

# Stocks of principal field crops, December 31, 2015

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As of December 31, 2015, total stocks of wheat and canola were down compared with the same period in 2014. Conversely, total stocks of corn for grain, barley and soybeans increased from the same date a year earlier, while oat stocks were stable.

Total stocks of wheat decreased 19.3% from December 31, 2014, to 20.7 million tonnes, as a result of a 6.2% decline in production and lower carry-in stocks (-32.0%) in 2015. Stocks held on farm totalled 16.8 million tonnes, 20.8% lower compared with December 31, 2014. Commercial stocks were 11.6% lower at 3.9 million tonnes.

Canola stocks were 12.1 million tonnes as of December 31, 2015, down 3.9% from the same date in 2014. On-farm stock levels fell 7.6% to 10.4 million tonnes. Meanwhile, commercial stock levels rose 28.0% over the same period to a record high 1.7 million tonnes. Increased exports and industrial use (through crushing) has influenced the overall canola stock decline.

Total stocks of corn for grain reached 11.4 million tonnes on December 31, 2015, up 17.0% from the same date in 2014. This gain in stocks reflected an 18.0% increase in production in 2015. The overall advance resulted from a 12.4% increase in on-farm stocks to 8.6 million tonnes and a record high level of commercial stocks, up 34.1% to 2.7 million tonnes.

Barley stocks rose 4.1% from December 31, 2014, to 5.7 million tonnes at the end of 2015. The increase was attributable to a 6.5% gain in on-farm stocks to 5.4 million tonnes. Commercial stocks, which accounted for less than 5% of overall barley stocks, fell 32.0% to 231 500 tonnes.

Soybean stocks as of December 31, 2015, edged up 1.0% from the same date in 2014 to a record high 3.4 million tonnes. Although stocks held on farm declined from the record amount of 2.0 million tonnes held on December 31, 2014, commercial stocks rose 8.3% to 1.4 million tonnes.

Stocks of oats were virtually unchanged at 2.6 million tonnes on December 31, 2015. Stocks held on farm edged down 1.5% to 2.3 million tonnes. Meanwhile, commercial stocks rose 17.0% to 220 100 tonnes.

## Note to readers

*Data on stocks of principal field crops held on farms come from the December Farm Survey of about 8,600 Canadian farmers conducted from January 4 to 14, 2016. The December Farm Survey also has two questions pertaining to permanent on-farm grain storage capacity and the percentage of grain stored on farms using temporary storage methods.*

*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. Data on commercial stocks of corn and soybeans are based on data from Statistics Canada's survey of grain elevators in Eastern Canada.*

*National supply-disposition data 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 to 001-0043.*

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

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

|                       | December 2013       | December 2014 | December 2015 | December 2013<br>to December<br>2014 | December 2014<br>to December<br>2015 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                       | thousands of tonnes |               |               | % change                             |                                      |
| Total wheat           | 29 063              | 25 618        | 20 682        | -11.9                                | -19.3                                |
| Durum wheat           | 5 264               | 4 102         | 4 225         | -22.1                                | 3.0                                  |
| Wheat excluding durum | 23 799              | 21 516        | 16 458        | -9.6                                 | -23.5                                |
| Barley                | 6 772               | 5 441         | 5 666         | -19.7                                | 4.1                                  |
| Canola                | 13 033              | 12 608        | 12 119        | -3.3                                 | -3.9                                 |
| Corn for grain        | 11 590              | 9 715         | 11 364        | -16.2                                | 17.0                                 |
| Dry field peas        | 2 335               | 2 274         | 2 212         | -2.6                                 | -2.7                                 |
| Flaxseed              | 518                 | 592           | 732           | 14.3                                 | 23.6                                 |
| Lentils               | 1 968               | 1 653         | 869           | -16.0                                | -47.4                                |
| Oats                  | 2 833               | 2 553         | 2 550         | -9.9                                 | -0.1                                 |
| Rye                   | 133                 | 129           | 135           | -3.0                                 | 4.7                                  |
| Soybeans              | 2 683               | 3 317         | 3 351         | 23.6                                 | 1.0                                  |

**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 [001-0040](#) to [001-0043](#).**

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

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