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## AN OVERVIEW

### North Dakota Grain Handling, Transportation, and Merchandising Study

North Dakota's branchline system was developed in the late 1800's and early 1900's primarily for the purpose of moving farm commodities to markets outside the state and to bring freight such as farm inputs and other needed goods to the state's communities. The only other form of surface transportation available for moving bulk freight when the rail network was being developed (excluding some minor river transportation) was the horse-drawn freight wagon. The limited distance that a team of horses and wagon could travel influenced the design of the early branchline railroad network. This development pattern resulted in branchlines that were no further apart than 10 to 20 miles, and even the most remote producing areas were accessible to rail transportation.

Development of the country grain merchandising system was also influenced by the limited distance a team of horses and wagon could travel, the relative density of the branchline network, and available technology at that time. This resulted in a large number of country elevators spaced only a few miles apart on grain gathering rail lines. Although much of what existed in the past still exists today in the form of the branchline network, economic and technological forces that influenced its development have changed since the turn of the century. Other factors are currently at work that may influence rationalization of the railroad network and the country grain merchandising system.

Factors which will influence the future grain handling transportation and merchandising system include branchline abandonment, implementation of multiple car and unit train grain rates, and capital replacement decisions. Other factors include differing rates of cost increases in the two modes, thereby shifting their competitive relationship. Competition between producing regions will also influence the future system. Efficiencies gained as a result of changes in marketing systems by competing producing regions will possibly influence a move to

obtain those same efficiencies by other producing regions. The changing technology of farm trucks and the improved quality of our highway system makes it possible for producers to move grain much further today than previously. These forces may very well influence changes in the state's traditional grain merchandising system. Government policies such as railroad deregulation may also have some impact on the system.

As a result of these impending changes that could alter a rather traditional grain handling, transportation, and merchandising system, many private and public decisions will have to be made. These include decisions regarding location, economic viability, size of plant, investment in grain facilities, investment in transportation equipment and infrastructure, efficiencies of merchandising, purchases of farm production equipment, and storage capacity. If such decisions are to be made on an informed basis, it is important that basic information about the industry be developed and published. It was for this reason that the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute and the Department of Agricultural Economics of North Dakota State University have undertaken a study entitled the "North Dakota Grain Handling, Transportation, and Merchandising Study". Cooperators in the study include Burlington Northern Railroad, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Grain Terminal Association, North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, North Dakota Grain Dealers Association, North Dakota Highway Department, North Dakota Public Service Commission, St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives, and the Soo Line Railroad Company. The purpose of this study is to provide relevant information to decision makers in meeting the challenge of a changing business environment in handling, transportation, and merchandising grain in North Dakota.

The study is composed of a number of research projects that will result in thirteen separate publications of which this is one. The publications planned for release at varied time intervals are:

- Description of the Existing Country Elevator System
- Cost Analysis of Existing Country and Farm Storage System
- Cost Analysis of Subterminal Elevators
- Existing and Past Patterns of North Dakota Grain Movements
- Description of Rail Rate Structure, Multiple Car Movements, and Rates and Analysis of Shipper Owned Equipment
- Description and Analysis of Exempt Carrier Industry
- Economics of Branchline Operation
- Farm Truck Costs
- Seasonal Behavior of Marketing Patterns for Grain from North Dakota
- Grain Merchandising
- Marketing Using Delayed Pricing Controls
- Analytical Model for Analyzing Economic Efficiencies of Sub-terminals
- North Dakota Grain Handling, Transportation, and Merchandising Study: Summary, Conclusions, and Policy Implications

These reports, as they are completed, will be available upon request from the Department of Agricultural Economics or the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, North Dakota State University.

Seasonal Behavior of Marketing Patterns  
for Grain from North Dakota

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The grain handling and transportation system in North Dakota is in a state of transition as a result of institutional and technological changes. Changes in technology and relative input prices have resulted in economies of larger farm trucks, economies of size and density in the elevator system and consequently, pressure to abandon uneconomic branch lines. Recently, there has been a shift from single car sales and shipments to multi-car sales and shipments. All of these factors contribute to the evolution of the grain handling and transportation system.

Planning of new grain marketing facilities and/or expansion of existing ones is complicated by seasonality in grain marketings. The typical seasonal pattern in grain marketings has been for a peak to occur during and immediately following harvest with lower movements during the remainder of the year. The level of grain handled during the peak and off-peak periods determines utilization of marketing facilities (i.e., elevators and transportation services) and consequently, unit costs of providing the service. Utilization is typically very high during periods with peak demands and low during the off-peak periods. Intra-year variability in grain marketings is consequently an important consideration in the analysis of alternative marketing facilities.

The effect of seasonal grain marketings is important in at least two respects. First, for a given marketing system, managers must allocate resources throughout the year in response to seasonal demands. Decisions made without consideration of seasonal variation in demand would result in shortages or surpluses. Second, the general theme of this project is the evolution of

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marketing facilities particularly in the elevator sector. If capacity is built to accommodate demands during peak months, the facilities would be underutilized during off-peak months. Likewise, if capacity were built to accommodate average annual throughput, shortages would evolve during the peak months and facilities would be underutilized during the off-peak months.<sup>1</sup>

Timing of producer marketing decisions is affected by many factors. The cumulative effect of these factors has been for marketings to be greatest during the harvest and immediate post-harvest period. Those during the remainder of the year have been relatively less. The price level and expected appreciation in prices during the marketing year. On-farm inventory levels are of particular importance in the producer's marketing decision. Inventory levels are also important, as they represent the cumulative effect of past production less grain already sold. Other factors which affect timing of grain marketings are interest costs, which reflect opportunities foregone by holding grain, storage capacity, cash flow needs, participation in farm programs and individual tax situations.<sup>2</sup>

Several factors have changed in recent years. First, higher interest rates mean greater opportunity costs of holding grain. Second, the seasonal behavior of prices has deviated from the norm in several recent years.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Generally, optimum plant design subject to seasonal markets requires relatively more variable inputs and less fixed, relative to the case of stable marketings within a year. These concepts are developed in another part of this study. Helgeson, D. and C. Chase, "Modelling of Subterminal Facilities," Department of Agricultural Economics, North Dakota State University, research in progress.

<sup>2</sup>The fundamental relationships between marketings and these factors are the subject of related research presently underway in the Department of Agricultural Economics, North Dakota State University.

<sup>3</sup>W. W. Wilson, Factors Affecting Post Harvest Changes in Prices Received by North Dakota Farmers, Department of Agricultural Economics, North Dakota State University, forthcoming.



Whether this is a permanent shift in seasonal price patterns or an aberration is uncertain. Nevertheless, seasonal price changes do influence producers' expectations of price appreciation within a crop year. Consequently, seasonal patterns of grain marketings are also affected.

This study describes seasonal patterns of grain marketings in North Dakota. Causal relationships are being evaluated and will be reported elsewhere. A secondary objective is to evaluate changes in the seasonal pattern of marketings since 1967. The results will be useful to managers of marketing firms and to individuals making decisions to expand or build new facilities. The results also will be used in other sections of this study.<sup>4</sup>

#### General Procedures

Seasonality in grain marketings are analyzed using a statistical procedure for calculating monthly indexes. The indexes are based on 100 and deviations therefrom indicate the nature and extent of seasonality in the particular time series. The general procedures for decomposing time series data are discussed presently. Specific procedures used are discussed in the following section.

Seasonal analysis of grain marketings requires the use of monthly data. The value of an observation in time series data is affected by four forces. Three components are interdependent and recurrent. The other component is not repetitive and occurs randomly. Trend (T) is one of the components and indicates the long-term direction of change in the time series. The cyclical (C) component accounts for cyclic behavior in the series over several years. For analytical purposes, the trend and cyclic components (TC) are treated as

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<sup>4</sup>Hertsgaard, T. "Optimum Organization of North Dakota Grain Handling and Transportation Facilities," and D. Helgeson and C. Chase, "Modeling of Subterminal Facilities," Department of Agricultural Economics, North Dakota State University, both forthcoming.

one influence. The seasonal component (S) in the time series indicates the intrayear variability which is the same over several years. The irregular component (I) is included to account for randomness in the time series. These latter influences occur because of weather, strikes, embargoes, and other factors which are not recurrent.

The relationship between these four components relative to each other is shown in Figure 1. The purpose of time series analysis is to decompose the monthly data so that variations in the individual components can be examined. The four components can be represented either multiplicatively ( $T \cdot C \cdot S \cdot I$ ) or additively ( $T+C+S+I$ ). The additive model assumes all components are independent of one another. The multiplicative model assumes that the components are due to different causes but are interdependent. Of particular interest in this study is the seasonal component, which is an indicator of the intrayear variation in grain marketings. The multiplicative model was used to decompose the series of monthly data so the nature and extent of seasonality could be examined.

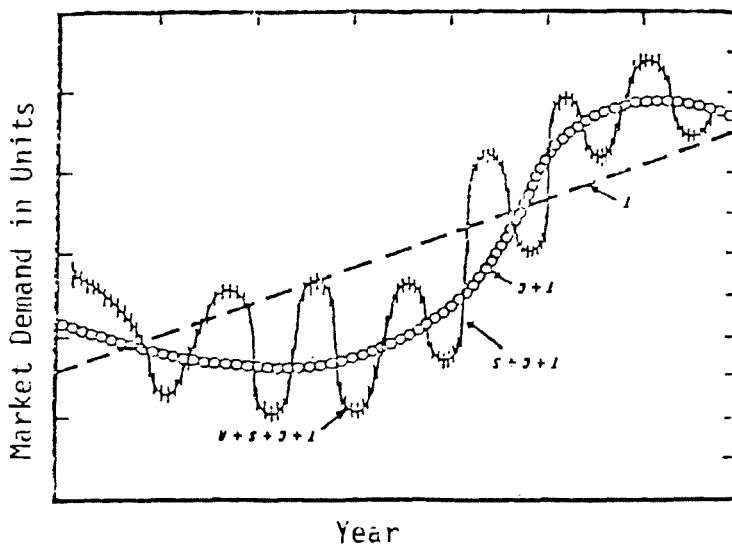


Figure 1. The Four Components of Time Series Data

In general, the model employs the ratio-to-moving average method for time series decomposition. The model removes the trend, cyclical, and irregular components from the time series so that the seasonal effect can be examined. In short, a 12-month moving-average of the original data is computed and interpreted as the trend-cycle component (TC). Dividing the original series (TCSI) by TC leaves the seasonal-irregular (SI) component for each month. An average of the SI's for each month over a period of years is calculated to remove the irregular factor. The irregular component is removed because it contains residual variations, such as the sudden impact of political events, the effect of strikes, unseasonable weather conditions, reporting and sampling errors, etc. Removal of the residual variations from the seasonal-irregular component (SI) results in a seasonal index (S), which should be interpreted as the percentage of the annual average. The seasonal index (S) is more accurate as an indicator of seasonality than the seasonal-irregular (SI) component because the irregular part of the component has been removed. A calculated seasonal index equal to 100 indicates that movements are equal to (or 100 percent of) the monthly average movement (averaged over the year). Indexes greater than 100 should be interpreted as monthly movements greater than the annual average.

#### Specific Procedures

The specific procedure used to decompose grain movement data was the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program distributed by the U. S. Bureau of Census, Economic Research and Analysis Division. This program is based on the ratio-to-moving average decomposition method. The program has several features which allow for more precise measures of the individual components than the simple decomposition procedures discussed above.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>Readers not interested in specific procedures should go directly to the discussion of results.

The program is separated into two parts: preliminary and final estimations. Preliminary estimates reduce the effect of extreme irregular values. These modified values are refined in the final estimates to obtain an improved time series. A brief description of the X-11 procedure is discussed below.

#### Preliminary Estimates

The preliminary estimates consist of five steps and are input to the final estimates.

- 1) The original series is smoothed using a central 12-month moving average in order to provide an estimate of the trend-cycle (TC) component.
- 2) SI ratios are found by dividing the original series by the trend-cycle components.
- 3) Extreme values of the SI ratios are replaced or modified according to the degree of extremeness. A 3 x 3 moving average of the SI ratios is calculated<sup>6</sup> which eliminates any randomness which might be present. Next, a centered<sup>7</sup> 12-month moving average of the seasonal factors is found. An estimate of the irregular component is calculated by dividing the seasonal factors into the SI ratios. The values are then weighted according to their deviations. A zero weight is applied to irregulars beyond 2.5 standard deviations and a weight of 1.0 (full weight) to irregulars beyond 1.5 standard deviations. Values outside the specified standard deviations receive a weight of 0 (totally extreme). Values inside the specified limit receive a weight of 1.0. Any values between the two receive weights between 0.0 and 1.0 depending on their extremeness. Values receiving less than full weight are replaced with an average of the ratio times its weight and the two preceding and the two following full weight ratios for that month.
- 4) Preliminary seasonal factors are found by applying the 3 x 3 moving average to the SI ratios with extreme values replaced by the above procedure. The result is the elimination of randomness.

