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	150	---	210	630	300	450	120	120	240	300	---	---	2,520
SHORTS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	---	---	---	150	120	120	60	---	210	120	---	---	780
MIDDLEINGS Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	105	---	1,155	---	---	---	525	---	---	---	525	---	2,310
COTTONSEED MEAL Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Solvent Process Old Process	Tons	2,000	---	---	200	---	1,300	100	---	---	---	1,000	---	4,600
do.		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	200	---	400	---	600
Total		2,000	---	---	200	---	1,300	100	---	200	---	1,400	---	5,200
SOYBEAN MEAL Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Eastern Trunk Line Unrestricted Chicago Board of Trade	Tons	900	5,200	1,400	600	---	---	200	---	1,500	---	11,300	---	21,100
do.		4,900	4,900	2,100	1,400	---	1,000	5,600	---	10,100	---	4,200	---	34,200
do.		22,400	11,900	2,800	7,700	---	1,000	2,100	---	18,700	---	10,700	---	77,300
Total	do.	26,200	22,000	6,300	9,700	---	2,000	7,900	---	30,300	---	26,200	---	132,600

1/ Less than 500 bales.

Table 17.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:									
				Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total				Long	
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
WHEAT (In thousands of bushels)													
1947-48	94,382	47,631	36,543	9,358	2,309	16,910	16,910	26,268	19,219	20,483	38,620	46,751	57,839
1948-49	90,914	39,634	35,806	7,348	6,774	15,768	23,136	22,562	28,144	32,540	51,280	55,108	
1949-50	85,877	40,226	35,279	14,145	2,697	13,633	13,633	27,778	16,330	17,873	34,268	45,651	50,598
1950-51	97,543	47,657	26,806	11,624	2,919	17,857	29,181	20,776	20,405	49,961	49,886	70,737	
1951-52	107,195	51,659	29,450	14,158	4,432	21,016	35,174	25,448	20,362	52,297	55,536	77,745	
1952-53	106,762	49,909	25,935	13,717	3,327	22,367	22,367	36,084	25,694	20,769	55,133	56,853	80,827
1953-54	96,848	51,857	30,536	12,333	2,924	21,091	21,089	33,424	24,013	11,567	42,299	44,991	66,312
1954-55	92,846	44,951	34,784	13,344	3,692	20,260	20,243	33,604	23,935	14,291	34,127	47,895	58,062
1955-56	96,335	43,061	37,547	8,686	4,054	21,675	21,675	30,361	25,729	22,913	33,059	53,274	58,788
1956-57	124,423	61,561	35,757	9,505	6,442	25,340	25,340	34,845	31,782	28,017	56,384	62,832	88,666
CORN (In thousands of bushels)													
1947-48	52,809	28,684	29,870	5,385	1,865	10,996	10,996	16,381	12,861	7,744	10,073	24,125	22,939
1948-49	58,131	34,865	26,994	7,747	2,738	9,498	9,498	17,245	12,236	6,021	18,901	23,266	31,137
1949-50	49,406	28,890	18,764	7,541	3,115	8,213	8,213	15,754	11,328	4,762	19,314	20,516	30,642
1950-51	54,920	28,798	17,526	11,488	3,638	8,317	8,317	19,805	11,935	6,317	25,439	26,122	37,394
1951-52	65,896	37,924	24,131	10,888	4,332	10,863	10,863	21,751	15,195	6,221	20,570	27,972	41,765
1952-53	67,057	38,343	24,601	10,288	5,982	9,964	9,964	20,252	15,946	8,462	26,510	28,714	42,456
1953-54	61,537	29,080	23,417	13,370	2,560	13,020	13,020	26,390	15,580	6,067	22,540	32,457	38,120
1954-55	69,449	39,530	19,721	12,828	3,690	12,040	12,040	24,868	15,730	5,051	33,998	29,919	49,728
1955-56	69,873	39,997	22,083	13,764	3,585	10,828	10,828	24,592	14,413	5,284	33,377	29,876	47,790
1956-57	70,867	38,025	21,496	11,516	4,000	9,825	9,825	21,341	13,825	11,501	35,546	32,842	49,371
OATS (In thousands of bushels)													
1947-48	45,229	29,533	21,229	4,566	2,393	8,748	8,748	13,314	11,141	2,382	12,859	15,696	24,000
1948-49	29,165	22,054	13,647	1,087	1,786	4,936	5,954	9,023	7,740	1,088	7,778	7,111	15,518
1949-50	20,050	20,017	11,444	4,155	1,061	3,046	3,622	7,201	4,083	832	11,923	8,033	16,606
1950-51	44,952	31,868	15,745	5,051	2,193	6,848	9,624	11,899	11,817	1,185	17,390	13,084	29,207
1951-52	67,270	50,985	20,326	6,302	2,509	9,027	13,123	15,299	15,632	950	31,312	16,285	46,944
1952-53	84,419	64,829	22,101	7,556	1,775	10,907	17,203	18,463	18,978	1,127	43,340	19,590	62,318
1953-54	46,053	33,009	14,496	5,599	1,445	6,744	8,523	12,343	9,968	701	21,589	13,044	31,557
1954-55	21,896	16,616	12,379	4,539	1,192	2,701	3,043	7,220	4,235	1,060	8,282	8,280	12,517
1955-56	27,057	20,450	8,594	3,081	1,132	2,471	2,469	5,552	3,601	1,055	14,862	6,607	18,463
1956-57	31,915	23,518	9,265	4,297	1,798	3,455	3,873	7,752	5,671	645	16,979	8,397	22,650
RYE (In thousands of bushels)													
1947-48	807	681	442	17	0	0	0	17	0	109	365	126	365
1948-49	4,023	3,410	2,460	247	121	229	326	476	449	137	1,114	613	1,563
1949-50	18,323	15,454	6,331	685	649	2,036	3,138	2,721	3,787	148	8,205	2,869	11,992
1950-51	13,647	11,287	5,862	784	611	1,365	1,784	2,149	2,395	211	5,390	2,360	7,705
1951-52	9,996	7,493	5,703	966	670	1,278	1,407	2,244	2,077	259	2,216	2,503	4,293
1952-53	17,274	14,139	7,942	774	974	2,278	3,653	3,052	4,627	83	4,705	3,135	9,332
1953-54	20,862	16,965	6,437	707	829	3,115	3,590	3,822	4,419	75	10,006	3,897	14,425
1954-55	10,595	15,037	7,891	667	836	2,830	2,975	3,497	3,811	21	6,853	3,518	10,664
1955-56	13,761	11,395	8,273	754	722	1,449	1,594	2,203	2,316	163	3,472	2,366	5,488
1956-57	20,339	15,835	11,885	1,280	749	3,086	3,608	4,366	4,357	138	4,097	4,504	8,454
FLAXSEED (In thousands of bushels)													
1950-51	368	359	349	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	19	9	19
1951-52	2,059	1,913	999	41	0	0	0	41	0	105	1,060	146	1,060
1952-53	2,153	1,590	1,037	141	187	(3)	93	141	280	422	836	563	1,116
1953-54	886	532	677	102	81	0	0	102	81	252	128	354	209
1954-55	451	450	409	0	5	0	0	0	5	1	37	1	42
1955-56	759	537	476	80	2	0	0	80	2	142	281	222	283
1956-57	432	411	413	21	0	0	0	21	0	0	19	21	19
SOYBEANS (In thousands of bushels)													
1947-48	1,835	912	1,336	17	0	1	1	18	1	905	498	923	499
1948-49	17,073	9,614	12,184	1,439	590	1,399	10,288	16,303	11,378	4,621	2,900	7,459	4,889
1949-50	53,500	31,016	24,972	6,015	1,090	10,288	10,288	11,529	10,532	6,181	17,150	22,484	28,528
1950-51	39,726	21,314	23,518	2,810	1,813	8,719	8,719	12,435	12,682	6,883	5,676	18,412	16,208
1951-52	47,872	27,837	25,261	3,899	4,146	8,536	8,536	20,596	20,415	7,600	9,929	20,035	22,611
1952-53	54,114	30,830	30,408	5,056	1,755	10,199	10,199	15,255	11,954	8,029	11,752	23,284	23,706
1953-54	80,369	42,506	35,929	8,819	3,467	20,596	20,596	29,415	24,063	8,448	20,377	37,863	44,440
1954-55	88,810	45,476	44,259	6,406	7,737	24,694	24,694	31,100	32,431	12,234	12,120	43,334	44,551
1955-56	93,091	48,474	38,835	8,262	4,400	21,707	21,707	29,969	26,107	14,648	28,149	44,617	54,256
1956-57	89,517	47,926	40,734	4,347	8,188	22,926	22,926	27,273	31,114	14,318	17,669	41,591	48,783

Table 17.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:													
			Speculative												Hedging	Total
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long			
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
GRAIN SORGHUMS (In millions of pounds)																
1950-51	128	81	35	34	3	6	6	40	9	7	84	47	349	455	93	
1951-52	572	223	117	163	11	6	6	169	17	180	438	4	12	6	6	
1952-53	24	12	18	7	2	0	0	7	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	
1953-54	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1956-57	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
COTTON (In thousands of bales)																
1947-48	2,706	1,615	1,405	168	39	334	334	502	373	589	928	1,091	1,301	897	1,301	
1948-49	2,403	1,308	1,506	174	49	331	331	505	380	590	517	1,095	1,059	1,019	1,019	
1949-50	2,374	1,315	1,355	136	41	358	358	494	399	565	620	1,059	1,059	1,029	1,029	
1950-51	3,268	1,591	1,459	285	91	485	481	770	572	927	1,257	1,697	1,644	1,603	1,603	
1951-52	3,564	1,920	1,961	139	83	535	531	674	614	970	989	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	
1952-53	3,672	2,299	1,853	164	48	472	472	636	520	737	1,299	1,373	1,284	1,284	1,284	
1953-54	2,764	1,663	1,251	220	15	405	406	625	421	476	1,092	1,101	1,101	1,101	1,101	
1954-55	3,194	1,910	1,441	273	20	363	375	636	395	648	1,358	1,207	1,207	1,207	1,207	
1955-56	2,077	1,127	1,237	138	11	179	181	317	192	633	648	950	840	840	840	
1956-57	1,463	665	798	104	15	184	184	288	199	510	466	798	665	665	665	
WOOL (In thousands of pounds)																
1954-55 ^{4/}	8,534	6,414	4,259	242	67	1,034	1,034	1,276	1,101	844	3,174	2,120	4,275	3,559	4,275	
1955-56	6,812	6,007	3,253	71	115	383	383	454	498	351	3,061	805	1,168	3,124	3,124	
1956-57	6,428	5,260	3,304	132	21	125	125	257	146	911	2,978	1,168	1,168	1,168	1,168	
WOOL TOPS (In thousands of pounds)																
1947-48	4,075	2,405	1,609	1,074	0	8	8	1,082	8	588	2,458	1,670	2,466	2,466	2,466	
1948-49	5,547	3,366	2,537	1,551	277	152	152	1,703	429	478	2,581	2,181	3,010	3,010	3,010	
1949-50	4,762	3,454	2,009	347	92	203	203	550	295	758	2,458	1,308	2,753	2,753	2,753	
1950-51	5,972	5,262	3,111	44	140	66	66	110	206	600	2,625	710	2,831	2,831	2,831	
1951-52	13,699	9,411	4,269	1,022	40	800	800	1,822	840	2,466	8,590	4,288	9,430	9,430	9,430	
1952-53	14,722	7,909	4,073	1,196	39	713	681	1,909	720	4,904	9,931	6,813	10,651	10,651	10,651	
1953-54	10,772	5,300	3,171	713	7	1,048	1,048	1,761	1,055	3,711	6,546	5,472	7,603	7,603	7,603	
1954-55	13,456	7,965	3,499	1,435	74	1,603	1,567	3,038	1,641	2,453	8,316	5,491	9,957	9,957	9,957	
1955-56	10,078	7,275	3,055	451	1	891	892	1,342	893	1,461	6,130	2,803	7,023	7,023	7,023	
1956-57	7,989	5,947	2,269	366	0	58	44	424	44	1,618	5,676	2,042	5,720	5,720	5,720	
BUTTER (In carlots)																
1947-48	720	427	420	73	7	16	16	89	23	204	277	293	300	300	300	
1948-49	701	443	339	31	7	10	10	41	17	217	365	258	382	382	382	
1949-50	175	152	61	17	(5)	1	1	18	1	5	113	23	114	114	114	
1950-51	188	156	101	16	1	(5)	(5)	16	1	16	86	32	87	87	87	
1951-52	517	360	155	67	(5)	(5)	(5)	67	(5)	90	362	157	362	362	362	
1952-53	576	372	167	40	15	34	34	74	49	130	360	204	409	409	409	
EGGS (In carlots)																
1947-48	2,655	2,025	1,426	279	106	176	176	455	282	175	947	630	1,229	1,229	1,229	
1948-49	2,547	1,713	1,301	384	233	81	81	465	314	369	932	834	1,206	1,206	1,206	
1949-50	2,289	1,437	1,135	427	110	144	144	571	254	261	900	852	1,154	1,154	1,154	
1950-51	2,906	1,370	1,487	326	110	400	400	726	510	310	909	1,036	1,419	1,419	1,419	
1951-52	2,260	1,725	1,239	260	120	144	144	404	264	131	757	535	1,021	1,021	1,021	
1952-53	2,980	2,215	1,884	456	175	287	287	743	462	22	634	765	1,096	1,096	1,096	
1953-54	3,037	2,261	2,024	432	467	296	296	728	763	28	260	756	1,023	1,023	1,023	
1954-55	5,113	3,908	3,099	633	691	552	552	1,185	1,243	20	771	1,205	2,012	2,012	2,012	
1955-56	2,391	3,878	3,520	943	507	526	526	1,469	1,033	44	838	1,513	1,871	1,871	1,871	
1956-57	3,682	4,302	3,267	628	843	666	666	1,294	1,509	86	906	1,300	2,415	2,415	2,415	
POTATOES (In carlots)																
1947-48	1,604	793	581	379	100	65	65	444	165	367	858	811	1,023	1,023	1,023	
1948-49	759	490	367	102	14	30	30	132	44	137	348	269	337	337	337	
1949-50	566	412	249	14	9	26	26	40	35	134	302	174	58	58	58	
1950-51	422	357	324	2	20	36	36	38	56	27	42	65	519	519	519	
1951-52	1,405	886	824	104	209	94	94	198	303	321	278	1,586	2,180	2,180	2,180	
1952-53	4,009	2,423	1,829	610	578	441	441	1,051	535	521	507	1,705	2,226	2,226	2,226	
1953-54	4,106	2,620	1,880	722	264	257	257	979	1,275	847	1,099	1,486	3,174	3,174	3,174	
1954-55	5,517	3,419	2,343	776	800	475	475	1,251	883	208	1,133	1,091	1,821	1,821	1,821	
1955-56	2,895	1,804	1,074	627	432	256	256	1,053	992	465	1,621	1,518	2,613	2,613	2,613	
1956-57	3,959	2,441	1,346	782	721	271	271	1,053	992	465	1,621	1,518	2,613	2,613	2,613	

Table 17.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:											
			Speculative											
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Hedging		Total			
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
ONIONS (In carlots)														
1955-56 6/	3,979	1,941	1,061	1,280	353	699	1,979	1,052	59	1,866	2,038	2,918		
1956-57	3,133	1,960	685	789	304	308	1,097	612	76	1,836	1,173	2,148		
COTTONSEED OIL (In thousands of pounds)														
1947-48	52,777	16,922	10,981	9,737	3,385	6,000	15,737	9,385	20,118	32,411	35,855	41,796		
1948-49	90,728	31,815	22,115	15,620	11,230	10,880	26,500	22,110	32,413	46,503	58,913	68,613		
1949-50	185,078	105,520	32,984	40,990	7,016	16,628	57,618	23,614	21,940	128,450	79,558	152,094		
1950-51	265,770	120,902	71,048	61,058	20,805	59,785	120,843	80,590	24,025	114,132	144,688	194,722		
1951-52	394,935	244,722	71,275	74,570	20,315	47,995	122,565	68,310	27,648	255,350	150,213	323,660		
1952-53	187,942	67,307	34,787	49,870	21,355	33,805	83,675	55,160	36,960	97,995	120,635	153,155		
1953-54	58,998	24,926	11,680	12,530	4,803	8,212	20,742	13,015	13,326	34,303	34,070	47,318		
1954-55	69,560	27,600	9,570	17,835	1,455	14,657	32,492	16,112	9,468	43,878	11,960	59,990		
1955-56	193,528	87,873	20,900	39,237	3,660	30,218	69,455	33,878	36,200	138,750	105,655	172,628		
1956-57	248,705	126,690	62,437	30,225	20,207	58,108	88,333	78,315	33,682	107,953	122,015	186,268		
SOYBEAN OIL (In thousands of pounds)														
1949-50	16,190	10,620	2,810	3,000	162	1,658	1,658	1,820	912	11,560	5,570	13,380		
1950-51	162,933	84,385	21,650	36,775	6,748	21,575	58,350	28,323	20,198	112,960	78,548	141,283		
1951-52	158,768	103,970	22,775	20,670	31,891	11,408	32,078	43,299	22,720	92,694	24,798	132,993		
1952-53	155,722	75,505	17,030	37,052	29,952	15,010	15,010	52,062	44,962	80,217	93,730	138,692		
1953-54	194,595	90,250	25,623	41,092	8,635	21,915	21,915	30,550	41,338	138,422	104,345	168,972		
1954-55	205,438	53,743	36,915	46,322	7,635	46,263	46,263	53,898	59,110	114,625	151,695	168,523		
1955-56	309,168	101,665	34,118	71,910	17,002	47,288	47,288	64,290	88,305	207,503	210,460	274,750		
1956-57	410,120	162,008	75,032	72,955	42,050	85,475	85,475	127,525	89,682	207,563	248,112	335,088		
LARD (In thousands of pounds)														
1947-48	73,471	51,989	12,996	13,123	2,048	1,346	1,346	3,391	7,013	57,084	21,482	60,475		
1948-49	88,375	52,057	24,798	11,411	13,205	5,745	5,745	18,950	19,162	44,627	36,318	63,577		
1949-50	62,433	41,360	19,266	10,952	1,965	1,145	1,145	3,110	8,976	40,057	21,073	43,167		
1950-51	60,557	36,814	23,130	8,104	9,315	1,852	1,852	9,956	11,167	26,260	23,743	37,427		
1951-52	73,685	49,754	23,100	6,815	9,853	3,010	9,825	12,863	14,106	37,722	23,931	50,585		
1952-53	92,337	70,992	12,124	15,472	3,647	2,946	2,946	18,428	6,593	2,927	73,620	21,345	80,213	
1953-54	59,092	39,544	34,897	6,830	7,047	4,828	4,828	11,658	11,875	7,890	12,320	19,548	24,195	
1954-55	62,330	37,630	27,008	10,153	11,862	7,415	7,415	17,568	19,277	7,132	16,045	24,700	35,322	
1955-56	75,815	51,317	18,863	15,628	8,435	6,157	6,157	21,785	14,592	2,713	42,360	24,498	56,952	
1956-57	80,105	47,613	29,153	18,568	11,917	9,975	9,975	21,892	3,949	29,060	32,492	50,952		
BRAIN (In tons)														
1947-48	29,287	7,241	7,420	90	5	1,170	240	1,260	245	20,786	21,622	22,046	21,867	
1948-49	19,568	5,009	3,785	175	218	508	462	680	680	13,876	15,103	14,559	15,783	
1949-50	19,095	8,846	4,685	1,379	102	665	665	2,044	767	8,205	13,643	10,249	14,410	
1950-51	24,919	8,479	4,765	111	0	5	5	116	5	16,324	20,149	16,440	20,154	
1951-52	14,647	8,000	4,741	1,380	137	100	100	1,480	237	5,157	9,669	6,647	9,906	
1952-53	13,794	7,716	5,090	271	45	40	40	311	85	5,767	8,619	6,078	8,704	
1953-54	8,211	4,214	2,767	1,637	450	245	245	1,882	695	2,115	4,749	3,997	5,444	
1954-55	7,108	3,600	2,599	765	40	71	71	836	111	2,672	4,398	3,508	4,509	
1955-56	2,889	2,373	1,670	0	0	0	0	0	0	516	1,219	516	1,219	
1956-57	1,318	1,263	1,148	0	0	0	0	0	55	170	55	170	170	
MIDDLINGS (In tons)														
1947-48	16,920	5,109	4,120	600	0	200	1,130	800	1,130	11,011	11,670	11,811	12,800	
1948-49	11,251	3,590	3,496	384	60	137	183	521	243	7,140	7,512	7,661	7,755	
1949-50	8,876	4,177	2,637	770	455	105	105	875	560	3,824	5,679	4,699	6,239	
1950-51	11,664	4,550	2,246	97	40	5	5	102	45	7,012	9,373	7,114	9,418	
1951-52	8,784	4,576	3,531	554	29	26	26	580	55	3,626	5,198	4,208	5,253	
1952-53	13,061	4,639	4,377	870	0	55	55	925	55	7,497	8,629	8,422	8,684	
1953-54	4,530	3,212	2,220	140	268	115	115	255	363	1,071	1,935	1,326	2,318	
1954-55	6,149	2,125	2,269	230	1,182	0	0	230	1,182	3,794	2,698	4,024	3,880	
1955-56	1,382	1,267	962	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	420	115	420	
1956-57	446	441	446	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	5	0	
1955-56	595	477	478	704	0	0	0	0	0	118	117	118	117	
1956-57	723	709	704	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	9	9	

