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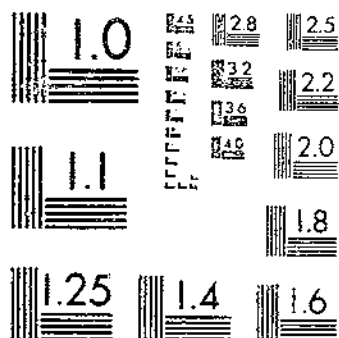
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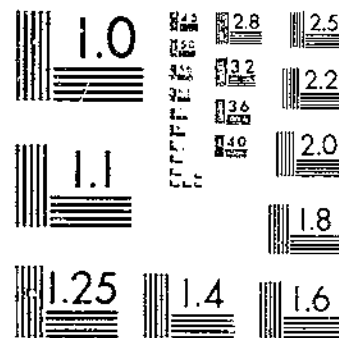
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Commodity Exchange Authority

COMMODITY FUTURES STATISTICS  
July 1955 - June 1956

INTRODUCTION

Commodity Futures Statistics is published annually by the Commodity Exchange Authority. This edition covers the fiscal year 1956 (July 1955-June 1956) and presents the more important data on futures trading in each commodity covered by the Commodity Exchange Act. The statistics are compiled from reports required of exchange clearing members and large traders by regulations promulgated under the act, and from official price records of contract markets.

Contract Markets and Commodities

A contract market is one which has been licensed by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to the Commodity Exchange Act to conduct trading in one or more commodities for future delivery. Listed below are the 17 commodity exchanges designated as contract markets, and the 23 commodities in which futures trading was conducted in the 1956 fiscal year subject to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act:

Chicago Board of Trade.....	Wheat, corn, oats, rye, soybeans, grain sorghums, cotton, cottonseed oil, soybean oil, lard, soybean meal
Chicago Mercantile Exchange.....	Butter, eggs, potatoes, onions
Chicago Open Board of Trade.....	Wheat, corn, oats, rye, soybeans
Duluth Board of Trade.....	(No trading in 1955-56)
Kansas City Board of Trade.....	Wheat, corn, grain sorghums, bran, shorts, middlings
Memphis Board of Trade	
Clearing Association.....	Cottonseed meal, soybean meal, soybeans
Milwaukee Grain Exchange.....	Wheat, corn, oats, rye
Minneapolis Grain Exchange.....	Wheat, oats, rye, barley, flaxseed, soybeans
New Orleans Cotton Exchange.....	Cotton
New York Cotton Exchange.....	Cotton
New York Mercantile Exchange....	Potatoes, onions
New York Produce Exchange.....	Cottonseed oil, soybean oil
Portland Grain Exchange.....	(No trading in 1955-56)
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange...	(No trading in 1955-56)
San Francisco Grain Exchange....	(No trading in 1955-56)
Seattle Grain Exchange.....	Wheat
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.....	Wool, wool tops

The list of contract markets and regulated commodities in which futures trading was conducted in the 1956 fiscal year reflects the following additions as compared with the 1955 fiscal year:

Effective September 24, 1955, following an amendment by the 84th Congress placing futures trading in onions within the purview of the Commodity Exchange Act, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange were designated as contract markets for onions. And regulation of onion futures trading on these exchanges was begun as of that date. The Kansas City Board of Trade inaugurated futures trading in middlings, effective July 7, 1955. On the Minneapolis Grain Exchange futures trading in barley was resumed on January 24, 1956, after a 10-year period of inactivity.

### Classification of Statistics

The commodity futures statistics presented in this bulletin fall into five principal classes: volume of trading, open contracts, futures prices, contracts settled by delivery, and commitments of reporting traders. Reporting traders are those with positions of specified size. Such traders report daily to the Commodity Exchange Authority the size and character of their trades and positions. Data derived from such statistics include commitments of reporting traders as a percentage of open contracts, commitments of nonreporting traders, and commitments of nonreporting traders as a percentage of open contracts.

### Volume of Trading

The volume of trading is the total of all purchases or of all sales -- not of purchases and sales combined. Since there are two parties to every futures contract -- the seller and the buyer -- the aggregate of all purchases is equal to the aggregate of all sales.

The volume of trading in a commodity is compiled by the Commodity Exchange Authority from data in required daily reports from exchange clearing members. Each clearing member of each contract market makes a daily report of all purchases and sales of commodity futures which it clears. A compilation of these reports gives the volume of trading in each commodity for each market for each day.

In some markets two units of trading are used, the round lot (for example, 5,000 bushels) and the job lot (for example, 1,000 bushels). In such cases the trading in both lots is combined.

The following tabulation shows the volume of trading, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, for the fiscal years 1954-55 and 1955-56:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>Percent of increase or decrease</u>
Wheat	1,000 bushels	3,969,072	4,180,556	+ 5.3
Corn	do.	2,213,472	2,762,007	+ 24.8
Oats	do.	757,619	687,325	- 9.3
Rye	do.	815,407	574,098	- 29.6
Barley	do.	0	25	---
Flaxseed	do.	7,361	11,108	+ 50.9
Soybeans	do.	4,952,249	5,541,841	+ 11.9
Grain sorghums	Million pounds	103	19	- 81.6
Cotton	1,000 bales	50,395	39,594	- 21.4
Wool	1,000 pounds	<sup>1/</sup> 98,652	54,834	- 44.4
Wool tops	do.	119,655	86,220	- 27.9
Butter	Carlots	97	73	- 24.7
Eggs	do.	258,507	425,900	+ 64.8
Potatoes	do.	197,186	126,339	- 35.9
Onions	do.	<sup>2/</sup> 164,207	<sup>2/</sup> 126,795	- 22.8
Cottonseed oil	1,000 pounds	825,180	3,451,860	+ 318.3
Soybean oil	do.	4,318,500	8,185,200	+ 89.5
Lard	do.	2,027,320	1,974,720	- 2.6
Bran	Tons	102,600	32,970	- 67.9
Shorts	do.	97,560	15,990	- 83.6
Middlings	do.	0	10,570	---
Cottonseed meal	do.	217,400	246,600	+ 13.4
Soybean meal	do.	5,741,300	6,663,000	+ 16.1

<sup>1/</sup> Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

<sup>2/</sup> Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange.



Number of Futures Transactions. Since the volume of trading is expressed in units of the physical commodity, i.e., wheat futures contracts in bushels, cotton in bales, eggs in carlots, and so on, a common denominator is needed when compiling the volume of trading in several dissimilar commodities or in making intercommodity comparisons. Such a common measure is provided by giving the same weight to a contract unit in wheat (5,000 bushels), as to a contract unit in cotton (100 bales), or one in eggs (one carlot). Thus, in terms of contract units, the number of transactions in several dissimilar commodities may be combined, and futures activity in one commodity compared with that in another. Since the size and value of futures contracts in various commodities differ widely, the number of transactions in terms of contract units is of limited value in measuring changes in intercommodity activity, and particularly changes over short periods. Such a measure does provide a useful gauge of over-all market activity, however, and particularly changes from year to year or for other relatively long-term periods.

The tabulation which follows gives the estimated number of futures transactions, purchases plus sales, in terms of contract units, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, in the 1954-55 and 1955-56 fiscal years:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1955-56</u>
Wheat	1,852,000	1,929,000
Corn	1,014,000	1,231,000
Oats	317,000	286,000
Rye	409,000	278,000
Barley	0	(1)
Flaxseed	15,000	22,000
Soybeans	2,382,000	2,555,000
Grain sorghums	1,000	(1)
Cotton	1,008,000	792,000
Wool	33,000	18,000
Wool tops	48,000	34,000
Butter	(1)	(1)
Eggs	517,000	852,000
Potatoes	394,000	253,000
Onions	329,000	254,000
Cottonseed oil	28,000	115,000
Soybean oil	144,000	273,000
Lard	101,000	99,000
Bran	2,000	1,000
Shorts	1,000	(1)
Middlings	0	(1)
Cottonseed meal	4,000	5,000
Soybean meal	115,000	133,000
Total	8,714,000	9,130,000

1/ Less than 500 transactions.

Value of Trading. Another common measure for presenting an over-all view of market activity, or for making intercommodity comparisons, is afforded by data on the dollar value of futures trading. The value of trading in a commodity is estimated by multiplying the monthly volume of trading in terms of the physical commodity (one side only) by the average closing price on the principal futures market. Since the dollar-value measurement of futures activity reflects changes in price level as well as in volume of trading, the figures tend to show greater variations from year to year than data on number of transactions.

The estimated dollar value of futures trading, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, for the fiscal years 1954-55 and 1955-56, is shown in the following tabulation:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1955-56</u>
	(In thousands of dollars)	
Wheat	8,480,400	8,644,000
Corn	3,358,200	3,776,000
Oats	568,400	442,600
Rye	999,800	673,900
Barley	0	200
Flaxseed	24,500	37,700
Soybeans	13,393,400	14,683,200
Grain sorghums	2,600	400
Cotton	8,654,700	6,627,800
Wool	147,600	70,400
Wool tops	218,300	136,900
Butter	1,100	800
Eggs	1,378,200	2,471,100
Potatoes	289,900	173,600
Onions	167,000	132,700
Cottonseed oil	125,500	550,800
Soybean oil	505,200	1,064,800
Lard	286,200	238,900
Bran	4,200	1,200
Shorts	4,400	700
Middlings	0	400
Cottonseed meal	13,500	12,000
Soybean meal	381,100	353,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,004,200</b>	<b>40,093,600</b>

### Open Contracts

A futures contract is said to be "open" when it has been entered into and not yet liquidated by an offsetting transaction nor fulfilled by delivery.

The amount of open contracts for each commodity and contract market is obtained each business day by a tabulation of reports made by exchange clearing members. The aggregate of all long open contracts reported by clearing members equals the aggregate of all short open contracts reported. The open contract figures shown are for one side only, not the long and short sides combined. Where there are open contracts in both round and job lots, the totals of open contracts include both types.

The following tabulation shows average month-end open contracts, by commodities, on all contract markets combined, for the 1954-55 and 1955-56 fiscal years:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>Percent of increase or decrease</u>
Wheat	1,000 bushels	92,747	95,323	+ 2.8
Corn	do.	69,901	70,047	+ .2
Oats	do.	24,533	27,163	+ 10.7
Rye	do.	18,623	13,675	- 26.6
Barley	do.	0	1	---
Flaxseed	do.	453	803	+ 77.3
Soybeans	do.	88,092	93,367	+ 6.0
Grain sorghums	Million pounds	13	1	- 92.3
Cotton	1,000 bales	3,207	2,068	- 35.5
Wool	1,000 pounds	<u>1/</u> 9,402	6,748	- 28.2
Wool tops	do.	13,421	10,002	- 25.5
Butter	Carlots	12	8	- 33.3
Eggs	do.	5,219	5,397	+ 3.4
Potatoes	do.	5,445	2,966	- 45.5
Onions	do.	<u>2/</u> 4,231	<u>2/</u> 4,503	+ 6.4
Cottonseed oil	1,000 pounds	69,330	196,395	+ 183.3
Soybean oil	do.	204,965	310,680	+ 51.6
Lard	do.	61,243	76,503	+ 24.9
Bran	Tons	6,930	2,798	- 59.6
Shorts	do.	5,945	1,350	- 77.3
Middlings	do.	0	578	---
Cottonseed meal	do.	19,175	20,667	+ 7.8
Soybean meal	do.	397,061	421,608	+ 6.2

1/ Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

2/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from Chicago Mercantile Exchange and New York Mercantile Exchange.

### Contracts Settled by Delivery

While most futures contracts are settled by offset prior to delivery, it is the right of a long to stand for delivery of the physical commodity, and of a short to make such delivery if he so elects. The delivery procedure includes the issuance of a delivery notice which is a document prepared by the seller notifying the buyer that he intends to deliver on a specified day the commodity specified in the contract. The original or a copy of each delivery notice tendered by a clearing member of a contract market is furnished to the Commodity Exchange Authority. From these delivery notices and from reports of deliveries made by clearing members, data on deliveries are compiled.

### Futures Prices

Official records of contract markets are the source of the price information in this bulletin. Closing prices are shown by future for the fifteenth and last day of each calendar month. Where no trades took place during the "close," generally the closing seconds of trading, bid, asked, nominal, or settlement prices have been used, and are so indicated. For dates on which closing ranges were recorded the closing price shown is the average of the closing range.

### Commitments of Reporting Traders

Any trader whose position in one future of any commodity reaches an amount specified by the Secretary of Agriculture is required to report daily all his trades and positions in that commodity to the Commodity Exchange Authority. In making this report, the trader also shows the classification of his position as speculative (including spreading or straddling) or hedging.

The minimum amounts specified for reporting during the fiscal year 1955-56 were as follows:

Wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, flaxseed, soybeans...	200,000 bushels
Grain sorghums.....	11,200,000 pounds
Cotton.....	5,000 bales
Wool.....	150,000 pounds
Wool tops.....	125,000 pounds
Butter, eggs, potatoes, onions.....	25 carlots
Cottonseed oil, soybean oil.....	900,000 pounds
Lard, tallow.....	600,000 pounds
Millfeeds (bran, shorts, middlings).....	1,000 tons
Cottonseed meal, soybean meal.....	1,500 tons
Rice, milled.....	56,000 pockets

Data on commitments of large traders are obtained from these traders' reports. Commitments of nonreporting traders are derived by subtracting reporting traders' positions from the total of all positions. Commitments of nonreporting traders, being a residual item, include both speculative and hedging commitments.

Table 1.—Annual volume of trading on each contract market, 1946-47 to 1955-56

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
<b>WHEAT</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	2/ 1,856.3	4,588.0	3,894.1	5,244.8	3,306.2	2,876.1	2,844.4	3,658.1	3,222.9	3,204.5
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	18.4	241.8	139.4	89.8	81.1	66.8	48.8	70.4	76.1	82.9
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	107.0	424.9	455.6	339.1	835.3	641.9	448.1	348.1	385.2	335.5
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	274.6	811.0	852.6	489.6	694.7	654.1	679.1	590.8	343.8	423.5
Duluth Board of Trade	do.	(8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.5	.6	.7	.6	.6	.6	.8
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	.8	4.4	4.0	7.4	.3	2.1	2.5	.8	.4	.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>2,522.4</b>	<b>5,678.1</b>	<b>4,524.9</b>	<b>4,802.0</b>	<b>4,676.7</b>	<b>4,341.7</b>	<b>3,780.5</b>	<b>4,783.3</b>	<b>3,989.1</b>	<b>4,180.6</b>
<b>CRN</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	2,437.1	5,445.1	3,555.7	1,984.8	2,207.6	2,602.5	2,773.0	2,321.5	2,190.6	2,723.5
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	182.3	140.6	117.0	27.4	21.9	35.1	30.6	21.5	21.7	57.2
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	0	0	0	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	46.0	12.0	2.1	.1	(8)	(6)	6.8	(8)	.5	.4
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	1.5	3.1	5.5	1.0	1.1	2.0	.8	1.0	.7	.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>2,666.9</b>	<b>5,799.8</b>	<b>3,678.3</b>	<b>2,015.4</b>	<b>2,236.6</b>	<b>2,639.6</b>	<b>2,811.2</b>	<b>2,344.0</b>	<b>2,215.5</b>	<b>2,782.0</b>
<b>OATS</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	3,445.9	2,568.5	1,009.0	917.6	1,498.1	2,099.5	2,282.7	1,145.9	809.1	648.7
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	185.4	31.5	11.8	7.5	11.4	15.4	12.8	4.5	1.6	1.9
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	292.0	188.1	155.5	121.0	100.0	120.9	125.9	81.3	56.2	35.7
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	4.3	2.8	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.4	2.1	.8	.7	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>3,905.4</b>	<b>2,868.8</b>	<b>1,178.7</b>	<b>1,048.2</b>	<b>1,617.5</b>	<b>2,238.2</b>	<b>2,421.2</b>	<b>1,252.5</b>	<b>757.6</b>	<b>687.3</b>
<b>RYE</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	---	---	10/88.0	540.3	548.8	395.8	680.1	705.8	602.2	561.9
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	10/ 5	1.1	3.6	2.9	2.8	5.7	6.2	6.2
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	11/ 0.2	21.1	36.3	39.3	28.5	26.4	19.3	14.0	5.5	3.8
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	12/ 1.4	.4	.2	1.5	.8	1.1	1.5	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>581.6</b>	<b>578.2</b>	<b>426.4</b>	<b>703.0</b>	<b>724.6</b>	<b>615.4</b>	<b>574.1</b>
<b>BARLEY</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	2.1	(8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	8/ 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(8)
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(8)</b>
<b>FLAXSEED</b>											
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Million bushels	---	---	15/ (8)	0.1	5.6	40.9	32.0	14.6	7.4	11.1
<b>SORTS</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	---	14/ 40.2	1,506.5	3,537.4	2,875.9	2,905.7	3,291.2	5,082.1	4,890.8	5,477.1
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	15/29.4	76.5	78.7	47.5	55.1	59.7	70.4	81.9
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	18/ (8)	---	---	---	---	17/ 2.0
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10/ 6.2	1.0	29/ (8)
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>1,537.7</b>	<b>3,613.9</b>	<b>2,954.6</b>	<b>2,953.2</b>	<b>3,346.3</b>	<b>5,148.0</b>	<b>4,962.2</b>	<b>5,541.0</b>
<b>GRAIN SORGHUM</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	20/ 68	48	1	0	2,308	7,688	518	55	102	8
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	21/ 948	184	5	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>8,634</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>RICE</b>											
New York Mercantile Exchange	Million pounds	---	---	22/ 1.4	2.0	2.9	0.3	0	0	0	0
<b>COTTON</b>											
New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	65,887	63,352	40,957	57,288	23,58,950	67,466	66,296	32,609	58,290	80,302
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	36,779	44,570	20,547	14,982	23/19,278	26,052	23,505	11,660	15,729	9,138
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	5,072	2,631	1,971	427	23/ 839	1,569	1,535	397	526	154
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>110,248</b>	<b>110,585</b>	<b>63,506</b>	<b>52,697</b>	<b>79,067</b>	<b>94,887</b>	<b>91,355</b>	<b>44,666</b>	<b>50,395</b>	<b>79,594</b>
<b>WOOL</b>											
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Million pounds	28.2	40.1	58.6	34.9	24/ 90.0	208.4	158.0	95.7	25/98.7	54.8
<b>WOOL TOPS</b>											
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Million pounds	21.2	31.6	50.8	46.3	24/ 82.8	172.4	154.9	105.5	119.7	66.2
<b>SUTTER</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	3,408	21,517	18,522	2,433	3,186	8,317	7,272	115	97	75
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	153	549	755	0	50	51	21	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>3,561</b>	<b>22,066</b>	<b>17,777</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>8,368</b>	<b>7,293</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>EGGS</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	154,970	124,978	90,989	56,685	147,794	89,478	145,686	149,283	258,507	425,900
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	355	45	434	245	1,017	527	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>155,325</b>	<b>125,023</b>	<b>91,423</b>	<b>56,930</b>	<b>148,811</b>	<b>90,005</b>	<b>145,686</b>	<b>149,283</b>	<b>258,507</b>	<b>425,900</b>

Table 1.—Annual volume of trading on each contract market, 1946-47 to 1955-56—Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July										
		1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	
<b>POTATOES 1/</b>												
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	182	19	5	38	111	210	1,720	1,050	576	180	
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	16,342	27,563	9,208	6,554	2,518	17,921	121,729	66,495	196,610	126,159	
Total	do.	16,524	27,582	9,214	6,592	2,627	18,131	123,449	67,545	197,186	126,339	
<b>ONIONS 1/</b>												
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	4,078	14,766	25,223	122,278	69,405	84,127	156,785	76,210	165,772	26/180,026	
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	377	280	581	99	34	21	14	83	455	27/ 5,899	
Total	do.	4,455	15,046	25,804	122,377	69,439	84,148	156,799	76,293	166,227	126,795	
<b>COTTONSEED OIL</b>												
New York Produce Exchange	Million pounds	28/ 94.0	1,476.9	5,194.3	4,354.3	29/7,204.4	7,042.8	3,049.8	871.7	824.7	3,447.0	
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	0	0	1.5	200.4	127.3	6.9	.5	0	0	0	
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.5	4.9	
Total	do.	94.0	1,476.9	5,195.8	4,554.7	7,331.7	7,049.7	3,050.3	871.7	825.2	3,451.9	
<b>SOYBEAN OIL 1/</b>												
New York Produce Exchange	Million pounds	50/ 0.4	0.9	0	31/227.1	32/1,571.0	640.2	572.7	424.6	611.7	225.1	
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	33/1,961.8	2,155.6	2,678.0	4,286.7	5,906.8	7,980.1	
Total	do.	.4	.9	0	227.1	6,532.8	2,795.8	3,049.7	4,711.3	4,318.5	8,136.2	
<b>LARD</b>												
Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds	24/157.7	2,938.9	5,612.7	1,521.4	2,215.1	1,325.9	1,414.1	2,861.9	2,027.8	1,974.7	
<b>WAP</b>												
Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	78.5	519.0	537.0	558.4	406.8	285.4	246.4	142.3	102.6	55.0	
<b>SPORTS</b>												
Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	61.4	800.8	215.0	148.7	175.7	151.3	195.9	88.7	97.6	16.0	
<b>KIDDLINGS</b>												
Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85/ 10.6	
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL 1/</b>												
Memphis Board of Trade	Thousand tons	95.4	245.7	378.8	478.8	586.8	594.9	98.2	216.5	217.4	246.6	
Clearing Association	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>SOYBEAN MEAL 1/</b>												
Memphis Board of Trade	Thousand tons	153.9	412.2	474.7	1,125.0	2,292.0	1,568.6	1,031.7	1,897.6	2,172.3	1,712.9	
Clearing Association	do.	—	—	—	—	—	36/404.1	806.2	2,358.4	5,566.0	4,950.1	
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	do.	153.9	412.2	474.7	1,125.0	2,292.0	1,972.6	1,837.9	4,064.0	5,741.3	6,663.0	

1/ All types of contracts.

2/ Trading resumed August 26, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

3/ Trading limited as of June 13, 1948, to liquidation only in the 1946 July, September, and December futures. Restriction removed July 31, 1946.

4/ Trading resumed August 5, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

5/ Trading resumed July 31, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

6/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

7/ Trading resumed September 11, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

8/ Trading resumed August 22, 1946; first trading in corn, July 29, 1949, and in barley, January 24, 1955. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

9/ Trading resumed August 21, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

10/ Trading resumed July 12, 1948. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

11/ Trading resumed June 15, 1947. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

12/ Trading resumed July 15, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

13/ Trading resumed April 11, 1949. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

14/ Trading resumed July 7, 1947. (Suspended February 19, 1945.)

15/ Trading resumed July 29, 1948. (Suspended February 19, 1945.)

16/ Market opened for trading on September 18, 1950; suspended February 16, 1951.

17/ Trading resumed July 15, 1955.

18/ Trading began December 14, 1953.

19/ Trading suspended January 23, 1956.

20/ Trading resumed October 2, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

21/ Trading began October 1, 1951.

22/ Trading began June 1, 1949.

23/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed March 8, 1951.

24/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 29, 1951; resumed April 8, 1951.

25/ Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

26/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Trading began September 8, 1947.

27/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange. Trading began October 14, 1946.

28/ Trading suspended July 10, 1946; resumed October 17, 1946.

29/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed February 13, 1951.

30/ As of November 25, 1946, contract basis changed from crude to refined oil.

31/ As of September 28, 1949, contract basis changed from refined to crude oil.

32/ Trading suspended for one day only, January 27, 1951.

33/ Trading began July 17, 1950.

34/ Trading resumed November 4, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

35/ Trading began July 7, 1955.

36/ Trading began August 29, 1951.

NOTE: Dates of suspension of trading; Trading suspended after close of the market on dates given in footnotes, except as otherwise noted, in this and following tables.











Table 5.—Monthly Volume of trading on each contract market, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
<b>COTTONSEED OIL</b>														
New York Produce Exchange	Thousands pounds	81,420	85,800	159,600	157,680	191,820	164,220	366,480	404,100	417,000	474,180	576,660	567,960	5,416,940
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	D	0	0	1,620	600	1,260	680	0	800	C	180	0	4,920
Total	do.	81,420	85,800	159,600	159,300	192,420	165,480	367,160	404,100	417,800	474,180	576,840	567,960	5,421,860
<b>SOTHEM OIL</b>														
New York Produce Exchange	Thousands pounds	16,140	14,280	25,680	27,060	18,540	17,340	19,800	14,400	15,680	17,860	20,440	19,880	225,120
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	351,620	291,660	464,540	447,720	379,060	335,980	501,000	762,640	903,680	1,053,280	1,470,900	936,740	7,960,080
Total	do.	347,760	305,940	512,220	474,780	596,600	553,320	520,800	777,040	920,560	1,071,140	1,491,340	1,056,620	8,185,200
<b>LARD</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousands pounds	121,560	105,280	126,280	115,920	144,400	108,280	158,720	145,240	125,560	277,520	356,080	211,600	1,974,720
<b>HEAN</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	5,000	4,020	4,880	1,710	4,880	2,280	4,110	2,040	1,440	2,450	720	1,080	32,970
<b>SHORTS</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	2,940	1,140	1,710	2,780	1,580	1,020	1,320	560	990	990	120	1,080	15,990
<b>MIDDLINGS</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	5/1,155	840	1,680	210	1,645	210	840	210	785	525	1,155	1,155	10,570
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL</b>														
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	25,500	25,500	21,700	30,800	22,900	22,400	19,500	20,800	21,300	21,100	9,500	10,800	246,600
<b>SOTHEM MEAL</b>														
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	do.	14,800	12,200	14,100	5,500	14,800	17,600	15,800	7,600	13,900	10,500	9,800	16,900	153,600
Eastern Trunk Line Unrestricted	do.	122,500	141,400	122,100	165,500	141,800	125,500	124,200	106,000	118,900	117,500	156,100	98,800	1,559,600
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	277,600	287,600	449,000	451,800	401,800	515,800	358,400	395,100	380,700	573,200	607,800	489,800	4,950,100
Total	do.	414,700	421,400	625,200	602,900	558,500	450,900	494,400	508,700	513,400	701,200	755,700	605,000	6,688,000

1/ Trading resumed July 15, 1955.

2/ Trading suspended January 23, 1956.

3/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

4/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

5/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

6/ Trading began July 7, 1955.











Table 4.—Monthly volume of trading on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
COTTONSEED MEAL, Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In tons)												
1955 July	2,900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 October	5,500	8,900	7,200	4,100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 December	7,200	11,900	10,100	11,900	9,600	5,400	—	—	—	—	—	—
1956 January	300	2,800	2,100	5,700	4,800	11,000	5,100	—	—	—	—	—
1956 March	—	400	2,100	5,800	5,400	8,500	4,100	9,600	5,800	—	—	—
1956 May	—	—	—	2,800	2,600	5,400	2,100	5,800	2,600	7,600	1,100	—
1956 July	—	—	200	2,600	400	1,100	800	4,600	4,900	7,400	5,900	5,500
1956 September	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	200	200	1,000	—	500
1956 October	—	—	—	—	100	200	6,900	1,700	5,800	7,700	1,300	2,400
1956 December	—	—	—	—	—	—	500	800	3,200	1,100	500	1,100
1957 January	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	2,400	1,800	1,300	400
1957 March	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	500
Total	15,500	25,500	21,700	50,800	22,900	29,400	19,500	20,800	21,800	21,100	9,500	10,800
SOUTHEAST MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In tons)												
1955 July	64,800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 August	54,900	43,700	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 September	19,300	41,400	47,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 October	29,200	59,000	86,900	41,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 December	59,700	85,900	116,600	114,400	107,500	41,500	—	—	—	—	—	—
1956 January	12,800	13,400	20,900	51,700	50,100	72,000	57,900	—	—	—	—	—
1956 March	24,100	27,900	64,500	85,300	85,400	104,200	79,600	124,300	140,100	174,200	80,900	—
1956 May	34,600	39,100	81,600	111,700	103,100	84,400	79,600	124,300	128,800	208,000	267,700	168,100
1956 July	—	9,400	27,600	59,600	45,900	25,200	37,600	96,900	128,800	208,000	267,700	168,100
1956 August	—	—	—	7,900	10,700	4,800	29,900	50,900	50,900	81,600	135,900	162,800
1956 September	—	—	—	—	1,500	1,800	10,100	7,400	6,700	52,000	63,200	46,000
1956 October	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,500	8,700	5,600	51,600	25,100	25,800
1956 December	—	—	—	—	—	—	400	1,300	9,900	54,600	27,500	46,500
1957 January	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	9,600	21,800	20,000
1957 March	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,000	4,700	10,800
1957 May	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,200
Total	277,600	287,600	449,000	451,900	401,900	515,900	359,400	395,100	580,700	573,200	607,800	499,800

- 1/ Trading limited to liquidation only in the 1955 September (old), 1955 November (old), and 1956 January (old) futures as of August 31, 1955.  
 2/ Less than 500 bales.  
 3/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.  
 4/ Trading in "new" contracts began February 27, 1956, in the 1956 November and succeeding futures.

Table 5.—Largest annual, monthly, and daily volume of trading on principal markets, from date trading data available through June 30, 1956

Commodity	Market	Unit	Beginning date	Largest year 1/		Largest month		Largest day	
				Year	Amount	Month	Amount	Date	Amount
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1929-30	16,598,649	July 1929	2,432,109	July 20, 1935	163,069
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Jan. 3, 1921	1929-30	1,248,091	July 1929	186,177	Oct. 24, 1929	13,654
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	Jan. 3, 1921	1929-30	874,930	July 1937	167,844	July 20, 1935	14,072
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1924-25	7,943,148	June 1927	863,280	June 10, 1927	72,128
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1945-47	3,445,805	July 1946	424,668	Nov. 13, 1945	41,653
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1944-45	5,651,125	Apr. 1945	432,986	May 24, 1944	29,777
Barley	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1933-34	58,671	July 1933	21,992	July 18, 1933	3,705
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Jan. 3, 1921	1933-34	103,277	July 1933	26,800	July 19, 1933	2,650
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	Jan. 3, 1921	1941-42	42,014	Aug. 1941	8,449	Nov. 15, 1939	2,201
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Oct. 5, 1936	1955-56	5,477,113	May 1956	776,759	May 2, 1956	66,165
Grain Sorghum	Kansas City Board of Trade	Hilton pounds	Oct. 19, 1944	1951-52	7,696	Nov. 1951	1,315	Apr. 30, 1952	168
Rice	New York Mercantile Exchange	Thousand pounds	June 1, 1949	1950-51	2,680	Sept. 1949	1,690	Dec. 7, 1950	1,280
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	Aug. 1, 1925	1927-28	122,949	Sept. 1927	16,888	Mar. 9, 1951	1,028
	New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	Aug. 1, 1925	1927-28	46,674	Sept. 1927	6,763	Feb. 4, 1948	432
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	1951-52	296,422	Oct. 1951	39,450	Oct. 19, 1951	5,372
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	May 1, 1951	1939-40	184,535	Sept. 1939	35,565	Sept. 22, 1939	2,870
Butter	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	1930-31	84,869	Oct. 1941	6,537	Dec. 14, 1926	612
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	1955-56	425,900	Oct. 1955	89,057	July 12, 1955	4,970
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Dec. 2, 1941	1954-55	196,610	Apr. 1956	35,468	Mar. 1, 1955	2,791
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Sept. 8, 1942	1954-55	163,772	Feb. 1955	50,314	Jan. 20, 1955	2,714
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	Jan. 2, 1929	1951-52	7,982,760	Dec. 1951	1,015,520	Nov. 9, 1951	97,660
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	Sept. 3, 1940	1950-51	1,571,040	Nov. 1950	302,100	Nov. 24, 1950	24,720
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	July 17, 1950	1955-56	7,980,080	May 1956	1,470,900	May 2, 1956	125,640
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	Feb. 1, 1926	1948-49	3,613,720	Aug. 1948	512,320	May 2, 1956	47,600
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Jan. 4, 1932	1947-48	518,010	Feb. 1948	65,820	Aug. 5, 1949	8,400
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Jan. 4, 1932	1947-48	500,640	Jan. 1948	37,710	July 20, 1948	5,760
Middlings	St. Louis Merchants' Exchange	Tons	June 10, 1929	1930-31	53,925	June 1940	10,500	June 7, 1940	2,200
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	July 7, 1935	1935-36	10,570	Sept. 1955	1,890	June 12, 1956	840
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	July 1, 1931	1941-42	680,400	Sept. 1941	162,800	Sept. 30, 1949	16,400
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	July 8, 1940	1950-51	2,292,000	Apr. 1954	310,600	Apr. 22, 1954	114,400
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	Aug. 29, 1951	1955-56	4,950,100	May 1956	607,800	May 2, 1956	64,300

1/ Year ending June 30.

NOTE: The beginning of the period is the date when trading data are first available. Except as indicated below, the period for each commodity and market covered in the table is from the beginning date shown to June 30, 1956. For certain commodities and markets, daily volume of trading figures are not available until the following dates: Barley, Minneapolis Grain Exchange, July 2, 1923; soybeans, Chicago Board of Trade, January 3, 1939; cotton, New York Cotton Exchange and New Orleans Cotton Exchange, October 1, 1937; wool tops, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc., September 1, 1936; cottonseed oil, New York Produce Exchange, November 1, 1939; lard, Chicago Board of Trade, January 4, 1937; bran and shorts, Kansas City Board of Trade, and middlings, St. Louis Merchants' Exchange, October 1, 1937; and cottonseed meal and soybean meal, Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association, December 9, 1940.

Table 6.—Largest monthly and daily volume of trading on principal markets, during the year July 1955 - June 1956

Commodity	Market	Unit	Largest month			Largest day	
			Month	Year	Amount	Date	Amount
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July	1955	456,885	July 11, 1955	59,908
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	August	1955	71,753	August 17, 1955	5,920
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	July	1955	84,500	July 12, 1955	10,409
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	August	1955	553,930	August 19, 1955	25,361
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	August	1955	93,618	November 30, 1955	7,637
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	September	1955	57,487	February 23, 1956	7,710
Barley	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	February	1956	10	February 29, 1956	10
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	February	1956	1,795	August 16, 1955	590
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	May	1955	776,759	May 2, 1956	66,285
Grain sorghums	Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	July	1955	7	July 7, 1955	3
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	October	1955	5,885	October 3, 1955	539
	New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	October	1955	1,314	October 3, 1955	184
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	August	1955	7,519	August 31, 1955	834
Wool tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	August	1955	11,265	November 2, 1955	1,910
Butter	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	October	1955	25	July 12, 1955 and September 8, 1955	5
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	October	1955	59,057	July 12, 1955	4,970
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	April	1956	55,469	April 19, 1956	2,362
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	January	1956	16,758	August 22, 1955	1,885
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	May	1956	576,660	May 2, 1956	57,180
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	October	1955	27,060	July 28, 1955	4,320
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	May	1956	1,470,900	May 2, 1956	125,640
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	May	1956	359,080	May 2, 1956	47,600
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	November	1955	4,860	July 26, 1955 and November 2, 1955	1,200
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	July	1955	2,440	July 15, 1955	1,080
Middlings	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	September	1955	1,890	June 12, 1956	840
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	October	1955	50,600	February 27, 1956	4,500
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	September	1955	176,200	March 16, 1956	20,400
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	May	1956	807,800	May 2, 1956	64,200

Table 7.—Annual average of month-end open contracts on each contract market, 1946-47 to 1965-66

Commodity and market	Unit	(Average of open contracts at end of each month) 1/									
		Year beginning July									
		1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
<b>WHEAT 2/</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	5/ 27.7	28.4	31.4	32.0	35.1	74.2	74.1	74.1	70.6	67.3
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	5/ .5	.6	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	5/ 2.5	7.1	7.4	8.4	12.6	14.6	11.3	9.6	7.6	8.4
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	5/ 7.6	15.6	20.9	12.9	19.8	18.0	18.6	12.0	14.0	19.0
Duluth Board of Trade	do.	5/ 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	5/ (6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	(6)	.8	.5	.5	(6)	.1	.2	(6)	(6)	(6)
Total	do.	58.1	94.0	90.6	85.1	96.0	107.3	106.5	96.2	92.7	86.3
<b>COAL</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	56.6	52.0	57.2	48.9	54.3	65.5	65.9	61.2	69.6	69.0
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	.5	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	8/ 0	0	0	(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	8/ 1.2	.5	.1	(6)	(6)	(6)	.5	(6)	.1	.1
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	(6)	.1	.1	(6)	(6)	.1	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Total	do.	56.8	53.0	57.9	49.2	54.6	65.9	66.7	61.5	69.8	70.0
<b>OSTS</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	40.2	39.9	24.6	24.9	41.8	42.3	76.9	41.9	22.4	25.4
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	.7	.5	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	5.9	4.7	5.5	3.0	3.0	4.1	6.9	3.5	1.0	1.8
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	(6)	.1
Total	do.	44.9	45.0	28.4	28.2	45.1	65.9	64.1	45.6	24.5	27.3
<b>REE</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	—	—	10/ 2.9	17.4	12.9	9.0	16.6	20.1	16.8	16.5
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	—	—	10/ (6)	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	11/ 0.1	0.9	1.2	1.3	.8	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	—	—	12/ (6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Total	do.	.1	.8	4.1	18.8	13.7	9.3	17.3	20.8	18.6	18.7
<b>BARLEY</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	3/ 0.2	(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(6)
Total	do.	.2	(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(6)
<b>FLAXSEED</b>											
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Million bushels	—	—	15/ (6)	(6)	0.4	2.1	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.8
<b>SOYBEANS</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million bushels	—	16/ 1.6	17.3	53.8	39.0	47.8	54.2	80.7	87.6	92.4
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	—	—	15/ .1	.3	.5	.2	.3	.3	.4	.5
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	—	—	—	—	16/ (6)	—	—	—	—	17/ .5
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clearing Association	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16/ 1.2	.1	10/ (6)
Total	do.	—	1.6	17.4	54.1	39.5	48.1	54.5	82.2	88.1	93.4
<b>GRAIN SOYBEANS</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	20/ 7	2	(21)	0	158	506	8	3	15	(21)
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	—	22/ 95	14	(21)	(21)	1
Total	do.	7	2	(21)	0	158	599	22	3	13	1
<b>RICE 2/</b>											
New York Mercantile Exchange	Million pounds	—	—	25/ 1.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	0	0	0	0
<b>COFFEE</b>											
New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	2,169	1,201	1,724	1,605	24/ 2,705	2,617	2,940	2,077	1,480	1,758
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	696	766	641	521	21/ 564	715	689	645	700	522
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	39	28	54	21	24/ 58	58	37	28	27	8
Total	do.	3,105	2,895	2,399	2,387	3,807	3,570	3,666	2,748	3,207	2,688
<b>WOOL</b>											
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Million pounds	5.4	6.5	4.0	2.7	25/ 6.6	19.5	14.1	6.4	25/ 9.4	6.7
<b>WOOL TOPS</b>											
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Million pounds	4.3	4.0	5.6	4.8	25/ 6.0	13.8	14.0	10.9	13.4	10.0
<b>HUTTER 2/</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	172	693	634	184	195	505	562	25	12	8
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	8	42	51	0	3	7	5	0	0	0
Total	do.	180	735	685	184	198	512	567	25	12	8
<b>SKIN 2/</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	4,186	2,867	2,509	2,311	2,838	2,215	3,088	3,008	5,219	5,397
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	25	8	15	25	15	20	(27)	0	0	0
Total	do.	4,211	2,875	2,525	2,336	2,853	2,235	3,061	3,008	5,219	5,397

Table 7.—Annual average of month-end open contracts on each contract market, 1946-47 to 1955-56—Continued

(Average of open contracts at end of each month) 1/

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
<b>RYBARS 2/</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	22	2	2	5	10	51	104	72	46	12
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	1,147	1,006	755	565	422	1,409	3,910	4,062	5,597	2,953
Total	do.	1,169	1,008	757	569	432	1,460	4,014	4,134	5,643	2,965
<b>WOOL 2/</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	397	487	731	1,851	2,014	1,584	2,113	3,521	4,164	29/4,217
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	46	40	81	8	5	2	6	21	67	23/236
Total	do.	443	497	812	1,859	2,017	1,586	2,119	3,542	4,231	4,503
<b>COTTONSEED OIL</b>											
New York Produce Exchange	Million pounds	50/ 15.7	55.2	91.6	182.0	21/257.0	286.8	182.7	57.9	69.5	196.0
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	0	0	.1	6.9	51/ 7.1	5	(52)	0	0	0
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(52)	.4
Total	do.	15.7	55.2	91.7	188.9	264.1	397.1	182.7	57.9	69.5	196.4
<b>SOYBEAN OIL 2/</b>											
New York Produce Exchange	Million pounds	55/ (82)	0.1	0	54/17.1	55/ 84.5	49.7	24.6	29.8	52.9	22.2
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	56/ 82.0	110.1	128.9	166.5	172.1	203.5
Total	do.	(82)	.1	0	17.1	186.5	159.8	153.5	196.3	205.0	310.7
<b>LARD</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Million pounds	57/ 12.0	75.6	87.8	65.2	58.9	74.7	91.2	59.7	61.2	78.5
<b>BEAN</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	4.0	28.6	19.4	19.1	25.3	14.2	15.4	6.1	6.9	2.8
<b>SHORTS</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	5.2	17.0	11.4	8.6	11.8	8.7	12.7	4.4	5.9	1.4
<b>MEALINGS</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Thousand tons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38/ 0.6
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL 2/</b>											
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Thousand tons	7.2	19.7	24.5	51.0	52.8	50.0	10.7	19.2	19.2	20.7
<b>SOYBEAN MEAL 2/</b>											
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Thousand tons	12.1	25.8	26.1	77.5	175.6	150.2	81.2	196.7	223.6	147.5
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	—	29/29.5	42.4	115.2	173.5	274.1
Total	do.	12.1	25.8	26.1	77.5	175.6	159.7	123.7	310.5	397.1	421.6

1/ In computing annual averages of month-end open contracts, yearly totals were divided by 12, although in some markets there were no contracts open at the end of one or more months. An exception was made for commodities which came under regulation during a fiscal year and for commodities in which trading was suspended. In such cases, averages were computed on the basis of the number of months during which reporting requirements were in effect and there was trading.

