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STOCKS OF FEED GRAINS, OCTOBER 1, 1949

Carryover stocks of 815 million bushels of old corn in all positions on October 1, 1949 are the largest in the 7 years of comparable data. They are undoubtedly the largest carryover in history as well. The farm stocks of 699 million bushels exceed by a wide margin farm stocks on any other October 1 since those reports began in 1926. Because of this wide margin, the current total exceeds probable total stocks even in the 1939-41 period when government holdings in commercial storages and Commodity Credit Corporation-owned bins were at their peak. Current off-farm stocks of over 116 million bushels include 39 million bushels in interior mills, elevators and warehouses, nearly 10 million in terminal storages, and nearly 68 million bushels owned by Commodity Credit Corporation and stored in their own bins or other storages under their control. Other CCC-owned corn is included in the estimates by positions.

Stocks of 1,124 million bushels of oats are larger than average, but were exceeded on October 1 of 1945, 1946, and 1948 in the 7 years of comparable data. Of the total only 75 million bushels were in off-farm positions. Barley stocks of 248 million bushels are second-smallest in the 7-year series for October 1, exceeding only those of 1946. About 99 million bushels were in off-farm positions.

Sorghum grain stocks in all positions on October 1 totaled 18½ million bushels, compared with about 7 million bushels in each of the two preceding years. The current total includes 6.7 million bushels of old sorghum grain on farms and 3 million bushels at interior mills, elevators and warehouses; estimates for these positions are prepared as a project under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946. The 8.8 million bushels at terminals is thought to include an undetermined, but relatively small proportion of new crop sorghum grain.

New crop corn and sorghum grain were moving to storage positions at a relatively early date, and quantities in storage are reported larger than usual on October 1. New crop grains are not included in these estimates of carryover stocks, except those noted for sorghum grain.

STOCKS OF FEED GRAINS, OCTOBER 1, 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

Grain	Position	October 1,	October 1,	July 1,	October 1,
		1947	1948	1949	1949
		Thousand bushels			
Corn	(On Farms 1/	254,210	114,035	1,239,444	699,218
	(Terminals 2/	7,910	1,522	10,888	9,614
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	0	0	0	67,640
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	23,474	9,829	26,701	38,904
TOTAL		285,594	125,386	1,277,033	815,376
Oats	(On Farms 1/	951,716	1,187,541	270,264	1,049,342
	(Terminals 2/	26,644	18,902	6,167	26,706
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	48,168	44,086	18,538	48,134
TOTAL		1,026,528	1,250,529	294,969	1,124,182
Barley	(On Farms 1/	161,736	208,979	59,311	146,288
	(Terminals 2/	27,444	19,254	14,922	33,978
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 5/	--	--	--	2,441
(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	58,936	67,910	26,678	65,359	
TOTAL		248,116	296,143	100,911	248,066
Sorghum Grain	(On Farms 1/	3,878	4,116	6/	6,688
	(Terminals 2/	2,651	2,289	14,441	8,821
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	486	418	6/	2,971
TOTAL		7,015	6,823	6/	18,480

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board. 2/ Commercial stocks reported by Grain Branch, P.M.A., at 43 terminal cities. 3/ Owned by CCC and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by CCC. 4/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated. 5/ In Canadian elevators. 6/ Not estimated in July.

Stocks of corn, oats, barley, and sorghum grain, 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 holdings of C. C. C. in their own bins and other storages under their control, and 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 FEED GRAINS, OCT. 1, 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

State	Shelled and ear corn:		Oats		Barley		Sorghum grain	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
	Thousand bushels							
N.Eng.	232	319	430	511	57	1,490	0	0
N.Y.	264	693	3,963	7,050	1,756	3,685	56	6
N.J.	99	933	140	298	*	*	1	0
Pa.	260	606	1,015	512	189	631	5	10
Ohio	688	2,795	2,476	3,571	49	*	7	5
Ind.	752	3,187	2,063	2,162	25	8	23	2
Ill.	3,289	25,796	10,878	9,008	3,233	3,109	40	6
Mich.	401	*	710	774	*	*	0	0
Wis.	343	1,061	3,115	3,837	11,131	18,923	3	0
Minn.	577	4,518	8,571	13,693	19,010	23,382	4	*
Iowa	1,256	60,052	9,263	10,644	362	223	2	3
Mo.	344	744	1,014	2,120	374	*	71	547
N.Dak.	59	288	3,398	3,119	6,741	4,496	0	0
S.Dak.	129	1,946	3,582	2,325	2,035	1,220	1	*
Nebr.	657	4,889	2,386	2,396	558	519	18	31
Kans.	134	817	603	566	306	429	88	4,390
Del.	67	68	28	21	3	6	--	0
Md.	199	2,120	530	209	556	199	2	*
Va.	185	364	175	119	75	1,586	1	0
W.Va.	30	27	18	11	2	1	1	0
N.C.	122	119	175	412	22	91	1	0
S.C.	19	37	95	208	8	37	0	*
Ga.	42	77	175	412	3	9	0	0
Ky.	390	475	199	68	42	36	9	4
Tenn.	105	391	679	1,262	53	32	7	2
Ala.	7	*	133	87	0	0	0	0
Miss.	13	7	130	204	14	9	0	3
Ark.	10	6	123	75	8	3	3	2
La.	0	339	5	6	0	0	0	0
Okla.	3	15	428	447	56	27	25	105
Tex.	18	508	685	755	140	182	2,204	6,513
Mont.	7	52	303	345	1,388	1,366	0	0
Idaho	30	31	724	1,320	2,617	2,522	0	0
Wyo.	5	7	46	96	64	65	0	0
Colo.	149	201	160	345	1,119	1,685	10	49
N.Mex.	7	11	25	11	22	23	40	20
Ariz.	4	7	67	121	2,539	2,747	10	16
Utah	29	25	71	149	1,058	1,094	0	0
Nev.	1	1	20	18	25	40	0	0
Wash.	53	162	803	1,587	3,586	1,824	0	0
Oreg.	72	155	1,482	2,369	4,909	3,891	10	2
Calif.	300	531	2,102	1,597	22,632	22,214	65	71
Unallocated*	-----	1,778	-----	-----	397	3,974	-----	5
U. S.	11,351	116,158	62,988	74,840	87,164	101,776	2,707	11,792

1/ For positions covered, see preceding paragraph.

* Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.