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FOREWORD

The previous issue of this Bulletin (Volume 8, No. 4) was released on 19th March, 1952. This is the fifth of the series to be included in volume 8 and subsequent numbers will appear as circumstances require. In general, this bulletin is issued at least twice each season, viz. (i) at any early stage during the harvest (December or early January) at which stage forecasts of the crop are available and (ii) after the harvest has been completed (March or April), when reliable estimates of the total crop can be made in the light of receipts by the Australian Wheat Board and sample surveys taken in some States.

In the compilation of this Bulletin I have drawn heavily upon statistical and other data supplied by State Statisticians, the Australian Wheat Board and the Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture. To each of these authorities I tender my thanks for their valuable assistance and co-operation.

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1. WHEAT FOR GRAIN : ESTIMATE OF AREA SOWN

PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD, 1952-53.

The area sown to wheat for grain in Australia in the 1952-53 season is estimated at 10,106,000 acres from which an estimated total crop of 179.8 million bushels of wheat will be harvested, representing an average yield of 17.8 bushels per acre.

The present estimate of the 1952-53 wheat crop is about 17.0 million bushels more than the forecast issued on 12th December, 1952 due to very favourable conditions existing prior to harvesting in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia.

The estimated area sown for grain in 1952-53 viz., 10,106,000 acres is the lowest for any peace-time year since 1923-24 and is 2,874,000 acres or 22 per cent. less than the average sowings for the five years ended 1938-39. The estimated production of 179.8 million bushels is 40.3 million bushels (18 per cent.) less than the record 1947-48 harvest, but 25.5 million bushels (17 per cent.) above average production for the five years ended 1938-39. The estimated average yield of 17.8 bushels per acre is equal to the previous highest recorded in 1949-50 and exceeds the average for the five years ended 1938-39 by 5.9 bushels per acre.

Details of the estimates for each State for the 1952-53 season are shown in the table following together with the sources of these estimates: -

TABLE I : WHEAT FOR GRAIN : ESTIMATED AREA SOWN, AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD, 1952-53

State	Estimated Area Sown		Estimated Production			
	Authority	Area ('000 acres)	Authority	Date	Production ('000 bus.)	Average Yield per Acre Sown (bus.)
N.S.W.	Govt. Statistician	2,660	Govt. Statistician	19. 1.53	55,000	20.7
Vic.	Govt. Statist	2,275	Australian Wheat Board	16. 1.53	46,000	20.2
Q'ld.	Dept. of Agriculture	700	" " "	16. 1.53	17,000	24.3
S.A.	Govt. Statist (a)	1,465	" " "	16. 1.53	29,000	19.8
W.A.	Govt. Statistician	3,000	Govt. Statistician	14. 1.53	32,700	10.9
Tas.	Commonwealth Stat'n.	5	Commonwealth Stat'n.	19. 1.53	100	20.0
A.C.T.	Commonwealth Stat'n.	1	Commonwealth Stat'n.	19. 1.53	10	10.0
Total:	-	10,106	-	-	179,810	17.8

(a) Based on estimate of area sown for all purposes compiled by Government Statist.

2. WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AREA, PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD

Details of the area, production and average yield per acre are given in Table 2 following, for each of the four seasons ended 1951-52, in comparison with the average for the five seasons ended 1938-39. Details of the estimated area sown, production and average yield per acre for 1952-53 are also shown.

TABLE 2 : WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AREA, PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<u>AREA SOWN TO WHEAT FOR GRAIN</u>								
( '000 Acres )								
Average five seasons ended 1938-39	4,168	2,522	312	3,096	2,864	16	2	12,980
1948-49	4,038	2,996	608	2,063	2,867	7	4	12,583
1949-50	4,012	2,828	600	1,896	2,894	6	4	12,240
1950-51	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	5	2	11,663
1951-52	2,753	2,464	455	1,613	3,094	4	1	10,384
1952-53 (a)	2,660	2,275	700	1,465	3,000	5	1	10,106

(a) Estimated.

PRODUCTION OF WHEAT

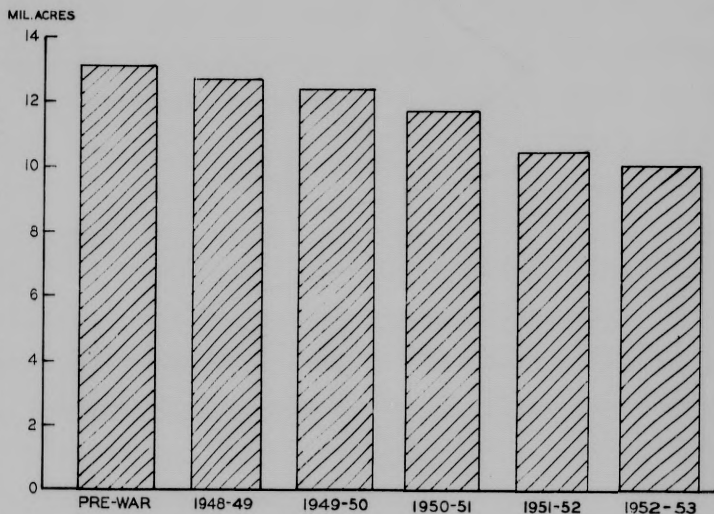
<u>( '000 Bushels )</u>								
Average five seasons ended 1938-39	53,634	34,505	4,223	32,578	28,984	359	42	154,325
1948-49	64,704	49,064	14,317	26,136	36,250	156	76	190,703
1949-50	81,939	57,434	11,770	28,351	38,500	127	92	218,221
1950-51	43,273	51,236	8,705	30,936	49,900	95	19	184,244
1951-52	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
1952-53 (a)	55,000	46,000	17,000	29,000	32,700	100	10	179,810

(a) Estimated.

# WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AUSTRALIA

PRE-WAR (AV. FIVE YEARS ENDED 1938-39), 1948-49 TO 1952-53

## AREA SOWN



## AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE

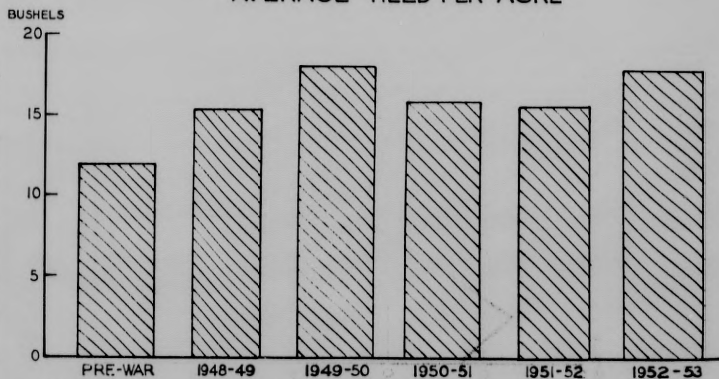


TABLE 2 : WHEAT FOR GRAIN (Cont'd.)

