

Wheat Stocks

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 3, 1897, shows a decrease of 411,000 bushels, against a decrease of 723,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,605,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 696,000 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	87,886,000	70,953,000	81,786,000
" 11 ..	68,945,000	86,015,000	80,433,000	82,050,000
" 18 ..	67,958,000	85,288,000	80,382,000	82,227,000
" 25 ..	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,284,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1 ..	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,330,000
" 8 ..	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,680,000	80,973,000
" 15 ..	65,926,000	80,733,000	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22 ..	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,413,000
March 1 ..	64,089,000	78,761,000	75,569,000	79,088,000
" 7 ..	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,600,000	78,138,000
" 14 ..	62,123,000	76,373,000	73,390,000	77,320,000
" 21 ..	61,843,000	75,773,000	72,163,000	76,308,000
" 28 ..	61,014,000	74,308,000	71,168,000	75,654,000
April 4 ..	60,322,000	73,700,000	70,702,000	74,293,000
" 11 ..	59,330,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	73,076,000
" 18 ..	58,433,000	68,826,000	68,425,000	71,569,000
" 25 ..	57,946,000	65,776,000	66,544,000	70,027,000
May 2 ..	55,619,000	62,190,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9 ..	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	71,032,000
" 16 ..	54,116,000	56,481,000	62,744,000	71,536,000
" 23 ..	51,293,000	54,214,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30 ..	50,840,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,367,000
June 6 ..	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,211,000	68,662,000
" 13 ..	49,488,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	66,376,000
" 20 ..	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,854,000	63,061,000
" 27 ..	47,880,000	44,501,000	54,657,000	62,316,000
July 4 ..	47,199,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,819,000
" 11 ..	47,220,000	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,328,000
" 18 ..	46,743,000	40,480,000	53,771,000	58,903,000
" 25 ..	47,142,000	39,229,000	52,144,000	59,319,000
Aug 1 ..	46,734,000	38,177,000	50,601,000	59,494,000
" 8 ..	46,429,000	37,839,000	49,321,000	58,889,000
" 15 ..	45,876,000	36,892,000	48,301,000	57,812,000
" 22 ..	45,130,000	35,933,000	47,771,000	57,210,000
" 29 ..	45,574,000	35,483,000	46,949,000	56,831,000
Sept. 5 ..	46,495,000	36,754,000	46,188,000	56,140,000
" 12 ..	47,602,000	38,092,000	46,214,000	57,331,000
" 19 ..	49,056,000	39,358,000	47,189,000	58,693,000
" 26 ..	48,116,000	40,765,000	47,418,000	60,525,000
Oct. 3 ..	46,116,000	41,832,000	46,014,000	63,275,000
" 10 ..	51,434,000	44,481,000	47,071,000	65,239,000
" 17 ..	54,808,000	46,199,000	46,059,000	60,078,000
" 24 ..	67,286,000	51,480,000	47,180,000	60,321,000
" 31 ..	88,030,000	52,990,000	48,027,000	71,306,000
Nov. 7 ..	69,923,000	50,336,000	51,221,000	74,052,000
" 14 ..	61,008,000	60,320,000	52,283,000	70,758,000
" 21 ..	59,971,000	62,221,000	53,014,000	77,233,000
" 28 ..	58,914,000	63,903,000	55,159,000	78,091,000
Dec. 5 ..	56,312,000	63,786,000	55,978,000	78,783,000
" 12 ..	54,251,000	68,834,000	58,172,000	80,128,000
" 19 ..	55,163,000	69,298,000	59,071,000	80,244,000
" 26 ..	51,433,000	69,903,000	58,561,000	80,228,000

	1897	1896	1895	1894
Jan. 2 ..	54,651,000	69,812,000	87,886,000	70,953,000
" 9 ..	53,872,000	68,045,000	86,015,000	80,433,000
" 16 ..	52,459,000	67,958,000	85,288,000	80,382,000
" 23 ..	51,293,000	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,284,000
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" 13 ..	46,653,000	65,926,000	80,733,000	78,667,000
" 20 ..	45,215,000	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000
" 27 ..	43,707,000	64,089,000	78,761,000	75,569,000
March 6 ..	42,680,000	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,600,000
" 13 ..	41,440,000	62,123,000	76,373,000	73,320,000
" 20 ..	40,430,000	61,843,000	75,773,000	72,163,000
" 27 ..	39,203,000	61,014,000	74,308,000	71,168,000
April 3 ..	38,612,000	60,322,000	73,700,000	70,702,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on March 27, is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	189,000
Toronto	174,000
Kingston	5,000
Winnipeg	285,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,450,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	3,366,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on March 27, 1897

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	56,288,000
Pacific Coast	1,857,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains	90,442,000
Pacific Coast	4,296,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended April 3, shows a decrease of 312,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 55,916,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on March 1, 1897, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 119,121,000 bushels, as compared with 151,012,000 bushels on March 1, 1896; 170,653,000 on March 1, 1895; 181,116,000 on March 1, 1894; 178,181,000 on March 1, 1893; 145,615,000 on March 1, 1892; 99,523,000 on March 1, 1891; 95,811,000 on March 1, 1890, and 109,724,000 on March 1, 1889.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Wheat was about 2½ higher but closed the week lower again. Dressed meats were firmer.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—About 45c to 55c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers; afloat Fort William, 54 to 65c cash. May 66c.

