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STOCKS OF FEED GRAINS, APRIL 1, 1950

Corn stocks of nearly 2,014 million bushels were stored in all positions on April 1, 1950, according to reports assembled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. These stocks are the largest for April 1 in the 8 years of comparable record. As these 8 years cover the period of huge corn crops, it is virtually certain that current stocks are largest in history for the date. They exceed by 159 million bushels the 1,855 million bushels a year earlier. Farm stocks of 1,634 million bushels of corn were smaller than on April 1, 1949, but terminal stocks were largest since 1942, stocks at interior mills, elevators and warehouses were nearly 3 times as large as a year ago and largest of record, while nearly 239 million bushels were in bins or other storage owned or controlled by Commodity Credit Corporation. Other CCC-owned corn is included in the estimates by positions. During the January-March quarter disappearance of corn from these positions computes at 788 million bushels, near the average for the period. Disappearance of 1,920 million bushels since harvest is the largest since 1943-44 when livestock numbers were at their peak.

Stocks of 523 million bushels of oats on April 1, 1950 are about average for the date, though smaller than a year ago. The off-farm portion of over 41 million bushels has been exceeded on April 1 only in 1946, when total stocks were 626 million bushels, highest of record. Barley stocks of 135 million bushels also are about average, although considerably smaller than a year ago. The off-farm portion of 64 million bushels is the largest in the 8 years of comparable record. Sorghum grain stocks, for which estimates are prepared as of January 1 and October 1 as a project under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946, are not available for April 1 in positions covered by the Crop Reporting Board.

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

Grain	Position	April 1 1948	April 1 1949	January 1 1950	April 1 1950
Thousand Bushels					
Corn	(On Farms 1/	842,608	1,797,522	2,401,279	1,634,182
	(Terminals 2/	9,293	25,895	51,688	47,440
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	0	0	248,154	238,967
	(Int.Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	30,674	31,300	100,730	93,150
TOTAL		882,575	1,854,717	2,801,881	2,013,739
Oats	(On Farms 1/	405,082	578,832	819,701	481,216
	(Terminals 2/	3,288	4,215	19,029	12,099
	(Int.Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	23,030	24,207	37,351	29,383
TOTAL		431,400	607,254	876,081	522,698
Barley	(On Farms 1/	69,346	111,408	107,532	70,692
	(Terminals 2/	15,756	11,197	33,778	28,072
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 5/	0	0	2,441	2,441
	(Int.Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	30,512	39,559	50,163	33,925
TOTAL		115,614	161,964	193,914	135,130
Sorghum Grain	(On Farms 1/	6/	6/	59,967	6/
	(Terminals 2/	3,575	13,369	18,567	23,546
	(Int.Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 4/	6/	6/	49,020	6/
TOTAL		6/	6/	127,554	6/

1/ Estimates of Crop Reporting Board. 2/ Commercial stocks reported by Grain Branch, P.A.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 for each grain. 5/ In Canadian elevators. 6/ Not available in April.

Stocks of corn, oats, and barley, 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, APRIL 1, 1950, WITH COMPARISONS

State	Shelled and ear corn		Oats		Barley	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
----- Thousand bushels -----						
N. Eng.	*	423	541	588	66	1,047
N. Y.	3,711	3,163	1,593	3,690	816	3,434
N. J.	378	360	175	388	*	*
Pa.	1,498	1,200	752	551	820	478
Ohio	3,073	9,960	1,687	2,275	55	69
Ind.	3,184	16,090	730	873	29	24
Ill.	12,476	98,960	2,661	2,779	2,033	1,849
Mich.	*	1,313	584	659	234	160
Wis.	4,141	5,142	831	2,226	9,274	15,483
Minn.	7,644	34,001	3,741	9,131	10,076	15,716
Iowa	4,000	101,057	3,696	5,127	*	150
Mo.	2,899	14,344	837	1,392	*	*
N. Dak.	238	1,856	2,194	1,888	4,780	2,142
S. Dak.	356	23,203	1,529	1,560	1,378	556
Nebr.	1,759	39,931	743	670	326	294
Kans.	1,132	8,616	523	330	207	278
Del.	196	244	13	23	1	2
Md.	1,572	3,916	810	233	255	169
Va.	765	671	126	110	28	14
W. Va.	60	81	41	25	3	3
N. C.	458	774	72	141	12	15
S. C.	84	182	38	100	0	12
Ga.	156	525	46	252	3	4
Ky.	992	1,243	118	104	18	11
Tenn.	844	577	271	234	74	33
Ala.	353	290	24	57	0	0
Miss.	80	86	88	103	15	20
Ark.	77	92	55	49	6	5
La.	582	1,718	3	47	---	---
Okla.	307	384	245	211	42	32
Tex.	1,212	1,476	541	1,120	116	157
Mont.	17	34	329	354	1,099	890
Idaho	36	51	479	619	1,757	837
Wyo.	35	40	50	58	75	43
Colo.	265	1,510	175	356	554	1,458
N. Mex.	9	39	15	12	10	14
Ariz.	13	18	15	21	719	1,436
Utah	56	66	32	128	500	503
Nev.	10	5	5	3	8	7
Wash.	246	409	706	1,053	2,546	2,026
Oreg.	162	165	569	1,430	2,256	726
Calif.	490	2,122	739	512	8,908	10,776
Unallocated *	1,629	2,520	---	---	1,457	3,565
U.S.	57,195	379,557	28,422	41,482	50,556	64,438

1/ For positions covered, see preceding paragraph.

* Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.