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE  
(Bushels)

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Average five seasons ended 1938-39	12.87	13.68	1354	10.52	10.12	22.64	23.44	11.89
1948-49	16.02	16.38	23.56	12.67	12.64	22.69	18.23	15.15
1949-50	20.42	20.31	19.63	14.95	13.30	23.26	20.55	17.83
1950-51	13.00	18.73	15.72	16.74	15.67	17.84	10.10	15.80
1951-52	14.42	18.67	14.59	16.92	12.93	26.10	13.97	15.38
1952-53 (a)	20.68	20.22	24.29	19.80	10.90	20.00	10.00	17.79

(a) Estimated.

## 3. FARMERS' INTENTIONS TO SOW WHEAT AND ACTUAL SOWINGS

At the annual census of rural production collected during April and May, farmers in certain of the wheat-growing States are asked to indicate their intentions to sow wheat for all purposes (grain, hay and green food) subject to the reservation "Weather and other conditions permitting". In the following table a comparison is given between farmers' intentions to sow and areas actually sown for the years indicated.

TABLE 3 : WHEAT, ALL PURPOSES : AREA SOWN AND INTENTIONS TO SOW

( '000 Acres)

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<u>SEASON 1950-51</u>								
Area Sown -								
For Grain	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	5	2	11,663
For Hay	79	35	4	89	49	3	-	259
For Greenfeed	35	-	54	13	20	1	-	123
All Purposes	3,443	2,770	617	1,950	3,254	9	2	12,045
Area intended to be sown (all purposes) (a)	3,810	2,618	(b)	1,955	3,247	6	2	(c) 11,638
<u>SEASON 1951-52</u>								
Area Sown -								
For Grain	2,753	2,464	455	1,613	3,094	4	1	10,384
For Hay	121	35	7	63	49	2	-	277
For Greenfeed	56	-	90	11	19	1	-	177
All Purposes	2,930	2,499	552	1,687	3,162	7	1	10,838
Area intended to be sown (all purposes) (a)	3,027	(b)	(b)	1,601	3,169	5	1	(b)
<u>SEASON 1952-53</u>								
Area Sown (d) -								
For Grain	2,660	2,275	700	1,465	3,000	5	1	10,106
For Hay	77	35	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	-	(e)
For Greenfeed	53	-	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	-	(e)
All Purposes	2,790	2,310	750	1,530	(e)	(e)	1	(e)
Area intended to be sown (all purposes) (a)	3,173	(b)	(b)	1,530	3,104	11	2	(b)

(a) According to farmers' returns at or about time of sowing.

(b) Not collected.

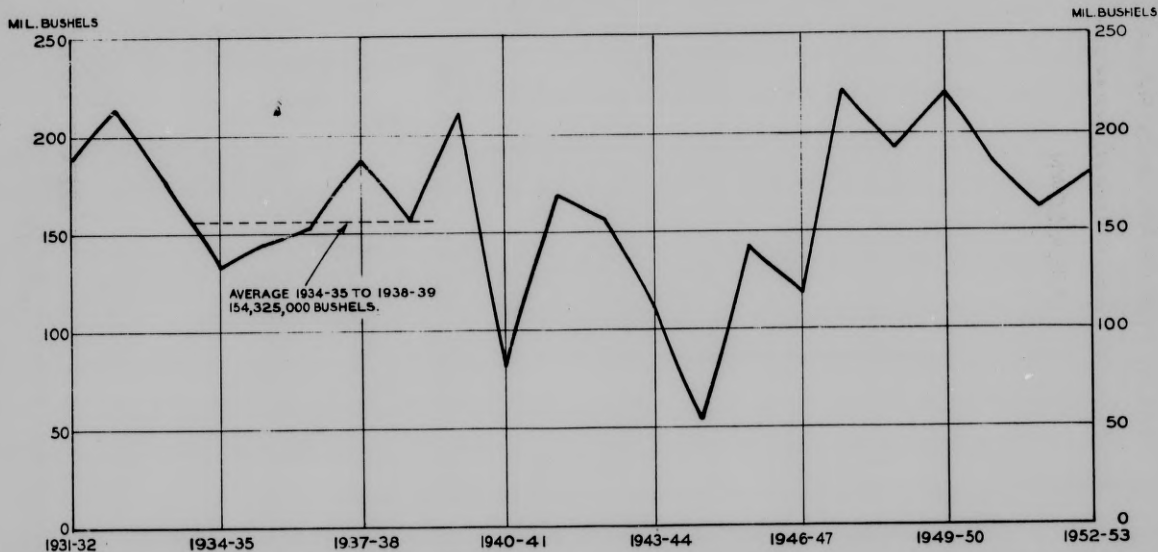
(c) Excludes Queensland.

(d) Estimated.

(e) Not yet available.

# PRODUCTION OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AUSTRALIA

1931-32 TO 1952-53



#### 4. VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN

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Details of the principal varieties of wheat sown in 1951 in the four main wheat producing States of Australia and the proportion which each bears, to the total area sown are shown in the following table.

**TABLE 4 : WHEAT : PROPORTIONS OF PRINCIPAL VARIETIES SOWN, 1951**

New South Wales		Victoria		South Australia		Western Australia	
Variety	Per-centage	Variety	Per-centage	Variety	Per-centage	Variety	Per-centage
Bencubbin ✓	34.50	Quadrat	36.36	Gabo ✓	20.58	Bungulla	27.92
Gabo ✓	13.00	Insignia	30.37	Bencubbin ✓	15.08	Bencubbin ✓	23.98
Kendee	7.78	Pinnacle	15.79	Warigo	6.10	Gluelub	11.09
Celebration	6.53	Bencubbin ✓	4.67	Scimitar	4.93	Kondut	10.96
Ford	5.97	Magnet	3.99	Dirk	4.00	Wongoondy	4.27
Charter	5.39	Baldmin	1.78	Quadrat	4.00	Eureka	3.25
Bordan	4.00	Gabo ✓	1.52	Reidap	3.97	Koorda	3.22
Koala	2.36	Pindar	1.39	Warateh	3.42	Ranee	1.97
Quadrat	2.31	Diadem	0.98	Marathon	3.21	Gabo ✓	1.74
Magnet	1.86	Ghurka	0.68	Jaxrolin	2.70	Regalia	1.26
Eureka & Eureka 2	1.63	All Other(a)	2.27	Gluyas	2.69	Insignia	1.17
Warigo	1.56			Sword	2.64	Bluelub	0.95
Talta	1.30			Insignia	2.44	All Other(a)	8.22
All Other(a)	11.91			Rapier	2.06		
				Bungulla	1.99		
				Glen Wari	1.95		
				All Other(a)	18.24		
	100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00

(a) Includes "Not Stated".

