

Stocks of principal field crops, July 31, 2018

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As of July 31, Canada's total stocks of wheat and barley were down from the same date a year earlier, while stocks of canola, oats, dry peas and lentils increased.

Wheat

Total stocks of wheat were down 9.9% to 6.2 million tonnes compared with July 31, 2017. The decline was due to a 22.5% decrease in commercial stocks to 3.5 million tonnes. This was offset by a 15.0% increase in on-farm stocks (+347 000 tonnes).

Despite lower production, higher wheat quality in 2017/2018 (as stated in the latest *Canada: Outlook for Principal Field Crop*, published by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) compared with the previous year contributed to increased exports, which could have lowered commercial stocks.

Canola

At the national level, canola stocks were up 78.2% to 2.4 million tonnes as of July 31, 2018. On-farm stocks, which are concentrated in the Prairie provinces, were behind the increase (+238.9% to 1.4 million tonnes). Commercial stocks were 3.9% higher compared with July 31, 2017, at 954 000 tonnes.

Canola production in 2017/2018 reached a record high 21.3 million tonnes, while deliveries were down compared with the previous crop year, pushing up total stocks as of July 31, 2018.

Dry peas and lentils

Overall stocks of lentils totalled 876 000 tonnes as of July 31, 2018, up 561 000 tonnes (+178.1%) from the same date in 2017. The increase was due to higher farm stocks (+223.7%). Meanwhile, total stocks of dry peas rose 116.7% to 650 000 tonnes.

Increases as of July 31, 2018, could be attributable to higher import tariffs introduced by India. Exports of both dry peas and lentils as of July 31 were down substantially from the same date last year, with dry pea exports declining 21.1% to 3.1 million tonnes and lentil exports falling 36.8% to 1.6 million tonnes.

Barley

Total barley stocks were down 40.8% to 1.3 million tonnes as of July 31. Stocks held on-farm, which accounted for 81.4% of total stocks, fell 42.8% to 1.0 million tonnes. Meanwhile, commercial stocks declined 30.0% to 233 000 tonnes.

Oats

As of July 31, total stocks of oats were up 11.5% to 784 000 tonnes year over year. Increases in both on-farm (+6.3%) and commercial (+35.4%) stock levels led to the overall rise.



Note to readers

Data on stocks of principal field crops held on farms come from the 2018 Field Crop Survey - July of about 13,300 Canadian farmers conducted from July 6 to August 1, 2018. The 2018 Field Crop Survey - July also has two questions pertaining to permanent on-farm grain storage capacity and the percentage of grain stored on farms using temporary storage methods. These data are available upon request.

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 stocks levels and are available in online data tables 32-10-0013-01 and 32-10-0015-01.

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

Stocks data on corn for grain and soybeans will be available on October 4, 2018, referenced as of August 31, which corresponds to the end of the crop-year cycle for these two crops.

Table 1
Total stocks of principal field crops at July 31

	July 2016	July 2017	July 2018	July 2016 to July 2017	July 2017 to July 2018
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	5 178	6 856	6 180	32.4	-9.9
Durum wheat	1 100	1 828	1 473	66.2	-19.4
Wheat excluding durum	4 078	5 028	4 706	23.3	-6.4
Barley	1 443	2 122	1 256	47.1	-40.8
Canola	2 091	1 342	2 391	-35.8	78.2
Dry field peas	174	300	650	72.4	116.7
Flaxseed	279	240	128	-14.0	-46.7
Lentils	73	315	876	331.5	178.1
Oats	967	703	784	-27.3	11.5
Rye	51	164	104	221.6	-36.6

Note(s):

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

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

Source(s): Table [32-10-0007-01](#).

Available tables: [32-10-0007-01](#), [32-10-0013-01](#) and [32-10-0015-01](#).

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

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