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<sup>6</sup>The 3 x 3 moving average is calculated as follows: initially, a 3-month moving average of the SI ratios is calculated by month. This method is repeated once again on the moving averages.

<sup>7</sup>The 3 x 3 moving average is applied once again by the same method described in footnote 6.

- 5) The X-11 program uses a weighted Henderson moving average on the preliminary seasonally adjusted series. This particular smoothing method applies different weights for each of the months. A simple moving average gives equal weight to each month. The latter procedure results in estimates which are less efficient because in many cases the most recent observations contain more information than older ones. The Henderson moving average method is also preferred because it smoothes the series better than simple moving averages.<sup>8</sup> The Henderson moving average procedure is used to eliminate any seasonal and irregular effects not previously detected and to provide a second estimate of the trend-cycle components. Selection of the appropriate moving average -- 9,<sup>9</sup>13, or 23 months -- depends on the estimate of the I/C ratio.
- 6) Steps 2 through 4 are repeated using the trend-cycle values calculated by the Henderson moving average (Step 5) instead of those calculated by the centered 12-month moving (Step 1). These steps provide second estimates of seasonal factors, irregular, and seasonally adjusted series.

#### Final Estimations

Generally, computations are the same in the final round as in the preliminary steps except for more refinement in isolating the individual components. The steps discussed above are repeated using the Henderson moving averages to estimate the components.

The final SI ratios and seasonal indexes are of particular interest. The SI ratios should be interpreted as the percent above or below the annual average (after the trend-cyclical component has been removed). However, the effect of irregular variation is inbedded in the SI ratio. The irregularity component is removed from the SI ratios resulting in the seasonal indexes. Seasonal indexes indicate seasonality in the series after the irregular effect is removed from the series.

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<sup>8</sup>The concept and empirical use of the Henderson moving-average are discussed in more detail in Macaulay, The Smoothing of Time Series, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1931.

<sup>9</sup>The I/C ratio is the ratio of the average absolute month-to-month change in the irregular component to that in the trend-cycle.

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) test was performed on the SI ratios to test for the existence of seasonality.<sup>10</sup> The hypothesis tested is that the means of the SI ratios are equal across months. The alternative hypothesis is that the means are not equal, thereby implying that grain marketings are seasonal. In this case, the analysis tests whether monthly grain marketings are significantly different than each other or are due to chance (i.e., the differences between the movement across months are significant and not due to chance).

Seasonal factors one year forward also are presented and are useful in short-term forecasting. Estimates of the seasonal index 12-months forward are calculated by month as follows:

$$S_{t+1} = S_t + \frac{1}{2} S_t - S_{t-1}$$

where S represents the seasonal index and subscript t is the time dimensions. Therefore,  $S_{t+1}$  represents the index expected in month t, one year henceforth. The forecast of seasonal indexes takes into account previous indexes as well as the changes in the pattern of seasonal indexes.<sup>11</sup>

#### Data Source

Data were obtained from the North Dakota Public Service Commission. The statutes of the state of North Dakota require public warehouses to report shipments on a monthly basis. Shipments are reported by origin, by commodity, by destinations, and by mode of shipment. The four commodities with the largest movement, measured in terms of volume, were used. They were hard red spring

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<sup>10</sup> ANOVA is performed on the SI ratios and not as the seasonal factors (S). SI ratios contain the irregularity component which is analyzed in the test. The irregularity component is eliminated in the seasonal factors and therefore, could not be tested statistically.

<sup>11</sup> The description of the X-11 procedure is intended to give an overview of the method. Specific details of the procedure are contained in United States Bureau of the Census, The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program, Technical Paper No. 15 (1967 revision), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1967.

wheat, durum, barley, and oats. These commodities accounted for approximately 80 percent of the total shipments of grain from North Dakota.

The destinations used were Duluth/Superior, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and the Pacific Northwest. Most grain shipped from North Dakota is to these destinations.<sup>12</sup> Shipments to all destinations also were analyzed.

The origins used were the nine crop reporting districts in North Dakota shown in Figure 2. Shipments were analyzed by commodity from the state to all destinations over the period 1967-68 to 1978-79. Shipments were also analyzed by individual origins to individual destinations for each of the commodities. However, in the latter case the study period was for crop years 1973-74 to 1978-79. These detailed data were not available prior to 1973-74.

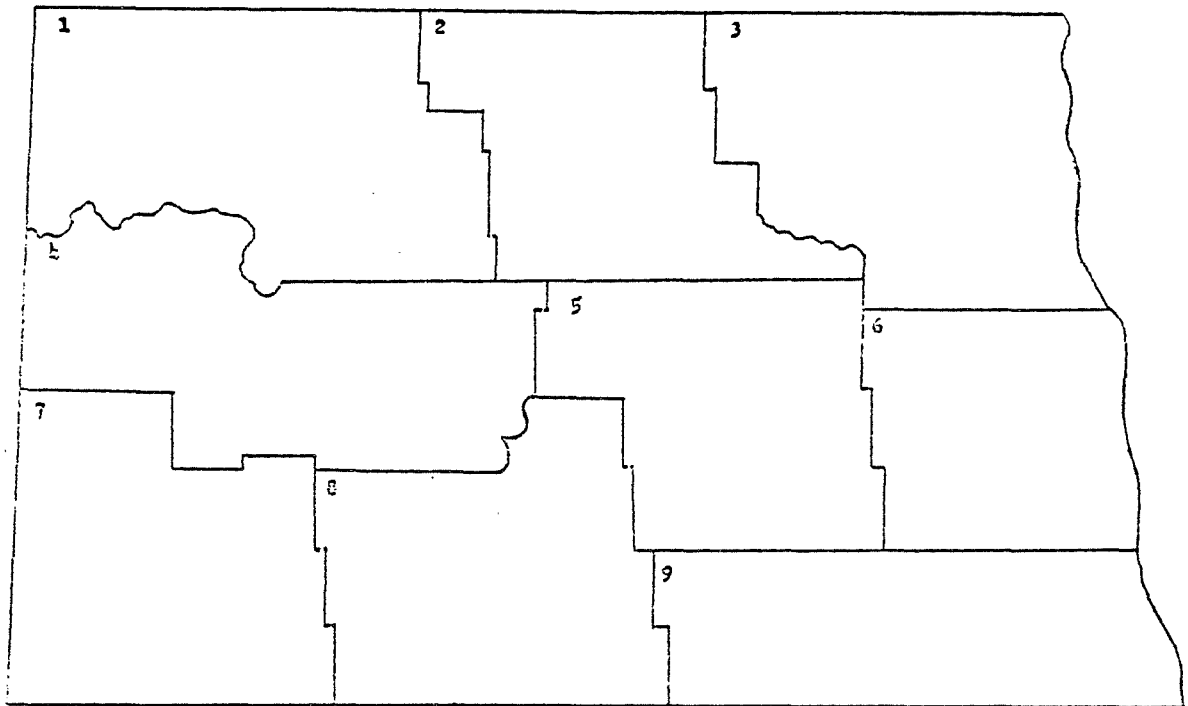


Figure 2. Crop Reporting Districts in North Dakota

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<sup>12</sup>The relative importance of the destinations by commodity and origin are discussed in G. Griffen and K. Casavant, An Evaluation of North Dakota Grain Movements, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, North Dakota State University, forthcoming.

## Results of Analysis

The discussion focuses on the crop years 1967-68 to 1978-79 for the four commodities selected, as well as all grains, from the state to all destinations. Results of the analyses for specific crop reporting districts and destinations are discussed in the following section and the tables are presented in the Appendix.

### Analysis of Shipments from the State to All Destinations

#### All Grains

Seasonal-irregular (SI) ratios for all grains to all destinations are presented in Table 1. Average monthly SI ratios are listed as well as standard deviations and coefficients of variation calculated by month. The SI ratios should be interpreted as the percent of the average monthly shipments (e.g., annual movements averaged across months) before the irregular components is removed.

Examination of the SI ratios indicate the nature and extent of seasonality in the time series. Months with peak movements were July through November as indicated by the SI ratios greater than 100. For example, average September movements were 140.7 percent of the annual monthly average shipment. Off-peak movements were the remaining months. The analysis of variance indicated the differences across months were significant and not due to chance.

Standard deviations and coefficients of variation were calculated by month and are listed in Table 1. The standard deviation is a measure of variability for a given series and can be useful in deriving confidence intervals for the monthly means. However, conclusions drawn from comparison of standard deviations across months are not appropriate because the means are different. The coefficient of variation is a standardized measure of variability and is calculated as follows:



TABLE 1. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS FOR ALL GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	113.4	124.1	127.4	115.8	107.3	65.4	85.6	85.6	108.0	79.3	81.4	88.5
1968-69	122.1	106.2	116.0	143.6	125.4	99.9	70.4	77.7	88.9	84.5	85.4	92.5
1969-70	106.4	134.1	155.8	101.8	84.1	93.9	83.5	85.6	73.5	86.6	85.5	93.5
1970-71	68.5	130.4	146.5	104.1	117.8	84.9	82.9	82.2	105.1	72.1	78.9	95.7
1971-72	140.6	139.9	127.1	79.5	106.4	93.8	71.8	91.1	105.5	95.2	72.5	121.3
1972-73	85.4	141.7	126.0	112.4	98.3	93.6	96.1	87.2	89.4	77.9	114.9	103.9
1973-74	117.2	117.9	112.2	122.7	105.0	96.8	92.0	79.4	100.2	98.0	58.5	74.0
1974-75	105.6	113.2	145.4	177.6	151.9	80.2	70.6	71.8	79.0	104.8	83.2	84.9
1975-76	99.2	151.6	222.6	142.9	95.5	77.3	65.5	78.0	100.5	64.6	82.7	109.8
1976-77	110.9	190.9	170.9	112.6	87.3	64.7	60.2	134.9	100.3	90.5	70.2	101.3
1977-78	112.5	139.7	110.6	159.1	125.8	86.9	63.3	62.1	74.9	67.9	94.8	110.3
1978-79	104.7	127.7	127.4	150.6	120.5	92.4	71.5	46.4	62.0	67.0	103.2	101.6
Average	107.2	134.8	140.7	126.9	110.4	85.8	76.1	81.8	90.6	82.4	84.3	98.1
St. Dev.	18.0	21.9	31.6	28.1	19.0	11.8	11.6	20.8	15.1	13.1	14.9	12.7
C. V.	0.17	0.16	0.22	0.22	0.17	0.14	0.15	0.25	0.17	0.16	0.18	0.13

$$C. V. = \text{St. Dev.}/\text{Mean}$$

Comparison of coefficients of variation across months indicates the amount of variability in shipments in a particular month, relative to the other months. The larger the coefficient of variation, the greater is the variability relative to the other months. Comparison of the coefficients of variation indicate that months with the most variability are September, October, and February. Examination of the confidence intervals is another way to illustrate the variability in monthly movements as well as the underlying seasonality. Confidence intervals were calculated for each month at the 95 percent level of significance.<sup>13</sup> Results indicate that there is a 95 percent probability that the SI ratio is within the confidence interval. The average SI ratios and the confidence intervals are shown in Figure 3.