Table 17.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:																
			Speculative						Hedging			Total							
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total												
COTTONSEED MEAL (In tons)																			
1947-48	19,933	7,412	9,604	1,412	387	1,617	1,550	3,029	1,937	9,492	8,392	12,521	10,329						
1948-49	24,438	10,921	13,363	509	2,375	1,704	1,704	2,213	4,079	12,204	6,996	14,427	11,075						
1949-50	31,612	14,658	12,891	7,192	3,867	4,796	4,796	11,988	8,663	4,966	10,058	16,954	18,721						
1950-51	52,304	25,283	28,071	3,346	17,604	3,992	3,992	7,338	21,596	19,683	2,637	27,021	24,233						
1951-52	50,458	12,087	23,900	9,504	13,366	5,617	5,617	15,121	18,983	23,250	7,575	38,371	26,558						
1952-53	12,396	6,638	8,908	1,916	1,400	1,117	1,117	3,033	2,517	2,725	971	5,758	3,488						
1953-54	18,275	9,550	6,875	4,392	363	1,029	1,029	5,421	1,392	3,304	10,008	8,725	11,400						
1954-55	19,504	10,267	10,337	5,504	942	983	983	6,487	1,925	2,750	7,242	9,237	9,167						
1955-56	20,862	10,108	8,812	2,283	475	1,104	1,104	3,387	1,579	7,367	10,471	10,754	12,050						
1956-57	12,142	8,421	6,146	167	92	446	446	613	538	3,408	5,758	4,021	6,296						
SOYBEAN MEAL (In tons)																			
1947-48	25,679	9,904	10,304	2,917	750	1,591	1,658	4,508	2,408	11,267	12,967	15,775	15,375						
1948-49	26,688	13,084	9,688	3,304	613	1,829	1,829	5,133	2,442	8,471	14,558	13,604	17,000						
1949-50	77,029	24,104	19,813	8,083	5,775	17,108	17,108	25,191	22,883	27,734	34,333	52,925	57,216						
1950-51	174,767	67,338	19,663	62,487	1,604	11,988	11,988	74,475	13,592	32,954	141,512	107,429	155,104						
1951-52	158,037	39,754	48,337	40,629	16,079	25,338	25,338	65,967	41,417	52,316	68,283	118,283	109,700						
1952-53	121,367	37,863	36,246	21,262	19,637	18,392	18,392	39,654	38,009	43,850	47,112	83,504	85,121						
1953-54	257,708	57,075	42,208	70,604	17,233	78,671	78,671	149,271	95,904	51,362	119,596	200,633	215,500						
1954-55	381,588	79,646	61,200	65,329	39,642	100,021	100,021	165,350	139,663	136,592	177,725	301,942	317,388						
1955-56	420,042	98,867	144,450	103,433	23,279	49,692	49,692	153,125	72,971	168,050	302,621	321,175	375,592						
1956-57	345,171	83,163	52,221	92,925	34,521	32,400	32,400	125,325	66,921	136,683	226,029	262,008	292,990						

1/ Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.

2/ Derived by subtracting reporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.

3/ Less than 500 bushels.

4/ Traders not subject to reporting requirements prior to October 27, 1954.

5/ Less than one carlot.

6/ Traders not subject to reporting requirements prior to September 24, 1955.

NOTE: Omission of data for a year in the 10-year period (1947-48 to 1956-57) indicates there were no traders in reporting status during the year. For data on tallow, see Table 18.

Table 18.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:											
			Speculative						Hedging			Total		
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long	
Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long
WHEAT (In thousands of bushels)														
July 15	112,469	52,417	33,268	13,223	2,540	22,493	22,493	35,716	25,033	24,336	54,168	60,052	79,202	
31	138,471	60,912	27,867	13,951	3,265	26,026	26,026	39,977	29,311	37,582	81,293	77,559	110,604	
August 15	150,035	67,887	29,291	14,073	2,500	29,441	29,441	43,524	31,941	38,634	88,803	82,148	120,744	
31	155,896	71,501	31,781	15,613	1,955	29,447	29,447	45,060	31,402	39,335	92,713	84,395	124,115	
September 15	154,423	76,332	30,693	14,590	2,210	29,840	29,840	44,430	32,050	33,661	91,620	78,091	123,730	
30	151,345	76,234	28,700	14,478	3,431	30,277	30,277	44,755	33,708	30,356	88,937	75,111	122,645	
October 15	152,643	78,071	32,241	12,859	2,569	33,206	33,206	46,065	35,775	27,707	84,027	73,772	120,402	
31	150,087	74,497	30,921	11,983	3,860	33,098	45,081	36,988	30,509	32,178	75,590	68,166	119,166	
November 15	148,698	73,022	34,488	10,326	3,127	33,851	44,177	36,978	31,499	77,232	75,676	114,232		
30	141,265	71,228	35,332	9,340	4,325	30,845	40,185	35,170	29,852	70,763	70,937	105,933		
December 15	135,471	67,646	37,897	8,215	4,256	29,260	29,260	37,499	33,540	30,228	63,936	67,727	97,476	
31	132,240	67,432	37,523	9,775	6,831	26,636	26,636	36,411	33,467	28,397	61,250	64,808	94,717	
January 15	129,038	69,751	36,892	9,480	8,371	23,423	23,423	32,903	31,794	26,384	60,352	59,287	92,146	
31	118,884	64,300	37,311	7,994	11,485	18,745	18,745	26,739	30,230	27,845	51,343	54,584	81,573	
February 15	114,513	59,287	39,019	6,140	9,095	19,491	19,491	25,631	28,586	29,645	46,908	55,276	75,494	
28	108,659	60,367	38,187	6,476	9,400	17,291	17,291	23,767	26,691	24,525	43,821	48,292	70,512	
March 15	102,877	56,711	40,402	5,620	9,134	15,508	15,508	21,288	24,642	25,038	37,833	46,166	62,475	
31	97,403	53,324	39,157	3,874	12,005	13,397	13,397	17,871	26,002	26,208	32,244	44,079	58,246	
April 15	98,449	49,158	40,412	5,960	10,716	16,813	16,813	22,773	27,529	26,518	30,508	49,291	58,037	
30	91,944	44,103	40,582	6,390	7,987	18,087	18,087	24,477	26,074	23,364	25,288	47,441	51,362	
May 15	91,633	42,575	40,375	6,611	7,322	22,348	22,348	29,159	29,670	19,899	21,588	49,058	51,258	
31	91,461	42,560	37,434	5,303	10,922	23,060	23,060	28,363	33,985	20,538	20,045	48,901	54,027	
June 15	106,015	45,288	38,794	6,582	10,237	33,276	33,276	39,858	43,513	20,869	23,708	60,727	67,222	
30	112,309	52,078	39,622	9,071	7,007	31,675	31,675	40,746	38,682	19,485	34,005	60,231	72,687	
Average	124,423	61,561	35,757	9,505	6,442	25,340	25,340	34,845	31,782	28,017	56,884	62,862	88,666	
CORN (In thousands of bushels)														
July 15	53,763	29,995	22,467	10,180	5,405	9,680	9,680	19,860	15,085	3,908	16,211	23,768	31,296	
31	52,513	29,988	22,812	7,025	7,045	11,380	11,380	18,405	18,425	4,120	11,276	22,525	29,701	
August 15	54,444	30,521	24,906	7,775	8,100	10,990	10,990	18,765	19,090	5,158	10,448	23,923	29,538	
31	54,854	29,313	25,258	10,010	9,732	9,795	9,795	19,805	19,527	5,736	10,069	25,541	29,596	
September 15	58,204	28,184	25,793	8,286	10,314	11,248	11,248	19,534	21,562	10,596	10,939	30,130	32,501	
30	52,104	26,481	24,031	6,760	10,244	7,870	7,870	14,630	18,114	10,993	9,959	25,623	28,073	
October 15	58,577	31,297	23,286	7,015	9,110	11,595	11,595	18,710	20,806	8,570	14,486	27,280	35,291	
31	71,030	40,305	19,255	9,712	1,240	12,714	12,714	22,426	16,954	8,099	34,821	30,925	51,775	
November 15	84,761	51,823	18,570	14,028	2,210	10,765	24,793	12,975	8,145	53,216	32,938	65,191		
30	82,589	47,304	17,665	13,177	2,125	11,978	25,155	14,103	10,130	50,823	35,285	64,924		
December 15	79,752	42,734	17,274	12,030	1,788	9,368	21,398	11,156	8,620	44,322	30,018	55,478		
31	73,774	42,225	16,962	13,705	956	8,459	22,164	9,415	9,385	47,397	31,549	56,812		
January 15	77,746	44,070	15,743	15,338	205	7,793	23,131	7,998	10,545	54,005	33,676	62,003		
31	80,616	43,977	17,716	13,069	1,010	8,490	21,559	9,500	15,080	53,400	36,639	62,900		
February 15	79,089	42,514	18,843	10,137	2,890	8,393	18,530	11,283	18,045	48,963	36,575	60,246		
28	80,632	41,740	18,671	11,365	1,410	11,168	22,533	12,578	16,359	49,383	38,892	61,961		
March 15	81,303	41,323	19,022	13,945	735	10,075	24,020	10,310	15,300	51,471	39,980	62,281		
31	82,019	43,594	19,427	13,290	1,780	9,350	23,180	11,730	15,245	50,862	38,125	62,592		
April 15	81,809	43,624	22,606	12,775	3,152	9,495	22,270	12,650	15,915	46,553	38,185	59,203		
30	77,739	40,139	21,397	11,500	3,456	9,625	21,125	13,081	16,475	43,261	37,600	56,342		
May 15	79,754	39,349	24,894	15,570	2,865	8,840	24,410	11,705	15,995	43,155	40,405	54,860		
31	76,326	37,276	26,920	14,305	2,895	8,810	23,115	11,705	15,935	37,701	39,050	49,406		
June 15	70,211	33,658	27,932	13,687	2,390	8,896	22,583	11,286	13,970	30,993	36,553	42,279		
30	64,118	30,983	24,461	11,770	1,944	8,314	20,084	10,258	13,051	29,399	33,135	39,657		
Average	70,867	38,025	21,496	11,516	4,000	9,825	9,825	21,341	13,825	11,501	35,546	32,842	49,371	
OATS (In thousands of bushels)														
July 15	28,867	18,430	10,735	7,263	2,500	2,259	3,734	9,522	6,234	915	11,898	10,437	18,132	
31	38,175	10,831	6,801	1,540	3,265	3,474	10,065	5,114	1,094	22,389	11,159	27,503		
August 15	44,268	32,543	10,829	7,623	1,625	3,108	3,398	10,731	5,023	994	28,416	11,725	33,439	
31	49,026	35,363	10,457	8,249	1,597	4,135	5,290	12,354	6,887	1,309	31,682	13,663	38,569	
September 15	48,117	36,362	11,225	7,067	1,587	4,206	5,601	11,273	7,188	482	29,704	11,755	36,892	
30	48,743	36,669	10,816	7,155	942	4,486	4,941	11,641	5,883	433	32,044	12,074	37,927	
October 15	47,764	35,066	10,588	7,147	4,167	5,882	4,607	5,062	5,644	624	31,582	12,698	37,226	
31	47,282	33,887	11,160	7,517	410	4,962	4,596	12,479	7,402	916	26,720	13,395	36,122	
November 15	44,178	32,622	11,325	5,406	107	4,596	6,706	10,362	6,613	1,194	26,040	11,556	32,853	
30	43,010	31,422	10,954	4,679	396	5,210	5,213	5,935	5,889	6,331	25,725	11,588	32,056	
December 15	36,185	27,396	9,115	3,636	1,270	3,887	4,288	7,849	5,558	940	21,512	8,789	27,070	
31	33,697	25,441	9,011	3,802	1,197	3,962	7,889	5,159	567	18,251	8,033	24,686		
January 15	33,279	25,246	8,983	3,586	1,522	4,118	4,523	7,707	6,045	329	3,613	2,252	18,296	
31	31,924	22,927	9,705	4,681	2,133	3,554	4,159	8,235	6,292	762	15,927	8,997	22,219	
February 15	30,014	19,315	9,064	4,195	2,519	3,520	3,495	7,715	6,014	984	12,936	8,699	18,950	
26	26,457	17,906	8,167	4,099	2,209	3,556	3,531	7,655	5,830	806	12,460	8,551	18,290	
March 15	24,695	17,575	7,690	3,671	3,668	3,139	3,369	6,810	7,037	310	9,968	7,120	17,005	
31	21,291	16,155	6,586	2,381	4,207	2,489	2,212	4,870	6,419	266	8,286	5,136	14,705	
April 15	18,504	15,452	7,620	1,180	3,456	1,745	1,885	2,925	5,341	127	5,543	3,052	10,884	
30	15,381	13,129	7,340	340	2,648	1,780	2,120	4,428	132	3,613	2,252	8,041		
May 15	12,693	10,986	7,840	280</td										

