

# Stocks of principal field crops, July 31, 2016

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As of July 31, Canada's total stock levels for wheat, canola and lentils were down from the same date a year earlier. Meanwhile, barley and oat stocks increased compared with July 31, 2015.

## Wheat

Total stocks of wheat fell 26.8% from July 31, 2015, to 5.2 million tonnes as of July 31, 2016. This decline was the result of a 29.2% drop in commercial stocks to 3.0 million tonnes and a 23.1% decrease in stocks held on farms to 2.2 million tonnes. Alberta reported the largest decline of on-farm stocks, down 44.4% to 495 000 tonnes. Saskatchewan also reported a decrease, down 14.7% to 1.5 million tonnes.

## Canola

At the national level, canola stocks fell 20.7% to 2.0 million tonnes as of July 31, as a result of decreases in both on-farm stocks and commercial stocks. Meanwhile, canola crushing was at record levels for the crop year ending July 31, 2016. On-farm stocks, which are concentrated in Western Canada, declined 25.9% compared with July 31, 2015, to 915 000 tonnes. Commercial stocks were 15.8% lower compared with the same date in 2015 at 1.1 million tonnes.

## Barley

Total barley stocks grew 18.6% to 1.4 million tonnes as of July 31. Stocks held on farm, which accounted for nearly 90% of total stocks, rose 23.3% to 1.3 million tonnes. Meanwhile, commercial stocks fell 9.9% to 155 000 tonnes.

## Oats

As of July 31, total stocks of oats were up 38.2% compared with July 31, 2015, to 930 000 tonnes. Increases in both on-farm (+30.5%) and commercial (+59.5%) stock levels led to an overall rise.

## Lentils

Overall stocks of lentils fell 80.0% from July 31, 2015, to 73 000 tonnes as of July 31, 2016. Commercial stocks were down 11.6% to 38 000 tonnes. Meanwhile, stocks held on farms fell 89.1% to 35 000 tonnes. These were the lowest on-farm and commercial stock levels since July 2010.

### Note to readers

*Data on stocks of principal field crops held on farms come from the July Farm Survey of about 13,100 Canadian farmers conducted from July 21 to August 4, 2016.*

*Data on commercial stocks of western major crops originate from the Canadian Grain Commission. Data on commercial stocks of special crops originate from a survey of handlers and agents of special crops.*

*National supply-disposition tables for the major grains and special crops are published jointly with the current release on stock levels and are available in CANSIM tables 001-0041 and 001-0043.*

*Stocks data are subject to revision during the two years following their initial publication.*

*Revisions to final field crop production estimates for 2015 have been applied where needed, as a result of the final 2015/2016 stocks reconciliation.*



**Table 1**  
**Total stocks of principal field crops at July 31**

	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016	July 2014 to July 2015	July 2015 to July 2016
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	10 405	7 054	5 167	-32.2	-26.8
Durum wheat	1 739	956	1 092	-45.0	14.2
Wheat excluding durum	8 665	6 098	4 075	-29.6	-33.2
Barley	1 950	1 217	1 443	-37.6	18.6
Canola	3 008	2 542	2 016	-15.5	-20.7
Dry field peas	329	684	176	107.9	-74.3
Flaxseed	92	97	274	5.4	182.5
Lentils	786	365	73	-53.6	-80.0
Oats	1 054	673	930	-36.1	38.2
Rye	44	42	51	-4.5	21.4

**Note(s):**

The estimates in this table have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

Wheat types may not add up to total wheat as result of rounding.

Source(s): CANSIM table [001-0040](#).

Available in CANSIM: tables [001-0010](#), [001-0017](#), [001-0040](#), [001-0041](#) and [001-0043](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers [3401](#), [3403](#), [3404](#), [3443](#), [3464](#), [3476](#), [5046](#), [5153](#) and [5223](#).

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