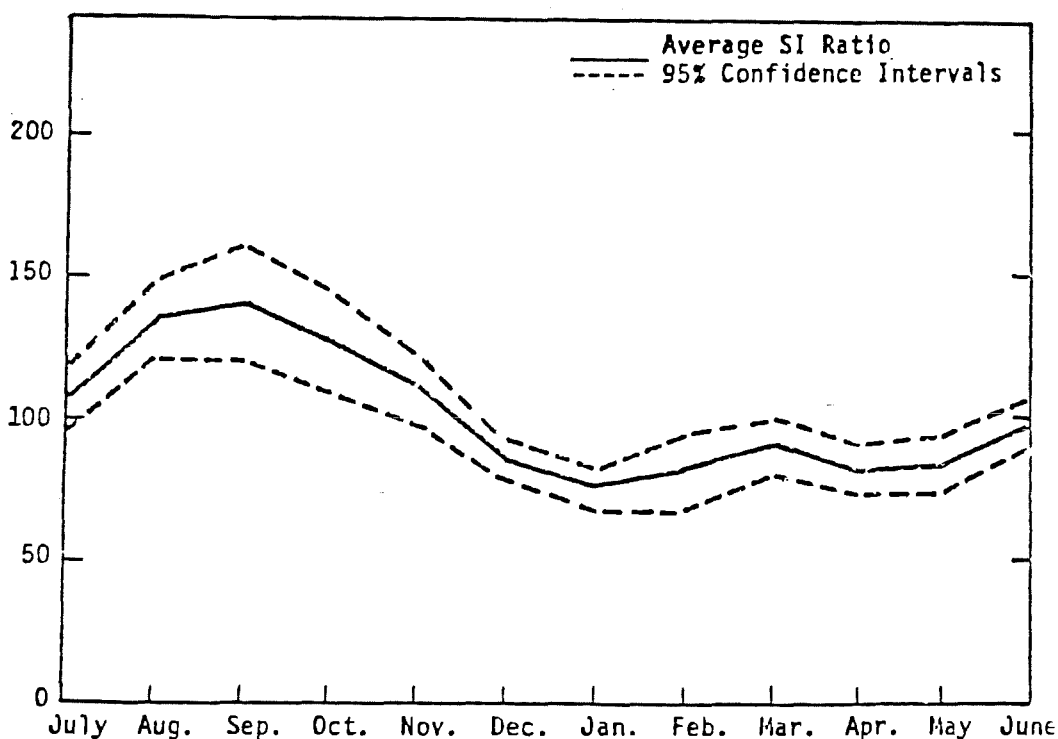


Figure 3. Monthly Seasonal-Irregular Ratios for All Grain Movements from North Dakota

<sup>13</sup>The confidence interval is calculated as follows:  $\overline{SI} \pm t_{.05} (s/n)$  where  $\overline{SI}$  is the mean of the SI ratios,  $t_{.05}$  is 2.201 and is taken from the t distribution at the 95 percent level of significance,  $s$  is the standard deviation and  $n$  is the number of observations, 12.

The figure illustrates the average seasonal movements within a year as well as the variability in a given month. The months with the most variability were September, October, and February.

Seasonal indexes were calculated by removing the irregularity components from the SI ratios. These indexes are shown in Table 2 for all grain movements. The indexes should be interpreted as the percent a particular monthly shipment deviated from the monthly average after the irregular effects were eliminated. For example, movements in December, 1978 were 80.8 percent of the monthly average movements in that year. Seasonal factors also were calculated for movements one year ahead.<sup>14</sup> However, these forecasts ignore changes in fundamental factors which may deviate from the seasonal pattern.

Results also indicate that the nature and amplitude of seasonality has changed through time. For example, the monthly seasonal index for August has increased each year from 122.9 in 1967 to 139.5 in 1978. There also has been a general increase in shipments during June and October. Grain movements during the winter months have decreased as indicated by declining indexes in December, January, March, and April. Generally, the seasonal indexes indicate that the inherent seasonality in grain marketings has intensified during the 1970's, resulting in a greater proportion of all grain shipments during the peak months.

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<sup>14</sup>These indexes can be used for short-term forecasting within a year using the following formula:

$$EM_D = M_A \frac{I_A - I_D}{I_A} M_A$$

Where  $EM_D$  is the expected movement in December,  $M_A$  is the movement in August and  $I_A$  and  $I_D$  are the indexes for August and December respectively. For example, if movements were 100,000 bushels in August of 1979, movements for December would be expected to be 57,703 bushels. This was calculated by substituting 140.2 and 80.9 in the brackets where appropriate. This formula could be generalized for any combination of months.

TABLE 2. MONTHLY SEASONAL INDEXES FOR ALL GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	112.4	122.9	135.2	113.0	110.6	90.9	80.4	82.9	94.8	81.7	83.3	92.1
1968-69	111.2	124.4	135.1	112.3	110.5	90.7	79.9	83.4	96.0	82.1	82.4	92.7
1969-70	108.1	127.0	135.0	111.7	110.1	91.4	80.2	84.0	96.0	82.4	81.2	94.4
1970-71	105.2	129.9	134.0	111.1	107.6	92.2	81.7	84.9	96.4	84.3	78.3	94.5
1971-72	102.9	130.5	133.0	114.9	106.8	91.9	83.1	84.1	95.6	86.0	76.0	93.7
1972-73	102.3	131.4	131.8	121.4	105.1	90.3	82.5	83.0	95.7	87.1	74.3	92.7
1973-74	102.5	131.9	133.9	128.7	103.7	87.1	79.7	80.6	94.7	87.2	74.1	93.1
1974-75	104.5	133.4	135.4	134.8	103.0	84.2	75.5	77.6	93.1	85.7	75.4	94.6
1975-76	105.9	134.1	138.3	140.2	104.8	81.5	71.1	73.8	89.2	82.8	79.4	97.0
1976-77	107.0	136.5	137.6	143.7	107.4	80.7	67.2	71.0	86.2	78.2	84.0	100.8
1977-78	106.8	138.2	137.8	144.0	108.9	80.6	65.4	69.3	83.1	74.9	87.7	104.0
1978-79	107.6	139.5	137.0	142.2	109.4	80.8	65.1	68.8	82.6	73.5	88.3	105.2
Seasonal factors, one year ahead												
1979-80	108.0	140.2	136.6	141.4	109.6	80.9	64.9	68.6	82.4	72.9	88.7	105.8

### Hard Red Spring Wheat

The seasonal-irregular ratios for hard red spring wheat shipments from North Dakota to all destinations are shown in Table 3. Examination of the ratios indicate that months with peak movements were June through November with September having the largest. The average September movement was 149.3 percent of the average monthly movements. The off-peak months were the remainder with February having the lowest annual movement. The analysis of variance indicated the observed seasonality was statistically significant and not due to chance.

Standard deviations and coefficients of variation were calculated for each month and are shown in Table 3. Comparison of the coefficients of variation across months indicate that August, October, February, and May were more variable relative to the others. The months with the least variability are March, April, and June. Standard deviations were used to calculate confidence intervals for the mean ratios. The results are shown in Figure 4.

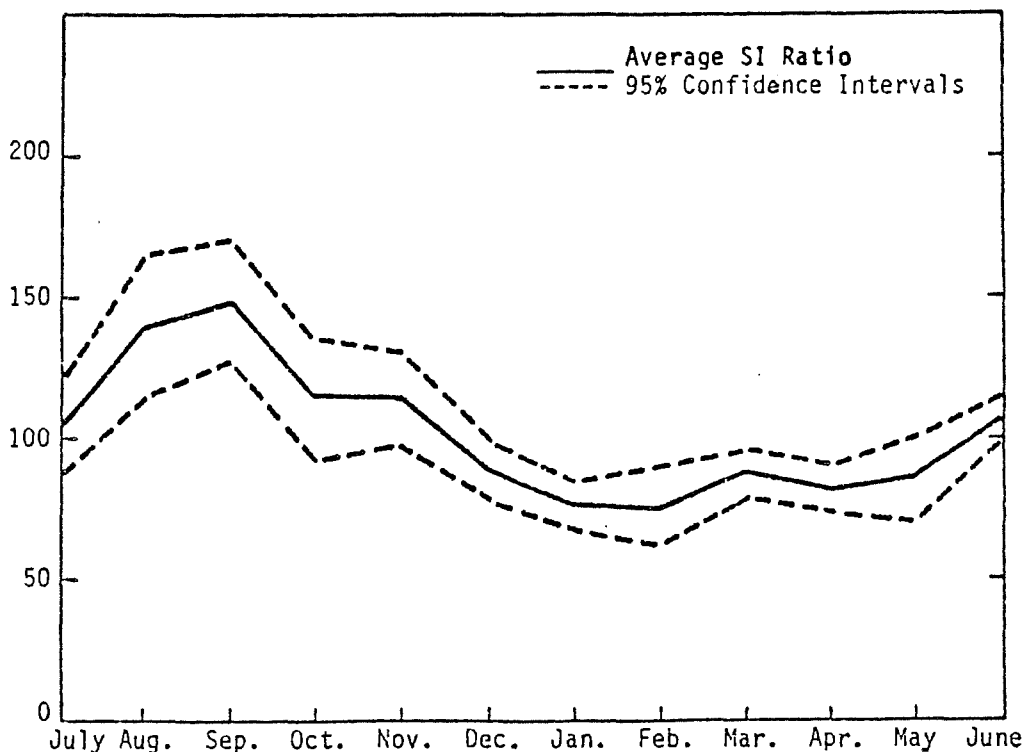


Figure 4. Monthly Seasonal-Irregular Ratios for Hard Red Spring Wheat Movements from North Dakota

TABLE 3. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS FOR HARD RED SPRING WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	115.1	88.5	126.2	123.4	129.1	61.7	86.6	75.2	115.1	76.5	79.6	95.4
1968-69	147.0	97.7	104.1	140.0	124.1	98.2	73.6	79.3	90.2	84.0	84.2	96.7
1969-70	87.1	117.6	145.7	106.9	77.2	109.6	87.7	66.7	74.7	96.3	76.7	94.9
1970-71	73.4	131.1	171.5	115.1	143.5	72.4	68.7	65.2	102.0	75.3	65.9	102.6
1971-72	136.6	168.8	145.6	81.5	116.8	98.2	69.0	80.6	87.6	78.6	70.5	115.2
1972-73	78.0	165.1	117.8	118.5	103.3	101.6	93.8	80.3	73.0	85.7	123.8	100.4
1973-74	93.4	132.4	129.9	107.8	108.5	109.3	98.8	74.4	89.8	88.3	53.8	100.8
1974-75	75.7	111.6	185.2	205.8	167.3	82.2	70.9	59.4	85.2	99.3	83.2	95.7
1975-76	108.9	129.0	225.3	114.0	77.7	74.0	70.7	87.3	87.3	50.5	86.9	118.8
1976-77	91.7	238.6	180.4	83.8	92.6	80.1	63.2	136.5	95.1	91.2	75.3	123.3
1977-78	112.9	144.1	126.6	102.2	117.6	87.5	62.3	61.6	81.5	80.3	91.8	111.6
1978-79	128.9	156.8	133.0	82.2	112.8	89.1	71.1	44.5	69.5	78.0	137.5	127.2
Average	104.1	140.1	149.3	115.1	114.2	88.7	76.4	75.9	87.6	82.0	85.8	106.9
St. Dev.	24.7	39.9	34.7	33.6	25.8	15.2	12.1	22.4	12.7	12.6	23.5	11.8
C. V.	0.26	0.28	0.23	0.29	0.23	0.17	0.16	0.30	0.15	0.15	0.27	0.11

Seasonal indexes, after elimination of the irregularity component, are shown in Table 4 for hard red spring wheat shipments. The results indicate that seasonality has intensified through the years. Indexes for May, June, July, and August have all increased since 1967. Those for October through January have decreased.

#### Durum Wheat

Seasonal-irregular ratios for durum wheat shipments from North Dakota are shown in Table 5 and indicate the nature and amplitude of seasonality. Months with peak movements were typically July through November. September was the month with the largest movement when approximately 159.4 percent of the annual average shipments were made. The analysis of variance indicated the observed seasonal differences in movements were significant and not due to chance.

Standard deviations and coefficients of variation were calculated for each month and can be used to evaluate the variability in monthly movements. Comparison of coefficients of variation indicate that the months with the most variability in grain shipments were June, July, September, and October. Standard deviations were used to calculate confidence intervals at the 95 percent level of significance. Confidence levels and monthly indexes are shown in Figure 5. Results indicate that the months with the most variability were June through October. The remaining months had relatively less variability.

Seasonal indexes, after elimination of the irregularity component, are shown in Table 6. Results indicate that the amount of grain shipped during August and September has increased since 1967. There have been large decreases in the amount of grain shipped during December and January. Consequently, seasonality in durum movements has intensified during the 1970's relative to 1967.