Table 18.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semi-monthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:												
			Speculative								Hedging		Total		
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long		
RYE (In thousands of bushels)															
July	15	11,180	9,859	6,836	670	200	381	1,286	1,051	1,486	270	2,858	1,321	4,344	
	31	15,364	12,856	9,081	983	510	1,315	2,570	2,298	3,080	210	3,203	2,508	6,283	
August	15	18,278	13,690	9,974	1,728	3	2,745	3,862	4,473	3,865	115	4,439	4,588	8,304	
	31	21,693	16,126	11,264	1,530	337	3,779	1,608	5,309	4,945	258	5,481	5,567	10,429	
September	15	23,077	17,495	12,530	1,950	421	3,409	1,320	5,359	4,741	223	5,806	5,582	10,547	
	30	23,771	17,956	12,187	2,202	1,023	3,558	1,507	5,760	5,530	55	6,054	5,815	11,584	
October	15	24,921	18,611	13,064	2,748	525	3,962	1,432	5,310	4,957	0	6,900	6,310	11,857	
	31	25,720	19,265	13,302	2,416	530	3,689	1,749	6,105	5,279	350	7,139	6,455	12,418	
November	15	26,173	21,548	14,434	1,785	1,150	4,385	1,590	6,170	6,740	455	6,999	6,625	13,739	
	30	26,169	19,528	13,341	1,442	938	5,069	5,867	6,511	6,805	130	6,023	6,641	12,828	
December	15	23,636	18,363	12,462	1,270	1,179	4,003	1,738	5,273	5,917	0	5,273	5,273	11,174	
	31	23,026	17,848	13,059	1,576	814	3,602	1,972	5,178	4,886	0	5,081	5,178	9,967	
January	15	23,807	18,767	13,060	1,550	1,663	3,490	3,970	5,040	5,633	0	5,114	5,040	10,747	
	31	22,520	17,168	12,188	880	1,141	4,237	1,602	5,117	5,743	235	4,589	5,352	10,332	
February	15	19,423	15,075	10,744	415	1,018	3,918	3,988	4,333	5,006	15	3,673	4,348	8,679	
	28	17,718	14,294	10,532	683	830	2,726	2,876	3,409	3,706	15	3,480	3,424	7,186	
March	15	17,345	13,815	10,844	1,043	891	2,487	2,642	3,530	3,533	0	2,968	3,530	6,501	
	31	16,865	13,905	10,746	410	929	2,559	2,880	2,960	3,799	0	2,320	2,960	6,119	
April	15	17,129	14,878	11,330	135	821	2,116	2,521	2,291	3,342	0	2,457	2,291	5,799	
	30	16,261	13,595	10,811	400	451	2,231	2,676	2,631	3,127	35	2,323	2,666	5,450	
May	15	15,193	11,933	10,010	869	910	2,056	2,146	2,925	3,056	335	2,127	3,260	5,183	
	31	16,515	12,749	11,875	1,165	684	2,601	2,241	3,766	2,925	0	1,715	3,766	4,640	
June	15	20,366	15,070	15,567	1,712	830	3,284	2,964	4,996	3,794	300	1,005	5,296	4,799	
	30	19,989	15,659	15,999	1,145	192	2,880	2,473	4,025	2,665	305	1,325	4,330	3,990	
Average		20,339	15,835	11,885	1,280	749	3,086	3,608	4,366	4,397	138	4,097	4,504	8,454	
FLAXSEED (In thousands of bushels)															
July	15	688	437	688	251	0	0	0	251	0	0	0	0	251	
	31	680	429	680	251	0	0	0	251	0	0	0	0	251	
August	15	711	711	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	31	527	527	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
September	15	612	612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	30	584	584	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
October	15	674	674	452	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	222	
	31	619	619	390	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	229	
November	15	546	546	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	30	498	498	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
December	15	355	355	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	31	356	356	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January	15	358	358	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	31	380	380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
February	15	383	383	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	28	392	392	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
March	15	376	376	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	31	384	384	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
April	15	360	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	30	315	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
May	15	145	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	31	132	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
June	15	142	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	30	138	138	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Average		432	411	413	22	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	19	21	19
SOYBEANS (In thousands of bushels)															
July	15	79,813	37,757	34,793	4,175	8,121	23,481	23,481	27,656	31,602	14,400	13,418	42,056	45,020	
	31	83,987	35,915	39,922	3,670	6,821	25,026	25,026	28,696	31,847	19,376	12,213	48,072	44,065	
August	15	86,924	37,614	40,907	3,056	6,161	26,684	26,684	29,740	32,845	19,570	13,272	49,310	46,017	
	31	91,312	37,277	40,477	3,960	10,301	29,635	29,635	33,595	39,936	20,140	10,899	54,035	50,835	
September	15	100,069	36,699	41,986	3,060	9,374	36,266	36,266	39,346	45,660	24,028	12,423	63,370	58,083	
	30	99,461	41,743	40,832	6,131	6,279	34,572	34,572	40,703	40,851	17,015	17,778	57,718	58,689	
October	15	109,885	52,879	42,170	7,036	6,579	34,929	33,180	40,196	39,759	16,810	21,956	57,006	67,725	
	31	115,115	59,319	42,039	5,194	8,425	34,922	34,922	40,116	43,347	15,680	29,729	55,796	73,076	
November	15	109,861	61,521	43,602	5,111	8,535	30,847	30,847	35,958	39,382	12,382	26,877	48,340	66,259	
	30	109,130	64,368	46,409	4,210	5,720	29,291	29,291	33,501	35,011	11,561	26,010	45,062	63,021	
December	15	109,265	64,533	46,777	4,346	7,850	28,065	28,065	32,411	35,915	12,321	26,573	44,732	62,488	
	31	105,152	62,983	45,691	5,588	8,530	26,657	26,657	32,243	35,187	9,926	24,274	42,169	59,461	
January	15	91,618	57,476	41,567	5,175	6,277	19,765	19,765	24,940	26,042	9,402	24,209	34,342	50,251	
	31	80,118	54,923	35,966	3,425	5,372	14,380	14,380	17,805	19,751	7,390	24,401	25,195	44,132	
February	15	80,752	53,896	40,485	3,342	4,011	15,484	15,484	18,826	19,495	8,030	20,972	26,856	40,467	
	28	78,500	50,791	38,171	3,661	5,336	17,013	17,013	20,674	22,339	7,035	17,990	27,709	40,389	
March	15	74,983	47,709	38,544	3,746	5,720	15,851	15,851	19,597	21,572	7,677	14,867	27,274	36,439	
	31	73,639	47,093	38,023	3,568	6,413	15,396	15,396	19,396	21,964	7,782	13,207	26,746	35,016	
April	15	74,570	47,639	40,233	2,765	8,475	13,949	13,949	16,714	22,424	10,217	11,913	26,931	34,337	
	30	76,202	44,034	40,371	4,183	10,151	14,678	14,678	18,861	24,829	13,307	11,002	32,168	35,831	
May	15	80,421	43,718	42,618	4,942	11,835	14,817	14,817	19,759	26,652	16,944	10,951	36,703	37,603	
	31	78,385	38,219	39,222	3,812	13,475	15,632	15,632	19,444	29,107	20,722	10,056	40,166	39,163	
June	15	81,028	36,852	40,479	4,445	14,615	16,749	16,749	21,194	31,364	22,982	9,185	44,176	40,549	
	30	77,515	35,254	35,518	5,745	12,146	17,869	17,869	23,614	30,015	18,647	11,982	42,261	41,997	
Average		89,527	47,926	40,734	4,347	8,188	22,926	22,926	27,273	31,114	14,318	17,669	41,591	48,783	

Table 18.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}		Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:										
				Speculative					Hedging					
		Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)			Long		Short			Long		
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	
GRAIN SORGHUMS (In millions of pounds)														
July 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
August 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
September 15	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
30	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
October 15	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	12.7	12.7	12.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
November 15	13.6	13.6	13.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
30	14.2	14.2	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.0	12.0	
December 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
February 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
March 15	.3	.3	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	.3	.3	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
April 15	.3	.3	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
30	.3	.3	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 15	.3	.3	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	.9	.9	.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
June 15	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
30	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Average	2.3	2.3	1.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	
COTTON (In thousands of bales)														
July 15	1,751	635	1,061	120	6	226	346	232	770	458	1,116	690		
31	1,814	642	1,075	144	13	231	375	243	797	496	1,172	739		
August 15	1,895	638	1,102	152	14	221	373	235	884	558	1,257	793		
31	1,925	636	1,080	127	11	244	371	254	918	591	1,289	845		
September 15	1,951	659	1,078	114	8	245	244	359	933	621	1,292	873		
30	1,863	668	970	102	3	220	322	223	873	670	1,195	893		
October 15	1,768	613	927	108	17	227	228	335	820	596	1,155	841		
31	1,814	694	993	117	16	255	372	271	748	550	1,120	821		
November 15	1,603	734	891	131	12	222	353	234	516	478	869	712		
30	1,512	705	815	116	13	224	340	237	467	460	807	597		
December 15	1,496	714	764	99	24	188	287	212	495	520	782	732		
31	1,467	779	748	91	16	185	185	276	201	412	518	688	719	
January 15	1,372	710	720	104	7	145	249	152	353	500	602	652		
31	1,272	734	684	93	8	120	121	129	325	459	538	588		
February 15	1,217	671	639	83	8	112	195	120	351	458	546	578		
28	1,199	662	620	83	12	122	205	134	332	445	537	579		
March 15	1,229	695	677	79	10	120	199	130	335	422	534	552		
31	1,236	632	653	92	27	141	233	168	371	415	604	583		
April 15	1,202	581	637	96	21	159	255	180	366	385	621	565		
30	1,133	583	624	93	26	166	259	192	293	319	552	511		
May 15	1,053	586	569	85	26	149	234	175	233	309	487	484		
31	1,096	635	622	89	15	153	153	242	168	219	306	461	474	
June 15	1,122	633	602	92	19	166	258	185	231	335	489	520		
30	1,113	597	100	29	172	173	272	202	186	314	458	516		
Average	1,463	665	798	104	15	184	288	199	510	466	798	665		
WOOL (In thousands of pounds)														
July 15	4,782	4,176	1,068	132	0	150	150	282	150	324	3,564	606	3,714	
31	5,562	4,386	1,644	330	0	150	150	480	150	696	3,758	1,170	3,918	
August 15	5,868	4,494	1,662	330	0	150	150	480	150	894	4,056	1,374	4,206	
31	5,748	4,332	1,518	198	0	150	150	348	150	1,068	4,080	1,416	4,230	
September 15	6,132	5,112	1,734	198	0	150	150	348	150	672	4,248	1,020	4,393	
30	6,222	5,178	1,902	198	0	150	150	348	150	696	4,170	1,044	4,320	
October 15	6,252	5,448	2,046	198	0	174	174	372	174	432	4,032	804	4,206	
31	6,048	5,358	2,310	198	0	144	144	342	144	348	3,594	590	3,738	
November 15	6,330	5,688	2,532	198	0	180	180	378	180	324	3,618	702	3,798	
30	6,942	5,784	3,240	570	0	240	240	810	240	348	3,462	1,158	3,702	
December 15	6,096	5,142	3,186	228	0	222	222	450	222	504	2,688	954	2,910	
31	5,994	5,424	3,534	198	0	0	0	198	0	372	2,460	570	2,460	
January 15	6,024	5,424	3,426	198	0	0	0	198	0	402	2,598	600	2,598	
31	6,138	4,908	3,222	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,230	2,916	1,230	2,916	
February 15	6,228	5,196	3,576	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,032	2,652	1,032	2,652	
28	7,050	4,908	5,112	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,142	1,938	2,142	1,938	
March 15	6,882	4,722	5,016	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,664	1,614	1,664	1,614	
31	6,288	4,824	4,674	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,664	1,614	1,664	1,614	
April 15	6,420	5,748	4,668	102	48	48	48	150	62	1,602	672	1,752		
30	7,122	6,018	4,290	156	294	294	294	150	810	2,382	1,104	2,832		
May 15	7,452	5,784	4,584	0	294	294	294	1,374	2,574	1,668	2,868			
31	7,668	6,192	4,884	0	270	270	270	270	1,206	2,514	1,476	2,784		
June 15	7,626	6,168	4,710	246	120	120	120	120	120	1,338	2,520	1,458	2,886	
30	7,398	5,886	4,716	0	120	120	120	120	120	1,392	2,562	1,512	2,682	
Average	6,428	5,260	3,304	132	21	125	125	257	146	911	2,978	1,168	3,124	

Table 18.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{1/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:									
			Speculative						Hedging		Total	
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total					
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short

WOOL TOPS (In thousands of pounds)

EGGS (In cartons)

POTATOES (In carlots)

Table 18.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:											
			Speculative						Hedging					
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long	
ONIONS (In carlots)														
Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long
July 15	3,536	1,926	850	1,018	284	540	540	1,558	824	52	1,862	1,610	2,686	
31	4,195	2,420	885	1,072	278	576	576	1,648	854	67	2,456	1,715	3,310	
August 15	4,297	2,261	788	1,280	134	646	646	1,926	780	90	2,729	2,016	3,509	
31	4,434	2,355	717	1,290	144	634	634	1,924	778	215	2,999	2,139	3,777	
September 15	4,882	2,662	667	1,170	14	851	851	2,021	865	199	3,350	2,220	4,215	
30	5,088	2,843	776	1,344	187	702	702	2,046	889	199	3,423	2,245	4,312	
October 15	5,020	2,913	813	1,239	204	669	669	1,908	873	199	3,334	2,107	4,207	
31	4,361	2,674	757	1,039	290	524	524	1,563	814	124	2,790	1,387	3,604	
November 15	4,135	2,769	1,002	846	236	376	376	1,222	612	144	2,521	1,366	3,133	
30	4,580	3,103	1,034	958	512	395	395	1,353	907	124	2,639	1,477	3,546	
December 15	4,734	3,054	908	1,044	815	487	487	1,531	1,302	149	2,524	1,600	3,826	
31	4,398	2,750	724	1,172	959	389	389	1,561	1,348	87	2,326	1,648	3,674	
January 15	3,893	2,494	942	1,070	992	213	213	1,283	1,205	116	1,746	1,399	2,951	
31	3,271	2,031	1,113	1,093	707	105	105	1,198	812	42	1,346	1,240	2,158	
February 15	2,757	2,059	887	684	892	14	14	698	906	0	964	698	1,870	
28	1,663	1,243	761	412	276	1	1	413	277	7	605	420	882	
March 15	732	494	408	237	5	1	1	161	1	0	357	161	358	
31	624	463	266	160	0	1	1	155	4	0	580	155	584	
April 15	831	676	247	154	3	1	1	251	138	0	750	251	888	
30	1,181	930	293	223	110	26	26	277	116	0	917	337	1,033	
May 15	1,439	1,102	406	299	78	38	38	337	116	0	1,009	321	1,100	
31	1,492	1,171	392	302	72	19	19	221	91	0	1,170	488	1,306	
June 15	1,727	1,239	421	405	53	83	83	488	136	0	1,349	526	1,507	
30	1,872	1,346	365	419	51	107	107	526	158	0	1,836	1,173	2,448	
Average	3,133	1,960	685	789	304	308	308	1,097	612	76	1,836	1,173	2,448	
COTTONSEED OIL (In thousands of pounds)														
Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long
July 15	183,900	90,780	28,380	18,420	16,320	48,240	48,240	66,660	64,560	26,460	90,960	93,120	155,520	
31	163,260	82,440	32,400	19,260	17,460	37,980	37,980	57,240	55,440	23,580	75,420	80,820	130,860	
August 15	192,540	87,840	34,380	18,840	22,440	57,480	57,480	76,320	79,920	26,380	78,240	104,700	158,160	
31	192,900	76,140	31,920	24,180	19,560	65,040	65,040	80,060	82,500	27,300	76,560	116,760	160,980	
September 15	188,280	78,480	36,720	22,440	14,940	59,880	59,880	84,300	74,220	27,120	91,620	111,420	165,840	
30	206,820	95,400	40,980	24,420	14,340	59,880	59,880	50,700	50,700	103,300	80,100	32,880	136,380	
October 15	218,460	99,120	49,020	40,300	25,140	54,840	54,840	65,360	65,360	118,860	88,860	34,620	129,780	
31	236,820	100,440	48,900	48,660	25,260	54,840	54,840	100,020	80,820	35,280	132,000	135,300	218,640	
November 15	263,640	110,160	45,000	53,520	23,520	54,840	54,840	63,960	63,960	80,520	82,620	35,880	119,580	
30	256,980	124,200	54,300	56,160	16,320	47,940	47,940	102,320	102,320	35,280	107,940	120,500	202,680	
December 15	280,140	129,060	71,220	58,680	14,580	59,700	59,700	112,380	74,260	38,700	134,640	151,980	208,920	
31	268,860	135,300	57,420	35,640	21,060	65,280	65,280	100,920	86,340	32,640	125,100	133,560	211,440	
January 15	287,760	145,680	66,240	42,960	17,220	70,680	70,680	113,640	87,900	28,440	133,620	142,080	221,520	
31	314,280	159,020	75,420	37,020	14,100	79,380	79,380	116,400	93,480	26,860	145,380	145,260	238,860	
February 15	312,600	169,860	92,400	39,240	15,840	66,360	66,360	105,600	82,200	37,140	138,000	142,740	220,200	
28	305,100	169,800	92,280	34,200	15,000	65,820	65,820	100,020	80,820	38,580	132,000	135,300	212,820	
March 15	291,240	165,840	89,040	25,560	18,660	63,960	63,960	80,400	94,320	102,320	107,940	125,400	202,200	
31	268,900	159,300	78,420	13,920	22,140	80,400	80,400	98,320	102,320	44,100	105,960	134,020	208,620	
April 15	289,560	154,740	80,940	14,880	26,320	75,840	75,840	90,720	102,660	44,100	105,960	122,400	175,140	
30	259,200	136,800	84,060	18,300	22,620	52,560	52,560	70,860	75,180	51,340	99,960	122,400	175,140	
May 15	246,200	131,700	85,500	20,340	18,720	47,940	47,940	68,880	66,660	43,680	92,100	112,560	158,760	
31	243,540	136,740	82,020	20,340	16,680	46,980	46,980	67,320	63,660	39,480	97,860	106,800	161,520	
June 15	245,280	144,600	77,100	19,140	23,520	42,960	42,960	62,100	66,480	38,580	101,700	100,580	168,180	
30	234,600	147,120	64,440	24,180	12,720	29,220	29,220	53,400	71,940	34,080	98,220	87,480	170,160	
Average	248,705	126,690	62,437	30,225	20,207	58,108	58,108	88,333	78,315	33,682	107,953	122,015	186,268	
SOYBEAN OIL (In thousands of pounds)														
Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long
July 15	349,260	128,880	48,420	53,820	27,240	115,920	115,920	169,740	143,160	50,640	157,680	220,380	300,840	
31	348,180	123,240	54,240	49,620	14,580	106,020	106,020	155,640	120,600	69,300	173,340	224,940	293,940	
August 15	369,180	127,740	52,320	77,340	11,040	113,880	113,880	191,220	124,920	50,220	191,940	241,440	316,860	
31	373,380	122,940	47,940	72,600	15,240	114,360	114,360	186,960	129,600	63,480	195,840	250,440	325,440	
September 15	374,150	112,800	47,280	70,800	14,940	110,760	110,760	181,560	125,700	79,800	201,180	261,360	326,880	
30	400,260	128,820	37,560	81,720	16,500	111,600	111,600	193,320	128,100	78,120	234,600	271,440	362,700	
October 15	431,980	163,740	44,220	92,460	20,580	97,920	97,920	190,380	118,500	77,160	269,160	269,140	387,660	
31	489,600	191,460	50,820	99,000	18,300	118,320	118,320	127,320	136,620	80,820	302,160	298,140	438,780	
November 15	509,220	128,720	58,420	98,960	15,740	111,360	111,360	124,260	82,020	82,020	298,980	324,480	449,700	
30	532,920	225,180	77,160	129,060	53,460	98,940	98,940	216,480	163,260	126,640	290,940	307,740	455,760	
December 15	550,320	205,200	102,540	117,340	69,600	92,820	92,820	170,640	162,420	122,100	233,880	248,520	447,780	
31	497,340	204,600	101,040	77,820	47,700	51,000	51,000	104,880	214,440	161,040	109,140	251,700	323,580	412,740
January 15	505,020	181,440	92,280	109,560	52,800	94,980	94,980	198,600	147,780	105,480	249,840	304,080	397,620	
31	485,400	181,320	87,780	103,620	52,800	94,980	94,980	209,640	151,480	103,860	94,080	304,080	380,280	437,620
February 15	482,700	153,440	102,420	99,120	55,140	87,000	87,000	186,120	142,140	133,140	238,140	319,260	380,280	437,620
28	459,720	154,380	100,980	96,840	55,140	86,160	86,160	183,000	141,600	122,340	217,140	305,340	358,740	437,620
March 15	403,260	183,480	96,660	142,780	43,440	67,860	67,860	120,640	111,300	109,140	195,200	219,780	306,600	437,620
31	367,020	177,120	89,940	21,360	49,560	57,840	57,840	79,200	107,400	110,700	169,680	189,900	277,080	437,620
April 15	347,100	162,720	92,220	33,240	47,700	51,000	51,000	84,240	98,700	100,140	156,180	184,380	254,880	437,620
30	315,420	158,100	71,760	26,880	67,740	37,860	64,740	105,600	92,580	138,060	157,330	243,660	243,660	437,620
May 15	301,440	155,880	84,840	21,840	74,220	29,640	29,640	121,340	94,080	94,080	112,740	1		

