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MONTHLY SALES OF GRAIN IN THE UNITED STATES
1937 CROP WITH COMPARISONS

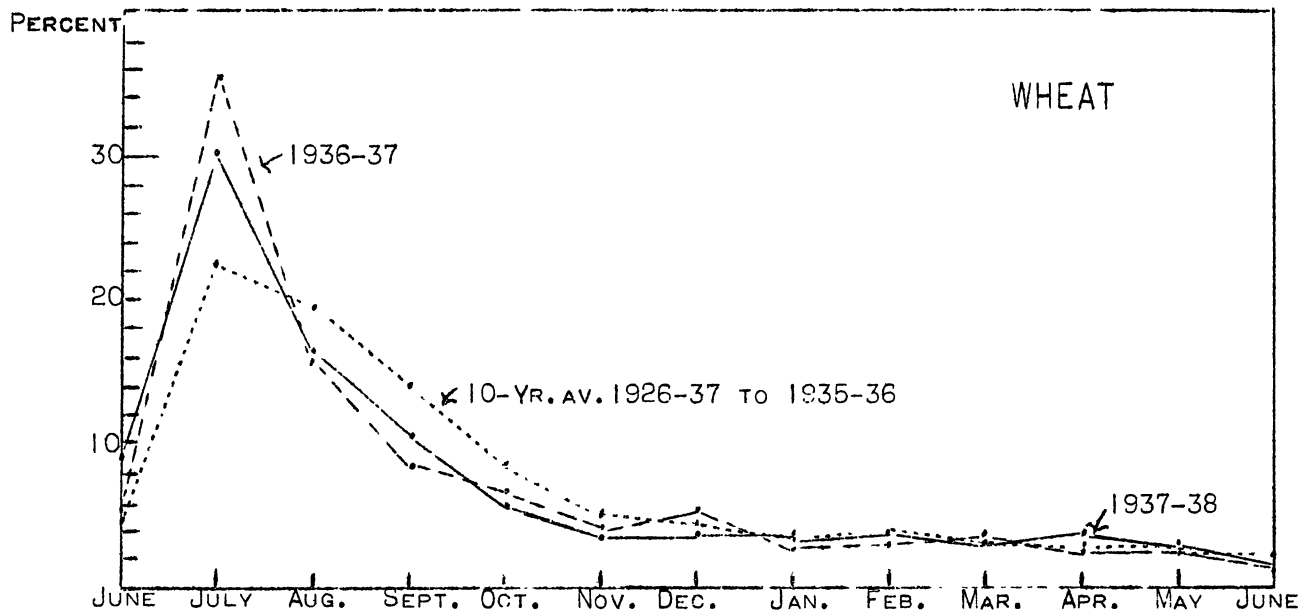
Outstanding features of the annual estimates of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the monthly marketings of grains by farmers are the early movement of the 1937 wheat crop, the unusually heavy sales of rye in August, the light marketings of corn in the early part of the season when sales are usually heaviest, and the record heavy movement of flaxseed during the three months of July, August and September. Oats and barley marketings followed closely the average for the period 1926 to 1935.

The Bureau's estimates are based on reports from interior mills, elevators and warehouses showing quantities of grain purchased from farmers by months. Data are shown for the United States and for the leading marketing States. For the United States, comparative data are shown for the 1936-37 crop marketing season and for the average of the 10-year period, 1926-27 to 1935-36.