TABLE 4. MONTHLY SEASONAL INDEXES FOR HARD RED SPRING WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	96.8	106.2	139.2	122.7	128.9	99.4	80.9	72.6	93.5	84.0	78.0	96.7
1968-69	94.7	111.5	140.9	120.9	128.7	98.6	79.5	72.7	93.2	82.9	76.7	98.1
1969-70	90.2	121.8	142.0	119.0	126.9	98.5	78.5	73.1	90.6	82.7	75.4	100.2
1970-71	86.8	132.9	141.6	115.2	123.0	99.6	79.9	73.8	87.7	83.3	72.8	101.8
1971-72	83.2	140.1	143.8	113.5	121.2	98.9	80.6	73.2	85.8	84.4	71.3	102.6
1972-73	84.6	142.2	145.7	112.2	118.0	96.7	81.1	73.9	85.5	85.5	71.4	104.0
1973-74	86.7	140.4	150.0	111.8	114.5	92.7	79.6	74.5	85.7	87.1	73.6	105.7
1974-75	91.8	137.4	152.2	109.5	110.9	89.7	77.3	74.5	85.7	88.2	76.4	107.9
1975-76	96.7	136.0	155.4	105.4	110.7	86.3	73.1	72.8	85.2	88.0	80.2	110.9
1976-77	103.8	138.2	153.6	101.0	109.8	84.1	69.0	72.5	84.4	86.0	84.1	115.2
1977-78	108.3	142.5	150.6	96.2	108.1	83.3	66.7	72.6	82.9	84.4	86.8	118.8
1978-79	110.8	145.4	147.7	93.2	106.2	83.9	66.4	73.1	82.9	83.4	87.1	120.5
Seasonal factors, one year ahead												
1979-80	112.0	146.9	146.2	91.7	105.3	84.2	66.2	73.4	82.9	83.0	87.3	121.4



TABLE 5. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS FOR DURUM WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	107.8	112.1	136.9	182.4	108.0	79.8	94.6	103.1	108.0	79.5	70.7	71.2
1968-69	103.8	81.1	122.4	174.1	150.0	102.8	71.9	83.9	90.3	91.8	76.7	68.7
1969-70	119.2	123.2	214.0	84.1	110.7	106.7	82.2	72.8	97.0	94.2	85.8	76.6
1970-71	52.1	123.2	133.3	101.9	116.9	94.7	98.2	74.7	104.4	77.1	98.7	86.4
1971-72	193.0	94.5	134.0	73.2	101.6	84.6	97.3	99.3	116.6	91.6	81.6	153.2
1972-73	84.8	112.4	124.9	131.0	88.0	96.3	96.0	97.4	121.9	70.1	86.3	81.0
1973-74	104.2	121.1	112.2	100.9	98.5	110.6	101.0	88.6	91.4	103.2	70.5	47.1
1974-75	100.5	96.4	174.5	162.6	124.1	67.2	58.1	91.3	91.2	132.0	85.9	56.6
1975-76	64.3	156.8	279.3	152.1	101.9	59.5	56.8	78.7	147.4	83.0	60.	83.5
1976-77	122.9	194.0	211.3	88.5	85.1	49.9	61.5	126.9	93.2	96.7	65.3	86.0
1977-78	141.4	142.2	104.7	104.9	113.1	76.1	67.5	58.2	74.1	67.9	93.7	106.2
1978-79	105.7	142.9	164.9	138.2	104.9	63.1	68.4	59.6	75.5	76.4	83.9	105.7
Average	108.3	125.0	159.4	124.5	108.6	82.6	79.5	86.2	100.9	88.6	79.9	85.4
St. Dev.	36.1	30.8	52.2	37.3	17.1	20.0	17.2	19.4	20.6	17.5	11.5	27.5
C. V.	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.30	0.16	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.14	0.32

TABLE 6. MONTHLY SEASONAL INDEXES FOR DURUM WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	108.8	109.3	130.6	125.0	121.0	95.7	84.8	84.4	98.9	86.4	80.7	74.8
1968-69	109.0	109.3	131.1	123.2	119.6	94.9	86.3	85.0	100.4	86.4	81.8	75.9
1969-70	107.4	109.2	130.9	121.2	116.9	95.2	87.9	85.0	102.7	85.7	84.1	77.8
1970-71	106.3	110.5	129.7	117.4	111.0	96.1	91.0	86.4	105.2	86.3	84.5	77.5
1971-72	103.6	111.1	131.3	117.9	107.6	95.2	91.7	87.8	105.8	86.1	84.7	75.3
1972-73	101.6	113.9	136.5	121.7	104.3	90.8	89.6	89.7	104.4	86.8	81.1	72.1
1973-74	100.2	120.3	147.6	127.0	103.2	83.6	82.7	89.1	101.0	87.1	77.4	70.7
1974-75	103.8	130.4	157.8	127.4	103.1	77.6	75.6	85.1	95.4	87.6	74.2	72.4
1975-76	108.4	139.9	168.4	126.9	104.2	70.8	68.8	78.6	89.6	86.3	74.7	78.1
1976-77	113.4	147.4	173.8	125.0	104.7	66.0	65.0	72.6	85.1	83.8	75.7	86.3
1977-78	116.1	152.7	176.9	122.6	103.2	62.7	63.5	68.3	83.0	81.3	77.3	93.4
1978-79	118.7	156.7	176.5	117.7	101.2	62.5	64.4	66.3	82.5	80.7	77.8	96.8
Seasonal factors, one year ahead												
1979-80	119.9	158.6	176.2	115.2	100.2	62.3	64.9	65.3	82.2	80.3	78.0	98.6

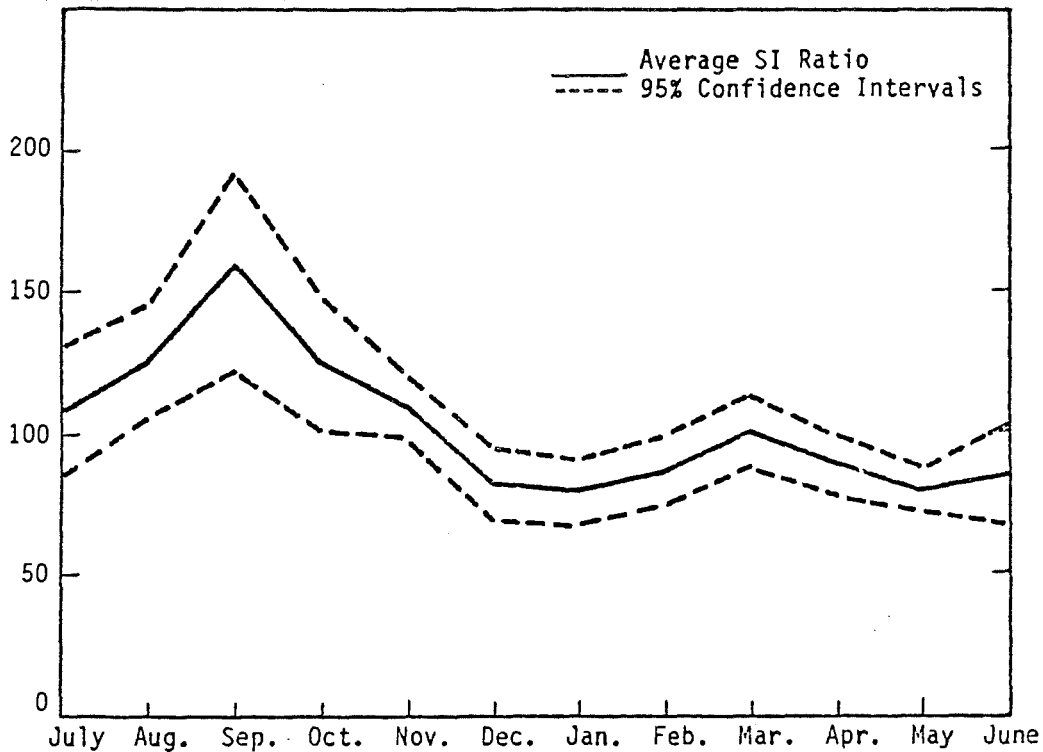


Figure 5. Monthly Seasonal-Irregular Ratios for Durum Movements from North Dakota

### Barley

Seasonal-irregular ratios for barley shipments from North Dakota are shown in Table 7. Peak months for barley shipments are June through September and January is the month with least movement. On average, 152.4 percent of the monthly average shipments are made during August. The monthly differences are significant and not due to chance as indicated by the analysis of variance.

Standard deviations and coefficients of variation were calculated for each month. The coefficients of variation indicate that September, January, and February are months with more variability relative to the other months. Standard deviations were used to derive confidence levels at the 95 percent level. Results are shown in Figure 6 and confirm the conclusions discussed above.

TABLE 7. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS FOR BARLEY SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	108.8	175.6	110.8	84.3	80.5	56.4	81.6	85.5	105.0	80.8	103.8	122.6
1968-69	133.2	123.4	125.3	95.8	74.1	81.5	67.6	78.4	102.3	93.5	96.5	110.2
1969-70	145.0	142.5	112.8	86.4	75.8	80.5	87.4	75.3	77.6	87.7	109.3	127.5
1970-71	62.1	135.1	115.3	76.6	66.6	83.9	85.1	112.6	127.6	73.8	88.4	100.7
1971-72	137.6	109.2	63.7	90.2	98.2	97.5	46.8	101.1	128.2	89.7	59.2	117.6
1972-73	99.4	144.1	130.3	91.1	90.4	78.2	119.7	97.4	100.8	60.4	115.0	109.8
1973-74	142.5	115.4	103.2	127.9	98.5	72.9	64.1	73.7	121.6	108.1	69.7	73.4
1974-75	151.9	156.3	107.9	103.4	115.1	63.2	86.8	67.4	65.7	106.8	62.1	90.8
1975-76	105.0	194.5	180.6	125.9	81.2	79.5	61.0	56.6	102.8	66.5	86.1	112.9
1976-77	125.3	173.9	141.6	123.6	80.5	54.3	49.9	118.1	111.8	79.3	72.0	114.2
1977-78	134.1	202.9	70.8	89.0	68.4	84.0	62.8	67.1	90.5	71.9	95.2	128.8
1978-79	118.6	156.2	136.8	60.4	66.9	123.6	78.4	54.8	72.4	74.2	109.6	118.0
Average	122.0	152.4	116.6	96.2	83.0	79.6	74.3	82.3	100.5	82.7	88.9	110.5
St. Dev.	25.1	30.0	31.0	20.7	14.9	18.6	20.0	20.9	20.7	15.0	19.3	15.8
C. V.	0.21	0.20	0.27	0.22	0.18	0.23	0.27	0.25	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.14

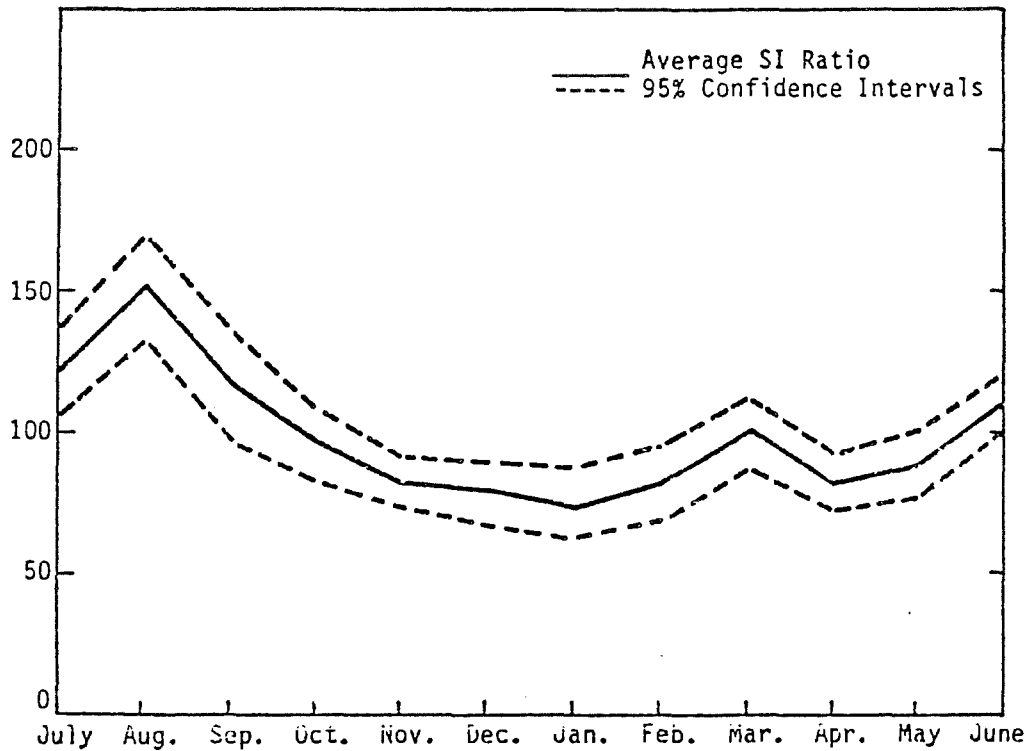


Figure 6. Monthly Seasonal-Irregular Ratios for Barley Movements from North Dakota

Seasonal indexes were calculated by eliminating the irregularity component and are shown in Table 8. Results indicate that the movements during August, September, and October have increased relative to the late 1960's. Shipments during some of the winter months have decreased relative to the late 1960's. In general, results indicate that the amplitude of seasonality in grain movements has increased in the 1970's -- the peak is greater and the valley deeper.

