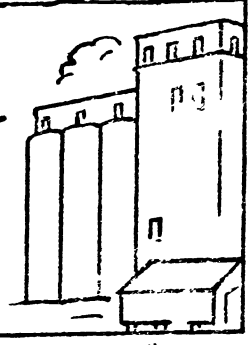


Stocks of Grains in All Positions



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STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

The Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service has assembled from various sources the following information on stocks of grain in all positions.

Grain	Position	April 1,	April 1,	Jan. 1,	April 1,
		1952	1953	1954	1954
		Thousand bushels			
Wheat	(On Farms 1/	197,895	269,523	424,057	297,873
	(Terminals 2/	124,365	217,258	333,815	315,384
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	2,037	4,351	27,624	30,433
	(Merchant Mills 1/ 4/	80,760	101,591	123,467	104,778
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/5/	112,337	247,706	424,292	372,232
TOTAL		517,394	840,329	1,333,255	1,128,300
Rye	(On Farms 1/	3,441	2,454	3,587	5,336
	(Terminals 2/	5,321	2,186	11,028	9,811
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/5/	1,230	2,127	3,851	3,244
	TOTAL		10,092	6,767	21,466
Corn	(On Farms 1/	1,052,666	1,152,627	2,130,154	1,438,770
	(Terminals 2/	61,849	37,288	13,106	33,793
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	294,066	203,854	394,060	392,315
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/5/	103,361	73,742	100,591	85,736
	TOTAL		1,511,942	1,727,511	2,678,221
Oats	(On Farms 1/	519,235	454,075	778,541	450,535
	(Terminals 2/	11,785	12,734	13,295	6,648
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	201	171	260	73
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/5/	32,490	36,807	44,471	35,222
TOTAL		563,712	503,787	846,567	522,478
Barley	(On Farms 1/	77,962	57,126	107,770	74,883
	(Terminals 2/	12,160	7,992	12,659	3,922
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	990	124	28	26
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/5/	33,862	32,577	56,543	37,085
TOTAL		131,974	97,819	177,300	121,916
Sorghum Grain	(On Farms 1/	67	67	36,244	67
	(Terminals 2/	24,281	2,967	8,141	7,301
	(Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	608	730	9	1
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/5/	24,437	14,853	34,765	30,226
TOTAL		67	67	79,159	67

1/Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/Commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at 44 terminal cities.

3/Owned by CCC and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by CCC, also CCC-owned grain in transit to ports; other CCC-owned grain is included in the estimates by positions.

4/Mills reporting to the Bureau of the Census on millings and stocks of flour.

5/All off-farm storages not otherwise designated for each grain.

6/Not available on April 1.

CORN AND WHEAT STOCKS SET RECORDS FOR APRIL 1

Nearly 2 billion bushels of corn remained in all storage positions April 1, topping by over 2 percent the previous record April 1 stocks in 1950. Wheat stocks on April 1, for the first time in 20 years of comparable record, exceed a billion bushels and are a fourth larger than the previous high in 1943. Stocks of oats and barley are smaller than usual. But the tonnage of feed grains is largest in the 12-year series available for April 1. The Crop Reporting Board, in assembling these totals, brought together stocks at terminals, as reported by the Grain Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service; grains reported by Commodity Credit Corporation as owned and stored in bins or other storages under control of CCC and in transit; estimates of the Crop Reporting Board for stocks on farms, at merchant mills, and interior mills, elevators and warehouses.

Stocks of 1,128 million bushels of wheat stored in all positions on April 1, 1954 are the largest for that date in the 20 year period of comparable estimates beginning in 1933. This total is one-fourth larger than the previous record holdings of April 1, 1943, one-third larger than stocks a year earlier and more than double stocks on April 1, 1952. Current stocks are smaller than those of January 1, 1954 by 205 million bushels, or 15 percent. In bushels, this is the smallest decline for the January-March quarter since 1942.

Off-farm wheat stocks of 630 million bushels are the largest of record for April 1, while the farm stocks of 298 million bushels are the second largest of record. Compared with a year earlier farm stocks are 11 percent larger and the off-farm stocks 45 percent larger.

The record large off-farm total includes 316 million bushels at terminals and 379 million bushels in interior mills, elevators and warehouses; each is the largest of record for the date in that position. Wheat held in merchant mills totaled 105 million bushels, 3 percent more than a year earlier and exceeded on April 1 only in 1942 and 1943. The Commodity Credit Corporation on April 1 had 30.4 million bushels of wheat stored in bins under CCC control, aboard ships of the "mothball fleet", and in transit to ports. This is nearly 3 million bushels more than the quantity thus held on January 1, 1954 and the largest for April 1 since 1944. Other government-owned wheat is included in the estimates for the position where stored.