Table 10.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:											
			Speculative						Hedging			Total		
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long	
LARD (In thousands of pounds)														
July	15	119,960	80,800	19,520	28,000	5,560	9,760	9,760	37,760	15,320	1,400	85,120	39,160	100,440
	31	113,880	78,800	16,520	25,960	11,160	8,320	8,320	34,280	19,480	800	77,880	35,080	97,360
August	15	113,400	72,560	21,720	35,320	16,560	5,320	5,320	40,640	21,880	200	69,800	40,840	91,600
	31	106,360	70,560	17,240	20,720	13,840	14,240	14,240	34,960	28,080	840	61,040	35,800	89,120
September	15	96,320	58,320	22,080	21,240	9,760	15,000	15,000	36,210	24,760	1,760	49,480	38,000	74,240
	30	97,480	49,480	21,680	20,240	11,920	22,280	22,280	42,520	34,200	520	41,600	43,040	75,800
October	15	91,400	49,760	20,240	17,560	12,040	23,640	23,640	41,200	35,680	440	35,480	41,640	71,160
	31	90,800	43,760	15,720	17,720	22,720	22,960	22,960	40,680	45,680	6,360	29,400	47,040	75,080
November	15	67,760	27,400	21,320	22,640	7,120	10,760	10,760	33,400	17,880	6,960	28,560	40,360	46,140
	30	72,400	31,920	30,200	24,000	4,400	15,880	15,880	39,880	20,280	600	21,920	40,480	42,200
December	15	66,100	35,880	31,640	14,240	5,920	14,640	14,640	28,880	20,560	1,640	14,200	30,520	34,760
	31	65,800	38,760	29,120	14,560	10,480	10,120	10,120	24,680	20,600	2,360	16,080	27,040	36,680
January	15	66,040	36,040	31,520	18,680	10,120	7,040	7,040	25,720	17,160	4,280	17,360	30,000	34,520
	31	63,920	38,960	28,560	18,720	9,120	2,760	2,760	21,480	11,880	3,480	23,480	24,960	35,360
February	15	68,810	40,520	35,960	21,120	8,000	4,010	4,010	25,160	12,040	3,160	20,840	28,320	32,880
	28	68,280	38,800	36,760	24,760	6,880	2,480	2,480	27,240	9,360	2,240	22,160	29,480	31,520
March	15	59,920	37,680	37,600	16,960	6,280	2,560	2,560	19,520	8,840	2,720	13,480	22,240	22,320
	31	59,160	42,280	37,840	6,680	6,880	5,880	5,880	12,560	12,760	4,320	8,560	16,880	21,320
April	15	58,080	44,920	40,520	11,160	7,480	7,400	7,400	18,560	14,880	4,600	12,680	23,160	27,560
	30	64,220	37,640	28,760	10,810	15,280	8,410	8,410	19,280	23,720	7,360	11,800	26,640	35,520
May	15	62,320	34,520	33,800	15,320	17,960	6,240	6,240	21,560	24,200	6,210	4,320	27,800	28,520
	31	70,320	45,320	36,280	10,760	20,520	5,720	5,720	16,480	26,210	8,520	7,800	25,000	34,040
June	15	70,920	51,960	43,200	10,040	21,160	4,680	4,680	14,720	25,840	10,240	7,880	24,960	33,720
	30	92,480	51,120	41,880	18,400	9,240	9,240	9,240	27,640	34,080	13,720	16,520	41,360	50,600
Average		80,105	47,613	29,153	18,568	11,917	9,975	9,975	28,543	21,892	3,949	29,060	32,492	50,952
TALLOW (In thousands of pounds)														
August	15 1/	4,200	2,700	1,140	0	540	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,040	0	1,020	1,500	3,060
	31	4,260	3,000	1,380	0	540	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,800	0	1,080	1,260	2,880
September	15	2,700	2,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	2,640	2,640	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	15	1,980	1,980	1,980	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,980	1,980	1,980	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	1,740	1,740	1,740	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30 3/	1,740	1,740	1,740	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	15	1,560	1,560	1,560	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,320	1,320	1,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	15	1,380	1,380	1,380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,320	1,320	1,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	15	1,260	1,260	1,260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	15	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	1,020	1,020	1,020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	1,020	1,020	1,020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	1,020	780	780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	780	780	780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	1,020	900	1,020	900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	900	900	900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average		1,702	1,576	1,432	0	49	126	126	126	175	0	95	126	270
BRAN (In tons)														
July	15	2,160	2,160	2,160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	2,280	2,280	2,280	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	15	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	15	1,050	1,050	1,050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	950	950	950	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	15	1,140	1,140	1,140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,690	1,690	1,690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	1,710	1,710	1,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	1,140	1,140	1,140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	15	2,220	2,220	2,220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,920	1,920	1,920	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	15	2,160	2,160	720	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	1,920	1,920	480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	15	1,680	1,680	480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28	1,440	1,440	1,440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	15	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	600	600	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	960	960	960	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,320	0	1,320
	30	360	1,680	1,680	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,320	0
Average		1,318	1,263	1,148	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	170	55	170

Table 18.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:												
			Speculative								Hedging		Total		
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short			Long	Short	
Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
SHORTS (In tons)															
July 15	720	720	720	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	1,080	1,080	1,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 15	1,080	1,080	1,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	1,080	1,080	1,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	840	840	840	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 15	360	360	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	360	360	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 15	360	360	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	240	240	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 15	180	180	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 15	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	240	240	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 15	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	360	360	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 15	510	510	510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	360	360	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 15	240	240	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	240	240	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 15	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 15	240	240	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	240	120	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	120	0	0
Average	446	441	446	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
MIDDLEINGS (In tons)															
July 15	1,260	1,260	1,260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	1,155	1,155	1,155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 15	1,785	1,785	1,785	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	1,995	1,995	1,995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15	1,155	1,155	1,155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	525	525	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 15	525	525	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	525	525	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 15	525	525	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	630	630	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 15	630	630	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	630	630	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 15	105	105	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	105	105	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 15	105	105	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	315	315	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 15	945	945	945	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	735	735	735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 15	735	735	735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	735	735	735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 15	525	525	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	105	105	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 15	420	420	420	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	945	840	735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	210	105	210	0
Average	713	709	704	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	4	9	0
COTTONSEED MEAL (In tons)															
July 15	11,300	9,400	10,200	800	0	1,100	1,100	1,900	1,100	0	0	1,900	1,100		
31	10,700	8,800	7,100	100	0	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,800	0	1,800	1,900	3,600		
August 15	10,000	8,300	5,700	0	200	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	0	2,400	1,700	4,300		
31	11,600	9,100	6,800	600	0	1,900	1,900	2,500	1,900	0	2,900	2,500	4,800		
September 15	13,800	9,300	4,500	500	0	1,800	1,800	2,300	1,800	2,200	5,500	4,500	7,300		
30	16,700	9,700	4,900	500	0	0	0	0	0	7,000	11,800	7,000	11,800		
October 15	19,100	11,400	7,900	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,700	11,200	7,700	11,200		
31	16,500	11,000	11,000	2,000	0	700	700	2,700	700	2,800	4,800	4,800	5,500		
November 15	16,600	12,000	9,600	0	0	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,800	5,500	4,600	7,000		
30	15,300	11,500	9,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,400	5,300	4,400	5,300		
December 15	15,500	11,100	10,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,500	4,500		
31	9,600	9,600	5,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January 15	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	7,800	5,000	5,500	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,800	3,000	2,800	2,300	
February 15	10,500	4,100	5,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,400	5,000	6,400	5,000	
28	13,700	4,900	6,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,800	7,400	8,800	7,400	
March 15	13,200	5,300	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,700	10,200	7,700	10,200	
31	13,600	6,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,600	10,600	7,600	10,600	
April 15	13,300	5,500	2,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,800	10,700	7,800	10,700	
30	12,400	8,800	3,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,600	8,800	3,600	8,800	
May 15	8,400	8,400	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,400	0	4,400	0	
31	9,600	9,600	4,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,500	0	5,500	0	
June 15	10,600	7,600	3,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	7,200	3,000	7,200	
30	11,400	8,100	4,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,300	7,100	3,300	7,100	
Average	12,442	8,421	6,146	167	92	446	446	613	538	3,408	5,758	4,021	6,296		

Table 18.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:													
			Speculative								Hedging					
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long		Short	
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
SOYBEAN MEAL (In tons)																
July	15	297,500	88,400	41,700	70,500	47,200	47,800	117,800	118,300	95,000	90,800	160,800	209,100	255,800		
	31	271,500	74,800	45,000	44,500	52,800	44,100	44,100	88,600	96,900	111,100	132,600	199,700	229,500		
August	15	253,800	63,500	44,500	48,400	50,000	39,400	39,400	87,800	89,400	102,500	119,900	190,300	209,300		
	31	243,500	52,900	45,100	38,200	59,100	37,200	37,200	75,400	96,300	115,200	102,100	190,600	198,400		
September	15	286,300	46,100	45,700	66,900	66,900	28,500	28,500	95,400	95,400	144,800	145,200	240,200	240,600		
	30	310,800	49,300	45,700	43,400	40,700	33,900	33,900	77,300	74,600	184,200	190,500	261,500	265,100		
October	15	357,200	74,300	37,500	54,300	38,300	29,700	29,700	84,000	68,000	198,300	251,700	282,300	319,700		
	31	442,600	90,700	44,400	92,200	12,200	34,400	34,400	126,600	46,600	224,300	350,600	397,200			
November	15	475,600	88,400	54,100	119,800	16,400	40,100	40,100	159,900	56,500	227,300	365,000	387,200	421,500		
	30	492,700	98,400	53,700	121,400	18,100	40,600	40,600	162,000	58,700	231,300	379,300	393,300	438,000		
December	15	449,500	104,300	49,500	111,600	15,100	36,400	36,400	148,000	51,500	197,200	348,500	345,200	400,000		
	31	422,500	98,900	46,400	104,100	4,000	36,500	36,500	140,600	40,500	183,000	335,600	323,600	376,100		
January	15	391,200	95,800	48,900	116,500	1,300	31,400	31,400	147,900	32,700	147,500	309,600	295,400	342,300		
	31	431,200	125,100	74,500	141,600	12,400	20,800	20,800	162,400	33,200	146,700	326,400	309,100	359,600		
February	15	427,300	124,000	63,700	152,200	21,000	21,600	21,600	173,800	42,600	129,500	321,000	303,300	363,600		
	28	388,900	111,000	57,500	153,900	19,800	30,500	30,500	184,400	50,300	93,500	201,000	277,900	331,300		
March	15	354,300	107,600	70,500	140,300	29,600	29,800	29,800	170,100	59,400	76,600	224,400	246,700	283,800		
	31	325,700	91,700	67,400	121,500	32,200	28,300	28,300	149,800	60,500	84,200	197,800	234,000	258,300		
April	15	318,500	83,700	55,700	101,400	36,900	30,300	30,300	131,700	67,200	102,100	193,600	232,800	260,800		
	30	288,700	70,100	54,700	85,400	45,400	28,900	28,900	114,300	74,300	104,300	159,700	218,600	234,000		
May	15	268,900	64,600	54,800	103,600	65,200	10,800	10,800	114,400	75,000	89,900	136,100	204,300	214,100		
	31	265,500	68,500	60,100	86,800	52,300	21,700	21,700	108,500	74,000	88,500	131,400	197,000	205,400		
June	15	262,700	61,900	49,300	57,500	51,600	37,600	37,600	95,100	89,200	105,700	124,200	200,800	213,400		
	30	255,700	61,300	42,700	54,200	40,000	37,300	37,300	91,500	77,300	102,900	135,700	194,400	213,000		
Average		345,171	83,163	52,221	92,925	34,521	32,400	32,400	125,325	66,921	136,683	226,029	262,008	292,950		

^{1/} Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.^{2/} Derived by subtracting reporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.^{3/} On November 24, 1956, reporting requirements on cottonseed oil and soybean oil changed from 900,000 pounds to 1,500,000 pounds; on lard and tallow from 600,000 pounds to 1,000,000 pounds.^{4/} Trading resumed August 1, 1956. (Discontinued June 5, 1941.)

NOTE: No traders in reporting status in butter during the year, July 1956 to June 1957.

Table 19---Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{a/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:											
			Speculative											
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Hedging		Total			
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
WHEAT														
1947-48	100.0	50.5	38.7	9.9	2.5	17.9	17.9	27.8	20.4	21.7	40.9	49.5	61.3	
1948-49	100.0	43.6	39.4	8.1	7.4	17.4	17.4	25.5	24.8	30.9	35.8	56.4	60.6	
1949-50	100.0	46.8	41.1	16.9	3.1	15.9	15.9	32.4	19.0	20.8	39.9	53.2	58.9	
1950-51	100.0	48.9	27.5	11.9	3.0	18.3	18.3	30.2	21.3	20.9	51.2	51.1	72.5	
1951-52	100.0	48.2	27.5	13.2	4.1	19.6	19.6	32.8	23.7	19.0	48.8	51.8	72.5	
1952-53	100.0	46.7	24.3	12.8	3.1	21.0	21.0	33.8	24.1	19.5	51.6	53.3	75.7	
1953-54	100.0	53.6	31.5	12.7	3.0	21.8	21.8	34.5	24.8	11.9	43.7	46.4	68.5	
1954-55	100.0	48.4	37.5	14.4	4.0	21.8	21.8	36.2	25.3	15.4	30.7	51.6	62.5	
1955-56	100.0	44.7	39.0	9.0	4.2	22.5	22.5	31.5	26.7	23.8	34.3	55.3	61.0	
1956-57	100.0	49.5	28.7	7.6	5.2	20.4	20.4	28.0	25.6	22.5	45.7	50.5	71.3	
CORN														
1947-48	100.0	54.3	56.6	10.2	3.5	20.8	20.8	31.0	24.3	14.7	19.1	45.7	43.4	
1948-49	100.0	60.0	46.5	13.3	4.7	16.3	16.3	29.6	21.0	10.4	32.5	40.0	53.5	
1949-50	100.0	58.5	38.0	15.3	6.3	16.6	16.6	31.9	22.9	9.6	39.1	41.5	62.0	
1950-51	100.0	52.4	31.9	20.9	6.6	15.2	15.2	36.1	21.8	11.5	48.3	47.6	68.1	
1951-52	100.0	57.6	36.6	18.5	6.6	16.5	16.5	33.0	23.1	9.4	40.3	42.4	63.4	
1952-53	100.0	57.2	36.7	15.3	8.9	14.9	14.9	30.2	23.8	12.6	39.5	42.8	63.3	
1953-54	100.0	47.2	38.1	21.7	4.1	21.2	21.2	42.9	25.3	9.9	36.6	52.8	61.9	
1954-55	100.0	56.9	28.4	18.5	5.3	17.3	17.3	35.8	22.6	7.3	49.0	43.1	71.6	
1955-56	100.0	57.2	31.6	19.7	5.1	15.5	15.5	35.2	20.6	7.6	47.8	42.8	68.4	
1956-57	100.0	53.7	30.3	16.2	5.6	13.9	13.9	30.1	19.5	16.2	50.2	46.3	69.7	
OATS														
1947-48	100.0	65.3	46.9	10.1	5.3	19.3	19.3	29.4	24.6	5.3	28.5	34.7	53.1	
1948-49	100.0	75.6	46.8	3.7	6.1	16.9	20.4	20.6	26.5	3.8	26.7	24.4	53.2	
1949-50	100.0	71.4	40.8	14.8	3.8	10.8	12.9	25.6	16.7	3.0	42.5	28.6	59.2	
1950-51	100.0	70.9	35.0	11.3	4.9	15.2	21.4	26.5	26.3	2.6	38.7	29.1	65.0	
1951-52	100.0	75.8	30.2	9.4	3.7	13.4	19.5	22.8	23.2	1.4	46.6	24.2	69.8	
1952-53	100.0	76.8	26.2	9.0	2.1	12.9	20.4	21.9	22.5	1.3	51.3	23.2	73.8	
1953-54	100.0	71.7	31.5	12.2	3.1	14.6	18.5	26.8	21.6	1.5	46.9	28.3	68.5	
1954-55	100.0	66.7	49.7	18.2	4.8	10.8	12.2	29.0	17.0	4.3	33.3	33.3	50.3	
1955-56	100.0	75.6	31.8	11.4	4.2	9.1	9.1	20.5	13.3	3.9	54.9	24.4	68.2	
1956-57	100.0	73.7	29.0	13.5	5.6	10.8	12.2	24.3	17.8	2.0	53.2	26.3	71.0	
RYE														
1947-48	100.0	84.4	54.8	2.1	0	0	0	2.1	0	13.5	45.2	15.6	45.2	
1948-49	100.0	84.8	61.1	6.1	3.0	5.7	8.2	11.8	11.2	3.4	27.7	15.2	38.9	
1949-50	100.0	84.4	34.6	3.7	3.5	11.1	17.1	14.8	20.6	.8	44.8	15.6	65.4	
1950-51	100.0	82.7	42.9	5.7	4.5	10.0	13.1	15.7	17.6	1.6	39.5	17.3	57.1	
1951-52	100.0	74.9	57.0	9.7	6.7	12.8	14.1	22.5	20.8	2.6	22.2	25.1	43.0	
1952-53	100.0	81.8	46.0	4.5	5.6	13.2	21.2	17.7	26.8	.5	27.2	18.2	54.0	
1953-54	100.0	81.3	30.8	3.4	4.0	14.9	17.2	18.3	21.2	.4	48.0	18.7	69.2	
1954-55	100.0	81.0	42.5	3.6	4.5	15.3	16.0	18.9	20.5	.1	37.0	19.0	57.5	
1955-56	100.0	82.8	60.1	5.5	5.2	10.5	11.6	16.0	16.8	1.2	23.1	17.2	39.9	
1956-57	100.0	77.8	58.4	6.3	3.7	15.2	17.7	21.5	21.4	.7	20.2	22.2	41.6	
FLAXSEED														
1950-51	100.0	97.6	94.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.4	5.2	2.4	5.2	
1951-52	100.0	92.9	18.5	2.0	0	0	0	2.0	0	5.1	52.5	7.1	51.5	
1952-53	100.0	73.9	48.2	6.5	8.7	(3)	4.3	6.5	13.0	19.6	38.8	26.1	51.8	
1953-54	100.0	60.1	76.4	11.5	9.1	0	0	11.5	9.1	28.4	14.5	39.9	23.6	
1954-55	100.0	99.8	90.7	0	1.1	0	0	0	1.1	.2	8.2	.2	9.3	
1955-56	100.0	70.8	62.7	10.5	.3	0	0	10.5	.3	18.7	37.0	29.2	37.3	
1956-57	100.0	95.1	95.6	4.9	0	0	0	4.9	0	0	4.4	4.9	44.4	
SOYBEANS														
1947-48	100.0	49.7	72.8	0.9	0	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	49.3	27.1	50.3	27.2	
1948-49	100.0	56.3	71.4	8.4	3.4	8.2	8.2	16.6	11.6	27.1	17.0	43.7	26.6	
1949-50	100.0	58.0	46.7	11.2	2.0	19.2	19.2	30.4	21.2	11.6	32.1	42.0	53.3	
1950-51	100.0	53.7	59.2	7.1	4.6	21.9	21.9	26.5	17.3	14.3	46.3	40.8		
1951-52	100.0	58.1	52.8	8.2	8.7	17.8	17.8	26.0	26.5	15.9	20.7	41.9	47.2	
1952-53	100.0	57.0	56.2	9.3	3.2	18.9	18.9	28.2	22.1	14.8	21.7	43.0	43.8	
1953-54	100.0	52.9	44.7	11.0	4.3	25.6	25.6	36.6	29.9	10.5	25.4	47.1	55.3	
1954-55	100.0	51.2	49.8	7.2	8.7	27.8	27.8	35.0	36.5	13.8	13.7	48.8	50.2	
1955-56	100.0	52.1	41.7	8.9	4.7	23.3	23.3	32.2	28.0	15.7	30.3	47.9	58.3	
1956-57	100.0	53.5	45.5	4.9	9.2	25.6	25.6	30.5	34.8	16.0	19.7	46.5	54.5	

