5. Grain Industry Infrastructure

During the past year, there were no important changes in the import, storage, handling and processing facilities and there are no significant changes imminent.

6. Government Policies Affecting Grain and Agriculture

There are no current or anticipated changes in government policies which will significantly influence this sector. The Belgium agricultural policies are in line with the Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC.

7. Canadian Grain Marketing Prospects

Prices remain the major factor in securing a larger share of the grain markets.

Market opportunities do exist for Canadian special crops such as mustard seeds, field peas, lentils and canaryseed. Again price is a major drawback for Canadian suppliers.

8. Processing Facilities

Year: 1983

thousands of tonnes

	Number of Companies	Number of Plants	Annual Capacity	Actual Output
Flour (and durum) Mills	90	90	1,800	900
Compound Feed Mills	225	225	6,500	5,000
Malt Houses	11	11	500	450
Oilseed Crushers	24	26	2,000	1,500

9. Storage and Throughput Capacity

Grain Import Capacity by Port

Year: 1983

- - thousands of tonnes - -

Name of Port	Grain Storage Capacity	Annual Throughput Capacity
Antwerp	270	10,000
Ghent	585	8,000
Total Capacity	855	18,000