2/ All types of contracts.

3/ Trading resumed August 26, 1946; 11-month average. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

4/ Trading resumed August 5, 1946; 11-month average. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

5/ Trading resumed July 31, 1946. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

6/ Less than 50,000 bales.

7/ Trading resumed September 11, 1948; 10-month average. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

8/ Trading resumed August 22, 1948; first trading in corn, July 29, 1949, and in barley, January 24, 1950. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

9/ Trading resumed August 21, 1946; 11-month average. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

10/ Trading resumed July 12, 1946. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

11/ Trading resumed June 16, 1947. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

12/ Trading resumed July 15, 1946. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

13/ Trading resumed April 11, 1949; 8-month average. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

14/ Trading resumed July 7, 1947. (Suspended February 19, 1945.)

15/ Trading resumed July 29, 1946. (Suspended February 19, 1945.)

16/ Market opened for trading on September 18, 1950; suspended February 16, 1951; 5-month average.

17/ Trading resumed July 15, 1955.

18/ Trading began December 14, 1953; 7-month average.

19/ Trading resumed January 25, 1956; 6-month average.

20/ Trading resumed October 2, 1946; 8-month average. (Suspended June 13, 1946.)

21/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

22/ Trading began October 1, 1951; 9-month average.

23/ Trading began June 1, 1949.

24/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed March 6, 1951.

25/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 29, 1951; resumed April 9, 1951.

26/ Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

27/ Less than one carlot.

28/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Trading began September 6, 1942.

29/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange. Trading began October 14, 1946.

30/ Trading resumed July 10, 1946; resumed October 17, 1946; 9-month average.

31/ Trading suspended prior to the opening on January 27, 1951; resumed February 18, 1951.

32/ Less than 50,000 pounds.

33/ As of November 25, 1946, contract basis changed from crude to refined oil.

34/ As of September 28, 1949, contract basis changed from refined to crude oil.

35/ Trading suspended for one day only, January 27, 1951.

36/ Trading began July 17, 1950.

37/ Trading resumed November 4, 1946; 8-month average. (Suspended June 15, 1946.)

38/ Trading began July 7, 1955.

39/ Trading began August 28, 1951; 11-month average.

NOTE: Dates of suspension of trading: Trading suspended after close of the market on dates given in footnotes, except as otherwise noted, in this and other tables.

Table B.—Month-end open contracts on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1951-52 to 1955-56

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average 1/
<b>WHEAT 2/</b>														
Average	Thousand bushels	143,687	160,969	153,652	153,053	144,078	135,585	127,095	123,547	116,464	100,518	95,769	98,202	123,015
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	115,975	119,765	116,110	114,512	107,028	96,115	91,089	84,653	78,528	80,011	75,098	91,088	97,497
1951-52	do.	118,079	126,121	125,534	131,496	127,559	116,005	109,892	94,022	84,035	61,472	73,250	100,525	107,522
1952-53	do.	143,260	145,820	135,234	129,499	120,161	106,350	95,885	80,471	75,150	70,188	71,756	101,720	106,540
1953-54	do.	151,102	150,661	117,796	125,986	125,935	95,282	82,881	77,889	71,870	63,665	66,718	84,850	96,213
1954-55	do.	105,455	110,256	105,075	102,718	97,939	89,874	85,807	75,500	60,129	79,836	80,801	104,151	92,747
1955-56	do.	135,870	151,543	117,975	106,264	99,913	84,901	87,256	72,286	67,160	70,723	75,699	93,104	95,328
<b>CORN</b>														
Average	Thousand bushels	45,184	53,870	49,544	55,594	57,028	52,653	52,132	51,028	49,688	42,807	39,098	39,067	48,980
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	44,356	50,513	50,105	61,643	72,879	72,506	71,624	64,545	64,094	58,194	48,526	47,525	66,858
1951-52	do.	46,852	49,019	50,836	75,041	71,720	67,930	74,401	76,054	80,313	70,952	60,523	59,520	65,922
1952-53	do.	58,513	109,514	94,545	90,148	69,750	86,062	81,925	69,143	63,792	54,263	48,787	47,445	65,663
1953-54	do.	55,818	56,410	53,381	69,929	69,647	78,251	72,654	64,266	61,995	52,526	44,169	58,767	61,498
1954-55	do.	50,941	56,949	51,472	65,051	64,897	66,915	64,897	85,058	74,150	69,137	57,321	65,544	69,504
1955-56	do.	44,532	62,180	63,616	68,425	75,322	76,980	82,767	82,970	77,870	78,797	69,037	59,448	70,047
<b>BARLEY</b>														
Average	Thousand bushels	32,807	45,015	42,281	41,148	56,548	34,256	32,872	31,425	50,569	24,045	19,152	21,478	32,483
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	46,426	61,995	61,080	61,231	61,824	55,496	55,584	47,205	43,758	59,325	55,679	39,859	50,555
1951-52	do.	44,937	67,125	72,244	75,666	79,457	76,291	79,317	69,651	66,529	55,921	54,451	60,515	66,692
1952-53	do.	60,456	109,514	114,357	117,599	120,228	96,296	89,245	75,092	64,565	50,783	48,728	45,780	84,135
1953-54	do.	51,636	84,530	62,529	65,775	59,087	55,705	49,345	41,560	31,454	21,255	19,151	25,220	45,564
1954-55	do.	27,545	51,208	50,564	31,229	31,221	34,480	23,708	30,471	18,524	19,219	17,234	16,979	24,538
1955-56	do.	32,052	40,027	35,585	32,000	29,546	26,585	26,552	21,476	18,954	21,798	30,057	28,118	27,163
<b>RYE</b>														
Average	Thousand bushels	10,904	12,186	11,801	12,289	11,251	10,704	10,876	10,918	10,815	9,613	9,287	9,550	10,864
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	9,509	12,049	12,108	13,157	12,950	13,627	14,629	14,543	14,255	15,655	11,615	11,810	12,772
1951-52	do.	9,141	10,989	10,492	10,255	6,599	6,430	9,301	8,986	10,885	11,651	9,771	10,957	9,956
1952-53	do.	11,139	14,255	14,713	15,199	25,688	20,587	20,149	21,261	20,042	20,215	16,519	16,509	17,325
1953-54	do.	19,047	15,867	14,017	28,980	25,301	25,255	26,438	21,452	19,668	14,798	13,421	15,768	20,634
1954-55	do.	24,353	17,710	22,282	24,105	22,287	22,155	21,801	17,185	15,507	15,187	15,467	14,945	16,628
1955-56	do.	14,452	14,270	14,827	15,819	16,596	15,287	14,573	14,306	11,590	11,535	10,559	10,707	13,675
<b>BARLEY</b>														
Average	Thousand bushels	1,744	1,985	1,906	1,906	1,517	948	929	965	994	831	625	783	1,251
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	1
<b>FLAXSEED</b>														
Average	Thousand bushels	493	828	921	898	721	653	602	605	574	594	447	533	652
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	5/ 507	4/ 925	4/ 1,211	4/ 1,565	4/ 1,528	4/ 1,292	4/ 1,480	4/ 1,568	4/ 1,274	4/ 906	735	834	1,133
1951-52	do.	502	1,126	2,259	3,311	3,057	2,487	2,680	2,579	2,291	2,052	1,444	1,803	2,112
1952-53	do.	1,491	2,625	2,632	2,678	2,651	2,212	2,571	2,537	1,985	1,807	1,598	1,788	2,228
1953-54	do.	1,407	1,542	1,042	1,023	820	669	810	887	750	704	451	441	875
1954-55	do.	852	689	578	478	616	434	397	387	291	506	548	433	463
1955-56	do.	624	774	719	726	642	986	1,209	999	995	791	499	602	803
<b>SOYBEANS</b>														
Average	Thousand bushels	24,262	31,915	42,378	57,503	58,695	59,516	48,714	44,322	41,468	38,541	32,465	32,288	42,703
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	29,087	32,618	48,784	60,898	64,506	70,959	57,150	54,956	45,458	41,480	37,286	38,230	48,054
1951-52	do.	42,009	48,638	58,942	68,972	68,229	71,980	57,082	51,665	48,616	44,932	47,093	45,264	54,468
1952-53	do.	44,454	44,068	54,018	55,875	98,544	114,720	109,582	106,348	92,504	85,030	70,834	75,745	5/ 82,180
1953-54	do.	82,089	95,015	107,893	121,458	127,125	118,724	79,662	72,077	65,475	64,965	56,672	67,954	88,092
1954-55	do.	64,948	79,245	95,300	121,294	117,018	111,580	92,586	89,695	83,080	100,442	85,047	79,333	5/ 93,387
<b>GRAIN SORGHUMS</b>														
Average	Million pounds	65	58	32	30	175	215	242	257	234	191	126	121	147
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	197	186	129	346	824	1,030	1,081	984	870	617	569	309	5/ 299
1951-52	do.	70	42	21	51	51	10	9	7	1	1	0	2	22
1952-53	do.	0	2	9	15	7	0	0	(6)	0	0	(8)	1	3
1953-54	do.	1	1	1	8	18	24	27	27	22	11	7	7	15
1954-55	do.	0	0	0	5	2	(8)	(8)	2	2	2	0	0	1
<b>RICE 2/</b>														
Average	Thousand pounds	4/ 370	4/ 410	4/ 580	4/ 600	4/ 670	4/ 355	4/ 140	4/ 140	4/ 100	4/ 80	4/ 40	298	313
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	0	0	320	240	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
1951-52	do.	0	0	320	240	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
<b>COTTON</b>														
Average	Thousand bales	9/ 2,456	9/ 2,555	2,995	5,418	3,399	3,521	3,144	2,855	2,515	2,207	2,056	2,074	2,749
1934-35 to 1938-39	do.	2,820	2,896	3,147	5,454	3,432	3,447	3,441	2,428	2,154	2,785	2,855	2,527	3,066
1951-52	do.	3,018	3,495	5,888	4,202	3,848	3,820	3,904	4,090	3,897	3,095	3,090	2,871	3,570
1952-53	do.	3,164	3,281	3,607	4,114	4,382	4,474	4,331	4,110	3,839	3,547	2,901	3,542	3,858
1953-54	do.	2,641	2,700	2,591	2,924	3,120	3,429	3,838	2,869	2,787	2,386	2,241	2,065	2,748
1954-55	do.	2,446	2,627	3,157	3,577	3,754	3,954	3,885	3,895	3,110	2,955	2,663	2,607	3,207
1955-56	do.	2,504	2,565	2,417	2,512	2,090	1,899	1,899	1,841	1,917	1,860	1,744	1,775	2,088

Table 8.—Month-end open contracts on all contract markets combined, average 1954-55 to 1958-59 and 1948-49 to 1952-53, annually, 1951-52 to 1955-56—Continued

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average 1/
<b>WOOL</b>														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousands	7,922	8,076	10,198	9,178	9,562	9,535	9,830	10,025	9,975	9,354	9,004	9,005	9,559
1951-52	do.	8,450	11,772	18,672	18,570	20,604	20,292	21,690	22,452	25,948	22,620	21,762	21,860	19,548
1952-53	do.	20,924	21,126	19,600	26,356	14,460	12,132	11,322	11,436	11,354	10,693	9,756	9,144	14,055
1953-54	do.	3,808	6,118	7,800	7,410	7,128	6,628	6,646	6,654	7,350	10,844	11,754	12,510	6,423
1954-55	do.	15,039	11,856	10/11,456	10,122	9,198	8,678	8,252	8,602	7,214	7,976	7,938	8,010	9,402
1955-56	do.	8,823	6,520	9,150	7,882	7,532	6,970	6,414	5,932	5,250	5,258	5,292	4,866	6,748
<b>WOOL TOPS</b>														
Average 1948-49 to 1958-59 1/	Thousands	12/ 5,758	4,570	4,103	4,215	4,217	4,767	5,150	5,195	5,116	5,005	6,075	5,973	5,110
1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	5,955	7,910	9,292	9,169	9,958	9,210	9,926	9,886	9,376	9,107	8,469	8,271	9,927
1951-52	do.	6,170	7,555	11,805	15,385	16,035	16,286	16,435	15,790	16,450	17,286	15,885	14,800	13,908
1952-53	do.	15,420	16,275	17,102	15,100	16,020	14,020	15,835	15,875	15,610	15,045	11,910	10,940	14,508
1953-54	do.	9,305	9,755	10,455	10,470	10,555	9,810	9,855	9,710	9,600	12,255	15,970	14,490	10,938
1954-55	do.	14,765	14,395	14,995	13,705	12,240	12,105	11,525	15,610	15,425	14,055	13,550	12,990	15,421
1955-56	do.	12,076	11,765	12,235	11,590	10,119	9,745	8,950	8,675	8,730	8,976	9,015	9,705	10,002
<b>BUTTER 2/</b>														
Average 1954-55 to 1958-59	Carlots	1,470	1,550	1,667	1,599	1,047	716	534	256	189	559	728	1,121	951
1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	751	681	850	804	520	535	112	115	99	151	221	345	423
1951-52	do.	698	1,090	1,127	916	624	289	18	75	144	195	246	535	512
1952-53	do.	989	1,111	1,269	1,345	1,127	558	187	100	28	42	33	30	337
1953-54	do.	27	27	26	16	0	1	1	3	4	19	25	20	15
1954-55	do.	81	18	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	16	25	32	12
1955-56	do.	80	29	21	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>EGGS 2/</b>														
Average 1954-55 to 1958-59	Carlots	2,806	2,902	3,051	2,185	1,521	554	551	575	921	1,335	2,458	2,842	1,632
1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	4,142	4,171	5,169	2,134	1,450	853	1,005	1,506	2,281	2,682	3,602	5,998	2,599
1951-52	do.	3,443	3,392	1,929	1,456	1,290	729	738	1,666	2,225	2,547	2,452	4,045	2,256
1952-53	do.	4,138	4,935	5,982	2,774	1,845	965	1,848	1,005	2,278	3,697	4,284	4,633	5,038
1953-54	do.	4,352	4,116	5,055	1,947	1,345	1,327	1,659	2,405	3,782	4,692	4,480	4,647	5,008
1954-55	do.	4,593	4,042	5,280	5,413	4,611	2,968	2,523	4,347	2,347	6,847	7,727	5,121	5,215
1955-56	do.	7,679	5,402	6,730	4,320	3,980	3,450	3,541	4,018	4,741	5,332	5,921	6,575	5,997
<b>POTATOES 2/</b>														
Average 1954-55 to 1958-59	Carlots	40	78	90	90	109	108	75	80	40	41	7	15	64
1948-49 to 1952-53	do.	1,320	1,529	1,660	1,998	1,529	1,582	1,255	1,096	1,321	1,125	1,125	1,549	1,440
1951-52	do.	949	1,132	1,657	1,702	1,799	1,628	1,167	901	1,065	1,260	1,224	2,358	1/ 1,440
1952-53	do.	2,458	4,201	5,357	5,867	4,754	4,686	4,256	3,094	3,222	2,970	2,448	3,454	4,014
1953-54	do.	4,545	5,084	5,484	5,567	4,815	4,193	6,950	3,072	3,126	2,888	2,973	4,623	1/ 4,134
1954-55	do.	6,138	6,304	7,827	7,936	7,854	6,936	6,914	4,290	3,923	5,322	1,429	2,152	5,445
1955-56	do.	8,444	5,905	5,719	2,692	2,621	2,518	2,556	3,221	2,799	4,741	2,958	2,958	2,966
<b>ONIONS 2/</b>														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Carlots	1,214	1,979	2,417	2,536	2,537	2,531	2,267	1,924	447	614	820	980	1,660
1951-52	do.	1,605	1,901	2,218	2,457	2,674	2,682	2,261	1,364	125	515	441	770	1,580
1952-53	do.	1,628	2,996	5,126	2,676	2,911	2,798	2,692	2,607	454	752	1,175	1,595	2,112
1953-54	do.	2,578	4,200	4,741	4,221	4,354	4,405	5,607	2,699	1,068	3,032	2,685	4,855	5,542
1954-55	do.	5,501	5,266	5,547	5,561	6,246	7,036	4,783	3,278	533	1,107	2,215	3,726	4,221
1955-56	do.	5,570	14/ 7,465	7,975	6,936	6,607	5,185	5,074	1,936	1,046	1,425	1,978	2,759	6,503
<b>COTTONSEED OIL</b>														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousands	163,440	168,516	187,746	218,149	282,804	269,154	281,166	256,242	255,640	216,772	208,486	193,632	224,695
1951-52	do.	194,560	181,630	196,020	296,040	487,640	540,680	571,620	561,360	622,360	453,780	412,340	368,700	597,110
1952-53	do.	207,880	279,720	289,520	216,220	206,460	181,980	177,720	155,000	124,840	115,390	93,840	87,420	162,680
1953-54	do.	75,420	66,900	49,900	44,460	44,700	52,520	62,940	64,260	55,800	34,690	59,160	55,500	57,956
1954-55	do.	46,740	49,800	55,800	60,900	70,080	72,880	108,200	104,700	85,080	65,640	62,860	54,000	60,330
1955-56	do.	50,980	59,280	85,560	120,500	179,700	204,060	295,620	325,920	290,400	298,080	252,840	204,280	192,385
<b>SOYBEAN OIL 2/</b>														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousands	52,496	57,072	55,268	112,476	159,778	136,200	132,300	120,652	109,692	95,052	84,108	60,256	98,679
1951-52	do.	77,580	78,020	89,220	156,060	187,980	204,120	226,320	203,760	189,180	195,880	175,680	152,620	15/ 169,810
1952-53	do.	123,000	152,241	137,280	212,480	229,380	206,580	179,580	166,880	157,100	118,400	100,020	105,700	158,405
1953-54	do.	60,640	62,640	87,180	130,260	172,960	189,240	222,800	250,980	257,640	335,480	288,840	237,120	196,313
1954-55	do.	129,520	232,200	211,980	192,060	207,960	212,780	222,000	237,500	185,520	181,600	174,780	216,760	204,645
1955-56	do.	215,480	251,400	262,800	303,840	320,280	299,020	294,580	320,600	318,640	399,680	376,620	353,180	310,660
<b>LARD</b>														
Average 1948-49 to 1952-53	Thousands	94,584	97,222	79,440	66,920	56,656	53,600	59,792	65,080	75,472	81,664	85,192	80,224	76,171
1951-52	do.	60,560	67,400	50,200	56,920	51,860	46,400	52,440	64,640	66,360	105,400	109,920	125,340	74,719
1952-53	do.	151,400	122,640	112,240	77,560	67,440	76,680	92,840	99,960	80,320	89,240	72,860	69,360	91,857
1953-54	do.	45,780	47,320	42,920	50,600	42,260	52,240	65,320	61,660	56,580	76,640	81,820	92,440	59,707
1954-55	do.	84,880	81,840	74,440	64,180	59,040	55,600	55,800	57,400	49,400	46,560	52,040	57,660	61,243
1955-56	do.	46,750	49,320	47,000	50,640	44,980	45,000	76,480	64,400	97,980	125,960	121,840	120,040	76,503

Table 8.—Month-end open contracts on all contract markets combined, average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and 1949-48 to 1952-53, annually, 1951-52 to 1955-56—Continued

Commodity and year	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average 1/
<b>WHEAT</b>														
Average														
1937-38 to 1938-39 15/	Tons	2/ 28,050	2/ 26,875	2/ 25,175	24,988	21,562	20,538	20,812	18,350	15,500	14,812	17,800	20,450	21,128
1949-48 to 1952-53	do.	22,418	23,812	29,052	26,326	22,896	19,956	17,248	15,270	10,560	8,794	6,828	10,764	18,284
1951-52	do.	11,160	20,880	21,960	18,210	17,430	18,440	14,890	14,280	9,780	8,760	6,120	10,920	14,235
1952-53	do.	19,830	26,370	25,110	22,020	17,100	11,850	9,380	6,720	6,540	4,320	4,680	7,440	13,445
1953-54	do.	10,560	9,840	8,160	11,880	10,920	11,040	10,500	8,400	5,280	3,120	2,640	4,320	8,060
1954-55	do.	7,440	7,800	11,040	11,880	9,000	6,000	8,520	8,180	7,560	2,040	1,200	2,520	8,930
1955-56	do.	4,320	5,480	4,440	2,880	4,200	4,440	3,270	1,710	1,950	960	840	1,080	2,798
<b>SHORTS</b>														
Average														
1937-38 to 1938-39 15/	Tons	2/ 7,550	2/ 8,150	2/ 8,750	5,775	5,688	6,050	5,482	6,562	5,832	4,825	5,658	5,075	6,080
1949-48 to 1952-53	do.	9,824	12,420	14,322	14,580	14,750	14,988	12,204	11,564	10,544	6,312	5,732	4,440	10,710
1951-52	do.	3,240	7,920	15,200	12,840	14,280	10,440	7,920	9,680	6,240	5,040	4,440	9,240	8,760
1952-53	do.	15,800	18,060	18,750	22,080	28,750	14,760	10,440	9,240	12,000	5,040	5,840	5,000	12,730
1953-54	do.	5,720	6,480	5,600	5,840	5,550	5,280	6,240	6,840	3,600	2,760	1,800	5,850	4,440
1954-55	do.	5,960	10,800	12,560	9,600	7,440	5,290	6,740	5,290	5,420	1,800	1,200	980	5,945
1955-56	do.	2,640	2,160	2,450	1,310	2,070	1,580	1,140	780	630	120	120	720	1,350
<b>MIDDINGS</b>														
Average														
1937-38 to 1938-39 15/	Tons	2/ 2,200	2/ 1,700	2/ 2,200	1,950	1,500	1,750	1,650	2,050	2,350	1,760	1,200	1,750	1,854
1949-48 to 1952-53	do.	315	1,050	105	315	785	940	420	420	385	1,050	0	1,155	678
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL 2/</b>														
Average														
1949-49 to 1952-53	Tons	37,140	46,520	49,420	53,320	56,540	28,120	25,020	24,840	25,900	50,400	30,320	32,400	38,767
1951-52	do.	57,120	69,400	74,000	58,200	57,800	38,400	32,400	38,800	38,620	42,600	42,800	68,400	48,938
1952-53	do.	25,500	25,200	21,900	9,900	7,100	5,500	5,000	8,000	5,100	6,800	8,800	5,200	10,708
1953-54	do.	8,400	8,100	8,000	7,800	9,500	15,100	21,700	28,900	27,900	54,400	35,800	82,700	19,225
1954-55	do.	15,800	28,400	25,200	28,600	25,100	22,100	19,700	17,200	12,400	5,900	26,800	20,800	29,175
1955-56	do.	19,900	19,700	17,800	25,300	22,700	21,400	24,000	25,900	22,200	19,800	17,200	16,400	20,687
<b>SORTER MEAL 2/</b>														
Average														
1949-49 to 1952-53	Tons	66,580	66,800	115,900	125,340	155,380	122,520	150,000	122,860	117,220	111,700	105,720	105,000	111,685
1951-52	do.	103,300	151,900	219,700	230,100	201,200	151,900	159,500	158,000	146,800	140,200	112,700	113,800	5/258,588
1952-53	do.	86,300	70,800	78,800	98,200	128,000	140,500	154,500	146,100	123,400	122,800	141,600	172,400	15/213,706
1953-54	do.	124,000	109,100	143,100	209,500	221,100	232,400	281,800	284,500	288,900	415,200	398,100	392,000	15/310,548
1954-55	do.	363,800	397,900	417,800	430,700	424,800	403,500	383,200	375,300	332,900	351,100	360,600	377,000	15/397,061
1955-56	do.	364,700	381,100	424,100	456,900	501,500	458,500	450,400	453,100	418,900	404,200	379,100	368,900	421,808

1/ In computing annual averages of month-end open contracts, yearly totals were divided by 12, although in some markets there were no contracts open at the end of one or more months. For exceptions in computing averages, see footnotes, Table 7.

2/ All types of contracts.

3/ No trading from December 1, 1947 to January 24, 1955.

4/ 4-year average.

5/ Partial period average for certain markets.

6/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

7/ No trading since 1951-52.

8/ 2-year average; information on open contracts in cotton futures not available prior to September 30, 1937.

9/ One year only.

10/ Figures prior to October 27, 1954, obtained from the Meal Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.

11/ 5-year average; information on open contracts in wool top futures not available prior to August 31, 1938. From August 1956 through June 1958, 3-year average includes open contracts on non-clearing as well as clearing members. From July 1958, only open contracts reported by clearing members included. The exclusion of non-clearing members reduced open contracts about 7 percent as estimated from sample comparative data.

12/ 2-year average.

13/ Partial period average for certain contracts.

14/ Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange.

15/ 2-year average; information on open contracts in bran, short, and middling futures not available prior to October 1, 1937.

16/ No trading from May 14, 1945 to July 7, 1955.

NOTE: See Table 7, for dates of inauguration, suspension, and resumption of trading during the years 1951-52 through 1955-56. Omission of an average indicates there was no trading during the 5-year period. For the individual markets included in the 1949-49 to 1952-53 average see Table 7, and markets included in the 1954-55 to 1958-59 average see Commodity Futures Statistics for 1943-44 or earlier years.



Table 9.—Month-end open contracts on each contract market, July 1955 to June 1956

Commodity and market	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average $\frac{1}{2}$
<b>WHEAT</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	89,584	86,654	78,826	71,291	67,837	60,080	60,967	53,207	52,440	55,461	60,181	69,559	67,266
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	658	595	623	803	756	727	716	596	459	535	652	640	647
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	12,156	15,235	11,206	10,793	9,859	7,185	8,498	6,599	5,788	5,158	4,791	5,686	8,291
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	52,780	51,141	27,007	25,367	21,561	16,832	17,048	11,971	8,481	8,889	10,061	17,156	18,989
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	14	8	11	10	11	7	13	2	0	0	14	13	9
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	200	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	21
Total	do.	135,370	151,645	117,675	106,264	99,615	84,801	87,258	72,266	67,160	70,723	75,659	93,104	95,323
<b>GERN</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	44,315	58,669	63,210	69,949	75,589	76,506	82,564	82,645	77,504	78,456	68,625	59,157	69,874
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	205	363	264	539	508	514	516	290	515	330	216	281	291
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	40	142	157	137	90	25	25	25	25	0	0	0	54
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	24	18	5	20	35	35	40	20	20	11	56	25	26
Total	do.	44,582	59,190	65,618	69,425	75,822	76,900	82,767	82,970	77,970	78,797	69,087	59,445	70,047
<b>OATS</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	30,055	37,072	32,724	20,764	26,414	24,821	24,899	20,096	17,413	20,631	19,372	21,684	25,411
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	104	94	157	86	58	49	59	61	74	63	39	35	71
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	1,784	2,758	2,561	1,935	1,715	1,856	1,346	1,250	1,289	1,041	641	1,389	1,591
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	70	123	143	143	155	89	68	89	88	65	5	7	90
Total	do.	32,052	40,027	35,565	22,000	28,346	26,325	26,352	21,476	18,864	21,798	20,057	23,115	27,165
<b>RYE</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	14,185	14,051	14,595	15,457	15,081	14,844	14,157	13,990	11,215	10,651	10,337	10,285	13,291
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	115	88	118	145	108	156	115	110	53	77	92	121	108
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	79	110	91	180	350	251	241	277	310	620	107	295	245
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	73	21	35	57	57	36	80	49	12	7	2	8	35
Total	do.	14,452	14,270	14,827	15,839	16,596	15,287	14,573	14,306	11,590	11,535	10,558	10,707	13,675
<b>BARLEY</b>														
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	1
<b>FLAXSEED</b>														
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	424	774	719	726	642	955	1,109	999	995	781	499	802	805
<b>SOYBEANS</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	64,547	78,903	95,812	120,752	115,929	109,826	90,865	87,851	81,750	89,254	84,657	76,875	92,373
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	381	282	398	532	542	594	621	624	635	485	390	460	489
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	2/15	50	80	455	547	960	1,110	1,220	715	725	0	0	490
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	do.	5	10	10	5	0	0	(5)	—	—	—	—	—	5
Total	do.	64,948	79,245	96,500	121,294	117,018	111,580	92,596	89,695	83,080	100,442	85,047	79,555	93,357
<b>GRAIN SORGHUMS</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	0	0	0	0	(5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(5)
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	0	0	0	3	2	(5)	(5)	2	2	2	2	0	1
Total	do.	0	0	0	3	2	(5)	(5)	2	2	2	2	0	1
<b>COTTON</b>														
New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	2,100	2,156	2,038	1,952	1,761	1,596	1,569	1,551	1,641	1,562	1,457	1,451	1,738
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	595	395	368	349	316	304	302	282	268	290	284	310	322
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	9	12	10	12	15	9	8	8	8	8	3	2	8
Total	do.	2,504	2,563	2,417	2,312	2,090	1,899	1,899	1,841	1,917	1,860	1,744	1,775	2,068
<b>WOOL</b>														
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	8,328	8,520	9,150	7,962	7,332	6,878	6,414	5,952	5,250	5,258	5,292	4,866	6,748
<b>WOOL TOPS</b>														
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	12,075	11,755	12,235	11,590	10,110	9,245	8,250	8,575	8,710	8,375	9,015	9,705	10,002
<b>BUTTER</b>														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract	Carlots	50	29	21	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>EGGS</b>														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract	Carlots	7,678	8,402	6,750	4,580	3,960	3,445	3,529	4,014	4,741	5,332	5,961	6,575	5,595
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Fresh Contract	do.	0	0	0	0	0	5	12	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	do.	7,678	8,402	6,750	4,580	3,960	3,450	3,541	4,016	4,741	5,332	5,961	6,573	5,597
<b>POTATOES</b>														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Russet Burbank	Carlots	29	35	42	35	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Crown	do.	3,415	3,770	5,677	2,957	2,608	2,513	2,636	3,362	3,121	2,789	1,781	2,958	2,953
Contract No. 1	do.	3,444	3,305	3,719	2,892	2,621	2,518	2,656	3,362	3,121	2,789	1,731	2,958	2,966
Total	do.	3,444	3,305	3,719	2,892	2,621	2,518	2,656	3,362	3,121	2,789	1,731	2,958	2,966
<b>ONIONS</b>														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	Carlots	5,422	6/6,943	7,090	6,020	6,228	4,810	2,961	1,685	1,041	1,480	1,968	2,741	4,217
New York Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	do.	148	2/542	885	915	870	575	113	50	5	5	5	17	266
Total	do.	5,570	7,485	7,975	6,935	6,907	5,183	3,074	1,935	1,046	1,485	1,973	2,758	4,503

Table 3.—Month-end open contracts on each contract market, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average <sup>1/</sup>
<b>COTTONSEED OIL</b>														
New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	50,580	59,280	85,560	119,180	178,320	203,280	234,900	325,140	290,220	287,880	252,640	204,360	195,960
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	0	0	0	1,140	1,890	780	790	780	180	180	0	0	455
<b>Total</b>	do.	50,580	59,280	85,560	120,300	179,700	204,060	235,690	325,920	290,400	288,060	252,640	204,360	196,395
<b>SOYBEAN OIL</b>														
New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	25,200	27,420	24,450	22,020	28,020	20,580	25,260	27,120	24,780	17,700	14,520	8,940	22,165
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	190,280	223,980	239,580	285,320	292,260	258,440	269,120	503,480	294,060	382,280	562,400	354,240	288,515
<b>Total</b>	do.	215,480	251,400	264,030	305,340	320,280	289,020	294,380	530,600	318,840	399,960	576,920	363,180	310,680
<b>LAND</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	45,760	49,520	47,000	50,540	44,980	45,000	76,480	84,400	97,880	133,920	121,640	120,040	76,503
<b>BRAN</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	4,320	3,480	4,440	2,880	4,300	4,440	5,270	1,710	1,950	960	640	1,050	2,799
<b>SHORTS</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	2,340	2,160	2,480	2,510	2,070	1,380	1,140	780	650	120	120	720	1,350
<b>MIDDLES</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	<sup>8/</sup> 515	1,050	105	515	755	840	420	420	525	1,050	0	1,155	578
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL</b>														
Memphis Board of Trade	Tons	13,800	13,700	17,800	23,500	22,700	21,400	24,000	23,900	22,200	19,600	17,800	16,400	20,667
Clearing Association														
<b>SOYBEAN MEAL</b>														
Memphis Board of Trade	Tons	10,900	10,800	14,300	12,400	18,900	10,400	17,500	14,900	20,500	17,100	12,000	9,800	13,681
Clearing Association	do.	155,900	156,500	167,200	165,500	153,600	143,600	153,900	119,700	101,100	112,100	104,700	93,800	135,732
Eastern Trunk Line	do.	197,900	214,000	242,600	291,200	354,000	304,500	299,000	318,500	297,200	275,000	262,400	253,200	274,125
Unrestricted														
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	354,700	381,100	424,100	466,900	501,500	458,500	450,400	453,100	418,800	404,200	379,100	356,900	421,608

<sup>1/</sup> In computing annual averages of month-end open contracts, yearly totals were divided by 12, although in some markets there were no contracts open at the end of one or more months.

<sup>2/</sup> Trading resumed July 15, 1955.

<sup>3/</sup> Trading suspended January 23, 1956.

<sup>4/</sup> 6-month average.

<sup>5/</sup> Less than 500,000 pounds.

<sup>6/</sup> Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

<sup>7/</sup> Figures prior to September 24, 1955, obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

<sup>8/</sup> Trading began July 7, 1955.

Table 10.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1956

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	7,599	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	28,559	27,223	17,543	7,588	3,040	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	31,993	35,641	39,145	41,889	42,059	54,506	49,626	23,468	19,511	14,474	4,053	25,999
1956 March	17,177	16,794	21,292	22,140	24,021	22,959	22,445	22,844	22,751	22,302	24,405	17,933
1956 May	6,550	7,928	10,666	12,406	12,818	14,476	14,645	15,327	16,216	17,425	17,933	18,604
1956 July	---	---	1,527	3,847	5,955	6,685	8,450	9,090	9,974	10,787	12,247	14,022
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	208	353	812	2,349	3,455
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	91,369	89,584	89,975	86,664	87,285	79,826	74,569	71,591	69,244	67,957	62,628	60,090
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	597	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	5,037	6,856	6,150	5,706	310	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	5,744	5,106	6,100	6,667	9,594	8,863	7,509	6,807	6,194	5,185	452	---
1956 March	---	214	547	780	1,298	2,315	3,038	3,595	4,824	6,453	6,485	7,168
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	9,378	12,156	12,597	13,285	11,702	11,208	10,545	10,793	11,018	9,659	6,937	7,185
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	1,104	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	14,387	15,151	9,190	2,889	575	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	11,931	14,032	15,430	17,618	17,325	14,769	12,587	10,947	7,781	3,052	62	---
1956 March	2,626	3,237	4,237	5,839	5,698	8,019	7,590	7,696	8,769	9,936	8,890	7,472
1956 May	1,560	2,580	3,756	4,731	4,877	5,080	5,624	5,810	5,538	6,682	6,602	7,135
1956 July	---	---	---	85	146	529	680	1,104	1,241	1,498	1,595	1,761
1956 September	---	---	---	---	10	10	10	75	295	406	---	456
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	31,557	32,780	32,655	31,141	29,889	27,007	26,651	25,567	23,583	21,561	17,555	16,602
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	4,992	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	16,149	14,921	10,856	4,851	4,691	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	18,425	23,402	26,680	33,894	37,589	56,187	54,797	28,246	25,052	15,051	2,124	29,788
1956 March	2,922	3,752	5,940	6,830	9,671	10,205	12,185	12,040	22,021	26,509	30,457	29,788
1956 May	195	2,240	4,918	9,704	11,758	14,902	16,476	20,611	25,450	27,438	32,537	35,834
1956 July	---	---	---	---	302	1,918	2,528	4,052	6,069	7,781	9,766	11,108
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	406	860	1,305	1,675	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	42,681	44,315	50,774	58,869	64,291	65,210	66,955	69,949	79,965	76,869	76,279	76,506
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	2,402	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	9,662	10,889	6,968	4,061	732	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	7,608	14,292	19,617	22,962	23,282	20,805	19,108	16,599	14,425	6,732	1,419	---
1956 March	2,048	4,316	5,595	7,222	7,776	7,507	7,734	7,828	7,985	9,913	11,602	11,592
1956 May	---	554	1,965	2,947	3,829	4,098	4,545	4,814	6,064	8,563	10,471	11,251
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	518	443	723	1,052	1,469	1,641	1,783
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	80	96	255
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	21,720	30,035	35,045	37,072	35,618	32,724	31,806	29,764	29,936	26,418	25,229	24,621
RICE, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	846	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	6,359	5,941	4,667	2,429	409	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	5,110	6,444	6,550	7,565	7,459	6,124	5,159	4,967	4,006	2,870	1,175	---
1956 March	1,139	1,607	2,008	2,793	3,407	4,752	5,110	5,071	5,719	6,218	5,900	5,747
1956 May	---	193	998	1,466	2,141	3,073	3,822	4,492	4,499	5,034	5,694	6,292
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	456	778	890	1,570	1,632	1,994	2,525
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	117	210	277	393	490
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	15,435	14,185	14,245	14,051	13,596	14,365	14,759	15,457	15,806	16,081	15,134	14,944

Table 10.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1956

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	20,737	17,141	12,850	7,134	3,781	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	19,761	19,535	16,504	17,455	18,855	15,804	11,487	8,069	4,272	---	---	---
1956 July	16,014	17,568	19,292	17,788	19,628	20,005	22,337	24,418	27,489	25,979	23,915	17,029
1956 September	5,621	6,981	8,900	8,040	8,511	10,244	12,353	15,526	14,954	16,322	15,576	12,033
1956 December	---	944	1,722	2,809	3,771	6,541	7,055	9,567	11,109	12,993	15,554	16,784
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	346	677	1,621	2,569	4,687	8,461	12,122
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,609
Total	61,205	60,987	55,558	53,207	55,324	52,440	54,900	56,481	60,273	60,181	63,509	69,659
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	7,957	8,068	7,588	5,925	5,039	4,285	3,220	1,814	855	---	---	---
1956 July	176	432	576	615	1,317	1,871	2,159	2,711	3,540	3,429	3,045	2,440
1956 September	---	---	17	59	96	132	501	615	815	1,251	1,829	2,541
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	151	478	---	606
Total	8,133	8,498	7,980	6,599	6,452	6,789	6,879	5,158	4,711	4,791	6,849	5,685
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	6,534	5,825	4,009	2,964	582	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	6,021	6,266	6,055	6,638	6,789	4,947	3,998	1,847	542	---	---	---
1956 July	8,183	7,077	7,103	1,754	2,061	2,456	2,795	3,772	4,485	5,290	5,192	4,996
1956 September	855	680	950	615	795	1,033	1,990	2,795	3,585	4,084	5,155	6,057
1956 December	---	---	---	30	30	35	180	175	197	677	1,929	3,940
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	109	243
Total	17,552	17,046	15,117	11,871	10,026	8,481	8,029	8,589	9,699	10,061	12,168	17,156
CORN, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	27,159	22,827	17,991	7,683	304	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	55,482	56,915	56,585	38,267	34,148	25,901	16,552	8,597	2,744	---	---	---
1956 July	15,862	16,165	19,672	24,285	27,981	31,068	35,372	42,210	41,109	35,929	26,751	14,631
1956 September	5,506	5,164	6,982	9,589	10,350	12,314	11,649	14,546	14,437	16,047	16,252	21,572
1956 December	---	1,712	2,950	5,028	5,825	6,934	8,819	11,654	15,348	15,280	17,064	17,666
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	297	549	1,669	2,294	3,523	4,978	6,488
Total	78,516	82,894	88,850	82,645	78,092	77,604	70,641	78,456	79,829	86,825	87,083	90,157
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	11,659	10,094	7,744	5,559	544	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	11,519	11,011	10,807	12,070	12,517	10,949	8,992	4,827	1,176	---	---	---
1956 July	1,958	2,159	2,595	2,804	3,365	5,771	4,255	6,840	7,569	6,910	5,917	5,567
1956 September	519	707	1,018	1,400	1,782	2,255	3,076	4,660	5,066	4,982	5,581	7,688
1956 December	---	118	152	283	---	---	---	1,814	4,504	6,470	7,331	8,659
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	148	409	612
Total	25,664	24,889	21,616	20,096	18,284	17,413	17,957	20,661	20,321	19,372	20,589	21,684
RIB, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	4,991	3,782	5,138	1,778	1,353	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	6,293	6,780	7,470	7,673	7,694	6,815	5,192	3,882	1,821	---	---	---
1956 July	2,540	2,803	3,315	3,809	3,407	2,969	3,246	3,959	4,628	4,566	3,613	1,750
1956 September	899	762	667	1,070	1,048	1,845	1,859	2,375	3,004	3,222	3,646	3,855
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	69	474	935	1,548	2,545	3,260	4,172
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	114	244	506
Total	14,528	14,157	14,640	18,890	15,502	11,215	10,751	10,651	10,797	10,587	10,788	10,283