Table 19.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:								Total			
				Speculative				Hedging							
		Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long		Short	
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
GRAIN SORGHUMS															
1950-51	100.0	63.3	27.3	26.5	2.4	4.7	4.7	31.2	7.1	5.5	65.6	36.7	72.7		
1951-52	100.0	39.0	20.5	28.5	1.9	1.0	1.0	29.5	2.9	31.5	76.6	61.0	79.5		
1952-53	100.0	50.0	75.0	29.2	8.3	0	0	29.2	8.3	20.8	16.7	50.0	25.0		
1953-54	100.0	66.7	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33.3	0	33.3	0		
1956-57	100.0	100.0	78.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.7		0	21.7		
COTTON															
1947-48	100.0	59.7	51.9	6.2	1.5	12.3	12.3	18.5	13.8	21.8	34.3	40.3	48.1		
1948-49	100.0	54.4	62.7	7.2	2.0	13.8	13.8	21.0	15.8	24.6	21.1	45.6	37.3		
1949-50	100.0	55.4	57.1	5.7	1.7	15.1	15.1	20.8	16.8	23.8	26.1	44.6	42.9		
1950-51	100.0	68.4	44.4	8.7	2.8	14.7	14.6	23.4	17.4	26.2	38.2	51.6	55.6		
1951-52	100.0	53.9	55.0	3.9	2.3	15.0	14.9	18.9	17.2	27.2	27.8	46.1	45.0		
1952-53	100.0	62.6	50.5	4.5	1.3	12.8	12.8	17.3	14.1	20.1	35.4	37.4	49.5		
1953-54	100.0	60.2	45.3	8.0	.5	14.6	14.7	22.6	15.2	17.2	39.5	39.8	54.7		
1954-55	100.0	59.8	45.1	8.5	.6	11.4	11.8	19.9	12.4	20.3	42.5	40.2	54.9		
1955-56	100.0	54.3	59.6	6.6	.5	8.6	8.7	15.2	9.2	30.5	31.2	45.7	40.4		
1956-57	100.0	45.4	54.5	7.1	1.0	12.6	12.6	19.7	13.6	34.9	31.9	54.6	45.5		
WOOL															
1954-55	100.0	75.2	49.9	2.8	0.8	12.1	12.1	14.9	12.9	9.9	37.2				
1955-56	100.0	88.2	47.8	1.0	1.7	5.6	5.6	4.0	7.3	5.2	44.9	24.8	50.1		
1956-57	100.0	81.8	51.4	2.0	.3	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.3	14.2	46.3	11.8	52.2		
WOOL TOPS															
1947-48	100.0	59.0	39.5	26.4	0	0.2	0.2	26.6	0.2	14.4	60.3	41.0	60.5		
1948-49	100.0	60.7	45.7	28.0	5.0	2.7	2.7	30.7	7.7	8.6	46.6	39.3	54.3		
1949-50	100.0	72.5	42.2	7.3	1.9	4.3	4.3	11.6	6.2	15.9	51.6	21.5	57.8		
1950-51	100.0	88.1	52.6	.7	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.8	3.4	10.1	44.0	11.9	47.4		
1951-52	100.0	68.7	31.2	7.5	.3	5.8	5.8	13.3	6.1	18.0	62.7	31.3	68.8		
1952-53	100.0	53.7	27.6	8.1	.3	4.9	4.6	13.0	4.9	33.3	67.5	46.3	72.4		
1953-54	100.0	49.2	29.4	6.6	.1	9.7	9.7	16.3	9.8	34.5	60.8	50.8	70.6		
1954-55	100.0	59.2	26.0	10.7	.6	11.9	11.6	22.6	12.2	18.2	61.8	40.8	74.0		
1955-56	100.0	72.2	30.3	4.5	(3)	8.8	8.9	13.3	8.9	14.5	60.8	27.8	69.7		
1956-57	100.0	74.4	28.4	4.6	0	.7	.6	5.3	.6	20.3	71.0	25.6	71.6		
BUTTER															
1947-48	100.0	59.3	58.3	10.2	1.0	2.2	2.2	12.4	3.2	28.3	38.5	40.7	41.7		
1948-49	100.0	63.2	45.5	4.4	1.0	1.4	1.4	5.8	2.4	31.0	52.1	36.8	54.5		
1949-50	100.0	86.8	34.8	9.7	(3)	.6	.6	10.3	.6	2.9	64.6	13.2	65.2		
1950-51	100.0	83.0	53.7	8.5	.5	(3)	(3)	8.5	.5	8.5	45.8	17.0	46.3		
1951-52	100.0	69.6	30.0	13.0	(3)	(3)	(3)	13.0	(3)	17.4	70.0	30.4	70.0		
1952-53	100.0	64.6	29.0	6.9	2.6	5.9	5.9	12.8	8.5	22.6	62.5	35.4	71.0		
EGGS															
1947-48	100.0	76.3	53.7	10.5	4.0	6.6	6.6	17.1	10.6	6.6	35.7	23.7	46.3		
1948-49	100.0	67.2	51.1	15.1	9.1	3.2	3.2	18.3	12.3	14.5	36.6	32.6	48.9		
1949-50	100.0	62.8	49.6	18.6	4.8	6.3	6.3	24.9	11.1	12.3	39.3	37.2	50.4		
1950-51	100.0	64.3	51.1	11.2	3.8	13.8	13.8	25.0	17.6	10.7	31.3	35.7	48.9		
1951-52	100.0	76.3	54.8	11.5	5.3	6.4	6.4	17.9	11.7	5.8	33.5	23.7	45.2		
1952-53	100.0	74.3	63.2	15.3	5.9	9.6	9.6	24.9	15.5	.8	21.3	25.7	36.8		
1953-54	100.0	75.1	66.3	14.3	15.4	9.7	9.7	24.0	25.1	.9	8.6	24.9	33.7		
1954-55	100.0	76.4	60.6	12.4	13.5	10.8	10.8	23.2	24.3	.4	15.1	23.6	39.4		
1955-56	100.0	71.9	65.3	17.5	9.4	9.8	9.8	27.3	19.2	.8	15.5	28.1	34.7		
1956-57	100.0	75.7	57.5	11.1	14.9	11.7	11.7	22.8	26.6	1.5	15.9	24.3	42.5		
POTATOES															
1947-48	100.0	49.4	36.2	23.6	6.2	4.1	4.1	27.7	10.3	22.9	53.5	50.6	63.8		
1948-49	100.0	64.6	48.4	13.4	1.8	4.0	4.0	17.4	5.8	18.0	45.8	35.4	51.6		
1949-50	100.0	70.3	42.5	2.4	1.5	4.4	4.4	6.8	5.9	22.9	51.6	29.7	57.5		
1950-51	100.0	84.6	76.8	.5	4.7	8.5	8.5	9.0	13.2	6.4	10.0	15.4	23.2		
1951-52	100.0	63.1	58.6	7.4	14.9	6.7	6.7	14.1	21.6	22.8	19.8	36.9	41.4		
1952-53	100.0	60.4	45.6	15.2	14.4	11.0	11.0	26.2	25.4	13.4	29.0	39.6	54.4		
1953-54	100.0	63.8	45.8	17.6	6.4	6.3	6.3	23.9	12.7	12.3	41.5	36.2	54.2		
1954-55	100.0	62.0	42.5	14.1	14.5	8.6	8.6	22.7	23.1	15.3	34.4	38.0	57.5		
1955-56	100.0	62.3	37.1	21.7	15.0	8.8	8.8	30.5	23.8	7.2	39.1	37.7	62.9		
1956-57	100.0	61.7	34.0	19.8	18.2	6.8	6.8	26.6	25.0	11.7	41.0	38.3	66.0		

Table 19.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:												
			Speculative												
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Hedging		Total		Long		
Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
ONIONS															
1955-56	100.0	48.8	26.7	32.2	8.9	17.5	17.5	49.7	26.4	1.5	46.9	51.2	73.3		
1956-57	100.0	62.6	21.9	25.2	9.7	9.8	9.8	35.0	19.5	2.4	58.6	37.4	78.1		
COTTONSEED OIL															
1947-48	100.0	32.1	20.8	18.4	6.4	11.4	11.4	29.8	17.8	38.1	61.4	67.9	79.2		
1948-49	100.0	35.1	24.4	17.2	12.4	12.0	12.0	29.2	24.4	35.7	51.2	64.9	75.6		
1949-50	100.0	57.0	17.8	22.1	3.0	9.0	9.0	31.1	12.8	11.9	69.4	43.0	82.2		
1950-51	100.0	45.5	26.7	23.0	7.8	22.5	22.5	45.5	30.3	9.0	43.0	54.5	73.3		
1951-52	100.0	62.0	18.0	18.9	5.2	12.1	12.1	31.0	17.3	7.0	54.7	38.0	82.0		
1952-53	100.0	35.8	18.5	26.5	11.4	18.0	18.0	44.5	29.4	19.7	52.1	64.2	81.5		
1953-54	100.0	42.3	19.8	21.2	8.1	13.9	13.9	32.1	22.0	22.6	58.2	57.7	80.2		
1954-55	100.0	39.7	13.7	25.6	2.1	21.1	21.1	46.7	23.2	13.0	63.1	60.3	86.3		
1955-56	100.0	45.4	10.8	20.3	1.9	15.6	15.6	35.9	17.5	18.7	71.7	54.6	89.2		
1956-57	100.0	50.9	25.1	12.1	8.1	23.4	23.4	35.5	31.5	13.6	43.4	49.1	74.9		
SOYBEAN OIL															
1949-50	100.0	65.6	17.4	18.5	1.0	10.2	10.2	28.7	11.2	5.7	71.4	34.4	82.6		
1950-51	100.0	51.8	13.3	22.6	4.2	13.2	13.2	35.8	17.4	12.4	69.3	48.2	86.7		
1951-52	100.0	65.5	14.3	13.0	20.1	7.2	7.2	20.2	27.3	14.3	58.4	34.5	85.7		
1952-53	100.0	48.5	11.0	23.8	19.2	9.6	9.6	33.4	28.8	18.1	60.2	51.5	89.0		
1953-54	100.0	46.4	13.2	21.1	4.4	11.3	11.3	32.4	15.7	21.2	71.1	53.6	86.8		
1954-55	100.0	26.2	18.0	22.5	3.7	22.5	22.5	45.0	26.2	28.8	55.8	73.8	82.0		
1955-56	100.0	32.9	11.1	23.2	5.5	15.3	15.3	38.5	20.8	28.6	68.1	67.1	88.9		
1956-57	100.0	39.5	18.3	17.8	10.3	20.8	20.8	38.6	31.1	21.9	50.6	60.5	81.7		
LARD															
1947-48	100.0	70.8	17.7	17.9	2.8	1.8	1.8	19.7	4.6	9.5	77.7	29.2	82.3		
1948-49	100.0	58.9	26.1	12.9	14.9	6.5	6.5	19.4	21.4	21.7	50.5	41.1	71.9		
1949-50	100.0	66.3	30.9	17.5	3.1	1.8	1.8	19.3	4.9	14.4	64.2	33.7	69.1		
1950-51	100.0	60.8	38.2	13.4	15.4	3.0	3.0	16.4	18.4	22.8	43.4	39.2	61.8		
1951-52	100.0	67.5	31.3	9.2	13.4	4.1	4.1	13.3	17.5	19.2	51.2	32.5	68.7		
1952-53	100.0	76.9	13.1	16.7	4.0	3.2	3.2	19.9	7.2	3.2	79.7	23.1	86.9		
1953-54	100.0	66.9	59.1	11.5	11.9	8.2	8.2	19.7	20.1	13.4	20.8	33.1	40.9		
1954-55	100.0	60.4	43.3	16.3	19.0	11.9	11.9	26.2	30.9	11.4	25.8	39.6	56.7		
1955-56	100.0	67.7	28.9	20.6	11.1	8.1	8.1	28.7	19.2	3.6	55.9	32.3	75.1		
1956-57	100.0	59.5	36.4	23.2	14.9	12.4	12.4	35.6	27.3	4.9	36.3	40.5	63.6		
BRAN															
1947-48	100.0	24.7	25.4	0.3	(3)	4.0	0.8	4.3	0.8	71.0	73.8	75.3	74.6		
1948-49	100.0	25.6	19.3	.9	1.1	2.6	2.4	3.5	3.5	70.9	77.2	74.4	80.7		
1949-50	100.0	46.3	24.5	7.2	5.5	3.5	3.5	10.7	4.0	43.0	71.5	53.7	75.5		
1950-51	100.0	34.0	19.1	.5	0	(3)	(3)	.5	(3)	65.5	80.9	66.0	80.9		
1951-52	100.0	54.6	32.4	9.4	.9	.7	.7	10.1	1.6	35.3	66.0	45.4	67.6		
1952-53	100.0	55.9	36.9	2.0	3.3	.3	.3	2.3	.6	41.8	62.5	44.1	63.1		
1953-54	100.0	51.3	33.7	19.9	5.5	3.0	3.0	22.9	8.5	25.8	57.8	48.7	66.3		
1954-55	100.0	50.6	36.5	10.8	.6	1.0	1.0	11.8	1.6	37.6	61.9	49.4	63.5		
1955-56	100.0	82.1	57.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.9	42.2	17.9	42.2		
1956-57	100.0	95.8	87.1	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	12.9	4.2	12.9			
SHORTS															
1947-48	100.0	30.2	24.3	3.5	0	1.2	6.7	4.7	6.7	65.1	69.0	69.8	75.7		
1948-49	100.0	31.9	31.1	3.4	.5	1.2	1.6	4.6	2.1	63.5	66.8	68.1	68.9		
1949-50	100.0	47.0	29.7	8.7	5.1	1.2	1.2	9.9	6.3	43.1	64.0	53.0	70.3		
1950-51	100.0	39.0	19.3	.8	.3	.1	.1	.9	.4	60.1	80.3	61.0	80.7		
1951-52	100.0	52.1	40.2	6.3	.3	.3	.3	6.6	41.3	59.2	47.9	59.8			
1952-53	100.0	35.5	33.5	6.7	0	.4	.4	7.1	.4	57.4	66.1	64.5	66.5		
1953-54	100.0	70.8	48.9	3.1	5.9	2.5	2.5	8.4	23.6	42.7	29.2	51.1			
1954-55	100.0	34.6	36.9	3.7	19.2	0	0	3.7	19.2	61.7	43.9	65.4	63.1		
1955-56	100.0	91.7	69.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.3	30.4	8.3	30.4		
1956-57	100.0	98.9	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	1.1	0	0		
MIDLINGS															
1955-56	100.0	80.2	99.4	80.3	98.7	0	0	0	0	0	19.8	69.8	75.7		
1956-57	100.0	99.4	98.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	19.7	1.3	19.8	.6		

Table 19.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1947-48 to 1956-57--Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:												
			Speculative									Hedging		Total	
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short	Long			Long	Short
COTTONSEED MEAL															
1947-48	100.0	37.2	48.2	7.1	1.9	8.1	7.8	15.2	9.7	47.6	42.1	62.8	51.8	51.8	
1948-49	100.0	41.0	54.7	2.1	9.7	7.0	7.0	9.1	16.7	49.9	28.6	59.0	45.3	45.3	
1949-50	100.0	46.4	40.8	22.7	12.2	15.2	15.2	37.9	27.4	15.7	31.8	53.6	59.2	59.2	
1950-51	100.0	48.3	53.7	6.4	33.7	7.6	7.6	14.0	41.3	5.0	51.7	46.3	46.3	46.3	
1951-52	100.0	24.0	47.4	18.8	26.5	11.1	11.1	29.9	37.6	46.1	15.0	76.0	52.6	52.6	
1952-53	100.0	53.5	71.9	15.5	11.3	9.0	9.0	24.5	20.3	22.0	7.8	46.5	28.1	28.1	
1953-54	100.0	52.3	37.6	24.0	2.0	5.6	5.6	29.6	7.6	18.1	54.8	47.7	62.4	62.4	
1954-55	100.0	52.6	53.0	28.2	4.8	5.1	5.1	33.3	9.9	14.1	37.1	47.4	47.0	47.0	
1955-56	100.0	48.5	42.2	10.9	2.3	5.3	5.3	16.2	7.6	35.3	50.2	51.5	57.8	57.8	
1956-57	100.0	67.7	49.4	1.3	.7	3.6	3.6	4.9	4.3	27.4	46.3	32.3	50.6	50.6	
SOYBEAN MEAL															
1947-48	100.0	38.6	40.1	11.3	2.9	6.2	6.5	17.5	9.4	43.9	50.5	61.4	59.9	59.9	
1948-49	100.0	49.0	36.3	12.4	2.3	6.9	6.9	19.3	9.2	31.7	54.5	51.0	63.7	63.7	
1949-50	100.0	31.3	25.7	10.5	7.5	22.2	22.2	32.7	29.7	36.0	44.6	68.7	74.3	74.3	
1950-51	100.0	38.5	11.2	35.7	.9	6.9	6.9	42.6	7.8	18.9	81.0	61.5	88.8	88.8	
1951-52	100.0	25.2	30.6	25.7	10.2	16.0	16.0	41.7	26.2	33.1	13.2	74.8	69.4	69.4	
1952-53	100.0	31.2	29.9	17.5	16.1	15.2	15.2	32.7	31.3	36.1	38.8	68.8	70.1	70.1	
1953-54	100.00	22.2	16.4	27.4	6.7	30.5	30.5	57.9	37.2	19.9	46.4	77.8	83.6	83.6	
1954-55	100.0	20.9	16.8	17.1	10.4	26.2	26.2	43.3	36.6	35.8	46.6	79.1	83.2	83.2	
1955-56	100.0	23.5	10.6	24.7	5.6	11.8	11.8	36.5	17.4	40.0	72.0	76.5	89.4	89.4	
1956-57	100.0	24.1	15.1	26.9	10.0	9.4	9.4	36.3	19.4	39.6	65.5	75.9	84.9	84.9	

^{1/} Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.

