

Wheat Stocks

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 21, 1897, shows a decrease of 773,000 bushels, against a decrease of 537,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 2,810,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 1,812,000 bushels three years ago.

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years; the second table shows the visible supply at the end of each week in the current year, compared with the three previous years. This visible supply includes stocks of wheat in store at most important points, east of the Rocky mountains:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4..	69,842,000	57,838,000	79,933,000	81,766,000
" 11..	68,945,000	80,615,000	80,133,000	82,609,000
" 18..	67,988,000	85,289,000	81,320,000	82,227,000
" 25..	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1..	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,833,000	81,390,000
" 8..	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,661,000	81,973,000
" 15..	65,920,000	80,733,000	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22..	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,275,000	79,443,000
March 1..	64,080,000	77,761,000	75,569,000	79,088,000
" 7..	62,698,000	75,717,000	74,097,000	79,103,000
" 14..	62,123,000	76,875,000	73,300,000	79,080,000
" 21..	61,311,000	75,773,000	72,093,000	78,298,000
" 28..	61,014,000	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,800,000
April 4..	60,322,000	73,700,000	70,767,000	77,293,000
" 11..	59,330,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,010,000
" 18..	58,483,000	68,628,000	68,125,000	74,800,000
" 25..	57,916,000	67,776,000	66,543,000	75,047,000
May 2..	55,619,000	62,196,000	65,158,000	73,000,000
" 9..	54,000,000	63,623,000	63,519,000	72,082,000
" 16..	53,146,000	60,481,000	62,044,000	71,523,000
" 23..	51,294,000	54,214,000	61,329,000	70,153,000
" 30..	50,340,000	62,229,000	60,334,000	70,367,000
June 6..	50,147,000	49,719,000	58,241,000	69,662,000
" 13..	49,488,000	47,717,000	57,165,000	66,376,000
" 20..	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,852,000	63,081,000
" 27..	47,500,000	44,561,000	54,657,000	62,310,000
July 4..	47,182,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,819,000
" 11..	47,229,000	41,287,000	53,154,000	59,328,000
" 18..	46,744,000	40,458,000	53,771,000	58,903,000
" 25..	47,142,000	39,222,000	57,144,000	59,319,000
Aug. 1..	46,734,000	38,517,000	60,001,000	59,424,000
" 8..	46,472,000	37,333,000	62,321,000	58,869,000
" 15..	45,870,000	36,802,000	63,901,000	57,812,000
" 22..	45,189,000	35,988,000	64,771,000	57,249,000
" 29..	45,571,000	35,434,000	66,243,000	56,881,000
Sept. 5..	46,405,000	34,674,000	68,168,000	56,114,000
" 12..	47,602,000	38,692,000	69,211,000	57,331,000
" 19..	49,655,000	39,383,000	70,189,000	58,603,000
" 26..	48,415,000	40,768,000	71,413,000	60,628,000
Oct. 3..	49,116,000	41,852,000	73,644,000	63,275,000
" 10..	51,434,000	44,241,000	75,474,000	65,241,000
" 17..	54,808,000	46,190,000	76,693,000	68,078,000
" 24..	57,281,000	51,886,000	78,190,000	69,327,000
" 31..	58,689,000	52,000,000	80,271,000	71,396,000
Nov. 7..	59,913,000	60,936,000	81,222,000	74,052,000
" 14..	61,008,000	60,330,000	82,882,000	76,733,000
" 21..	59,071,000	62,221,000	83,941,000	77,283,000
" 28..	58,014,000	63,903,000	85,159,000	78,310,000
Dec 5..	56,312,000	63,789,000	85,978,000	78,783,000
" 12..	54,281,000	64,831,000	88,172,000	80,158,000
" 19..	53,163,000	63,398,000	89,071,000	80,234,000
" 26..	54,133,000	63,088,000	89,833,000	80,228,000

