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STOCKS OF GRAIN, JANUARY 1, 1945

Grain stocks in all storage positions, on and off farms, on January 1, 1945, consisted of about 835 million bushels of wheat, 2,203 million bushels of corn, 801 million bushels of oats, 213 million bushels of barley and 27 million bushels of rye. Current stocks of wheat are 2 percent larger than the 818 million bushels a year earlier; corn stocks are 9 percent larger than the 2,021 million bushels a year before; oats stocks exceed the 753 million bushels on January 1, 1944 by 6 percent. Current stocks of barley are 2 percent less than the 218 million bushels on January 1, 1944, while rye stocks are less than two-thirds of the 43 million bushels a year ago. At this time of year farm stocks of most grains tend to dominate the situation.

Disappearance of wheat between October 1, 1944 and January 1, 1945 was about 257 million bushels, compared with 293 million bushels during the final quarter of 1943. During the same respective periods, disappearance of oats was 212 and 244 million bushels; disappearance of barley 52 and 111 million bushels; of rye 9 and 12 million bushels. The supply of corn on October 1 is computed as stocks on that date plus estimated production for grain in the same year. Thus the difference between supply and stocks on January 1 reveals disappearance to that date. Disappearance during the final quarter of 1944 thus amounted to 942 million bushels, compared with 1,091 million bushels in the final quarter of 1943.

Stocks of Grain, January 1, 1945, with Comparisons				
Crop	Position	Jan. 1,	Oct. 1,	Jan. 1,
		1944	1944	1945
Thousand bushels				
Wheat	(On farms	382,726	532,270	392,423
	(Commodity Credit Corporation <u>1/</u>	41,400	22,365	16,847
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	145,454	199,441	159,867
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	136,264	199,475	152,043
	(Merchant Mills <u>3/</u>	112,130	137,818	113,560
	TOTAL.....	817,974	1,091,369	834,740
Corn	(On farms	1,968,522	206,621	2,145,520
	(Commodity Credit Corporation <u>1/</u>	899	534	323
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	40,703	20,633	44,999
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	11,321	7,478	11,698
		TOTAL.....	2,021,445	235,266
Oats	(On farms	704,811	950,861	750,454
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	31,928	44,419	35,481
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	15,893	17,328	14,982
		TOTAL.....	752,632	1,012,608
Barley	(On farms	5/152,800	183,353	5/135,200
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	44,969	56,150	46,989
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	19,763	26,032	30,886
		TOTAL.....	217,532	265,535
Rye	(On farms	5/14,100	16,314	5/10,700
	(Interior Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>4/</u>	7,557	4,884	4,118
	(Terminals <u>2/</u>	31,051	14,728	12,207
		TOTAL.....	42,708	35,926

1/ Stocks owned by Commodity Credit Corporation in steel and wooden bins off farms. 2/ Commercial grain stocks in 46 markets reported by War Food Administration. 3/ Estimated total based upon Bureau of Census report; preliminary for January 1, 1945. 4/ Includes also stocks in Merchant Mills. 5/ Interpolated from December 1 estimate.

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, JANUARY 1, 1945, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

State	Ear Corn		Oats		Barley		Rye	
	Jan. 1, 1944	Jan. 1, 1945	Jan. 1, 1944	Jan. 1, 1945	Jan. 1, 1944	Jan. 1, 1945	Jan. 1, 1944	Jan. 1, 1945
	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945
	Thousand bushels							
New Eng.	324	388	640	438	175	88	*	*
N. Y.	626	781	1,781	1,519	1,595	1,442	*	*
N. J.	56	141	140	90	100	79	2	2
Pa.	450	590	710	545	325	112	20	43
Ohio	1,760	1,836	2,120	1,858	338	268	24	14
Ind.	2,220	1,636	1,030	1,063	78	62	15	5
Ill.	8,651	7,975	2,310	3,554	*	*	91	37
Mich.	700	512	814	670	*	*	12	18
Wis.	590	765	610	753	8,090	8,841	390	55
Minn.	2,581	3,323	2,720	3,753	5,992	6,500	1,367	1,061
Iowa	7,771	5,536	4,646	6,437	561	365	*	*
Mo.	1,760	3,180	1,319	1,097	976	1,295	54	36
N. Dak.	112	616	1,828	2,001	2,170	2,060	661	262
S. Dak.	1,401	2,700	1,414	2,045	1,066	985	459	330
Nebr.	5,165	5,639	1,190	923	693	477	272	158
Kans.	1,610	2,126	800	446	453	542	30	24
Md.	143	383	160	97	92	44	*	*
Va.	203	338	128	137	366	49	49	37
Ky.	468	792	120	129	41	50	*	*
Tenn.	637	503	153	106	50	42	*	*
Okla.	420	537	543	400	255	215	30	21
Tex.	1,079	1,470	769	1,165	258	470	58	17
Other Southern	945	1,104	527	656	*	*	*	*
Mont.	22	18	389	459	456	591	21	10
Idaho	76	119	1,158	1,250	1,668	2,495	*	*
Wyo.	74	40	36	71	63	65	*	*
Colo.	335	402	173	149	500	522	63	49
Ariz.	22	24	40	60	342	320	—	—
Utah	—	47	66	63	610	520	*	*
Wash.	—	106	1,136	1,256	1,891	1,599	128	40
Oreg.	77	115	1,040	1,123	1,009	1,018	37	27
Calif.	508	740	1,399	1,123	12,112	11,599	25	15
Other Western	17	17	17	40	*	*	*	*
Other States and Undistributed*	—	—	—	—	2,944	3,774	3,747	1,857
U. S.	40,703	44,999	31,928	35,431	44,969	45,989	7,557	4,118

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