^{2/} Derived by subtracting reporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.

^{3/} Less than 0.05 percent.

NOTE: Omission of data for a year in the 10-year period (1947-48 to 1956-57) indicates there were no traders in reporting status during the year. For data on talloxy, see Table 20.

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts,
on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:													
			Speculative						Betting			Total				
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long		Short	
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
WHEAT																
July 15	100.0	46.6	29.6	11.8	2.2	20.0	20.0	31.8	22.2	21.6	48.2	53.4	70.4			
31	100.0	44.0	20.1	10.1	2.4	18.8	18.8	28.9	21.2	27.1	58.7	56.0	79.9			
August 15	100.0	45.2	19.5	9.4	1.7	19.6	19.6	29.0	21.3	25.8	59.2	54.8	80.5			
31	100.0	45.9	20.4	10.0	1.2	18.9	18.9	28.9	20.1	25.2	59.5	54.1	79.6			
September 15	100.0	49.4	19.9	9.5	1.4	19.3	19.3	28.8	20.7	21.8	59.4	50.6	80.1			
30	100.0	50.4	19.0	9.6	2.3	20.0	20.0	29.6	22.3	20.0	58.7	49.6	81.0			
October 15	100.0	51.7	21.1	8.4	1.7	21.8	21.8	30.2	23.5	18.1	55.4	48.3	78.9			
31	100.0	49.7	20.6	8.0	2.6	22.0	22.0	30.0	24.6	20.3	54.8	50.3	79.4			
November 15	100.0	49.1	23.2	6.9	2.1	22.8	22.8	29.7	24.9	21.2	51.9	50.9	76.8			
30	100.0	50.4	25.0	6.6	3.1	21.8	21.8	28.4	24.9	21.2	50.1	49.6	75.0			
December 15	100.0	50.0	28.0	6.1	3.2	21.6	21.6	27.7	24.8	22.3	47.2	50.0	72.0			
31	100.0	51.0	28.4	7.4	5.2	20.1	20.1	27.5	25.3	21.5	46.3	49.0	71.6			
January 15	100.0	54.1	28.6	7.4	6.5	18.1	18.1	25.5	24.6	20.4	46.8	45.9	71.4			
31	100.0	54.1	31.4	6.7	9.6	15.8	15.8	22.5	25.4	23.4	43.2	45.9	88.6			
February 15	100.0	51.7	34.1	5.4	8.0	17.0	17.0	22.4	25.0	25.9	40.9	48.3	55.9			
28	100.0	55.5	35.1	6.0	8.7	15.9	15.9	21.9	24.6	22.6	40.3	44.5	64.9			
March 15	100.0	55.1	39.3	5.5	8.9	15.1	15.1	20.6	24.0	24.3	36.7	44.9	60.7			
31	100.0	54.7	40.2	4.0	12.3	14.4	14.4	18.4	26.7	26.9	33.1	45.3	59.8			
April 15	100.0	49.9	41.0	6.1	10.9	17.1	17.1	23.2	28.0	26.9	31.0	50.1	59.0			
30	100.0	48.0	44.1	6.9	8.7	19.7	19.7	26.6	28.4	25.4	27.5	52.0	55.9			
May 15	100.0	46.5	44.1	7.4	8.0	24.4	24.4	31.8	32.4	21.7	23.5	53.5	55.9			
31	100.0	46.5	40.9	5.8	12.0	25.2	25.2	31.0	37.2	22.5	21.9	53.5	59.1			
June 15	100.0	42.7	36.6	6.2	9.6	31.4	31.4	37.6	41.0	19.7	22.4	57.3	63.4			
30	100.0	46.4	35.3	8.1	6.2	26.2	26.2	36.3	34.4	17.3	30.3	53.6	64.7			
Average	100.0	49.5	28.7	7.6	5.2	20.4	20.4	28.0	25.6	22.5	45.7	50.5	71.3			
CORN																
July 15	100.0	55.8	41.8	18.9	10.1	18.0	18.0	36.9	28.1	7.3	30.1	44.2	58.2			
31	100.0	57.1	43.4	13.4	13.4	21.7	21.7	35.1	35.1	7.8	21.5	42.9	56.6			
August 15	100.0	56.0	42.7	14.3	14.9	20.2	20.2	34.5	35.1	9.5	19.2	44.0	54.3			
31	100.0	53.4	46.0	18.2	17.7	17.9	17.9	36.1	35.6	10.5	18.4	46.6	54.0			
September 15	100.0	48.3	44.2	14.2	17.7	19.3	19.3	33.5	37.0	18.2	18.8	51.7	55.8			
30	100.0	50.8	46.1	13.0	19.7	15.1	15.1	26.1	34.8	21.1	19.1	49.2	53.9			
October 15	100.0	53.4	39.8	12.0	15.5	20.0	20.0	32.0	35.5	14.6	24.7	46.6	60.2			
31	100.0	57.0	27.1	6.0	17.9	17.9	17.9	31.6	23.9	11.4	49.0	43.0	72.9			
November 15	100.0	61.1	21.9	16.6	2.6	12.7	12.7	29.3	15.3	9.6	62.8	38.9	78.1			
30	100.0	57.3	21.4	15.9	2.6	14.5	14.5	30.4	17.1	12.3	61.5	42.7	78.6			
December 15	100.0	58.7	23.7	16.5	2.5	12.9	12.9	29.4	15.4	11.9	60.9	41.3	76.3			
31	100.0	57.2	23.0	18.6	1.3	11.5	11.5	30.1	12.8	12.7	64.2	42.8	77.0			
January 15	100.0	56.7	20.2	19.7	.3	10.0	10.0	29.7	10.3	13.6	69.5	43.3	79.8			
31	100.0	54.6	22.0	16.2	1.3	10.2	10.2	26.7	11.8	18.7	66.2	45.4	78.0			
February 15	100.0	53.8	23.8	12.8	3.7	10.6	10.6	23.4	14.3	22.8	61.9	46.2	76.2			
28	100.0	51.8	23.2	14.1	1.8	13.8	13.8	27.9	15.6	20.3	61.2	48.2	76.8			
March 15	100.0	50.8	23.4	17.2	.9	12.4	12.4	29.6	13.3	19.6	63.3	49.2	76.6			
31	100.0	53.2	23.7	16.1	2.2	12.1	12.1	26.2	14.3	18.6	62.0	46.8	76.3			
April 15	100.0	53.3	27.6	15.6	3.9	11.6	11.6	27.2	15.5	15.5	56.9	46.7	72.4			
30	100.0	52.6	27.5	14.8	4.4	12.4	12.4	27.2	15.8	21.2	55.7	48.4	72.5			
May 15	100.0	49.3	31.2	19.5	3.6	11.1	11.1	30.6	14.7	20.1	54.1	50.7	68.8			
31	100.0	48.8	35.3	18.8	3.8	11.5	11.5	30.3	15.3	20.9	49.4	51.2	64.7			
June 15	100.0	47.9	39.8	19.5	3.4	12.7	12.7	32.2	16.1	19.9	44.1	52.1	60.2			
30	100.0	48.3	38.1	18.3	3.0	13.0	13.0	31.3	16.0	20.4	45.9	51.7	61.9			
Average	100.0	53.7	30.3	16.2	5.6	13.9	13.9	30.1	19.5	16.2	50.2	46.3	69.7			
OATS																
July 15	100.0	63.8	37.2	25.2	8.7	7.8	12.9	33.0	21.6	3.2	41.2	36.2	62.8			
31	100.0	70.9	28.3	17.7	3.6	7.0	7.7	26.2	13.3	2.9	58.4	29.1	71.7			
August 15	100.0	73.5	24.5	17.2	3.3	8.4	10.8	24.2	11.3	2.3	64.2	26.5	75.5			
31	100.0	72.1	23.3	16.8	3.3	8.4	10.8	25.2	14.1	2.7	64.6	27.9	78.7			
September 15	100.0	75.6	23.3	14.7	3.3	8.7	11.6	23.4	14.9	1.0	61.8	24.4	76.7			
30	100.0	75.2	22.2	14.7	1.9	9.2	10.2	23.9	12.1	.9	65.7	24.8	77.8			
October 15	100.0	73.4	22.1	15.6	1.2	9.7	10.6	25.3	11.8	1.3	66.1	26.6	77.9			
31	100.0	71.7	23.6	15.9	.9	10.5	14.8	26.4	15.7	1.9	60.7	28.3	76.4			
November 15	100.0	73.8	25.6	12.3	.2	11.2	15.2	23.5	15.4	2.7	59.0	26.2	74.4			
30	100.0	73.1	25.5	10.9	.9	12.1	13.8	23.0	14.7	3.9	59.8	26.9	74.5			
December 15	100.0	75.7	25.2	10.1	3.5	11.6	11.9	21.7	15.4	2.6	59.4	24.3	74.8			
31	100.0	75.5	26.7	11.3	3.5	11.5	11.8	22.8	15.3	1.7	58.0	24.5	73.3			
January 15	100.0	75.8	27.0	10.8	4.6	12.4	13.6	23.2	16.2	1.0	54.8	24.2	73.0			
31	100.0	71.8	30.4	14.7	6.7	11.1	13.0	25.8	19.7	2.4	49.9	26.2	69.6			
February 15	100.0	68.9	32.3	15.0	9.0	12.6	12.5	27.6	21.5	3.5	46.2	31.1	67.7			
28	100.0	67.7	30.9	15.5	8.7	13.4	13.3	26.9	22.0	3.4	47.1	32.3	69.1			
March 15	100.0	71.2	31.1	14.9	14.9	12.7	13.6	27.6	28.5	1.2	40.4	28.8	68.9			
31	100.0	75.9	30.9	11.2	19.8	11.7	10.4	22.9	30.2	1.2	38.9	24.1	69.1			
April 15	100.0	83.5	41.2	6.4	18.7	9.4	10.2	15.8	28.9	.7	29.9	16.5	58.8			
30	100.0	85.4	47.7	2.2	17.2	11.6	11.6	13.8	28.8	.8	23.5	14.6	52.3			
May 15	100.0	86.6	61.8	2.2	12.9	10.4	9.8	12.6	22.7	.8	15.5	13.4	38.2			
31	100.0	81.2	57.6	3.2	11.3	15.0	13.9	18.2	25.2	.6	17.2	18.8	42.4			
June 15	100.0	76.0	48.5	2.4	14.3	20.8	17.6	23.2	31.9	.8	19.6	24.0	51.5			
30	100.0	69.9	46.4	8.2	9.7	20.6	18.2	26.8	27.9	1.3	25.7	30.1	53.5			
Average	100.0	73.7	29.0	13.5	5.6	10.8	12.2	24.3	17.8	2.0	53.2	26.3	71.0			

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:											
			Speculative						Hedging			Total		
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long	
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
RYE														
July	15	100.0	88.2	61.1	6.0	1.8	3.4	11.5	9.4	13.3	2.4	25.6	11.8	38.9
	31	100.0	83.7	59.1	6.4	3.3	8.5	16.7	14.9	20.0	1.4	20.9	16.3	40.9
August	15	100.0	74.9	54.6	9.5	(3)	15.0	21.1	24.5	21.1	.6	24.3	25.1	45.4
	31	100.0	74.3	51.9	7.1	1.6	17.4	21.2	24.5	22.8	1.2	25.3	48.1	
September	15	100.0	75.8	54.3	8.4	1.8	14.8	18.7	23.2	20.5	1.0	25.2	24.2	45.7
	30	100.0	75.5	54.3	9.3	4.3	15.0	19.0	24.3	23.3	.2	25.4	24.5	48.7
October	15	100.0	74.7	52.4	11.0	2.1	14.3	17.8	26.3	19.9	0	27.7	25.3	47.6
	31	100.0	74.9	51.7	9.4	2.0	14.3	18.5	23.7	20.5	1.4	27.8	25.1	48.3
November	15	100.0	76.5	51.2	6.3	4.1	15.6	19.8	21.9	23.9	1.6	24.9	23.5	48.8
	30	100.0	74.6	51.0	5.5	3.6	19.4	22.4	24.9	26.0	.5	23.0	25.4	49.0
December	15	100.0	77.7	52.7	5.4	5.0	16.9	20.0	22.3	25.0	0	22.3	22.3	47.3
	31	100.0	77.5	56.7	6.9	3.5	15.6	17.7	22.5	21.2	0	22.1	22.5	43.3
January	15	100.0	78.8	54.8	6.5	7.0	14.7	16.7	21.2	23.7	0	21.5	21.2	45.2
	31	100.0	76.2	54.1	3.9	5.1	18.8	20.4	22.7	25.5	1.1	20.4	23.8	45.9
February	15	100.0	77.6	55.3	2.1	5.3	20.2	20.5	22.3	25.8	.1	18.9	22.4	44.7
	28	100.0	80.7	59.4	3.8	4.7	15.4	16.2	19.2	20.9	.1	19.7	19.3	40.6
March	15	100.0	79.6	62.5	6.0	5.2	14.4	15.2	20.4	20.4	0	17.1	20.4	37.5
	31	100.0	82.4	63.7	2.5	5.4	15.1	17.1	17.6	22.5	0	13.8	17.6	36.3
April	15	100.0	88.9	68.1	.8	4.8	12.3	13.1	19.5	0	14.3	13.1	33.9	
	30	100.0	83.6	66.5	2.5	2.8	13.7	16.4	16.2	19.2	.2	14.3	16.4	33.5
May	15	100.0	78.5	65.9	5.7	6.0	13.6	14.1	19.3	20.1	2.2	14.0	21.5	34.1
	31	100.0	77.2	71.9	7.1	4.1	15.7	13.6	22.8	17.7	0	10.4	22.8	28.1
June	15	100.0	74.0	76.5	8.4	4.1	16.1	14.5	24.5	18.6	1.5	4.9	26.0	23.5
	30	100.0	78.4	80.0	5.7	1.0	14.4	12.4	20.1	13.4	1.5	6.6	21.6	20.0
Average		100.0	77.8	58.4	6.3	3.7	15.2	17.7	21.5	21.4	.7	20.2	22.2	41.6
FLAXSEED														
July	15	100.0	63.5	100.0	36.5	0	0	0	36.5	0	0	0	36.5	0
	31	100.0	63.1	100.0	36.9	0	0	0	36.9	0	0	0	36.9	0
August	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	15	100.0	67.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32.9	0
	31	100.0	100.0	63.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37.0	0
November	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average		100.0	95.1	95.6	4.9	0	0	0	4.9	0	0	4.4	4.9	4.4
SOYBEANS														
July	15	100.0	47.3	43.6	5.3	10.2	29.4	29.4	34.7	39.6	18.0	16.8	52.7	56.4
	31	100.0	42.7	47.5	4.4	8.1	29.8	29.8	34.2	37.9	23.1	14.6	57.3	52.5
August	15	100.0	43.3	47.1	3.5	7.1	30.7	30.7	34.2	37.8	22.5	15.1	56.7	52.9
	31	100.0	40.8	44.3	4.3	11.3	32.5	32.5	36.0	43.8	22.4	11.9	59.2	55.7
September	15	100.0	36.7	42.0	3.0	9.3	36.3	36.3	39.3	45.6	24.0	12.4	63.3	58.0
	30	100.0	42.0	41.0	6.1	6.3	34.8	34.8	40.9	41.1	17.1	17.9	58.0	59.0
October	15	100.0	48.1	38.4	6.4	6.0	30.2	30.2	36.6	36.2	15.3	25.4	51.9	61.6
	31	100.0	51.5	36.5	4.5	7.3	30.4	30.4	34.9	37.7	13.6	25.8	48.5	63.5*
November	15	100.0	56.0	39.7	4.6	7.7	28.1	28.1	32.7	35.8	11.3	24.5	44.0	60.3
	30	100.0	58.8	42.4	3.8	5.2	26.8	26.8	30.6	32.0	10.6	25.6	42.2	57.6
December	15	100.0	59.0	42.8	4.0	7.2	25.7	25.7	29.7	32.9	11.3	24.3	41.0	57.2
	31	100.0	59.9	43.4	5.3	8.1	25.4	25.4	30.7	33.5	9.4	23.1	40.1	56.6
January	15	100.0	62.6	45.3	5.7	6.8	21.5	21.5	27.2	28.3	10.2	26.4	37.4	54.7
	31	100.0	68.6	44.9	4.3	6.7	17.9	17.9	22.2	24.6	9.2	30.5	32.4	55.1
February	15	100.0	66.7	49.9	4.1	4.9	19.2	19.2	23.3	24.1	10.0	26.0	33.3	50.1
	28	100.0	64.7	48.6	4.6	6.8	21.7	21.7	26.3	26.5	9.0	22.9	32.3	51.4
March	15	100.0	63.6	51.4	5.0	7.7	21.1	21.1	26.1	26.8	10.3	19.8	36.4	48.6
	31	100.0	63.8	52.6	4.9	8.7	20.8	20.8	25.7	29.5	10.5	17.9	36.2	47.4
April	15	100.0	63.9	53.9	3.7	11.4	18.7	18.7	22.4	30.1	13.7	16.0	36.1	46.1
	30	100.0	57.8	53.0	5.5	13.3	29.3	19.3	24.8	32.6	17.4	18.4	42.2	47.0
May	15	100.0	54.4	53.3	6.1	14.7	18.4	18.4	24.5	33.1	21.1	13.6	45.6	46.7
	31	100.0	48.8	50.0	4.9	17.2	19.9	19.9	24.8	37.1	26.4	12.9	51.2	50.0
June	15	100.0	45.5	50.0	5.5	18.0	20.7	20.7	26.2	38.7	26.3	11.3	54.5	50.0
	30	100.0	45.5	45.8	7.4	15.6	23.1	23.1	30.5	38.7	24.0	15.5	54.5	54.2
Average		100.0	53.5	45.5	4.9	9.2	25.6	25.6	30.5	34.8	16.0	19.7	46.5	54.5