	1897	1896	1895	1894
Jan. 2..	54,651,000	62,842,000	87,863,000	79,957,000
" 9..	54,000,000	68,915,000	89,616,000	81,444,000
" 16..	52,000,000	67,988,000	88,598,000	81,821,000
" 23..	51,200,000	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,264,000
" 30..	49,301,000	67,734,000	81,320,000	79,843,000
Feb. 6..	47,880,000	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,560,000
" 13..	46,688,000	66,236,000	80,744,000	78,667,000
" 20..	45,215,000	65,011,000	79,446,000	77,275,000
" 27..	43,797,000	64,080,000	78,761,000	75,169,000
March 6..	42,768,000	62,698,000	77,717,000	74,097,000
" 13..	41,419,000	62,123,000	76,875,000	73,300,000
" 20..	40,439,000	61,311,000	75,773,000	72,093,000
" 27..	39,021,000	61,014,000	74,308,000	71,458,000
April 3..	38,612,000	60,322,000	73,700,000	70,767,000
" 10..	37,708,000	59,330,000	72,457,000	69,217,000
" 17..	36,979,000	58,483,000	70,457,000	68,125,000
" 24..	36,261,000	57,916,000	68,628,000	68,483,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on April 17, is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	535,000
Toronto.....	171,000
Kingston.....	6,000
Winnipeg.....	218,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,280,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	3,810,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on April 17, 1897:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	53,759,000
Pacific Coast.....	1,877,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	87,181,000
Pacific Coast.....	4,291,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended April 21, shows a decrease of 2,563,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 51,200,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on April 1, 1897, (United States, Canada, in Europe and all but for Europe) were 121,673,000 bushels, as compared with 141,875,000 bushels on April 1, 1895; 175,959,000 on April 1, 1891; 178,233,000 on April 1, 1893; 118,595,000 on April 1, 1892; 95,803,000 on April 1, 1891; and 99,851,000 on April 1, 1893.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the week ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Mar. 20	Mar 27	April 3	April 10	April 17
Extra Man. H'd	0	7	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	71	87	87	45	17
No. 2 hard.....	12	29	45	30	29
No. 3 hard.....	3	13	13	13	6
No. 1 North'n..	1	6	1	0	1
No. 2 Nor h'n..	0	1	0	0	0
No. 3 North'n..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type	0	4	2	0	0
No. 2 white type	0	2	1	0	0
No. 1 Spring...	0	1	0	0	0
No. 2 Spring...	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted...	0	5	4	3	5
No. 2 frosted...	5	3	7	3	4
No. 3 Frosted...	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected...	1	0	2	0	1
No. 2 Rejected...	1	0	1	0	0
No Grade.....	0	7	0	6	0
Feed.....	0	0	0	1	0
Total for week	94	163	161	101	80
Same week last year.....	498	503	33	33	29

\*Wheat inspection at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	April 23, 1897.	April 21, 1896
Flour, straight spring	\$4 10 to \$4 25	\$3 10 to \$3 50
Flour, straight winter	\$4 25 to \$4 35.	\$3 25 to \$3 75
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	1 01 1/2	75 3/8
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	30 1/2	29c
Oats, No. 2.....	23	25 1/2
R. No. 2, Western.....	43 1/2 to 44	47 1/2
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	42 to 43	42
Cotton, mid. upid.....	7 7/16c	8 1/16
Print cloths, 64x61.....	29-16	21-2
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.....	19c	17to 17 1/2
Wool, No. 1 comb.....	13 to 21c	21 to 22c
Pork, mess new.....	\$7 75 to 3 25	\$9.00 to 10.00
Lard, prime, cont'd.....	\$1.37 1/2	\$5 15c
Butter, ex. creamery.....	17c	14c
Cheese, ch. east frv.....	12	9 1/2
Sugar, centrif., 96.....	3 1/4c	4 5/16c
Sugar, granulated.....	4 1/2c	5c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	8 1/2c	14 to 14 1/2
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	85	\$1.37
Petroleum, rfd. gal.....	6 05	26.95
*Iron, Besse, yg.....	\$9.50	\$13.00
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$14.50	\$17.50
*Steel Rails.....	\$27.00	\$38.00
Ocean Steam Freight.....		
Grain, Liverpool.....	3 1/2	24
Cotton.....	17c	1-16d

\* Pittsburgh.

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