The 18.4 million bushels of rye stored in all positions on April 1 is the most for the date since 1945 and compares with the small stocks of 6.8 million bushels a year earlier. A major factor in this increase were the imports of rye from Canada, which during the July 1953-March 1954 period exceeded those for that period a year earlier by around 10 million bushels. Commercial stocks of 9.8 million bushels at terminals on April 1 were more than four times as large as a year earlier and the largest for the date in that position since 1945. Compared with a year earlier, stocks of 3.2 million bushels at interior mills, elevators and warehouses on April 1 were 53 percent larger, while the 5.4 million bushels of rye on farms were more than twice as large.

Corn stocks of 1,988 million bushels were stored in all positions on April 1, topping the previous April 1 record in 1950, by 46 million bushels. Current stocks are 190 million bushels larger than a year earlier. Farm stocks of 1,469 million bushels are only 1 percent larger than a year ago, but are third-largest for April 1. The off-farm portion is larger than usual, having been exceeded on April 1 only in 1951. Largest contributor to the off-farm total is the 309 million bushels owned by Commodity Credit Corporation and stored in their own bins. The 34 million bushels at terminals and 86 million bushels at interior mills, elevators

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STOCKS OF GRAINS, APRIL 1, 1954

State	Wheat							
	In interior mills, elevators, & warehouses April 1		Merchant mills April 1		Off-farm total 1/ April 1		Total 2/ all positions April 1	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	T h o u s a n d b u s h e l s							
N.Eng.	172	120	*	*	188	255	188	255
N.Y.	*	*	5,194	6,172	21,312	39,054	24,912	43,778
N.J.	308	141	*	*	708	701	948	944
Pa.	*	1,169	860	950	3,212	3,264	6,824	7,402
Ohio	6,003	8,829	*	*	14,362	20,838	21,525	35,357
Ind.	1,125	3,047	2,618	2,596	4,120	7,737	6,892	15,120
Ill.	1,287	5,641	4,491	4,090	16,639	21,994	18,124	32,782
Mich.	3,943	5,245	2,320	2,202	6,605	7,641	16,808	23,730
Wis.	*	1,565	*	*	19,462	29,018	20,105	29,634
Minn.	3,115	4,201	7,971	8,952	44,440	63,287	50,389	71,373
Iowa	742	1,479	1,915	*	5,615	11,144	6,014	11,485
Mo.	671	943	8,829	9,391	30,155	32,398	31,394	37,732
N.Dak.	19,034	23,000	2,068	2,930	21,103	26,011	71,283	85,814
S.Dak.	5,548	7,351	132	204	8,907	10,181	25,785	29,833
Nebr.	15,413	26,607	3,858	3,031	27,941	44,131	50,565	69,065
Kans.	75,750	80,525	23,511	10,844	145,827	170,746	213,505	206,912
Del.	15	31	11	10	26	41	87	73
Md.	63	9	*	*	3,043	5,163	3,312	5,426
Va.	*	*	*	573	1,395	12,798	2,382	13,723
W.Va.	25	9	31	28	56	37	348	346
N.C.	314	458	551	624	865	1,082	1,893	2,394
S.C.	391	435	108	108	499	543	720	798
Ga.	210	529	92	77	302	606	500	991
Ky.	189	*	1,400	1,130	2,169	2,983	2,376	3,750
Tenn.	850	1,046	647	616	1,769	1,842	1,969	2,711
Ala.	*	95	*	*	170	569	189	594
Miss.	*	*	*	*	68	148	79	315
Ark.	*	*	*	*	6	1,255	58	1,426
La.	---	3	---	---	149	456	149	456
Orla.	21,589	30,956	4,919	4,117	50,164	71,676	53,945	75,215
Texas	23,587	57,378	10,561	13,146	58,362	94,298	60,166	94,874
Mont.	10,095	11,242	1,739	2,195	11,834	13,437	45,253	53,398
Idaho	7,471	13,426	924	1,241	8,305	14,667	13,850	21,619
Wyo.	*	*	*	*	705	732	2,818	2,506
Colo.	11,941	15,741	2,560	2,297	15,319	20,980	23,736	32,407
N.Mex.	260	2,894	60	700	320	3,594	363	3,668
Ariz.	7	16	51	83	58	102	100	156
Utah	500	640	1,600	1,816	2,796	3,676	3,628	4,857
Nev.	20	42	---	---	20	42	116	159
Wash.	22,096	50,165	2,899	3,725	27,871	63,974	33,509	70,706
Oreg.	7,700	16,100	1,832	2,361	11,766	23,400	14,968	29,231
Calif.	706	712	903	1,085	1,753	2,400	3,124	3,754
Unallocated *	6,666	7,382	6,986	8,481	630	1,526	630	1,526
U.S.	247,706	379,202	101,691	104,778	571,605	830,437	640,529	1,128,500

*Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/Includes, in addition to stocks in Interior Mills, Elevators and Warehouses and Merchant Mills, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AIS, at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins and other storages under C.C.C. control.