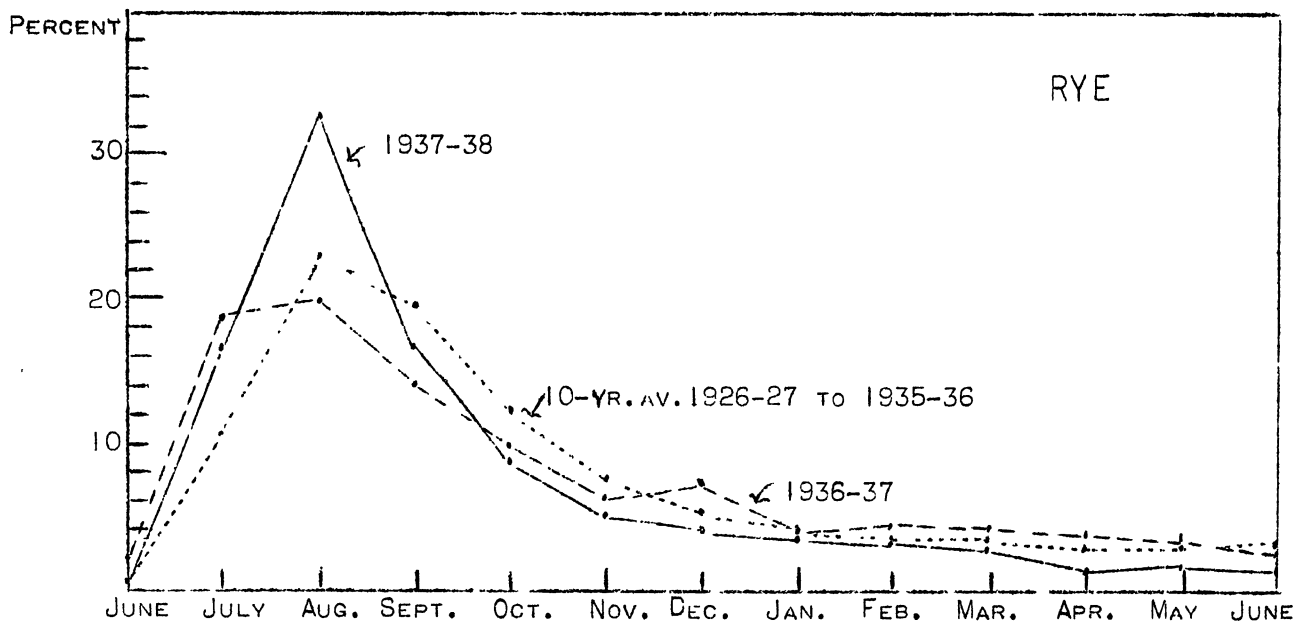
Sales by states are estimated on the basis of a 12-month marketing season. Since some crops are harvested and move to market earlier from some states than from others, the marketing period for the entire country covers 13 or 14 months in the case of certain crops.

MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS - UNITED STATES
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SALES

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WHEAT: THE HEAVIER THAN USUAL MARKETINGS IN JUNE ARE LARGELY THE RESULT OF THE EARLY MOVEMENT IN TEXAS. FORTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SALES FOR THAT STATE WERE MADE IN THAT MONTH. FOR THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE ABOUT 56 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SALES OF WHEAT FOR THE 1937-38 SEASON WERE MADE IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST AS COMPARED WITH 57 PERCENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON AND THE AVERAGE OF 47 PERCENT.



RYE: THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SALES IN AUGUST WHICH IS THE PEAK MONTH WAS THE HEAVIEST OF ANY AUGUST IN THE PERIOD 1926 TO DATE. OVER 66 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SALES OF THE 1937 RYE CROP WERE MADE IN THE THREE MONTHS - JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER AS CONTRASTED WITH 53 PERCENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND THE AVERAGE OF 54 PERCENT.

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WHEAT: MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS - 1937 CROP WITH COMPARISONS
Percentage of Total Sales