Table 10.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
<b>FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)</b>												
1955 July	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 September	426	414	481	121	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 December	10	10	158	688	488	470	472	442	370	352	2	—
1956 March	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	178	194	581
1956 May	—	—	—	—	170	249	285	204	318	412	424	585
1956 July	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1956 September	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1956 December	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	472	424	587	774	653	719	755	785	711	842	610	966
<b>SOUFERS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)</b>												
1955 July	10,748	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 September (old)	11,079	11,974	9,524	1/ 5,703	2,142	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 September (new)	1,456	2,150	2,782	1,794	1,907	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 November (old)	22,807	21,741	22,614	1/17,598	12,064	4,285	2,947	2,082	885	—	—	—
1955 November (new)	5,384	9,250	11,394	16,069	21,453	22,185	20,725	12,408	4,275	—	—	—
1956 January (old)	7,384	7,566	9,473	1/ 9,864	7,572	5,701	5,087	2,941	2,578	1,942	1,500	1,208
1956 January (new)	1,911	2,180	2,193	5,218	9,487	17,951	21,178	25,450	28,214	27,082	22,940	15,178
1956 March	6,820	9,235	12,033	16,948	20,772	25,871	29,930	38,819	39,060	37,180	29,881	37,447
1956 May	—	560	9,358	6,021	9,202	15,823	24,878	29,048	31,923	38,875	55,948	36,556
1956 July	—	—	—	—	—	3,166	7,358	11,488	13,607	14,989	17,440	17,401
1956 September	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	682	1,723	2,528
1956 November	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 January	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 March	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	67,222	64,647	74,147	78,908	85,578	95,812	106,851	120,252	117,541	115,929	118,763	109,828
<b>COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)</b>												
1955 July	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 October	499	457	478	805	217	65	4	—	—	—	—	—
1955 December	898	724	781	759	725	909	678	500	378	205	10	—
1956 March	290	298	225	545	880	372	377	375	410	433	458	294
1956 May	216	325	353	598	640	511	529	548	558	541	559	585
1956 July	182	189	199	202	207	219	204	220	224	221	234	255
1956 October	95	110	121	128	130	121	112	149	160	168	188	186
1956 December	8	17	25	26	51	44	80	84	101	128	133	146
1957 March	—	—	—	—	1	6	8	15	29	39	47	52
1957 May	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	18	18
1957 July	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 October	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 December	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,144	2,100	2,159	2,156	2,109	2,058	1,968	1,982	1,850	1,761	1,800	1,586
<b>COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)</b>												
1955 July	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 October	112	97	85	72	44	7	1	—	—	—	—	7
1955 December	99	105	139	101	90	100	85	57	58	18	2	—
1956 March	52	31	42	45	43	49	58	55	56	57	53	48
1956 May	50	48	57	60	60	84	87	93	90	90	99	113
1956 July	72	62	58	57	58	56	67	65	70	69	64	66
1956 October	84	41	49	51	53	46	38	51	51	47	48	45
1956 December	5	9	11	11	16	18	19	28	30	32	31	30
1957 March	—	—	—	—	(2)	1	1	3	3	3	4	3
1957 May	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2)	1	1
1957 July	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 October	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 December	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	412	396	411	395	376	369	354	348	337	326	302	304
<b>WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)</b>												
1955 July	278	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955 October	2,228	2,156	1,776	1,524	1,358	978	806	—	—	—	—	—
1955 December	1,560	1,506	1,440	1,512	1,586	1,620	1,626	1,600	1,352	496	60	—
1956 March	1,802	1,502	1,496	1,254	1,189	1,358	1,284	1,320	1,272	1,344	1,220	990
1956 May	918	852	840	854	845	906	908	886	960	1,252	1,154	1,152
1956 July	1,074	1,074	940	1,452	1,500	1,758	1,784	1,794	1,854	2,082	2,058	1,998
1956 October	910	1,010	1,164	1,250	1,326	1,568	1,574	1,582	1,568	1,526	1,422	1,416
1956 December	68	108	474	714	960	1,184	1,116	1,098	1,082	918	888	956
1957 March	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	12	54
1957 May	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 July	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1957 October	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,810	8,528	8,368	8,520	8,724	9,150	8,874	7,982	7,674	7,352	6,948	6,678

Table 10.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
<b>FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In thousands of bushels)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	317	345	223	120	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	872	759	519	798	826	930	879	593	45	---	---	---
1956 July	5	5	57	81	88	86	244	355	388	569	335	101
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	35	40	130	281	159
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of bushels)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January (old)	326	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January (new)	2,711	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	50,588	24,151	16,354	8,510	5,092	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	35,145	37,315	37,216	36,485	35,991	34,295	26,758	17,178	4,449	---	---	---
1956 July	18,319	19,232	22,453	29,011	28,878	31,068	36,610	42,599	41,561	37,137	31,062	19,002
1956 September	5,066	7,740	7,402	7,429	7,070	7,491	10,927	15,490	17,065	17,498	19,910	20,954
1956 November	---	2,447	3,914	6,437	6,785	8,502	15,869	17,825	19,413	19,148	21,013	20,292
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	574	3,526	6,361	6,921	8,758	12,622	15,431
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,118	4,374	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,783</b>	<b>90,965</b>	<b>87,238</b>	<b>87,851</b>	<b>82,788</b>	<b>81,730</b>	<b>91,470</b>	<b>99,234</b>	<b>89,429</b>	<b>84,857</b>	<b>89,201</b>	<b>78,975</b>
<b>COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	340	291	184	58	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	517	502	449	422	593	531	243	129	4	---	---	---
1956 July	276	288	266	234	317	309	314	421	435	---	---	---
1956 October	197	215	251	269	311	290	304	288	242	205	159	114
1956 December	174	179	218	237	216	294	412	421	304	297	291	278
1957 March	59	77	79	107	132	138	147	174	193	458	435	494
1957 May	27	40	50	66	92	104	112	128	118	151	140	150
1957 July	---	9	15	30	52	86	94	106	103	114	120	122
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	(2)	7	11	19	21	24
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	(2)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,461</b>
<b>COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In thousands of bales)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	42	55	19	20	(2)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	118	103	88	78	76	52	37	13	1	---	---	---
1956 July	85	74	72	78	76	75	78	80	78	60	45	25
1956 October	40	45	51	51	46	50	53	59	65	60	56	59
1956 December	51	58	69	43	45	40	37	47	52	62	65	78
1957 March	5	7	8	10	19	21	21	25	15	29	44	48
1957 May	3	5	7	12	10	15	17	33	27	34	41	69
1957 July	---	(2)	1	2	7	15	18	23	24	25	25	28
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	2	2	4	5	8
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	370	728	570	420	238	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	1,104	1,068	1,044	1,044	876	756	650	156	56	---	---	---
1956 July	1,968	2,004	2,056	2,094	2,752	1,662	1,614	1,470	1,314	1,218	852	354
1956 October	1,880	1,894	1,884	1,998	1,452	1,446	1,500	1,580	1,506	1,550	1,470	1,404
1956 December	982	936	912	912	900	950	1,092	1,284	1,362	1,464	1,628	1,590
1957 March	180	120	180	128	204	210	212	420	578	908	612	780
1957 May	24	58	66	66	60	60	78	114	120	132	132	186
1957 July	---	---	24	50	64	168	190	254	240	236	342	456
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	80	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,468</b>	<b>6,424</b>	<b>6,216</b>	<b>5,952</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>5,534</b>	<b>6,258</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>4,968</b>

Table 20.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
<b>WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)</b>												
1955 July	715	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	2,075	2,040	2,255	1,780	1,370	815	550	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	2,925	2,685	3,035	3,135	3,210	3,400	3,215	3,040	1,725	1,095	580	---
1956 March	2,120	2,160	1,980	2,555	2,670	2,490	2,525	2,645	2,315	2,575	2,680	2,445
1956 May	1,095	1,180	1,135	1,135	1,855	1,700	1,705	1,910	1,825	1,840	2,000	1,395
1956 July	1,805	1,485	1,500	1,420	1,590	1,650	1,815	1,840	2,350	2,405	2,290	2,185
1956 October	1,250	1,290	1,215	1,180	1,200	1,500	1,515	1,500	1,310	1,325	1,410	1,580
1956 December	60	145	555	370	445	580	605	595	640	790	790	815
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	80	75	100	175
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	70
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	12,625	12,078	11,485	11,755	12,135	12,255	11,735	11,890	10,540	10,110	9,825	9,245
<b>EGGS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Refrigerator Contract" (In carlots)</b>												
1955 September	2,494	2,529	2,971	2,002	722	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	2,495	2,394	2,135	2,252	2,282	2,282	855	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	1,154	1,255	1,802	2,376	2,529	3,059	2,619	2,231	179	---	---	---
1956 December	824	581	420	802	760	1,125	1,645	2,085	2,555	1,857	715	---
1956 January	44	59	91	170	171	294	449	859	1,400	1,860	1,557	1,661
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	65	185	272	547	512	1,862
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55	98	137	432	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	6,811	7,678	8,207	8,402	7,544	6,750	5,129	4,580	4,459	3,980	2,919	3,445
<b>POTATOES, New York Mercantile Exchange, "Maine Grown, Contract No. 1" (In carlots)</b>												
1955 November	1,404	1,500	1,573	1,453	1,435	1,366	1,175	445	92	---	---	---
1955 December	57	64	63	59	69	68	66	65	68	55	8	---
1956 January	191	256	301	237	290	275	290	294	319	307	271	247
1956 February	109	129	138	125	125	125	126	140	132	125	128	98
1956 March	1,125	1,084	1,092	1,080	1,214	1,099	1,575	1,547	1,562	1,694	1,654	1,670
1956 April	---	54	99	104	124	151	140	230	279	318	329	426
1956 May	---	15	49	52	71	105	120	126	143	158	126	165
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	2,085	3,415	3,015	3,770	3,715	3,677	3,480	2,957	2,595	2,608	2,613	2,513
<b>ONIONS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Yellow Globe Type Contract" 3/ (In carlots)</b>												
1955 November	2,846	2,852	2,805	3,115	2,991	2,403	2,067	1,655	427	---	---	---
1956 January	1,922	2,311	2,471	3,250	3,523	3,521	4,043	4,611	4,991	3,525	2,425	1,346
1956 February	155	259	317	452	476	556	761	856	1,125	1,241	1,202	1,557
1956 March	---	---	33	168	253	500	670	688	1,067	1,462	1,664	1,937
1956 November (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	20
1956 November (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	4,791	5,422	5,624	6,945	7,015	7,090	7,561	8,020	7,350	6,228	5,419	4,910
<b>COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In thousands of pounds)</b>												
1955 July	1,560	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	15,000	12,300	12,360	8,220	2,940	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	5,700	6,480	7,140	11,700	12,600	9,780	3,120	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	8,880	11,520	11,940	12,840	15,540	20,400	22,340	23,700	25,530	14,780	1,740	---
1956 January	1,800	2,180	2,340	2,400	790	2,520	4,080	4,820	4,440	4,440	4,500	5,300
1956 March	10,320	12,180	12,500	12,780	17,880	22,380	30,180	41,180	54,500	59,500	60,900	63,780
1956 May	5,240	5,780	6,980	9,180	10,800	15,340	19,250	23,040	44,580	61,800	47,760	74,100
1956 July	---	190	960	2,160	4,580	7,560	7,320	15,580	20,700	32,100	47,760	63,180
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	720	2,260	2,640	4,680	5,940	5,220
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	480	660	2,640	2,780
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	960
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	46,000	50,580	54,000	59,280	64,800	85,580	97,020	115,280	152,700	179,320	194,280	205,280

Table 10.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1968—Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In thousands of pounds)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	2,180	1,655	985	585	355	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	2,000	2,120	2,090	2,040	1,995	1,845	1,035	545	245	---	---	---
1956 July	2,080	1,855	1,945	1,870	1,900	1,745	1,760	1,750	1,700	1,555	1,375	585
1956 October	1,890	1,975	2,520	2,445	2,570	2,715	2,905	2,995	3,295	3,185	3,360	3,280
1956 December	890	925	1,025	1,060	1,150	1,430	1,535	1,535	1,795	2,285	2,445	2,655
1957 March	190	210	380	450	445	905	725	740	870	1,015	1,435	2,030
1957 May	85	110	150	150	230	255	260	380	400	430	505	570
1957 July	---	---	10	25	55	75	105	150	300	585	520	600
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75	105	120	205
Total	9,155	8,850	8,955	8,575	8,890	8,710	8,230	8,375	8,540	9,015	9,780	9,705

SOOS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Refrigerator Contract" (In carlots)												
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	1,408	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	1,805	2,758	2,821	2,931	3,497	3,955	3,827	3,792	4,022	4,001	4,028	4,036
1956 October	584	791	937	1,035	1,351	1,578	1,484	1,462	1,472	1,550	1,650	1,738
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	3,798	3,529	3,758	4,014	4,848	4,741	5,376	5,552	5,729	5,961	6,132	6,578

POTATOES, New York Mercantile Exchange, "Maine Grower, Contract No. 1" (In carlots)												
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	59	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	85	62	13	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	1,788	1,614	1,452	1,229	178	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 April	558	761	1,023	1,542	1,410	1,231	281	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	189	168	418	522	858	1,761	1,908	2,430	681	---	---	---
1956 November	17	39	53	54	59	122	170	319	570	922	1,299	1,828
1956 December	---	12	15	15	15	17	27	38	47	60	87	78
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	25	36	56	43
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	20	31	55	33
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	20	36	57	84
1957 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18	78	91	105
Total	2,670	2,886	2,974	3,562	2,710	3,121	2,806	2,789	1,590	1,751	2,580	2,953

ONIONS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Yellow Globe Type Contract" (In carlots)												
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	132	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	933	275	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	1,795	2,514	2,528	1,548	15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November (old)	112	174	202	225	184	152	182	110	94	64	84	63
1956 November (new)	---	---	---	4	211	527	829	755	954	1,005	1,088	1,088
1957 January	---	---	---	---	152	252	504	418	588	979	1,335	1,422
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	128	127
Total	3,002	2,981	2,730	1,895	878	1,061	1,191	1,490	1,768	1,958	2,555	2,741

COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In thousands of pounds)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	3,860	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	52,700	42,560	29,280	20,700	4,440	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	77,220	90,800	95,700	97,500	11,590	84,420	65,940	24,380	3,930	---	---	---
1956 July	98,560	94,860	95,520	107,840	114,180	107,400	119,140	138,740	112,580	109,740	84,180	45,060
1956 September	12,140	45,620	55,820	67,560	61,900	58,260	69,940	69,840	69,660	69,640	69,430	76,560
1956 October	9,840	10,280	10,140	11,540	18,840	13,260	13,740	12,560	11,280	9,940	11,230	11,040
1956 December	7,560	12,600	15,960	19,980	22,680	25,040	24,120	20,480	22,220	25,720	27,800	27,600
1957 January	---	---	---	720	780	1,920	1,920	2,320	3,120	2,700	2,640	2,640
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	1,800	3,150	3,840	11,980	15,600	17,100	18,480
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,220	4,740	10,580	11,700	12,120
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	60	720
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	480
Total	258,900	294,900	300,420	325,140	311,220	290,220	295,600	287,980	270,940	252,860	254,780	204,860





Table 10.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1958—Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
SOYBEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	11,520	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	21,980	77,700	61,200	36,120	7,580	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	106,240	112,500	123,000	122,000	140,280	122,100	96,940	51,720	12,360	---	---	---
1956 July	47,040	55,020	70,320	92,520	108,120	107,380	129,440	158,520	149,400	158,680	124,620	74,580
1956 September	12,500	14,820	19,020	22,820	22,280	20,320	22,820	40,920	44,420	38,440	55,020	67,680
1956 October	4,820	7,440	7,500	12,500	16,860	14,560	25,780	42,240	60,540	56,420	61,800	45,160
1956 December	---	1,620	2,400	7,920	14,840	18,960	25,240	51,060	60,240	54,540	59,640	58,980
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	600	4,020	18,780	22,320	25,500	25,980	29,640
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19,020	31,980	33,940	42,720	55,820
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,800	4,080
Total	275,600	289,100	285,440	303,480	509,500	294,060	329,100	382,260	571,100	562,400	587,380	354,240

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In thousands of pounds)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	6,720	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	28,800	23,900	19,600	10,000	2,160	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	22,040	36,440	38,440	42,200	50,960	48,600	29,480	15,600	2,820	---	---	---
1956 July	4,200	16,400	11,920	20,440	25,640	29,720	47,640	67,040	63,800	50,200	42,800	21,000
1956 September	3,520	5,940	8,120	10,760	13,240	16,320	22,820	35,320	55,200	52,000	59,000	64,560
1956 October	---	---	40	1,000	1,720	3,400	5,640	11,820	12,800	14,720	18,200	21,440
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,040	3,980	5,680	5,280	8,500
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,040	2,960	4,440
Total	65,080	76,480	77,160	84,400	94,820	97,880	111,440	133,920	156,800	121,640	125,320	120,040

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
GRAN, Kansas City Board of Trade (In tons)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	600	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	2,400	1,680	240	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	560	860	480	480	330	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 April	750	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,850	1,850	1,130	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	120	120	120	120	120	850	850	350	---	---	---	---
1956 June	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	4,250	3,270	1,950	1,710	1,900	1,950	1,710	960	1,060	840	560	1,080

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
SHORTS, Kansas City Board of Trade (In tons)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	60	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	240	560	240	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	300	500	390	390	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 April	270	520	520	520	750	650	580	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 June	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	960	1,140	1,020	780	750	650	610	120	---	120	120	720

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
MIDDLEINGS, Kansas City Board of Trade (In tons)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	515	420	420	420	70	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	515	420	420	420	70	625	1,060	1,060	785	---	1,060	1,155

Table 1D.--Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1958--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
<b>COTTONEED MEAL, Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In tons)</b>												
1955 July	500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	8,800	8,500	8,900	8,000	5,400	5,400	1,000	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	10,400	10,700	11,200	11,500	11,400	10,000	10,400	10,400	8,900	8,700	500	---
1956 January	500	600	700	2,000	2,200	3,100	4,900	6,100	6,900	9,200	6,800	6,500
1956 March	---	---	200	200	1,100	1,500	2,600	2,800	3,500	4,500	3,900	6,800
1956 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	600	1,800	7,700	2,900	8,800	6,600
1956 July	---	---	---	---	100	---	1,600	2,200	2,500	2,900	2,900	2,200
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	200	300
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>20,200</b>	<b>17,800</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>21,400</b>
<b>SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In tons)</b>												
1955 July	21,600	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 August	28,100	27,700	28,800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	20,500	22,500	24,500	26,400	28,800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	34,600	38,600	37,800	38,700	35,600	26,200	12,800	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	29,800	34,100	39,600	45,400	51,700	55,500	64,400	68,000	62,500	45,800	24,200	---
1956 January	17,900	19,500	19,300	20,700	21,800	25,100	24,500	25,700	27,500	34,800	40,100	40,500
1956 March	27,100	31,800	33,800	36,800	37,700	47,800	49,800	50,200	56,700	65,000	78,200	74,100
1956 May	18,300	23,900	27,800	40,900	44,700	70,400	88,100	99,600	115,200	128,100	121,500	117,000
1956 July	---	---	1,700	5,400	8,200	19,500	29,900	42,900	50,500	55,800	58,800	60,800
1956 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,800	5,600	8,600	8,900	10,200
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,000	1,500	1,900
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,800</b>	<b>197,900</b>	<b>202,000</b>	<b>214,000</b>	<b>218,900</b>	<b>242,600</b>	<b>289,500</b>	<b>291,200</b>	<b>318,500</b>	<b>354,000</b>	<b>328,000</b>	<b>304,500</b>

1/ Trading limited to liquidation only in the 1955 September (old), 1955 November (old), and 1956 January (old) futures as of August 31, 1955.  
 2/ Less than 500 bales.  
 3/ Figures prior to September 24, 1956, obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.  
 4/ Trading in "new" contracts began February 27, 1956, in the 1956 November and succeeding futures.

Table 10.—Midmonth and month-end open contracts on principal markets, by future, July 1955 to June 1958--Continued

Future	Jan. 25	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL, Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In tons)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	3,500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	8,800	7,800	7,500	8,900	1,800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	5,900	6,600	6,700	6,800	6,800	6,900	5,900	3,700	500	---	---	---
1956 July	3,700	3,700	3,900	5,800	6,100	4,900	4,900	5,400	6,500	6,400	6,500	5,600
1956 September	---	---	100	200	200	200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,100	700
1956 October	5,000	5,700	6,500	6,800	6,500	5,800	5,000	5,000	4,700	4,900	4,700	4,400
1956 December	100	500	500	1,300	2,500	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,500	2,500	2,800	2,600
1957 January	---	---	100	100	1,400	1,400	1,500	2,000	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,600
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,900</b>	<b>25,900</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>15,400</b>
<b>SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In tons)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	27,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	74,200	61,900	48,800	50,900	15,100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	120,500	127,000	127,000	132,900	122,700	114,600	66,100	45,600	4,900	---	---	---
1956 July	64,400	76,600	83,400	92,800	99,200	109,000	107,800	101,800	102,800	89,700	62,500	54,700
1956 August	12,900	24,800	32,000	39,400	46,300	48,800	53,800	58,100	64,400	76,800	88,900	60,900
1956 September	4,100	5,000	5,100	6,500	6,900	10,100	19,800	22,500	22,600	27,900	39,200	37,400
1956 October	1,000	3,500	3,200	4,300	5,800	7,700	14,800	25,500	25,600	26,000	27,700	27,000
1956 December	---	400	1,500	4,700	6,200	8,100	14,100	23,300	23,700	28,600	50,000	36,000
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	100	1,500	6,200	16,600	18,100	22,000	25,400
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,000	3,300	5,900	7,800	8,200
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,400	3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>505,900</b>	<b>299,000</b>	<b>501,000</b>	<b>518,600</b>	<b>501,000</b>	<b>297,200</b>	<b>277,600</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>262,200</b>	<b>262,400</b>	<b>279,400</b>	<b>253,200</b>

Table 11.—Maximum open contracts on principal markets for long-time periods <sup>1/</sup>, and during the year July 1955 - June 1956

Commodity	Market	Unit	Long-time periods ending June 1956			Year, July 1955 - June 1956	
			Beginning <sup>1/</sup>	Amount	Date	Amount	Date
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1925	249,234	Oct. 16, 1929	91,325	July 16, 1955
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Aug. 1, 1925	44,727	Oct. 25, 1929	13,891	Aug. 17, 1955
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	Aug. 1, 1925	85,115	Nov. 26, 1932	36,157	July 28, 1955
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1925	120,172	July 19, 1935	66,580	Feb. 28, 1956
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1925	114,327	Feb. 5, 1925	57,072	Aug. 31, 1955
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1925	54,471	Mar. 31, 1945	18,081	Nov. 30, 1955
Barley	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	July 9, 1925	6,766	July 19, 1935	(2)	---
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Aug. 1, 1925	7,994	Jan. 29, 1930	5	Jan. 24- Apr. 4, 1956
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	Aug. 1, 1925	5,650	Oct. 29, 1941	1,125	Feb. 1, 1956
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	Dec. 9, 1940	129,207	Nov. 16, 1954	120,252	Oct. 31, 1955
Grain Sorghums	Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	Sept. 19, 1944	951	Feb. 1, 1952	7	July 1-6, 1955
Rice	New York Mercantile Exchange	Thousand pounds	June 1, 1949	1,440	Oct. 5-21, 1949	(2)	---
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	Sept. 30, 1937	5,700	Dec. 16, 1952	2,172	Aug. 22, 1955
	New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	Sept. 30, 1937	1,333	Oct. 14, 1948	451	July 8, 1955
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	24,512	Mar. 27, 1952	9,254	Sept. 29, 1955
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	Aug. 31, 1956	17,405	Sept. 26, 1952	15,015	July 6, 1955
Butter	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	5,455	Oct. 4, 1941	55	July 11, 1955
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Mar. 1, 1922	12,088	June 25, 1946	9,270	July 6, 1955
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Dec. 2, 1941	7,859	Oct. 26, 1954	5,924	Aug. 16, 1955
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	Sept. 8, 1942	8,020	Oct. 31, 1955	8,020	Oct. 31, 1955
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	594,520	Jan. 15, 1952	325,140	Feb. 29, 1956
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	162,230	Nov. 25, 1950	29,290	Nov. 23, 1955
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	July 17, 1950	385,440	May 6, 1956	365,440	May 6, 1956
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	Mar. 17, 1941	198,950	Aug. 30, 1941	142,280	May 18, 1956
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Oct. 1, 1937	42,590	Nov. 20, 1947	5,280	Aug. 10, 1955
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	Oct. 1, 1937	76,340	Dec. 5, 1947	2,640	July 15-25, 1955
	St. Louis Merchants' Exchange	Tons	Oct. 1, 1937	8,200	June 19-21, 1948	(2)	---
Middlings	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	July 7, 1955	1,365	Sept. 13 and Nov. 9-14, 1955	1,365	Sept. 13 and Nov. 9-14, 1955
	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	Mar. 17, 1941	83,200	Sept. 20, 1950	26,200	Feb. 14, 1956
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	Mar. 17, 1941	274,400	Apr. 23, 1954	182,800	Sept. 19, 1955
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	Aug. 29, 1951	356,300	Nov. 29, 1955	336,300	Nov. 29, 1955

<sup>1/</sup> From the time data on open contracts from the books of clearing members became available.  
<sup>2/</sup> No open contracts during the year, July 1955 to June 1956.

Table 12.—Highest and lowest prices of futures on principal markets, by date and future, for long-time periods ending June 30, 1956

Commodity	Market	Unit	Period beginning	Highest Futures Price			Lowest Futures Price		
				Future	Date	Price	Future	Date	Price
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1917 May	May 11, 1917	325	1932 Dec.	Nov. 25, 1932	41 1/2
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	July 1, 1914	1917 May	May 12, 14, 1917	350	1932 Dec.	Dec. 28, 1932	40 1/8
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	July 1, 1914	1917 May	May 12, 1917	329	1932 Dec.	Dec. 28, 1932	36
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1948 May	Jan. 16, 1948	270 3/4	1932 Dec.	Dec. 25, 1932	20 3/4
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1948 Mar.	Jan. 16, 23, 1948	139	1932 Dec.	Dec. 5, 1932	13 7/8
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	July 1, 1914	1946 May	May 7, 1946	286 1/4	1932 Dec.	Nov. 1, 3, 1932	26 1/4
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Jan. 3, 1918	1947 Sept., Dec.	Sept. 15, 1947	300	1932 Dec.	Nov. 3, 1932	24 1/2
Barley	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	Sept. 12, 1918	1947 Dec.	Dec. 1, 1947	187	1932 Dec.	Dec. 15, 1932	26
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	Oct. 9, 1918	1920 May	May 4, 1920	175	1932 Dec.	Oct. 8, 1932	19 5/8
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Cents per bushel	July 2, 1920	1951 July	Mar. 14, 1951	492	1932 Sept.	July 21, 1932	80
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	Oct. 5, 1936	1949 Mar.	Jan. 16, 1949	441	1939 Dec.	Aug. 15, 1939	65 3/4
Grain Sorghums	Kansas City Board of Trade	Cents per hundred pounds	Sept. 19, 1944	1948 May	Jan. 19, 1948	435	1944 Dec.	Nov. 21, 1944	160
Rice	New York Mercantile Exchange No. 1 Long Grain Contract	Dollars per hundred pounds	June 1, 1949	1951 Jan.	Aug. 29-31, 1950	11.75	1951 Oct.	Sept. 21, 1951	8.50
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange	Cents per pound	July 1, 1914	(1951 Mar., May, July)	(1)	45.39	1932 July	June 10, 1932	4.91
	New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	July 1, 1914	(1951 Mar., May, July)	(1)	45.39	1932 July	June 10, 1932	4.92
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	Mar. 17, 1941	1951 Mar.	Jan. 24, 1951	564.0	1945 July	Sept. 5, 1944	80.0
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	May 18, 1931	1951 Mar.	Jan. 24, 1951	432.0	1932 Aug.	Aug. 4, 1932	45.0
Sugar	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract	Cents per pound	Dec. 1, 1919	1948 Jan.	Jan. 16, 1948	82.50	1933 Dec.	Dec. 14, 1933	14 1/8
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract	Cents per dozen	Dec. 1, 1919	1921 Jan.	Jan. 29, 1921	64.00	1931 Jan.	Jan. 30, 1931	10 5/8
Potatoes	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Russet Burbanks 2/	Dollars per hundred pounds	Jan. 1, 1931	1952 Mar.	Dec. 26, 1951	7.25	1931 Oct.	Oct. 7, 24, 1931	1.20
	New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Grown, Contract No. 1	do.	Dec. 2, 1941	1956 May	May 15, 1956	6.20	1951 Mar.	Feb. 26 and Mar. 5, 1954	1.20
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	Dollars per 50-pound sack	Sept. 8, 1942	1948 Mar.	Mar. 22, 1948	6.60	1956 Mar.	Mar. 15, 1956	.10
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange Prime Summer Yellow (Drums) 2/	Cents per pound	July 1, 1914	1919 Oct.	June 23, 1919	28.00	1914 Dec.	Oct. 27, 1914	4.58
	Bleachable Prime Summer Yellow (Tankcars)	do.	May 8, 1930	1948 May	May 14, 1948	43.00	1932 July	May 5, 1932	3.27
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange Prime Crude	Cents per pound	Sept. 3, 1940	1951 Mar.	Jan. 31, 1951	21.80	1941 May	Oct. 9, 25, 1940	4.25
	Bleachable Refined 4/	do.	Nov. 25, 1946	1947 Mar.	Feb. 11, 1947	31.00	1948 Jan.	Aug. 6, 1947	16.00
	Chicago Board of Trade Crude	do.	July 17, 1950	1951 Mar.	Jan. 30, 1951	21.95	1952 May	Apr. 21, 1952	9.62
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per pound	July 1, 1914	1919 July	June 14, 1919	56.35	1932 July	June 2, 1932	3.62
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	Jan. 1, 1932	1948 Jan.	Jan. 17, 1948	86.10	1932 Dec.	(5)	5.45
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	Jan. 1, 1932	1948 Jan.	Jan. 23, 1948	88.50	1935 Jan.	Dec. 29, 1932	6.95
Middlings	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	July 7, 1955	1956 May	May 9, 1956	47.00	1955 Sept.	Aug. 9, 1955	35.50
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Dollars per ton	Jan. 15, 1929	1948 Jan.	Jan. 9, 1948	92.00	1931 Oct.	Oct. 5, 1931	9.75
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Dollars per ton	July 8, 1940	1949 Jan.	Jan. 24, 1949	109.50	1940 Oct.	July 8, 1940	17.00
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	Aug. 29, 1951	1954 May	Apr. 27, 1954	105.00	1956 Mar.	Mar. 16, 1956	45.00

1/ On several dates from March 8, 1951 through May 14, 1951.

2/ Prior to December 26, 1951, contract for "Idaho Russets."

3/ Contract terminated May 7, 1930.

4/ Contract suspended March 5, 1950.

5/ On December 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27, 1932.

Table 18.—Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	199 3/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	201 5/8	199 3/4	197 1/2	192 1/4	199	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	205 1/4	202	195 5/4	196 1/4	200 5/4	204 1/2	202 5/4	204 5/4	205	203	209 1/4	---
1956 March	204 1/8	201 1/4	195	198 1/4	200	207 1/8	205 1/2	206 1/4	206 5/4	204 1/2	208 1/4	210
1956 May	200 1/8	197 5/8	192	194 5/4	199 1/2	205 5/8	201	202 3/8	204 5/8	202 1/4	205 5/4	206
1956 July	---	---	180	181 1/4	187 1/2	195 5/4	186 1/4	190 1/4	195 1/4	192 5/4	194 1/4	195 1/2
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	191 5/4	192 1/4	195 1/4	195 1/8	198 1/4	198 1/2
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	225	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	230 1/2	225 5/4	220 5/8	229 5/8	235 1/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	228 1/4	225	217 5/4	225 5/8	230 1/8	231	229 5/8	231 5/8	231 5/4	231 1/8	228 1/8b	---
1956 March	---	221	214 5/8b	220 1/8a	225 1/8a	226 7/8	225 5/8a	224 1/8	226 5/8	225 1/2	226	227 3/4
1956 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	222 1/4a
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	214 3/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	217 1/4	215	206 7/8	205 1/2	210 5/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	218 5/4	215 1/2	209 5/4	208 5/4	215 7/8	218 5/8	211 5/8	211 3/4	210 5/8	207 3/4	210 1/4	---
1956 March	218 5/8	214 7/8	210 1/4	210 7/8	215 5/8	216 1/4	218 1/4	214 1/8	213 5/4	211 1/8	210 1/2	211 7/8
1956 May	212 5/8	210 5/4	205 5/8	205 1/8	210 1/2	212 1/2	209 1/4	209 7/8	210 5/4	208 1/4	205 5/4	206 5/4
1956 July	---	---	---	189 1/2a	195 1/2	203 7/8	187 1/8	195 5/8	199 1/2	199 1/4a	199	199 7/8
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	205 3/4	199 5/4	---	200b	201a	---	201 5/4
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CORN, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	141	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	138 1/4	135 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2	130 5/8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	132	129	124 1/4	126 1/2	129 5/4	132 3/4	127 1/8	128 5/8	125 1/4	123 1/2	124 1/2	---
1956 March	135	132 1/4	127 5/8	132 1/4	134	137 1/4	132	134	130 5/8	129 5/4	129 5/4	129 5/4
1956 May	137 1/4	134 5/4	130	134 7/8	136 1/4	139 3/4	135 7/8	136 1/4	135 1/4	132 1/2	135	131 3/4
1956 July	---	---	---	---	137 5/4	141 5/8	135 5/4	138 1/8	135 5/4	134 1/2	134 5/4	134 7/8
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	132 5/8	132	132 1/4	132 5/8b
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	60 1/2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	61 1/2	61 3/4	59 1/8	56 1/4	59	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	64 1/4	65 3/4	61 1/2	61 1/4	62 1/2	65 1/2	63	65 5/8	64 5/8	62 1/4	65 5/8	---
1956 March	66 1/4	65 1/4	64	64	65 1/2	67 1/8	66 1/8	67 1/4	67 5/8	65 1/4	64 5/8	66a
1956 May	---	65 3/8	65 7/8	65 1/4	66 1/2	68 1/4	66 5/8	67 7/8	66 7/8	64 7/8a	64 1/8	64 5/4
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	65 5/8	65 7/8	64 5/8	63 7/8	62 5/4	62 5/8	65 5/8
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	64 1/2b	64 1/2a	65b
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
RICE, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	97	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	100	99 5/4	97 1/8	95 5/4	100 1/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	104 1/4	102 5/4	100 5/8	97 5/8	103 5/4	110 1/4	106 5/8	111 7/8	112 1/2	109	114 1/2	---
1956 March	107	105 5/4	108 1/2	100 1/2	107	114	109 1/4	115 5/8	115 1/8	111 7/8	117 7/8	124 1/8
1956 May	---	107 7/8	105 5/4	102 5/4	109	116 1/8	109 1/2	116	116 5/8	115 5/4	118 1/4	122 7/8
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	117 5/8b	108 5/4	111 5/4	111 1/4	110 5/4	116	120
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	109a	111 5/4a	111	110 5/8	116 1/2	121 5/4
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	523a	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	519	516 1/2a	509	500 1/2a	501a	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	522a	519a	513	506	506b	512	510	513 1/2	516	517	519a	---
1956 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	520 1/2b	520a	522a	523a	535
1956 May	---	---	---	---	511a	520a	517a	---	---	---	524 1/2a	---
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "n" - nominal price; "s" - settlement price.