#### 5. WHEAT FARMS : NUMBER GROWING 20 ACRES OR MORE OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN

Particulars of the number of farms growing 20 acres or more of wheat for grain during the years 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1951-52 are set out in the following table.

**TABLE 5 : NUMBER OF FARMS GROWING 20 ACRES OR MORE OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN**

State	1938-39	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
New South Wales	16,550	15,674	15,594	14,279	13,147
Victoria	12,305	12,105	11,491	11,203	(b)
Queensland	3,190	3,800	3,744	3,862	3,005
South Australia	11,842	9,405	9,346	8,416	8,345
Western Australia	3,989	7,779	7,808	7,814	7,766
Tasmania	146	123	58	79	51
Total (a)	53,022	48,890	48,041	45,653	(b)

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Not yet available.

#### 6. WHEAT PRICES : AUSTRALIA

##### (1) Price of Wheat for Home Consumption - Australia.

(a) For Human Consumption. From June, 1942 the monthly price of wheat sold for gristing into flour for home consumption averaged 3s.11½d. per bushel (Wheat Board price to millers, bulk basis) until 22nd December, 1947, when the price was increased to 4s.11½d. per bushel, bulk basis. This price remained operative only until 19th January, 1948. Details of the prices charged by the Wheat Board from 19th January, 1948 up to the present time for all wheat for human consumption (as flour or in other forms) in Australia are set out in the following table together with particulars of the dates on which they became operative.

**TABLE 6 : PRICE OF WHEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION - AUSTRALIA**

Date from which Price Became Effective	Price Charged by Wheat Board (bulk basis)
	s. d.
19th January, 1948	6- 3
1st December, 1948	6- 8
" " 1949	(a) 6- 8
8th " 1950	7-10
1st " 1951	10- 0
" " 1952	11-11

(a) During the 1949-50 season the Commonwealth Government paid a subsidy of 5d. per bushel to provide growers with the agreed return of 7s.1d. per bushel (see section 14 (ii) following)

(b) For Stock Feed. The price charged by the Wheat Board for wheat sold for stock feed was 4s.11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. per bushel (bulk basis) from early in 1947 to 19th January, 1948. On that date it was increased to 6s.3d. per bushel, and to the close of the 1950-51 season was fixed at the same levels as the price of wheat for human consumption (See (1) above).

All States, except Western Australia, by uniform legislation, fixed the price of stock-feed wheat for the 1951-52 season at 12s.0d. per bushel. In addition, the Commonwealth Government, under the terms of the Wheat Bounty Act of 1951, agreed to pay a subsidy on wheat used by the dairy, pig and poultry industries during the 1951-52 and 1952-53 wheat seasons. The subsidy has been limited to 26 million bushels of wheat in respect of each season. The purpose of the subsidy is to bring the wheat-growers' return from the sale of such wheat to 16s.1d. per bushel.

For the 1951-52 season the rate of subsidy was 4s.1d. per bushel - i.e. the difference between 16s.1d. and 12s.0d. In the case of Western Australia the price of wheat for stock feed was fixed at 10s.0d. per bushel, and consequently the growers' return from the sale of stock feed wheat in that State was 14s.1d. per bushel. The wheat Board was, however, required to pay interstate freight and handling costs on stock feed wheat amounting to an average of about 9d. per bushel on the maximum quantity of wheat on which the bounty was payable. As a result of the Wheat Board's subsequent refusal to pay these costs, the Queensland Government suspended its amending legislation on 10th May, 1952, and the price was reduced to 10s.0d. per bushel. The Commonwealth bounty was automatically suspended from that date throughout Australia. The dispute was settled when the Commonwealth Government agreed to pay those costs from the accumulated amount saved by the suspension of the bounty and the Queensland price reverted to 12s.0d. per bushel from 30th June, 1952.

For the 1952-53 season the rate of subsidy is 2s.2d. per bushel, equal to the difference between 16s.1d. and 13s.11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d., the price ruling from 1st December, 1952 for stock feed wheat for use by the dairying, pig and poultry industries in States other than Western Australia.

(ii) Export Wheat Prices - Australia. Details of export wheat prices by months for the years ended July, 1939 and 1949 to 1952 and the months of August, 1952 to December, 1952 are shown in Table 7 following.

Owing to changes which have occurred in the manner of selling export wheat, it is not possible to quote prices on a strictly comparable basis throughout the period covered by the table. For 1938-39, the prices represent the "weighted average shippers' limits f.o.r. ports for growers' bagged and bulk lots, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide". Following the acquisition of the 1939-40 and later wheat crops by the Commonwealth Government, it was no longer possible to record prices on this basis. The prices in the following table for 1948-49 and later years are the basic export selling prices of the Australian Wheat Board. The quotations are more or less nominal as the market is "broad" and wheat is sold at times above and below these basic prices, depending upon conditions of sale. Much of the wheat is sold at prices fixed under contract for delivery over lengthy periods.

As from August, 1949, under the terms of the International Wheat Agreement (see issue of this Bulletin, Vol. 7, No. 11), Australia has undertaken to sell, if required, 80.8 (subsequently increased to 88.7 but for the year 1951-52, because of the small harvest, reduced to 72.0) million bushels per year (August to July) to contracting importing countries. After commitments under the I.W.A. have been met, Australia is free to sell any additional wheat available at any price which may find a market. It has therefore become necessary since August, 1949, to distinguish between the prices applicable to wheat for sale within and without the agreement as follows -

(a) Prices at which Australia is prepared to sell wheat under the terms of the I.W.A. - These are shown in terms of Australian currency under the heading "I.W.A. Quota Wheat" in the table below. Up to the latest available date (December, 1952) negotiations have been at the maximum price permitted by the Agreement. As the prices were fixed basically in terms of gold, the maximum prices expressed in terms of Australian currency rose from 11s.2d. prior to devaluation to 16s.1d. per bushel after devaluation (19th September, 1949). From 1st December, 1951 the f.o.b. price at which Australia will sell wheat under the I.W.A. was increased to 16s.6d. per bushel (bulk basis) by the addition of 5d. per bushel "carrying charge".

(b) Prices at which Australia is prepared to sell wheat outside the I.W.A. - These are shown in terms of Australian currency under the heading "Free Wheat" in the table below. The amount of wheat available for sale at these prices on the "free" market is that which is available after commitments under the I.W.A. have been met, and thus varies considerably from year to year.

Due to the fact that in recent years varying proportions of exportable wheat have been sold forward on contracts for delivery some months ahead at widely differing prices and because sales have been made on differential bases under the International Wheat Agreement since August, 1949, monthly prices recorded in the table below do not necessarily represent the prices actually received for wheat currently being shipped.