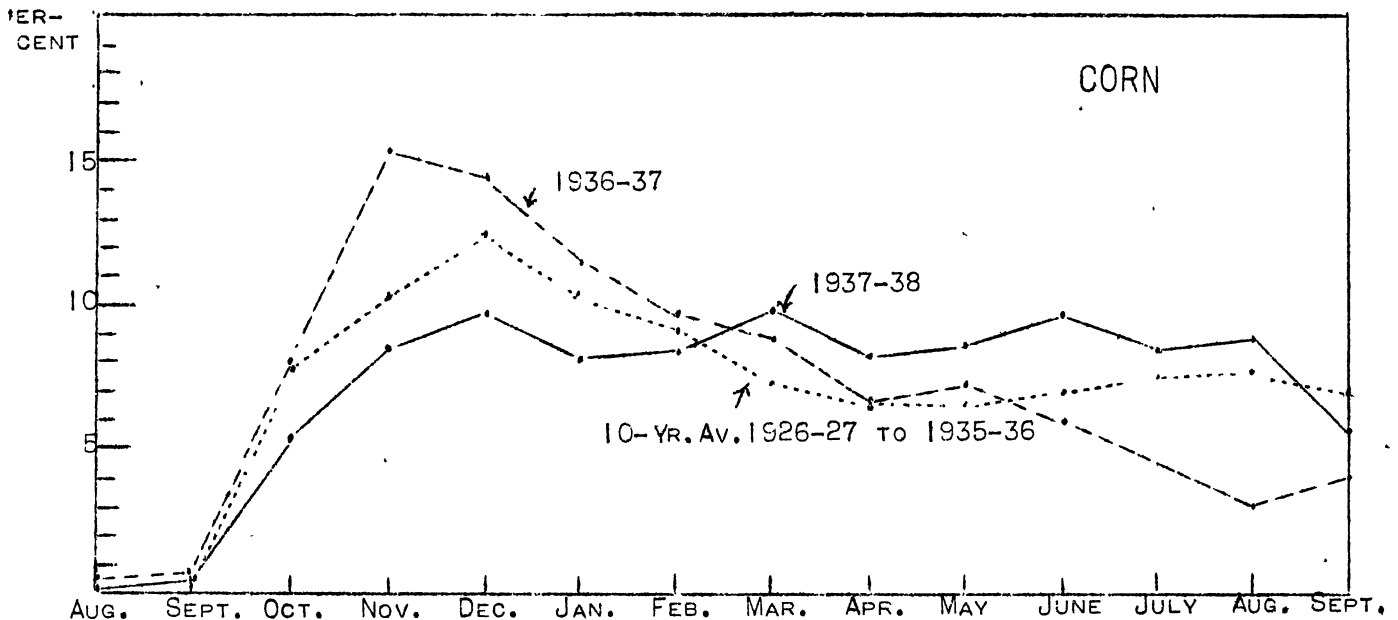
	1937							1938						
State	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
N.Y.	-	19	33	10	5	3	2	4	5	3	7	5	4	
Pa.	-	24	18	13	7	5	5	4	6	5	4	5	4	
Ohio	-	44	19	7	5	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	
Ind.	-	48	18	7	5	3	2	2	4	4	3	2	2	
Ill.	-	55	18	4	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	6	
Mich.	-	24	19	10	7	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	
Minn.	-	8	35	21	9	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	
Iowa	-	46	27	8	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	
Mo.	-	39	24	10	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	
N.Dak.	-	3	33	26	10	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	
S.Dak.	-	11	38	18	9	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	
Nebr.	-	47	17	6	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	2	
Kans.	19	40	8	5	4	3	4	4	4	2	4	3	-	
Md.	-	38	17	10	6	4	4	5	3	3	4	3	3	
Va.	-	30	19	10	8	4	6	6	5	5	3	2	2	
Okla.	30	29	6	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	4	4	-	
Tex.	40	38	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	
Mont.	-	6	29	25	14	6	4	3	3	2	3	3	2	
Idaho	-	3	16	22	12	7	8	9	5	5	6	5	2	
Colo.	-	29	27	13	8	4	2	2	3	2	4	4	2	
Wash.	-	6	12	16	10	6	7	9	8	7	8	7	4	
Oreg.	-	3	12	20	9	9	8	4	11	8	9	4	3	
Calif.	12	30	21	15	5	5	2	1	1	3	2	3	-	
United States														
1937-38	9.1	30.2	16.3	10.4	6.0	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.3	2.0	
1936-37	5.8	35.4	15.8	8.7	6.8	4.3	5.6	3.1	3.4	3.8	2.7	2.9	1.7	
Av. 1926-27 to														
1935-36	5.0	22.5	19.8	14.1	8.7	5.4	4.6	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.3	2.3	

RYE: MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS - 1937 CROP WITH COMPARISONS
Percentage of Total Sales