#### Oats

Seasonal-irregular ratios for oats shipments from North Dakota are shown in Table 9. Results demonstrate that months with peak movements were July, August, and September. The average August shipment was 177.9 percent of the monthly average. Off-peak months were January, March, April, and May. The observed monthly differences were significant and not due to chance as indicated by the analysis of variance. Standard deviations and coefficients of

TABLE 8. MONTHLY SEASONAL INDEXES FOR BARLEY SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	128.4	145.4	116.2	87.0	75.3	75.4	79.9	84.8	103.9	85.6	101.3	117.4
1968-69	129.1	142.6	115.0	86.5	76.3	77.3	79.4	87.5	107.0	85.4	98.2	116.6
1969-70	128.8	137.4	115.1	86.6	78.0	80.5	79.1	90.8	109.7	84.2	94.1	114.8
1970-71	129.1	132.3	113.8	89.4	81.9	82.7	78.4	92.2	112.0	84.4	88.6	111.4
1971-72	129.4	130.5	113.4	93.2	86.9	82.4	78.5	92.3	112.3	85.1	82.5	105.2
1972-73	128.9	134.9	113.9	100.1	92.3	80.5	76.7	87.7	110.9	86.1	77.1	100.9
1973-74	127.1	144.0	118.5	107.1	95.0	76.7	74.1	80.9	107.1	85.6	74.3	99.0
1974-75	127.2	156.3	123.4	112.6	93.4	74.1	69.7	72.5	103.4	84.8	75.2	101.2
1975-76	127.3	167.2	128.4	113.6	88.7	72.2	68.1	66.9	98.4	82.4	79.0	105.4
1976-77	126.2	175.8	132.7	112.6	82.2	73.6	65.9	63.2	95.6	78.8	84.1	111.8
1977-78	123.7	179.2	136.3	110.8	76.9	74.3	65.5	61.9	92.7	75.2	89.0	117.0
1978-79	122.8	180.2	137.7	110.0	73.4	74.8	64.2	61.7	93.1	73.7	91.2	119.0
Seasonal factors, one year ahead												
1979-80	122.3	180.6	138.5	109.6	71.6	75.0	63.5	61.7	93.3	73.0	92.3	120.1

TABLE 9. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	95.7	197.0	173.2	79.2	126.4	85.7	76.6	77.2	74.5	72.0	69.0	70.6
1968-69	131.0	188.2	142.9	99.3	106.4	125.1	65.2	89.4	78.0	58.4	77.2	77.1
1969-70	87.9	214.4	154.0	123.2	95.5	86.0	77.3	235.4	49.4	67.3	75.7	63.4
1970-71	96.7	148.5	165.5	104.5	125.8	95.4	82.5	71.7	83.3	65.4	77.2	90.9
1971-72	98.5	177.2	159.5	67.9	117.6	99.4	77.4	90.2	82.6	170.4	63.3	101.8
1972-73	109.4	135.7	164.8	74.3	110.3	102.4	85.8	83.2	65.7	78.1	118.4	119.7
1973-74	140.8	105.3	95.4	122.0	112.6	78.5	85.7	67.2	83.5	104.7	72.2	112.7
1974-75	209.9	165.3	87.6	81.5	74.4	103.2	67.1	102.3	63.8	83.7	88.4	114.4
1975-76	120.2	176.3	133.4	71.6	84.7	108.9	72.7	70.2	81.6	72.4	88.2	168.5
1976-77	130.9	170.7	131.3	73.9	72.2	92.6	88.9	175.8	71.4	73.8	57.6	89.6
1977-78	169.4	249.0	95.9	59.4	171.1	124.5	59.2	63.3	76.3	69.4	94.0	112.1
1978-79	119.5	206.9	135.6	68.1	68.1	100.4	118.9	72.2	80.8	67.0	89.2	90.2
Average	125.8	177.9	136.6	85.4	105.4	100.2	79.8	99.8	74.2	81.9	80.9	100.9
St. Dev.	35.1	37.9	29.6	21.5	29.2	14.3	15.3	52.2	10.3	30.2	166.2	28.0
C. V.	0.28	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.28	0.14	0.19	0.52	0.14	0.37	0.20	0.28

variation were calculated as measures of variability in the particular monthly shipments. The results indicate that February and April were months with the most relative variability. Standard deviations were used to calculate confidence intervals at the 95 percent level. The results are shown in Figure 7, along with the monthly SI ratios, and indicate the variability in shipments by month and throughout the year.

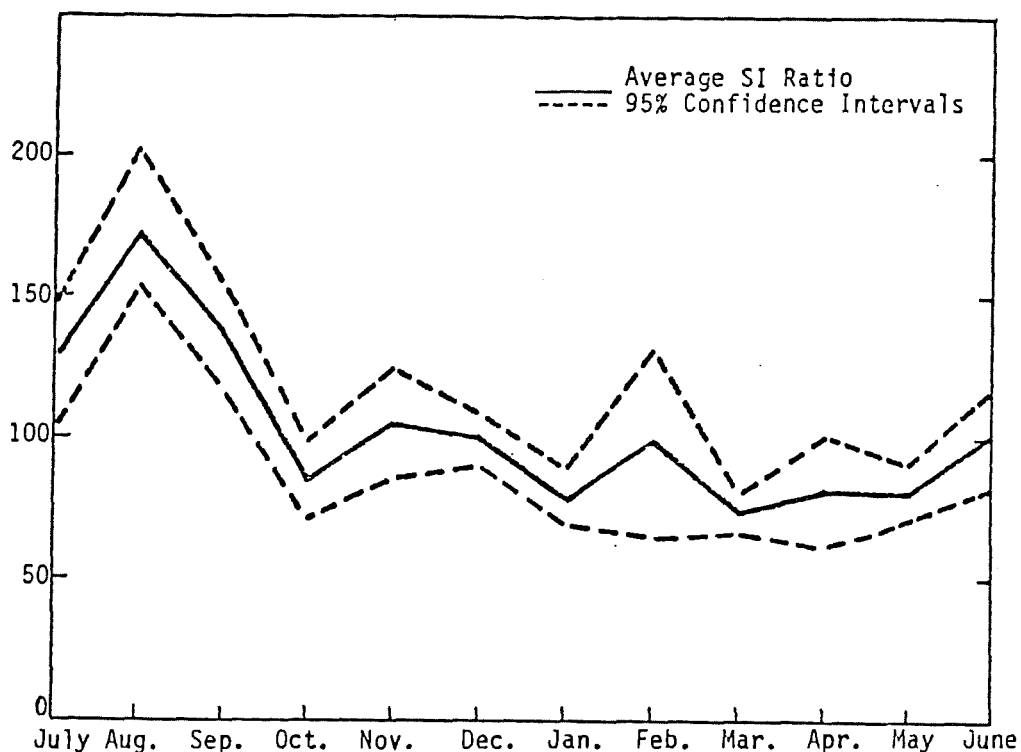


Figure 7. Monthly Seasonal-Irregular Ratios for Oats Movements from North Dakota

Seasonal indexes were calculated by removing the irregularity component. The results are shown in Table 10 and indicate the changing seasonality since 1967. Seasonal indexes indicate there have been large increases in shipments during June, July, August, and December; decreases in movements occurred primarily in September, October, and November. In general, there has been a change in the amplitude of seasonality in oats shipments since 1967.



TABLE 10. MONTHLY SEASONAL INDEXES FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1967-68 TO 1978-79

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1967-68	99.9	191.3	157.2	96.7	112.0	92.1	74.1	83.7	79.6	65.7	74.3	74.3
1968-69	99.8	188.5	158.0	95.4	113.2	92.7	74.6	83.5	80.1	66.9	74.1	77.2
1969-70	100.7	181.5	158.3	93.9	113.2	94.4	75.6	83.5	79.8	68.3	74.6	83.3
1970-71	103.0	173.3	157.1	90.4	112.8	94.1	77.6	82.8	79.7	72.5	74.5	90.8
1971-72	108.2	162.7	154.4	87.1	110.9	94.8	78.9	82.0	77.7	76.6	75.7	99.6
1972-73	113.9	157.8	150.0	81.8	107.0	95.3	79.1	80.8	76.5	80.8	76.9	106.8
1973-74	120.4	156.0	144.4	78.2	100.0	97.2	78.9	80.7	74.1	81.7	79.1	110.5
1974-75	125.7	164.8	137.0	75.1	92.3	99.2	77.6	78.9	74.0	81.0	81.6	110.7
1975-76	128.0	176.5	132.2	73.6	84.5	101.9	76.4	77.6	73.9	77.8	84.5	107.7
1976-77	128.3	191.3	129.2	70.9	79.9	105.0	74.7	75.1	75.7	74.5	86.7	105.2
1977-78	127.4	200.1	129.3	69.1	76.6	106.7	74.8	73.9	76.5	71.6	88.0	102.2
1978-79	128.1	204.6	129.2	68.1	76.4	106.9	75.4	72.4	77.4	70.8	88.1	100.6
Seasonal factors, one year ahead												
1979-80	128.5	206.9	129.2	67.6	76.2	107.0	75.7	71.6	77.8	70.4	88.1	99.8

Analysis of Shipments by Crop Reporting District and Destination

The analysis thus far has been general in that specific origin and destinations were not discussed. Data also were analyzed from 1973-74 to 1978-79 by crop reporting district, by destination, and by commodity. The results are reported in Appendix A, where tables are ordered for reference. Each table lists the monthly seasonal-irregular ratios and the monthly seasonal indexes. The first group of tables is for all grains is ordered by crop reporting district. The three individual destinations and all destinations combined are presented for each crop reporting district. Seasonal analyses were conducted on all combinations of movements by commodity, origin, and destination. The discussion which follows is general and is not intended to present all the specific details contained in the Appendix tables.

All Grains

Statistics from the movements of all grain are shown in Tables A1-A40. Generally, grain shipments to Duluth/Superior were more seasonal than those to other destinations. Movements to Duluth/Superior ranged from 50 percent of the annual average in January to 168 percent in September. The seasonal range in marketings to Minneapolis/St. Paul were between 75 percent and 140 percent of the annual average. Movements from the state to the Pacific Northwest vary throughout the year but the differences were not significantly different across months.

Seasonality in movements vary across the individual crop reporting districts. Generally, the crop reporting districts in the western part of the state had relatively less seasonality, presumably due to their access to the Pacific Northwest. For example, movements from crop reporting district 4 to the Pacific Northwest ranged from 85 percent to 130 percent of the annual average in June and September respectively. However, these movements were

not significantly different from each other. Movements from the eastern crop reporting districts to the Pacific Northwest were more sporadic, and generally, significant differences were observed. For example, movements from crop reporting district 6 to the Pacific Northwest in September ranged from 6.7 percent to 433 percent of the annual average in 1978 and 1974, respectively.

#### Hard Red Spring Wheat

The SI ratios and monthly indexes for hard red spring wheat shipments are shown in Tables A41 - A80. Monthly shipments of hard red spring wheat peaked in July through October, with September generally being the month with the greatest movements. Shipments from the individual crop reporting districts to the specific destinations vary. Those to the Pacific Northwest were typically less seasonal than were those to the eastern markets. Movements from the state to the Pacific Northwest were not significantly different across months. Likewise, those from crop reporting districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 were not significantly different across months. Generally, the peak movement to the Pacific Northwest was December through March. Movements from crop reporting districts 3 and 6 to Minneapolis/St. Paul were quite sporadic throughout the study period and within any particular year.

#### Durum Wheat

Monthly SI ratios and indexes for durum wheat shipments are shown in Tables A81 - A120. Generally, movements to Duluth/Superior and Minneapolis/St. Paul peak in July, August, September, and October. Those movements to the Pacific Northwest peaked in December, January, and February. The seasonal indexes from the state ranged from 48 to 191 in January and September respectively. Similarly, those to Minneapolis/St. Paul ranged from 71 to 154. Consequently, movements to Duluth/Superior generally exhibited more seasonality than those to Minneapolis/St. Paul destinations.

## Barley

Monthly SI ratios and indexes for barley movements are shown in Tables A121 - A162. Barley shipments generally peaked in July, August, and September. Movements from the state to Duluth/Superior ranged between 55 percent and 204 percent of the annual average in February and August respectively. Those to Minneapolis/St. Paul ranged from 73 percent to 162 percent respectively. In most cases monthly movements to the Pacific Northwest were not significantly different than each other.

## Oats

Monthly SI ratios and indexes for oats shipments are shown in Tables A163 - A203. In many cases oats shipments do not exhibit significant differences across months as was the case with the other grains. Movements from the state to Duluth/Superior peaked in June through September. Movements were typically the greatest in August when about 250 percent of the annual average volume of oats are shipped. Oats shipments to Minneapolis/St. Paul also peaked in June through September and August movements were about 176 percent of the annual average movement. There appears to be more variability in oats shipments across individual origin-destination pairs than was the case with the other grains.

## Conclusion

The purpose of this study was to describe the seasonal behavior of marketing patterns for grain from North Dakota. Grain marketings do exhibit seasonal behavior which is recurrent from year to year. The results illustrate that it is common for marketings in the peak months to be 160 percent of the annual average. Similarly, during the off-peak months it is common for marketings to be 50 percent of the annual average. Months with peak movements were typically those in the late spring and during and immediately

post harvest. However, specific seasonal patterns depend on the commodity, the origin, and the destination. Generally, movements to Duluth/Superior have the most seasonality, followed by Minneapolis/St. Paul. Those to the Pacific Northwest generally have the least seasonality.