TABLE 7 : EXPORT WHEAT PRICES : AUSTRALIA  
(Price per bushel)

Month	1938-39	1940-49	1949-50 (c)		1950-51 (c)		1951-52 (c)		1952-53 (c)	
	(a)	(b)	I.W.A. Quota Wheat	"Free" Wheat	I.W.A. Quota Wheat	"Free" Wheat	I.W.A. Quota Wheat	"Free" Wheat	I.W.A. Quota Wheat	"Free" Wheat
	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.	s.d.
August	3- 1	17- 4	11- 2	14- 0	16- 1	18- 6	16- 1	19- 0	16- 6(d)	21- 6
September	2- 9	17- 4	13- 2	16- 2	16- 1	18- 6	16- 1	19- 0	16- 6(d)	21- 6
October	2-10	16- 2	16- 1	20- 0	16- 1	18- 6	16- 1	19- 9	16- 6(d)	21- 6
November	2- 6	15-10	16- 1	20- 0	16- 1	18- 6	16- 1	20- 1	16- 6(d)	21- 6
December	2- 5	15-10	16- 1	19- 7	16- 1	18- 6	16- 6(d)	21- 0	16- 6(d)	21- 6
January	2- 5	15-10	16- 1	19- 0	16- 1	18- 6	16- 6(d)	21- 2		
February	2- 5	15- 7	16- 1	19- 0	16- 1	18- 6	16- 6(d)	21- 6		
March	2- 3	15- 4	16- 1	19- 0	16- 1	18-10	16- 6(d)	21- 6		
April	2- 4	15- 4	16- 1	19- 0	16- 1	19- 0	16- 6(d)	21- 6		
May	2- 6	14- 7	16- 1	19- 0	16- 1	19- 0	16- 6(d)	21- 6		
June	2- 5	14- 5	16- 1	18- 7	16- 1	19- 0	16- 6(d)	21- 6		
July	2- 2	14- 5	16- 1	18- 6	16- 1	19- 0	16- 6(d)	21- 6		
Average	2- 5	15- 8	15- 5	18- 6	16- 1	18- 8	16- 4	20- 9		

- (a) Weighted average shippers' limits f.o.r. ports for growers' bagged and bulk lots, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.  
 (b) Basic export selling price of Australian Wheat Board (average for bulk and bagged wheat, f.o.r. ports basis).  
 (c) Australian Wheat Board selling price for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.b. basis.  
 (d) Includes 5d. per bushel "carrying charge".

#### 7. POOL ADVANCES TO FARMERS ON WHEAT ACQUIRED

Details of the advances paid in respect of wheat acquired from the harvest of 1949-50 (No. 13 Pool), 1950-51 (No. 14 Pool), 1951-52 (No. 15 Pool) and 1952-53 (No. 16 Pool) are shown in the table below.

TABLE 8 : WHEAT POOL ADVANCES : AUSTRALIA AS AT 11TH DECEMBER, 1952

Advance	1949-50 Harvest			1950-51 Harvest			
	No. 13 Pool			Pool Nos. 14, 14A & 14B (a)			
	Date (b)	Bulk	Bagged	Date (b)	Bulk	Bagged	
		s.d. per bus.	s.d. per bus.		s.d. per bus.	s.d. per bus.	
First	6.12.49	(c)6- 0	(c)6- 6	4.12.50	(c) 6- 7	(c)7- 3	
Second	5. 9.50	2- 0	2- 0	21. 8.51	1- 0	1- 0	
Third	12.12.50	1- 6	1- 6	16.10.51	1- 0	1- 0	
Fourth	17. 4.51	1- 6	1- 6	19. 2.52	(d) 2- 0	(d)2- 6	
Fifth	18. 6.51	0- 5	0- 9	10. 6.52	0- 7½	0-10	
Sixth	5. 8.52	(e)1- 7.062	1- 7.32		(f)11- 2½	(f)12- 7	
Total Advances (c)	-	13- 0.062	13-10.362		(g)10- 8½	(g)11- 1	
		'000 Bushels			'000 Bushels		
Net Quantity Acquired - Bulk		124,738			115,945		
Bagged		78,191			54,153		
Total:		202,929			170,098		

For notes see next page.

TABLE 10 : CHARTER RATES ON DULK WHEAT FOR SHIPMENT TO UNITED KINGDOM AND INDIA  
(Source : Australian Wheat Board)  
(s.d. stg. per long ton)

Date	United Kingdom		India	
	Eastern States	Western Australia	Eastern States	Western Australia
24. 6.50	60- 0	55- 0	47- 6	42- 6
11. 7.51	140- 0	140- 0	(a)	(a)
14.11.51	122- 6	(a)	70- 0	70- 0
6.12.51	120- 0	120- 0	70- 0	70- 0
14. 1.52	( 130- 0	130- 0 )	70- 0	70- 0
	( 147- 6	147- 6 )		
24. 3.52	100- 0	100- 0	(a)	(a)
26. 3.52	(a)	(a)	65- 0	65- 0
24. 7.52	( 65- 0	65- 0 )	(a)	(a)
	( 80- 0	80- 0 )		
30. 7.52	(a)	(a)	45- 0	45- 0
23. 8.52	75- 0	75- 0	(a)	(a)
29. 9.52	105- 0	95- 0	(a)	(a)
22.10.52	(a)	(a)	70- 0	60- 0
10.11.52	102- 6	90- 0	(a)	(a)
24.11.52	97- 6	85- 0	(a)	(a)
5.12.52	(a)	(a)	71- 3	61- 3

(a) Not quoted.

## 9. PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL OF WHEAT : AUSTRALIA

Details of the production and disposal of wheat in each of the cereal years ended 30th November, 1947 to 1952 compared with the average for the three years ended 30th November, 1939 are given in the following table.

TABLE 11 : PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL OF WHEAT : AUSTRALIA  
(Million Bushels)

Particulars	Average three years ended 30th Nov. 1939	Year ended 30th November -					
		1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952(a)
Opening Stocks (incl. Flour as Wheat)	10.2	20.0	13.3	26.3	19.0	43.8	19.4 ✓
Production	164.7	117.3	220.1	190.7	218.2	184.2	159.7 ✓
Total available Supplies:	174.9	137.3	233.4	217.0	237.2	228.0	179.1 ✓
Exports - Wheat	75.0	12.0	86.9	82.5	82.8	85.9	45.6 ✓
- Flour as Wheat	30.6	32.6	43.0	35.7	36.9	41.6	35.2 ✓
Local Consumption - Flour as Wheat	30.9	33.5	33.6	34.5	35.5	37.6	39.0 ✓
Stock Feed Wheat	9.3	22.2	20.7	22.6	23.5	27.4	23.9
Sales	14.6	13.8	12.5	12.2	11.6	10.5	10.2
Seed	(b)	4.7	3.9	4.2	4.7	4.2	3.5
Retained on Farm	(c)	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.0	4.3	3.8
Breakfast Foods and other uses							3.8
Closing Stocks (incl. Flour as Wheat)	14.5	13.3	26.3	19.0	43.8	19.4	16.9 ✓
Total Disposals	174.9	136.3	231.1	214.9	241.6	230.9	178.1 ✓
Excess (+) or Deficiency (-) of Disposals in respect of total available supplies (d)	-	(-1.0)	(-2.3)	(-2.1)	(+4.6)	(+2.9)	(-)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Included with stock feed.