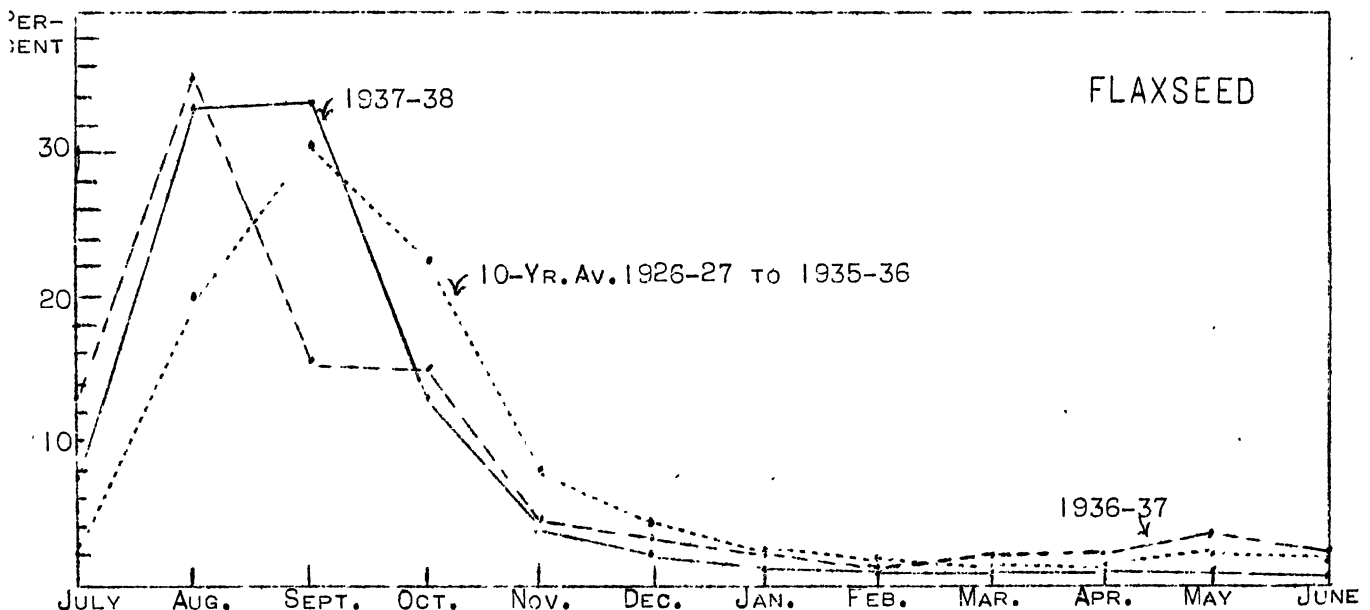
	1937							1938						
State	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Minn.	-	15	38	15	9	4	4	3	4	3	1	2	2	
N.Dak.	-	6	37	28	9	4	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	
S.Dak.	-	11	33	19	9	6	5	4	4	3	2	2	2	
United States														
1937-38	.1	16.6	32.7	16.9	8.8	5.2	4.2	3.5	3.6	3.1	1.7	1.9	1.7	
1936-37	.2	18.8	20.0	14.3	10.0	6.5	7.4	4.1	4.7	4.5	3.9	3.6	2.0	
Av.1926-27 to														
1935-36	.1	10.6	23.1	19.8	12.4	7.7	5.3	4.2	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	

MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS - UNITED STATES
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SALES

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CORN: MARKETINGS OF THE 1937 CROP WERE LIGHTER THAN AVERAGE DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE MARKETING YEAR WHEN SALES ARE USUALLY HEAVIEST BUT CONTINUED AT A MORE UNIFORM RATE THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON. BY THE END OF FEBRUARY ONLY 41 PERCENT OF THE 1937 CROP HAD BEEN SOLD. THIS COMPARES WITH THE AVERAGE OF 50 PERCENT FOR THAT PERIOD AND IS IN MARKED CONTRAST WITH THE 1936 CROP WHEN ABOUT 60 PERCENT HAD BEEN SOLD BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.



