

3. Fertilizer Situation

Fertilizers are provided locally from raw material which is, in the main, imported. Because of the depressed state of the agriculture sector, demand is low and the fertilizer industry is suffering from high stocks.

4. Import Mechanism

Imports continue to be made upon the issuing of import permits by government on the recommendations of the various marketing boards. No changes are anticipated.

5. Grain Industry Infrastructure

No changes are imminent. South Africa has modern facilities for the handling, storage and utilization of grain products.

6. Government Policies Affecting Grain and Agriculture

Government continues to look towards a situation of self-sufficiency in wheat and to one of surplus in maize. The exceptional drought which has persisted over the past two years has necessitated the importation of grains but this can be regarded as a temporary measure.

7. Canadian Grain Marketing Prospects

There are no locally obtainable projections to 1985 or 1990.

Marketing possibilities for Canadian special crops: Mustard, peas and lentils are already being imported.

8. Processing Facilities

	Year: 1982/83			
			thousands of tonnes	
	<u>Number of Companies</u>	<u>Number of Plants</u>	<u>Annual Capacity</u>	<u>Actual Output</u>
Flour (and durum) Mills	41	72	2,284	1,717
Compound Feed Mills		49		
Malt Houses	1	2	117	117
Oilseed Crushers		12	1,500	