An important conclusion is that not only are marketings seasonal, but the seasonality has intensified since 1967. For nearly all the commodities the proportion of grain handled during the peak months has increased every year since 1967. Likewise the proportion handled during the off-peak months has decreased. Consequently, marketings in recent years have been greater during the peak months and smaller during the off-peak months relative to those during the late 1960's. Whether this is a permanent shift in behavior is uncertain. Nevertheless, it has important implications for allocation of existing marketing services and planning of new facilities.

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TABLE A2. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR ALL GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO MINNEAPOLIS/  
ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	122.9	130.0	105.9	127.9	99.2	88.7	112.4
1974	78.6	64.8	86.7	92.1	56.8	68.0	120.4	110.6	153.3	156.1	111.7	70.4	97.5
1975	73.4	72.3	72.5	94.8	74.1	95.1	101.8	136.2	181.9	124.7	98.0	86.2	100.9
1976	62.2	63.1	105.9	58.3	76.3	114.5	104.6	141.3	150.4	113.8	95.0	75.8	96.8
1977	65.3	135.5	103.7	97.2	73.1	108.4	100.7	120.4	102.7	130.5	101.0	87.6	102.2
1978	65.0	70.0	98.7	80.8	85.9	101.8	98.2	142.1	148.0	111.4	39.7	174.8	101.4
1979	104.4	63.3	81.7	89.8	111.5	114.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	94.2
AVGE	74.8	78.2	91.5	85.5	79.6	100.3	108.1	130.1	140.4	127.4	90.8	97.2	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	31522.875	11	2865.716	6.039**
RESIDUAL	28470.813	60	474.513	
TOTAL	59993.688	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	113.0	127.4	154.8	131.6	101.3	80.5	118.1
1974	70.2	67.4	88.7	92.1	69.8	104.2	112.0	128.0	154.3	130.7	101.1	80.8	99.9
1975	69.7	68.0	90.2	91.8	71.2	104.4	109.3	129.3	154.1	128.9	101.2	81.2	99.9
1976	68.6	68.5	91.7	91.2	74.2	105.4	105.6	131.1	153.9	125.6	100.8	83.0	100.0
1977	67.2	68.4	93.9	89.8	77.3	107.1	102.6	133.4	153.0	122.0	100.4	84.1	99.9
1978	66.4	68.4	95.4	89.3	79.5	108.5	101.2	134.7	151.7	119.3	99.6	85.1	99.9
1979	66.2	68.4	96.9	88.8	79.9	108.9	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	84.9

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.4	135.4	151.1	117.9	99.2	85.6	115.0
1980	66.1	68.5	97.7	88.6	80.1	109.1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	85.0







TABLE A5. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR ALL GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT ONE TO DULUTH/SUPERIOR, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	127.5
1974	60.9	52.5	77.8	104.2	81.1	107.0	107.3	106.1	123.1	159.9	164.2	53.7	99.3
1975	35.9	64.1	66.9	116.5	98.9	64.9	95.1	191.1	286.9	161.4	84.4	52.7	109.9
1976	44.6	76.3	122.0	75.0	53.7	86.4	143.6	213.5	214.2	63.3	59.7	46.3	99.9
1977	47.0	117.6	66.6	93.2	55.2	79.8	153.8	179.0	128.5	130.0	156.1	78.3	106.7
1978	53.9	33.8	45.8	51.8	89.2	99.4	117.1	140.7	175.3	147.4	146.6	69.0	97.5
1979	55.2	55.5	46.8	43.7	76.2	105.6	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	63.8
AVGE	49.6	66.6	71.0	80.7	74.9	90.5	127.7	160.9	178.0	129.5	121.3	68.1	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

BETWEEN MONTHS.	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
RESIDUAL	110785.000	11	10071.363	9.234**
TOTAL	65443.250	60	1090.721	
	176228.250	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	125.6
1974	47.9	64.7	70.7	98.9	74.6	86.0	125.8	160.8	160.4	138.3	117.9	56.7	100.2
1975	48.3	62.9	68.7	95.1	74.0	86.1	125.1	164.8	162.8	137.5	121.2	58.3	100.5
1976	43.3	61.2	64.7	87.5	73.3	86.5	126.8	170.7	165.5	137.3	123.7	60.9	100.5
1977	49.2	59.2	60.2	76.9	72.1	89.3	128.2	175.4	170.8	135.8	125.4	62.3	100.4
1978	50.0	57.6	56.6	68.9	70.6	91.7	131.9	180.1	174.1	132.2	124.9	63.2	100.2
1979	51.3	56.1	55.5	65.2	69.6	94.3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	65.3
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	133.8	182.4	175.8	130.4	124.7	63.7	135.1
1980	51.9	55.4	55.0	63.3	69.1	95.7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	65.1



























TABLE A18. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR ALL GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT FOUR TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal- Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	123.3	119.3	106.9	135.5	73.2	114.7	112.8
1974	133.9	72.4	90.9	68.3	35.2	96.1	109.3	51.5	164.6	199.1	113.9	82.5	101.9
1975	59.1	69.7	67.5	90.7	74.9	81.2	78.8	114.5	196.4	132.2	131.2	163.0	93.9
1976	75.2	63.5	81.4	48.0	64.5	127.5	92.3	96.2	234.3	120.1	86.2	72.4	97.2
1977	100.6	200.5	79.3	76.9	65.2	63.5	75.7	155.6	197.3	175.0	135.0	57.2	115.1
1978	39.1	60.7	103.2	98.7	20.4	96.4	87.5	147.2	143.7	133.9	59.8	76.1	94.3
1979	106.6	86.9	52.0	73.5	85.8	74.1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	79.8
AVGE	85.8	93.1	79.1	74.4	67.7	89.8	95.0	114.1	173.9	150.3	101.6	84.3	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	55675.000	11	5970.453	6.145**
RESIDUAL	58298.000	60	971.633	
TOTAL	123973.000	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	104.3	113.3	172.9	148.3	107.3	97.2	123.9
1974	77.1	73.8	80.6	67.8	62.6	94.3	101.6	115.2	177.5	148.5	107.8	92.0	108.0
1975	76.5	73.7	79.5	70.2	63.7	92.7	98.2	118.7	183.8	149.0	108.3	86.1	98.9
1976	77.7	74.4	75.8	72.9	67.7	89.7	89.7	124.5	188.2	148.1	109.5	85.6	99.9
1977	78.9	74.5	72.4	74.8	71.5	89.3	85.6	128.3	191.2	145.8	107.0	75.9	95.6
1978	82.8	76.4	69.2	76.6	75.0	86.3	84.3	130.7	193.1	143.5	104.9	73.9	92.7
1979	85.0	77.3	68.8	78.0	75.5	84.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	78.2

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	83.7	131.8	194.0	142.3	103.8	73.0	121.4
1980	86.1	77.8	68.5	78.7	75.7	83.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	78.4



























TABLE A30. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR ALL GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SEVEN TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	123.3	53.3	59.9	95.0	94.2	94.1	95.1
1974	107.8	67.8	112.2	79.9	56.9	89.0	34.0	110.5	173.1	242.3	145.3	67.4	107.2
1975	63.0	77.5	73.1	111.7	78.2	87.5	101.2	73.7	189.3	127.9	99.7	75.1	97.7
1976	74.6	95.0	158.0	83.9	87.6	153.9	62.8	119.6	142.6	113.1	86.0	98.5	105.9
1977	76.5	186.2	123.0	114.1	88.0	82.8	79.1	75.2	118.0	174.5	190.4	101.5	117.9
1978	99.7	53.4	69.2	39.9	102.6	92.2	65.1	121.0	170.7	126.8	110.2	96.1	99.8
1979	74.0	51.7	182.9	103.5	135.1	63.2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	101.7
AVGE	85.9	88.6	119.2	97.2	91.4	94.3	77.6	98.4	143.9	146.8	122.2	88.5	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	34924.500	11	3174.954	2.558**
RESIDUAL	7468.625	60	1241.144	
TOTAL	109393.125	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	97.5	95.3	166.8	116.6	103.9	81.1	111.0
1974	86.2	80.3	105.1	95.0	76.1	93.6	94.6	95.3	162.7	120.6	103.5	83.3	103.1
1975	87.0	79.2	104.0	95.9	73.5	93.0	87.9	97.2	159.8	126.5	108.9	85.3	103.5
1976	84.9	77.0	102.3	98.0	86.1	90.6	82.3	96.5	155.3	132.7	107.7	83.3	103.2
1977	83.4	74.3	101.5	97.9	94.5	88.9	76.0	99.1	153.8	135.3	105.9	91.0	103.1
1978	81.3	71.7	102.2	99.4	102.5	85.7	73.5	99.7	150.1	136.1	103.4	94.1	103.0
1979	81.7	70.0	103.3	99.2	104.9	83.9	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	90.5
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	72.3	100.1	143.3	136.5	102.2	95.7	109.2
1980	81.9	69.1	103.9	99.1	106.1	82.9	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	90.5





























TABLE A43. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR HARD RED SPRING WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE	
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	85.5	85.6	117.9	95.5	122.2	117.2	104.0	
1974	104.7	83.0	107.0	142.3	37.0	24.7	67.9	79.9	412.6	200.8	141.4	84.9	123.6	
1975	84.2	70.2	131.3	117.6	82.6	53.9	90.3	98.1	165.4	85.4	61.5	105.3	99.7	
1976	109.6	130.7	97.9	63.8	102.2	90.2	93.7	168.4	100.3	50.2	75.9	82.5	97.5	
1977	86.8	213.8	138.6	120.6	89.0	93.3	109.3	274.2	105.2	51.7	55.8	72.4	117.4	
1978	95.9	134.9	158.8	105.3	93.9	108.6	110.8	106.8	83.3	52.3	52.2	114.1	101.4	
1979	121.5	70.0	119.4	114.4	103.1	112.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	105.8	
AVGE	100.4	117.1	133.8	110.7	84.5	80.5	93.6	135.5	164.1	89.3	84.9	96.1		
	TABLE TOTAL-		7743.2											

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	43575.688	11	3961.790	1.425
RESIDUAL	166818.125	60	2780.302	
TOTAL	210397.813	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	83.4	99.4	139.2	86.6	103.0	98.9	101.8
1974	97.0	98.1	125.5	111.5	82.0	73.7	86.5	106.1	135.4	82.6	98.7	96.3	99.4
1975	96.1	101.3	127.7	111.3	83.2	77.3	90.8	113.9	129.1	75.7	89.5	93.4	99.1
1976	96.3	104.3	131.0	109.3	87.3	83.9	95.3	120.3	121.7	68.1	76.3	92.1	90.0
1977	98.7	110.3	131.3	106.1	91.9	92.1	100.7	126.8	113.0	69.8	66.7	91.7	99.2
1978	100.7	113.0	131.8	105.4	95.1	98.6	103.3	131.4	105.2	55.2	61.1	91.3	99.5
1979	101.9	116.1	131.8	106.6	95.4	101.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	109.0
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	104.6	133.7	102.8	53.9	58.3	91.2	90.7
1980	102.5	117.7	131.9	107.1	95.6	103.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	109.7

TABLE A44. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR HARD RED SPRING WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	103.2	138.5	129.8	103.5	101.6	100.9	112.9
1974	91.7	70.8	88.5	90.8	56.7	106.7	79.4	116.0	189.4	206.1	163.9	79.1	111.6
1975	67.8	57.4	84.0	59.8	84.2	96.9	110.0	129.8	225.3	113.5	77.1	73.4	101.6
1976	70.2	87.0	87.4	50.6	67.1	118.8	91.4	237.7	179.6	83.4	92.2	80.0	105.5
1977	63.3	137.1	95.6	91.6	75.5	123.4	112.9	144.0	126.5	102.1	117.5	87.4	106.4
1978	62.2	61.6	81.5	80.3	91.9	111.8	128.9	156.7	132.9	82.2	113.1	89.5	99.4
1979	71.6	45.0	70.3	78.9	139.1	128.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	88.9
AVGE	71.2	76.5	84.6	82.0	89.1	114.3	104.3	153.8	163.9	115.1	110.9	85.0	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	57773.689	11	5252.152	6.718**
RESIDUAL	46984.813	60	781.747	
TOTAL	104678.500	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	98.6	130.7	161.5	107.3	104.3	83.7	114.0
1974	74.0	74.3	87.9	92.4	75.9	109.9	97.6	132.7	160.5	105.0	104.8	83.9	100.1
1975	72.7	73.5	87.7	91.5	77.8	110.6	100.1	135.6	155.5	103.2	105.0	83.2	100.1
1976	70.1	72.5	86.3	89.9	81.0	113.0	105.0	139.4	154.3	100.1	105.2	85.0	100.1
1977	68.1	72.4	84.6	87.2	84.3	116.0	108.7	143.2	151.1	95.8	106.1	83.0	100.0
1978	66.6	72.2	83.2	85.3	86.8	119.2	110.9	145.9	147.8	93.0	105.2	83.8	100.0
1979	66.4	72.3	83.3	84.2	86.9	120.9	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	85.7

