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STOCKS OF FEED GRAINS, JANUARY 1, 1950

Nearly 2,830 million bushels of corn were stored in all positions on January 1, 1950, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. These stocks are the largest in the 7 years of comparable record covering most of the period of huge corn crops, which virtually assures it being an all time record. They exceed by 188 million bushels the previous high mark of January 1, 1949. About 2,401 million bushels of this corn remained on farms, 147 million bushels less than a year before. But stocks in off-farm storages were far above any previous total, because of record interior mill and elevator stocks of nearly 99 million bushels, relatively large terminal stocks of 52 million bushels, and over 278 million bushels owned by Commodity Credit Corporation, stored in their own bins or other storages under their control. Other CCC-owned corn is included in the estimates by positions. Despite current high stocks, disappearance since harvest has been the heaviest of record.

Stocks of 876 million bushels of oats in all positions on January 1 are about average for the date, having been exceeded 3 times and exceeding the other 3 years of comparable record. Current off-farm stocks of 56 million bushels are relatively large, having been exceeded only on January 1, 1946. Barley stocks of nearly 195 million bushels are slightly below the average for January 1 of the past 6 years, despite the off-farm portion of 87 million bushels being larger than on any other January 1 of that period.

Sorghum grain stocks in all positions on January 1 were nearly 112 million bushels, compared with 85 million a year before and 46 million bushels on January 1, 1948. These are the only comparable years of record, as these estimates are prepared as a project under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946. Off-farm sorghum grain stocks amount to nearly 52 million bushels, compared with 33 million a year before and 17 million bushels on January 1, 1948.

STOCKS OF FEED GRAINS, JANUARY 1, 1950, WITH COMPARISONS

Grain	Position	: January 1			
		: 1948	: 1949	: 1949	: 1950
		Thousand bushels			
Corn	(On Farms 1/	1,506,283	2,547,912	708,443	2,401,279
	(Terminals 2/	13,218	50,330	9,614	51,688
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	0	0	67,640	278,154
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/	36,003	43,088	39,620	98,543
	TOTAL		1,555,504	2,641,330	825,317
Oats	(On Farms 1/	733,303	928,377	1,053,296	819,701
	(Terminals 2/	14,037	11,434	26,706	19,029
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/	32,651	34,733	49,323	37,296
	TOTAL		779,991	974,544	1,129,325
Barley	(On Farms 1/	117,300	156,357	148,973	107,532
	(Terminals 2/	26,581	16,457	33,978	32,630
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 5/	0	0	2,441	2,441
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/	43,962	58,031	65,868	52,069
TOTAL		187,843	230,845	251,260	194,672
Sorghum	(On Farms 1/	29,097	52,059	6,681	59,967
	(Terminals 2/	8,605	15,367	8,821	18,567
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/4/	8,181	17,868	2,975	33,051
	TOTAL		45,883	85,294	18,477

1/ Estimates of 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.

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, JANUARY 1, 1950, WITH COMPARISONS

State	: Shelled and ear corn:		Oats		Barley		Sorghum grain	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
	----- Thousand bushels -----							
N.Eng.	*	661	550	585	71	1,437	0	0
N.Y.	8,186	7,799	5,016	6,000	1,551	4,564	7	8
N.J.	124	1,064	143	140	*	*	1	0
Pa.	1,626	913	1,467	536	211	462	15	13
Ohio	4,613	10,704	2,470	2,916	121	*	7	5
Ind.	4,418	21,222	886	1,197	16	13	14	21
Ill.	22,114	88,743	4,517	5,432	3,327	2,670	526	11
Mich.	*	1,486	567	759	377	260	0	0
Wis.	4,851	3,063	1,462	2,609	10,953	19,647	7	0
Minn.	8,312	39,761	6,343	11,449	15,639	20,972	*	*
Iowa	7,909	133,680	6,510	7,231	*	*	*	*
Mo.	7,563	15,959	1,306	1,347	*	*	1,373	1,525
N.Dak.	264	1,676	2,788	2,321	6,197	3,761	0	0
S.Dak.	1,079	26,945	2,831	1,828	1,770	1,015	17	*
Nebr.	4,352	44,494	1,016	752	435	424	139	460
Kans.	2,265	8,394	731	560	274	393	6,835	9,638
Del.	135	219	4	32	15	3	0	0
Md.	4,086	3,997	143	253	489	283	2	1
Va.	319	351	120	99	25	12	3	0
W.Va.	51	119	16	30	1	5	1	0
N.C.	438	797	150	185	16	25	11	13
S.C.	41	235	44	216	1	26	0	1
Ga.	183	653	60	276	4	4	0	0
Ky.	1,695	1,668	79	107	22	24	7	10
Tenn.	1,085	1,034	323	715	73	38	18	14
Ala.	296	571	77	38	0	0	32	31
Miss.	45	80	117	131	24	15	9	11
Ark.	74	100	66	54	9	3	10	5
La.	1,449	1,249	4	62	0	0	0	0
Okla.	451	562	375	335	62	49	1,116	2,409
Tex.	1,690	2,431	787	1,308	161	188	19,756	30,945
Mont.	36	51	298	458	1,201	1,297	0	0
Idaho	66	106	770	993	2,670	1,625	0	0
Wyo.	50	54	101	72	94	72	0	0
Colo.	691	1,690	256	427	834	1,501	124	850
N.Mex.	35	17	75	25	47	13	615	2,278
Ariz.	15	16	28	55	1,694	1,487	1,150	1,355
Utah	90	54	47	267	693	715	0	0
Nev.	1	5	15	22	25	35	0	0
Wash.	307	517	1,077	1,461	3,941	2,751	0	5
Oreg.	130	355	910	2,114	3,405	1,480	*	1
Calif.	766	2,464	1,622	928	16,308	15,913	1,398	1,788
Unallocated*	1,517	2,426	---	---	1,732	3,958	42	220
U.S.	93,418	428,385	46,167	56,325	74,488	87,140	33,235	51,618

1/ For positions covered, see preceding paragraph.

* Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.