(c) Included with flour.

(d) Includes allowance for unrecorded movements in stocks, gain or loss in outturn, etc.

Wheat Board.  
allocations for local use  
for export.

TABLE 8 (Continued)

Advance	1951-52 Harvest			1952-53 Harvest		
	No. 15 Pool			No. 16 Pool		
	Date (b)	Bulk s.d. per bus.	Bagged s.d. per bus.	Date (b)	Bulk s.d. per bus.	Bagged s.d. per bus.
First	10.12.51	(c) 7-10	(c) 9-0	(h)	(c) 12-0	(c) 12-9
Second	25. 3.52	1- 7	1- 7			
Third	11.11.52	1- 0	1- 0			
Total Advances (o)	-	10- 5	11- 7	-	12- 0	12- 9
Net Quantity Acquired -	'000 Bushels			'000 Bushels		
Bulk	109,939			(i)		
Bagged	35,534			(i)		
Total:	145,473			(i)		

- (a) See note below regarding Pools Nos. 14A and 14B.  
 (b) Date of Commencement of Payments in respect of each advance.  
 (c) Less rail freight to terminals.  
 (d) The fourth advance was 1/6 per bushel (bulk and bagged) less for No. 14B Pool than that for Nos. 14 and 14A.  
 (e) Final advance including refund of contributions to the Wheat Prices Stabilization Funds.  
 (f) Pools 14 and 14A only (g) Pool 14B only.  
 (h) On delivery.  
 (i) Not yet available.

In addition to No. 14 Pool, two subsidiary pools were created to handle sub-standard wheat from the 1950-51 harvest. In the case of No. 14A Pool (wheat under 54 lb. per bushel) the Australian Wheat Board applied similar advances as those for No. 14 Pool, with appropriate dockages for light-weight or under-quality wheat. Regarding No. 14B Pool (wheat under 46 lb. per bushel) a small quantity (probably not exceeding 100,000 bushels) was sold on the local market and growers who delivered to this Pool were paid the realizations from the sale of the wheat, less the Board's administrative and handling expenses.

Contributions to the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund from the 1950-51 and 1951-52 harvests amounted to approximately 1/3¢ per bushel and 1/2¢ per bushel respectively. No contributions are to be made to the Fund from the 1952-53 harvest.

#### 8. OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES : AUSTRALIA

The next table gives particulars of the oversea freight rates for wheat shipped to the United Kingdom and Continental ports for the quarters in each of the years 1948 to 1952. These rates are expressed in sterling and are subject to an adjustment of 2½ per cent. on account of exchange when freight is prepaid in Australia.

TABLE 9 : OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES PER TON WEIGHT ON WHEAT-  
AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENTAL PORTS

(Supplied by the Oversea Shipping Representatives Assn.)

(s.d. stg. per long ton)

Quarter ended-	1948		1949		1950		1951		1952	
	Bulk	Bagged	Bulk	Bagged	Bulk	Bagged	Bulk	Bagged	Bulk	Bagged
31st March	102- 6	110- 0	92- 6	102- 6	67- 6	75- 0	160- 0	167- 6	115- 0	122- 6
30th June	102- 6	110- 0	87- 6	97- 6	65- 0	72- 6	122- 6	130- 0	85- 0	92- 6
30th September	102- 6	110- 0	62- 6	70- 0	67- 6	75- 0	122- 6	130- 0	107- 6	115- 0
31st December	95- 0	105- 0	67- 6	75- 0	90- 0	97- 6	125- 0	132- 6		

In practice the greater portion of the wheat exported from Australia is shipped on specially chartered vessels under the Austral Charter Party terms and conditions. The relevant charter rates for bulk wheat for shipment to the United Kingdom and India as at various dates to 5th December, 1952 were as follows:-

10. STOCKS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR HELD

The movement in stocks of wheat and flour as wheat held in Australia at Mills, Sidings, Ports and Depots as at 30th November, for each State for the years 1939 and 1948 to 1952, is shown in the following table.

TABLE 12 : STOCKS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR AS WHEAT  
('000 Bushels)

30th November -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
1939	6,674	4,702	549	6,134	2,513	241	20,813
1948	14,051	4,366	1,534	4,677	1,285	392	26,305
1949	7,864	4,933	1,022	2,263	2,758	130	18,970
1950	16,675	12,597	1,880	6,659	5,556	222	43,789
1951 -							
Wheat	2,935	5,932	413	4,990	2,628	145	17,093
Flour (tons)	13,167	6,863	3,284	12,250	13,410	385	49,399
Total as Wheat	3,595	6,251	565	5,557	3,249	163	19,380
1952 (a) -							
Wheat	5,439	3,721	5	3,740	1,498	145	14,598
Flour (tons)	8,265	15,362	-	11,100	13,167	912	49,006
Total as Wheat	5,881	4,432	5	4,254	2,108	187	16,867

NOTE: One ton of 2,000 lb. of flour is taken as the equivalent of 46.3 bushels of wheat.  
(a) Subject to revision.

11. PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD

The following table shows details of the production of flour in each State for the year 1938-39 and each of the years 1947-48 to 1951-52.

TABLE 13 : PRODUCTION OF FLOUR  
(Tons of 2,000 lb.)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	T.S.	Total
1938-39	547,262	439,029	84,214	146,262	138,583	19,582	1,372,732
1947-48	552,784	501,325	108,022	215,155	197,104	23,753	1,598,143
1948-49	567,645	479,286	110,843	211,767	183,143	26,484	1,679,190
1949-50	597,491	447,784	112,995	162,259	161,251	27,243	1,509,023
1950-51	694,036	448,993	116,503	189,962	218,841	27,336	1,695,671
1951-52 (a)	557,607	548,623	124,423	206,570	224,973	27,940	1,687,165

(a) Subject to revision.

Particulars of the operations of flour mills and other grain mills in each State during 1950-51 together with available details for Australia for the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 are shown hereunder.

TABLE 14 : OPERATIONS OF FLOUR MILLS : 1950 - 51

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.	
No. of Mills	56	38	10	30	20	11	165	
No. of Persons employed	1,281	1,272	(c)	532	546	(a)	4,842	
Wheat milled (b)	'000 bus.	32,208	21,764	5,777	8,756	9,955	1,308	80,368
Output of (b) -								
Flour (white)	'000 tons	678	437	111	190	217	27	1,696
Wheatmeal for Baking	" "	16	12	6	2	2		
Total Flour	" "	694	449	117	190	219	27	1,696
Bran, unwater	" "	113	88	14	37	47	4	303
Pollard	" "	147	89	28	33	35	7	339

NOTE: Ton = 2,000 lb.