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Table 13.—Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
WHEAT, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	211 1/2	212 1/4	216 1/2	219	223 1/4	228 3/4	235	236 5/8	227	---	---	---
1956 May	208 5/4	208	211 5/4	215	219 5/4	226 3/4	235	236 5/8	227	---	---	---
1956 July	199 1/2	197 5/4	195 1/4	198 5/4	199	207 1/2	207 5/8	212 1/2	207	203 1/4	208	208
1956 September	202	200	197 1/4	200 5/4	200 7/8	209 1/4	206 5/8	214 5/8	208 1/2	205	210 1/2	205 1/8
1956 December	---	204 5/8	201 1/4	204 1/4	204 1/8	215 3/8	212 1/4	217 1/2	211 1/2	206 1/2	214 1/2	209 1/2
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	215	214 5/8	219 1/8	212	209 1/8	215 1/4	210 1/2
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	208 5/4
WHEAT, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	228 5/8	227 5/8	228 1/2	231 1/8	230 5/8	232 1/4	235 1/8	235 5/8	230 7/8b	---	---	---
1956 May	222 1/2b	221 1/8a	224 1/4	227 3/4	225 7/8	228 1/2	229 5/4a	230 1/4	228 5/4b	221 5/4	224 3/8	225 5/4
1956 July	---	---	219	221 1/2a	220	221 7/8a	225 3/4a	225 3/8b	225	215 5/4	221	216 1/2
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	222a	214 5/8a	220 5/4a	217 5/8a
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	212 5/8	211 5/8	212 1/4	214 1/2	222 1/2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	208	207 1/2	207 1/2	210 5/4	215 1/2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 July	201 1/4	199 1/4	195 1/2	198 3/8	199 1/4	208	208 1/4	210 1/8	206 1/8	202	206 3/4	205 5/8
1956 September	205 1/2	201 5/8	197 1/2	200 1/2	201 1/2a	210 1/8	208 5/8	212 5/8	208 1/2	204 5/8	208 5/8	208 1/8
1956 December	---	---	---	203 7/8	204b	215 5/8a	211 1/2	215	211 1/8b	207 5/8	211 5/4	210 5/8
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	208 1/2a	212 1/4	210 7/8
CORN, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	129 5/4	130 1/4	128 5/4	127 1/2	132 7/8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	125 1/2	124 1/4	125 1/2	122	126 1/4	141 1/2	145 1/4	150 5/4	148 7/8	---	---	---
1956 July	126 5/4	128 1/4	127 1/4	126	140	145 1/2	147 1/4	155	152	149 1/4	150 5/4	148 1/2
1956 September	126	128 5/8	127 1/8	128 1/2	129 5/8	145 5/8	148 5/4	155	152 5/8	149	151 1/4	148 7/8
1956 December	---	125 7/8	127 7/8	121 3/4	124 5/4	140 1/8	142	138 7/8	136 7/8	126 1/2	140 5/4	127 5/8
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	145b	145 1/2	145 1/4	140	139 5/8	144 5/4	141 5/4
OATS, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	65	65 1/4	62 1/8	59 3/4	62	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	64 1/2	65 1/4	63 1/4	61 3/4	63 1/2	65	64	65 1/8	66 5/4	---	---	---
1956 July	64	64 1/2	63 1/8	62 1/2	65	65 1/2	64 5/4	66 5/8	66 5/4	65 5/4	67	67 5/8
1956 September	65 3/4	66 1/8	65 7/8b	64 1/8	64 1/4	64 1/2a	65 3/4	66 1/8	67 7/8	66 5/4	68 5/8	69 1/8
1956 December	---	67 5/8b	65 7/8	66 1/4a	66 1/2a	69 5/4	67 3/4	71	70 5/4	69 5/4	71 1/4	72 3/8
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	70 5/4	72 7/8	74 1/4
RYE, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	125 5/8	125 1/4	122	120b	120 1/2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	124 1/8	124	121 3/8	128 5/4	129 5/4	130 1/2	128 1/4	128 7/8	123 5/8	---	---	---
1956 July	121 1/2	121 1/4	117	123 5/8	122 7/8	127 1/2	125 5/8	130 5/8	125 1/4	120 7/8	124	121 1/8
1956 September	122a	121 5/4a	118b	124 1/8	122	127 7/8	125 1/4	130	124 5/4	121	125	122 1/8
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	130 5/4	129 1/4	133 1/4	129 1/4	---	128	116
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	126 1/4	131 1/2	128 1/8
FLAXSEED, Minneapolis Grain Exchange (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	536	544	554 7/2a	569 1/2	567b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	537	545	555 1/2	572	569b	563	565	578	569 1/2a	---	---	---
1956 July	535 1/2	546a	557 1/2b	572	567a	560a	561	579b	567	561a	540 1/2a	525 1/2
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	548	560b	---	529 1/2a	531
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	539 1/2a	535



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Table 15.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, seasonally, July 1955 to June 1958--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	236 5/8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September (old)	225 7/8	227 1/8	224 5/8	1/223 5/8	225 1/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September (new)	223 3/4	229 1/2	227	225 3/4	225 3/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November (old)	223 5/8	221 5/8	217 7/8	1/219 3/8	222 1/2	240 1/4	229 3/4	235 1/4b	232	---	---	---
1955 November (new)	226	225 7/8	220 1/2	221 3/8	223 1/2	243 1/4	232 1/8	238 5/8	234 5/8	---	---	---
1956 January (old)	225 1/4	225 5/8	220	1/221 7/8	226 1/4	245 3/4	235 3/4	236a	236 1/8	233 1/2b	235 1/4a	237 3/4
1956 January (new)	229a	225 7/8	222 1/2	224 1/4	226 5/8	247	235 1/8	240 3/4	237 7/8	---	---	---
1956 March	229 1/4	228	224 1/2	225 1/8	228 5/8	248 7/8	236 5/8	245 3/4	241	239 5/8	239 5/8	244 3/8
1956 May	---	228 1/4	224 1/2	228 1/4	228 1/2	249 1/8	237	245 7/8	242	238 7/8	239 5/8	244 7/8
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	247 1/2	235 1/4	241 7/8	239 1/2	236 1/4	226 1/4	232
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1955 October	35.84	34.00	33.74	33.70	32.86	32.59	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	34.00	34.25	33.90	33.60	32.00	32.42	32.80	33.40	34.00	34.59	---	---
1956 March	35.95	34.26	33.61	33.49	32.82	31.97	31.76	32.52	33.90	33.90	35.84	35.87
1956 May	34.05	34.85	33.62	33.51	32.90	31.98	31.15	31.48	32.90	32.92	32.65	33.32
1956 July	33.52	33.85	33.08	32.85	32.88	31.78	30.15	29.98b	31.65	32.04	31.50	31.83
1956 October	33.23	33.51b	32.43	32.50	32.17	31.75	30.24	29.25	30.07	29.95b	29.95b	30.12b
1956 December	33.16b	33.41b	32.35	32.42b	32.00b	31.65	30.12	29.99	29.45	29.95	29.75b	29.93
1957 March	---	---	---	---	32.04	31.61b	30.02a	28.76b	29.26	29.75b	29.51b	29.75
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	29.60	29.35b	29.52b
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1955 October	35.78	33.99b	33.78	33.86a	32.98	32.47b	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	33.99b	34.21	33.80b	33.63	32.96	32.45	32.75	33.43	34.00b	34.37	---	---
1956 March	34.04	34.53b	33.72b	33.43b	32.97b	32.10	31.85	32.70	33.88	33.49	33.62	33.92
1956 May	34.03	34.39	33.84	33.70b	32.98b	31.95	31.14	31.50b	32.88	32.90	32.62	33.59
1956 July	33.50	33.89	33.08	32.85b	32.83b	31.89	30.10b	29.92	31.55	32.00	31.45	31.92
1956 October	33.25	33.50	32.42b	32.46	32.10	31.68	30.27	29.94	29.74	30.15	29.80b	30.12
1956 December	33.22b	33.45	32.32b	32.40b	32.04	31.62b	30.17	29.95b	29.47b	29.95b	29.72b	29.92b
1957 March	---	---	---	---	32.00b	31.54b	30.08b	28.77b	29.33b	29.76b	29.47b	29.75b
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	29.68b	29.51b	29.57b
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1955 July	154.0b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	155.9b	155.5b	129.0b	127.0b	126.6b	120.0b	125.7b	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	125.0b	134.5b	127.6b	126.0b	125.0	128.8b	124.4b	126.2b	127.8b	129.0b	126.6b	---
1956 March	155.5b	128.9b	126.2b	124.1b	125.5	126.5	125.7b	125.1b	127.5	130.5b	129.5b	150.5b
1956 May	152.0b	131.2b	125.0b	122.7b	122.1b	127.5b	122.5b	124.8b	126.5b	131.0b	129.4b	121.0b
1956 July	150.5b	130.0b	124.0b	121.5	121.0	126.4b	121.6b	125.7b	125.5	129.6b	128.4b	129.9b
1956 October	129.0b	128.5b	122.4b	120.0b	119.9b	125.3b	121.2b	123.5b	125.0b	129.6b	128.0b	129.9b
1956 December	127.5b	126.8b	121.0b	118.5b	118.9b	124.5b	120.0b	122.5b	123.8b	129.0b	127.2b	129.7b
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	122.5b	127.8b	127.0b	128.0b
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	128.0b
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1955 July	169.2b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	169.9b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	160.5	169.5	160.0b	156.5b	152.9	155.5b	152.0b	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	167.6b	166.8b	159.5b	156.9	164.7	158.5b	153.6b	155.6b	154.5b	156.7	167.5b	158.5b
1956 May	166.2b	165.4	158.4b	155.8b	164.1	158.6b	153.3b	154.1b	156.5	159.7b	157.6b	159.9b
1956 July	164.5b	163.9b	157.4b	154.8b	153.5b	157.6b	153.0b	155.7b	158.0b	160.0	157.0b	159.0b
1956 October	165.0b	162.6b	155.8b	153.7b	152.7	156.8b	152.0b	153.5b	155.7b	159.7b	157.7b	159.8b
1956 December	161.6b	160.6b	159.6b	157.6b	157.5	156.1b	151.5b	153.0b	155.4b	159.4b	157.7b	160.0b
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

EGGS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Refrigerator Contract" (In cents per dozen)												
1955 September	35.28	37.65	38.28	37.18	39.85	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	36.10	38.42	39.42	38.96	41.28	39.52	35.52	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	36.95a	39.42	40.30	39.88	42.42	40.68	36.22	39.85	34.80	---	---	---
1956 December	37.82	39.55	40.40a	39.85	42.70	42.00	37.12	40.72	35.82	---	---	---
1956 January	37.00	38.80a	39.75	38.80	41.75	40.00	38.26	30.40	34.12	39.28	42.90	46.50
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	42.75	40.20	42.50a	42.95	46.50
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	42.45	43.00	43.55
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "n" - nominal price; "s" - settlement price.

Table 15.—Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
SOYBEANS, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per bushel)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January (new)	240 1/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	243 5/8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	246 5/8	248 3/4	248 5/4	254 1/8	260 1/2	268 5/8	269 1/4	287 3/8	321 1/8	320 5/8	---	---
1956 July	249 1/8	252 1/8	254 5/8	262	265 7/8	272 5/8	291	324 3/4	320 1/4	305 5/8	308 1/2	270 1/8
1956 September	241 1/8	248 3/4	241 5/8	244	245 5/8	261 1/2	257 7/8	277 1/4	274 7/8	287 5/4	260 5/8	256 1/8
1956 November	---	258 5/8	258 1/2	236 1/4	237 7/8	244 1/8	248	261	256 1/8	258 7/8	258 7/8	248 5/8
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	247	280 5/8	284 1/8	259	258 1/2	254 1/2
COTTON, New York Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	34.58	34.74	35.74	35.77	35.09	35.45	35.34	35.78	35.89	---	---	---
1956 May	34.03	34.14	35.10	35.09	35.45	35.34	35.78	35.89	---	---	---	---
1956 July	32.90	33.94	35.82	35.86	35.87	35.44	35.40	35.94	34.46	34.59	34.22	34.56
1956 October	31.04	31.52	31.97	31.87	31.70	32.21	32.50	32.57	32.77	32.61	32.20	32.41
1956 December	30.85	31.88	31.79	31.72	31.78	32.38	32.39	32.45	32.53	32.60	32.34	32.1
1957 March	30.71b	31.15b	31.60b	31.12	31.79	32.25	32.17	32.54b	32.95	32.80	32.43	32.1
1957 May	30.49	30.90a	31.14	30.93	31.78	32.05b	32.04b	32.49	32.80	32.65	32.40	32.58b
1957 July	---	30.52b	30.66b	30.54b	31.18	31.58	31.44b	31.85	32.12b	32.00	31.65b	31.82a
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	30.44b	30.86	31.03b	31.02	30.60b	30.93b
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30.56b	30.90
COTTON, New Orleans Cotton Exchange (In cents per pound)												
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	34.58	34.75	35.76b	35.72b	35.41	35.55	35.74b	35.86b	---	---	---	---
1956 May	34.05	34.12b	35.07	35.12	35.41	35.55	35.74b	35.86b	---	---	---	---
1956 July	32.90	33.10	35.84	35.70	35.25	35.41	35.89b	33.08	34.48	34.65	34.20b	34.56b
1956 October	31.04b	31.67	32.02	31.41	31.70b	32.12	32.28	32.85b	32.77	32.55	32.20b	32.67b
1956 December	30.85b	31.87b	31.83b	31.23b	31.78b	32.19	32.36	32.44	32.85	32.66	32.37	32.75b
1957 March	30.69b	31.17b	31.49b	31.10b	31.80b	32.20b	32.73	32.95b	32.95b	32.78b	32.46	32.64b
1957 May	30.47b	30.85b	31.17b	30.80b	31.78b	32.07b	32.05	32.46b	32.82b	32.65b	32.32	32.60
1957 July	---	30.47b	30.75b	30.45b	31.18b	31.56	31.45b	31.84b	32.12b	31.64	31.64b	31.80b
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	30.85b	30.90b	31.00b	30.98b	30.61b	30.92b
1957 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30.54b	30.90b
WOOL, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	150.7b	153.0b	152.1b	127.9	122.5b	124.0b	125.5b	125.7b	125.0b	124.5b	---	---
1956 May	157.0b	155.8b	155.0b	129.2b	124.0b	125.3b	125.3b	125.0b	125.0b	127.3b	134.0b	129.5b
1956 July	151.5	151.2b	151.5b	127.2b	124.5b	125.8b	125.8b	125.7b	125.7b	127.8b	125.0b	131.8b
1956 October	151.5	152.2b	151.1b	127.0b	124.5b	125.5b	125.5b	125.7b	125.7b	127.8b	125.0b	131.8b
1956 December	151.5b	152.4b	150.5b	127.7b	124.7b	124.4b	122.7b	125.0	126.0b	125.0	127.8b	130.0b
1957 March	150.5b	152.0b	150.5b	126.2b	123.5b	125.0b	125.0b	124.0b	125.1b	125.8b	127.5b	130.5b
1957 May	150.2b	151.0b	149.5b	125.2b	123.0b	123.5b	121.5b	125.0b	124.0b	125.0b	127.0b	129.5b
1957 July	---	---	125.0b	124.5b	122.5b	125.0	121.2b	122.0b	124.0b	122.0b	125.7	126.5b
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	121.1b	124.7b	127.5b
WOOL TOPS, Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. (In cents per pound)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	156.0b	161.7	161.9	157.5b	155.0b	154.0b	155.4b	155.5	156.0b	159.4b	---	---
1956 May	156.8b	162.8b	162.5b	158.5b	154.0b	154.0b	154.9b	154.0b	155.2	157.8b	154.6b	159.7b
1956 July	160.7b	165.0b	161.7b	157.9b	155.0b	154.9b	154.0b	155.2	155.7	156.0b	159.6b	161.5b
1956 October	161.7b	165.5	162.0b	157.8b	154.0	154.0b	155.5b	155.0b	155.7	156.0b	159.6b	161.5b
1956 December	161.5b	162.5b	161.0b	157.5b	153.0b	154.0b	153.0	154.2b	155.0	154.0b	159.4b	161.0b
1957 March	160.4b	161.5b	160.5b	158.7b	152.5b	153.1b	152.0b	155.7b	155.5	154.7b	158.0b	160.4
1957 May	160.0b	161.0b	159.5b	156.5b	152.0	152.0b	151.0b	152.8b	154.0b	152.0b	157.0	159.5b
1957 July	---	---	156.5b	156.0b	151.0b	152.0b	150.5b	151.0b	153.5b	151.5b	156.0b	158.5b
1957 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	151.0b	155.0b	157.5b
EGGS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Refrigerator Contract" (In cents per dozen)												
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 September	44.90	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	45.28	45.72	44.30	45.82	45.62	45.18	44.88	45.25	44.42	44.02	40.15	39.10
1956 November	45.02	43.40	44.12	45.88	45.32	42.85	45.85	42.75	43.85	42.18	40.80	39.58
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	45.10	40.42	39.65

Table 15.—Closing prices on principal markets, by future, seasonally, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
<b>POTATOES, New York Mercantile Exchange, "Maine Grown, Contract No. 1" (In dollars per hundred pounds)</b>												
1955 November	1.55	1.56	1.62b	1.72	1.82	1.85b	1.55	1.76	2.09	---	---	---
1955 December	1.73b	1.58b	1.45b	1.77b	1.65b	1.85b	1.57b	1.80b	2.02b	1.97	2.00b	---
1956 January	1.78	1.73b	1.73	1.60	1.72b	1.74b	1.70b	1.83b	2.06	2.03b	2.05	2.27
1956 February	1.85b	1.75b	1.60b	1.65b	1.76b	1.76b	1.80	1.64b	2.06	2.10	2.06b	2.30
1956 March	1.98	1.82	1.82	1.94	1.84b	1.85	1.87	1.91	2.11b	2.14	2.16	2.28
1956 April	---	1.87b	1.95b	1.90b	1.80b	1.89b	1.80b	1.82b	2.14	2.19	2.19b	2.28b
1956 May	---	1.95	2.00b	2.03b	1.92b	1.94b	1.95b	2.02b	2.15b	2.21b	2.21b	2.27b
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.20b	2.25b
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>ONIONS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Yellow Globe Type Contract" (In dollars per 50-pound sack)</b>												
1955 November	1.78	1.87	1.68	2.06	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.04	1.89	---	---	---
1956 January	1.94	2.16	1.82	2.26	2.34	2.37	2.38	2.28	2.04	1.74	---	1.65
1956 February	2.07	2.50	1.95	2.57b	2.46	2.49	2.48	2.39	2.15b	1.85	1.85	1.94
1956 March	---	---	2.02	2.47b	2.57	2.50	2.60	2.48	2.20	1.95	---	1.74
1956 November (old)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.88a	1.56a
1956 November (new)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In cents per pound)</b>												
1955 July	15.34	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	14.62b	14.44	14.23b	15.64b	15.15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	14.89b	14.00	13.81b	15.38b	15.18b	15.74b	15.66a	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	14.27b	15.90	15.64b	15.32	15.18b	15.77b	15.72	15.26b	15.30b	15.01b	13.40	---
1956 January	14.32	15.92b	15.65b	15.32b	15.17b	15.77b	15.96b	15.27b	15.32b	15.09b	13.89b	14.06b
1956 March	14.83	15.79b	15.57b	15.28	15.23	15.62	15.75	15.39	15.45b	13.32	15.50b	14.20b
1956 May	14.25	15.73b	15.52b	15.23	15.25b	15.84	15.73	15.41b	15.47b	13.35	15.51b	14.39
1956 July	---	15.65b	15.40	15.13b	15.15b	15.65b	15.67b	15.38	15.45	15.50	15.52b	14.32
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.82b	15.14b	15.50	15.15b	15.50b	14.05
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.10b	15.12b	13.22b	15.99
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.96
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>SOTHEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)</b>												
1955 July	11.45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	10.85b	10.74	10.75b	10.95	10.27	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	10.47	10.29	10.22b	10.26	10.15	10.49b	10.95	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	10.32	10.17	10.04b	10.04	10.06b	10.52	10.54	10.73	10.76b	10.55	10.62b	11.18b
1956 January	10.29b	10.14b	10.06	9.97	10.05b	10.50b	10.50b	10.61b	10.67b	10.49b	10.61b	11.15
1956 March	10.30	10.18	10.01b	10.00b	10.05	10.58	10.46	10.55b	10.62	10.44	10.61b	11.12
1956 May	10.27	10.12	9.95b	9.97b	10.04	10.59	10.45	10.46b	10.52	10.43	10.58	11.22
1956 July	---	---	9.90b	9.98	9.99b	10.52b	10.38	10.39	10.43b	10.54	10.51	11.07
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.00b	10.10b	10.28b	10.17	10.36b	10.85
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)</b>												
1955 July	11.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	11.65b	10.74	10.78	10.96	10.07a	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	11.35	10.85b	10.82a	10.90b	10.17a	10.60b	12.88	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	10.90b	10.10	10.07a	10.40a	9.95a	10.40b	11.27a	11.60a	11.52b	---	---	---
1955 December	11.05b	10.45b	10.45	10.57a	10.32a	10.95	11.10	11.37	11.42	10.70b	10.82b	---
1956 January	11.10a	10.55b	10.50b	10.90a	10.37a	10.82b	10.97b	11.12a	11.40b	10.87	10.82b	11.06
1956 March	11.27a	10.70a	10.77a	10.70	10.57a	11.05	10.90b	10.95b	11.42	11.12	10.97b	11.45a
1956 May	---	---	---	10.75a	10.75a	11.32	11.10b	11.25b	11.50	11.85a	11.17b	11.75b
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.45a	12.05a
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "n" - nominal price; "s" - settlement price.

Table 13.—Closing prices on principal markets, by future, seasonally, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
<b>POTATOES, New York Mercantile Exchange, "Maine Crown, Contract No. 1" (In dollars per hundred pounds)</b>												
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	2.62b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	2.59	2.47b	2.40b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	2.55	2.46	2.37	2.33	2.34	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 April	2.56	2.46	---	2.36	2.34	3.26	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	2.55	2.44	2.33	2.32	2.34	3.03	3.70	3.59	---	---	---	---
1956 November	2.52b	2.36	2.28b	2.25b	2.23b	2.20b	2.27b	2.27b	3.62	5.40	---	---
1956 December	---	2.42b	2.50b	2.45a	2.50a	2.55b	2.55b	2.40a	2.55b	2.55b	2.64	2.68
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.40b	2.42b	2.75a	2.75b	2.85b
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.50b	---	2.40b	2.90a	2.90a	2.90b
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.55b	2.60b	2.90b	2.90b	3.00	2.98
1957 April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.65b	3.05	3.00b	3.15b
<b>ONIONS, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, "Yellow Globe Type Contract" (In dollars per 50-pound sack)</b>												
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	1.04	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	1.00	.98	.86b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	1.07	1.10	1.15	.94	.15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 November (old)	1.50	1.55	1.57	1.46	1.58	1.42	1.49	1.50a	1.55a	1.40a	1.60a	1.60a
1956 November (new)	---	---	---	2/1.65	1.55	1.52	1.60	1.61	1.73	1.82	1.90	1.85
1957 January	---	---	---	---	1.79	1.79	1.85	1.85a	1.86	2.13	2.19	2.15
1957 February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.40	2.35b
<b>COTTONSEED OIL, New York Produce Exchange (In cents per pound)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	14.04a	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	14.19b	15.84	15.35	16.10	17.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	14.74	15.28	15.52b	16.24	17.19	17.10	17.29	18.88	17.79	---	---	---
1956 July	14.45	15.26	15.56	16.25	16.98	16.89	17.42	19.14	18.22	17.09	16.12	15.84
1956 September	14.26	15.14	15.42	15.64	16.20	16.20	16.80	18.29b	17.70	18.86	15.99	15.70
1956 October	14.20b	14.89	15.14b	15.50	15.70	15.73b	16.89b	17.55	16.50b	16.05	15.74	14.70b
1956 December	14.15b	14.98b	15.01b	14.78b	15.58	15.34	16.05	17.18	16.20	15.76	15.40	14.55
1957 January	---	---	---	14.75b	15.87b	15.85b	16.00b	17.15a	16.15b	15.68b	15.27b	14.40b
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	15.26b	15.99	17.11b	16.13b	15.63b	15.25b	14.40b
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17.12b	16.14	15.80	15.20b	14.60b
1957 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.45b	14.95b	14.35b
1957 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14.26b
<b>SUNBEAN OIL, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	11.56b	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	11.48	12.25	12.73	13.43	14.35	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	11.45	12.14	12.82	13.54	14.29b	13.98	14.52	16.15b	15.60	---	---	---
1956 July	11.87b	12.05b	12.42	12.96	13.88	13.78	14.45	16.15	15.60	14.10	13.31	12.64
1956 September	11.17	11.75	12.08	12.50	12.98b	13.10	14.02	15.82	14.66	13.17	12.02	12.10
1956 October	11.08	11.44	11.42	11.50b	12.29	12.46	13.05	14.15	15.48	12.45	12.86	11.60
1956 December	---	11.25	11.20b	11.28b	11.87b	12.04	12.74	13.90	15.19	12.10b	12.02	11.48
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	12.07	12.60	13.62b	15.03	12.00b	11.97b	11.45b
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.60b	15.03	12.09	11.97b	11.48
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.90b	11.47b
<b>LARD, Chicago Board of Trade (In cents per pound)</b>												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	10.90a	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	11.22	11.92	11.52b	11.92b	11.90a	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	11.58a	12.27	11.96a	12.27a	12.15	12.88	13.50a	14.25a	15.00	---	---	---
1956 July	11.88a	12.60b	12.50a	12.80a	12.85	12.80b	13.76	14.72	13.87b	11.95	11.50b	10.85
1956 September	12.10b	12.92a	12.60b	13.12a	12.95	13.10b	14.12	15.12	13.75	12.88	11.86	10.82
1956 October	---	---	12.79a	13.07a	12.97b	13.80a	14.08	15.15	13.85b	12.45	12.00	10.95b
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.05	13.75b	12.12	11.82b	11.05b
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.90	12.95b	12.27b

Table 15.--Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956--Continued

Future	July 15	July 31	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 30	Dec. 15	Dec. 31
BRAN, Kansas City Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	35.00b											
1955 August	35.00b	34.20b	35.75a									
1955 September	35.50b	34.25a	35.60a	36.05a	35.75a							
1955 October	35.65a	35.40a	35.75a	36.10a	36.15a	35.20a	34.55a					
1955 November	36.40a	36.50a	37.15a	37.40a	37.85a	36.70a	35.50a	35.40a	36.50a			
1955 December		36.95a	38.25a	38.50a	38.85a	37.85a	36.80a	36.85a	37.35a	36.05a	36.60a	
1956 January						38.85a	37.90a	37.75a	38.50a	37.60a	37.00a	36.60a
1956 February				39.70a	40.20a	39.55a	38.85a	39.80a	39.85a	39.95a	38.20a	37.70a
1956 March									40.65a	40.70a	39.25a	38.65a
1956 April									41.55a	40.90a	40.50a	39.35a
1956 May												37.50a
1956 June												
1956 July												
1956 August												
1956 September												
1956 October												
SHORTS, Kansas City Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	41.40a											
1955 August	40.65a	39.50a	37.90a									
1955 September	41.40a	40.00a	38.90a	39.50a	42.35a							
1955 October	41.40a	40.35a	40.50a	40.50a	42.25a	41.05a	39.85a	35.85a				
1955 November	41.40a	40.75a	41.50a	41.90a	42.25a	41.75a	39.50a	38.55a	40.70a			
1955 December	41.40a	40.80a	41.50a	41.00a	42.35a	41.50a	39.90a	39.10a	40.00a	40.40a	37.40a	
1956 January						41.50a	40.40a	40.95a	40.75a	40.95a	38.75a	37.15a
1956 February						42.00a	41.40a	41.25a	42.05a	41.40a	40.00a	38.75a
1956 March								42.75a	43.20a	43.25a	42.40a	40.65a
1956 April									44.90a	44.40a	43.70a	42.75a
1956 May												
1956 June												
1956 September												
1956 October												
MIDDINGS, Kansas City Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	37.00a											
1955 September	36.00a	34.00a	34.50a	35.75a	36.25a							
1955 November	38.50a	35.75a	37.20a	37.50a	38.00a	36.75a	35.80a	34.25a	35.70a			
1956 January								39.75a	40.40a	40.00a	38.90a	37.65a
1956 March												
1956 May												
1956 July												
1956 September												
1956 November												
COTTONSEED MEAL, Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	54.00b											
1955 October	51.75b	51.00	49.20b	47.45b	48.25b	52.00	49.75b					
1955 December	52.00b	51.25b	49.25b	47.75b	49.50b	52.00	49.05b	47.75b	45.00b	46.50b	51.50b	
1956 January	52.50b	51.25b	49.25b	48.25b	50.00	52.00	48.75b	47.75b	45.25b	46.55b	48.50b	51.75b
1956 March	52.00b	51.25b	49.25b	48.25b	49.60b	52.00b	48.75b	47.75b	45.75b	46.50b	47.00	49.50b
1956 May	52.00b	51.25b	49.25b	48.00b	49.60b	52.00b	48.75b	47.75b	45.75b	46.50b	47.00	48.50b
1956 July			48.75b	48.00b	49.60b	52.00b	48.75b	47.75b	48.00b	46.75b	47.50b	49.50b
1956 September												
1956 October									45.50b	46.50b	47.25b	48.25b
1956 December												
1957 January												
1957 March												
1957 May												
SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	52.60b											
1955 August	50.75b	50.50	51.90b									
1955 September	49.75b	48.75	48.75b	51.65b	51.60							
1955 October	48.60	47.10	47.35	48.55	49.65b	54.25b	53.00					
1955 December	48.50	47.00b	47.50b	49.00	49.55	55.80	52.25	52.10b	49.50	48.00	50.35b	
1956 January	48.60b	47.25b	47.40b	49.00b	49.85	54.00	52.60	52.35b	50.35	49.95	50.25b	50.45
1956 March	48.85	47.75b	47.50	49.20b	50.90b	54.75	52.60	52.80b	51.40b	51.60	50.9b	51.35b
1956 May	49.30	48.10	47.75b	48.35	50.50	54.80b	52.80	53.40	52.25	52.75	52.00b	52.60b
1956 July			47.60b	48.40b	50.50b	54.60b	52.50	53.9b	52.05	52.70	52.00b	52.60b
1956 August								53.50b	52.00	52.50b	51.95b	52.60b
1956 September										50.00b	49.25b	50.75
1956 October												
1956 December												
1957 January												
1957 March												
1957 May												

Abbreviations: "b" - bid price; "a" - asked price; "m" - revised price; "n" - settlement price.

1/ Trading limited to liquidation only in the 1955 September (old), 1955 November (old), and 1956 January (old) futures as of August 31, 1954.  
 2/ Trading in "new" contracts began February 27, 1956, in the 1956 November and succeeding futures.

NOTE: For dates on which closing ranges were reported, prices shown are averages. When the fifteenth or end of a month fell on Sunday or exchange holiday, the prices shown are for first preceding day on which there was trading.

Table 13.—Closing prices on principal markets, by future, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Future	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 29	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	Apr. 15	Apr. 30	May 15	May 31	June 15	June 30
WHEAT, Kansas City Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	37.10s	36.50s	36.95s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	37.65s	37.90s	37.75s	39.00s	37.65s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 April	38.80s	38.85s	38.55s	39.50s	38.50s	40.70s	41.25s	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	39.80s	39.85s	39.55s	39.50s	38.50s	38.50s	36.80s	36.15s	38.90s	42.75s	---	---
1956 June	37.05s	36.90s	36.10s	36.75s	36.40s	36.50s	36.80s	36.15s	38.90s	42.75s	---	---
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38.15s	37.65s	---	---
1956 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38.15s	37.65s	35.90s	36.00s
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38.45s	38.75s	35.60s	35.00s
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38.75s	38.75s	35.95s	35.65s
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34.50s
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	35.75s
SHORTS, Kansas City Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	39.15s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 February	39.00s	50.60s	39.55s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	40.75s	40.00s	39.80s	39.45s	38.45s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 April	42.25s	41.75s	41.40s	41.75s	40.65s	42.40s	45.25s	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	45.75s	48.00s	48.10s	---	---	---
1956 June	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	40.75s	44.50s	---
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	36.90s
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	38.90s
MIDDLINGS, Kansas City Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	35.15s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	37.00s	36.30s	36.00s	37.00s	34.45s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	40.15s	39.25s	45.25s	45.00s	---	---
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55.75s	35.15s
1956 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	56.25s	36.00s
1956 November	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	56.25s	36.25s
CORNSOFT MEAL, Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association (In dollars per ton)												
1956 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	52.75s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	49.00s	46.80s	45.50s	41.00	39.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	46.70s	45.75s	44.75s	42.75s	40.75s	44.00s	45.25s	44.75s	46.00s	---	---	---
1956 July	49.00s	47.15s	45.25s	45.80s	45.70s	46.70s	46.50s	48.50s	51.60s	51.00	52.50s	51.25s
1956 September	---	---	47.00s	47.25s	45.50s	46.60s	47.00s	49.00s	49.50s	49.50s	49.75s	49.25s
1956 October	51.50s	50.00s	48.50s	49.40s	47.00s	48.50s	49.00s	49.75s	51.00s	50.10s	50.50s	49.75s
1956 December	51.25s	50.75s	48.25s	49.75s	47.00s	49.95	49.40	49.75s	51.00s	50.00s	50.25s	49.50s
1957 January	---	---	48.25s	49.00s	47.00s	48.75s	49.25s	50.00s	51.00s	50.00s	50.25s	49.50s
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	49.25s	50.00s	50.25s	50.00s	50.00s	49.50s
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	50.00s	49.50s
SOYBEAN MEAL, Chicago Board of Trade (In dollars per ton)												
1955 July	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 August	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 September	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 October	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1955 December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 January	50.60s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 March	51.30	50.25	48.85	48.00s	45.45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956 May	52.45s	51.80	50.45s	49.78	47.25	50.45	53.25s	56.42	59.75s	---	---	---
1956 July	52.85	52.22	51.65	51.60	48.85	52.10s	54.55s	58.20s	59.90	59.90	62.90	58.50s
1956 August	53.35	52.05	51.65	52.10s	49.68	53.40s	55.00s	58.25s	59.92	59.80s	62.55	58.42
1956 September	51.95s	51.70s	49.85s	50.00s	48.90s	50.40s	51.15s	55.75s	55.90	54.50s	56.50s	53.80
1956 October	51.00s	49.88	48.20s	47.50s	46.80s	47.60s	47.25s	49.50	49.75s	49.80s	51.45s	50.50
1956 December	---	49.00s	47.95	46.10s	46.90s	47.60s	47.50s	48.50	49.10s	49.80s	51.25s	49.50s
1957 January	---	---	---	---	---	47.70s	47.50s	48.80s	49.10s	50.00s	51.40s	50.15s
1957 March	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	50.00	50.60	51.50	52.75s	51.15
1957 May	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	53.00	51.50s

Table 14.—Highest and lowest prices of futures on principal markets, by date and future, during the year July 1955 - June 1956

Commodity	Market	Unit	Highest Futures Price			Lowest Futures Price		
			Future	Date	Price	Future	Date	Price
Wheat	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1956 May	Apr. 20, 1956	240 5/4	1956 July	Aug. 18, 1955	174 5/8
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	1955 July	July 20, 1955	242	1956 Dec.	June 2, 1956	214 5/8
	Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	1956 May	Apr. 5, 1956	226 1/4	1956 July	Aug. 18 & 22, 1956	184 1/4
Corn	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1956 Sept.	May 2, 1956	159 3/4	1955 Sept.	Aug. 17 & 18, 1955	122 5/8
Oats	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1957 Mar.	June 13, 1956	75	1955 Sept.	Aug. 17 & Sept. 6, 1955	55 1/4
Rye	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	(1956 May	Apr. 5, 1956	137	1955 Sept.	Sept. 1 & 2, 1955	93
	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	(1956 Dec.	Apr. 5 & 9, 1956	129 1/4b	1955 Sept.	Aug. 30, 1955	96 1/2
Barley	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Cents per bushel	1956 May	Apr. 5, 1956	93b	1956 May	Jan. 24, 1956	61
Flaxseed	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Cents per bushel	1956 May	May 9, 1956	380	1955 Sept.	Aug. 28 & 30, 1955	289
Soybeans	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per bushel	1956 July	May 2, 1956	342 1/4	1955 Nov. (old)	Aug. 17, 1955	215
Grain Sorghum	Kansas City Board of Trade	Cents per hundred pounds	1955 July	July 1 & 7, 1955	235	1955 Dec.	Nov. 28, 1955	202
Cotton	New York Cotton Exchange	Cents per pound	1956 Mar.	Mar. 13, 1956	36.00	1957 Mar.	Nov. 2, 1955	28.10
	New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	1956 May	(1)	35.98	1957 Mar.	Nov. 2, 1955	28.90
Wool	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	1955 July	July 8, 1955	140.8	1956 Dec.	Aug. 31 & Sept. 16, 1955	118.0
Wool Tops	Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Cents per pound	1955 Oct.	July 5, 1955	176.0	1956 Dec.	Sept. 18, 1955	150.0
Butter	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract	Cents per pound	1955 Nov.	(2)	58.00	1955 Nov.	(3)	55.75
Eggs	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract	Cents per dozen	1956 Jan.	Dec. 29, 1955	47.05	1955 Nov.	Nov. 2, 1955	29.60
Potatoes	New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Crown, Contract No. 1	Dollars per hundred pounds	1956 May	May 15, 1956	6.20	1955 Nov.	(4)	1.50
Onions	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract	Dollars per 80-pound sack	1956 Mar.	Aug. 22, 1955	2.75	1956 Mar.	Mar. 15, 1956	.10
Cottonseed Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Cents per pound	1956 July	May 1, 1956	19.72	1955 Dec.	Nov. 28, 1955	12.75
Soybean Oil	New York Produce Exchange	Cents per pound	1956 July (old)	May 2, 1956	16.72	1955 Dec.	Aug. 18, 1955	9.92
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	1956 July	May 1, 1956	16.76	1956 May	Aug. 11 & 17, 1955	9.85
Lard	Chicago Board of Trade	Cents per pound	1956 Oct.	May 1, 1956	15.45	1955 Nov.	Sept. 13 & 14, 1955	9.70
Bran	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	1956 Apr.	Apr. 24, 1956	46.90	1956 July	June 29, 1956	32.75
Shorts	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	1956 Apr.	Apr. 23, 1956	48.75	1956 Jan.	Dec. 30, 1955 & Jan. 3, 1956	37.00
Middlings	Kansas City Board of Trade	Dollars per ton	1956 May	May 8, 1956	47.00	1955 Sept.	Aug. 9, 1955	33.50
Cottonseed Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Dollars per ton	1955 Dec.	Sept. 26, 1955	58.50	1956 Mar.	Mar. 16 & 19, 1956	39.00
Soybean Meal	Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association Unrestricted Contract	Dollars per ton	1956 July	June 14, 1956	64.00	1956 Mar.	Mar. 13, 1956	45.45
	Chicago Board of Trade	do.	1956 July	June 14, 1956	64.20	1956 Mar.	Mar. 16, 1956	45.00

1/ On May 2, 5, 7, 8, and 10-14, 1956.

2/ On September 9, 15, 20, and 30, 1955, and October 3 and 4, 1955.

3/ On November 2, 5, 4, 9, and 15, 1955.

4/ On July 19, 1955, and October 4, 5, 10-15, 1955.