FLAXSEED: ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SALES OF THE 1937 FLAXSEED CROP WERE MADE DURING JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. DURING THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF THE 1936 CROP SALES OCCURRED. THE AVERAGE FOR THESE MONTHS FOR THE PERIOD 1926 TO 1935 IS 54 PERCENT. IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THIS PERIOD THE PEAK OF THE SALES OCCURRED IN OCTOBER BUT IN RECENT YEARS THE PEAK OF SALES HAS COME A MONTH OR TWO EARLIER.

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CORN: MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS 1937 CROP WITH COMPARISONS

Percentage of Total Sales

: 1 9 3 7 : 1 9 3 8														
State	: Aug.	: Sept.	: Oct.	: Nov.	: Dec.	: Jan.	: Feb.	: Mar.	: Apr.	: May	: June	: July	: Aug.	: Sept.
Pa.	--	--	11	6	6	6	8	9	9	10	9	7	10	9
Ohio	--	--	8	11	11	12	8	10	10	8	7	4	6	5
Ind.	--	--	5	13	13	14	8	8	9	7	6	5	6	6
Ill.	--	--	6	13	8	10	5	7	10	12	8	8	6	7
Mich.	--	--	5	8	9	10	10	9	10	8	7	7	9	8
Minn.	--	--	6	18	17	9	8	5	7	5	9	7	4	5
Iowa	--	--	6	10	11	10	7	6	6	7	10	10	8	9
Mo.	--	--	11	15	14	11	7	6	7	5	6	7	6	5
S. Dak.	--	--	9	18	19	11	7	6	7	4	8	5	3	3
Nebr.	--	--	5	13	17	13	9	10	7	7	6	5	5	3
Kans.	--	--	9	18	18	11	8	6	4	4	4	7	6	5
Md.	--	--	5	10	18	12	9	7	8	9	5	6	6	5
N. C.	--	--	6	9	12	10	10	7	9	8	7	7	9	6
Ky.	--	--	10	8	9	8	8	6	7	8	9	9	9	9
Tenn.	--	--	6	12	10	9	6	7	8	8	10	12	6	6
Tex.	--	13	22	18	8	6	7	6	6	5	4	3	2	--
United States														
1937-38	.2	.5	5.4	8.6	9.7	8.2	8.4	9.8	8.2	8.6	9.6	8.4	8.7	5.7
1936-37	.4	.7	8.0	15.3	14.3	11.5	9.6	8.8	6.6	7.2	6.0	4.5	3.1	4.0
Av. 1926-27 to														
1935-36	--	--	.2	7.8	10.3	12.4	10.4	9.2	7.3	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.5	7.7

FLAXSEED: MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS 1937 CROP WITH COMPARISONS

Percentage of Total Sales

: 1 9 3 7 : 1 9 3 8													
State	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Minn.	--	2	35	37	14	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
N.Dak.	--	3	21	44	18	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
S.Dak.	--	3	37	27	13	6	3	3	2	1	1	3	1
Kans.	--	--	26	51	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
United States													
1937-38	--	7.7	33.3	33.7	13.1	3.9	2.0	1.3	1.0	.9	1.2	1.0	.9
1936-37	--	14.0	35.3	15.4	14.8	4.4	2.9	2.0	1.2	2.1	2.2	3.5	2.2
Av. 1926-27 to													
1935-36	--	--	3.2	20.2	30.5	22.5	8.1	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.2

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OATS: MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS - 1937 CROP WITH COMPARISONS
Percentage of Total Sales