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:													
			Speculative						Hedging			Total				
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long		Short	
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
GRAIN SORGHUMS																
July 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	100.0	100.0	15.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84.5	0	0
December 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average	100.0	100.0	78.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.7	0	0	21.7
COTTON																
July 15	100.0	36.3	60.6	6.8	0.3	12.9	12.9	19.7	13.2	44.0	26.2	63.7	39.4			
31	100.0	35.4	59.3	8.0	.7	12.7	12.7	20.7	13.4	43.9	27.3	64.6	40.7			
August 15	100.0	33.7	58.2	8.0	.7	11.7	11.7	19.7	12.4	46.6	29.4	66.3	41.8			
31	100.0	33.0	56.1	6.6	.6	12.7	12.6	19.3	13.2	47.7	30.7	67.0	43.9			
September 15	100.0	33.8	55.3	5.8	.4	12.6	12.5	18.4	12.9	47.8	31.8	66.2	44.7			
30	100.0	35.9	52.1	5.5	.2	11.8	11.8	17.3	12.0	46.8	35.9	64.1	47.9			
October 15	100.0	34.7	52.4	6.1	1.0	12.8	12.9	18.9	13.9	46.4	33.7	65.3	47.6			
31	100.0	38.3	54.7	6.4	.9	14.1	14.1	20.5	15.0	41.2	30.3	61.7	45.3			
November 15	100.0	45.8	55.6	8.2	.8	13.8	13.8	22.0	14.6	32.2	29.8	54.2	44.4			
30	100.0	46.6	53.9	7.7	.9	14.8	14.8	22.5	15.7	30.9	30.4	53.4	46.1			
December 15	100.0	47.7	51.1	6.6	1.6	12.6	12.6	19.2	14.2	33.1	34.7	52.3	48.9			
31	100.0	53.1	51.0	6.2	1.1	12.6	12.6	18.8	13.7	28.1	35.3	46.9	49.0			
January 15	100.0	56.1	52.5	7.6	.5	10.6	10.6	18.2	11.1	25.7	36.4	43.9	47.5			
31	100.0	57.7	53.8	7.3	.6	9.4	9.5	16.7	10.1	25.6	36.1	42.3	46.2			
February 15	100.0	55.1	52.5	6.8	.7	9.2	9.2	16.0	9.9	26.9	37.6	44.9	47.5			
28	100.0	55.2	51.7	6.9	1.0	10.2	10.2	17.1	11.2	27.7	37.1	44.8	48.3			
March 15	100.0	56.5	55.1	6.4	.8	9.8	9.8	16.2	10.6	27.3	34.3	43.5	44.9			
31	100.0	51.1	52.8	7.5	2.2	11.4	11.4	18.9	13.6	30.0	33.6	48.9	47.2			
April 15	100.0	48.3	53.0	8.0	1.8	13.2	13.2	21.2	15.0	30.5	32.0	51.7	47.0			
30	100.0	51.4	55.0	8.2	2.3	14.6	14.6	22.8	16.9	25.8	28.1	48.6	45.0			
May 15	100.0	55.7	54.0	8.1	2.5	14.1	14.1	22.2	16.6	22.1	22.1	44.3	46.0			
31	100.0	57.9	56.7	8.1	1.4	14.0	14.0	22.1	15.4	20.0	27.9	42.1	43.3			
June 15	100.0	56.4	53.6	8.2	1.7	14.8	14.8	23.0	16.5	20.6	29.9	43.6	46.4			
30	100.0	58.8	53.6	9.0	2.6	15.5	15.6	24.5	18.2	16.7	28.2	41.2	46.4			
Average	100.0	45.4	54.5	7.1	1.0	12.6	12.6	19.7	13.6	34.9	31.9	54.6	45.5			
WOOL																
July 15	100.0	87.3	22.3	2.8	0	3.1	3.1	5.9	3.1	6.8	74.6	12.7	77.7			
31	100.0	78.9	29.6	5.9	0	2.7	2.7	8.6	2.7	12.5	67.7	21.1	70.4			
August 15	100.0	76.6	28.3	5.6	0	2.6	2.6	8.2	2.6	15.2	69.1	23.4	71.7			
31	100.0	75.4	26.4	3.4	0	2.6	2.6	6.0	2.6	18.6	71.0	24.6	73.6			
September 15	100.0	83.4	28.3	3.2	0	2.4	2.4	5.6	2.4	11.0	69.3	16.6	71.7			
30	100.0	83.2	30.6	3.2	0	2.4	2.4	5.6	2.4	11.2	67.0	16.8	69.4			
October 15	100.0	87.1	32.7	3.2	0	2.8	2.8	6.0	2.8	6.9	64.5	12.9	67.3			
31	200.0	88.6	38.2	3.3	0	2.4	2.4	5.7	2.4	5.7	59.4	11.4	61.8			
November 15	100.0	88.9	40.0	3.2	0	2.8	2.8	6.0	2.8	5.1	57.2	11.1	60.0			
30	100.0	83.3	46.7	8.2	0	3.5	3.5	11.7	3.5	5.0	49.8	16.7	53.3			
December 15	100.0	84.3	52.3	3.8	0	3.6	3.6	7.4	3.6	5.3	44.1	15.7	47.7			
31	100.0	90.5	59.0	3.3	0	0	0	3.3	0	6.2	41.0	9.5	41.0			
January 15	100.0	90.0	56.9	3.3	0	0	0	3.3	0	6.7	43.1	10.0	43.1			
31	100.0	80.0	52.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.0	47.5	20.0	47.5			
February 15	100.0	83.4	57.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.6	42.6	16.6	42.6			
28	100.0	69.6	72.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.4	27.5	30.4	27.5		
March 15	100.0	68.6	72.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31.4	27.1	31.4	27.1		
31	100.0	76.7	74.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.3	25.7	23.3	25.7		
April 15	100.0	89.6	72.7	0	1.6	.7	.7	2.3	9.7	25.0	10.4	27.3				
30	100.0	84.5	60.2	0	2.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	6.3	11.4	33.5	15.5	39.8			
May 15	100.0	77.6	61.5	0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	18.4	34.5	22.4	38.5			
31	100.0	80.8	63.7	0	0	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	15.7	32.8	19.2	36.3			
June 15	100.0	80.9	62.2	0	3.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	18.8	34.6	19.1	37.8			
30	100.0	79.6	63.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.4	20.4	36.2			
Average	100.0	81.8	51.4	2.0	.3	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.3	14.2	46.3	18.2	48.6			

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:											
			Speculative						Hedging			Total		
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total							
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
WOOL TOPS														
July	15	100.0	77.5	19.3	4.5	0	0	0	4.5	0	18.0	80.7	22.5	80.7
	31	100.0	78.4	19.4	4.2	0	0	0	4.2	0	17.4	80.6	21.6	80.6
August	15	100.0	76.0	19.2	4.3	0	0	0	4.3	0	19.7	80.8	24.0	80.8
	31	100.0	78.0	20.1	1.8	0	0	0	1.8	0	20.2	79.9	22.0	79.9
September	15	100.0	77.3	21.7	1.8	0	0	0	1.8	0	20.9	78.3	22.7	78.3
	30	100.0	72.7	24.8	5.9	0	0	0	5.9	0	21.4	75.2	27.3	75.2
October	15	100.0	74.2	25.9	5.9	0	0	0	6.2	0	19.6	73.8	25.8	74.1
	31	100.0	62.8	24.0	10.0	0	0	0	10.3	0	20.9	75.7	37.2	76.0
November	15	100.0	72.9	27.6	6.9	0	0	0	7.3	0	19.8	72.0	27.1	72.4
	30	100.0	74.1	21.6	2.4	0	0	0	1.4	0	22.1	77.0	25.9	78.4
December	15	100.0	78.1	29.8	3.6	0	0	0	1.4	0	16.9	68.8	21.9	70.2
	31	100.0	78.2	25.7	5.4	0	0	0	5.0	0	16.4	74.3	21.8	74.3
January	15	100.0	74.1	25.0	7.7	0	0	0	7.7	0	18.2	74.2	25.9	74.2
	31	100.0	69.0	31.3	5.5	0	0	0	5.5	0	25.5	68.7	31.0	68.7
February	15	100.0	66.8	32.6	4.4	0	0	0	4.4	0	28.8	67.4	33.2	67.4
	28	100.0	70.9	40.1	2.7	0	0	0	1.3	0	25.1	59.3	29.1	59.9
March	15	100.0	78.1	43.4	2.8	0	0	0	4.6	0	17.3	55.7	21.9	56.6
	31	100.0	73.2	33.7	2.7	0	0	0	2.7	0	21.4	65.4	26.8	66.3
April	15	100.0	75.1	24.0	2.5	0	0	0	3.2	0	19.2	74.6	24.9	76.0
	30	100.0	75.4	29.0	2.5	0	0	0	1.6	0	20.5	69.4	24.6	71.0
May	15	100.0	76.1	32.0	2.3	0	0	0	1.5	0	20.1	66.5	23.9	68.0
	31	100.0	73.7	38.9	6.5	0	0	0	.9	0	18.9	60.2	26.3	61.1
June	15	100.0	78.4	39.5	6.5	0	0	0	.9	0	14.2	59.6	21.6	60.5
	30	100.0	73.8	40.6	6.5	0	0	0	1.5	0	18.8	57.9	26.2	59.4
Average		100.0	74.4	28.4	4.6	0	0	0	.7	0	20.3	71.0	25.6	71.6
EGGS														
July	15	100.0	72.3	58.6	13.9	13.2	11.6	11.6	25.5	24.8	2.2	16.6	27.7	41.4
	31	100.0	74.4	54.1	12.6	18.3	11.8	11.8	24.4	30.1	1.2	15.8	25.6	45.9
August	15	100.0	78.8	57.9	7.4	14.2	13.2	13.2	20.6	27.4	.6	14.7	21.2	42.1
	31	100.0	75.3	61.2	10.9	14.5	13.7	13.7	24.6	28.2	.1	10.6	24.7	38.8
September	15	100.0	75.0	67.9	10.9	10.0	14.1	14.1	25.0	24.1	(3)	8.0	25.0	32.1
	30	100.0	80.2	67.0	7.7	13.5	12.1	12.1	19.8	25.6	0	7.4	19.8	33.0
October	15	100.0	84.4	64.3	4.4	17.9	11.2	11.2	15.6	29.1	0	6.6	15.6	35.7
	31	100.0	87.5	69.5	5.0	17.2	7.5	7.5	12.5	24.7	0	5.8	12.5	30.5
November	15	100.0	86.0	67.8	3.6	17.8	10.4	10.4	14.0	28.2	0	4.0	14.0	32.2
	30	100.0	83.9	60.9	3.2	22.7	12.9	12.9	16.1	35.6	0	3.5	16.1	39.1
December	15	100.0	87.8	75.1	4.5	15.3	7.7	7.7	12.2	23.0	0	1.9	12.2	24.9
	31	100.0	86.8	69.0	5.0	21.0	7.5	7.5	12.5	28.5	.7	2.5	13.2	31.0
January	15	100.0	85.1	66.5	7.1	22.6	5.5	5.5	12.6	28.1	2.3	5.4	14.9	33.5
	31	100.0	67.0	62.3	18.5	16.1	10.4	10.4	28.9	26.5	4.1	11.2	33.0	37.7
February	15	100.0	68.5	58.0	16.5	19.0	11.5	11.5	28.0	30.5	3.5	11.5	31.5	42.0
	28	100.0	69.8	50.6	15.0	21.5	12.0	12.0	27.0	33.5	3.2	15.9	30.2	49.4
March	15	100.0	69.5	54.7	17.8	13.6	10.2	10.2	28.0	23.8	2.5	21.5	30.5	45.3
	31	100.0	67.7	45.0	13.7	13.8	16.3	16.3	30.0	30.1	2.3	24.9	38.3	55.0
April	15	100.0	64.3	49.9	17.0	7.9	16.3	16.3	33.3	24.2	2.4	25.9	35.7	50.1
	30	100.0	66.3	54.9	21.4	7.5	10.1	10.1	31.5	17.6	2.2	27.5	33.7	45.1
May	15	100.0	72.9	48.7	14.3	11.3	10.4	10.4	24.7	21.7	2.4	29.6	27.1	51.3
	31	100.0	72.9	47.8	11.6	11.9	13.4	13.4	25.0	25.3	2.1	26.9	27.1	52.2
June	15	100.0	75.3	48.6	10.9	13.3	10.9	10.9	21.8	24.2	2.9	27.2	24.7	51.4
	30	100.0	70.4	44.8	13.0	14.6	14.0	14.0	27.0	28.6	2.6	26.6	29.6	55.2
Average		100.0	75.7	57.5	11.1	14.9	11.7	11.7	22.8	26.6	1.5	15.9	24.3	42.5
POTATOES														
July	15	100.0	62.2	46.9	14.7	6.4	7.3	7.3	22.0	13.7	15.8	39.4	37.8	53.1
	31	100.0	61.4	38.1	18.1	10.2	9.5	9.5	27.6	19.7	11.0	42.2	38.6	61.9
August	15	100.0	63.5	40.0	19.1	6.4	8.3	8.3	27.4	14.7	9.1	45.3	36.5	60.0
	31	100.0	61.1	34.1	21.5	8.7	6.1	6.1	27.6	14.8	11.3	51.1	38.9	65.9
September	15	100.0	62.7	32.4	17.6	11.4	7.6	7.6	25.2	19.0	12.1	48.6	37.3	67.6
	30	100.0	68.4	28.2	15.4	13.7	5.1	5.1	20.5	18.8	11.1	53.0	31.6	71.8
October	15	100.0	61.9	26.6	19.1	12.4	5.3	5.3	24.4	17.7	13.7	55.7	38.1	73.4
	31	100.0	60.6	24.5	16.5	17.8	7.6	7.6	24.1	25.4	15.3	50.1	39.4	75.5
November	15	100.0	58.3	25.6	16.2	16.4	8.2	8.2	24.4	24.6	17.3	49.8	41.7	74.4
	30	100.0	61.9	29.0	19.0	18.9	6.8	6.8	25.8	25.7	12.3	45.3	38.1	71.0
December	15	100.0	60.7	28.6	18.2	19.8	8.6	8.6	26.8	28.4	12.5	43.0	39.3	71.4
	31	100.0	55.8	32.5	20.6	19.6	9.0	9.0	29.6	28.6	14.6	38.9	44.2	67.5
January	15	100.0	61.4	39.7	20.1	20.3	6.3	6.3	26.4	26.6	12.2	33.7	38.6	60.3
	31	100.0	60.5	41.3	23.3	22.9	5.4	5.4	27.7	28.3	10.8	30.4	39.5	58.7
February	15	100.0	62.1	39.0	19.2	23.7	7.1	7.1	26.3	30.8	11.6	30.2	37.9	61.0
	28	100.0	60.7	41.4	23.0	19.4	6.7	6.7	27.7	26.1	9.6	32.5	39.3	58.6
March	15	100.0	61.9	37.5	28.9	25.2	2.6	2.6	31.5	27.8	6.6	34.7	38.1	62.5
	31	100.0	60.6	31.7	20.2	32.2	9.3	9.3	29.5	41.5	9.9	26.8	39.4	68.3
April	15	100.0	64.2	32.4	20.4	29.9	5.9	5.9	26.3	35.8	9.5	31.8	35.8	67.6
	30	100.0	65.2	27.2	22.1	34.6	2.1	2.1	24.2	36.7	10.6	36.1	34.8	72.8
May	15	100.0	50.3	36.7	36.3	17.3	8.5	8.5	44.8	25.8	4.9	37.5	49.7	63.3
	31	100.0	73.3	43.3	9.8	13.0	7.7	7.7	17.5	20.7	9.2	36.0	26.7	56.7
June	15	100.0	68.4	43.1	12.9	9.2	7.3	7.3	20.2	16.5	11.4	40.4	31.6	56.9
	30	100.0	77.0	37.8	6.2	17.2	5.9	5.9	12.1	23.1	10.9	39.1	23.0	62.2
Average		100.0	61.7	34.0	19.8	18.2	6.8	6.8	26.6	25.0	11.7	41.0	38.3	66.0