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	111.9	147.3	146.1	91.5	104.8	84.3	114.3
1980	66.4	72.4	83.3	83.7	87.0	121.7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	85.7

































TABLE A59. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR HARD RED SPRING WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT FOUR TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	74.5	71.3	121.1	111.6	167.8	109.3	109.3
1974	122.8	89.5	95.8	109.9	47.3	44.2	43.1	71.2	179.5	159.0	160.2	89.3	101.0
1975	81.3	80.1	106.9	112.0	107.0	52.0	73.2	80.3	241.5	153.0	60.2	110.9	104.9
1976	94.9	119.4	82.3	101.0	102.9	72.6	89.6	146.8	118.1	76.4	87.3	86.6	98.9
1977	77.8	189.0	120.2	120.1	89.8	109.3	120.6	236.0	86.5	35.7	30.3	75.1	107.5
1978	137.4	80.7	133.6	92.5	120.6	103.1	126.9	129.2	81.2	53.1	50.9	117.1	102.2
1979	149.3	75.2	85.9	102.5	126.8	122.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	110.3
AVGE	110.6	105.7	104.1	106.3	99.1	83.9	88.0	122.3	138.0	98.1	92.8	99.7	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	14449.188	11	1313.563	0.774
RESIDUAL	101819.688	60	1696.995	
TOTAL	116268.875	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	67.7	83.9	139.3	129.7	126.8	103.8	108.0
1974	95.1	94.6	97.0	108.1	90.9	64.0	72.9	90.1	135.7	124.2	121.2	99.1	95.4
1975	96.7	93.1	99.9	107.2	92.5	69.2	81.2	99.7	128.9	114.5	107.4	97.6	99.0
1976	99.9	90.8	102.3	106.1	99.0	79.5	91.8	108.5	117.6	102.7	89.7	97.1	98.7
1977	106.7	89.7	103.7	103.9	105.1	90.0	100.6	117.8	107.9	89.8	75.2	97.4	99.0
1978	112.0	88.2	104.9	103.3	109.4	99.8	105.7	122.9	100.4	80.5	68.3	97.3	99.4
1979	116.2	82.2	107.3	103.2	109.7	104.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	104.8
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	108.2	125.4	96.6	75.9	64.8	97.3	94.7
1980	118.2	88.2	108.5	103.2	109.8	106.7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	105.8













































































TABLE A94. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR DURUM WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT THREE TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	89.6	221.9	109.9	99.9	104.5	70.1	116.0
1974	135.1	113.6	60.5	86.5	74.1	27.8	67.4	40.2	305.3	235.1	83.3	60.0	107.4
1975	69.9	88.9	98.5	104.4	63.9	63.8	118.4	98.2	228.2	85.1	109.0	66.8	99.6
1976	44.9	96.1	161.6	76.8	43.3	102.1	116.0	125.8	212.6	87.2	91.2	41.1	99.9
1977	64.4	138.4	94.4	110.9	52.7	99.9	136.2	96.9	113.6	99.3	98.0	96.5	100.1
1978	82.3	94.3	133.3	58.8	103.0	90.1	105.0	122.4	120.4	138.3	114.0	95.3	104.8
1979	76.6	68.1	114.8	60.2	57.7	129.3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	84.4
AVGE	78.9	99.9	110.5	82.9	65.8	85.5	105.5	117.6	181.7	124.2	100.0	71.6	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	63506.875	11	5773.352	3.590**
RESIDUAL	96480.250	60	1608.004	
TOTAL	159987.125	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	94.9	114.9	239.3	93.8	97.2	62.5	116.9
1974	60.1	104.7	107.1	92.6	53.1	80.5	99.3	114.9	229.4	94.2	97.3	64.1	99.8
1975	61.8	105.6	108.5	91.6	53.5	82.3	104.1	114.1	214.8	96.8	97.8	67.2	99.8
1976	64.1	103.2	112.2	88.9	54.2	89.3	111.1	112.2	192.2	99.8	100.0	72.4	99.9
1977	66.2	100.2	118.2	82.6	53.9	95.8	115.4	112.2	173.8	103.6	101.5	75.8	90.9
1978	68.3	93.0	120.2	78.7	54.0	102.9	118.9	112.3	160.5	104.7	102.2	77.5	99.9
1979	69.9	99.5	120.0	76.5	53.7	105.6	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	87.6

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	120.6	112.3	153.8	105.2	102.6	78.4	112.2
1980	70.7	100.3	119.9	75.5	53.5	107.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	87.8











TABLE A99. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR DURUM WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT FOUR TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	211.3	11.8	59.5	119.0	28.1	44.8	79.1
1974	312.7	154.2	261.6	211.4	111.4	69.2	49.3	39.2	93.4	202.5	347.6	153.4	167.6
1975	178.7	264.1	28.3	61.7	136.5	37.7	40.6	42.4	42.8	42.2	163.3	516.2	129.5
1976	116.4	306.3	153.5	39.4	41.4	129.2	44.0	87.2	83.3	270.7	35.9	33.2	111.7
1977	92.4	174.6	388.9	27.2	27.0	273.1	23.5	119.4	219.1	32.5	32.4	30.9	120.5
1978	115.1	79.9	24.9	140.5	202.8	112.5	70.0	251.6	27.6	29.8	30.5	29.1	92.9
1979	25.8	174.6	73.9	15.7	213.9	283.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	131.2
AVGE	140.2	192.3	155.2	82.6	122.1	150.9	73.9	92.0	88.5	116.1	106.3	134.6	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	81140.000	11	7376.363	0.626
RESIDUAL	767372.000	60	11789.531	
TOTAL	788512.000	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	68.6	40.4	70.8	128.2	75.7	98.7	80.4
1974	113.0	235.8	124.7	46.2	87.1	109.9	64.9	48.7	61.2	123.8	71.0	90.5	99.7
1975	111.8	220.3	129.6	50.2	91.1	117.6	56.9	72.6	87.8	111.7	65.6	80.2	99.6
1976	105.6	203.0	134.7	51.5	100.7	138.2	49.7	98.3	92.6	89.9	63.6	67.9	99.6
1977	97.4	187.0	135.0	53.9	112.9	160.0	45.7	124.2	91.4	73.8	57.3	54.9	99.5
1978	86.6	172.9	144.3	51.6	122.2	186.5	45.1	133.2	92.3	65.0	51.2	43.8	99.6
1979	80.8	162.0	155.8	52.7	127.5	202.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	130.1

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	44.8	137.7	92.7	60.6	48.1	38.2	70.4
1980	77.9	156.5	161.6	53.2	130.2	209.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	131.5















































TABLE A121. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR BARLEY SHIPMENTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO DULUTH/SUPERIOR, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	175.6	144.2	116.5	126.9	76.3	76.5	119.3
1974	70.5	45.9	116.4	81.5	79.9	88.8	152.1	181.3	70.1	68.8	154.4	85.6	99.6
1975	88.7	59.0	57.1	106.0	51.8	90.2	94.4	243.4	168.2	150.7	72.5	55.9	103.2
1976	48.8	47.3	112.3	73.0	86.5	98.1	109.9	158.7	192.2	146.4	72.5	16.2	96.8
1977	26.7	105.0	84.6	56.3	76.3	122.8	180.1	275.2	86.4	80.1	84.9	89.3	105.7
1978	46.2	36.5	39.6	90.0	118.6	112.4	151.2	220.2	134.4	40.6	47.6	88.4	93.8
1979	62.5	39.3	50.3	53.3	99.1	146.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	75.2
AVGE	57.2	55.5	76.7	76.7	85.4	109.8	143.9	203.8	128.0	102.2	84.7	68.6	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	119517.125	11	10865.191	9.438**
RESIDUAL	69071.375	60	1151.189	
TOTAL	188588.500	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	137.6	127.0	137.4	123.9	77.4	74.0	122.9
1974	64.9	50.2	90.8	82.8	73.8	97.6	113.9	191.6	137.1	122.6	77.9	75.1	103.3
1975	62.1	48.9	86.6	81.6	76.3	99.7	133.4	200.9	137.8	118.4	76.5	77.2	100.4
1976	58.8	47.2	78.1	73.5	80.8	105.4	133.0	214.2	138.1	114.6	73.8	78.0	100.5
1977	54.2	44.6	71.2	74.7	87.8	111.9	137.5	220.2	140.7	111.5	70.6	79.6	100.4
1978	50.8	42.7	65.5	70.1	92.5	119.1	158.7	221.4	142.2	111.0	69.0	80.1	100.3
1979	48.0	41.2	64.3	67.4	96.1	122.7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	73.3
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	139.3	222.0	142.9	110.8	68.2	80.4	127.3
1980	46.6	40.4	63.7	66.0	97.9	124.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	73.2













TABLE A127. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR BARLEY SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT ONE TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	169.2	128.0	72.0	94.2	76.8	43.9	97.4
1974	103.4	99.3	222.9	217.7	57.2	77.9	104.7	122.4	144.9	48.3	119.8	50.8	114.1
1975	142.3	54.2	19.9	199.5	27.1	186.6	224.3	165.9	44.6	58.5	64.7	59.9	104.0
1976	308.8	144.4	50.2	57.9	71.1	89.0	314.1	108.5	103.8	105.9	102.4	84.4	128.4
1977	59.4	42.0	32.3	562.0	75.9	121.0	99.4	127.3	175.5	224.6	65.0	40.4	135.4
1978	60.8	41.1	41.0	67.2	130.3	404.4	216.5	160.7	61.9	63.0	61.1	67.4	114.6
1979	60.3	110.6	36.4	37.0	23.9	25.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	49.0
AVGE	122.5	81.9	67.1	190.2	64.3	150.8	188.0	135.5	100.5	99.1	81.6	57.8	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	140563.500	11	12778.500	1.688
RESIDUAL	454194.875	60	7569.914	
TOTAL	594758.375	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	185.4	135.0	90.2	73.3	89.9	56.3	105.1
1974	109.2	91.3	35.4	157.6	55.1	117.6	183.3	132.7	96.5	83.5	89.0	57.0	100.7
1975	102.9	84.8	35.4	150.4	60.8	119.2	185.2	132.5	101.8	91.4	87.5	59.3	100.9
1976	95.0	80.3	35.8	133.3	65.0	123.1	190.5	136.8	104.2	102.4	82.5	61.2	100.8
1977	85.6	81.0	37.9	109.2	72.1	122.5	202.1	140.5	105.4	108.9	79.8	64.7	100.8
1978	76.8	81.2	39.2	92.1	74.6	121.2	211.2	142.2	107.2	117.3	77.5	66.0	100.5
1979	69.8	79.7	40.2	86.1	79.0	118.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	78.9
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	215.7	143.0	108.1	121.6	76.3	66.7	121.9
1980	66.3	79.0	40.7	83.1	81.3	117.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	78.0

















































TABLE A149. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR BARLEY SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SEVEN TO DULUTH/SUPERIOR, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	119.5	112.3	105.4	103.3	101.5	97.0	106.3
1974	78.3	80.6	228.0	128.9	74.7	76.4	155.5	119.5	82.9	85.4	97.4	98.5	108.9
1975	87.2	215.6	96.8	105.8	87.6	86.2	80.9	115.4	117.8	145.0	123.7	74.1	111.4
1976	72.4	61.6	110.2	116.8	75.9	88.8	62.2	116.8	259.6	129.5	101.0	60.3	106.3
1977	75.1	90.7	87.1	106.9	99.2	92.6	115.6	125.5	102.7	101.5	97.5	93.2	99.0
1978	90.4	89.5	90.7	93.8	97.5	100.8	129.3	105.1	104.8	101.9	97.4	93.0	99.5
1979	90.5	90.3	91.9	94.2	95.5	99.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	93.7
AVGE	82.3	104.7	117.4	107.7	88.6	90.6	110.5	115.8	128.9	111.1	102.9	89.4	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	12891.250	11	1171.932	1.115
RESIDUAL	63087.500	60	1051.458	
TOTAL	75978.750	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	117.7	116.0	107.0	106.2	106.3	88.5	107.0
1974	78.7	90.4	105.6	115.6	82.4	85.1	117.5	116.6	107.1	107.2	105.7	88.4	105.0
1975	79.3	90.3	103.6	113.6	84.2	86.5	117.8	116.7	107.2	108.2	104.8	88.1	100.0
1976	80.7	90.9	100.0	109.5	87.6	89.5	116.6	116.6	107.9	109.3	104.6	87.4	100.1
1977	82.0	90.6	97.2	105.7	90.3	92.7	116.8	115.9	108.4	110.6	103.5	85.9	100.0
1978	83.2	90.5	94.2	102.2	93.1	95.2	116.4	115.7	108.9	111.9	102.5	86.7	100.0
1979	83.5	89.8	93.0	101.1	94.6	95.2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	93.0
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	116.1	115.6	109.2	112.6	102.1	86.6	107.0
1980	83.6	89.5	92.4	100.6	95.3	96.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	93.0







