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STOCKS OF GRAIN, APRIL 1, 1944

Grains in all storage positions on April 1, 1944 included 542,478,000 bushels of wheat, 1,161,653,000 bushels of corn, 444,989,000 bushels of oats, 133,736,000 bushels of barley, and 36,299,000 bushels of rye. 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 mills, elevators and warehouses, but also such other storages as oilseed crushers, 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 in the various positions which were combined to obtain total stocks, together with comparisons by quarters representing all similar aggregate data available, are shown in the table below:

Stocks of Grain, April 1, 1944 with Comparisons

Crop	Position	April 1,	July 1,	Oct. 1	Jan. 1	April 1,
		1943	1943	1943	1944	1944
		Thousand bushels				
Wheat	(On farms	325,387	188,675	519,310	379,121	217,684
	(Commodity Credit Corp. ^{1/}	62,712	58,900	54,500	41,400	38,515
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. ^{4/}	176,591	102,116	210,102	145,986	66,759
	(Terminals ^{2/}	212,131	175,217	199,583	136,300	123,700
	(Merchant Mills ^{3/}	123,455	104,378	126,255	112,130	95,820
	TOTAL.....	900,276	629,286	1,109,750	814,937	542,478
Corn	(On farms	1,374,748	799,235	359,313	1,996,100	1,113,549
	(Commodity Credit Corp. ^{1/}	22,000	9,105	477	899	726
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. ^{4/}	50,822	21,253	21,030	40,639	33,268
	(Terminals ^{2/}	42,326	9,663	7,452	11,313	14,110
	TOTAL.....	1,489,896	839,256	388,272	2,048,951	1,161,653
Oats	(On farms	504,869	235,060	935,710	709,170	418,255
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. ^{4/}	27,407	18,692	44,090	31,565	21,296
	(Terminals ^{2/}	6,182	7,746	16,407	15,890	5,438
	TOTAL.....	538,458	261,498	996,207	756,625	444,989
Barley	(On farms	^{5/}	^{6/} 81,000	^{5/}	^{6/} 148,800	91,902
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. ^{4/}	38,459	30,293	61,918	44,627	30,887
	(Terminals ^{2/}	6,987	9,028	20,538	19,755	10,947
	TOTAL.....	^{5/}	120,321	^{5/}	213,182	133,736
Rye	(On farms	^{5/}	^{6/} 15,300	^{5/}	^{6/} 14,210	8,976
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. ^{4/}	8,036	8,466	8,568	7,505	6,175
	(Terminals ^{2/}	20,458	23,309	22,907	21,052	21,148
	TOTAL.....	^{5/}	47,075	^{5/}	42,767	36,299

^{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. Does not include Canadian Bonded Grain in storage and afloat in U.S. as in former reports.

^{3/} Estimated total based upon Bureau of Census report, preliminary.

^{4/} Includes also stocks in Merchant Mills.

^{5/} Not available.

^{6/} Interpolated.

Supplies of wheat are about 40 percent smaller than the 900 million bushels on April 1, 1943. Stocks of corn are 22 percent lower than 1,490 million bushels a year earlier; stocks of oats are 17 percent below the 538 million bushels a year ago. Complete stocks of barley and rye on April 1, 1943 are not available for comparison, but current stocks in the positions for which data are available are lower than a year ago.

Stocks of corn, oats, barley and rye shown by States below, are estimates for 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, APRIL 1, 1944 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

State	Shelled and		Oats		Barley		Rye	
	Ear Corn							
	Apr. 1, 1943	Apr. 1, 1944	Apr. 1, 1943	Apr. 1, 1944	Apr. 1, 1943	Apr. 1, 1944	Apr. 1, 1943	Apr. 1, 1944
	--- Thousand bushels ---							
N. Eng.	552	382	595	530	102	114	*	*
N. Y.	4,270	1,180	1,538	1,385	762	1,463	*	*
N. J.	245	88	200	130	90	60	4	2
Pa.	800	625	710	770	130	235	20	20
Ohio	3,094	2,185	2,528	1,336	264	318	270	18
Ind.	2,462	1,616	692	707	31	72	24	18
Ill.	13,130	8,570	2,283	1,403	2,551	2,260	130	72
Mich.	1,305	677	600	572	630	232	30	10
Wis.	786	635	527	630	9,513	6,540	404	83
Minn.	2,242	994	2,468	1,900	5,547	5,090	1,817	1,047
Iowa	8,038	3,312	5,067	2,563	347	322	258	73
Mo.	1,775	1,672	876	796	411	490	40	90
N. Dak.	58	43	1,405	1,213	1,460	1,203	970	480
S. Dak.	815	298	1,256	890	930	736	494	342
Nebr.	3,441	2,367	644	598	702	388	142	127
Kans.	1,261	1,237	267	535	184	380	22	18
Md.	350	184	85	154	80	51	*	*
Va.	251	220	81	111	42	51	4	18
Ky.	598	530	135	67	28	17	*	*
Tenn.	537	415	105	126	36	33	*	*
Okla.	291	174	153	315	94	133	24	19
Tex.	1,614	2,376	656	819	276	262	64	13
Other Southern	1,012	876	383	415	118	95	*	*
Mont.	20	23	337	297	140	295	5	16
Idaho	185	112	650	570	1,200	868	*	*
Wyo.	40	13	23	22	23	18	*	*
Colo.	492	335	110	130	366	443	30	53
Utah	70	105	80	61	150	378	--	--
Wash.	217	500	1,272	787	2,062	1,035	64	79
Oreg.	101	136	1,035	615	861	580	26	23
Calif.	714	1,338	608	842	9,042	6,584	21	18
Other Western	56	50	38	7	287	141	*	*
Other States and Undistributed*	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,173	3,536
U. S.	50,822	33,268	27,407	21,296	38,459	30,887	8,036	6,175

1/ For positions covered, see preceding paragraph and reverse side of this sheet.

* Stocks in States indicated combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

For Puerto Rico, where the production of food crops has been intensified and the acreage devoted to such crops has been greatly expanded during the last two years, payments will be made for adopting soil conserving and erosion preventing practices on these intensively cultivated areas. These practices are, planting legumes, interplanting leguminous crops with other crops, contour cultivation, and establishing proper ditching systems on land where the slope is such as to make the adoption of these practices the most effective conservation measures..... (2206-44)

PRICE-SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR 1944 HEMP SEED - The WFA has announced that the price of hemp seed produced in 1944 will be supported at \$7 per bushel for cleaned seed. Growers will be assured of this price through an open offer of Commodity Credit Corporation to purchase 1944 hemp seed. With the reduction in the program for the production of hemp fiber announced on January 14, 1944, ample seed is now available for planting for Government requirements both in 1944 and 1945; therefore, Commodity Credit Corporation will not enter into contracts with growers for the production of hemp seed this year.....Growers are urged wherever practical to grow other crops instead of hemp. (2204-44)

REVISIONS IN FISH OIL SET-ASIDE ORDER - This announces that producers of crude sardine and menhaden oil will set aside approximately one-third of their production after May 1, 1944, for uses classified as essential by the WFA, but the remaining 1944-45 fish oil production, with 3 specific exceptions, may be used without restriction. The exceptions involve the use of fish oil in the manufacture of feeds and vitamin feeding oils; and the limited use of seal oil and Pacific Coast herring oil. The announcement lists the essential uses for which sardine and menhaden oil will be set aside. It also gives administrative details. (2207-44)