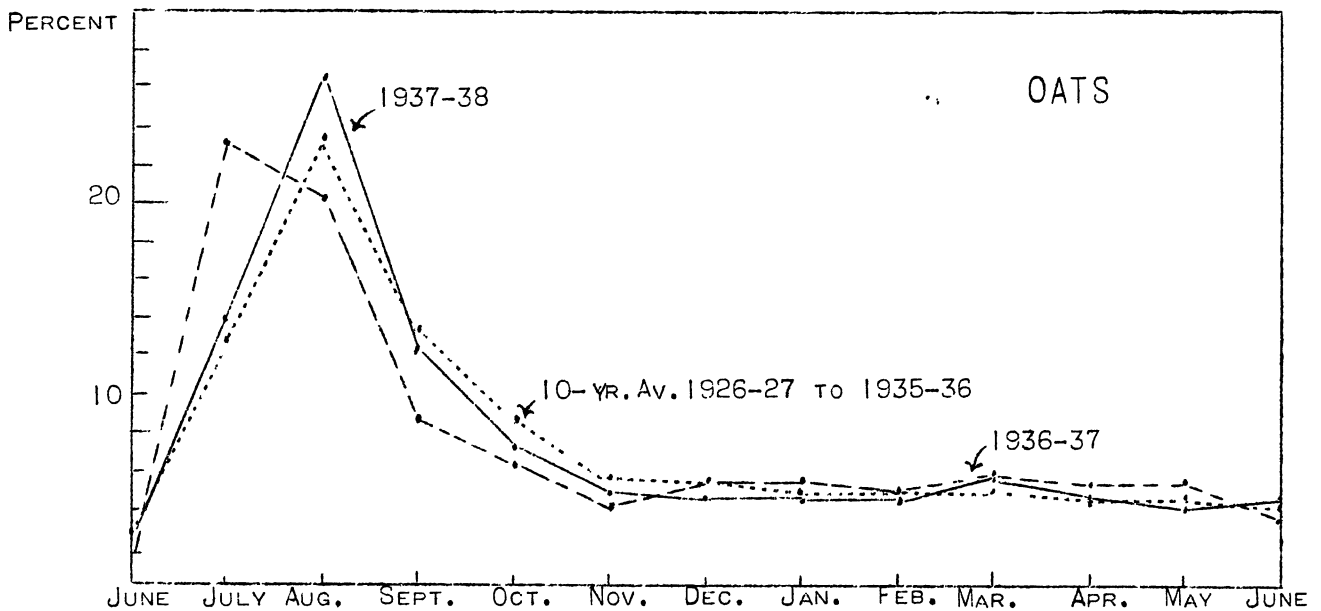
	1937							1938					
State	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Ohio	-	8	26	10	7	5	6	7	6	9	6	5	5
Ind.	-	9	43	11	6	5	3	3	4	4	5	4	3
Ill.	-	22	29	7	4	3	4	5	4	5	6	5	6
Mich.	-	13	12	12	9	5	5	9	7	6	9	8	5
Wis.	-	3	9	9	16	8	12	9	9	9	7	5	4
Minn.	-	6	30	20	11	6	5	4	4	4	3	3	4
Iowa	-	12	33	13	6	5	4	4	5	6	4	3	5
Mo.	-	25	17	5	8	3	5	7	4	11	5	4	6
N. Dak.	-	4	23	22	14	6	4	4	3	7	3	6	4
S. Dak.	-	11	30	16	9	6	5	4	3	4	4	4	4
Nebr.	-	24	20	12	3	3	3	4	5	7	9	5	5
Kans.	-	12	27	12	6	4	6	5	5	7	8	4	-
Okla.	12	28	11	10	6	4	5	4	5	8	4	3	-
Tex.	45	15	5	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	5	-
United States													
1937-38	2.4	13.9	26.5	12.3	7.2	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.6	5.7	4.7	4.1	4.4
1936-37	1.7	23.1	20.3	8.7	6.3	4.2	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.2	5.3	3.6
Av. 1926-27 to													
1935-36	2.2	12.9	23.4	13.4	8.6	5.6	5.5	4.9	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.1

BARLEY: MONTHLY SALES BY FARMERS - 1937 CROP WITH COMPARISONS
Percentage of Total Sales