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:											
			Speculative						Hedging			Total		
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total					Long	Short	Long
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
ONIONS														
July	15	100.0	54.4	24.0	28.8	8.0	15.3	14.1	23.3	1.5	52.7	45.6	76.0	
	31	100.0	59.1	21.1	25.6	6.6	13.7	13.7	20.3	1.6	58.6	40.9	78.9	
August	15	100.0	53.1	18.4	29.8	3.1	15.0	15.0	44.8	2.1	63.5	46.9	81.6	
	31	100.0	52.4	16.0	28.7	3.2	14.1	14.1	42.8	4.8	66.7	47.6	84.0	
September	15	100.0	54.5	13.7	24.0	3.3	17.4	17.4	41.4	4.1	68.6	45.5	86.3	
	30	100.0	55.9	15.2	26.4	3.7	13.8	13.8	40.2	3.9	67.3	44.1	84.8	
October	15	100.0	58.0	16.2	24.7	4.1	13.3	13.3	38.0	4.0	66.4	42.0	83.8	
	31	100.0	61.3	17.3	23.8	6.7	12.0	12.0	35.8	2.9	64.0	38.7	82.7	
November	15	100.0	67.0	24.2	20.4	5.7	9.1	9.1	29.5	3.5	33.0	23.0	75.8	
	30	100.0	67.8	22.6	20.9	11.2	8.6	8.6	29.5	2.7	57.6	32.2	77.4	
December	15	100.0	64.5	19.2	22.1	17.2	10.3	10.3	32.4	3.1	53.3	35.5	80.8	
	31	100.0	62.5	16.5	26.7	21.8	8.8	8.8	35.5	2.0	52.9	37.5	83.5	
January	15	100.0	64.0	24.2	27.5	25.5	5.5	5.5	33.0	3.0	44.8	36.0	75.8	
	31	100.0	62.1	34.0	21.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	24.8	1.3	41.2	37.9	66.0	
February	15	100.0	74.7	32.2	24.8	32.3	.5	.5	25.3	0	35.0	25.3	67.8	
	28	100.0	74.7	46.9	16.6	.1	.1	.1	24.9	.4	36.4	25.3	53.1	
March	15	100.0	67.5	55.7	32.4	.7	.1	.1	32.5	0	43.5	32.5	44.3	
	31	100.0	74.2	42.6	25.6	0	.2	.2	25.8	0	57.2	25.8	57.4	
April	15	100.0	81.3	29.7	18.6	.4	.1	.1	18.7	.5	69.8	18.7	70.3	
	30	100.0	78.7	29.8	18.9	9.3	2.4	2.4	22.3	11.7	63.5	21.3	75.2	
May	15	100.0	76.6	28.2	20.8	5.5	2.6	2.0	23.4	8.1	63.7	23.4	71.8	
	31	100.0	78.5	26.3	20.2	4.8	1.3	1.3	21.5	6.1	67.6	21.5	73.7	
June	15	100.0	71.7	24.4	23.5	3.1	4.8	4.8	28.3	7.9	67.7	26.3	75.6	
	30	100.0	71.9	19.5	22.4	2.7	5.7	5.7	26.1	8.4	72.1	26.1	80.5	
Average		100.0	62.6	21.9	25.2	9.7	9.8	9.8	35.0	2.4	58.6	37.4	78.1	
COTTONSEED OIL														
July	15	100.0	49.4	15.4	10.0	8.9	26.2	26.2	35.1	14.4	49.5	50.6	84.6	
	31	100.0	50.5	19.8	11.8	10.7	23.3	23.3	35.1	14.1	46.2	49.5	80.2	
August	15	100.0	45.6	17.9	9.8	11.7	29.8	29.8	39.6	41.5	14.8	54.4	82.1	
	31	100.0	39.5	16.5	12.5	10.2	33.7	33.7	46.2	43.9	14.3	39.6	83.5	
September	15	100.0	41.7	19.5	11.9	7.9	31.9	31.9	43.8	39.8	14.5	40.7	80.5	
	30	100.0	46.1	19.8	11.8	6.9	29.0	29.0	40.8	35.9	13.1	44.3	80.2	
October	15	100.0	45.4	22.4	18.5	11.5	23.2	23.2	41.7	34.7	12.9	42.9	77.6	
	31	100.0	42.4	20.6	20.5	10.7	23.2	23.2	43.7	33.9	13.9	45.5	57.6	
November	15	100.0	41.8	17.1	20.3	8.9	24.8	24.8	45.1	33.7	13.1	49.2	58.2	
	30	100.0	48.3	21.1	21.8	6.3	18.7	18.7	40.5	25.0	11.2	53.9	78.9	
December	15	100.0	46.1	25.4	18.8	5.2	21.3	21.3	40.1	26.5	13.6	48.1	74.6	
	31	100.0	50.3	21.4	13.3	7.8	24.3	24.3	37.6	32.1	12.1	46.5	76.6	
January	15	100.0	50.6	23.0	14.9	6.0	24.6	24.6	35.5	30.6	9.9	46.4	77.0	
	31	100.0	53.8	24.0	11.8	4.5	25.2	25.2	37.0	29.7	9.2	46.3	76.0	
February	15	100.0	54.3	29.6	12.6	5.1	21.2	21.2	36.3	26.3	11.9	44.1	45.7	
	28	100.0	50.2	30.2	11.2	4.9	21.6	21.6	32.8	26.5	11.5	43.3	44.8	
March	15	100.0	56.9	30.6	8.8	6.4	22.0	22.0	30.8	28.4	12.3	41.0	69.4	
	31	100.0	55.2	27.1	4.8	7.7	27.8	27.8	32.6	35.5	12.2	37.4	44.8	
April	15	100.0	53.4	27.9	5.1	9.3	26.2	26.2	31.3	35.5	15.3	36.6	46.6	
	30	100.0	52.8	32.4	7.0	8.7	20.3	20.3	27.3	29.0	19.9	38.6	47.2	
May	15	100.0	53.9	35.0	8.6	7.7	19.6	19.6	28.2	27.3	17.9	37.7	46.1	
	31	100.0	56.1	33.7	8.4	6.6	19.3	19.3	27.7	26.1	16.2	40.2	43.9	
June	15	100.0	59.0	31.4	7.8	9.6	17.5	17.5	25.3	27.1	15.7	41.5	41.0	
	30	100.0	62.7	27.4	10.3	18.2	12.5	12.5	22.8	30.7	14.5	41.9	37.3	
Average		100.0	50.9	25.1	12.1	8.1	23.4	23.4	35.5	31.5	13.6	43.4	49.1	74.9
SOYBEAN OIL														
July	15	100.0	36.9	13.9	15.4	7.8	33.2	48.6	41.0	14.5	45.1	63.1	86.1	
	31	100.0	35.4	15.6	14.3	4.2	30.4	44.7	34.6	19.9	49.8	64.6	84.4	
August	15	100.0	34.6	14.2	21.0	3.0	30.8	51.8	33.8	13.6	52.0	65.4	85.8	
	31	100.0	32.9	12.8	19.5	4.1	30.6	50.1	34.7	17.0	52.5	67.1	87.2	
September	15	100.0	30.2	12.6	18.9	4.0	29.6	58.5	33.6	21.3	53.8	69.8	87.4	
	30	100.0	32.2	9.4	20.4	4.1	27.9	48.3	38.0	19.5	58.6	67.8	90.6	
October	15	100.0	37.9	10.2	21.4	4.8	22.7	44.1	27.5	18.0	62.3	80.8		
	31	100.0	39.1	10.4	20.2	3.7	24.2	44.4	27.9	16.5	61.7	60.9	89.6	
November	15	100.0	36.3	11.7	24.9	6.9	22.7	47.6	29.6	16.1	58.7	63.7	88.3	
	30	100.0	42.3	14.5	24.2	10.0	20.9	45.1	30.9	12.6	54.6	57.7	85.5	
December	15	100.0	37.3	18.6	21.3	11.7	18.0	18.0	39.3	29.7	51.7	62.7	81.4	
	31	100.0	41.1	20.3	15.6	14.0	18.7	34.3	32.7	24.6	47.0	58.9	79.7	
January	15	100.0	35.9	18.3	21.7	11.1	20.8	42.5	31.9	21.6	49.8	64.1	81.7	
	31	100.0	37.4	18.1	21.3	10.8	19.6	40.9	30.4	21.7	51.5	62.6	81.9	
February	15	100.0	33.9	21.2	20.5	11.4	18.0	38.5	29.4	27.6	49.4	66.1	78.8	
	28	100.0	33.6	22.0	21.1	18.7	18.7	39.8	30.8	26.6	47.2	66.4	78.0	
March	15	100.0	45.5	24.0	10.6	10.8	16.8	16.8	27.4	27.6	48.4	54.5	76.0	
	31	100.0	48.2	24.5	5.8	13.5	15.8	15.8	21.6	29.3	50.2	52.8	75.5	
April	15	100.0	46.9	26.6	9.6	13.7	14.7	14.7	24.3	28.4	45.0	53.1	73.4	
	30	100.0	50.1	22.7	8.5	21.5	12.0	12.0	20.5	33.5	43.8	49.9	77.3	
May	15	100.0	51.7	28.2	7.3	24.6	9.8	9.8	17.1	34.4	31.2	37.4	48.3	
	31	100.0	49.6	27.8	10.7	19.7	12.6	12.6	23.3	32.3	27.1	39.9	50.4	
June	15	100.0	48.4	28.7	11.7	15.6	14.1	14.1	25.8	29.7	27.1	41.6	51.6	
	30	100.0	44.6	25.3	23.7	11.1	13.2	13.2	36.9	24.3	18.5	50.4	55.4	
Average		100.0	39.5	18.3	17.8	10.3	20.8	20.8	38.6	31.1	21.9	50.6	60.5	81.7

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:											
			Speculative											
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Hedging		Total		Long	
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
LARD														
July	15	100.0	67.3	16.3	23.4	4.6	8.1	8.1	31.5	12.7	1.2	71.0	32.7	83.7
	31	100.0	69.2	14.5	22.8	9.8	7.3	7.3	30.1	17.1	.7	68.4	30.8	85.5
August	15	100.0	64.0	19.2	31.1	14.6	4.7	4.7	35.8	19.3	.2	61.5	36.0	80.8
	31	100.0	66.3	16.2	19.5	13.0	13.4	13.4	32.9	26.4	.8	57.4	33.7	83.8
September	15	100.0	60.5	22.9	22.1	10.1	15.6	15.6	37.7	25.7	.5	51.4	39.5	77.1
	30	100.0	55.9	22.2	20.7	12.2	22.9	22.9	43.6	35.1	.5	42.7	44.1	77.8
October	15	100.0	54.4	22.1	19.2	13.2	25.9	25.9	45.1	39.1	.5	38.8	45.6	77.9
	31	100.0	48.2	17.3	19.5	25.0	25.3	25.3	44.8	59.3	7.0	32.4	51.8	82.7
November	15	100.0	40.4	31.5	33.4	10.5	15.9	15.9	49.3	26.4	10.3	42.1	59.6	68.5
	30	100.0	44.1	41.7	33.2	6.1	21.9	21.9	55.1	28.0	.8	30.3	55.9	58.3
December	15	100.0	54.0	47.6	21.4	8.9	22.1	22.1	43.5	31.0	2.5	21.4	46.0	52.4
	31	100.0	58.9	44.3	22.1	15.9	15.4	15.4	37.5	31.3	3.6	24.4	41.1	55.7
January	15	100.0	54.5	47.7	28.3	15.3	10.7	10.7	39.0	26.0	6.5	26.3	45.5	52.3
	31	100.0	61.0	44.7	29.3	14.3	4.3	4.3	33.6	18.6	5.4	36.7	39.0	55.3
February	15	100.0	58.8	52.2	30.7	11.6	5.9	5.9	36.6	17.5	4.6	30.3	41.2	47.8
	28	100.0	56.8	53.8	36.3	10.1	3.6	3.6	39.9	13.7	3.3	32.5	43.2	46.2
March	15	100.0	62.9	62.7	28.3	10.5	4.3	4.3	32.6	14.8	4.5	22.5	37.1	37.3
	31	100.0	71.5	64.0	11.3	11.6	9.9	9.9	21.2	21.5	7.3	14.5	26.5	36.0
April	15	100.0	66.0	59.5	16.4	11.0	10.9	10.9	27.3	21.9	6.7	18.6	34.0	40.5
	30	100.0	58.6	44.7	16.9	23.8	13.1	13.1	30.0	36.9	11.4	18.4	41.4	55.3
May	15	100.0	55.4	54.3	24.6	28.8	10.0	10.0	34.6	38.8	10.0	6.9	44.6	45.7
	31	100.0	64.5	51.6	15.3	29.2	8.1	8.1	23.4	37.3	12.1	11.1	35.5	48.4
June	15	100.0	67.6	56.2	13.0	27.5	6.1	6.1	19.1	33.6	13.3	10.2	32.4	43.8
	30	100.0	55.3	45.3	19.9	26.8	10.0	10.0	29.9	36.8	14.8	17.9	44.7	54.7
Average		100.0	59.5	36.4	23.2	14.9	12.4	12.4	35.6	27.3	4.9	36.3	40.5	63.6
TALLOW														
August	15	100.0	64.3	27.1	0	12.9	35.7	35.7	35.7	48.6	0	24.3	35.7	72.9
	31	100.0	70.4	32.4	0	12.7	29.6	29.6	29.6	42.3	0	25.3	29.6	67.6
September	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average		100.0	92.6	84.1	0	2.9	7.4	7.4	7.4	10.3	0	5.6	7.4	15.9
BRAN														
July	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	21.4	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78.6	0	78.6
Average		100.0	95.8	87.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	12.9	4.2	12.9

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments ^{2/}	Reporting (large) traders' commitments ^{1/} reported as:												
			Speculative						Hedging			Total			
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short		Long		Short
SHORTS															
July	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	50.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0	0	50.0	0
Average		100.0	98.9	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	1.1	0
MIDLINGS															
July	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	28	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	100.0	88.9	77.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.1	22.2	11.1	22.2
Average		100.0	99.4	98.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.6	1.3	.6	1.3
COTTONSEED MEAL															
July	15	100.0	83.2	90.3	7.1	0	9.7	9.7	16.8	9.7	0	0	16.8	9.7	
	31	100.0	82.2	66.4	1.0	0	16.8	16.8	17.8	16.8	0	16.8	17.8	33.6	
August	15	100.0	83.0	57.0	0	2.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	19.0	0	24.0	17.0	43.0	
	31	100.0	78.4	58.6	5.2	0	16.4	16.4	21.0	16.4	0	25.0	21.0	41.4	
September	15	100.0	67.4	47.1	3.7	0	13.0	13.0	16.7	13.0	0	15.9	39.9	32.6	
	30	100.0	58.1	29.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41.9	70.7	52.9	
October	15	100.0	59.7	41.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.3	58.6	50.3	
	31	100.0	66.7	12.1	0	0	4.2	4.2	16.3	4.2	0	17.0	29.1	33.3	
November	15	100.0	72.3	57.8	0	0	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	17.5	32.0	42.2	
	30	100.0	75.2	64.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.8	35.9	24.8	
December	15	100.0	71.6	65.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.4	34.2	28.4	
	31	100.0	100.0	53.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.9	46.9	
January	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	31	100.0	64.1	70.5	0	25.6	0	0	0	25.6	0	35.9	3.9	35.9	
February	15	100.0	39.0	52.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61.0	47.6	59.6	
	28	100.0	35.8	46.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64.2	54.0	64.2	
March	15	100.0	41.7	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58.3	77.3	58.3	
	31	100.0	44.1	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55.9	77.9	55.9	
April	15	100.0	41.4	19.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58.6	80.5	58.6	
	30	100.0	71.0	29.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.0	71.0	71.0	
May	15	100.0	100.0	47.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	31	100.0	42.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52.4	52.4	
June	15	100.0	74.7	32.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57.3	57.3	
	30	100.0	71.1	37.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62.3	62.3	
Average		100.0	67.7	49.4	1.3	.7	3.6	3.6	4.9	4.3	27.4	46.3	32.3	50.6	

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semimonthly, July 1956 to June 1957--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:											
			Speculative						Hedging					
			Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long		Short			
			Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short		
SOYBEAN MEAL														
July	15	100.0	29.7	14.0	23.7	15.9	16.1	16.1	39.8	32.0	30.5	54.0	70.3	86.0
	31	100.0	27.2	16.4	16.2	19.2	16.1	16.1	32.3	35.3	40.5	48.3	72.8	83.6
August	15	100.0	25.0	17.5	19.1	19.7	15.5	15.5	34.6	35.2	40.4	47.3	75.0	82.5
	31	100.0	21.7	18.5	15.7	24.3	15.3	15.3	31.0	39.6	47.3	41.9	78.3	81.5
September	15	100.0	16.1	16.0	23.4	23.4	9.9	9.9	33.3	33.3	50.6	50.7	83.9	84.0
	30	100.0	15.9	14.7	14.0	13.1	10.9	10.9	24.9	24.0	59.2	61.3	84.1	85.3
October	15	100.0	21.0	10.5	15.2	10.7	8.3	8.3	23.5	19.0	55.5	70.5	79.0	89.5
	31	100.0	20.5	10.0	20.9	2.8	7.8	7.8	28.7	10.6	50.8	79.4	79.5	90.0
November	15	100.0	18.6	11.4	25.2	3.5	8.4	8.4	33.6	11.9	47.8	76.7	81.4	88.6
	30	100.0	20.0	10.9	24.7	3.7	8.3	8.3	35.0	12.0	47.0	77.1	80.0	89.1
December	15	100.0	23.2	11.0	24.8	3.4	8.1	8.1	32.9	11.9	43.9	77.5	76.8	89.0
	31	100.0	23.4	11.0	24.7	1.0	8.6	8.6	33.3	9.6	43.3	79.4	76.6	89.0
January	15	100.0	24.5	12.5	29.8	.4	8.0	8.0	37.8	8.4	37.7	79.1	75.5	87.5
	31	100.0	28.8	17.2	32.6	2.8	4.8	4.8	37.4	7.6	33.6	75.2	74.2	82.8
February	15	100.0	29.0	14.9	35.6	4.9	5.1	5.1	40.7	10.0	30.3	75.1	71.0	85.1
	28	100.0	28.5	14.8	39.6	5.1	7.8	7.8	47.4	12.9	24.1	72.3	71.5	85.2
March	15	100.0	30.4	19.9	39.6	8.4	8.4	8.4	48.0	16.8	21.6	63.3	69.6	80.1
	31	100.0	28.2	20.7	37.3	9.9	8.7	8.7	46.0	18.6	25.8	60.7	71.8	79.3
April	15	100.0	26.4	17.6	32.0	11.6	9.6	9.6	41.6	21.2	32.0	61.2	73.6	82.4
	30	100.0	24.3	19.0	29.6	15.7	10.0	10.0	39.6	25.7	36.1	55.3	75.7	81.0
May	15	100.0	24.0	20.4	38.5	24.3	4.0	4.0	42.5	20.3	33.5	51.3	76.0	79.6
	31	100.0	25.8	22.6	32.7	19.7	8.2	8.2	40.9	27.9	33.3	49.5	74.2	77.4
June	15	100.0	23.6	18.8	21.9	19.6	14.3	14.3	36.2	33.9	40.2	47.3	76.4	81.2
	30	100.0	24.0	16.7	21.2	15.6	14.6	14.6	35.8	30.2	40.2	53.1	76.0	77.3
Average		100.0	24.1	15.1	26.9	10.0	9.4	9.4	36.3	19.4	39.6	65.5	75.9	84.9

1/ Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.

2/ Derived by subtracting reporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.

3/ Less than 0.05 percent.

4/ On November 24, 1956, reporting requirements on cottonseed oil and soybean oil changed from 900,000 pounds to 1,500,000 pounds; on lard and tallow from 600,000 pounds to 1,000,000 pounds.

5/ Trading resumed August 1, 1956. (Discontinued June 5, 1941.)

NOTE: No traders in reporting status in butter during the year, July 1956 to June 1957.