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# STOCKS OF GRAIN, OCTOBER 1, 1946

Stocks of grains in all positions, on and off farms on October 1, 1946 included about 957 million bushels of wheat, 178 million bushels of old corn, 1,237 million bushels of oats, 231 million bushels of barley and 15 million bushels of rye, according to a report compiled by the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Farm stocks accounted for the major part of the total for each grain, even though for wheat this situation seldom occurs. Off-farm stocks included 397 million bushels of wheat, only 41 percent of the wheat stocks; about 20 million bushels of corn, 65½ million bushels of oats, 75⅔ million bushels of barley and 3.3 million bushels of rye.

Current stocks of wheat are smaller than on October 1 of any of the preceding 5 years, largely because of the very small carryover from the previous crop year. Stocks of old corn are the smallest in 4 years of record and only 55 percent as large as a year ago. Oats stocks are relatively large, though 11 percent less than the high mark on October 1, 1945. Barley stocks are the smallest of the 4 years of record, about 7 percent less than a year ago. Rye stocks are only two-thirds as large as a year earlier and less than half those of 2 years ago.

About 314 million bushels of wheat disappeared between July 1 and October 1, 1946. For comparable quarters, disappearance was 374 million in 1945, 301 million in 1944 and 348 million in 1943. In the same respective periods, disappearance of corn was 372 million, 449 million, 361 million and 451 million bushels; of oats, 585 million, 394 million, 361 million and 408 million (Continued over)

## STOCKS OF GRAIN, OCTOBER 1, 1946, WITH COMPARISONS

| Crop | Position | October 1, 1944 | October 1, 1945 | July 1, 1946 | October 1, 1946 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Thousand bushels | | | |
| Wheat | (On farms 1/ | 530,250 | 528,218 | 42,703 | 559,696 |
| | (Commodity Credit Corp. 2/ | 22,365 | 22,189 | 7,351 | 2,184 |
| | (Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ | 198,413 | 181,410 | 8,382 | 176,568 |
| | (Terminals 3/ | 199,475 | 170,305 | 29,917 | 103,595 |
| | (Merchant Mills 1/ | 137,818 | 128,261 | 12,838 | 114,478 |
| | TOTAL | 1,088,321 | 1,030,383 | 101,191 | 956,521 |
| Old Corn | (On farms 1/ | 206,621 | 303,138 | 515,341 | 158,398 |
| | (Commodity Credit Corp. 2/ | 534 | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| | (Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/ | 20,313 | 17,198 | 19,246 | 14,946 |
| | (Terminals 3/ | 7,478 | 4,674 | 15,904 | 4,944 |
| | TOTAL | 234,946 | 325,029 | 550,491 | 178,288 |
| Oats | (On farms 1/ | 941,286 | 1,290,931 | 277,973 | 1,171,622 |
| | (Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/ | 43,128 | 55,824 | 13,716 | 45,176 |
| | (Terminals 3/ | 17,328 | 43,555 | 3,153 | 20,319 |
| | TOTAL | 1,001,742 | 1,390,310 | 294,842 | 1,237,117 |
| Barley | (On farms 1/ | 181,611 | 166,619 | 38,700 | 155,125 |
| | (Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/ | 56,100 | 59,568 | 15,406 | 57,311 |
| | (Terminals 3/ | 26,032 | 22,922 | 4,464 | 18,248 |
| | TOTAL | 263,743 | 249,109 | 58,570 | 230,684 |
| Rye | (On farms 1/ | 16,111 | 14,254 | 1,160 | 11,492 |
| | (Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/ | 4,881 | 3,301 | 905 | 2,183 |
| | (Terminals 3/ | 14,728 | 4,732 | 322 | 1,126 |
| | TOTAL | 35,720 | 22,287 | 2,387 | 14,801 |

1/ Estimates by the Crop Reporting Board. 2/ Stocks owned by Commodity Credit Corporation in steel and wooden bins and (for wheat) in transit. 3/ Commercial grain stocks at terminal markets reported by Grain Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. 4/ Includes also stocks in merchant mills.

bushels; of barley, 83 million, 111 million, 91 million and 116 million bushels; of rye, 9 million, 17 million, 21 million and 23 million bushels. For all grains except corn the July 1 supply is the sum of carryover stocks plus new production. Disappearance is computed as the difference between such supplies and October 1 stocks.

Stocks of corn, oats, barley and rye, shown below by States, are for all off-farm positions. Stocks in interior mills, elevators and warehouses, as estimated by the Crop Reporting Board, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, are combined with commercial stocks at terminals, as reported by the Grain Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration, to obtain these State totals.