Table 15.—Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, years beginning July, 1946-47 to 1955-56

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
<b>WHEAT 1/</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousands bushels	220	8,468	10,588	12,901	28,028	14,907	25,079	26,794	12,498	7,000
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	6	---	4	---	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	508	617	1,527	2,762	8,295	11,881	8,467	750	1,818	1,627
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	1,708	8,842	4,874	2,459	8,684	7,790	11,051	8,815	3,104	8,581
Duluth Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Midwest Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	10	---	---	5	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>15,822</b>	<b>16,442</b>	<b>16,122</b>	<b>59,018</b>	<b>34,578</b>	<b>59,597</b>	<b>51,854</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>16,008</b>
<b>CORN</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousands bushels	2,780	8,370	11,931	6,507	21,253	12,200	29,604	9,389	19,682	32,270
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	15	---	---	6	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	551	252	112	25	---	5	255	5	---	40
Midwest Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>8,622</b>	<b>12,043</b>	<b>6,547</b>	<b>21,253</b>	<b>12,205</b>	<b>29,842</b>	<b>9,374</b>	<b>19,702</b>	<b>32,310</b>
<b>OATS</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousands bushels	8,497	4,612	7,699	3,121	12,720	37,286	40,550	10,104	6,037	17,188
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	2	---	---	---	2	---	12	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	781	591	1,846	3,328	8,339	1,295	7,529	2,932	2,280	764
Midwest Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>7,280</b>	<b>5,193</b>	<b>9,545</b>	<b>6,509</b>	<b>16,060</b>	<b>58,585</b>	<b>49,091</b>	<b>13,036</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>17,952</b>
<b>RICE</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousands bushels	---	---	5,082	19,512	17,849	8,869	9,452	15,376	11,060	5,312
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	1	2	2	---	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	---	589	1,541	1,335	332	595	444	172	176	656
Midwest Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>4,614</b>	<b>20,749</b>	<b>17,863</b>	<b>7,864</b>	<b>9,896</b>	<b>15,548</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>6,138</b>
<b>BARLEY</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousands bushels	504	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>FLAXSEED</b>											
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousands bushels	---	---	---	---	495	2,849	5,988	1,675	629	878
<b>SOYBEANS</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousands bushels	---	440	2,958	16,442	17,226	8,848	7,908	21,648	16,454	25,255
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	40
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	1,457
Memphis Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Clearing Association	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90	205	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>16,445</b>	<b>17,226</b>	<b>8,848</b>	<b>7,908</b>	<b>21,738</b>	<b>16,659</b>	<b>26,657</b>
<b>GRAIN SORGHUMS</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	5	12	---	---	78	507	101	7	15	5
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	198	58	2	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>RICE 1/</b>											
New York Mercantile Exchange	Thousands pounds	---	---	---	1,440	1,120	320	---	---	---	---
<b>COTTON</b>											
New York Cotton Exchange	Thousands bales	125.2	165.7	98.5	143.1	107.0	150.8	225.6	355.5	258.4	302.5
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	52.9	71.2	55.3	72.3	19.1	51.3	81.5	49.5	86.9	8.1
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	4.5	1.8	---	1.1	1.1	---	---	---	3.8	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>182.7</b>	<b>238.7</b>	<b>153.8</b>	<b>215.5</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>182.1</b>	<b>357.5</b>	<b>385.0</b>	<b>349.1</b>	<b>310.6</b>
<b>WOOL</b>											
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousands pounds	1,096	1,044	846	1,050	682	5,492	5,504	1,746	2/ 1,020	1,678
<b>WOOL TOPS</b>											
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousands pounds	395	1,400	1,895	1,030	1,360	4,595	3,560	5,135	1,595	3,640
<b>WYTER 1/</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	8	228	321	103	75	251	355	5	3	15
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	16	25	109	---	7	8	7	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>EGGS 1/</b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	1,638	1,656	1,464	624	2,359	708	1,277	601	2,480	2,449
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	8	8	---	5	5	61	(3)	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>2,449</b>



Table 15.--Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, years beginning July, 1946-47 to 1955-56--Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	Year beginning July									
		1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
<b>POTATOES <sup>1/</sup></b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	88	2	1	18	46	17	69	159	23	3
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	248	877	452	275	17	246	900	1,097	1,828	597
<b>Total</b>	do.	296	879	453	291	63	263	969	1,256	1,851	590
<b>ONIONS <sup>1/</sup></b>											
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	170	412	914	4,040	2,449	1,595	1,501	1,608	2,134	<sup>4/</sup> 1,273
New York Mercantile Exchange	do.	27	10	25	15	2	9	—	2	21	<sup>5/</sup> 190
<b>Total</b>	do.	197	422	939	4,055	2,450	1,604	1,501	1,610	2,155	1,463
<b>COTTONSEED OIL</b>											
New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	480	11,040	45,600	46,380	26,020	95,180	88,320	34,560	32,040	61,200
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	do.	480	11,040	45,600	46,380	26,020	95,180	88,320	34,560	32,040	61,200
<b>SOUTHEAST OIL <sup>1/</sup></b>											
New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	—	—	—	2,040	6,520	23,400	16,080	7,260	9,240	6,540
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	4,080	33,280	69,180	68,760	25,140	68,760
<b>Total</b>	do.	—	—	—	2,040	10,600	57,680	85,260	75,020	34,380	75,300
<b>LARD</b>											
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	—	68,560	91,860	68,560	95,320	18,760	158,160	65,200	57,000	70,120
<b>BEAN</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	180	8,010	9,930	27,030	21,930	6,810	16,570	15,430	22,080	6,660
<b>SHORTS</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	330	6,530	6,690	6,870	10,620	7,560	21,060	7,080	15,000	2,430
<b>MIDDLING</b>											
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,695
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL <sup>1/</sup></b>											
Memphis Board of Trade	Tons	—	2,800	1,200	3,900	700	1,800	1,500	5,300	12,600	7,600
Clearing Association	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>SOUTHEAST MEAL <sup>1/</sup></b>											
Memphis Board of Trade	Tons	—	100	1,400	5,800	16,700	7,200	14,200	22,100	55,800	14,200
Clearing Association	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,100	51,500	50,400	100,500
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	do.	—	100	1,400	5,800	16,700	7,200	24,300	55,600	65,600	114,700

<sup>1/</sup> All types of contracts.<sup>2/</sup> Information on deliveries prior to the 1954 December future obtained from the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.<sup>3/</sup> Less than one carlot.<sup>4/</sup> Information on deliveries prior to the 1955 November future obtained from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.<sup>5/</sup> Information on deliveries prior to the 1955 November future obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Table 18.—Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, by future, July 1955 to June 1956

Commodity and market	Unit	Future												Total
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
<b>WHEAT</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	5,465	---	1,944	---	---	1,281	---	---	220	---	870	---	7,000
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	177	---	384	---	---	708	---	---	---	---	41	---	1,627
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	585	---	1,778	---	---	8,000	---	---	688	---	570	---	8,681
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Seattle Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	do.	4,247	---	4,046	---	---	4,989	---	---	208	---	1,918	---	18,008
<b>CORN</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	5,507	---	900	---	---	12,882	---	---	9,222	---	4,359	---	32,270
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	40	---	---	---	---	---	---	40
Kansas City Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	do.	5,507	---	900	---	---	12,422	---	---	9,222	---	4,359	---	32,510
<b>OATS</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	124	---	4,265	---	---	5,284	---	---	4,519	---	3,189	---	17,158
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	84	---	128	---	---	314	---	---	27	---	261	---	764
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	do.	158	---	4,391	---	---	5,548	---	---	4,545	---	3,450	---	17,922
<b>RYE</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	1,102	---	1,824	---	---	615	---	---	570	---	1,403	---	5,312
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	7	---	40	---	---	168	---	---	---	---	546	---	658
Milwaukee Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	do.	1,109	---	1,864	---	---	778	---	---	570	---	2,049	---	6,028
<b>BARLEY</b>														
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>FLAXSEED</b>														
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Thousand bushels	90	---	97	---	---	252	---	---	142	---	292	---	678
<b>SORTS</b>														
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand bushels	756	---	293	---	4,239	---	10,717	---	5,101	---	14,229	---	28,335
Chicago Open Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	40	---	---	---	40
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	do.	---	---	---	---	320	---	45	---	570	---	722	---	1,457
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	do.	---	---	---	---	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
Total	do.	756	---	293	---	4,564	---	10,762	---	5,711	---	14,951	---	28,657
<b>GRAIN SORGHUMS</b>														
Kansas City Board of Trade	Million pounds	3	---	---	---	---	(1)	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	1	---	2	---	6
Total	do.	3	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	1	---	2	---	8
<b>COTTON</b>														
New York Cotton Exchange	Thousand bales	47.2	---	---	20.7	---	12.4	---	---	4.9	---	5.3	---	90.5
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	do.	1.5	---	---	2.2	---	5.0	---	---	---	---	1.2	---	8.1
Chicago Board of Trade	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	do.	48.7	---	---	22.9	---	15.4	---	---	5.1	---	6.5	---	98.6
<b>WOOL</b>														
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	192	---	---	462	---	342	---	---	898	---	186	---	1,578
<b>WOOL TOPS</b>														
Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Inc.	Thousand pounds	1,435	---	---	700	---	900	---	---	800	---	305	---	5,640
<b>BUTTER</b>														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Storage Contract	Carslots	---	---	---	---	15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15
<b>EGGS</b>														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Refrigerator Contract	Carslots	---	---	715	508	454	306	475	---	11	---	---	---	2,469
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Fresh Contract	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15
Total	do.	---	---	715	508	454	306	475	---	11	---	---	---	2,484
<b>POTATOES</b>														
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Russet Burbank	Carslots	---	---	---	---	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
New York Mercantile Exchange Maine Crown	do.	---	---	---	---	60	16	27	41	125	45	75	---	587
Contract No. 2	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	do.	---	---	---	---	65	16	27	41	125	45	75	---	592

Table 16.—Contracts settled by delivery on each contract market, by future, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Commodity and market	Unit	Future												Total	
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June		
<b>ONIONS</b>															
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Carlots	---	---	---	---	442	---	178	125	558	---	---	---	1,276	
Yellow Globe Type Contract		---	---	---	---	102	---	15	8	7	---	---	---	190	
New York Mercantile Exchange Yellow Globe Type Contract		---	---	---	---	604	---	198	158	540	---	---	---	1,465	
Total	do.	---	---	---	---	604	---	198	158	540	---	---	---	1,465	
<b>COTTONSEED OIL</b>															
New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	2,880	---	3,420	3,080	---	12,180	1,740	---	21,120	---	16,800	---	61,700	
Chicago Board of Trade		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Total		do.	2,880	---	3,420	3,080	---	12,180	1,740	---	21,120	---	16,800	---	61,700
<b>SOYBEAN OIL</b>															
New York Produce Exchange	Thousand pounds	---	---	480	540	---	2,940	---	---	1,140	---	1,440	---	6,540	
Chicago Board of Trade		11,520	---	5,040	4,740	---	12,780	6,840	---	6,480	---	21,840	---	68,760	
Total		do.	11,520	---	5,520	5,280	---	15,720	6,840	---	7,620	---	22,800	---	75,500
<b>LARD</b>															
Chicago Board of Trade	Thousand pounds	13,440	---	8,720	4,200	1,200	9,320	6,720	---	2,440	---	17,080	---	70,120	
<b>HEAN</b>															
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	240	1,500	480	1,530	450	880	560	800	560	---	120	360	6,660	
<b>SHORTS</b>															
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	120	---	---	---	240	720	480	450	240	120	120	---	2,490	
<b>MIDDLINGS</b>															
Kansas City Board of Trade	Tons	105	---	105	---	840	---	210	---	515	---	420	---	1,995	
<b>COTTONSEED MEAL</b>															
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	---	---	---	---	---	700	1,900	---	1,700	---	3,500	---	7,800	
<b>SOYBEAN MEAL</b>															
Memphis Board of Trade Clearing Association	Tons	400	---	1,600	200	---	1,200	200	---	2,100	---	2,000	---	7,700	
Eastern Trunk Line Unrestricted		200	1,400	700	1,500	---	1,100	---	---	---	1,000	---	900	---	6,500
Chicago Board of Trade		1,400	900	1,500	1,700	---	25,100	4,400	---	25,100	---	44,400	---	100,500	
Total	do.	2,000	2,500	3,800	3,200	---	25,400	4,800	---	28,200	---	47,300	---	114,700	

1/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

Table 17.—Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1955-56 1/2

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 3/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 2/ reported as:									
				Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short	Long	Short
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short		
<b>WHEAT (In thousands of bushels)</b>													
1946-47	38,814	17,027	24,066	2,190	1,326	5,600	7,890	6,826	15,597	7,422	21,287	14,240	
1947-48	94,592	47,851	56,545	6,350	2,509	16,929	16,910	25,208	19,219	30,420	46,751	57,839	
1948-49	90,914	36,634	35,906	7,348	8,774	15,708	15,788	23,156	22,562	29,144	52,646	51,290	
1949-50	85,877	40,226	35,279	14,145	2,697	15,635	15,635	27,779	18,350	34,698	45,651	50,598	
1950-51	97,543	47,657	26,906	11,624	2,919	17,857	17,857	29,491	20,776	25,498	49,981	49,986	
1951-52	107,195	51,609	29,450	14,128	4,452	21,018	21,018	35,174	25,448	20,542	56,536	77,745	
1952-53	106,762	49,909	25,935	13,717	5,387	22,367	22,367	36,084	25,694	20,759	66,253	80,827	
1953-54	96,886	51,857	30,536	12,353	2,824	21,091	20,049	35,424	24,033	11,567	42,299	46,312	
1954-55	92,846	44,951	34,794	13,544	3,692	20,280	20,243	33,004	23,935	14,297	34,127	47,595	
1955-56	96,355	43,781	37,647	8,295	4,054	21,675	21,675	30,561	25,720	22,915	53,274	59,798	
<b>COAR (In thousands of bushels)</b>													
1946-47	36,220	19,222	19,450	4,110	1,448	4,806	4,806	8,916	4,254	5,082	10,516	16,998	
1947-48	52,809	28,884	29,870	5,385	1,865	10,996	10,996	18,381	12,861	7,744	10,078	24,125	
1948-49	58,151	34,855	26,994	7,747	2,738	9,480	9,480	17,245	12,256	6,021	18,901	23,266	
1949-50	49,406	29,690	18,764	7,541	3,115	8,213	8,213	15,754	11,328	4,782	19,314	20,516	
1950-51	54,920	36,708	17,526	11,486	3,638	9,517	9,517	19,805	11,955	6,317	25,138	29,122	
1951-52	65,898	37,924	24,131	10,688	4,352	10,865	10,865	21,751	15,185	8,221	26,570	37,594	
1952-53	67,057	38,343	24,601	10,288	5,982	9,964	9,964	20,252	15,946	8,462	25,520	29,714	
1953-54	81,537	29,020	25,417	13,370	2,560	15,020	15,020	26,590	16,590	6,087	22,540	32,457	
1954-55	89,449	59,550	19,721	12,829	5,690	12,040	12,040	24,888	15,730	5,051	23,998	29,819	
1955-56	89,873	59,997	22,085	13,764	5,585	10,828	10,828	24,592	14,413	5,294	33,577	39,876	
<b>OATS (In thousands of bushels)</b>													
1946-47	44,887	29,150	29,126	5,594	3,155	5,778	5,778	11,172	8,948	4,866	6,825	16,737	
1947-48	45,229	29,533	21,229	4,566	2,393	8,748	8,748	15,314	11,141	2,382	12,859	15,696	
1948-49	39,165	22,054	15,647	1,087	1,786	4,296	4,296	8,023	7,740	1,098	7,778	7,111	
1949-50	28,050	20,017	11,444	4,155	1,061	5,046	5,046	7,201	4,893	832	11,823	8,053	
1950-51	44,952	31,889	15,745	5,051	2,193	6,849	6,849	11,899	11,817	1,185	17,580	15,024	
1951-52	67,270	50,995	20,326	6,302	2,509	9,027	13,123	16,329	16,832	958	31,312	19,595	
1952-53	84,419	64,829	22,101	7,556	1,775	10,907	17,203	19,665	19,978	1,127	45,340	19,800	
1953-54	46,053	33,009	14,498	5,599	1,445	6,744	6,521	12,343	9,969	701	21,589	13,044	
1954-55	24,896	18,018	12,979	4,519	1,192	2,701	5,045	7,220	4,235	1,080	8,282	8,280	
1955-56	27,057	20,450	8,594	3,081	1,152	2,471	2,469	5,352	3,601	1,063	14,662	6,607	
<b>RIE (In thousands of bushels)</b>													
1947-48	807	681	442	17	0	0	0	17	0	109	365	126	
1948-49	4,023	3,410	2,480	247	121	229	328	476	449	137	1,114	613	
1949-50	28,323	15,454	6,531	865	949	2,056	5,138	2,721	5,787	148	8,206	2,669	
1950-51	15,047	11,297	5,852	784	611	1,565	1,784	2,149	1,565	211	5,390	2,360	
1951-52	9,996	7,493	5,703	956	670	1,279	1,407	2,244	2,077	259	2,216	2,503	
1952-53	17,274	14,139	7,942	774	974	2,278	3,853	5,052	4,627	85	4,706	2,156	
1953-54	20,862	16,965	6,437	707	829	5,115	3,580	5,622	4,418	75	10,008	5,697	
1954-55	19,355	15,087	7,821	667	838	2,830	2,975	5,487	5,911	21	6,855	5,519	
1955-56	13,761	11,895	8,273	754	722	1,449	1,594	2,203	2,316	168	5,172	2,368	
<b>BARLEY (In thousands of bushels)</b>													
1946-47	195	150	185	65	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	65	
<b>FLAXSEED (In thousands of bushels)</b>													
1950-51	388	359	549	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	9	19	
1951-52	2,059	1,913	999	41	0	0	0	41	0	105	1,060	1,060	
1952-53	2,153	1,590	1,037	141	187	(5)	95	142	280	482	858	1,116	
1953-54	886	552	677	102	81	0	0	102	81	252	128	209	
1954-55	451	450	406	0	5	0	0	5	1	37	1	42	
1955-56	759	537	478	80	2	0	0	80	2	142	222	288	
<b>SORTSEAM (In thousands of bushels)</b>													
1947-48	1,835	912	1,338	17	0	1	1	18	1	905	498	499	
1948-49	17,073	9,614	12,124	1,459	590	1,399	1,399	2,886	1,869	4,821	2,900	7,459	
1949-50	55,500	31,016	24,972	6,015	1,080	10,898	10,208	16,503	11,378	6,181	17,150	22,094	
1950-51	59,728	23,514	25,519	2,810	1,815	8,719	8,719	11,529	10,538	5,828	5,876	18,412	
1951-52	47,872	27,837	25,261	3,899	4,146	8,536	8,536	12,435	12,892	7,600	9,229	20,025	
1952-53	54,114	30,630	30,429	5,056	1,785	10,199	10,199	15,265	11,954	8,029	11,752	25,784	
1953-54	60,368	42,506	35,029	8,819	5,467	20,596	20,596	29,415	24,065	8,448	20,577	37,853	
1954-55	96,810	45,476	44,759	6,406	7,737	24,694	24,694	31,100	32,431	12,254	12,180	45,534	
1955-56	95,091	48,474	35,935	9,262	4,400	21,707	21,707	29,969	28,107	14,648	29,149	44,617	

Table 17.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1955-56 1/2--Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments & reported as:											
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 3/		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
		Long	Short	Long or short only		Long and short (spreading)		Total		Long	Short	Long	Short
GRAIN SOYBEANS (In million of pounds)													
1950-51	128	81	55	54	5	6	8	40	9	7	84	47	93
1951-52	572	225	117	165	11	6	8	168	17	140	438	549	485
1952-53	24	12	19	7	2	0	0	7	2	5	4	12	6
1953-54	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
COTTON (In thousands of bales)													
1946-47	8,103	1,827	1,527	193	72	385	365	538	457	718	1,139	1,276	1,576
1947-48	2,706	1,615	1,405	168	59	334	334	502	373	369	828	1,091	1,301
1948-49	2,403	1,308	1,306	174	49	331	331	505	389	380	517	1,036	897
1949-50	2,374	1,315	1,355	156	71	358	358	484	369	365	620	1,059	1,019
1950-51	5,289	1,591	1,459	295	81	495	481	770	572	527	1,257	1,697	1,829
1951-52	5,564	1,920	1,961	139	95	535	531	674	614	370	969	1,644	1,805
1952-53	3,672	2,299	1,853	164	48	472	472	635	520	737	1,299	1,373	1,619
1953-54	2,784	1,683	1,251	220	16	405	406	625	421	475	1,092	1,101	1,613
1954-55	3,184	1,910	1,441	275	20	363	375	636	385	648	1,358	1,284	1,753
1955-56	2,077	1,127	1,237	138	11	179	181	317	192	635	648	950	840
WOOL (In thousands of pounds)													
1954-55 8/	8,534	6,414	4,259	242	67	1,054	1,034	1,276	1,101	844	5,174	2,150	4,275
1955-56	6,812	6,007	5,253	71	115	593	383	454	498	351	3,081	605	3,589
WOOL TOPS (In thousands of pounds)													
1946-47	4,284	2,740	1,996	614	0	0	0	614	0	840	2,398	1,554	2,598
1947-48	6,075	2,405	1,809	1,074	0	8	8	1,092	8	688	2,458	1,670	2,466
1948-49	5,547	3,368	2,537	1,551	277	152	152	1,703	429	478	2,581	2,181	3,010
1949-50	4,782	3,454	2,009	547	92	205	205	550	295	758	2,458	1,508	2,753
1950-51	5,972	3,262	3,141	44	140	66	66	110	206	600	2,625	710	2,931
1951-52	13,639	9,411	4,289	1,022	40	800	800	1,322	840	2,466	8,390	4,289	9,430
1952-53	14,722	7,909	4,071	1,196	39	718	681	1,909	720	4,904	9,931	6,913	10,851
1953-54	10,772	6,500	5,171	713	7	1,048	1,048	1,761	1,055	3,711	6,546	5,472	7,601
1954-55	13,456	7,965	5,499	1,435	74	1,693	1,587	3,038	1,641	2,453	8,318	5,491	9,357
1955-56	10,078	7,275	5,055	451	1	891	892	1,342	895	1,481	6,130	2,903	7,023
BUTTER (In carlots)													
1946-47	280	104	125	15	2	1	1	16	3	60	52	76	65
1947-48	720	427	420	75	7	16	16	89	25	204	277	293	300
1948-49	701	445	319	31	7	10	10	41	17	217	365	289	332
1949-50	175	152	61	17	(7)	1	1	18	1	5	118	23	114
1950-51	188	156	101	16	1	(7)	(7)	15	1	15	86	32	87
1951-52	517	360	255	67	(7)	(7)	(7)	67	(7)	90	362	137	332
1952-53	576	372	167	40	15	34	34	74	49	130	360	204	409
EGGS (In carlots)													
1946-47	4,211	3,147	2,084	508	129	325	325	833	454	231	1,673	1,064	2,127
1947-48	2,855	2,025	1,425	278	106	176	176	455	282	175	947	630	1,229
1948-49	2,547	1,713	1,321	384	233	81	81	465	314	369	832	654	1,246
1949-50	2,289	1,437	1,135	427	110	144	144	571	254	291	900	652	1,154
1950-51	2,906	1,870	1,487	326	110	400	400	726	510	310	909	1,096	1,419
1951-52	2,260	1,725	1,239	260	120	144	144	404	254	131	757	535	1,021
1952-53	2,980	2,215	1,884	456	175	297	297	743	462	22	634	755	1,096
1953-54	5,037	2,281	2,014	432	467	296	296	728	763	29	230	756	1,023
1954-55	5,115	3,008	2,099	633	691	552	552	1,185	1,243	20	771	1,205	2,014
1955-56	5,391	3,878	3,520	943	507	525	525	1,469	1,033	44	838	1,513	1,971
POTATOES (In carlots)													
1946-47	1,169	825	549	113	53	39	39	152	92	192	708	344	600
1947-48	1,604	793	591	278	100	65	65	444	165	367	658	611	1,023
1948-49	759	490	367	102	14	30	30	132	44	137	348	269	392
1949-50	596	412	249	14	9	28	28	40	35	134	502	174	337
1950-51	422	387	324	2	20	36	36	38	56	27	42	65	96
1951-52	1,405	886	824	104	209	94	94	198	303	321	1,79	519	581
1952-53	4,009	2,423	1,829	610	578	441	441	1,081	1,019	655	1,181	1,158	2,180
1953-54	4,106	2,620	1,860	722	284	257	257	878	521	507	1,705	1,488	2,228
1954-55	5,517	3,410	2,345	776	800	475	475	1,251	1,275	847	1,898	2,098	3,174
1955-56	2,895	1,804	1,074	627	432	256	256	683	688	208	1,133	1,091	1,821

Table 17.—Annual average of sidemonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1955-56 1/2.—Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 1/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 2/ reported as:									
		Long or short only		Speculative				Total		Hedging		Total	
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
COTTONSEED OIL (In thousands of pounds)													
1946-47 1/2	15,655	2,987	4,040	815	667	855	853	1,666	1,513	9,000	8,100	10,666	9,613
1947-48	52,777	16,922	10,981	9,737	5,395	6,000	6,000	15,737	9,595	20,118	32,411	55,855	41,798
1948-49	90,728	31,815	22,115	15,620	11,230	12,880	10,890	26,500	22,130	32,413	48,503	80,913	60,813
1949-50	185,078	105,520	52,384	60,990	7,026	16,628	16,628	57,613	25,944	21,940	129,450	79,589	152,694
1950-51	285,790	120,902	71,040	61,038	20,205	59,785	59,785	120,848	60,590	24,025	134,132	160,898	194,722
1951-52	394,835	244,722	71,276	74,570	20,815	47,985	47,985	122,585	69,319	27,249	255,350	150,215	325,660
1952-53	187,942	67,507	54,787	49,870	21,555	55,805	55,805	85,476	55,260	56,960	97,295	120,535	151,155
1953-54	58,995	24,928	11,680	12,530	4,803	6,212	6,212	20,742	15,015	15,528	54,305	34,070	47,518
1954-55	69,580	27,600	9,570	17,835	1,455	14,657	14,657	32,492	16,112	9,488	45,878	41,960	59,990
1955-56	193,528	87,873	20,909	39,237	5,660	50,219	50,219	69,455	53,878	56,200	158,750	106,855	172,628
SOYBEAN OIL (In thousands of pounds)													
1949-50	16,190	10,620	2,810	5,000	162	1,658	1,658	4,658	1,820	912	11,560	5,570	13,980
1950-51	162,933	84,395	21,650	56,775	6,748	21,575	21,575	58,550	28,525	20,198	112,860	79,549	141,288
1951-52	139,799	103,970	22,775	20,670	31,891	11,408	11,408	35,078	43,689	22,720	92,694	54,798	135,993
1952-53	185,722	75,505	17,030	37,592	29,938	55,010	55,010	52,062	44,962	29,155	95,730	80,217	131,892
1953-54	194,595	90,250	25,823	41,092	6,635	21,915	21,915	65,027	50,550	41,580	138,422	104,345	188,978
1954-55	205,439	58,743	56,915	46,322	7,635	46,265	46,265	92,595	53,898	59,110	134,825	152,895	189,523
1955-56	509,166	101,885	34,418	71,910	17,002	47,288	47,288	119,198	64,290	89,505	210,460	207,505	274,760
LARD (In thousands of pounds)													
1946-47 1/2	11,990	7,644	4,011	1,808	475	44	44	1,832	519	2,494	7,480	4,546	7,979
1947-48	75,471	51,869	12,998	15,123	2,098	1,348	1,343	14,459	5,591	7,023	57,084	21,482	60,475
1948-49	88,375	52,057	24,798	11,411	15,205	5,745	5,745	17,156	18,950	18,162	44,827	36,318	63,577
1949-50	62,455	41,360	19,266	10,952	2,965	1,745	1,745	12,097	5,110	8,976	40,057	23,073	45,167
1950-51	60,537	36,814	23,130	9,104	9,315	1,852	1,852	9,958	11,167	15,787	26,260	23,745	37,427
1951-52	75,625	49,754	23,200	6,815	9,853	5,030	5,030	9,825	12,683	14,108	37,722	25,931	50,585
1952-53	92,337	70,892	12,124	15,472	5,647	2,948	2,948	19,418	6,894	2,827	75,620	21,545	80,215
1953-54	58,082	39,544	34,697	6,850	7,047	4,828	4,828	11,658	11,875	7,890	12,320	19,548	24,195
1954-55	62,359	37,630	27,008	10,153	11,862	7,415	7,415	17,668	19,277	7,132	16,045	24,700	35,322
1955-56	75,815	51,317	18,843	15,628	8,435	6,157	6,157	21,765	14,592	2,713	42,560	24,498	56,932
IRAN (In tons)													
1946-47	3,998	1,873	1,950	32	0	0	0	52	0	2,073	2,048	2,125	2,048
1947-48	29,287	7,241	7,420	90	5	1,170	240	1,260	245	20,786	21,622	23,046	21,997
1948-49	19,598	5,009	5,785	175	218	509	462	685	680	13,876	15,103	14,859	15,755
1949-50	19,026	6,846	4,935	1,379	102	605	665	2,044	787	9,205	13,845	10,248	14,430
1950-51	24,919	9,479	4,765	111	0	9	5	116	5	16,324	16,440	16,154	16,254
1951-52	14,647	8,000	4,741	1,380	157	100	100	1,490	257	5,167	9,490	6,847	9,308
1952-53	15,794	7,716	5,090	271	45	40	40	311	85	5,767	8,619	6,078	8,704
1953-54	8,211	4,214	2,787	1,637	450	245	245	1,832	685	2,115	4,749	3,997	5,444
1954-55	7,108	5,600	2,599	765	40	71	71	636	111	2,672	4,398	3,508	4,508
1955-56	2,889	2,373	1,670	0	0	0	0	0	0	516	1,219	516	1,219
SHORTS (In tons)													
1946-47	3,172	2,660	2,192	0	0	0	0	0	0	512	680	512	880
1947-48	16,920	5,109	4,160	600	0	200	1,150	800	1,130	11,011	11,670	11,811	12,800
1948-49	11,251	5,590	5,696	384	60	137	193	321	245	7,140	7,532	7,681	7,755
1949-50	9,876	4,377	2,637	770	455	105	105	875	560	5,824	6,678	4,880	6,289
1950-51	11,664	4,550	2,468	97	40	5	5	102	45	7,012	9,773	7,134	9,418
1951-52	8,784	4,576	5,531	554	29	26	26	390	53	5,688	5,489	4,209	5,253
1952-53	15,081	4,839	4,577	870	0	55	55	925	55	7,497	8,690	8,422	8,684
1953-54	4,538	3,212	2,220	140	268	115	115	255	583	1,071	1,935	1,326	2,318
1954-55	6,149	2,125	2,269	230	1,282	0	0	230	1,282	5,794	2,698	4,024	3,880
1955-56	1,382	1,267	962	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	420	115	420
COTTONSEED MEAL (In tons)													
1946-47	7,175	4,100	3,400	583	1,092	175	175	158	1,267	2,517	2,508	3,075	3,775
1947-48	19,928	7,412	9,604	1,412	397	1,617	1,550	5,029	1,837	9,482	8,592	12,521	19,329
1948-49	24,436	10,021	14,363	506	2,375	1,704	1,704	2,313	4,079	12,204	6,696	14,437	12,075
1949-50	51,612	14,858	12,891	7,192	3,657	4,796	4,796	11,988	6,663	4,966	10,088	16,984	19,721
1950-51	52,304	25,283	28,071	3,544	17,664	3,992	3,992	7,538	21,596	19,685	2,637	27,021	24,253
1951-52	50,459	22,067	23,900	9,504	13,966	5,617	5,617	13,121	18,963	25,260	7,575	39,371	26,559
1952-53	12,396	6,638	6,906	1,916	1,400	1,117	1,117	3,033	2,517	7,225	671	5,789	5,498
1953-54	18,275	8,550	6,875	4,982	363	1,029	1,029	5,421	1,592	5,304	10,008	6,725	11,600
1954-55	19,504	10,267	10,337	5,504	942	993	993	6,487	1,925	2,750	7,242	9,237	9,167
1955-56	20,882	10,109	8,812	2,283	475	1,104	1,104	5,307	1,579	7,567	10,471	10,754	12,050

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Table 17.—Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1955-56 1/2—Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 2/ reported as:											
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 3/		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short			Long	Short
SOYBEAN MEAL (In tons)													
1946-47	12,117	6,275	7,059	975	1,235	600	600	1,575	1,853	4,267	3,225	5,842	5,058
1947-48	25,679	9,904	10,004	2,517	760	1,591	1,692	4,508	2,409	11,267	12,967	15,775	15,675
1948-49	25,698	13,014	9,688	3,304	813	1,829	1,810	5,155	2,642	8,471	14,536	15,804	17,000
1949-50	77,029	24,104	19,813	5,085	5,775	17,108	17,108	24,191	22,683	27,734	54,333	52,825	57,218
1950-51	174,797	67,328	19,863	62,467	1,604	11,968	11,968	74,475	13,592	32,954	141,611	127,429	155,104
1951-52	128,077	59,764	49,557	40,628	18,079	25,336	25,336	65,967	41,417	22,816	68,295	118,293	109,700
1952-53	121,587	27,823	36,246	21,882	19,617	18,398	18,398	59,654	36,009	45,850	47,112	85,504	85,121
1953-54	257,708	67,075	42,828	70,600	17,233	78,871	78,871	149,271	95,904	51,362	119,596	200,633	215,500
1954-55	331,538	79,848	64,200	85,529	56,642	100,021	100,021	186,550	159,663	126,592	177,725	301,948	317,388
1955-56	420,042	99,597	44,450	103,633	25,279	49,692	49,692	153,125	72,971	169,050	302,821	321,175	375,592

- 1/ Figures for 1946-47 are averages of month-end commitments only.  
 2/ Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.  
 3/ Derived by subtracting reporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.  
 4/ 11-month average; figures for July not included.  
 5/ Less than 500 bushels.  
 6/ Traders not subject to reporting requirements prior to October 27, 1954.  
 7/ Less than one carlot.  
 8/ 9-month average; trading resumed October 17, 1946; suspended July 10, 1948.  
 9/ 3-month average; trading resumed November 4, 1946; suspended June 13, 1948.

NOTE: Omission of a year in the 10-year period (1946-47 to 1955-56) indicates there were no traders in reporting status during the year. For data on orders and middlings, see Table 18.

Table 18.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, seasonally, July 1955 to June 1956

Date	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments / reported as:													
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Speculative						Hedging				Total	
		Long	Short	Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short						
<b>WHEAT (In thousands of bushels)</b>															
July	15	155,187	52,568	43,256	5,855	5,118	51,850	51,850	57,894	56,857	42,875	52,924	80,508	88,061	
July	31	155,870	51,476	42,459	7,732	4,906	51,282	51,282	55,154	56,288	44,760	55,825	85,894	91,911	
August	15	186,002	54,947	44,568	8,094	5,568	80,808	80,808	59,300	58,174	41,153	53,465	81,055	91,856	
August	31	151,645	55,979	45,168	10,553	6,750	25,104	25,104	35,857	33,854	42,407	54,826	78,064	90,480	
September	15	128,957	55,475	45,466	11,840	8,875	25,791	25,791	55,851	52,866	39,851	50,805	75,462	85,471	
September	30	117,875	49,796	41,327	14,170	6,052	21,565	21,565	35,785	33,745	27,615	32,146	48,753	67,879	
October	15	112,350	51,015	40,217	16,045	2,115	22,404	22,404	35,447	34,427	24,519	25,868	47,614	61,535	
October	31	108,284	50,590	37,601	12,950	5,500	21,977	21,977	34,927	33,477	22,747	24,777	45,186	57,874	
November	15	104,434	51,135	37,584	12,948	2,584	22,604	22,604	35,454	34,170	17,825	21,825	41,880	55,279	
November	30	99,915	50,472	36,234	11,059	2,419	22,425	22,425	33,464	32,044	15,977	17,977	37,045	49,441	
December	15	97,782	44,916	34,241	9,947	2,797	20,532	20,532	31,092	29,379	11,774	11,774	31,212	42,666	
December	31	84,601	45,452	29,655	8,947	2,859	19,670	19,670	29,574	28,104	12,706	12,706	30,686	41,280	
January	15	87,511	44,231	31,441	8,968	3,498	21,806	21,806	30,574	29,104	12,706	12,706	32,616	43,200	
January	31	87,258	42,355	34,719	10,828	1,917	20,908	20,908	31,734	29,625	13,237	13,237	34,871	45,517	
February	15	79,286	40,272	30,086	8,534	2,255	17,945	17,945	26,499	25,000	12,515	12,515	32,014	41,280	
February	29	72,288	36,248	28,525	5,540	2,145	16,654	16,654	24,174	22,779	13,854	13,854	30,858	37,761	
March	15	72,352	34,702	26,732	4,120	5,684	18,005	18,005	20,128	18,668	17,825	15,951	37,850	45,850	
March	31	67,180	30,305	25,790	4,053	5,582	16,527	16,527	20,580	19,069	15,476	13,481	36,855	45,870	
April	15	70,240	32,870	25,900	2,870	2,990	17,889	17,889	20,699	20,619	17,171	14,849	37,870	45,168	
April	30	70,725	30,208	26,472	5,505	5,440	18,351	18,351	23,456	21,561	17,069	15,222	40,515	48,323	
May	15	74,502	29,750	26,470	4,153	5,520	19,545	19,545	23,698	24,795	20,954	18,037	44,582	57,881	
May	31	75,699	28,989	26,523	4,980	5,355	19,750	19,750	24,730	24,949	19,785	18,901	46,710	59,176	
June	15	81,835	32,822	37,085	9,450	4,183	20,766	20,766	30,428	24,949	19,785	18,901	49,211	64,780	
June	30	95,104	42,075	34,944	11,779	5,707	20,635	20,635	32,414	24,842	19,817	18,313	51,031	68,460	
Average		98,535	45,061	37,547	8,686	4,054	21,675	21,675	30,361	28,729	22,915	21,069	56,274	68,768	
<b>CORN (In thousands of bushels)</b>															
July	15	43,002	25,285	19,083	5,808	6,868	7,771	7,771	13,978	14,637	6,545	10,284	18,718	24,921	
July	31	44,582	24,248	20,085	4,872	7,895	6,582	6,582	12,454	14,247	7,948	7,250	20,354	21,497	
August	15	50,748	25,771	27,041	8,975	9,470	6,154	6,154	15,139	15,624	9,948	9,085	24,977	25,707	
August	31	50,190	21,658	20,395	8,851	9,065	7,870	7,870	17,721	16,915	9,829	9,840	27,684	28,795	
September	15	64,887	35,740	35,070	11,562	9,961	9,629	9,629	20,591	19,610	10,118	11,187	31,217	31,797	
September	30	65,616	29,489	26,487	14,176	7,582	12,631	12,631	26,507	19,993	7,580	17,156	34,147	35,166	
October	15	66,374	31,710	26,634	12,433	7,286	18,679	18,679	26,112	20,965	8,472	10,776	34,584	39,740	
October	31	69,425	30,645	24,945	12,852	1,835	15,265	15,265	26,087	15,989	5,225	20,282	31,362	44,480	
November	15	79,437	46,847	20,586	14,048	2,121	15,769	15,769	27,905	15,880	5,885	42,969	39,190	58,649	
November	30	75,622	45,940	19,090	15,877	1,993	11,856	11,856	24,712	15,229	5,260	45,603	29,375	58,732	
December	15	78,782	48,821	19,426	15,078	1,290	11,222	11,222	24,297	12,512	4,244	44,624	26,441	57,358	
December	31	76,980	48,105	16,885	13,203	1,206	11,533	11,533	24,655	12,789	4,240	47,878	28,875	57,331	
January	15	79,900	51,722	18,104	15,958	1,525	10,808	10,808	25,310	11,881	3,410	49,488	28,175	61,706	
January	31	82,767	54,437	19,100	18,724	895	10,808	10,808	25,310	11,881	3,410	49,488	28,175	61,706	
February	15	84,548	58,795	19,652	16,495	1,875	10,918	10,918	27,311	15,191	3,942	52,505	32,593	64,006	
February	29	82,970	51,219	19,352	16,560	2,240	11,666	11,666	26,224	15,908	5,225	49,712	31,751	63,816	
March	15	78,454	46,496	18,234	16,495	1,115	8,765	8,765	28,234	9,680	3,724	50,540	31,958	60,220	
March	31	77,870	43,013	18,969	19,569	1,431	11,475	11,475	31,032	12,904	4,825	45,977	34,597	58,081	
April	15	71,079	39,298	19,569	17,645	615	9,920	9,920	27,765	10,585	4,025	40,972	31,780	51,507	
April	30	76,797	44,017	21,395	18,945	1,990	12,110	12,110	31,055	13,490	3,725	43,934	34,790	57,416	
May	15	74,181	41,628	19,426	18,826	5,654	11,270	11,270	28,095	14,904	4,238	38,305	32,558	53,007	
May	31	69,097	39,181	18,956	15,290	2,540	11,625	11,625	28,995	13,965	4,041	38,376	30,888	47,241	
June	15	87,263	38,433	23,115	14,585	2,198	12,947	12,947	27,512	15,140	3,329	29,007	30,960	44,147	
June	30	89,443	38,994	21,920	11,914	2,840	11,957	11,957	29,971	14,597	2,568	22,926	26,430	37,628	
Average		69,975	39,997	22,083	15,764	5,595	10,828	10,828	24,592	14,415	5,294	58,977	29,076	47,790	
<b>OATS (In thousands of bushels)</b>															
July	15	22,868	25,706	10,352	4,115	1,925	1,549	1,284	5,804	5,189	1,498	9,427	7,182	12,116	
July	31	22,032	21,103	9,789	6,910	761	1,695	1,470	8,806	8,251	2,124	20,052	10,929	22,168	
August	15	37,806	25,378	10,469	7,000	1,815	2,922	2,702	9,922	5,517	2,506	25,920	12,428	27,957	
August	31	40,027	27,607	10,915	7,172	1,485	2,802	2,802	9,774	4,067	2,848	25,045	12,428	29,112	
September	15	38,408	26,111	11,427	4,957	1,601	2,777	2,777	7,716	4,379	2,029	22,904	10,597	26,981	
September	30	35,565	27,156	8,890	3,283	1,588	2,300	2,300	5,593	5,871	2,553	22,403	10,997	26,676	
October	15	34,577	26,032	9,483	5,470	866	2,499	2,894	5,889	5,580	2,376	21,324	9,545	24,284	
October	31	32,000	25,527	10,215	2,478	958	2,640	2,850	5,068	5,508	1,405	17,997	6,473	21,931	
November	15	31,180	24,502	9,120	2,725	1,913	3,242	3,547	5,967	5,460	691	16,490	8,658	21,905	
November	30	28,346	22,197	9,148	1,679	1,850	3,793	3,703	5,472	5,553	677	13,645	6,149	19,188	
December	15	26,909	21,089	8,242	1,004	1,692	3,302	3,057	4,206	4,749	715	15,818	4,921	16,877	
December	31	24,323	21,472	7,487	836	1,550	3,608	3,494	4,546	4,994	308	13,864	4,853	16,665	
January	15	27,127	22,054	8,759	737	857	4,041	3,696	4,546	4,255	235	14,115	5,075	19,866	
January	31	28,352	21,868	9,612	896	841	3,654	3,269	4,563	4,002	290	15,426	5,277	18,703	
February	15	28,178	20,886	8,146	4	2	1,998	1,698	2,546	2,048	447	15,426	2,995	15,469	
February	29	21,476	18,463	6,007	541	388	2,005	1,655	2,546	2,048	447	15,426	2,995	15,469	
March	15	19,696	17,009	6,763	822	425	1,400	1,700	2,222	1,625	455	12,718	2,974	12,406	
March	31	18,864	15,890	5,459	1,076	405	1,584	1,284	2,460	1,587	514	11,818	2,974	12,406	
April															



Table 18.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semiannually, July 1956 to June 1958—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments / reported as:										Total		
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Speculative						Hedging				
		Long	Short	Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short			
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short					
RTE (In thousands of bushels)														
July	15	15,665	12,400	7,534	201	1,420	869	869	1,070	2,289	195	3,847	1,265	5,131
	31	14,452	12,982	8,211	407	1,280	1,051	1,291	1,458	2,861	2	3,650	1,460	6,241
August	15	14,514	12,951	7,966	115	861	1,444	1,596	1,581	2,257	2	4,291	1,583	6,049
	31	14,270	12,495	7,092	517	995	1,258	1,585	1,775	2,558	2	4,320	1,777	7,278
September	15	15,859	11,801	7,504	400	547	1,313	1,895	1,738	2,170	120	4,165	1,859	6,535
	30	14,627	12,100	7,587	640	590	1,760	2,400	2,400	2,674	127	4,565	2,527	7,240
October	15	15,094	12,494	8,239	420	472	2,120	2,120	2,540	2,592	2	4,144	2,542	6,756
	31	15,819	12,634	8,588	860	540	2,145	2,005	3,005	2,548	2	5,318	3,005	6,461
November	15	16,294	13,545	9,094	885	1,861	2,038	2,747	2,671	2,671	2	5,929	2,749	6,900
	30	15,508	13,584	9,515	944	820	2,296	2,446	3,240	3,266	2	3,917	3,245	7,028
December	15	15,659	12,647	9,042	342	85	2,470	2,845	2,812	2,790	100	3,799	3,312	6,517
	31	15,287	12,339	8,964	934	5	2,012	2,255	2,945	2,840	2	4,085	2,948	6,823
January	15	14,989	11,671	8,571	1,064	365	2,232	2,425	3,332	2,790	2	3,228	2,827	5,422
	31	14,578	11,746	9,150	1,040	410	1,785	1,785	2,625	2,195	2	2,840	2,192	5,225
February	15	15,044	11,904	9,869	1,216	410	1,915	1,975	3,190	2,395	2	3,128	4,302	5,376
	29	15,906	12,004	9,989	1,285	560	1,890	1,890	3,195	2,850	1,107	3,228	4,877	4,796
March	15	15,304	9,527	9,122	1,925	548	1,310	1,310	3,295	1,858	1,082	2,928	3,105	5,818
	31	11,290	8,485	7,772	1,542	403	1,038	1,038	2,440	1,501	685	2,317	1,801	3,501
April	15	11,168	9,777	8,034	208	850	800	800	1,106	1,650	275	1,474	1,801	3,124
	30	11,335	9,634	7,894	776	1,552	801	801	1,577	2,153	144	1,549	1,721	3,501
May	15	11,082	9,708	7,269	502	1,865	809	1,099	1,509	2,982	85	1,631	1,874	3,560
	31	10,588	9,465	7,176	565	1,070	507	847	1,062	1,937	11	2,108	1,059	3,975
June	15	11,232	10,175	7,257	520	920	597	947	1,057	1,087	2	2,128	1,219	3,595
	30	10,707	9,488	7,112	810	700	409	772	1,219	1,472	0	2,128	1,219	3,595
Average		15,781	11,995	8,275	754	722	1,449	1,594	2,205	2,516	165	3,172	2,366	5,488