(a) Not available for publication. Included with total for Australia.

(b) Includes operations of other grain mills.

TABLE 15 : OPERATIONS OF FLOUR MILLS : AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Units	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
No. of Mills	No.	167	164	161	165	(a)
No. of Persons employed	"	4,623	4,768	4,541	4,842	(a)
Wheat milled (b)	'000 bus.	76,927	83,387	73,066	80,368	(c) 78,137
Output of - Flour (b)	'000 tons	1,558	1,679	1,509	1,696	(a) 1,687
Bran (b)	" "	303	319	273	303	(c) 306
Pollard	" "	326	355	317	339	(c) 346

NOTE: Ton = 2,000 lb.

(a) Not yet available.

(b) Includes operations of other grain mills.

(c) Flour Mills; subject to revision.

12. EXPORTS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR

The following table furnishes details of the quantity of wheat and flour exported overseas by States for the years ended June, 1939 and 1949 to 1952.

TABLE 16 : EXPORTS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR

Year ended 30th June	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total
<u>WHEAT</u> ( '000 Bushels)							
1939	15,031	5,233	1,766	18,486	22,613	-	63,129
1949	35,322	9,695	3,380	16,236	18,397	-	83,030
1950	28,003	16,860	2,207	9,856	21,500	-	78,426
1951	13,171	26,734	1,179	15,197	30,501	-	86,782
1952	3,700	15,882	-	16,522	26,811	-	62,915
<u>FLOUR</u> (Tons of 2,000 lb.)							
1939(a)	293,168	256,231	1	86,678	88,981	3	725,065
1949	300,815	272,887	5,381	150,590	130,905	-	860,578
1950	272,162	291,271	4,796	92,020	115,250	-	775,499
1951	361,297	233,389	4,006	128,822	159,019	-	886,533
1952	127,367	308,962	1,894	121,253	160,976	18	791,470

(a) Excludes Wheatmeal for Baking.

Available details of the total production of flour in each State and the proportion exported overseas during the financial year 1938-39 and for each year from 1948-49 to 1951-52, together with details of the quantity and value of wheat and flour exports for the same years according to the countries of destination are shown in the following tables.

TABLE 17 : PRODUCTION OF FLOUR AND PROPORTION EXPORTED

Year ended June	Unit	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1939 - Production	'000 tons	547	437	84	146	139	20	1,373
Exported (a)	Per cent	53.6	58.7	-	59.3	64.2	-	52.8
1949 - Production	'000 tons	668	479	111	212	183	26	1,679
Exported	Per cent	45.1	56.9	4.9	71.1	71.5	-	51.2
1950 - Production	'000 tons	597	448	113	162	161	27	1,509
Exported	Per cent	45.6	65.0	4.2	56.7	71.5	-	51.4
1951 - Production	'000 tons	694	449	117	190	219	27	1,696
Exported	Per cent	52.1	52.0	3.4	67.8	72.7	-	52.3
1952 - Production (b)	'000 tons	558	546	124	206	225	28	1,687
Exported	Per cent	35.4	56.8	1.5	58.7	71.6	-	46.9

NOTE: Ton = 2,000 lb.

(a) Understated by amount of Wheatmeal for Baking exported.

(b) Flour mills; subject to revision.

TABLE 18 : EXPORTS OF WHEAT CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF DESTINATION : AUSTRALIA

Country to which exported	Quantity ('000 Bushels)					Value (A. f.o.b.)				
	1938-39	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1938-39	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
United Kingdom ..	32,235	34,523	9,435	20,017	17,930	4,43,613	26,887,685	6,215,373	15,416,578	15,052,755
Aden ..	-	332	-	-	-	-	233,444	-	-	-
Africa, British East ..	19	7	127	19	63	3,286	7,319	125,382	15,743	58,692
Ceylon ..	138	17	7	7	5	22,282	12,718	7,257	8,385	6,768
India ..	6,922	16,939	35,254	16,741	7,372	957,926	14,902,287	26,516,271	14,144,160	6,399,777
Ireland, Republic of ..	2,303	1,337	321	1,897	1,933	312,776	1,415,790	206,623	1,513,922	1,562,211
Malta and Gozo ..	559	-	260	33	381	79,719	-	195,598	27,816	314,811
New Zealand ..	3,096	7,395	5,756	4,863	9,648	417,696	2,652,242	4,528,698	4,154,234	9,206,270
Rhodesia, Southern ..	-	799	712	1,036	1,513	-	792,429	648,694	1,004,477	1,371,293
Union of South Africa ..	1,705	1,623	2,242	430	-	331,787	1,638,237	1,178,986	386,079	-
Other British Countries	68	2,392	988	2,400	3,425	9,745	2,011,882	825,828	2,267,128	3,171,716
China ..	10,621	1	76	122	-	1,357,010	547	77,930	121,515	-
Egypt ..	389	8,510	6,511	17,075	3,980	54,286	6,110,634	5,633,961	15,269,586	3,581,383
France ..	-	958	-	-	-	-	952,313	-	-	-
French Dependencies	-	337	5	4	3	-	357,906	5,443	4,900	4,029
Greece ..	1,583	-	-	-	-	237,713	-	-	-	-
Iraq ..	-	1,027	2	5	1	-	781,410	2,020	5,260	627
Italy ..	-	5	325	7,965	6,472	20	3,715	348,316	7,320,170	5,791,318
Japan ..	432	1,843	6,885	2,798	-	61,944	1,297,770	7,105,953	2,712,544	-
Norway ..	-	-	504	996	-	-	-	412,059	804,078	-
Sweden ..	-	746	1,029	1,342	1,493	-	766,459	829,115	1,092,816	1,219,112
Switzerland ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Foreign Countries	3,059	4,239	7,967	9,032	8,696	445,171	3,880,536	7,309,387	7,881,787	7,545,779
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>63,129</b>	<b>83,030</b>	<b>78,426</b>	<b>86,782</b>	<b>62,915</b>	<b>8,734,974</b>	<b>64,705,323</b>	<b>62,172,894</b>	<b>74,151,178</b>	<b>55,286,541</b>

TABLE 19 : EXPORTS OF FLOUR, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF DESTINATION : AUSTRALIA  
(Tons of 2,000 lb)