2/Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1954 - Continued

State	Rye				Shelled and ear corn			
	Off-farm	Total 2/	Off-farm	Total 2/	Off-farm	Total 2/	Off-farm	Total 2/
	total 1/	all positions	total 1/	all positions	total 1/	all positions	total 1/	all positions
	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
T h o u s a n d b u s h e l s								
N. Eng.	*	*	*	*	417	444	716	70
N. Y.	*	1,112	*	1,129	2,039	1,849	7,623	7,17
N. J.	1	4	3	8	338	309	4,144	3,79
Pa.	*	26	*	56	1,474	2,097	29,366	23,46
Ohio	10	*	36	*	7,422	11,788	88,083	53,59
Ind.	28	46	62	69	8,145	20,925	117,366	136,04
Ill.	1,281	8,015	1,326	8,054	53,641	94,966	306,753	341,77
Mich.	16	32	142	185	1,145	3,504	42,530	40,26
Wis.	53	162	253	351	5,028	6,869	52,265	55,47
Minn.	1,352	1,586	1,509	2,150	36,970	46,982	159,943	186,75
Iowa	21	10	36	27	123,197	193,959	508,504	555,10
Mo.	96	132	114	145	7,558	13,983	71,600	68,61
N. Dak.	252	1,087	526	3,996	1,043	680	3,590	4,97
S. Dak.	302	497	997	2,044	27,732	31,995	69,442	102,38
Nebr.	74	47	363	451	46,474	61,614	176,073	169,63
Kans.	13	24	59	60	5,311	5,360	23,185	23,42
Del.	3	5	5	7	718	1,114	3,289	3,13
Id.	11	11	23	19	2,114	1,935	8,924	7,75
Va.	6	8	23	21	746	635	10,656	7,12
W. Va.	*	*	*	*	92	345	3,005	2,53
N. C.	1	2	11	19	1,885	2,010	20,226	21,79
S. C.	*	*	*	*	226	403	6,102	8,32
Ga.	*	1	*	11	770	760	9,754	16,54
Fla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,980	1,77
Ky.	164	138	173	154	1,761	2,531	19,708	28,74
Tenn.	5	15	8	41	1,565	2,409	12,263	20,39
Ala.	1	3	1	3	1,070	1,384	7,704	15,24
Miss.	1	1	1	1	137	235	7,549	10,27
Ark.	1	*	1	*	77	90	2,806	3,04
La.	---	---	---	---	649	2,025	3,921	4,36
Okla.	5	*	189	*	439	329	2,472	1,49
Texas	22	9	50	41	1,764	1,237	9,515	9,13
Mont.	*	4	*	32	48	24	85	12
Idaho	*	3	*	7	46	20	498	49
Wyo.	1	1	10	13	52	43	86	98
Colo.	17	4	55	27	892	682	2,380	2,74
N. Mex.	*	*	*	*	7	23	248	22
Ariz.	*	*	*	*	52	16	244	198
Utah	*	*	*	*	83	87	124	136
Nev.	*	*	*	*	4	3	4	3
Wash.	26	7	41	44	456	167	533	261
Oreg.	11	24	105	121	202	154	435	318
Calif.	21	31	26	43	824	749	1,132	1,045
Unallocated *	518	6	619	132	311	1,660	311	1,660
U.S.	4,313	13,055	6,767	18,441	344,924	518,894	1,797,551	1,987,664

*Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/Includes stocks at Interior Mills, Elevators and Warehouses, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins and other storages under C.C.C. control.