FLAISED (In thousands of bushels)														
July	15	472	472	164	0	59	0	0	0	39	0	289	0	508
	31	424	309	124	216	0	0	0	216	0	0	300	216	500
August	15	597	292	287	295	0	0	0	295	0	0	500	295	500
	31	774	222	419	341	0	0	0	341	0	211	555	562	365
September	15	663	363	663	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	719	685	398	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	521	34	521
October	15	755	591	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	254	573	254	573
	31	726	484	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	242	614	242	614
November	15	721	641	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	270	602	270	602
	30	842	842	567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	275	0	275
December	15	610	610	336	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	275	0	275
	31	986	671	447	0	0	0	0	0	0	296	519	296	519
January	15	894	699	474	0	0	0	0	0	0	285	520	285	520
	31	1,109	823	621	0	0	0	0	0	0	286	488	286	488
February	15	799	799	799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	29	999	722	701	0	0	0	0	0	0	277	298	277	298
March	15	914	687	604	0	0	0	0	0	0	247	510	247	510
	31	945	615	705	262	0	0	0	262	0	270	290	270	290
April	15	925	842	686	0	0	0	0	0	0	281	237	281	237
	30	781	476	774	0	0	0	0	0	0	305	7	305	7
May	15	475	270	475	203	0	0	0	203	0	0	0	203	0
	31	499	296	499	203	0	0	0	203	0	0	0	203	0
June	15	669	496	609	203	0	0	0	203	0	206	0	409	0
	30	602	293	802	203	0	0	0	203	0	0	0	409	0
Average		759	557	478	80	2	0	0	80	2	142	281	222	285

SOYBEANS (In thousands of bushels)														
July	15	67,585	24,940	37,101	1,115	10,514	18,050	18,050	17,165	28,564	25,478	3,918	42,643	50,482
	31	64,948	19,195	55,621	3,007	9,478	18,254	18,254	19,351	25,732	26,402	5,595	45,753	49,327
August	15	74,587	22,584	42,134	3,325	9,436	18,518	18,518	22,045	27,954	29,990	4,499	52,008	58,435
	31	79,245	26,684	44,520	4,315	7,969	19,754	19,754	24,043	27,625	28,530	7,102	52,579	54,725
September	15	83,969	28,067	46,360	2,852	7,966	20,948	20,948	25,800	28,614	31,031	8,724	56,851	61,598
	30	90,500	41,299	45,241	7,062	5,203	28,904	28,904	33,968	36,968	39,041	18,459	56,126	65,187
October	15	109,692	34,468	44,625	9,994	2,240	30,001	26,901	35,968	38,592	41,085	12,985	41,988	49,680
	31	121,494	34,873	42,734	10,140	5,176	35,415	35,415	45,558	50,592	52,895	12,985	40,328	49,680
November	15	115,412	66,829	42,744	11,912	5,794	29,441	29,441	41,553	35,235	10,231	42,215	51,594	75,450
	30	117,019	66,397	48,708	9,707	5,584	29,860	29,860	39,367	35,224	11,054	40,088	50,421	75,312
December	15	119,521	70,195	47,024	10,979	5,810	29,895	29,895	40,574	32,910	8,954	39,597	49,328	75,497
	31	113,890	64,070	42,815	12,411	1,210	27,438	27,438	39,849	29,448	8,881	39,517	48,710	69,385
January	15	94,463	55,915	36,679	11,910	1,891	19,050	19,050	30,940	20,321	7,608	37,465	39,549	57,794
	31	92,596	54,934	36,225	13,006	645	19,387	19,387	32,392	20,032	5,270	36,359	37,688	55,371
February	15	89,154	53,869	35,661	9,980	916	17,766	17,766	27,746	19,687	7,500	34,791	35,246	55,472
	29	89,895	52,122	35,468	11,886	2,059	17,690	17,690	29,065	19,759	8,507	36,486	37,575	56,327
March	15	84,045	51,862	35,842	8,879	2,128	14,855	14,855	24,445	16,481	6,950	34,225	35,164	50,704
	31	85,080	46,837	33,151	12,798	1,625	14,678	14,678	23,234	16,481	6,950	34,225	35,164	50,704
April	15	92,807	49,605	35,085	8,950	1,945	22,558	22,558	31,896	24,179	11,858	35,563	45,124	57,742
	30	100,442	55,941	36,563	7,919	3,380	24,301	24,301	32,120	27,641	12,381	34,398	44,501	62,979
May	15	89,345	50,850	34,010	7,919	8,755	17,874	17,874	25,793	24,627	15,202	31,508	38,925	55,395
	31	85,047	48,402	31,679	7,159	6,945	17,606	17,606	24,805	24,549	11,790	28,819	36,585	53,680
June	15	89,720	50,061	31,679	7,029	4,415	21,545	21,545	29,574	25,760	11,235	26,743	36,859	52,525
	30	79,333	42,521	32,555	6,544	7,120	20,445	20,445	24,787	27,565	12,025	19,217	36,812	48,780
Average		93,021	48,474	38,885	8,282	4,400	21,707	21,707	29,969	26,107	14,648	29,140	44,617	54,256

Table 18.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, seasonally, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:												
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Speculative						Hedging		Total		
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total						
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	
COTTON (In thousands of bales)														
July	15	2,566	1,648	1,410	149	20	231	245	580	265	598	893	918	1,156
51	2,504	1,602	1,440	125	6	221	227	544	235	558	829	902	1,064	
August	15	2,591	1,642	1,460	115	23	245	252	550	275	579	845	959	1,121
31	2,583	1,631	1,419	90	24	253	259	525	265	609	821	932	1,144	
September	15	2,496	1,569	1,419	100	20	199	205	299	225	629	857	928	1,080
30	2,417	1,489	1,341	128	17	234	228	352	245	624	855	888	1,005	
October	15	2,358	1,545	1,358	135	7	119	145	294	150	684	806	1,009	970
31	2,312	1,503	1,342	170	7	155	157	323	194	686	806	1,011	922	
November	15	2,301	1,190	1,279	105	10	158	160	321	170	630	752	1,011	922
30	2,090	1,156	1,127	156	13	116	120	272	153	680	679	852	912	
December	15	1,912	1,112	1,177	156	15	146	149	282	164	518	571	800	735
31	1,909	1,096	1,122	134	4	149	151	285	155	520	562	803	717	
January	15	1,895	1,057	1,130	146	5	133	156	279	141	559	624	888	785
31	1,899	1,059	1,150	124	2	149	152	275	154	567	595	840	749	
February	15	1,800	955	1,154	145	10	131	152	276	142	599	524	875	668
29	1,841	959	1,125	138	2	168	167	299	169	644	543	945	718	
March	15	1,912	950	1,194	145	8	170	170	315	178	657	540	922	718
31	1,917	903	1,220	178	2	154	153	327	185	697	535	1,014	897	
April	15	1,892	871	1,217	162	10	165	165	327	175	694	500	1,021	875
30	1,860	843	1,177	155	17	166	196	351	213	686	470	1,017	838	
May	15	1,095	735	1,067	199	25	188	169	335	192	675	416	901	608
31	1,744	741	1,067	121	6	203	204	324	213	679	454	1,005	647	
June	15	1,753	679	1,085	104	6	221	222	325	228	748	440	1,074	666
30	1,775	685	1,099	115	2	220	221	335	228	756	451	1,086	674	
Average		2,077	1,127	1,237	139	11	179	181	517	192	635	648	950	840
WOOL (In thousands of pounds)														
July	15	8,310	6,672	5,924	72	190	1,242	1,242	1,314	1,422	324	2,364	1,636	4,596
31	8,328	6,608	4,122	72	192	1,248	1,248	1,320	1,440	402	2,706	1,722	4,248	
August	15	8,358	6,774	5,774	72	278	1,256	1,256	1,308	1,512	276	3,072	1,684	4,694
31	8,520	7,062	5,900	72	284	1,182	1,182	1,254	1,566	204	3,054	1,456	4,820	
September	15	8,724	7,254	4,050	72	278	1,212	1,212	1,284	1,590	198	3,094	1,470	4,374
30	8,120	7,372	4,972	54	284	1,194	1,194	1,248	1,458	350	2,720	1,578	4,378	
October	15	8,674	7,754	5,058	54	270	948	948	900	1,216	240	3,700	1,240	5,216
31	7,952	7,746	4,782	145	12	12	12	12	126	204	3,042	218	5,130	
November	15	7,674	7,416	4,554	0	120	54	54	54	156	222	2,964	316	4,180
30	7,332	6,830	4,598	0	120	54	54	54	174	348	2,760	402	3,954	
December	15	6,846	6,504	5,894	0	120	54	54	54	174	298	2,778	342	3,932
31	6,678	6,254	5,188	0	114	64	64	64	168	390	2,342	444	3,510	
January	15	6,468	6,072	5,060	0	124	54	54	54	168	348	2,240	398	3,408
31	6,434	6,068	5,010	0	102	50	50	50	182	518	2,664	548	2,798	
February	15	6,216	5,904	5,354	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,382	312	2,694
29	5,922	5,508	2,943	0	0	0	0	0	0	444	3,008	444	3,006	
March	15	5,472	5,064	2,322	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	408	408	2,946
31	5,250	4,926	2,250	0	0	0	0	0	0	330	3,030	350	2,930	
April	15	5,334	4,734	2,352	240	0	0	0	240	0	0	468	608	3,066
30	5,238	4,360	2,172	240	0	150	150	390	150	468	5,218	608	3,252	
May	15	5,106	4,218	1,954	240	0	150	150	390	150	498	5,126	638	3,252
31	5,292	4,326	1,218	240	0	150	150	390	150	670	5,324	668	4,074	
June	15	5,180	4,434	1,092	132	0	150	150	282	150	414	5,888	696	4,038
30	4,968	4,050	1,098	132	0	150	150	282	150	534	5,618	816	3,786	
Average		6,812	6,007	3,253	71	115	385	385	454	496	351	3,081	605	3,589
WOOL TOPS (In thousands of pounds)														
July	15	12,625	7,620	5,505	765	15	2,285	2,175	5,000	2,190	2,015	4,950	5,005	9,180
31	12,076	7,420	5,375	780	0	1,955	1,910	2,745	1,910	1,910	6,780	4,855	8,700	
August	15	11,485	7,125	5,055	745	10	2,105	2,050	2,850	2,080	1,510	6,370	4,980	8,430
31	11,765	7,290	5,135	705	0	2,185	2,100	2,890	2,100	1,585	6,520	4,475	8,020	
September	15	12,185	7,470	5,210	590	0	2,665	2,610	5,085	2,610	1,580	6,615	4,885	9,225
30	12,285	7,650	5,210	500	0	2,820	2,745	5,120	2,745	1,555	6,680	4,675	9,425	
October	15	11,785	7,835	5,805	800	0	2,225	2,175	2,585	2,175	1,315	5,955	5,900	9,150
31	11,590	8,170	5,855	890	0	1,595	1,600	1,885	1,500	1,355	6,055	3,320	7,555	
November	15	10,540	8,135	5,890	80	0	750	645	810	645	1,595	5,205	2,405	6,890
30	10,110	7,880	5,865	90	0	1,890	1,80	2,70	1,890	2,460	6,065	2,730	6,545	
December	15	9,825	7,426	5,810	95	0	195	195	290	195	6,110	5,920	2,400	6,515
31	9,245	6,895	5,550	90	0	545	545	655	545	1,715	6,350	2,350	5,295	
January	15	9,156	6,980	5,180	95	0	605	605	600	605	1,615	5,500	2,515	6,015
31	9,080	7,540	5,260	95	0	540	540	485	540	1,055	5,210	1,490	5,530	
February	15	8,955	7,495	5,410	150	0	250	455	400	436	1,060	5,110	1,460	6,545
29	8,575	6,975	5,365	150	0	175	360	385	360	1,275	5,050	1,600	5,430	
March	15	8,690	7,150	5,050	200	0	208	490	605	490	1,235	5,370	1,740	6,060
31	8,710	7,180	2,895	800	0	270	455	470	455	1,080	5,440	1,810	5,978	
April	15	8,250	6,855	2,378	718	0	0	0	725	0	860	6,255	1,878	6,651
30	8,375	6,985	2,480	715	0	0	0	0	715	0	775	6,965	1,490	6,985
May	15	8,540	6,715	2,480	865	0	0	0	865	0	980	6,210	1,225	6,110
31	8,036	6,830	1,970	1,215	0	0	0	0	1,215	0	970	7,045	1,185	7,045
June	15	9,780	7,170	2,170	1,060	0	0	0	1,050	0	1,535	7,630	2,185	7,580
30	9,705	6,995	1,885	755	0	0	0	0	755	0	1,365	7,920	2,710	7,020
Average		10,079	7,275	5,055	451	1	891	882	1,542	865	1,461	6,150	2,905	7,083

Table 18.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semiannually, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:											
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
EGGS (In carlots)													
July 15	6,911	5,311	5,212	702	482	845	845	1,545	1,382	52	2,571	1,600	5,699
31	7,876	5,554	4,397	1,407	515	630	690	2,097	1,035	27	2,276	2,124	5,821
August 15	8,207	5,968	4,972	1,654	640	572	572	2,228	1,212	15	2,115	2,241	5,328
31	8,492	5,842	5,072	1,528	757	1,192	1,192	2,520	1,949	40	2,061	2,550	4,030
September 15	7,544	5,001	4,478	1,524	423	775	775	1,297	1,196	48	1,572	2,543	2,728
30	6,790	4,931	3,761	970	339	721	701	1,471	1,530	68	1,430	1,759	2,989
October 15	5,129	3,905	2,879	837	217	585	568	1,223	1,103	1	1,147	1,224	2,250
31	4,880	3,375	2,590	655	744	442	442	1,005	1,188	0	834	1,005	2,080
November 15	4,459	3,331	2,018	589	510	479	479	1,069	959	0	454	1,069	1,443
30	3,960	2,900	2,969	652	519	439	439	1,060	757	0	234	1,060	991
December 15	2,919	2,373	2,448	378	229	168	168	548	597	0	76	548	475
31	2,450	1,578	2,029	489	201	593	593	672	584	0	87	672	621
January 15	3,805	2,599	3,209	955	894	293	293	1,238	567	0	80	1,238	597
31	3,541	2,589	2,909	999	287	274	274	978	511	0	121	978	632
February 15	3,782	2,608	3,029	901	511	328	328	1,227	637	27	97	1,227	754
29	4,018	2,701	3,166	774	519	457	457	1,231	948	34	74	1,231	850
March 15	4,850	3,844	3,350	1,071	448	502	502	1,457	1,517	28	72	1,457	1,080
31	4,741	3,138	2,747	1,081	657	456	456	1,578	948	53	72	1,578	994
April 15	5,378	3,582	4,217	1,228	290	480	480	1,709	780	85	599	1,709	1,159
30	5,532	3,626	4,217	1,228	290	480	480	1,709	780	85	599	1,709	1,159
May 15	5,731	3,858	3,158	1,387	498	377	377	1,744	865	51	710	1,744	1,575
31	5,961	4,201	3,556	1,000	778	545	545	1,835	1,517	127	1,060	1,780	2,405
June 15	6,158	4,540	3,408	876	969	618	618	1,891	1,585	201	1,141	1,492	2,788
30	6,578	4,797	3,504	792	938	614	614	1,808	1,612	170	1,257	1,778	2,969
Average	5,391	3,978	3,520	945	507	528	528	1,469	1,033	44	638	1,613	1,671

POTATOES (In carlots)													
July 15	2,098	1,908	1,227	421	250	419	419	840	669	150	1,002	990	1,671
31	2,444	2,421	1,365	539	349	315	315	843	664	180	1,415	1,025	2,079
August 15	3,939	2,575	1,630	855	354	359	359	1,224	723	140	1,688	1,894	2,509
31	3,905	2,491	1,525	812	585	328	328	1,138	709	178	1,572	1,314	2,280
September 15	3,751	2,390	1,638	600	365	406	406	1,206	772	166	1,441	1,581	2,215
30	3,719	2,421	1,422	689	404	429	429	1,118	833	280	1,464	1,298	2,297
October 15	3,524	2,341	1,346	615	456	342	342	959	797	225	1,561	1,105	2,179
31	2,992	1,977	795	479	596	234	234	715	620	202	1,479	1,348	1,845
November 15	2,814	1,850	789	441	323	376	376	617	699	187	1,146	915	2,089
30	2,821	1,698	789	591	345	345	345	937	621	86	1,261	1,023	1,852
December 15	2,521	1,555	749	600	309	519	519	310	233	196	1,274	1,174	1,792
31	2,518	1,544	728	724	254	254	254	968	578	178	1,155	936	1,772
January 15	2,675	1,294	789	607	513	298	298	505	611	496	1,076	1,391	1,896
31	2,636	1,222	865	483	527	96	96	511	618	203	1,198	724	1,751
February 15	2,974	1,922	909	548	699	231	231	779	929	317	1,156	990	2,065
29	2,974	1,922	909	548	699	231	231	779	929	317	1,156	990	2,065
March 15	2,720	1,422	915	745	728	358	358	1,076	1,059	222	740	1,298	1,805
31	2,121	1,477	1,182	680	706	324	324	1,204	1,027	440	912	1,644	1,959
April 15	2,306	1,127	977	787	728	29	29	818	757	563	672	1,179	1,829
30	2,789	1,722	1,171	989	784	9	9	998	795	69	598	1,067	2,319
May 15	1,590	989	841	470	115	88	88	506	151	95	598	601	749
31	1,751	1,299	845	244	40	65	65	307	103	153	785	432	638
June 15	2,380	1,579	1,030	485	160	184	184	649	534	153	998	802	1,520
30	2,958	1,702	1,248	728	259	225	225	949	492	307	1,228	1,258	1,710
Average	2,895	1,604	1,074	627	432	256	256	883	688	208	1,135	1,091	1,621

ONIONS (In carlots)													
September 30 3/	7,975	2,666	2,014	3,524	725	1,855	1,655	5,179	2,890	170	3,581	5,279	5,961
October 15	8,506	2,796	2,349	5,791	691	1,778	1,778	5,569	2,469	141	3,688	5,730	6,157
31	8,936	3,108	2,552	5,744	945	1,918	1,918	5,662	2,365	156	3,820	5,827	6,528
November 15	7,867	3,238	2,017	2,865	702	1,598	1,598	4,453	2,890	136	3,380	4,849	5,670
30	6,507	3,078	1,554	1,804	742	1,620	1,620	3,424	2,822	105	3,711	3,289	5,075
December 15	5,857	3,036	1,990	1,990	536	1,202	1,202	2,792	2,792	29	2,159	2,521	3,697
31	5,183	2,549	1,418	1,598	628	1,056	1,056	2,634	1,684	0	2,105	2,554	3,787
January 15	5,130	1,870	687	900	133	855	855	1,256	491	25	2,022	1,830	2,615
31	5,074	2,200	687	1,009	519	37	37	1,046	556	25	1,791	794	2,172
February 15	2,917	1,749	908	828	30	50	50	576	540	25	1,355	1,072	1,811
29	1,915	1,654	850	528	20	50	50	376	340	25	1,255	401	1,575
March 15	868	734	284	75	32	48	48	123	80	25	588	148	618
31	1,046	809	506	60	0	152	152	212	152	25	588	237	740
April 15	1,196	875	337	114	0	282	282	296	182	25	677	521	620
30	1,495	1,100	345	140	40	230	230	370	270	25	880	365	1,120
May 15	1,778	1,245	508	249	64	254	254	503	318	25	658	529	1,471
31	1,975	1,202	508	398	134	318	318	714	454	57	1,018	771	1,470
June 15	2,560	1,840	601	812	381	358	358	1,169	657	32	1,322	1,420	1,959
30	2,758	1,650	857	650	239	406	406	1,056	645	52	1,458	1,108	2,101
Average	5,978	1,941	1,081	1,280	553	689	689	1,978	1,052	69	1,866	2,688	2,918

Table 18.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:									
				Speculative				Total		Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Long		Short		Long	
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
COTTONSEED OIL (In thousands of pounds)													
July 15	48,600	21,600	11,400	8,950	6,900	14,760	14,760	21,720	20,840	5,880	16,560	27,000	37,200
July 31	50,580	19,860	16,440	7,560	2,320	15,900	15,900	21,360	18,020	9,360	18,120	30,720	34,140
August 15	54,000	24,180	20,280	8,280	1,020	11,540	11,540	19,620	12,580	10,800	21,860	29,820	33,720
August 31	59,280	28,260	18,420	9,120	0	12,850	12,850	21,480	12,360	9,540	20,500	31,020	40,680
September 15	84,800	50,060	15,900	7,500	1,060	12,060	12,060	19,560	15,920	15,280	35,280	34,740	49,200
September 30	85,560	51,380	14,520	20,820	1,580	12,400	12,400	36,940	19,800	15,240	61,240	34,180	71,040
October 15	87,060	35,040	9,900	20,640	420	17,820	17,820	58,480	19,240	23,520	68,000	61,960	87,120
October 31	120,500	37,480	8,940	20,120	0	14,270	14,270	44,340	14,820	18,480	97,140	62,820	111,560
November 15	135,780	66,120	10,240	45,180	60	14,760	14,760	59,940	14,620	27,720	129,820	87,860	145,640
November 30	179,700	75,240	7,740	49,380	0	16,740	16,740	55,720	16,740	37,740	156,220	104,460	171,960
December 15	195,660	80,760	9,240	51,960	3,240	19,860	19,860	71,320	23,100	45,060	169,320	114,000	186,420
December 31	204,060	80,940	7,380	58,100	0	19,260	19,260	79,360	19,260	44,760	177,420	128,120	196,680
January 15	259,680	115,860	14,220	67,500	0	26,460	26,460	93,960	26,460	51,940	219,000	145,800	245,460
January 31	295,680	118,380	17,100	90,840	500	37,560	37,560	127,300	37,660	49,500	240,720	177,300	278,560
February 15	301,200	150,380	15,840	76,740	500	45,200	45,200	119,940	43,500	50,980	241,660	170,820	285,360
February 29	325,920	154,320	24,960	60,780	3,600	46,820	46,820	107,400	50,220	64,200	250,740	171,600	300,960
March 15	311,520	150,540	35,420	57,000	150	43,800	43,800	100,800	43,800	60,180	234,120	160,960	279,100
March 31	280,400	136,320	54,980	42,540	184	44,040	44,040	86,580	44,580	67,500	210,940	154,080	255,420
April 15	295,860	139,620	37,800	54,360	1,080	45,480	45,480	89,840	46,560	58,400	211,500	156,240	256,060
April 30	298,060	135,380	35,700	58,600	2,160	47,800	47,800	95,600	59,180	61,080	196,400	134,620	256,660
May 15	271,020	137,940	37,800	45,400	14,280	46,380	46,380	86,320	61,200	50,760	172,020	135,080	235,420
May 31	252,640	128,120	35,780	35,580	13,620	55,980	55,980	89,560	69,600	41,160	146,480	129,720	216,060
June 15	234,780	116,700	35,340	38,000	9,240	67,720	67,720	95,720	88,960	24,560	132,480	118,080	199,440
June 30	204,360	105,440	30,680	15,640	7,260	54,240	54,240	70,080	61,500	30,840	112,200	100,320	173,740
Average	195,528	87,673	20,900	39,237	3,660	30,218	30,218	69,485	53,878	48,200	168,750	105,655	172,628
SOTREAN OIL (In thousands of pounds)													
July 15	220,440	67,980	22,620	45,300	2,700	21,120	21,120	68,420	28,820	86,040	174,000	152,460	197,820
July 31	215,460	61,820	20,340	39,420	4,620	26,540	26,540	65,060	31,260	87,720	165,860	153,940	196,120
August 15	238,200	65,540	23,300	35,580	3,780	27,560	27,560	62,940	31,140	102,920	184,680	172,660	215,820
August 31	251,400	67,020	21,840	35,400	3,480	32,100	32,100	87,500	35,980	116,880	193,980	184,360	229,560
September 15	255,800	67,560	25,620	34,960	2,580	32,580	32,580	67,440	35,160	120,900	195,120	188,340	230,880
September 30	262,800	70,380	25,460	66,420	4,820	31,580	31,580	97,800	36,000	94,820	205,340	192,420	239,340
October 15	288,500	72,120	22,740	72,780	7,740	40,740	40,740	115,520	46,480	100,860	215,280	214,360	263,760
October 31	305,340	81,260	25,560	92,580	7,080	51,920	51,920	124,500	39,720	69,580	240,060	214,080	279,780
November 15	323,580	98,780	30,500	98,580	15,140	54,800	54,800	133,380	47,940	91,440	245,840	224,820	285,280
November 30	320,260	95,000	35,940	20,220	20,220	51,440	51,440	127,920	51,480	93,460	232,080	227,820	285,740
December 15	305,180	85,260	34,980	35,760	23,540	59,600	59,600	128,580	58,940	91,580	215,160	217,960	269,100
December 31	298,020	84,000	30,720	32,680	22,680	50,120	50,120	125,720	57,740	62,060	205,580	205,020	259,500
January 15	297,240	97,020	36,360	35,040	23,040	37,820	37,820	132,960	60,960	87,620	209,320	200,220	260,820
January 31	294,380	94,320	32,520	89,760	24,720	54,260	54,260	124,020	58,880	75,420	202,860	199,440	261,840
February 15	309,900	91,680	38,040	81,820	20,280	36,940	36,940	150,280	59,220	87,860	212,640	218,720	271,860
February 29	330,600	110,280	45,560	59,860	18,480	47,100	47,100	105,980	65,580	114,360	212,460	220,820	287,040
March 15	355,540	112,680	69,540	62,980	20,140	49,740	49,740	112,620	69,800	110,040	226,960	222,660	286,900
March 31	318,840	119,460	45,860	74,220	21,600	35,400	35,400	109,620	57,000	89,760	216,180	196,380	275,180
April 15	352,800	147,660	50,220	78,480	24,360	40,520	40,520	118,800	64,680	86,340	237,300	205,140	302,580
April 30	389,960	150,240	48,800	106,620	26,460	75,900	75,900	162,520	102,580	87,200	250,800	249,720	333,160
May 15	398,020	149,440	40,500	80,160	29,080	80,180	80,180	176,840	116,260	83,240	229,660	239,580	347,520
May 31	376,420	148,820	45,020	59,580	25,560	106,200	106,200	159,760	104,760	70,520	199,080	250,100	313,840
June 15	380,760	153,800	44,220	63,940	31,280	97,380	97,380	161,720	128,640	55,740	207,800	218,860	316,540
June 30	363,100	132,680	40,320	62,280	27,420	107,760	107,760	170,040	135,180	60,480	187,680	230,520	322,860
Average	308,168	101,685	34,418	71,910	17,002	47,288	47,288	119,198	64,490	88,806	210,460	207,503	274,760
LARD (In thousands of pounds)													
July 15	50,800	30,200	18,480	8,120	3,520	8,760	8,760	15,880	12,280	2,520	21,640	20,400	34,120
July 31	46,760	32,440	17,980	5,000	3,080	6,600	6,600	11,600	9,680	2,720	19,200	14,320	28,980
August 15	48,200	32,960	24,000	6,120	2,820	7,320	7,320	12,440	10,200	2,800	14,000	15,240	24,200
August 31	49,320	35,120	27,520	7,940	9,720	5,760	5,760	12,900	15,480	1,400	6,520	14,400	32,000
September 15	49,560	35,400	23,720	4,380	14,720	6,880	6,880	11,240	21,600	4,720	4,040	15,960	26,640
September 30	47,000	31,440	25,160	5,320	14,680	3,760	3,760	9,080	19,440	6,480	5,400	15,560	21,940
October 15	46,440	28,820	26,240	5,440	12,920	2,400	2,400	6,840	15,320	9,280	4,860	18,120	20,200
October 31	50,640	32,660	29,840	9,160	14,720	3,120	3,120	12,280	17,840	5,800	2,960	18,080	20,800
November 15	51,040	32,620	29,780	7,800	11,560	5,040	5,040	12,640	16,600	5,980	4,500	18,720	21,280
November 30	44,960	29,720	25,800	9,480	10,820	4,440	4,440	15,920	14,960	1,320	6,200	21,160	21,160
December 15	46,360	30,680	19,080	9,380	6,780	5,080	5,080	12,440	11,940	3,240	15,440	15,640	27,820
December 31	45,000	31,200	14,320	10,880	7,280	2,720	2,720	13,600	10,000	200	20,680	18,900	30,680
January 15	65,080	45,920	13,540	12,680	11,200	6,280	6,280	18,900	17,480	200	35,960	39,160	53,440
January 31	76,480	46,660	16,840	21,380	4,920	6,600	6,600	29,400	11,320	1,520	30,120	29,920	61,640
February 15	77,160	45,880	14,480	22,600	3,600	7,200	7,200	29,300	10,940	1,480	31,840	31,820	62,680
February 29	64,400	50,840	15,560	23,520	5,620	7,720	7,720	31,240	11,640	2,320	37,200	33,660	68,840
March 15	94,820	59,660	15,240	28,400	8,760	7,600	7,600	31,000	18,580	3,360	44,720	34,560	61,000
March 31	87,880	55,280	14,960	26,880	6,960	4,280	4,280	50,560	11,240				

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Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:									
				Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
SRAN (In tons)													
July	15	5,480	5,480	5,480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	4,350	4,350	4,350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	15	5,040	2,010	5,040	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,040	120	2,040
	31	5,430	1,900	5,240	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,650	0	5,650
September	15	5,720	1,920	5,590	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,980	240	1,680
	30	4,440	2,520	5,480	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,900	180	1,800
October	15	5,310	2,520	5,550	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,920	260	1,920
	31	2,890	2,890	2,890	0	0	0	0	0	0	990	960	990
November	15	4,300	3,870	1,830	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	2,520	350
	30	4,100	4,100	1,090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,120	0
December	15	4,620	4,620	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,480	0
	31	4,440	4,440	840	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,600	0
January	15	4,730	4,730	480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,750	0
	31	5,270	5,270	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,030	0
February	15	1,850	1,950	960	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,590	0
	29	1,720	1,710	580	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,350	0
March	15	1,800	1,800	330	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,470	0
	31	1,650	2,710	480	0	0	0	0	0	0	240	1,470	240
April	15	1,710	1,350	480	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	1,230	360
	30	960	960	960	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	1,080	1,080	1,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	840	840	840	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	560	560	560	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	1,080	1,080	1,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average		2,669	2,375	2,670	0	0	0	0	0	0	516	1,219	516
SHORTS (In tons)													
July	15	2,640	2,640	2,640	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	2,340	1,860	1,860	0	0	0	0	0	0	480	540	480
August	15	2,580	2,100	1,920	0	0	0	0	0	0	480	660	480
	31	2,150	1,620	1,380	0	0	0	0	0	0	480	600	480
September	15	2,190	1,530	1,230	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	360	600
	30	2,450	2,070	1,230	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	600	360
October	15	2,070	2,070	2,470	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	0
	31	2,310	2,310	2,310	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	2,520	2,510	1,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	0
	30	2,070	2,070	1,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	0
December	15	1,850	1,710	1,470	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	360	120
	31	1,580	1,350	870	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	510	30
January	15	960	960	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660	0
	31	1,140	1,140	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	900	0
February	15	1,020	810	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	780	210
	29	780	780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	780	0
March	15	750	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	750	0
	31	650	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	650	0
April	15	510	510	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	390	0
	30	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	120	120	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	720	720	720	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average		1,562	1,287	962	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	420	115
MIDDINGS (In tons)													
July	15	420	420	420	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	315	210	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	105	105
August	15	315	195	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	105	210
	31	1,060	630	840	0	0	0	0	0	0	420	105	420
September	15	845	630	640	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	105	315
	30	105	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	105
October	15	105	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0
	31	315	315	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	15	1,190	875	875	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	315	315
	30	795	420	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	210	210
December	15	795	420	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	210	210
	31	840	525	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	210	210
January	15	315	315	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	0
	31	420	420	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	0
February	15	420	420	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	0
	29	420	420	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	315	0
March	15	70	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0
	31	525	525	525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	15	1,020	625	1,050	0	0	0	0	0	0	525	0	525
	30	1,020	1,020	1,020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	15	785	785	785	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	1,050	1,050	1,050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30	1,165	1,155	1,155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average		595	477	478	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	117	118

Table 18.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders on all contract markets combined, semiannually, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:									
				Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short	Long	Short
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
COTTONSEED MEAL (In tons)													
July 15	20,000	5,700	12,000	2,800	5,100	1,400	1,400	3,600	4,500	10,700	5,500	14,500	6,000
31	19,800	5,100	15,400	1,800	1,100	1,500	1,500	2,500	2,600	11,400	5,800	14,700	6,400
August 15	21,000	6,100	9,900	1,800	2,800	2,500	2,500	4,100	4,600	10,800	6,500	14,900	11,100
31	19,700	6,500	9,800	1,800	200	1,900	1,900	3,700	2,000	7,700	7,900	11,400	9,900
September 15	20,200	9,700	10,200	2,800	0	1,900	1,900	4,700	1,900	5,600	8,100	10,500	10,000
30	17,800	9,800	11,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	8,500	8,000	8,500
October 15	21,800	8,500	8,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,000	15,000	12,600	13,000
31	25,800	12,800	7,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,500	18,100	10,500	15,100
November 15	24,000	13,800	5,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,800	28,200	10,200	18,500
30	22,700	18,700	6,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	15,900	10,000	15,900
December 15	19,000	10,200	6,000	0	100	0	0	0	100	7,800	11,900	7,800	12,000
31	21,400	11,000	6,800	3,400	0	100	100	5,500	100	6,900	15,000	10,400	15,100
January 15	24,800	9,900	8,800	5,600	0	200	200	5,700	200	9,800	15,800	14,900	16,000
31	24,000	11,600	9,500	5,700	0	200	200	5,900	200	6,500	14,500	12,400	14,600
February 15	24,900	12,000	8,500	5,800	0	100	100	5,900	100	6,000	16,500	11,900	16,800
29	25,900	12,500	7,700	5,700	1,900	100	100	5,800	2,000	5,600	14,200	11,400	16,800
March 15	24,800	14,000	8,100	2,800	700	3,000	3,000	5,900	3,900	4,800	13,000	10,800	14,700
31	22,200	15,700	9,700	5,200	600	1,800	1,800	4,500	3,900	4,000	10,600	8,500	12,500
April 15	19,700	11,800	7,200	4,400	1,500	1,000	1,000	4,400	2,500	4,000	9,600	8,400	12,100
30	18,800	9,100	7,200	5,400	0	1,600	1,600	5,000	1,600	5,500	10,800	10,500	12,400
May 15	17,200	8,600	6,800	2,300	0	2,800	2,800	5,100	2,800	5,500	8,100	8,600	10,900
31	17,200	6,500	6,500	1,100	0	2,800	2,800	3,900	2,800	4,800	8,100	8,700	10,800
June 15	16,800	8,100	9,000	1,300	0	2,200	2,200	3,500	2,200	5,200	5,600	6,700	7,800
30	16,400	8,600	14,000	700	0	2,100	2,100	2,800	2,100	5,000	800	8,700	2,400
Average	20,662	10,108	8,812	2,285	475	1,104	1,104	3,587	1,579	7,567	10,471	10,754	12,060
SORGHAN MEAL (In tons)													
July 15	589,700	61,500	59,200	84,600	19,200	50,100	50,100	134,700	89,300	168,500	251,200	286,200	320,500
31	564,700	64,400	39,500	37,900	21,200	49,000	49,000	85,900	70,200	213,400	255,000	300,500	325,200
August 15	569,200	65,600	42,300	46,100	9,500	44,500	44,500	90,600	54,000	212,000	271,900	302,600	325,900
31	561,100	61,000	35,500	76,400	14,000	46,600	46,600	125,000	62,600	195,100	285,000	320,100	345,600
September 15	596,100	66,100	28,000	68,400	21,600	37,500	37,500	105,700	50,900	225,500	301,200	334,000	360,100
30	424,100	75,800	45,400	97,500	21,900	42,100	42,100	138,600	64,000	209,700	316,700	349,800	380,700
October 15	435,600	74,500	55,100	144,200	19,200	49,900	49,900	194,100	68,100	167,000	312,400	351,100	380,600
31	466,900	89,700	65,700	119,100	25,800	50,200	50,200	168,500	75,700	204,900	325,500	375,200	401,200
November 15	429,800	90,800	29,900	122,900	33,900	45,900	45,900	174,900	79,800	223,700	350,200	398,500	430,000
30	501,500	107,800	62,000	118,700	29,800	50,500	50,500	169,000	79,900	234,700	359,600	395,700	430,500
December 15	484,700	109,500	57,800	110,500	19,500	50,400	50,400	160,900	79,900	214,500	347,600	375,400	427,500
31	458,500	93,100	41,900	121,800	37,900	58,200	58,200	180,000	96,100	185,400	320,500	365,400	416,600
January 15	453,500	67,100	34,400	134,100	47,900	56,900	56,900	193,000	106,900	178,700	332,600	366,700	419,400
31	460,400	110,000	54,300	124,700	45,200	49,700	49,700	174,400	94,900	286,000	321,200	340,400	416,100
February 15	464,500	134,500	35,700	126,100	4,100	42,700	42,700	168,800	46,800	141,200	362,000	310,000	408,800
29	452,100	151,500	29,300	145,500	4,300	45,000	45,000	186,500	47,500	115,900	376,500	301,600	428,800
March 15	417,700	156,900	40,500	129,500	5,000	38,700	38,700	158,200	45,700	82,600	335,800	260,800	377,200
31	418,600	148,500	36,800	151,100	5,500	44,700	44,700	175,900	50,200	84,600	332,500	270,500	382,500
April 15	395,500	129,100	36,500	112,600	15,600	44,200	44,200	156,800	59,800	109,400	284,200	266,200	358,000
30	404,200	118,500	50,500	99,700	28,400	58,900	58,900	158,600	87,500	127,000	266,400	285,600	353,700
May 15	382,400	94,000	56,700	78,800	14,200	64,200	64,200	141,000	78,400	147,400	287,800	288,400	345,700
31	379,100	99,200	52,500	78,900	18,700	54,500	54,500	131,500	75,200	148,600	255,400	279,500	328,600
June 15	394,400	84,000	55,900	91,200	29,700	59,900	59,900	151,100	99,600	159,800	239,900	310,400	358,500
30	356,900	98,000	44,500	85,600	48,100	56,700	56,700	142,000	104,800	118,900	207,800	280,900	312,600
Average	420,042	98,967	44,450	108,435	25,279	49,692	49,692	153,125	72,971	168,050	302,621	321,175	375,692

1/ Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.  
 2/ Derived by subtracting nonreporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.  
 3/ Traders not subject to reporting requirements prior to September 24, 1955.

NOTE: No traders in reporting status in barley, grain sorghums, or butter during the year, July 1955 to June 1956.

