

Stocks of principal field crops, July 31, 2017

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As of July 31, Canada's total stock levels for canola and oats were down from the same date in 2016. Meanwhile, wheat, barley and lentil stocks increased compared with July 31, 2016.

Wheat

On-farm stocks of wheat increased 8.5% to 2.4 million tonnes as of July 31, 2017, compared with levels seen at the same date in 2016 (in 2016, wheat production increased 15.0% over 2015). This increase in on-farm stocks was driven by durum wheat on-farm stocks, which more than doubled compared to last year, to 980 000 tonnes (+104.2%). At the same time, commercial stocks rose 50.5% to 4.5 million tonnes. As a result, total stocks of wheat were up 32.6% to 6.9 million tonnes.

Canola

At the national level, canola stocks declined 35.5% to 1.3 million tonnes as of July 31, 2017, the result of decreases in both on-farm stocks and commercial stocks. On-farm stocks fell 56.6% to 430 000 tonnes, while commercial stocks were down 16.6% to 918 000 tonnes.

Disposition of canola at end of crop-year 2016-17 saw crushings and exports reach record highs. As of July 31, 2017, canola crushings stood at 9.2 million tonnes, while total exports were 11.0 million tonnes.

Barley

As of July 31, 2017, total barley stocks rose 47.1% to 2.1 million tonnes. Stocks held on farms, which accounted for nearly 85% of total stocks, were up 38.9% to 1.8 million tonnes. Meanwhile, commercial stocks increased 114.8% to 333 000 tonnes.

Oats

Total stocks of oats were down 25.8% compared with July 31, 2016, to 690 000 tonnes. Declines in both on-farm (-12.8%) and commercial (-55.3%) stock levels led to this overall drop.

Lentils

Overall stocks of lentils were at 405 000 tonnes as of July 31, 2017, more than five times the size they were on the same date in 2016. The rise was mainly the result of record production in 2016. On-farm stocks substantially increased and stood at 314 000 tonnes, while commercial stocks totalled 91 000 tonnes.

Note to readers

Data on stocks of principal field crops held on farms come from the July Farm Survey of about 13 300 Canadian farmers conducted from July 19 to August 1, 2017. The July 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. 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 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.

Stocks data on corn for grain and soybeans will be available on October 4, 2017, referenced as of August 31, which date corresponds to the end of crop-year cycle for these two crops.



Table 1
Total stocks of principal field crops at July 31

	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017	July 2015 to July 2016	July 2016 to July 2017
	thousands of tonnes			% change	
Total wheat	7 101	5 178	6 865	-27.1	32.6
Durum wheat	976	1 100	1 863	12.7	69.4
Wheat excluding durum	6 125	4 078	5 003	-33.4	22.7
Barley	1 217	1 443	2 122	18.6	47.1
Canola	2 573	2 091	1 348	-18.7	-35.5
Dry field peas	684	174	301	-74.6	73.0
Flaxseed	98	277	191	182.7	-31.0
Lentils	365	73	405	-80.0	454.8
Oats	674	930	690	38.0	-25.8
Rye	42	51	165	21.4	223.5

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

Available in CANSIM: tables [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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