2/Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1954 - Continued

State	Oats				Barley			
	Off-farm		Total 2/		Off-farm		Total 2/	
	total 1/	all positions	total 1/	all positions	total 1/	all positions	total 1/	all positions
	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1
1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	
Thousand bushels								
N.Eng.	444	560	1,774	2,660	208	112	252	142
N.Y.	1,479	3,731	11,451	13,399	939	678	1,525	1,158
N.J.	171	192	517	651	40	*	150	*
Pa.	453	614	7,459	9,649	246	134	1,451	1,524
Ohio	2,502	2,467	16,577	17,641	132	*	283	*
Ind.	998	1,271	15,976	15,134	26	28	139	149
Ill.	6,815	4,870	43,545	40,542	*	1,839	*	1,996
Mich.	854	771	20,153	19,125	141	133	1,162	990
Wis.	2,508	1,184	51,675	47,753	9,280	9,684	10,502	10,692
Minn.	8,276	5,657	94,189	80,136	9,899	10,536	18,703	20,481
Iowa	6,616	4,446	89,458	67,852	*	165	*	221
Mo.	1,755	1,085	8,059	8,120	*	*	*	*
N.Dak.	2,466	2,542	27,941	38,710	3,582	4,572	20,872	26,873
S.Dak.	3,556	2,542	50,646	53,436	542	501	5,993	5,946
Nebr.	1,092	656	16,945	15,749	127	110	1,297	1,562
Kans.	559	444	4,550	5,924	57	62	444	391
Del.	42	*	75	*	1	*	46	*
Md.	134	135	614	584	87	96	523	493
Va.	146	129	1,090	740	15	22	573	596
W.Va.	30	27	541	440	4	6	115	95
N.C.	202	345	1,977	3,725	28	42	280	339
S.C.	133	325	1,704	3,694	*	10	*	57
Ga.	649	2,183	2,345	6,057	2	9	11	27
Fla.	---	---	75	72	---	---	---	---
Ky.	169	99	481	835	9	12	135	264
Tenn.	406	*	1,134	*	45	*	105	*
Ala.	86	125	250	811	1	*	1	*
Miss.	272	961	828	2,243	4	*	4	*
Ark.	46	267	406	1,437	4	*	18	*
La.	3	94	188	286	---	9	---	9
Okla.	283	212	1,634	2,530	23	21	100	65
Texas	892	1,393	5,701	10,397	102	99	198	327
Mont.	263	149	5,957	7,076	420	798	5,013	12,747
Idaho	1,280	590	4,004	2,942	1,199	1,968	3,491	4,441
Wyo.	83	75	1,836	1,938	109	86	1,587	1,485
Colo.	492	263	2,939	2,189	892	948	3,389	3,595
N.Mex.	15	25	63	88	8	9	87	67
Ariz.	25	33	139	150	377	391	671	779
Utah	93	75	741	726	379	461	2,054	2,375
Nev.	22	23	123	109	33	33	174	144
Wash.	1,434	725	3,474	2,101	2,675	2,425	3,189	3,521
Oreg.	1,312	820	3,854	3,208	2,373	2,590	3,905	4,261
Calif.	654	892	709	1,055	3,864	6,828	6,020	11,592
Unallocated *	---	941	---	2,124	2,820	1,516	3,357	2,412
U.S.	49,712	43,943	503,787	494,278	40,693	46,933	97,819	121,816

*Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/Includes stocks at Interior Mills, Elevators and Warehouses, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins and other storages under C.C.C. control.

2/Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

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and warehouses are each relatively small for recent years. From the October 1, 1953 supply of 3,638 million bushels of corn for grain, disappearance to April 1 is indicated at 1,651 million bushels. This is less than in that period of any of the last 4 seasons, reflecting the excellent quality of 1953 crop corn and the smaller numbers of grain-consuming livestock being fed, particularly hogs.

Stocks of 494 million bushels of oats are nearly 10 million bushels smaller than a year ago and smaller than on April 1 in all but 3 years of the series beginning in 1943. The 44 million bushels in off-farm positions is only slightly less than on April 1 in each of the last 3 years. Barley stocks of 122 million bushels are a fourth larger than on April 1, 1953, but smaller than in 7 of the 10 preceding years of record. About 47 million bushels were in off-farm positions; while more than the 40 million a year earlier; this portion is otherwise smallest since April 1, 1943.

For sorghum grain, stocks data are available on April 1 for only the off-farm positions, these estimates being prepared as a project under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (RMA, Title II). The off-farm total of 37.5 million bushels is double the 18.6 million bushels a year earlier, but less than on April 1 of the preceding 3 years. Of the total 7.3 million bushels were at terminals and 30.2 million at interior mills, elevators and warehouses.

SORGHUM GRAIN: OFF-FARM 1/ STOCKS, BY STATES

State	April 1, 1953	April 1, 1954	State	April 1, 1953	April 1, 1954	State	April 1, 1953	April 1, 1954
	Thous. bushels			Thous. bushels			Thous. bushels	
N.Y.	6	5	Kans.	3,101	6,673	Okla.	666	1,562
Pa.	10	10	Md.	2	*	Texas	11,326	26,514
Ohio	15	7	Va.	1	*	Colo.	372	314
Ind.	17	5	N.C.	55	111	N.Mex.	360	568
Ill.	5	8	S.C.	2	1	Ariz.	450	293
Iowa	40	1	Ky.	4	3	Calif.	978	529
Mo.	257	560	Tenn.	23	*	Others and		
S.Dak.	*	11	Miss.	?	3	Unallocated	741	189
Nebr.	103	158	Ark.	7	*	U.S.	18,550	37,528

*Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/Includes stocks at Interior Mills, Elevators and Warehouses, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins and other storages under CCC control.