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Table 19.—Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1955-56 1/2

Year	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments % reported as:											
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments %		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (spreading)		Total					
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
WHEAT													
1946-47	100.0	44.4	52.6	5.7	3.4	14.4	14.4	20.1	17.8	55.5	19.4	55.6	57.2
1947-48	100.0	50.5	52.7	9.9	2.5	17.9	17.9	27.9	20.4	21.7	40.8	49.5	61.8
1948-49	100.0	45.5	59.4	8.1	7.4	17.4	17.4	25.5	24.8	50.9	55.8	58.4	60.8
1949-50	100.0	46.9	41.1	16.5	3.1	15.9	15.9	32.4	19.0	20.8	59.9	58.2	58.9
1950-51	100.0	48.9	27.5	11.9	8.9	18.8	18.8	30.2	21.8	20.9	51.2	51.1	72.5
1951-52	100.0	45.2	27.5	15.2	4.1	19.5	19.5	32.8	29.7	19.9	48.8	51.8	72.5
1952-53	100.0	46.7	24.8	18.8	3.1	21.0	21.0	35.9	24.1	19.5	51.8	58.8	75.7
1953-54	100.0	55.8	31.5	12.7	5.0	21.8	21.8	34.5	24.8	11.9	45.7	48.4	66.5
1954-55	100.0	46.4	27.5	14.4	4.0	21.8	21.8	38.3	25.8	15.4	56.7	51.8	62.5
1955-56	100.0	44.7	59.0	9.0	4.2	22.5	22.5	51.5	28.7	23.8	54.3	55.8	61.0
CORN													
1946-47	100.0	55.1	55.7	11.5	4.0	15.8	15.8	24.5	17.5	22.3	29.0	46.9	45.3
1947-48	100.0	54.5	58.5	10.2	3.5	20.8	20.8	31.0	24.8	14.7	19.1	45.7	45.4
1948-49	100.0	60.9	46.5	12.5	4.7	16.3	16.3	29.8	21.0	10.4	32.5	40.0	52.5
1949-50	100.0	59.5	59.0	15.5	5.2	18.5	18.5	31.9	22.8	9.8	59.1	41.5	48.0
1950-51	100.0	52.4	31.9	20.9	4.8	15.2	15.2	38.1	21.8	11.5	45.8	47.6	68.1
1951-52	100.0	57.8	58.8	14.5	4.8	16.5	16.5	35.0	23.1	9.4	40.3	42.4	63.4
1952-53	100.0	57.2	38.7	15.5	8.9	14.9	14.9	30.2	25.8	12.8	39.5	42.9	63.3
1953-54	100.0	47.2	38.1	21.7	4.1	21.2	21.2	42.9	25.3	9.9	36.6	62.8	61.9
1954-55	100.0	56.9	28.4	18.5	5.5	17.8	17.8	35.8	22.8	7.5	49.0	45.1	71.6
1955-56	100.0	57.2	31.6	19.7	5.1	15.5	15.5	35.2	20.5	7.6	47.8	42.8	68.4
OATS													
1946-47	100.0	64.9	64.9	12.0	7.0	12.9	12.9	34.9	19.9	10.2	15.2	55.1	55.1
1947-48	100.0	65.8	48.9	10.2	5.5	19.5	19.5	25.4	24.8	5.5	28.5	34.7	55.1
1948-49	100.0	75.8	45.8	3.7	6.1	18.9	18.9	20.8	28.5	3.8	28.7	24.4	54.2
1949-50	100.0	72.4	40.8	14.8	4.8	10.8	10.8	12.9	25.6	18.7	5.0	42.5	28.8
1950-51	100.0	73.9	55.0	11.5	4.8	15.2	15.2	24.4	28.3	2.8	38.7	29.1	65.0
1951-52	100.0	85.8	30.2	9.4	1.7	18.4	19.5	22.8	23.2	1.4	46.6	24.2	69.8
1952-53	100.0	76.8	26.2	9.0	2.1	12.9	20.4	21.9	22.5	1.5	51.8	23.2	78.8
1953-54	100.0	71.7	31.5	12.2	3.1	14.8	19.5	26.8	21.6	1.5	46.9	28.5	68.5
1954-55	100.0	66.7	49.7	18.2	4.8	20.8	32.2	29.0	17.0	4.3	35.3	33.5	50.5
1955-56	100.0	56.8	31.8	11.4	4.2	9.1	9.1	20.5	15.3	3.9	54.9	24.4	68.2
RICE													
1947-48	100.0	64.4	54.6	2.1	0	0	0	2.1	0	15.5	45.2	15.6	45.2
1948-49	100.0	84.8	61.1	6.1	5.0	5.7	8.2	11.8	11.2	2.4	27.7	15.2	58.9
1949-50	100.0	84.4	94.5	8.7	3.5	11.1	17.1	14.8	20.6	.8	44.8	15.6	65.4
1950-51	100.0	82.7	42.9	5.7	4.5	10.0	15.1	15.7	17.6	1.8	39.5	17.3	57.1
1951-52	100.0	74.9	57.0	9.7	6.7	12.8	14.2	22.5	29.8	2.8	22.2	25.1	45.0
1952-53	100.0	81.6	46.0	4.5	5.6	15.2	21.2	17.7	26.8	.5	27.2	16.2	54.0
1953-54	100.0	81.5	50.8	3.4	4.0	14.9	17.2	19.3	21.2	.4	48.0	18.7	69.2
1954-55	100.0	81.0	42.5	3.8	4.5	15.3	16.0	18.9	20.5	1.1	27.0	19.0	57.5
1955-56	100.0	82.9	60.1	5.5	5.2	10.5	11.8	18.0	16.8	.8	28.1	17.2	59.9
BARLEY													
1946-47	100.0	68.7	100.0	53.8	0	0	0	53.8	0	0	0	53.8	0
FLAXSEED													
1950-51	100.0	97.8	94.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.4	5.2	2.4	5.2
1951-52	100.0	92.9	49.5	2.0	0	0	0	2.0	0	5.1	51.5	7.1	51.5
1952-53	100.0	75.9	48.2	8.5	8.7	(4)	4.8	4.5	15.0	19.6	38.8	33.1	51.8
1953-54	100.0	60.1	78.4	11.5	9.1	0	0	11.5	9.1	28.4	14.5	33.9	25.6
1954-55	100.0	59.8	80.7	0	1.1	0	0	0	1.1	.2	6.2	.2	8.3
1955-56	100.0	70.8	62.7	10.5	.8	0	0	10.5	.8	18.7	37.0	20.2	37.3
SOYBEANS													
1947-48	100.0	49.7	72.8	0.9	0	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	49.8	27.1	50.3	27.2
1948-49	100.0	58.5	71.4	8.4	5.4	8.2	8.2	16.8	11.8	27.1	17.0	43.7	28.6
1949-50	100.0	58.0	45.7	11.2	2.0	19.2	19.2	30.4	21.2	11.6	52.1	42.0	53.5
1950-51	100.0	55.7	59.2	7.1	4.5	21.9	21.9	29.0	26.5	17.3	14.3	46.5	40.8
1951-52	100.0	58.1	52.8	8.2	4.7	17.8	17.8	26.0	26.5	15.9	20.7	41.9	47.2
1952-53	100.0	57.0	56.2	9.8	3.2	18.9	18.9	28.2	22.1	14.8	21.7	45.0	45.0
1953-54	100.0	58.9	44.7	11.0	4.8	25.8	25.8	36.8	29.9	10.5	25.4	47.1	55.3
1954-55	100.0	61.2	49.8	7.2	8.7	27.8	27.8	35.0	36.3	15.9	15.7	48.8	50.2
1955-56	100.0	52.1	41.7	8.9	4.7	23.5	23.5	32.2	28.0	15.7	30.3	47.9	58.5

Table 15.--Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1965-66 1/2--continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments %		Reporting (large) traders' commitments % reported as:									
				Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
GRAIN SOYBEANS													
1950-51	100.0	63.3	27.3	26.5	2.4	4.7	4.7	31.2	7.1	5.5	65.6	28.7	72.7
1951-52	100.0	59.0	20.5	28.5	1.9	1.0	1.0	29.5	2.6	31.5	76.6	61.0	79.5
1952-53	100.0	50.0	75.0	29.2	8.5	0	0	29.2	6.5	20.6	18.7	60.0	25.0
1953-54	100.0	65.7	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33.3	0	33.3	0
COTTON													
1946-47	100.0	58.9	49.2	6.2	2.5	11.8	11.8	18.0	24.1	23.1	58.7	41.1	50.9
1947-48	100.0	59.7	51.9	6.1	1.5	12.5	12.1	15.5	15.5	21.8	34.5	40.5	48.1
1948-49	100.0	54.4	42.7	7.2	2.0	14.8	15.0	21.0	15.8	24.6	21.5	45.8	37.5
1949-50	100.0	55.4	57.1	1.7	1.1	15.1	15.1	20.8	16.8	25.8	25.1	44.6	42.9
1950-51	100.0	46.4	44.4	6.7	2.6	14.7	14.6	25.4	17.4	28.2	59.2	51.8	55.6
1951-52	100.0	53.9	55.0	5.9	2.5	15.0	14.9	18.9	17.2	27.2	27.8	48.1	45.0
1952-53	100.0	62.6	50.5	4.5	1.3	12.8	12.8	17.5	14.1	20.1	25.4	37.4	49.5
1953-54	100.0	60.2	45.5	8.0	.5	14.8	14.7	22.6	15.2	17.2	59.5	29.8	54.7
1954-55	100.0	59.8	45.1	8.6	.6	11.4	11.6	19.2	12.4	20.5	48.5	40.2	54.9
1955-56	100.0	64.5	59.6	9.6	.5	8.6	8.7	15.2	9.2	30.5	31.2	45.7	40.4
WOOL													
1954-55	100.0	75.2	49.9	2.8	0.8	12.1	12.1	14.9	12.9	9.9	37.2	24.8	50.1
1955-56	100.0	89.2	47.8	1.0	1.7	5.6	5.6	6.6	7.5	5.2	44.8	11.8	58.2
WOOL TOPS													
1946-47	100.0	61.8	44.2	14.2	0	0	0	14.2	0	21.9	55.8	26.2	55.8
1947-48	100.0	59.0	39.5	25.4	0	.2	.2	25.6	.2	24.4	30.5	41.0	30.5
1948-49	100.0	80.7	45.7	23.0	5.0	2.7	2.7	50.7	7.7	3.6	46.6	39.5	54.3
1949-50	100.0	72.5	42.2	7.5	1.9	4.5	4.5	11.6	6.2	15.9	51.8	27.5	57.9
1950-51	100.0	86.1	52.6	.7	2.5	1.1	1.1	1.8	3.4	10.1	44.0	11.9	47.4
1951-52	100.0	89.7	31.2	7.5	.3	5.8	5.8	12.5	6.1	18.0	62.7	21.3	39.8
1952-53	100.0	55.7	27.6	6.1	.5	4.9	4.6	15.0	4.9	35.2	67.5	46.3	72.4
1953-54	100.0	49.2	29.4	6.8	.1	9.7	9.7	16.5	9.8	34.5	60.8	50.8	70.6
1954-55	100.0	59.2	25.0	10.7	.6	11.9	11.6	22.8	12.2	19.2	61.6	40.8	74.0
1955-56	100.0	72.2	30.6	4.5	(4)	8.8	8.9	13.5	6.9	14.5	60.8	27.8	69.7
BUTTER													
1946-47	100.0	57.8	69.4	6.5	1.1	0.6	0.6	8.9	1.7	55.2	23.9	42.2	30.6
1947-48	100.0	59.3	59.3	10.2	1.0	2.2	2.2	12.4	5.2	28.5	58.5	40.7	41.7
1948-49	100.0	65.2	45.5	4.4	1.0	1.4	1.4	5.9	2.4	31.0	52.1	38.6	54.5
1949-50	100.0	66.6	34.8	9.7	(4)	.6	.6	10.2	.6	2.9	34.6	15.2	35.2
1950-51	100.0	63.0	51.7	8.5	.5	(4)	(4)	8.5	.5	6.5	45.6	17.0	46.5
1951-52	100.0	69.6	50.0	13.0	(4)	(4)	(4)	12.0	(4)	17.4	70.0	50.4	70.0
1952-53	100.0	64.6	29.0	6.9	2.6	5.9	5.9	12.8	8.6	22.6	62.5	25.4	71.0
EGGS													
1946-47	100.0	74.7	49.5	12.1	5.1	7.7	7.7	19.6	10.8	5.5	39.7	25.3	50.5
1947-48	100.0	75.5	55.7	10.5	4.0	6.6	6.6	17.1	10.6	6.6	35.7	22.7	46.3
1948-49	100.0	67.2	51.1	15.1	9.1	3.2	3.2	18.5	12.3	14.5	36.6	22.6	46.9
1949-50	100.0	62.8	49.5	19.6	4.6	6.5	6.5	24.5	11.1	12.5	29.5	37.2	50.4
1950-51	100.0	84.3	51.1	11.2	3.8	13.9	13.8	25.0	17.6	10.7	51.3	35.7	48.9
1951-52	100.0	78.5	54.8	11.5	5.5	6.4	6.4	17.8	11.7	5.8	33.5	23.7	46.2
1952-53	100.0	74.5	65.2	15.3	5.9	9.6	9.6	23.9	15.5	.8	21.3	25.7	36.8
1953-54	100.0	75.1	62.5	14.5	15.4	9.7	9.7	24.0	25.1	.9	9.8	24.9	35.7
1954-55	100.0	76.4	60.8	12.4	13.5	10.9	10.8	22.2	24.5	.4	15.1	23.9	39.4
1955-56	100.0	71.9	65.2	17.5	8.4	9.8	9.8	27.5	19.2	.6	15.5	23.1	34.7
POTATOES													
1946-47	100.0	70.6	31.6	9.7	4.5	5.3	5.3	15.0	7.8	16.4	60.0	29.4	69.4
1947-48	100.0	49.4	38.2	25.6	6.2	4.1	4.1	27.7	10.5	22.9	55.5	50.5	65.9
1948-49	100.0	64.6	49.4	15.4	1.8	4.0	4.0	17.4	5.8	18.0	45.8	25.4	51.6
1949-50	100.0	70.5	42.5	2.4	1.8	4.8	4.8	6.8	5.9	22.9	51.6	39.7	37.8
1950-51	100.0	84.6	76.8	.5	4.7	8.5	8.5	9.0	12.4	6.4	25.0	15.4	25.3
1951-52	100.0	65.1	68.6	7.4	14.9	6.7	6.7	14.1	21.8	27.8	19.8	25.9	41.4
1952-53	100.0	60.4	45.6	15.2	14.4	11.0	11.0	25.2	25.4	13.4	23.0	39.8	54.4
1953-54	100.0	65.8	45.8	17.6	6.4	6.5	6.5	25.9	12.7	12.5	41.5	25.2	54.2
1954-55	100.0	62.0	42.5	14.1	14.5	8.6	8.6	22.7	22.1	15.8	34.4	29.0	37.5
1955-56	100.0	62.3	57.1	21.7	15.0	8.8	8.8	30.5	23.8	7.2	19.1	37.7	62.9



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Table 19.—Annual average of 12-month and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1955-56 1/2—Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments 2/ reported as:											
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 3/		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short	Long	Short
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
COTTONSEED OIL													
1946-47	100.0	21.9	29.6	5.9	4.8	6.3	6.3	12.2	11.1	65.9	59.3	78.1	70.4
1947-48	100.0	32.1	30.8	19.4	6.4	11.4	11.4	29.8	17.8	59.1	61.4	87.9	79.2
1948-49	100.0	35.1	24.4	17.2	12.4	12.0	12.0	29.2	24.4	51.2	51.2	64.9	75.6
1949-50	100.0	57.0	17.8	22.1	3.8	9.0	9.0	31.1	12.8	11.9	59.4	45.0	82.2
1950-51	100.0	46.5	26.7	23.0	7.8	22.6	22.5	45.5	39.5	9.0	43.0	54.5	73.5
1951-52	100.0	69.0	18.0	19.9	5.2	12.1	12.1	31.0	17.8	7.0	44.7	38.0	82.0
1952-53	100.0	35.8	18.5	26.5	11.4	18.0	18.0	19.9	44.5	29.4	52.1	64.2	81.5
1953-54	100.0	47.5	19.8	21.2	9.2	15.9	15.9	35.1	22.0	22.6	58.2	57.7	80.2
1954-55	100.0	59.7	15.7	25.6	2.1	21.1	21.1	46.7	23.2	13.6	63.1	60.3	86.5
1955-56	100.0	45.4	10.8	20.5	1.9	15.6	15.6	35.9	17.5	18.7	71.7	54.6	89.2
SOYBEAN OIL													
1949-50	100.0	65.6	17.4	19.5	1.0	10.2	10.2	28.7	11.2	5.7	71.4	54.4	82.6
1950-51	100.0	51.8	15.3	22.8	4.2	15.2	15.2	35.8	17.4	12.4	69.5	49.2	86.7
1951-52	100.0	66.5	14.5	15.0	20.1	7.2	7.2	20.2	27.3	14.3	59.4	54.5	85.7
1952-53	100.0	48.5	12.0	25.8	19.2	9.6	9.6	35.4	29.8	19.1	60.2	51.5	89.0
1953-54	100.0	48.4	13.2	21.1	4.4	11.3	11.3	32.4	15.7	21.2	71.1	55.8	86.8
1954-55	100.0	28.2	18.0	22.5	5.7	22.5	22.5	45.0	28.2	28.8	55.8	78.8	82.0
1955-56	100.0	32.8	11.2	23.2	5.5	15.3	15.3	38.5	20.8	28.6	68.1	67.1	89.9
WHEAT													
1946-47	100.0	63.7	33.5	15.1	5.9	0.4	0.4	15.5	4.5	20.8	62.2	36.5	66.5
1947-48	100.0	70.8	17.7	17.8	2.8	1.8	1.8	19.7	4.8	9.5	77.7	29.2	82.3
1948-49	100.0	58.9	28.1	12.9	14.9	6.5	6.5	19.4	21.4	21.7	50.5	41.1	71.9
1949-50	100.0	66.3	30.9	17.5	5.1	1.8	1.8	19.3	6.9	14.4	64.2	33.7	69.1
1950-51	100.0	60.8	38.2	15.4	15.4	8.0	8.0	15.4	15.4	22.8	47.4	39.2	61.8
1951-52	100.0	67.5	31.3	9.2	25.4	4.1	4.1	15.3	17.5	19.2	51.2	32.5	68.7
1952-53	100.0	76.9	15.1	16.7	4.0	3.2	3.2	19.9	7.2	5.2	78.7	23.1	86.9
1953-54	100.0	66.9	39.1	11.5	11.9	8.2	8.2	19.7	20.1	15.4	20.8	33.1	40.9
1954-55	100.0	60.9	43.5	16.3	19.0	11.9	11.9	28.2	30.9	11.4	25.8	39.6	59.7
1955-56	100.0	87.7	24.9	20.8	11.1	8.1	8.1	28.7	18.2	3.6	55.9	32.3	75.1
RICE													
1946-47	100.0	46.8	48.8	1.3	0	0	0	1.3	0	51.9	51.2	55.2	51.2
1947-48	100.0	24.7	25.4	.5	(4)	4.0	4.0	4.5	.8	71.0	75.8	75.3	74.6
1948-49	100.0	25.6	19.5	.9	1.1	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.8	70.9	77.2	74.4	80.7
1949-50	100.0	48.3	24.5	7.2	.5	3.5	3.5	10.7	4.0	45.0	71.5	58.7	75.5
1950-51	100.0	34.0	19.1	.5	0	(4)	(4)	.5	(4)	65.5	80.9	66.0	80.9
1951-52	100.0	54.8	32.4	9.6	.8	.7	.7	10.1	1.8	35.5	66.0	45.4	67.6
1952-53	100.0	55.9	36.9	2.0	.8	.5	.5	2.3	.8	41.8	62.6	44.1	65.1
1953-54	100.0	51.5	35.7	19.8	5.5	5.0	5.0	22.9	8.5	25.8	57.8	48.7	66.3
1954-55	100.0	50.8	36.5	20.8	.6	1.0	1.0	11.8	1.8	37.6	61.9	49.4	65.5
1955-56	100.0	32.1	57.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.9	42.2	27.9	42.2
SHORTS													
1946-47	100.0	83.9	69.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.1	30.9	16.1	30.9
1947-48	100.0	30.2	24.3	5.5	0	1.2	1.2	6.7	4.7	6.1	65.1	69.0	69.8
1948-49	100.0	51.9	31.1	3.4	.5	1.2	1.2	4.6	2.1	63.5	65.8	69.1	68.9
1949-50	100.0	47.0	28.7	8.7	5.1	1.2	1.2	9.9	6.5	43.1	64.0	53.0	70.3
1950-51	100.0	39.0	19.8	.8	.5	.1	.1	.9	.4	60.1	80.3	61.0	80.7
1951-52	100.0	52.1	40.2	6.5	.5	.3	.3	6.6	.6	41.3	59.2	47.9	59.8
1952-53	100.0	35.5	33.5	8.7	0	.4	.4	7.1	.4	57.4	66.1	64.6	66.5
1953-54	100.0	35.5	49.9	3.1	5.9	2.5	2.5	5.8	8.4	23.6	42.7	29.2	51.1
1954-55	100.0	34.6	38.9	3.7	19.2	0	0	3.7	19.2	61.7	43.9	65.4	65.4
1955-56	100.0	31.7	69.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.5	30.4	8.5	30.4
COTTONSEED MEAL													
1946-47	100.0	67.2	47.4	8.1	15.2	2.4	2.4	10.5	17.6	32.5	35.0	42.8	32.6
1947-48	100.0	37.2	48.2	7.1	1.8	8.1	7.9	15.2	9.7	47.6	42.1	62.8	51.8
1948-49	100.0	41.0	54.7	5.1	9.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	16.7	49.9	28.6	59.0	45.3
1949-50	100.0	46.4	40.8	22.7	12.2	15.2	15.2	37.9	27.4	15.7	31.8	55.8	59.2
1950-51	100.0	69.5	53.7	6.4	15.7	7.8	7.8	14.0	41.3	37.7	5.0	51.7	48.3
1951-52	100.0	24.0	47.4	19.8	26.5	11.1	11.1	29.9	37.6	46.1	15.0	79.0	52.6
1952-53	100.0	35.8	37.6	15.5	11.3	9.0	9.0	24.5	20.3	22.0	7.8	46.5	28.1
1953-54	100.0	35.5	47.4	24.0	2.0	5.8	5.8	29.6	7.6	18.1	54.8	47.7	62.4
1954-55	100.0	52.8	53.0	28.2	4.8	5.1	5.1	35.5	9.9	14.1	37.1	47.4	47.0
1955-56	100.0	48.5	42.2	10.9	2.3	5.3	5.3	16.2	7.8	35.8	60.2	51.3	57.8

Table 19.—Annual average of midmonth and month-end long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, 1946-47 to 1955-56 <sup>1/</sup>—Continued

Year	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments <sup>2/</sup>		Reporting (large) traders' commitments <sup>2/</sup> reported as:									
				Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short			Long	Short
SOYBEAN MEAL													
1946-47	100.0	51.8	58.2	8.0	10.2	5.0	5.0	13.0	15.2	35.2	26.6	48.2	41.8
1947-48	100.0	58.6	40.1	11.5	2.9	6.2	6.5	17.5	9.4	43.8	50.5	61.4	59.8
1948-49	100.0	49.0	56.8	12.4	2.5	6.9	6.9	19.5	6.2	31.7	54.5	51.0	63.7
1949-50	100.0	51.5	28.7	10.6	7.5	22.2	22.2	32.7	29.7	38.0	44.6	58.7	74.5
1950-51	100.0	28.5	11.2	25.7	.9	6.9	6.9	42.6	7.9	18.9	81.0	61.5	68.6
1951-52	100.0	25.2	50.8	25.7	10.2	18.0	16.0	41.7	26.2	35.1	48.2	74.8	69.4
1952-53	100.0	31.2	29.9	17.5	16.1	15.2	15.2	32.7	31.5	56.1	58.8	68.8	70.1
1953-54	100.0	22.2	18.4	27.4	6.7	30.5	30.5	37.9	37.2	19.9	48.4	77.8	80.8
1954-55	100.0	20.9	16.8	17.1	10.4	26.2	26.2	45.3	56.6	35.8	46.6	79.1	83.2
1955-56	100.0	23.5	10.6	24.7	5.6	11.8	11.8	36.5	17.4	40.0	72.0	78.5	89.6

<sup>1/</sup> Figures for 1946-47 are computed from average of month-end commitments.  
<sup>2/</sup> Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.  
<sup>3/</sup> Derived by subtracting reporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.  
<sup>4/</sup> Less than 0.05 percent.

NOTE: Omission of a year in the 10-year period (1946-47 to 1955-56) indicates there were no traders in reporting status during the year. For data on unions and middlings, see Table 20.

Table 20.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semiannually, July 1955 to June 1956

Date	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments % reported as:											
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments %		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
WHEAT													
July 15	100.0	39.5	52.5	4.4	5.8	23.9	25.9	29.5	17.7	52.2	39.8	60.5	57.5
31	100.0	38.0	51.4	5.7	5.8	23.2	25.2	28.9	16.5	53.1	41.8	62.0	58.6
August 15	100.0	40.4	32.6	6.7	4.0	22.5	22.9	29.5	28.6	50.8	40.8	59.6	67.4
31	100.0	40.7	32.8	8.0	6.8	19.1	19.1	27.1	25.7	52.2	41.5	59.8	67.2
September 15	100.0	41.5	35.3	7.2	6.9	18.4	18.4	27.6	25.3	50.9	39.4	58.5	64.7
30	100.0	42.3	35.1	8.1	6.8	18.2	18.2	30.4	25.5	47.3	41.4	57.7	64.9
October 15	100.0	45.8	35.8	11.6	1.9	19.9	19.9	31.5	21.8	25.1	42.4	54.6	64.2
31	100.0	44.7	34.7	12.0	3.2	20.5	20.5	32.5	23.5	21.0	41.8	53.3	65.3
November 15	100.0	49.0	35.8	12.3	2.5	21.6	21.6	33.9	24.1	17.1	42.1	51.0	64.2
30	100.0	50.5	35.1	11.1	2.4	22.4	22.4	35.5	24.6	16.0	37.1	48.5	61.9
December 15	100.0	51.2	37.9	12.0	3.2	22.4	22.4	35.4	26.6	15.4	35.5	48.6	62.1
31	100.0	51.3	35.0	11.7	3.4	23.2	23.2	34.9	26.6	15.8	35.4	49.7	65.0
January 15	100.0	50.6	33.9	10.2	4.0	24.7	24.7	34.9	29.7	14.5	35.4	49.4	64.1
31	100.0	48.4	36.8	12.4	2.2	24.0	24.0	36.4	28.7	15.2	34.0	51.6	60.2
February 15	100.0	50.8	43.0	10.8	2.9	22.6	22.6	35.4	25.2	15.8	35.5	49.2	62.0
29	100.0	52.9	47.7	4.9	3.0	22.0	22.0	35.4	27.9	19.2	25.3	47.1	52.5
March 15	100.0	49.0	50.8	4.7	5.3	22.1	22.1	37.3	17.2	24.2	22.0	52.0	49.2
31	100.0	48.1	50.5	6.1	5.3	24.3	24.3	30.4	29.6	24.5	20.1	54.9	49.7
April 15	100.0	46.1	49.9	4.1	4.3	25.4	25.4	29.5	29.7	24.4	20.4	53.9	50.1
30	100.0	42.7	50.8	7.5	4.8	25.7	25.7	33.2	30.5	24.1	18.7	57.5	49.2
May 15	100.0	40.0	49.2	5.6	7.1	26.3	26.3	31.9	33.4	25.1	17.5	60.0	50.9
31	100.0	38.5	48.7	3.6	7.1	26.1	26.1	32.7	33.2	29.0	18.8	61.7	52.6
June 15	100.0	39.9	45.3	11.8	5.1	25.4	25.4	37.2	30.5	22.9	24.2	60.1	54.7
30	100.0	45.2	37.7	12.6	4.0	22.2	22.2	34.8	26.1	20.0	26.6	54.8	62.6
Average	100.0	44.7	39.0	9.0	4.7	22.5	22.5	31.5	26.7	23.6	34.5	55.5	61.0
CORN													
July 15	100.0	54.1	42.0	15.0	16.0	18.1	18.1	31.1	34.1	14.8	23.9	45.9	58.0
31	100.0	54.4	51.6	15.2	17.2	14.7	14.7	27.9	31.9	17.7	16.8	45.6	46.9
August 15	100.0	50.8	53.3	17.7	18.7	12.1	12.1	29.8	30.8	19.4	15.9	49.2	46.7
31	100.0	53.6	54.7	16.6	15.4	13.3	13.3	29.9	28.7	15.8	16.6	48.5	45.3
September 15	100.0	52.0	51.0	17.5	13.8	14.9	14.9	32.4	28.7	15.8	22.5	49.0	48.0
30	100.0	46.5	41.6	22.5	11.6	19.8	19.8	42.1	31.4	11.6	27.0	55.7	58.4
October 15	100.0	47.9	40.1	16.7	11.0	20.6	20.6	39.5	31.6	12.8	25.5	52.1	59.9
31	100.0	51.8	35.9	18.5	2.8	19.1	19.1	37.8	31.9	7.6	42.7	45.2	64.1
November 15	100.0	58.2	25.9	17.7	2.7	17.5	17.5	34.0	29.0	8.8	34.1	41.8	74.1
30	100.0	60.5	25.2	17.0	1.8	15.6	15.6	32.6	17.4	6.9	37.4	38.4	74.8
December 15	100.0	65.0	23.8	17.0	1.9	14.6	14.6	31.8	14.3	5.4	38.4	37.0	74.7
31	100.0	62.5	21.9	17.0	1.6	15.0	15.0	32.0	15.6	3.5	41.5	37.5	78.1
January 15	100.0	64.7	22.7	17.5	1.9	13.5	13.5	31.0	15.4	4.5	41.9	35.5	77.5
31	100.0	65.8	22.2	17.8	1.1	12.6	12.6	30.6	15.9	3.6	42.9	34.2	76.8
February 15	100.0	63.8	25.3	19.6	1.7	12.8	12.8	28.6	14.5	5.8	42.2	36.2	71.7
29	100.0	61.7	23.5	20.0	2.7	14.1	14.1	34.1	15.8	4.2	39.9	38.5	76.7
March 15	100.0	59.5	23.7	24.6	1.4	11.2	11.2	36.0	12.8	4.7	34.2	40.7	70.6
31	100.0	55.2	24.4	25.1	1.6	14.8	14.8	39.9	15.8	4.9	39.0	44.9	75.6
April 15	100.0	55.3	27.5	25.1	.9	14.0	14.0	39.1	14.9	5.6	37.8	44.7	72.5
30	100.0	56.9	27.1	24.0	1.8	15.4	15.4	39.4	14.9	4.7	35.7	44.1	72.9
May 15	100.0	54.4	28.5	22.7	4.9	15.2	15.2	37.9	20.1	5.7	31.6	45.6	71.7
31	100.0	55.2	31.6	22.1	3.4	16.0	16.0	38.9	20.2	5.9	43.9	44.8	68.4
June 15	100.0	54.2	34.4	21.7	3.8	19.2	19.2	40.9	22.5	4.9	45.1	45.8	65.6
30	100.0	55.5	34.9	20.0	4.4	20.1	20.1	44.5	4.4	30.8	44.5	58.1	
Average	100.0	57.8	31.6	19.7	5.1	15.6	15.6	35.2	20.6	7.6	47.8	42.8	68.4
OATS													
July 15	100.0	68.7	45.5	18.0	8.4	6.8	6.8	24.8	15.9	6.5	40.8	31.5	54.7
31	100.0	65.9	50.5	21.6	2.4	5.9	5.9	27.5	9.5	6.6	32.5	34.1	69.6
August 15	100.0	67.1	27.7	18.5	2.2	7.7	7.1	26.2	24.4	4.6	45.0	32.9	72.3
31	100.0	69.0	27.2	17.9	6.7	6.5	6.5	24.4	10.9	4.6	42.6	31.0	72.2
September 15	100.0	75.2	29.5	13.3	4.2	7.2	7.2	20.1	11.4	6.7	59.8	26.8	70.2
29	100.0	76.4	25.6	9.9	4.4	6.5	6.5	15.7	10.9	7.9	64.1	23.6	75.0
October 15	100.0	73.7	27.6	10.1	2.0	7.3	6.4	17.4	10.4	6.9	62.0	24.5	72.4
31	100.0	79.5	31.9	7.6	3.0	8.2	8.9	15.8	11.9	4.4	56.2	20.2	68.1
November 15	100.0	78.5	29.8	9.8	6.1	10.4	11.4	19.2	17.5	2.2	52.9	21.4	70.4
30	100.0	79.3	32.3	5.0	6.5	13.4	13.1	19.5	19.8	2.4	49.1	21.7	67.7
December 15	100.0	81.6	30.7	5.8	6.5	11.9	11.4	15.7	17.7	2.7	51.8	19.4	69.6
31	100.0	81.5	28.5	3.6	5.8	15.7	15.2	17.5	19.0	1.2	52.7	18.5	71.7
January 15	100.0	81.8	32.5	2.9	1.3	14.9	14.4	17.8	15.7	.9	52.0	15.7	67.7
31	100.0	85.0	36.5	5.4	1.5	15.1	14.4	16.5	15.7	.5	49.8	17.0	65.5
February 15	100.0	90.1	36.2	(5)	(5)	8.6	7.3	8.6	7.3	1.5	57.5	9.9	64.6
29	100.0	86.1	28.0	2.5	1.8	9.3	7.7	9.5	7.3	2.1	62.6	13.9	72.0
March 15	100.0	85.4	29.4	4.2	2.1	7.1	6.1	11.3	8.2	2.3	62.4	13.6	70.6
31	100.0	84.3	28.9	5.7	2.1	7.5	6.5	13.0	8.4	2.7	62.7	15.7	71.1
April 15	100.0	82.7	35.8	6.0	2.6	9.7	8.7	15.7	11.3	2.6	51.1	18.5	62.4
30	100.0	81.7	35.0	17.1	5.6	8.3	9.5	25.4	15.1	2.2	48.9	27.6	64.0
May 15	100.0	71.4	40.1	18.9	8.1	8.9	10.6	27.8	19.6	.8	41.3	28.6	59.9
31	100.0	64.7	38.2	20.0	8.9	15.8	14.2	33.8	23.1	1.5	43.7	35.3	66.8
June 15	100.0	65.3	36.5	23.4	6.8	9.4	11.7	32.8	18.0	1.9	45.2	34.7	65.5
30	100.0	61.8	39.2	26.8	7.8	7.0	10.8	35.8	16.6	4.4	43.2	38.2	61.9
Average	100.0	75.6	31.8	11.4	4.2	9.1	9.1	20.5	13.3	5.9	54.9	24.4	68.2

Table 20.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:										
				Speculative						Hedging		Total		
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short			
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short			Long	Short	
RUBBER														
July	15	100.0	90.7	55.1	1.5	10.4	5.4	6.4	7.9	16.8	1.4	28.1	9.3	44.9
31	100.0	89.9	56.2	2.8	6.9	7.5	8.9	10.1	17.7	(5)	25.6	10.1	45.9	
August	15	100.0	89.2	54.9	.8	4.5	10.0	11.0	10.2	16.5	(5)	29.4	10.9	46.1
31	100.0	87.6	49.7	3.5	7.0	8.8	10.9	12.4	17.9	(5)	32.4	12.4	50.2	
September	15	100.0	88.5	53.6	2.9	4.0	12.7	11.9	12.6	15.9	.9	30.5	15.5	45.4
30	100.0	82.7	50.5	4.4	4.0	12.0	14.5	14.4	19.5	.9	31.2	17.5	49.3	
October	15	100.0	85.1	55.2	2.9	5.1	14.1	14.1	16.9	17.2	(5)	27.6	15.9	44.8
31	100.0	81.0	59.1	5.4	5.4	13.6	12.7	19.0	16.1	(3)	24.6	15.0	40.9	
November	15	100.0	85.1	59.5	5.5	5.9	11.4	12.5	15.9	15.4	(5)	24.1	16.9	40.5
30	100.0	80.5	57.5	5.7	6.0	13.9	14.7	19.5	19.7	(5)	23.0	18.5	42.7	
December	15	100.0	81.3	58.1	2.2	.4	15.9	17.0	18.1	17.6	.6	24.5	18.7	41.9
31	100.0	80.7	59.7	5.1	(9)	13.2	14.6	19.5	14.6	(5)	26.7	19.5	41.5	
January	15	100.0	77.9	57.9	7.1	2.4	15.0	18.2	22.1	20.6	(5)	23.5	22.1	45.1
31	100.0	80.6	62.8	7.1	2.8	12.5	12.5	19.4	18.1	(5)	22.1	19.4	37.2	
February	15	100.0	78.9	63.4	9.0	2.7	15.1	15.1	21.1	15.9	(8)	18.5	21.1	34.9
29	100.0	89.9	62.4	9.1	2.5	13.2	13.2	22.3	11.7	7.9	21.9	30.1	37.9	
March	15	100.0	85.5	65.5	14.5	5.9	9.4	9.4	23.7	7.6	21.1	31.5	34.4	
31	100.0	73.2	67.0	11.6	3.5	9.5	9.5	21.1	15.0	5.7	20.0	28.8	33.0	
April	15	100.0	87.6	72.0	2.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	9.9	14.6	2.5	15.2	12.4	28.0
30	100.0	84.9	69.1	6.9	11.9	7.1	7.1	13.9	19.0	1.5	11.9	15.2	30.9	
May	15	100.0	87.6	65.6	4.5	17.0	7.3	9.9	11.9	26.9	.6	7.5	12.4	34.4
31	100.0	89.9	68.1	5.3	10.2	4.8	8.0	10.1	10.2	.1	13.7	10.2	31.9	
June	15	100.0	90.6	64.5	4.5	9.2	4.9	8.4	9.4	16.8	(5)	18.8	9.4	35.4
30	100.0	89.8	68.4	7.6	6.6	3.9	7.2	11.4	13.9	0	19.8	11.4	33.6	
Average		100.0	82.9	60.1	5.5	5.2	10.5	11.8	16.0	16.9	1.2	25.1	17.2	39.9

FLAXSEED													
Date	Total open contracts	Long	Short	Long or short only	Long and short (Spreading)	Total	Long	Short	Hedging	Total			
July	15	100.0	100.0	34.7	0	8.5	0	0	8.5	0	57.0	0	65.5
31	100.0	49.1	29.2	50.9	0	0	0	50.9	0	0	70.9	50.9	70.9
August	15	100.0	49.7	48.9	50.3	0	0	50.3	0	0	51.1	50.3	51.1
31	100.0	28.7	54.1	44.0	0	0	0	44.0	0	27.5	45.9	73.5	45.9
September	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	100.0	95.5	77.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.7	72.5	4.7	72.5
October	15	100.0	69.0	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	31.0	75.9	31.0	31.0
31	100.0	66.7	15.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	35.3	84.8	35.3	84.8
November	15	100.0	42.0	15.5	0	0	0	0	0	38.0	94.7	38.0	94.7
30	100.0	100.0	67.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32.7	0	32.7
December	15	100.0	100.0	54.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.1	0	45.1
31	100.0	89.5	46.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.5	53.7	30.5	53.7
January	15	100.0	70.3	47.7	0	0	0	0	0	29.7	52.8	29.7	52.8
31	100.0	74.2	56.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.9	44.0	25.9	44.0
February	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	100.0	72.3	70.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.7	29.3	27.7	29.3
March	15	100.0	73.0	66.1	0	0	0	0	0	27.0	35.9	27.0	35.9
31	100.0	51.9	70.9	25.5	0	0	0	25.5	0	21.9	29.1	25.5	29.1
April	15	100.0	69.5	74.3	0	0	0	0	0	30.4	25.7	30.4	25.7
30	100.0	60.9	99.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	59.1	.9	59.1	.9
May	15	100.0	57.1	100.0	42.9	0	0	42.9	0	0	42.9	0	42.9
31	100.0	59.3	100.0	40.7	0	0	0	40.7	0	0	40.7	0	40.7
June	15	100.0	59.7	100.0	30.5	0	0	30.5	0	0	30.5	0	30.5
30	100.0	49.0	100.0	25.5	0	0	0	25.5	0	25.7	0	25.7	0
Average		100.0	70.8	62.7	10.5	.3	0	0	10.5	.5	18.7	29.2	57.5

SOYBEANS														
Date	Total open contracts	Long	Short	Long or short only	Long and short (Spreading)	Total	Long	Short	Hedging	Total				
July	15	100.0	36.9	54.9	1.7	15.6	25.7	23.7	25.4	59.6	87.7	5.8	63.1	45.1
31	100.0	29.6	54.9	4.9	14.6	25.0	25.0	29.6	59.6	40.6	5.5	70.4	45.1	
August	15	100.0	30.8	56.5	4.7	12.7	24.9	24.9	29.5	37.5	40.2	8.0	69.7	45.5
31	100.0	35.7	56.2	5.4	9.9	24.9	24.9	30.5	54.6	56.0	9.0	66.5	43.9	
September	15	100.0	33.4	55.2	5.4	9.4	25.0	25.0	28.4	54.4	59.2	10.4	66.6	44.8
30	100.0	42.9	66.9	7.3	3.3	29.0	28.0	35.3	51.5	21.8	21.8	57.1	59.1	
October	15	100.0	49.7	40.6	9.1	2.1	24.4	24.4	33.5	26.5	18.9	33.9	50.3	59.4
31	100.0	53.5	35.2	8.3	2.6	27.5	27.6	35.9	30.2	19.6	34.6	46.5	46.5	
November	15	100.0	39.4	36.3	10.1	3.2	24.9	24.9	35.0	26.1	9.6	35.6	43.6	43.6
30	100.0	66.9	37.5	8.3	8.0	35.4	35.4	35.7	28.4	9.4	34.3	43.1	62.9	
December	15	100.0	66.7	39.4	9.2	2.9	24.8	24.6	33.6	27.5	7.5	35.1	41.3	60.8
31	100.0	59.1	39.6	11.1	1.6	24.6	24.8	35.7	26.2	6.2	35.3	43.9	61.5	
January	15	100.0	69.2	39.8	12.6	1.4	20.1	20.1	32.7	21.5	9.1	39.7	40.8	61.2
31	100.0	59.3	39.1	14.1	.7	20.9	20.9	35.0	21.6	5.7	39.3	40.7	60.9	
February	15	100.0	60.5	40.0	11.2	1.1	19.9	19.9	31.1	21.0	8.4	39.0	39.5	60.0
29	100.0	60.1	37.3	12.7	2.5	19.7	19.7	32.4	22.0	9.5	40.7	41.9	62.7	
March	15	100.0	61.7	39.7	10.8	2.5	17.1	17.1	27.7	19.6	10.6	40.7	50.5	60.5
31	100.0	56.1	39.9	15.4	1.9	17.2	17.2	32.6	19.1	11.3	41.0	49.9	60.1	
April	15	100.0	55.6	37.8	9.5	2.0	24.1	24.1	35.7	26.1	12.9	38.1	46.5	62.2
30	100.0	55.7	39.2	7.8	5.4	25.2	24.2	32.0	27.6	12.5	34.2	44.5	61.6	
May	15	100.0	56.5	37.8	8.9	7.5	19.9	19.9	29.7	27.4	14.7	34.9	45.4	62.1
31	100.0	57.0	37.2	8.6	9.2	20.7	20.7	29.2	28.9	13.8	35.9	45.0	62.8	
June	15	100.0	65.9	41.5	7.8	4.9	23.9	23.6	31.6	28.7	12.8	44.2	59.5	60.5
20	100.0	53.5	41.0	5.5	9.0	25.8	25.8	31.3	34.9	15.1	24.2	46.4	59.0	
Average		100.0	52.1	41.7	8.9	4.7	23.5	23.3	32.2	28.0	15.7	50.3	47.9	58.5