Flour.—Local price, per sack. Patents \$1.80 to \$1.90; Bakers, \$1.65 to \$1.75.

Bran.—Per ton \$3.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$10

Oats.—Per bushel, Winnipeg street price, 16 to 17c. Car lots at country points, 11 to 13c.

Barley.—Selling at 17 to 18c for feed here. Car lots at country points worth 13c to 15c.

Flax Seed.—60 to farmers at country points.

Butter.—Dairy, choice, jobbing at 12c to 15c.

Cheese.—Jobbing price 9½ to 11c.

Eggs.—Fresh, jobbing at 11 to 12c.

Beef.—City dressed, 5½ to 6c; country, 3½ to 4c

Mutton.—Mutton, 8 to 9½c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5 to 5½c.

Cattle.—Nominal at 2½ to 3½c for butchers stock.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 3½c.

Sheep.—Sheep nominal at 4c off cars.

Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 12c lb; turkeys, 14c; ducks, 12c; geese, 10c.

Hides.—Green country hides, 3½ to 4c., No. 1 4½c on inspection.

Potatoes.—12 to 15c per bushel

Hay.—\$5 to \$5.50 for baled on track.

Export Duty for Logs.

An Ottawa, telegram of April 7 says: A deputation arrived here to-day from Georgian Bay to interview Minister Fielding and to induce him to deal with the lumber duties in framing a new tariff in line with the steps which the United States has seen fit to take against Canada. There are thirty or forty in the deputation and every man is interested in lumber business. What they ask is that in cases of any country imposing duty more than \$1 per thousand feet on Canadian white pine lumber, the export of pulp wood, sawlogs or timber of any kind be resolutely prohibited from Canada and that Canadian duties be fixed at the same rate as the United States.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspect. Jn.

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. 6.	Mar. 13.	Mar. 20.	Mar. 27.	April 3.
Extra Man. H'd	0	0	0	7	0
No. 1 hard	10	48	71	87	57
No. 2 hard	8	13	12	29	13
No. 3 hard	7	4	3	13	13
No. 1 North'n ..	1	0	1	6	1
No. 2 Nor h'n ..	0	0	0	1	0
No. 3 North'n ..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring ..	0	1	0	2	1
No. 2 Spring ..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted ..	6	3	0	5	1
No. 2 frosted ..	2	0	5	3	7
No. 3 Frosted ..	1	2	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected ..	0	2	1	0	0
No. 2 Rejected ..	0	1	1	0	0
No Grade	1	1	0	7	0
Feed	0	0	0	0	0
Total for week	45	70	94	161	161
Same week last year	351	374	418	208	208

*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.

Report of Railways.

The report of the Canadian minister of railways and canals was presented to parliament last week. The number of miles of completed railway was 16,897, an increase during the year of 296 miles. The paid-up capital of railway companies amounted to \$899,817,900, an increase of \$5,177,311. The gross earnings amounted to \$70,515,569, an increase of \$3,760,082. The number of passengers carried was 14,810,407, an increase of 822,827, and freight traffic amounted to 24,266,825 tons, an increase of 2,742,404 tons. The total number of miles run by trains was 44,500, 602, and increase of 3,838,712. The accident returns show eleven passengers killed. Net loss on operations of government railways for the year was \$113,701.17.

The president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade has received an invitation to attend a banquet which the London, England, Chamber of Commerce, will give to the colonial premiers who go to England in June to attend the Jubilee ceremonies.

In the Canadian Magazine for April, Miss Merton contributes an Easter story; and Mrs. Crawford, the famous Paris correspondent of the London News, writes of the peculiar customs in connection with Easter in Paris. Both these contributions are illustrated. Besides these there are in other complete stories, three of which are illustrated. A most attractive article is the one on Nansen, by Fritz Hope, which is embellished with ten very fine illustrations. Donald McCaig writes of Alexander McIsaac, the deceased Canadian poet; W. T. Deane, Deputy Surgeon-General, gives a plan for reorganization of The Militia and "Sea Service"; S. J. McLean writes of "Sea Amelioration and the University Settlement"; G. E. McCraney writes of the proposed Victoria Day as a permanent holiday on the 24th day of May; Dr. Ferguson gives some information concerning the bubonic plague; David Christie Murray tells of interesting things about Kipling; and Herbert H. Gowen describes very accurately a botanical trip up one of the most important mountains of British Columbia.