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STOCKS OF GRAIN, OCTOBER 1, 1944

Grain stocks in all storage positions, on and off farms, on October 1, 1944 were made up of 1,106,645,000 bushels of wheat, 238,349,000 bushels of old corn from the crop of 1943 and earlier years, 1,032,054,000 bushels of oats, 260,508,000 bushels of barley and 36,635,000 bushels of rye. Compared with a year earlier, current stocks of wheat are only slightly smaller than the 1,111 million bushels on October 1, 1943; corn stocks are only about three-fifths as large as the 388 million bushels a year ago; oats stocks are slightly above the 996 million bushels a year ago; barley stocks are four-fifths as large as the 328.5 million bushels a year ago; and rye stocks are about two-thirds as large as the 54.5 million bushels on October 1, 1943.

Disappearance of corn between July 1 and October 1 was about 369 million bushels, compared with 451 million bushels during the same quarter of 1943. Computing supplies on July 1 as the stocks on that date plus estimated production in the same year, stocks as of October 1 reveal disappearance to that date. Between July 1 and October 1, 1944, disappearance of wheat amounts to about 317 million bushels, compared with 347 million in the same period of 1943. Disappearance of other grains for the July-October quarter of 1944 and 1943 are, respectively, — oats, 370 and 409 million bushels; barley, 103 and 114 million bushels; rye, 22 and 23 million bushels.

----- Stocks of Grain, October 1, 1944, with Comparisons -----			
Crop :	Position	Oct. 1, 1943	July 1, 1944
		Thous. Bushels	
Wheat	(On farms	519,563	102,533
	(Commodity Credit Corporation <u>1/</u>	54,500	32,381
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>2/</u>	210,751	29,712
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	199,592	82,912
	(Merchant Mills <u>3/</u>	126,255	67,308
	TOTAL.....	1,110,661	314,846
Old Corn	(On farms	359,313	570,435
	(Commodity Credit Corporation <u>1/</u>	477	912
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	20,948	23,715
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	7,452	11,819
	TOTAL.....	388,190	606,881
Oats	(On farms	935,710	186,574
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	44,067	16,990
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	16,407	6,547
	TOTAL.....	996,184	210,111
Barley	(On farms	5/246,000	5/48,500
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	61,905	20,612
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	20,588	6,923
	TOTAL.....	328,493	76,035
Rye	(On farms	5/ 23,000	5/ 5,030
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	8,568	5,837
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	22,907	20,150
	TOTAL.....	54,475	31,017

1/ Stocks owned by Commodity Credit Corporation in steel and wooden bins off farms.

2/ Commercial grain stocks in 46 markets reported by the War Food Administration.

3/ Estimated total based upon Bureau of Census report; preliminary for Oct. 1, 1944.

4/ Includes also stocks in Merchant Mills. 5/ Interpolated.

These data, as shown in the preceding table, are compiled from the usual sources. Stocks on farms and in interior mills, elevators and warehouses are estimated by the Crop Reporting Board. For corn, oats, barley and rye the coverage of the Crop Reporting Board is extended to include not only the usual interior plants, but also such other storages as oilseed processors, breweries, distilleries, bean cleaning and corn processing plants and merchant mills. For wheat, stocks in merchant mills as enumerated by the Bureau of the Census are adjusted to completeness. The grand total includes stocks reported by the War Food Administration at the 46 terminal markets and grain stored by Commodity Credit Corporation in their own steel and wooden bins.

Stocks of corn, oats, barley and rye shown by States below, are estimates for the off-farm positions covered by the Crop Reporting Board. These positions include all off-farm storages except those at the 46 terminal markets and the steel and wooden bins of Commodity Credit Corporation.

STOCKS OF GRAIN OCTOBER 1, 1944, WITH COMPARISONS 1/								
State	Shelled and		Oats		Barley		Rye	
	Ear Corn							
	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1944	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1944	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1944	Oct. 1, 1943	Oct. 1, 1944
	Thousand bushels							
N. Eng.	170	168	610	514	226	88	*	*
N.Y.	493	455	1,571	1,389	1,228	1,201	*	*
N.J.	40	17	95	120	125	64	11	13
Pa.	330	240	570	565	425	180	50	40
Ohio	910	506	1,980	2,456	405	288	15	31
Ind.	890	740	1,329	1,497	72	101	37	49
Ill.	6,045	6,731	3,988	4,077	2,513	2,710	138	44
Mich.	*	*	795	722	*	*	20	20
Wis.	265	554	740	979	10,085	8,550	125	98
Minn.	841	759	3,461	4,600	6,433	5,910	1,679	800
Iowa	4,937	4,450	6,219	6,840	832	450	*	*
Mo.	1,115	994	1,651	1,730	844	1,093	55	85
N.Dak.	39	42	3,739	3,265	4,720	3,084	1,087	347
S.Dak.	425	501	2,718	2,905	1,902	1,451	623	352
Nebr.	1,730	1,823	1,816	1,216	1,077	745	318	330
Kans.	456	655	945	531	650	660	57	48
Md.	90	85	140	125	129	100	*	*
Va.	118	47	127	146	135	63	7	26
Ky.	245	115	150	146	67	90	*	*
Tenn.	165	217	201	116	80	75	*	*
Okla.	150	55	840	645	336	300	63	36
Tex.	259	183	2,040	2,300	637	730	68	44
Other Southern	*	*	636	920	*	*	*	*
Mont.	10	5	426	406	679	866	33	18
Idaho	19	11	1,330	1,440	2,375	2,460	*	*
Wyo.	30	10	50	72	38	104	*	*
Colo.	116	125	155	230	840	845	68	58
Ariz.	---	---	---	---	*	1,500	---	---
Utah	10	0	35	34	598	930	*	*
Wash.	3	37	2,031	1,067	3,142	2,116	112	4
Oreg.	55	31	1,700	1,620	1,588	1,130	71	32
Calif.	326	527	1,887	1,693	18,272	17,275	25	13
Other Western	*	*	92	172	*	*	*	*
Other States and								
Undistributed*	656	579	---	---	1,452	895	3,906	2,304
U.S.	20,948	20,662	44,067	44,538	61,905	56,064	8,568	4,837

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