Country to which exported	Quantity (Tons)					Value (£A. f.o.b.)				
	(a) 1938-39	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	(a) 1938-39	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
United Kingdom ..	118,958	233,545	35,236	112,953	96,432	705,518	8,928,246	1,097,639	4,109,729	3,744,230
Aden ..	4,066	38,601	7,265	12,034	8,108	26,135	1,602,425	224,894	502,070	335,746
Ceylon ..	18,147	187,987	131,348	190,674	187,133	112,444	7,174,210	4,538,562	6,938,097	8,226,648
Hong Kong ..	23,040	9,820	90,711	21,122	8,689	148,305	361,009	2,625,323	951,041	383,243
India ..	591	72,192	188,364	54,632	83,144	3,242	2,875,437	6,572,616	1,937,521	3,427,319
Malaya, Federation of	66,965	100,445	78,371	75,930	60,025	438,072	3,935,539	2,607,801	3,061,696	2,597,254
Mauritius ..	13,525	19,722	33,204	22,168	22,347	77,475	710,639	1,117,165	790,025	886,636
New Zealand ..	554	3,527	98	7,544	92	3,757	55,272	9,208	291,300	12,859
Pacific Islands (British)	8,238	13,337	12,426	13,549	16,150	56,963	466,445	457,832	445,963	549,901
Singapore ..	(b)	15,283	21,400	58,339	52,342	(b)	611,257	753,798	2,323,875	2,294,196
Union of South Africa	132	196	261	1,596	-	936	7,551	9,619	46,441	-
Other British Countries	55,796	19,820	30,733	42,137	32,703	342,335	795,159	1,054,088	1,506,831	1,422,459
Burma (c) ..	3,722	6,160	236	4,164	5,016	22,146	357,752	10,222	126,253	253,866
China ..	216,879	369	6,862	707	22	1,307,430	21,126	312,170	39,051	4,900
Egypt ..	17,153	42,869	53,760	121,001	65,142	106,646	1,726,188	2,035,288	4,337,222	2,479,667
France ..	-	-	-	543	331	-	-	-	22,011	16,555
French Dependencies	15,665	22,073	6,111	12,251	12,564	110,750	975,796	240,619	500,561	552,446
Indonesia, Republic of	96,524	68	4,472	62,890	62,321	647,746	3,017	162,872	2,445,230	2,806,877
Portuguese Possessions -										
Mozambique ..	7,422	5,028	101	224	2,405	50,689	232,958	4,281	8,837	101,281
Other Foreign Countries	57,688	69,536	74,540	68,075	76,500	379,621	3,076,226	2,648,392	2,638,561	3,010,486
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>725,065</b>	<b>860,578</b>	<b>775,499</b>	<b>886,533</b>	<b>791,470</b>	<b>4,540,210</b>	<b>33,916,252</b>	<b>26,482,389</b>	<b>33,022,315</b>	<b>33,106,579</b>

(a) Excludes Wheatmeal for Baking. (b) Included with Federation of Malaya. (c) British Country to 1948-49.

#### 14. MARKETING OF WHEAT IN AUSTRALIA

(i) Wheat Industry Stabilization Board: Details of the war-time Wheat Industry Stabilization Plan administered by the Wheat Industry Stabilization Board were given in Vol. 7, No. 10. and previous issues of this Summary. This has since been superseded by the permanent Stabilization Plan, referred to in (ii) following.

(ii) Post-war Wheat Stabilization Plan: Full details of the post-war Wheat Stabilization Plan which was established in 1948 under joint Commonwealth and State legislation, were given in Vol. 7, No. 10 of the Wheat Summary. The current plan will operate until the 1952-53 season, but the Australian Agricultural Council has agreed in principle to a continuation of a stabilization plan for the wheat industry, subject to the International Wheat Agreement price and other conditions being satisfactory to the Governments and growers concerned.

The price guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government under the plan was 6s.3d. per bushel, f.o.r. ports, bulk basis for the 1947-48 season, subject to variation in accordance with changes in the cost of producing wheat in subsequent seasons. Following seasonal reviews of wheat production costs, the guaranteed price was increased to 6s.8d. per bushel for the 1948-49 season, to 7s.1d. per bushel for the 1949-50 season, to 7s.10d. per bushel for the 1950-51 season, to 10s.0d. per bushel for the 1951-52 season and to 11s.11d. for the 1952-53 season.

Amounts contributed to the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund in respect of the 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50 harvests have been refunded to growers. Contributions to the Fund from 1950-51 harvest amounted to about £11.0 million and those from the 1951-52 harvest were approximately £8.4 million. No contributions are to be made to the Fund from the 1952-53 harvest.

(iii) F.A.Q. Standard of Wheat: The following table sets out the f.a.q. weight of a bushel of wheat in each of the four main wheat producing States for the seasons 1938-39 and 1945-46 to 1951-52. These data are calculated on the basis of the Schopper 1 litre scale chondrometer.

TABLE 21 : F.A.Q. STANDARD WEIGHT OF A BUSHEL OF WHEAT IN THE  
MAIN WHEAT-PRODUCING STATES OF AUSTRALIA  
(lb.)

Season	New South Wales	Victoria	South Australia	Western Australia
1938-39	64½	64½	64½	63¾
1945-46	63½	62½	61½	63½
1946-47	62½	63½	61½	63
1947-48	60½	60½	61	64½
1948-49	63½	63	63½	63½
1949-50	63	64	62	64½
1950-51	61½	62½	64½	64½
1951-52	63	64	63	62½

#### 15. WORLD WHEAT STATISTICS

(i) General: Details of the production, domestic utilization and exportable surpluses of the four chief exporting countries viz., Australia, Argentine, Canada and the United States of America, compiled from statistics published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and from other official sources, are given in the following table for the years 1938-39 and 1947-48 to 1951-52 and for the year 1952-53 in respect of the United States of America and Canada.

13. IMPORTS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

During 1951, total imports of wheat and flour into the United Kingdom, expressed in terms of wheat, amounted to 178.6 million bushels, which represented an increase of 30.0 million bushels (24.6 per cent.) over the figure recorded in the previous year, and a decrease of 46.1 million bushels (23.3 per cent.) from the corresponding total for 1939.

Details of imports of wheat, flour and the total in terms of wheat, into the United Kingdom according to country of origin, for the years 1939 and 1948 to 1951, are shown in the following table.

TABLE 20 (i) : WHEAT IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

(Source : Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom)  
(Bushels)

Country of Origin	1939	1948	1949	1950	1951
Australia	25,132,542	28,783,860	30,465,659	11,180,379	21,508,036
Canada	65,626,828	124,211,504	136,601,423	91,870,929	84,284,550
Other British Countries	105	25,484	9	2	17
<u>Total from British Countries:</u>	90,759,475	153,020,848	167,067,091	103,051,310	105,792,643
Argentine Republic	46,596,400	3,917,575	-	-	(a)
France	17,583,373	670,189	639,195	1,832,572	1,198,594
U.S. of America	25,313,542	342,048	10,356,933	16,715,707	39,669,834
Other Foreign Countries	17,752,746	30	544,106	343,900	5,286,852
<u>Total from Foreign Countries:</u>	107,246,061	4,929,842	11,540,234	18,892,179	46,155,280
<u>TOTAL:</u>	198,005,536	157,950,690	178,607,325	121,943,489	151,947,923

(a) Separate details not available; included with "Other Foreign Countries".