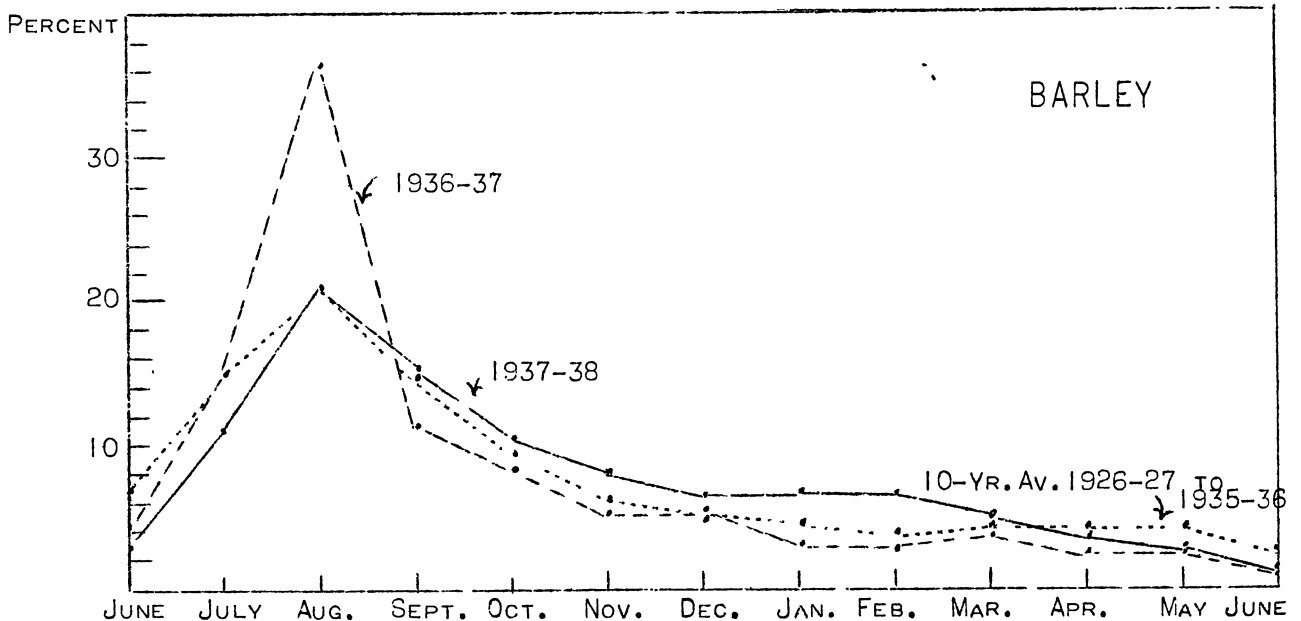
	1937							1938						
State	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Wis.	-	1	3	13	16	14	11	15	12	8	4	2	1	
Minn.	-	3	20	19	11	9	8	8	8	6	4	3	1	
Iowa	-	9	27	21	9	7	5	5	5	5	4	2	1	
N. Dak.	-	4	25	21	12	9	6	6	4	4	3	4	2	
S. Dak.	-	10	28	16	8	8	5	7	5	5	3	3	2	
Nebr.	-	32	22	12	8	5	3	2	2	8	4	1	1	
Idaho	-	12	18	17	14	8	7	5	4	4	4	4	3	
Colo.	-	15	24	12	10	5	5	4	5	5	6	5	4	
Oreg.	-	1	12	29	18	7	3	7	10	5	4	3	1	
Calif.	11	26	25	8	6	5	4	3	5	3	2	2	-	
United States														
1937-38	3.0	11.1	20.9	15.3	10.1	7.9	6.3	6.5	6.4	5.1	3.5	2.8	1.1	
1936-37	4.3	15.2	36.3	11.3	8.1	5.1	5.5	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.2	2.1	1.0	
Av. 1926-27 to														
1935-36	6.8	14.9	20.7	14.5	9.3	6.1	5.3	4.4	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.9	2.5	

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PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SALES

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OATS: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SALES BY MONTHS OF THE 1937 OATS CROP FOLLOWED CLOSELY THAT OF THE 1926-35 AVERAGE. OVER 26 PERCENT OF THE MARKETINGS OF THE 1937 CROP WERE MADE IN AUGUST WHICH IS USUALLY THE MONTH OF HEAVIEST SALES.



BARLEY: FOLLOWING THE LIGHT CROP OF 1936 WHICH MATURED EARLY AND OF WHICH 36 PERCENT OF THE SALES WERE MADE IN THE PEAK MONTH OF AUGUST, MARKETINGS OF THE 1937 CROP IN THAT MONTH WERE ONLY ABOUT 21 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL OR PRACTICALLY THE SAME AS AVERAGE.