

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 26, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS

AMBER DURUM WHEAT

Mr. Dinsdale:

1. What was the average price per bushel of amber Durum wheat to the export market during the 1952-53 crop year?
2. What was the average price per bushel paid to producers of amber Durum wheat?
3. What accounts for the difference in selling price and price to the producer, if any exists?
4. What was the average price per bushel of amber Durum wheat to the domestic market?
5. What accounts for the difference, if any, between domestic price and export price?
6. What percentage of amber Durum wheat grown in Canada is produced in Manitoba?
7. What percentage of this wheat is sold to the domestic market, and to the export market?

Mr. Dickey:

1. Average prices received—1952-53 Pool Account—Wheat

(a) Under international wheat agreement—\$1.824527 per bushel basis No. 1 amber Durum wheat in store Fort William/Port Arthur or Vancouver.

(b) Outside international wheat agreement (class II)—\$2.6381903 per bushel basis No. 1 amber Durum wheat in store Fort William/Port Arthur or Vancouver.

(c) Average of export sales—\$2.3408896 per bushel basis No. 1 amber Durum wheat in store Fort William/Port Arthur or Vancouver.

2. \$2.2766075 per bushel basis No. 1 amber Durum wheat in store Fort William/Port Arthur or Vancouver, less operating and administrative costs of 4.33068 cents per bushel.

3. The final price to producers reflected different selling bases for Durum wheat, namely, export prices under the terms of the international wheat agreement, export prices outside the international wheat agreement and domestic selling prices as provided by Canadian wheat board regulations, 1952-53 and 1953-54 and amendments thereto.

4. \$1.8296569 per bushel basis No. 1 amber Durum wheat in store Fort William/Port Arthur or Vancouver.

5. From August 1, 1952 to September 23, 1953 Durum grades of wheat were sold on the same price basis:

(a) Under the international wheat agreement.

(b) In the domestic market.

From September 24, 1953 Durum grades of wheat were sold in the domestic market at a premium of 10 cents per bushel over the board's selling prices for Durum wheat under the international wheat agreement. Over the period of the 1952-53 pool account wheat, export prices for Durum wheat outside the international wheat agreement were substantially higher than prices quoted under the international wheat agreement.

6. The Canadian wheat board is not aware of official estimates of production of Durum wheat in Manitoba. Production, however, is highly concentrated in the prairie provinces and in 1952-53 total board receipts of Durum grades of wheat from producers amounted to 8,288,289.8 bushels, of which 1,725,745 bushels, or 20.822 per cent were in Manitoba.

7. This question cannot be answered for the reason that there is no way of identifying grain produced in any province after such grain is unloaded at terminal elevators in Fort William/Port Arthur or elsewhere.

OLD AGE PAYMENTS—BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Goode:

1. How many senior citizens in British Columbia, 70 years of age and over, receive the old age pension?

2. How many senior citizens in British Columbia, 65 to 69, receive the old age pension?

3. How many senior citizens in British Columbia, 70 and over, receive the cost of living bonus from the provincial government?

4. How many senior citizens in British Columbia, 65 to 69, receive the cost of living bonus from the provincial government?

5. What is the total amount of the cost of living bonus paid to senior citizens by the provincial government?

6. What is the total amount of the cost of living bonus paid to senior citizens, by the provincial government, in the 65 to 69 age group?

Mr. Robertson:

1. In February, 1954, 84,646 senior citizens were in receipt of old age security pension in British Columbia.

2. In February, 1954, 8,093 senior citizens were in receipt of old age assistance in British Columbia.

3. 26,258.

4. 6,270.

5. During the calendar year 1953, the total cost of living bonus paid by the British Columbia provincial government was \$3,755,269.25.