OFF-FARM 1/ STOCKS OF GRAIN OCTOBER 1, 1946, WITH COMPARISONS

| State | Shelled & ear corn | | Oats | | Barley | | Rye | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1, 1945 | Oct. 1, 1946 | Oct. 1, 1945 | Oct. 1, 1946 | Oct. 1, 1945 | Oct. 1, 1946 | Oct. 1, 1945 | Oct. 1, 1946 |
| | Thousand bushels | | | | | | | |
| N. Eng. | 114 | 229 | 613 | 680 | 164 | 40 | 386 | 12 |
| N.Y. | 338 | 740 | 7,485 | 6,333 | 1,914 | 2,131 | * | * |
| N.J. | 142 | 109 | 982 | 286 | 58 | 36 | 15 | 6 |
| Pa. | 207 | 529 | 630 | 1,188 | 170 | 133 | 77 | 54 |
| Ohio | 743 | 1,014 | 3,966 | 3,348 | 283 | 178 | 23 | 16 |
| Ind. | 804 | 1,160 | 2,146 | 1,955 | 61 | 32 | 105 | 64 |
| Ill. | 3,265 | 4,829 | 15,399 | 8,234 | 3,679 | 3,649 | 1,977 | 263 |
| Mich. | * | * | 864 | 679 | * | * | 64 | 26 |
| Wis. | 332 | 555 | 3,609 | 2,492 | 16,362 | 14,044 | 70 | 54 |
| Minn. | 978 | 754 | 19,796 | 7,772 | 16,186 | 16,297 | * | * |
| Iowa | 3,877 | 2,670 | 9,720 | 5,516 | * | * | 22 | 17 |
| Mo. | 2,371 | 1,238 | 4,484 | 2,315 | 1,640 | 999 | 170 | 65 |
| N.Dak. | 86 | 43 | 4,815 | 3,849 | 4,291 | 4,750 | 303 | 232 |
| S.Dak. | 760 | 268 | 6,328 | 4,132 | 2,325 | 1,946 | 506 | 275 |
| Nebr. | 4,117 | 1,348 | 4,303 | 1,707 | 717 | 818 | 337 | 145 |
| Kans. | 1,048 | 283 | 2,101 | 1,114 | 1,203 | 449 | 79 | 15 |
| Del. | * | * | 19 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 13 | 2 |
| Md. | 268 | 231 | 201 | 3,080 | 76 | 99 | 487 | 22 |
| Va. | 97 | 231 | 128 | 136 | 115 | 70 | 19 | 12 |
| W.Va. | * | * | 32 | 52 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| N.C. | 106 | 86 | 174 | 455 | 50 | 29 | 17 | 4 |
| S.C. | * | * | 103 | 175 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Ga. | 82 | 77 | 127 | 109 | 46 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Ky. | 196 | 677 | 119 | 258 | 37 | 22 | 172 | 326 |
| Tenn. | 273 | 383 | 1,709 | 843 | 105 | 32 | 43 | 13 |
| Ala. | 53 | 24 | 51 | 52 | 6 | 1 | * | * |
| Miss. | 32 | 34 | 350 | 140 | 32 | 15 | 2 | 1 |
| Ark. | 75 | 40 | 160 | 130 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| La. | * | * | 73 | 153 | 0 | 3 | 83 | 0 |
| Okla. | 91 | 93 | 755 | 760 | 294 | 53 | 3 | 1 |
| Tex. | 150 | 49 | 2,122 | 1,292 | 425 | 243 | 40 | 10 |
| Mont. | 10 | 8 | 260 | 373 | 935 | 1,525 | 15 | 18 |
| Idaho | 9 | 5 | 762 | 1,072 | 1,925 | 1,379 | 3 | 1 |
| Wyo. | 33 | 7 | 78 | 39 | 59 | 19 | 6 | 12 |
| Colo. | 162 | 126 | 202 | 150 | 1,182 | 686 | 103 | 27 |
| N.Mex. | * | * | 13 | 25 | 6 | 8 | * | * |
| Ariz. | 6 | 11 | 124 | 57 | 1,210 | 1,482 | * | * |
| Utah | 22 | 12 | 79 | 53 | 556 | 345 | * | * |
| Nev. | * | * | 17 | 6 | 54 | 71 | * | * |
| Wash. | 21 | 277 | 1,300 | 1,003 | 4,300 | 3,188 | 41 | 68 |
| Oreg. | 95 | 62 | 1,017 | 1,333 | 1,933 | 1,996 | 45 | 11 |
| Calif. | 418 | 257 | 2,073 | 2,127 | 19,088 | 18,201 | 20 | |
| Undistributed* | 504 | 1,431 | -- | -- | 966 | 574 | 2,677 | 1,514 |
| U.S. | 21,891 | 19,890 | 99,379 | 65,495 | 82,490 | 75,559 | 8,033 | 3,309 |

1/ For positions covered, see preceding paragraph. *Stocks in States indicated combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.