Table 20.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semiannually, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments %		Reporting (large) traders' commitments % reported as:										
				Speculative						Hedging		Total		
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short			
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short			Long	Short	
COTTON														
July	15	100.0	64.2	54.9	5.8	0.8	9.0	9.5	14.8	10.5	21.0	84.6	15.8	45.1
	31	100.0	64.0	67.5	4.9	.5	8.8	9.1	15.7	9.4	22.5	85.1	15.0	45.5
August	15	100.0	65.6	56.5	4.5	.9	9.5	9.8	14.0	10.7	22.4	82.8	16.4	43.5
	31	100.0	65.6	55.4	5.5	.9	9.1	9.5	12.6	10.2	25.8	84.4	16.4	44.6
September	15	100.0	62.8	56.7	4.0	.9	8.0	8.1	12.0	8.9	25.2	84.4	17.2	45.3
	30	100.0	59.5	61.4	5.5	.7	9.5	9.4	14.6	10.1	25.9	86.6	16.5	46.6
October	15	100.0	57.7	56.9	6.6	.3	6.0	6.1	12.6	6.4	29.7	86.7	14.5	45.1
	31	100.0	56.5	58.0	7.4	.5	6.6	6.8	14.0	7.1	29.7	84.9	15.7	45.0
November	15	100.0	54.1	58.1	7.5	.6	7.1	7.5	14.8	7.7	31.5	84.2	15.9	41.9
	30	100.0	55.4	61.1	7.5	.6	6.5	6.8	18.0	6.4	31.6	82.5	14.8	59.9
December	15	100.0	58.2	61.8	7.1	.8	7.6	7.8	14.7	8.6	27.1	84.9	14.8	59.5
	31	100.0	57.7	62.2	7.1	.2	7.8	8.0	14.9	9.2	27.4	84.5	17.9	57.9
January	15	100.0	55.8	59.6	7.7	.3	7.0	7.2	14.7	7.5	29.6	82.9	14.2	40.4
	31	100.0	55.8	60.6	6.5	.1	7.3	8.0	14.5	8.1	29.9	81.5	14.2	59.4
February	15	100.0	51.4	65.0	8.0	.6	7.3	7.5	15.8	7.9	33.5	81.1	14.8	57.0
	29	100.0	46.8	61.0	7.2	.1	9.0	9.1	16.2	9.2	35.0	84.9	15.2	59.0
March	15	100.0	48.6	62.6	7.6	.4	8.9	8.8	16.5	9.8	34.9	82.2	15.4	57.5
	31	100.0	47.1	65.6	9.0	.1	8.1	8.0	17.1	8.1	35.8	82.3	15.9	56.4
April	15	100.0	46.0	64.3	8.6	.6	8.7	8.7	17.3	9.5	36.7	82.4	14.0	55.7
	30	100.0	45.5	65.3	8.4	.9	10.5	10.5	18.9	11.4	36.8	85.3	14.7	56.7
May	15	100.0	43.5	64.1	10.0	1.4	9.8	10.0	19.8	11.4	36.9	84.5	15.0	58.9
	31	100.0	42.5	62.9	8.9	.5	11.7	11.7	18.6	12.2	38.9	84.9	15.1	57.2
June	15	100.0	58.8	61.9	5.9	.5	12.5	12.7	18.5	15.0	42.7	85.1	16.1	58.1
	30	100.0	53.6	62.0	6.4	.1	12.4	12.5	18.9	12.6	42.6	85.4	15.4	58.0
Average		100.0	54.5	59.6	6.6	.5	8.5	8.7	15.2	9.2	30.5	81.2	15.7	49.4
WOOL														
July	15	100.0	80.3	47.2	0.8	2.2	14.9	14.9	16.8	17.1	3.9	35.7	19.7	52.9
	31	100.0	79.8	50.2	.9	2.5	15.0	15.0	15.9	17.5	4.8	32.5	20.7	49.9
August	15	100.0	81.0	45.2	.9	3.5	14.8	14.8	15.7	18.1	3.3	36.7	19.0	54.6
	31	100.0	82.9	45.8	.8	4.5	13.9	13.9	14.7	19.4	2.4	35.9	17.1	54.2
September	15	100.0	83.2	46.4	.8	4.5	13.9	13.9	14.7	18.2	2.1	35.4	18.9	53.6
	30	100.0	82.5	45.5	.8	2.9	15.0	15.0	13.6	15.9	3.6	30.9	17.2	46.7
October	15	100.0	87.2	47.0	.6	5.1	9.5	9.5	10.1	13.6	2.7	30.4	15.9	45.9
	31	100.0	97.5	60.1	0	1.6	.1	.1	.1	1.7	2.6	33.2	2.7	39.9
November	15	100.0	96.6	59.5	0	1.6	.5	.5	.5	2.1	2.9	38.6	3.4	40.7
	30	100.0	94.5	60.0	0	1.7	.7	.7	.7	2.4	4.8	37.6	5.5	40.0
December	15	100.0	95.0	58.9	0	1.7	.8	.8	.8	2.5	4.2	40.5	5.0	43.1
	31	100.0	93.4	47.4	0	1.7	.8	.8	.8	2.5	5.8	50.1	6.8	52.8
January	15	100.0	95.9	47.5	0	1.9	.8	.8	.8	2.6	5.5	50.1	6.1	52.7
	31	100.0	94.6	56.4	0	1.6	.5	.5	.5	2.1	4.9	41.5	5.4	45.6
February	15	100.0	95.0	54.0	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.0	46.0	5.0	46.0
	29	100.0	92.5	44.5	0	0	0	0	0	7.6	6.0	50.6	7.5	50.5
March	15	100.0	92.5	46.2	0	0	0	0	0	7.5	6.8	53.8	7.6	53.8
	31	100.0	93.7	42.3	0	0	0	0	0	9	6.2	57.7	8.3	57.7
April	15	100.0	88.9	44.1	4.5	0	0	0	4.5	0	6.7	55.9	11.2	55.9
	30	100.0	83.6	41.4	4.6	0	2.9	2.9	7.6	2.9	6.7	55.7	10.4	55.8
May	15	100.0	82.6	36.5	4.7	0	2.9	2.8	7.8	2.9	9.8	60.6	17.4	63.7
	31	100.0	81.7	25.0	4.6	0	2.8	2.8	7.4	2.8	10.9	74.2	18.3	77.0
June	15	100.0	85.4	21.5	2.6	0	2.9	2.9	5.5	2.9	8.1	75.8	15.6	78.7
	30	100.0	83.2	22.6	2.7	0	3.1	3.1	5.8	3.1	11.0	74.5	16.6	77.4
Average		100.0	88.2	47.9	1.0	1.7	5.6	5.6	6.6	7.5	5.2	44.9	11.9	52.2
WOOL TOPS														
July	15	100.0	60.3	27.9	8.1	0.1	17.7	17.2	25.8	17.6	15.8	54.9	29.7	72.2
	31	100.0	61.4	29.0	8.5	0	15.3	15.9	22.8	16.8	15.8	56.2	26.8	72.0
August	15	100.0	62.0	26.6	6.5	.1	18.3	17.8	24.6	17.9	15.2	55.5	29.0	75.4
	31	100.0	61.9	26.7	6.0	0	18.6	17.8	24.6	17.6	15.5	55.5	26.1	73.8
September	15	100.0	61.6	24.0	5.2	0	22.2	21.5	25.4	21.5	15.0	54.5	28.4	76.0
	30	100.0	61.8	23.0	2.5	0	23.0	22.4	25.6	22.4	12.7	54.5	28.2	77.0
October	15	100.0	66.8	30.7	2.5	0	19.5	18.5	22.0	18.5	11.2	50.9	33.2	89.3
	31	100.0	71.7	35.7	2.6	0	14.0	13.2	15.6	13.2	11.7	53.1	22.3	68.6
November	15	100.0	77.2	35.0	.8	0	8.9	8.1	7.7	8.1	15.1	58.9	22.8	65.0
	30	100.0	73.0	33.2	.9	0	1.8	1.8	2.7	1.8	24.3	60.0	27.0	61.8
December	15	100.0	75.5	38.8	1.0	0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	21.6	59.2	24.5	61.2
	31	100.0	74.8	36.2	1.0	0	5.8	5.9	6.9	5.9	28.5	57.9	25.4	63.8
January	15	100.0	75.8	34.3	1.0	0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	17.7	60.2	24.2	65.7
	31	100.0	83.1	37.1	1.1	0	5.9	5.9	5.0	3.9	11.9	59.0	16.9	62.9
February	15	100.0	83.7	39.1	1.7	0	5.8	4.8	4.6	4.6	11.8	57.1	16.8	61.9
	29	100.0	81.3	36.9	1.8	0	2.0	4.2	3.8	4.2	14.9	58.9	18.7	63.1
March	15	100.0	80.4	34.1	2.6	0	3.4	5.5	5.7	5.5	15.9	60.4	19.6	65.9
	31	100.0	82.2	32.6	2.3	0	3.1	5.2	5.4	5.2	12.4	62.2	17.8	67.4
April	15	100.0	80.9	31.5	8.7	0	0	0	6.7	0	20.4	68.7	19.1	68.7
	30	100.0	82.2	29.7	8.5	0	0	0	6.5	0	9.5	70.3	17.8	70.3
May	15	100.0	78.6	28.5	10.1	0	0	0	10.1	0	11.5	71.5	21.4	71.5
	31	100.0	75.8	21.9	15.5	0	0	0	15.5	0	10.7	78.1	24.2	78.1
June	15	100.0	75.3	22.2	10.8	0	0	0	10.8	0	15.7	77.8	26.5	77.8
	30	100.0	72.1	19.4	7.8	0	0	0	7.8	0	20.1	80.6	27.9	80.6
Average		100.0	72.2	30.3	4.5	(3)	8.3	8.9	13.8	8.9	14.5	60.9	27.8	69.7

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Table 20.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 3/ reported as:								Hedging		Total	
				Speculative				Total							
		Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Long		Short		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short						
WOOB															
July 15	100.0	76.8	46.5	10.2	7.0	12.2	12.2	22.4	19.2	0.8	34.3	23.2	53.6		
July 31	100.0	72.5	57.2	18.5	4.1	9.0	9.0	27.5	18.1	.4	29.7	27.7	42.9		
August 15	100.0	72.7	59.4	20.1	7.9	7.9	7.9	27.1	14.8	.2	25.8	27.3	40.8		
August 31	100.0	69.5	52.0	15.9	9.0	14.2	14.2	30.0	29.2	.5	24.8	50.5	48.0		
September 15	100.0	68.1	62.5	20.9	5.9	10.5	10.5	31.5	16.5	.6	21.4	31.9	37.7		
September 30	100.0	74.2	55.9	14.4	12.5	10.4	10.4	24.8	22.9	1.0	21.8	25.8	44.1		
October 15	100.0	78.2	56.1	16.3	14.0	7.6	7.5	23.8	21.5	(5)	22.4	23.9	45.9		
October 31	100.0	77.1	55.9	12.6	17.0	10.1	10.1	22.9	27.1	0	19.0	22.9	40.1		
November 15	100.0	76.0	67.6	13.2	11.4	10.9	10.8	24.0	22.2	0	10.2	24.0	52.4		
November 30	100.0	73.2	75.0	15.7	8.0	12.1	11.1	26.8	19.1	0	5.9	26.8	25.0		
December 15	100.0	81.5	83.8	12.9	7.8	5.3	5.8	18.7	13.6	0	1.8	18.7	16.2		
December 31	100.0	74.7	82.0	14.2	5.8	11.1	11.1	25.3	16.9	0	1.1	25.3	15.0		
January 15	100.0	67.5	84.3	25.1	7.5	7.4	7.4	32.5	16.9	0	.8	32.5	15.7		
January 31	100.0	72.5	82.2	19.8	6.7	7.7	7.7	27.5	14.4	0	3.4	27.5	17.8		
February 15	100.0	69.5	80.5	21.5	8.2	8.7	8.7	30.0	16.9	.7	2.8	30.0	19.5		
February 29	100.0	87.2	78.2	19.3	7.9	11.4	11.4	50.7	19.5	2.1	1.9	50.7	21.2		
March 15	100.0	63.9	79.0	22.1	9.2	10.3	10.3	32.4	19.5	.7	1.6	32.4	21.0		
March 31	100.0	87.4	79.0	22.4	7.8	9.6	9.6	32.0	17.4	.5	5.6	32.0	21.0		
April 15	100.0	66.6	78.5	22.8	5.2	8.9	8.9	31.8	14.1	1.6	7.4	31.8	21.5		
April 30	100.0	71.8	74.2	19.6	9.9	8.1	8.1	27.7	18.0	.5	7.9	27.7	25.9		
May 15	100.0	69.0	72.5	23.9	8.5	6.8	6.8	30.6	15.1	.5	12.4	30.6	27.5		
May 31	100.0	70.5	69.7	18.3	13.0	9.1	9.1	27.4	22.1	2.1	18.2	27.4	40.3		
June 15	100.0	75.7	55.6	11.0	15.8	10.0	10.0	21.0	25.8	3.3	10.6	21.0	64.4		
June 30	100.0	73.0	54.8	12.0	15.2	12.4	12.4	24.4	27.6	2.6	17.6	24.4	45.2		
Average	100.0	71.9	65.5	17.5	9.4	9.8	9.8	27.3	19.2	.8	15.5	28.1	34.7		
POTATOES															
July 15	100.0	65.9	42.3	14.5	6.6	14.5	14.5	29.0	25.1	5.2	54.6	34.2	57.7		
July 31	100.0	70.3	59.6	15.3	10.1	9.2	9.2	24.5	19.3	5.2	41.1	29.7	50.4		
August 15	100.0	65.4	41.4	21.2	8.5	9.9	9.9	31.1	18.4	3.5	40.2	34.6	39.5		
August 31	100.0	65.6	40.1	21.9	10.0	8.6	8.6	29.9	18.8	4.6	41.5	34.5	39.9		
September 15	100.0	63.7	41.0	21.4	9.5	10.9	10.9	32.2	20.6	4.1	39.4	36.5	39.0		
September 30	100.0	65.1	39.2	19.6	10.9	11.5	11.5	30.1	22.4	4.9	39.4	34.9	31.8		
October 15	100.0	66.4	38.2	17.5	12.9	9.7	9.7	27.2	22.6	6.4	39.2	35.6	31.9		
October 31	100.0	68.3	27.4	16.6	15.3	8.1	8.1	24.7	21.4	7.0	31.2	31.7	28.6		
November 15	100.0	62.3	29.4	16.8	12.4	14.4	14.4	31.5	26.8	6.4	45.8	37.7	20.6		
November 30	100.0	61.0	29.3	22.5	13.2	15.2	15.2	35.7	26.4	3.3	44.3	39.0	20.7		
December 15	100.0	60.9	29.7	25.8	13.3	12.3	12.3	36.1	24.6	5.0	46.7	29.1	20.3		
December 31	100.0	53.4	28.8	29.7	10.1	10.5	10.5	39.2	20.6	7.4	40.6	46.8	21.2		
January 15	100.0	48.0	29.5	22.7	19.2	11.2	11.2	33.8	30.3	19.2	40.2	52.0	20.5		
January 31	100.0	72.9	33.6	18.1	20.0	3.5	3.5	19.4	35.3	7.7	43.1	27.1	36.4		
February 15	100.0	66.9	30.5	18.4	25.6	7.9	7.9	28.2	31.3	7.1	38.2	33.5	39.5		
February 29	100.0	64.5	32.9	19.0	29.1	4.7	4.7	25.7	33.8	11.8	33.4	36.5	37.2		
March 15	100.0	62.3	31.7	27.3	22.7	12.2	12.2	39.5	38.9	8.2	27.4	47.7	36.9		
March 31	100.0	47.3	32.9	28.2	22.5	10.4	10.4	38.6	32.9	14.1	29.2	52.7	32.1		
April 15	100.0	46.9	42.4	34.1	11.6	1.5	1.5	35.4	32.5	15.7	24.8	51.2	37.8		
April 30	100.0	51.7	42.0	35.3	28.1	.3	.3	35.8	28.4	2.5	29.6	38.3	38.0		
May 15	100.0	62.2	32.9	29.5	7.2	2.3	2.3	31.8	9.6	6.0	37.6	37.8	47.1		
May 31	100.0	75.1	46.7	14.1	2.3	5.6	5.6	17.7	5.9	7.2	45.4	24.9	51.5		
June 15	100.0	66.5	44.6	19.6	6.3	7.7	7.7	27.5	14.0	6.4	41.4	33.7	35.4		
June 30	100.0	57.6	42.2	24.6	6.9	7.5	7.5	32.1	16.3	10.4	41.5	42.4	37.9		
Average	100.0	62.3	37.1	21.7	15.0	8.8	8.9	30.6	25.9	7.2	39.1	37.7	32.9		
ONIONS															
September 30 4/	100.0	55.8	25.3	44.2	9.1	20.7	20.7	64.9	20.8	1.3	44.9	66.2	74.7		
October 15	100.0	32.9	27.6	44.6	8.1	20.9	20.9	65.5	29.0	1.6	45.4	67.1	72.4		
October 31	100.0	34.9	28.6	41.9	7.2	21.5	21.5	65.4	28.7	1.8	48.7	62.2	74.4		
November 15	100.0	41.1	25.6	36.3	9.9	20.1	20.1	56.4	29.0	2.5	45.4	52.9	74.4		
November 30	100.0	46.6	25.2	27.5	11.3	24.6	24.6	61.8	35.9	1.6	41.0	58.4	76.8		
December 15	100.0	51.8	33.5	27.2	9.1	20.6	20.6	67.7	29.6	0	40.6	30.8	72.7		
December 31	100.0	49.2	27.3	30.8	12.1	20.0	20.0	50.9	15.8	.8	44.2	40.7	79.8		
January 15	100.0	59.5	30.7	28.6	4.3	11.5	11.5	59.9	15.8	.8	59.5	26.8	70.6		
January 31	100.0	74.7	29.4	21.9	9.2	3.1	3.1	25.0	12.5	.9	49.1	59.0	67.8		
February 15	100.0	62.0	32.2	35.8	18.4	1.3	1.3	37.1	19.7	.9	49.1	20.7	81.4		
February 29	100.0	78.3	18.6	18.8	15.0	2.6	2.6	19.4	17.6	1.5	35.3	16.8	70.1		
March 15	100.0	85.2	29.9	8.5	3.6	5.5	5.5	14.0	9.1	2.8	61.0	16.8	70.1		
March 31	100.0	77.3	29.5	5.6	0	14.5	14.5	20.3	14.5	2.4	36.2	22.7	70.7		
April 15	100.0	75.2	28.2	9.5	0	15.2	15.2	24.7	15.2	2.1	36.6	25.9	71.9		
April 30	100.0	73.6	23.1	9.3	2.7	15.4	15.4	24.7	18.1	1.7	35.3	26.4	75.9		
May 15	100.0	70.2	23.5	14.1	3.6	14.5	14.5	29.4	17.8	1.4	33.8	29.8	71.7		
May 31	100.0	60.9	25.5	20.1	6.8	16.1	16.1	36.2	23.9	3.9	31.6	39.1	74.3		
June 15	100.0	52.4	23.5	31.7	11.0	13.9	13.9	45.6	24.9	2.0	51.8	47.6	78.5		
June 30	100.0	59.3	23.8	25.6	9.4	14.7	14.7	59.3	24.1	1.9	62.1	40.2	76.2		
Average	100.0	48.8	26.7	32.2	8.9	17.5	17.5	49.7	28.4	1.5	46.9	51.2	73.5		

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Table 20.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semi-monthly, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:									
				Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
		Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
COTTONSEED OIL													
July 15	100.0	44.4	25.4	14.5	12.1	50.4	50.4	44.7	42.5	10.9	34.1	55.6	76.6
31	100.0	59.3	52.5	14.9	4.4	27.5	27.5	42.2	51.7	18.5	55.0	40.7	47.5
August 15	100.0	44.8	37.5	15.3	1.9	21.0	21.0	36.3	24.9	18.0	59.5	55.2	52.5
31	100.0	47.7	31.1	15.4	0	20.9	20.9	36.2	20.8	16.1	49.1	52.3	58.9
September 15	100.0	65.4	24.1	11.6	2.9	18.6	18.6	30.2	21.5	23.4	54.4	53.6	75.9
30	100.0	66.7	17.9	24.0	1.6	21.5	21.5	45.5	23.1	17.9	59.9	65.5	85.0
October 15	100.0	36.1	10.2	22.3	.4	28.4	18.4	39.7	18.9	24.2	71.0	65.9	69.8
31	100.0	47.9	7.4	25.0	0	11.8	11.8	36.8	11.8	15.4	80.8	52.2	92.5
November 15	100.0	45.0	8.5	23.4	(5)	9.5	9.5	59.0	9.5	18.0	63.3	57.0	95.4
30	100.0	41.9	4.3	27.8	0	9.4	9.4	57.1	9.3	21.0	68.4	59.1	95.7
December 15	100.0	41.5	4.7	24.8	1.7	10.1	10.1	56.7	11.9	25.9	69.5	59.7	95.3
31	100.0	59.7	3.6	29.0	0	9.4	9.4	59.4	9.4	20.0	67.0	60.5	96.4
January 15	100.0	45.8	5.5	28.0	0	10.2	10.2	56.2	10.2	20.0	64.5	56.2	94.5
31	100.0	40.0	5.8	30.5	.1	12.7	12.7	43.2	12.8	16.9	61.4	60.0	94.2
February 15	100.0	45.3	5.5	25.5	.1	14.5	14.5	59.8	14.4	15.9	60.3	58.7	92.7
29	100.0	47.5	7.7	19.7	1.1	14.3	14.3	55.0	15.4	19.7	78.9	52.7	92.3
March 15	100.0	48.5	10.7	19.6	.1	14.1	14.1	52.4	14.2	19.3	75.1	51.7	89.5
31	100.0	45.9	12.0	14.6	.2	15.2	15.2	29.9	15.4	23.9	72.6	53.1	88.0
April 15	100.0	47.2	12.8	19.3	.5	15.4	15.4	55.7	15.7	19.1	71.5	62.8	87.2
30	100.0	45.3	11.4	19.4	7.4	15.1	15.1	32.5	20.5	21.2	69.1	55.7	86.8
May 15	100.0	50.9	13.9	13.1	5.3	17.3	17.3	50.4	22.6	19.7	63.5	54.5	86.1
31	100.0	46.7	14.6	12.8	9.4	22.1	22.1	35.0	27.5	14.3	67.9	51.5	85.4
June 15	100.0	49.7	15.1	15.3	8.9	24.6	24.6	39.9	28.5	10.4	56.4	50.5	84.9
30	100.0	50.5	15.9	7.8	8.6	25.5	25.5	34.3	30.1	15.1	54.9	49.4	85.0
Average	100.0	45.4	10.8	20.5	1.9	15.6	15.5	35.9	17.5	19.7	71.7	54.6	89.2

SOYBEAN OIL													
Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:									
Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short			Long	Short
		July 15	100.0	30.3	10.3	20.5	1.2	8.6	8.6	30.2	10.8	59.0	79.9
31	100.0	28.6	9.4	19.3	2.1	12.4	12.4	30.7	14.6	30.7	75.1	71.4	90.6
August 15	100.0	27.4	9.4	14.9	1.5	11.5	11.5	28.4	15.1	46.2	77.5	72.6	90.8
31	100.0	26.6	8.7	14.1	1.4	12.8	12.8	26.9	14.2	46.6	77.1	75.4	91.5
September 15	100.0	25.4	10.9	15.7	1.0	12.7	12.7	26.4	15.7	47.2	76.5	78.5	90.0
30	100.0	26.8	8.9	23.5	1.8	11.9	11.9	37.2	15.7	36.0	77.4	75.2	91.1
October 15	100.0	25.2	7.9	25.4	2.7	14.2	14.2	39.6	15.9	35.2	75.2	74.0	92.1
31	100.0	29.9	8.4	30.5	2.5	10.5	10.5	40.5	13.0	29.3	79.5	75.1	91.6
November 15	100.0	30.5	9.4	30.5	4.1	10.7	10.7	41.2	14.8	28.5	75.8	69.5	90.8
30	100.0	29.1	11.4	30.1	6.5	9.8	9.8	39.9	15.1	31.0	72.5	70.9	89.5
December 15	100.0	28.1	11.2	31.5	7.7	10.1	10.1	41.7	17.8	30.2	73.0	71.8	88.8
31	100.0	29.0	10.6	32.1	7.8	10.4	10.4	42.5	18.2	28.5	71.2	71.0	89.4
January 15	100.0	32.6	12.8	32.0	7.7	12.8	12.8	44.8	20.5	22.8	67.5	67.4	87.8
31	100.0	32.3	11.1	30.5	8.4	11.6	11.6	42.1	20.0	25.6	66.9	67.7	88.9
February 15	100.0	29.6	12.3	29.4	6.5	12.6	12.6	42.0	19.1	28.4	68.6	70.4	87.7
29	100.0	33.4	15.2	17.6	5.6	14.2	14.2	32.0	19.8	34.6	67.0	66.6	86.8
March 15	100.0	35.5	14.5	18.8	8.0	14.8	14.8	55.6	20.8	32.9	64.7	64.4	85.5
31	100.0	37.3	14.3	25.3	6.9	11.1	11.1	34.4	17.9	29.1	67.0	62.5	85.7
April 15	100.0	37.5	14.5	22.5	6.9	11.4	11.4	38.7	18.5	24.5	67.4	58.2	85.7
30	100.0	37.8	11.7	25.6	6.8	12.0	12.0	45.6	16.8	26.8	62.7	62.4	86.5
May 15	100.0	36.5	10.4	22.2	7.5	25.2	25.2	45.4	30.6	28.4	59.1	61.7	86.5
31	100.0	35.9	11.4	15.4	5.8	29.0	29.0	42.4	35.9	28.7	62.8	61.1	85.6
June 15	100.0	45.0	11.0	18.8	8.2	25.6	25.6	42.4	33.8	14.6	54.6	67.0	86.4
30	100.0	36.5	11.1	17.1	7.5	29.7	29.7	45.8	37.2	18.7	51.7	63.5	86.9
Average	100.0	32.9	11.1	25.2	5.5	15.3	15.3	36.5	20.8	28.6	69.1	67.1	89.9

LARD													
Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:									
Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Speculative						Hedging		Total	
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total		Long	Short		
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short			Long	Short
		July 15	100.0	59.7	32.5	16.0	7.0	17.3	17.3	33.3	24.5	7.0	45.2
31	100.0	69.4	38.2	10.7	6.8	14.1	14.1	24.8	20.7	5.9	41.1	30.6	63.9
August 15	100.0	68.4	49.8	10.6	6.0	15.2	15.2	23.8	21.2	5.8	29.0	31.8	50.2
31	100.0	71.2	55.4	14.5	19.7	11.7	11.7	25.0	17.4	2.9	33.2	28.9	44.6
September 15	100.0	67.7	48.1	8.9	29.9	13.9	13.9	22.7	22.7	45.7	31.6	32.3	51.9
30	100.0	66.9	53.5	11.3	31.2	8.0	8.0	19.3	39.2	13.0	7.5	35.1	45.5
October 15	100.0	61.0	58.5	13.8	27.8	5.2	5.2	19.0	33.0	20.0	10.5	39.0	45.5
31	100.0	64.5	59.9	18.1	29.1	5.2	5.2	24.3	35.3	11.4	5.8	35.7	41.7
November 15	100.0	63.5	59.5	15.3	22.8	9.9	9.9	25.2	32.5	11.5	9.2	36.7	41.7
30	100.0	66.1	52.9	21.1	23.4	9.9	9.9	31.0	33.5	8.9	15.8	35.9	47.1
December 15	100.0	66.2	41.2	20.2	18.9	6.8	6.8	26.9	25.5	7.0	33.5	33.9	58.8
31	100.0	69.5	31.8	24.2	18.7	6.0	6.0	30.2	22.2	.5	46.0	30.7	68.2
January 15	100.0	70.6	17.9	19.5	17.2	9.6	9.6	23.1	26.0	.5	55.3	29.4	82.1
31	100.0	60.9	13.4	28.5	6.5	8.4	8.4	37.1	15.1	2.0	65.5	39.1	80.6
February 15	100.0	59.5	18.8	29.3	4.7	9.5	9.5	38.8	14.0	1.9	67.2	40.5	81.2
29	100.0	60.2	12.4	27.9	4.7	9.1	9.1	37.0	13.9	2.8	67.8	39.8	81.8
March 15	100.0	63.5	14.0	24.8	6.8	8.1	8.1	32.9	17.4	5.5	68.8	36.4	85.0
31	100.0	66.7	15.5	26.8	7.1	8.4	8.4	31.2	11.5	2.1	78.2	35.3	84.7
April 15	100.0	72.1	14.9	19.3	4.0	6.4	6.4	25.7	12.4	2.7	72.7	27.9	84.4
30	100.0	71.7	15.6	20.5	9.1	6.0	6.0	26.5	15.1	1.8	69.3	28.3	84.7
May 15	100.0	75.9	11.1	17.9	12.1	5.9	5.9	23.8	18.0	.4	70.9	24.2	89.9
31	100.0	70.4	8.1	22.5	5.9	7.1	7.1	29.6	11.0	0	60.9	29.6	91.9
June 15	100.0	70.2	9.9	23.0	4.1	6.8	6.8	29.8	10.9	0	79.2	29.8	90.1
30	100.0	69.6	13.0	22.7	2.8	6.5	6.5	29.2	9.4	1.2	77.6	30.4	87.0
Average	100.0	67.7	24.9	20.5	11.1	8.1	8.1	28.7	19.2	3.6	65.9	32.5	75.1

Table 20.--Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, semiannually, July 1955 to June 1956--Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments 2/		Reporting (large) traders' commitments 1/ reported as:								Hedging		Total	
				Speculative				Total							
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Long		Short					
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short				
BRAN															
July 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	100.0	52.9	97.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.2	2.9	47.2	2.9		
August 15	100.0	36.9	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.1	0	50.1	0		
31	100.0	51.7	95.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.5	6.9	49.5	6.9		
September 15	100.0	51.6	90.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.4	9.7	48.4	9.7		
30	100.0	56.8	79.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.2	21.6	45.2	21.6		
October 15	100.0	71.6	72.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.2	27.4	29.2	27.4		
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
November 15	100.0	92.1	40.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.9	60.0	7.9	60.0		
30	100.0	100.0	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74.3	0	74.3		
December 15	100.0	100.0	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74.4	0	74.4		
31	100.0	100.0	19.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81.1	0	81.1		
January 15	100.0	100.0	11.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88.7	0	88.7		
31	100.0	100.0	7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92.7	0	92.7		
February 15	100.0	100.0	19.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81.5	0	81.5		
29	100.0	100.0	21.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78.9	0	78.9		
March 15	100.0	100.0	18.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81.7	0	81.7		
31	100.0	97.7	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.8	75.4	12.8	75.4		
April 15	100.0	78.9	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.1	71.9	21.1	71.9		
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
May 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
June 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Average	100.0	82.1	57.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.3	42.2	17.9	42.2		
SHORTS															
July 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
31	100.0	79.5	76.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.5	25.1	20.5	25.1		
August 15	100.0	81.4	74.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18.6	25.6	18.6	25.6		
31	100.0	77.8	72.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.2	27.8	22.2	27.8		
September 15	100.0	72.6	85.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.4	16.4	27.4	16.4		
30	100.0	85.2	75.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	14.8	24.7	14.8	24.7		
October 15	100.0	100.0	71.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.0	0	29.0		
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
November 15	100.0	100.0	74.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.0	0	26.0		
30	100.0	100.0	85.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.4	0	17.4		
December 15	100.0	95.4	90.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.6	19.7	6.6	19.7		
31	100.0	97.8	65.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.2	37.0	2.2	37.0		
January 15	100.0	100.0	51.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69.9	0	69.9		
31	100.0	100.0	21.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78.9	0	78.9		
February 15	100.0	79.4	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.6	76.5	20.6	76.5		
29	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	0	100.0		
March 15	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	0	100.0		
31	100.0	100.0	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76.5	0	76.5		
April 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
May 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
June 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Average	100.0	91.7	69.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.5	50.4	9.3	50.4		
MIDDLES															
July 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
31	100.0	66.7	66.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	33.3	33.3	33.3	33.3		
August 15	100.0	55.3	66.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	66.7	33.3	66.7	33.3		
31	100.0	60.0	90.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.0	10.0	40.0	10.0		
September 15	100.0	68.7	86.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	33.3	11.1	33.3	11.1		
30	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	0	100.0		
October 15	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	0	100.0		
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
November 15	100.0	73.6	73.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5		
30	100.0	57.1	71.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.9	28.6	42.9	28.6		
December 15	100.0	57.1	71.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.9	28.6	42.9	28.6		
31	100.0	82.5	75.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37.5	25.0	37.5	25.0		
January 15	100.0	100.0	55.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66.7	0	66.7		
31	100.0	100.0	25.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.0	0	75.0		
February 15	100.0	100.0	25.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.0	0	75.0		
29	100.0	100.0	25.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.0	0	75.0		
March 15	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	0	100.0		
31	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
April 15	100.0	50.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0	0	50.0	0		
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
May 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
June 15	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
30	100.0	100.0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Average	100.0	80.2	80.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	19.9	19.7	19.8	19.7		



## COMMODITY FUTURES

Table 20.—Long and short commitments of reporting and nonreporting traders, expressed as percentage of total open contracts, on all contract markets combined, seasonally, July 1955 to June 1956—Continued

Date	Total open contracts	Reporting (large) traders' commitments <sup>1/</sup> reported as:												
		Nonreporting (small) traders' speculative and hedging commitments <sup>2/</sup>		Speculative						Hedging		Total		
				Long or short only		Long and short (Spreading)		Total						
				Long	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short					Long
COTTONSEED MEAL														
July	15	100.0	22.5	60.0	11.0	15.6	7.0	7.0	19.0	22.5	55.6	17.5	71.5	40.0
	31	100.0	21.7	67.7	9.1	8.5	7.6	7.4	16.7	13.1	57.6	19.2	74.3	32.3
August	15	100.0	29.0	47.1	8.6	10.9	11.9	11.0	19.8	21.9	51.4	11.0	71.0	52.9
	31	100.0	42.1	49.7	9.1	5.5	9.7	9.7	18.8	10.2	69.1	40.1	57.9	50.5
September	15	100.0	40.0	50.5	13.9	0	9.4	9.4	23.3	9.4	28.7	40.1	52.0	49.5
	30	100.0	55.1	65.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.9	36.5	44.9	36.5
October	15	100.0	39.8	59.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60.1	61.0	60.1	61.0
	31	100.0	54.9	50.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.1	69.1	45.1	69.1
November	15	100.0	57.5	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.5	75.9	42.5	75.9
	30	100.0	55.9	50.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.1	70.0	44.1	70.0
December	15	100.0	55.7	33.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.3	65.1	45.3	65.1
	31	100.0	61.4	38.9	15.9	0	0	0	0	0	38.6	60.7	48.6	61.2
January	15	100.0	59.9	35.5	22.2	0	0	0	23.0	0	37.1	65.7	60.1	64.5
	31	100.0	45.8	59.6	23.9	0	0	0	24.6	0	27.1	52.6	51.7	60.4
February	15	100.0	52.2	53.3	23.3	0	0	0	23.7	0	24.1	66.3	47.8	66.7
	29	100.0	52.8	52.2	23.0	0	0	0	24.5	0	23.4	59.4	47.7	67.8
March	15	100.0	56.4	52.7	11.7	2.8	12.1	12.1	23.8	14.9	19.9	52.4	43.5	67.3
	31	100.0	51.7	43.7	14.4	2.7	5.9	5.9	20.3	8.6	19.0	47.7	39.5	56.3
April	15	100.0	57.4	56.6	17.2	7.6	5.1	5.1	22.3	12.7	20.3	49.7	42.6	61.4
	30	100.0	46.4	36.7	17.3	0	8.2	8.2	25.5	8.2	28.1	55.1	55.6	55.5
May	15	100.0	50.0	36.6	15.4	0	16.5	16.5	29.7	16.5	20.3	47.1	50.0	65.4
	31	100.0	49.4	36.6	6.6	0	16.5	16.5	22.7	16.5	27.9	47.1	50.9	65.4
June	15	100.0	48.2	55.6	7.7	0	18.1	18.1	20.5	15.1	31.0	53.5	51.6	46.4
	30	100.0	52.4	65.4	4.3	0	12.8	12.8	17.1	12.8	30.5	1.9	47.6	14.6
Average		100.0	46.5	42.2	10.9	2.5	5.5	6.5	16.2	7.6	25.3	50.2	51.5	57.8
SOYBEAN MEAL														
July	15	100.0	17.1	10.9	23.5	5.4	13.9	13.9	37.4	19.3	45.5	69.8	82.9	89.1
	31	100.0	17.7	10.9	10.4	5.8	13.4	13.4	25.9	19.2	58.6	69.9	82.5	89.1
August	15	100.0	17.8	11.5	12.5	2.6	12.1	12.1	26.8	14.7	57.6	73.8	82.2	88.5
	31	100.0	18.0	9.5	20.0	3.4	12.9	12.8	32.8	18.4	51.2	74.8	84.0	90.7
September	15	100.0	16.7	9.1	16.8	5.6	9.4	9.4	26.9	14.9	57.1	76.0	85.8	90.9
	30	100.0	17.9	10.2	23.0	5.2	9.9	9.9	32.9	15.1	49.2	74.7	82.1	89.6
October	15	100.0	17.1	12.6	33.1	4.2	11.5	11.5	44.5	15.7	59.5	71.7	82.9	87.4
	31	100.0	20.1	14.1	25.5	5.5	10.7	10.7	36.0	16.2	45.9	68.7	79.9	85.9
November	15	100.0	15.6	12.1	26.5	8.8	9.4	9.4	35.7	16.3	45.7	71.6	81.4	87.9
	30	100.0	21.5	12.4	28.7	5.9	10.0	10.0	33.2	15.9	44.8	71.7	78.5	87.6
December	15	100.0	22.5	11.8	22.6	6.1	10.4	10.4	33.8	16.6	44.8	71.7	77.6	88.2
	31	100.0	20.5	9.1	26.8	8.5	12.7	12.7	38.8	21.0	40.4	69.9	78.7	90.9
January	15	100.0	19.2	7.6	29.6	10.5	15.0	15.0	42.5	23.5	56.5	69.9	80.0	92.4
	31	100.0	24.4	7.6	27.7	10.1	11.0	11.0	36.7	21.1	36.9	71.5	76.6	92.4
February	15	100.0	30.2	8.0	28.4	0	9.8	9.8	59.0	10.8	31.8	81.5	69.0	92.0
	29	100.0	35.4	6.5	31.6	0	9.5	9.5	41.1	10.4	25.5	83.1	66.6	95.5
March	15	100.0	37.5	8.7	31.0	1.2	9.5	9.5	40.5	10.5	22.2	79.5	62.5	90.5
	31	100.0	35.4	8.7	31.3	1.3	10.7	10.7	42.0	12.0	22.8	79.5	64.6	91.5
April	15	100.0	32.6	10.0	28.6	3.9	11.7	11.7	39.7	15.1	27.7	74.9	67.4	90.0
	30	100.0	29.5	12.5	24.7	7.0	14.6	14.6	39.5	21.6	31.4	65.9	70.7	87.5
May	15	100.0	24.6	9.6	20.1	3.7	15.8	15.8	36.9	22.5	38.5	69.9	75.4	90.4
	31	100.0	25.2	13.9	20.2	4.9	14.4	14.4	34.8	19.3	39.2	66.9	75.8	86.1
June	15	100.0	21.5	14.1	23.1	10.1	15.2	15.2	39.5	26.3	40.4	60.6	78.7	85.9
	30	100.0	26.9	12.4	25.9	13.5	15.9	15.9	39.0	29.4	35.5	58.2	73.1	87.6
Average		100.0	23.5	10.6	24.7	5.6	11.8	11.8	36.5	17.4	40.0	72.0	78.5	89.4

- 1/ Reporting traders are persons subject to reporting requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act.  
 2/ Derived by subtracting nonreporting traders' commitments from total open contracts.  
 3/ Less than 0.05 percent.  
 4/ Traders not subject to reporting requirements prior to September 24, 1955.

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