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Total stocks of major and special crops at July 31

	2008	2009	Five-year average	2008 to 2009
	thousands of metric tonnes			% change
Total wheat	4 406	6 556	6 975	48.8
Wheat excluding durum	3 587	4 659	5 053	29.9
Durum wheat	819	1 897	1 922	131.6
Barley	1 568	2 843	2 377	81.3
Canola	1 462	1 661	1 490	13.6
Oats	950	1 527	828	60.7
Dry field peas	255	445	292	74.5
Flaxseed	167	227	198	35.9
Rye	35	128	102	265.7
Canary seed	65	83	122	27.7
Chick peas	92	67	46	-27.2
Mustard seed	27	45	125	66.7
Lentils	51	32	203	-37.3
Sunflower seed	12	22	19	83.3

Stocks of durum wheat higher

Total stocks of durum wheat rose considerably, up 1.1 million metric tonnes or 131.6% from July 2008 to 1.9 million tonnes.

On-farm durum stocks increased as well as commercial stocks. Farm stocks rose by 685 000 tonnes from July 2008 to 735 000 tonnes, with both Saskatchewan and Alberta returning to near-average levels.

Oat stocks up

Total stocks of oats including commercial and on-farm stocks rose 60.7% from July 2008 to a record 1.5 million tonnes. The previous high was 1.2 million tonnes reported back in 1983. The last time total stocks of oats were greater than 1.0 million tonnes was in the year 2000.

Note to readers

The annual July farm survey of 14,600 Canadian farmers is a survey of field crop stocks conducted from July 27 to August 4, 2009. July stocks are a measure of agriculture year end stocks in Canada.

Data on commercial stocks of western major crops originate from the Canadian Grain Commission. Commercial stocks of corn and soybeans are estimated by a Statistics Canada sample of grain elevators in Eastern Canada and will be released on October 2 in the publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: September estimate of production of principal field crops, Canada*.

Data on commercial stocks of special crops originate from a survey of handlers and agents of special crops.

The data series for major crops stocks begin in 1980.

New highs for on-farm stocks of oats were reported in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, where robust oat production was reported in 2007 and 2008.

Barley stocks rise

Total stocks of barley rose to 2.8 million tonnes, up 81.3% from 1.6 million tonnes in July 2008. The July 2009 barley stocks were well above the average seen in recent years but below the peak of 5.1 million tonnes set in 1983. Both commercial and on-farm stocks were up over 70%. Total supplies were higher in this crop year as a result of an above-average harvest in the fall of 2008.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0004, 001-0010, 001-0017 to 001-0020 and 001-0040 to 001-0043.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3401, 3403, 3443, 3464 and 3476.

The publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31, 2009*, Vol. 88, no. 6 (22-002-X, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Farm product prices

July 2009

Prices received by farmers in July for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, potatoes, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The July Quebec slaughter calves price was \$117.09 per hundredweight, up 0.2% from June, but down 7.7% from July 2008 when the price was \$126.91.

The Alberta canola price decreased by 3.1% in July compared with June to stand at \$442.17 per metric tonne. The canola price for Alberta was down 20.0% compared with July 2008 when it stood at \$552.52.

Note: Farm commodity prices are now available on CANSIM. Prices for over 35 commodities are available by province, some series going back 20 years.

Available on CANSIM: table 002-0043.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3436.

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Spending on research and development in the higher education sector

2007/2008

Spending on research and development by higher education institutions such as universities and affiliated research hospitals, experimental stations and clinics, amounted to \$10.2 billion in current dollars in 2007/2008.

In 2002 constant dollars, this was \$8.8 billion, up 2.7% from the previous year and 85% above the level in 1998/1999.

Of six funding sectors, higher education institutions themselves continued as the largest contributors to research and development done by this sector (45% of total funding in 2007/2008), spending \$4.6 billion in current dollars, up 3.1% from the previous year. The

second largest contributor was the federal government, which provided \$2.7 billion or 27% of total funding.

The higher education sector spent \$2.1 billion in current dollars on research and development in the social sciences and humanities field in 2007/2008, up 7.9% from 2006/2007. Spending on natural sciences and engineering (including health sciences) stood at \$8.1 billion, up 5.3%.

Ontario and Quebec combined provided 68% of total research and development spending of the higher education sector.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5109.

The service bulletin *Science Statistics*, Vol. 33, no. 5 (88-001-X, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging: Products consumed and produced by logging industries

2007

Data on products consumed and produced by logging industries for Canada, the provinces and the North are now available for 2007. This information is collected using the Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging. Data for 2006 include revisions, as per our one-year revision policy.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2103.

To order data, obtain more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

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