

Stocks of principal field crops, March 31, 2025

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As of March 31, 2025, total stocks of wheat, canola, oats, corn and barley were all down, while stocks of soybeans increased, compared with the same period in 2024.

Wheat

Total wheat stocks were down 1.2% year over year to 15.4 million tonnes as of March 31, 2025. On-farm stocks fell 7.6% to 11.3 million tonnes, while commercial stocks increased 22.6% to 4.1 million tonnes.

Off-farm wheat deliveries rose 6.6% to 24.9 million tonnes. Exports increased 9.1% to 18.3 million tonnes. Higher wheat exports were driven by durum wheat (+56.1% to 3.7 million tonnes), which rebounded after lower-than-average exports in 2024. Higher exports of durum wheat were led by higher supply which rose 34.6% to 6.3 million tonnes.

Canola

Total stocks of canola were down 38.7% year over year to 5.9 million tonnes as of March 31, 2025. The decrease was attributable to a 42.8% decline in on-farm stocks to 4.6 million tonnes, while commercial stocks fell 18.2% to 1.3 million tonnes.

Canola exports for this period were up 73.6% to 6.8 million tonnes, the highest amount since 2021. Domestic use of canola—largely for crushing—reached a record for the period ending March 31, 2025, at 8.1 million tonnes (+3.1%), surpassing the previous record set in 2020. The increase is likely attributable to continued expansion of the sector to meet demands for renewable energy.

Corn for grain

Total stocks of corn for grain were down 13.0% year over year to 7.2 million tonnes as of March 31, 2025. On-farm stocks decreased 8.5% compared with the same date in 2024, to 4.9 million tonnes, while commercial stocks fell 20.9% to 2.3 million tonnes.

Imports of corn for grain fell 50.2% to 1.0 million tonnes as of March 31, 2025, compared with the same date in 2024. Exports of corn for the period doubled, rising to 1.4 million tonnes.

Soybean

Total stocks of soybeans rose 10.9% year over year to 2.4 million tonnes as of March 31, 2025. On-farm stocks rose 11.1% to 1.4 million tonnes, while commercial stocks rose 10.6% to 988 000 tonnes, compared with the same period one year earlier.

Barley

Total stocks of barley edged down 0.2% year over year to 3.1 million tonnes as of March 31, 2025. Commercial stocks rose 8.4% to 488 000 tonnes, while on-farm stocks fell 1.8% to 2.6 million tonnes.

Domestic use—largely for feed—decreased 8.7% to 4.3 million tonnes. Exports of barley increased compared with the same period in 2024, rising 7.7% to 2.0 million tonnes.



Oats

Total stocks of oats decreased by 13.1% year over year to 1.3 million tonnes as of March 31, 2025. On-farm stocks dropped 11.5% to 1.0 million tonnes, while commercial stocks fell 18.3% to 277 000 tonnes.

Domestic use fell 11.2% to 734 600 tonnes. Exports of oats rose 10.4% compared with the same period one year earlier to 1.8 million tonnes, in line with the five-year average.

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Recent announcements about broad new tariffs by the United States may shape trends of several inputs that contribute to the supply and disposition of grains in Canada, including deliveries, exports and industrial use. Statistics Canada will continue to monitor developments on tariffs.

For detailed and up-to-date figures on trade between Canada and the United States by product type, please refer to the [Canadian International Merchandise Trade Web Application](#).

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Note to readers

Beginning in 2025, data for the on-farm stocks component of principal field crops as of July 31 will be modelled using survey estimates and administrative data. This methodology, which has been used to produce estimates for the on-farm stocks component of principal field crops as of March 31 since 2023, is a continuation of the AgZero initiative, which aims to reduce respondent burden while producing high-quality estimates using alternative methods. For more information, users can visit the [Modelling March Ending Stocks Using Survey and Administrative Data](#), which provides an overview of the method.

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 online data tables 32-10-0013-01, 32-10-0014-01 and 32-10-0015-01.

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

An easy-to-print chart, [Crop Reporting Survey at a Glance](#), which provides an overview of our survey cycle, is now available.

Readers are invited to visit the [Agriculture and Food Statistics Portal](#) for more data related to agriculture and food published by Statistics Canada.

Table 1
Total stocks of principal field crops on March 31

	March 2023	March 2024	March 2025	March 2023 to March 2024	March 2024 to March 2025
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	15,709	15,601	15,421	-0.7	-1.2
Durum wheat	2,259	1,951	2,003	-13.6	2.7
Wheat excluding durum	13,450	13,650	13,419	1.5	-1.7
Barley	2,768	3,072	3,066	11.0	-0.2
Canola	7,381	9,581	5,869	29.8	-38.7
Corn for grain	9,075	8,268	7,197	-8.9	-13.0
Dry field peas	1,473	955	1,356	-35.2	42.0
Flaxseed	355	323	253	-9.0	-21.7
Lentils	994	804	1,048	-19.1	30.3
Oats	2,634	1,476	1,283	-44.0	-13.1
Rye	261	158	246	-39.5	55.7
Soybeans	2,064	2,158	2,393	4.6	10.9

Note(s):

The estimates in this table have been rounded to the nearest thousand.
Wheat types may not add up to total wheat because of rounding.

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

Available tables: [32-10-0007-01](#) and [32-10-0013-01](#) to [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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