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#### Total stocks of grain at December 31

Crop	2004	2005	2004 to 2005
	'000 tonnes		% change
All wheat	20,881	24,138	15.6
Wheat excluding durum	16,032	17,746	10.7
Barley	9,895	9,660	-2.4
Grain corn	7,817	8,516	8.9
Canola	5,297	7,546	42.5
Durum wheat	4,849	6,392	31.8
Oats	2,630	2,493	-5.2
Soybeans	2,112	2,288	8.3
Dry field peas	2,125	2,145	0.9
Flax	332	766	130.7

#### Stocks of wheat (excluding durum) increase for the second consecutive year

Total wheat excluding durum stocks (held both on-farm and in commercial positions), increased by 10.7% to 17.7 million tonnes. The 10-year average is 15.7 million tonnes. Large carry-in stocks, a late harvest and slow export movement contributed to the increase.

On-farm stocks rose by a larger percentage, up 12.2% to 14.2 million tonnes. On-farm stocks rose significantly in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but declined in Manitoba, the result of a drop in production brought on by excess moisture in 2005.

Overall quality is estimated as below normal but better than crop year 2004/05. In Manitoba, livestock feeding was down due to fusarium head blight while, in Alberta, feeding rose substantially because of easy availability, poor prices and limited delivery opportunities.

#### Note to readers

The survey of 12,500 farm operators was conducted by telephone interviews and over the Internet from December 21, 2005 to January 10, 2006. Farmers were asked to report the amounts of grain, oilseeds and special crops in on-farm storage.

Commercial stocks of western grains originate mainly from the Canadian Grain Commission. Commercial stocks of special crops originate from a survey of handlers and agents of special crops. Commercial stocks of corn and soybeans are estimated by a Statistics Canada sample survey of country elevators and industrial users in Eastern Canada.

#### Stocks of durum jumps to record amounts

Stocks of durum wheat rose to record territory, the result of a strong increase in production reported in all three Prairie provinces and sizeable stocks left from crop year 2004/05. Total stocks were up 1.5 million tonnes to 6.4 million tonnes. The previous record was 5.3 million tonnes set in 2000.

On-farm stocks grew most significantly in Saskatchewan, where stocks were up by 41.7% to a record 4.3 million tonnes. The previous record was 3.5 million tonnes.

#### Total stocks of oats and barley dip

Total stocks of oats slid 5.2% to 2.5 million tonnes, the result of a decrease in supply. The 10-year average is 2.3 million tonnes. On-farm stocks fell 7.2% to 2.2 million tonnes. Quality was a concern, particularly in Manitoba. However, processors reported adequate availability for processing and exports of oat products were strong.

A similar story is reported for stocks of barley. Total stocks were down 2.4% to 9.7 million tonnes, an estimate still well above the 10-year average of 9.2 million tonnes. Prairie barley production fell by 5.1% in 2005. On-farm stocks were also off 2.3% to 9.1 million tonnes.

Barley stocks dropped marginally despite large supplies, reflecting very strong exports and steady animal feeding.

#### Canola stocks rocket to record levels

Total stocks of canola were 7.5 million tonnes, an increase of 2.2 million tonnes or 42.5% from 2004. The previous stock record was 5.5 million tonnes set in 1999. Canola supplies were ample because of a

leap in 2005 production and massive carry-in stocks. Although exports advanced over 500,000 tonnes over the same period of 2004, crushings were fairly stable and stocks rose.

Commercial stocks rose 32.5% to 962,000 tonnes while farm stocks ballooned by 2.0 million tonnes to a record 6.6 million tonnes. In contrast, the 10-year average is 3.5 million tonnes.

### **Stocks of grain corn and soybeans set new records**

Corn production rose in 2005 with record yields in Ontario and a return to more normal production in the West following the 2004 Manitoba crop failure. As a result, total stocks of grain corn rose 8.9% to a record 8.5 million tonnes, breaking the previous record set in 2004. This estimate is well above the 10-year average of 6.7 million tonnes.

On-farm stocks also reached record territory, up 481,000 tonnes from the 2004 record to 6.6 million tonnes. The 10-year average is 5.0 million tonnes. Corn feeding sagged in 2004/05 but rebounded in 2005/06 with higher supplies and despite lower imports.

Total stocks of soybeans were a record 2.3 million tonnes, up 8.3% from the 2004 record of 2.1 million tonnes. The 10-year average is 1.6 million tonnes. The strong showing in 2005 is primarily the result of record soybean production.

### **Flaxseed stocks jump to above average volumes**

Total stocks of flaxseed were estimated at 766,000 tonnes, up 434,000 tonnes over 2004,

the result of a strong increase in production. This value falls short of the record but is greater than the 10-year average of 573,000 tonnes.

On-farm stocks were reported at 675,000 tonnes, jumping to a well above average 450,000 tonnes over 2004. Production increases in Canada, the United States and Europe as well as a strong Canadian dollar weakened flaxseed demand.

### **Pea stocks stable but feeding declines**

Total stocks of field peas were stable compared to 2004. Lower production and strong exports helped to override the large carry-in stocks and higher imports from the United States. Use of peas for animal feed declined with good availability of other feed grains.

**Available on CANSIM: table 001-0040.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3401, 3403, 3443, 3464 and 3476.**

The publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: Stocks of Canadian Grain at December 31, 2005*, Vol. 85, no. 1 (22-002-XIB, \$12/\$71; 22-002-XPB, \$17/\$95) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## Coal and coke statistics

November 2005

Data on coal and coke are now available for November.

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In Version 4G, federal electoral districts according to the 2003 representation order, riding names and definitions have been updated to include changes in 2004 and 2005. Also, Ontario health region definitions have been updated to include changes through August 2005.

The PCCF+ is free, and only available to purchasers of the PCCF. Users also need SAS to run this application.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3901.**

For more information, contact Russell Wilkins (613-951-5305; [russell.wilkins@statcan.ca](mailto:russell.wilkins@statcan.ca)), Health Analysis and Measurement Group. ■

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**The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada, September 2005, Vol. 60, no. 9**  
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