TABLE 20 (ii) : WHEATEN FLOUR IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

(Source: Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom)  
(Flour - Tons of 2,000 lb.)

Country of Origin	1939	1948	1949	1950	1951
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons
Australia	87,525	195,327	139,964	43,690	102,462
Canada	250,520	712,329	445,327	397,203	472,369
Other British Countries	185	26	19	165	47
<u>Total from British Countries:</u>	338,230	907,682	585,310	441,058	574,878
France	38,887	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
U.S. of America	7,399	415	74,518	41,430	-
Argentine Republic	18,947	17	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other Foreign Countries	7,190	65	1	4	1,384
<u>Total from Foreign Countries:</u>	72,423	497	74,519	41,434	1,384
<u>TOTAL:</u>	410,653	908,179	659,829	482,492	576,262
Total in Terms of Wheat (b)	Bushels 19,013,234	Bushels 42,048,688	Bushels 30,550,083	Bushels 22,339,380	Bushels 26,680,931
<u>GRAND TOTAL :</u> Imports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat (b)	217,016,770	199,999,378	209,157,408	144,282,869	178,628,854

(a) Separate details not available; included in "Other Foreign Countries".

(b) One ton of flour taken as equivalent to 46.3 bushels of wheat.

TABLE 22 : WHEAT SUPPLIES AND DISPOSITION IN FOUR CHIEF EXPORTING COUNTRIES  
(Million Bushels)

Year	Supplies			Domestic Use (incl. Food, Seed, Feed, etc.)	Surplus over Domestic Utilization	Net Exports	Year end Stocks
	Initial Stocks	Crop	Total				
<u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (JULY TO JUNE)</u>							
1938-39	153	920	1,073	714	359	109	250
1947-48	84	1,367	1,451	775	676	480	196
1948-49	196	1,314	1,510	701	809	501	308
1949-50	308	1,141	1,449	726	723	296	427
1950-51(a)	427	1,027	1,454	705	749	354	395
1951-52(a)	395	988	1,383	687	696	442	254
1952-53(b)	254	1,298	1,552	700	852	(e)	(e)
<u>CANADA (AUGUST TO JULY)</u>							
1938-39	25	360	385	124	261	158	103
1947-48	87	342	429	156	273	195	78
1948-49	78	386	464	130	334	232	102
1949-50	102	371	473	136	337	225	112
1950-51	112	462	574	144	430	241	189
1951-52(a)	189	553	742	173	569	356	213
1952-53(b)	213	675	888	160	728	(e)	(e)
<u>ARGENTINE (DECEMBER TO NOVEMBER)</u>							
1938-39(d)	72	379	451	99	352	122	230
1947-48	12	245	257	103	154	79	75
1948-49	75	190	265	147	118	74	44
1949-50	44	189	233	125	108	101	7
1950-51(a)	7	213	220	107	113	95	18
1951-52(a)	18	* 76	94	97	(e)(-) 3	(f)(-) 3	-
<u>AUSTRALIA (DECEMBER TO NOVEMBER)</u>							
1938-39	14	155	169	58	111	90	21
1947-48	13	220	233	77	156	130	26
1948-49	26	191	217	80	137	118	19
1949-50	19	218	237	73	164	120	44
1950-51	44	184	228	81	147	128	19
1951-52(a)	19	160	179	81	98	81	17

- (a) Subject to revision.  
 (b) Estimated.  
 (c) Not yet available.  
 (d) August to July.  
 (e) Imports amounted to 7 million bushels.  
 (f) Net exports December to August.

(ii) International Wheat Agreement: In a previous issue of this Summary (Volume 7, No.11) details were given of the International Wheat Agreement which was signed in Washington in March and April, 1949 by the representatives of 41 nations, comprising 36 importing countries and the wheat exporting countries of Canada, United States of America, Australia, France and Uruguay. The Agreement covers a period of four years from 1st August, 1949 to 31st July, 1953, with provision for extension beyond that date, if desired. Under its terms the exporting countries participating in the Agreement must sell specified minimum quantities of wheat each year, if required by importing countries to do so, at the maximum price quoted in the Agreement, while the importing countries are obliged to buy specified quantities, if required by the exporter, at the minimum price quoted for the relevant year. Expressed in Australian currency equivalent, the maximum price in respect of transactions under the Agreement is approximately 16s.1d. per bushel for each year, while minimum prices range from 13s.5d. per bushel in 1949-50 to 10s.9d. per bushel in 1952-53.

The export and import quotas originally specified in the Agreement, totalling 456.3 million bushels, have subsequently been varied because of

(i) the withdrawal of certain countries from participation in the Agreement (Uruguay as an exporter and China, principally, of the importing countries), and

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(ii) the admission of new members to the Agreement. The principal new participants were Germany (from late 1949) and Japan (from 1951-52) for which the United States of America had originally accepted responsibility for wheat supplies outside the provisions of the Agreement.

Details of the adjusted quotas (which totalled 562.5 million bushels for 1950-51) for the principal exporting and importing countries participating in the Agreement were shown in the previous issue of this Summary (Volume 6, No. 3). This issue also showed transactions recorded under the Agreement for the year August, 1950 to July, 1951. Similar details for 1951-52 are shown in Table 23 hereunder.

The total quotas for 1951-52 were increased to 580.9 million bushels, to cover Japanese requirements. Australia's quota of 88.7 million bushels was reduced to 72.0 million bushels because wheat supplies were inadequate to meet these commitments. Of the 16.7 million bushels by which Australia's quota was reduced, 5.5 million bushels were allotted to Canada's export quota raising it from 233.0 million to 238.5 million bushels. The remainder, 11.2 million bushels, was not assigned although there were indications that the United States might take over part of it should current winter wheat crop prospects in that country be maintained.

The total quotas for 1952-53 remained at 580.9 million bushels, Australia's quota being 88.7 million bushels.

TABLE 23 : INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT : GUARANTEED SALES AND PURCHASES  
AND TRANSACTIONS RECORDED FOR 1951-52  
(Million Bushels)

Exporting Countries			Importing Countries		
Country	Guaranteed Sales (a)	Sales Recorded	Country	Guaranteed Purchases(b)	Purchases Recorded
United States of America	255.1 ✓	255.1	United Kingdom	177.1	177.1
Canada	<del>230.5</del> 244.6	241.6	Germany	66.1	65.7
Australia	72.0 ✓	71.2	Italy	40.4	36.1
France	4.1	4.1	India	55.1	55.0
			Netherlands	24.8	24.9
			Belgium	20.2	20.1
			Union of South Africa	11.0	10.2
	572.8		Remaining importing Countries	166.2	162.9
Total:	<del>569.7</del>	572.0	Total:	580.9	572.0

- (a) Quantities which exporting countries must sell if required by importing countries to do so at the maximum price.
- (b) Quantities which importing countries must buy if required by exporting countries to do so at the relevant minimum price.

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