TABLE A153. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR BARLEY SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT EIGHT TO DULUTH/SUPERIOR, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	40.6	35.8	361.3	273.6	28.8	82.5	137.1
1974	26.8	27.0	196.9	30.3	33.6	152.8	88.0	202.0	53.2	67.1	77.2	83.3	86.9
1975	79.8	134.3	52.8	41.2	33.4	28.4	123.2	174.0	462.2	359.9	15.3	40.8	128.3
1976	24.0	10.5	109.9	129.9	96.0	55.6	94.5	164.4	203.1	240.9	194.5	11.2	111.2
1977	13.8	17.7	92.5	124.3	1378.7	477.6	62.0	67.2	70.7	74.7	80.1	166.8	218.8
1978	82.0	79.0	76.4	73.9	70.6	65.2	58.3	203.7	44.8	40.0	295.4	351.3	120.1
1979	104.6	35.8	112.8	40.3	43.9	50.1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	64.6
AVGE	55.2	50.7	106.9	73.3	276.0	138.3	77.8	141.2	200.1	176.0	115.2	122.6	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	282749.000	11	25704.453	0.749
RESIDUAL	2059497.000	60	34324.949	
TOTAL	2342246.000	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	80.2	132.6	262.9	220.1	59.6	56.5	135.3
1974	36.7	23.6	109.7	69.6	63.9	93.8	80.4	130.8	249.5	213.3	67.6	61.4	99.8
1975	38.4	24.0	105.7	73.7	68.8	98.1	81.2	138.9	214.3	190.8	92.9	68.3	99.7
1976	45.5	29.3	99.2	77.5	73.7	95.3	80.8	141.8	190.3	172.6	114.3	77.4	99.7
1977	52.0	32.9	94.5	81.4	77.7	90.0	79.3	148.4	161.9	153.4	144.7	82.1	99.8
1978	57.5	35.6	91.2	82.0	80.1	89.6	76.4	143.8	153.4	148.5	156.8	84.1	99.9
1979	57.6	37.1	91.9	81.5	81.4	95.3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	74.1

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	75.0	141.4	149.1	146.0	162.9	85.2	126.6
1980	57.6	37.9	92.2	81.2	82.1	98.1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	74.9















TABLE A160. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR BARLEY SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT NINE TO ALL DESTINATIONS, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	222.4	104.2	89.1	100.0	37.8	66.6	111.7
1974	59.2	73.6	172.2	138.2	65.7	99.2	192.4	154.9	72.4	68.0	116.9	54.1	105.6
1975	92.4	79.6	39.6	68.7	38.0	101.0	187.1	208.5	145.1	67.0	52.7	64.2	95.3
1976	57.2	60.8	166.4	39.3	112.7	112.5	187.1	131.3	140.1	98.3	62.1	41.0	100.7
1977	43.5	147.7	117.5	49.1	76.2	95.7	270.9	154.5	35.3	294.7	28.4	55.0	114.1
1978	35.0	77.1	112.8	68.0	62.2	266.7	214.0	150.4	122.6	44.6	89.9	105.4	112.4
1979	47.9	32.4	78.2	57.3	96.0	106.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	69.7
AVGE	55.9	78.6	114.5	70.1	75.2	130.2	212.3	150.6	100.7	112.1	73.0	64.4	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	133501.875	11	12136.531	5.856**
RESIDUAL	124356.563	60	2072.609	
TOTAL	257858.438	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	199.7	153.0	108.5	81.8	82.7	58.9	114.1
1974	64.7	73.5	144.7	55.3	70.3	103.2	203.9	152.2	112.5	83.6	60.1	57.9	100.1
1975	61.7	74.2	140.8	55.7	70.0	103.4	207.0	154.1	118.9	82.4	77.8	58.5	100.4
1976	58.0	73.5	130.9	55.8	71.7	104.3	212.5	157.8	127.6	80.5	72.6	60.4	100.5
1977	52.5	71.4	123.8	55.7	76.5	106.3	215.4	158.2	133.7	78.8	70.3	62.7	100.4
1978	48.3	70.0	115.7	55.7	80.6	107.4	220.0	156.2	137.8	80.1	67.6	63.2	100.2
1979	44.8	69.8	113.4	55.9	82.8	107.9	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	79.1

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	222.3	155.2	139.8	80.7	66.2	63.5	121.3
1980	43.1	69.7	112.3	55.9	83.9	108.1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	78.8















TABLE A167. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT ONE TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	159.0	108.8	71.3	118.3	110.3	83.9	106.6
1974	120.7	114.9	73.1	170.2	66.4	106.9	134.9	365.3	122.0	74.9	97.8	100.9	128.2
1975	76.3	101.7	87.2	68.8	67.3	136.1	113.8	95.3	126.7	134.5	67.1	182.2	134.9
1976	118.9	74.9	69.6	51.7	87.7	159.5	96.7	122.6	80.4	178.8	109.2	91.5	103.5
1977	59.2	134.2	62.2	40.9	39.2	140.0	113.0	180.4	196.2	146.7	63.7	94.7	105.9
1978	68.1	126.5	60.3	20.2	87.5	100.4	136.3	161.0	110.5	107.5	101.0	81.9	96.8
1979	108.0	82.2	49.5	45.4	95.0	78.1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	76.4
AVGE	91.9	105.7	67.0	66.2	72.2	120.2	125.6	172.2	117.8	126.8	91.5	105.8	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	61225.875	11	5565.988	3.141**
RESIDUAL	106336.375	60	1772.273	
TOTAL	167562.250	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	130.2	116.0	102.9	124.1	94.5	94.6	110.4
1974	98.5	102.8	74.3	58.4	68.8	134.5	127.1	120.4	102.5	128.0	93.1	94.4	100.2
1975	94.7	106.1	72.7	56.0	69.5	132.3	122.6	128.5	105.2	131.7	91.4	94.3	100.4
1976	90.1	107.4	69.7	52.5	73.1	128.9	119.2	136.5	108.4	135.9	88.1	94.0	100.3
1977	88.7	107.2	65.9	48.6	78.5	124.2	116.9	143.6	109.5	139.3	88.2	93.2	100.3
1978	87.0	107.8	62.4	45.5	82.5	119.4	116.5	147.5	107.9	143.5	89.0	92.5	100.1
1979	85.9	110.2	60.1	43.4	83.5	116.1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	83.2
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	116.3	149.5	107.1	145.6	89.3	92.1	116.7
1980	85.3	111.4	59.0	42.4	84.1	114.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	82.8



TABLE A169. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT TWO TO DULUTH/SUPERIOR, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	134.9	167.7	148.9	144.5	75.4	40.3	118.6
1974	85.4	50.9	43.5	83.8	76.0	171.0	205.9	105.3	38.9	116.0	101.8	84.0	99.9
1975	15.7	49.8	53.8	119.0	78.4	57.1	119.6	196.4	193.6	133.5	67.5	110.3	99.6
1976	54.6	37.2	48.3	77.7	45.5	80.7	117.3	262.4	293.6	148.2	42.9	59.3	105.6
1977	53.8	152.6	83.6	17.6	33.8	65.3	31.4	399.0	151.0	91.3	306.8	157.3	128.6
1978	39.9	43.5	73.0	47.7	116.1	86.8	143.3	282.4	133.5	31.2	41.7	72.9	92.7
1979	78.8	80.0	34.0	37.3	9.1	51.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	48.4
AVGE	54.7	69.0	56.0	63.8	59.8	85.4	125.4	235.5	159.9	110.8	106.0	87.4	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	185919.188	11	16901.742	4.816**
RESIDUAL	210584.938	60	3509.749	
TOTAL	396504.125	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	153.9	179.3	165.1	139.2	78.8	78.4	132.5
1974	58.1	49.8	55.1	87.7	63.3	90.5	143.6	196.7	165.3	134.8	76.1	82.2	100.3
1975	56.4	49.5	57.1	81.9	60.7	88.5	135.2	222.5	165.7	125.0	71.7	89.0	100.3
1976	54.9	51.9	59.2	73.8	55.5	81.2	122.8	255.3	168.5	114.5	66.7	98.1	100.3
1977	55.1	53.7	60.2	64.0	49.4	76.7	116.9	283.5	172.3	105.5	60.9	101.2	100.0
1978	57.0	57.8	61.4	55.0	43.5	71.3	110.2	303.5	177.7	103.4	57.3	101.4	150.0
1979	58.7	59.3	63.0	48.9	40.7	71.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	57.1

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	106.8	313.5	180.3	102.4	55.5	101.5	143.3
1980	59.6	60.0	63.8	45.8	39.3	72.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	56.7

TABLE A170. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT TWO TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	140.0	71.6	150.0	142.7	107.1	52.0	110.6
1974	86.6	63.5	60.4	146.5	89.3	85.9	146.3	219.0	85.4	131.5	108.2	84.4	109.0
1975	55.6	92.4	56.1	25.6	111.0	111.7	109.8	182.1	168.0	78.3	112.9	106.1	100.8
1976	95.8	69.1	46.3	39.7	51.4	331.9	207.9	122.4	123.1	90.1	80.9	143.8	116.9
1977	99.6	194.6	53.2	90.2	46.9	53.1	94.0	422.8	283.3	96.8	112.5	180.9	144.0
1978	72.2	16.8	23.4	23.0	206.4	92.2	23.7	130.8	273.4	127.8	59.6	117.0	97.2
1979	213.8	99.6	42.0	24.7	104.2	57.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	90.3
AVGE	103.9	89.3	46.9	58.3	101.6	122.0	120.3	191.5	180.7	111.2	96.9	114.1	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	115451.938	11	10495.629	2.392**
RESIDUAL	263272.063	60	4387.867	
TOTAL	378724.000	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	148.2	157.3	137.4	117.1	108.6	93.3	127.0
1974	85.1	83.5	55.7	36.6	80.5	94.8	146.4	154.4	145.7	113.6	106.9	101.5	100.4
1975	84.8	83.0	53.0	35.4	79.0	91.7	139.6	154.8	161.0	109.5	101.2	113.2	103.4
1976	85.4	84.7	49.1	33.2	78.3	86.4	127.3	152.4	185.4	103.0	96.4	125.2	103.6
1977	87.3	83.2	44.3	31.4	77.4	82.0	120.9	148.5	202.9	100.2	89.8	133.8	100.1
1978	90.2	85.2	41.5	30.1	77.1	75.8	119.7	141.7	214.2	99.3	87.3	139.2	100.1
1979	92.2	85.0	40.0	21.9	75.9	71.7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	65.8
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	119.1	138.3	219.8	98.8	86.0	141.9	134.0
1980	93.2	84.9	39.2	29.8	75.3	69.6	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	65.4







TABLE A173. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT THREE TO DULUTH/SUPERIOR, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	122.0
1974	70.4	43.4	70.2	62.1	82.4	97.5	207.7	134.6	115.0	143.4	66.8	64.5	97.5
1975	57.7	64.5	103.5	63.8	64.8	69.0	243.4	141.1	37.8	74.5	55.6	191.6	98.3
1976	45.4	65.9	46.9	76.7	74.8	233.8	62.9	213.7	193.3	95.8	100.7	72.3	109.3
1977	55.2	65.7	61.9	124.6	60.9	79.7	123.1	160.8	220.3	113.7	61.0	61.9	111.9
1978	48.9	51.7	83.3	96.4	55.7	118.5	150.0	265.4	103.4	104.1	200.5	97.5	105.3
1979	131.2	63.2	77.0	74.3	70.7	90.2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	84.4
AVGE	68.1	59.4	73.9	83.0	68.2	115.6	153.8	194.2	130.4	100.2	89.6	101.2	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	105484.438	11	9589.492	4.737**
RESIDUAL	121460.000	69	2024.333	
TOTAL	226944.438	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	122.6
1974	58.5	60.6	71.5	76.7	73.2	89.6	175.1	172.3	169.2	108.6	73.4	71.7	100.0
1975	57.7	69.2	71.5	80.0	71.4	91.0	164.6	186.0	166.5	103.1	72.1	76.6	100.1
1976	56.0	61.2	72.0	84.3	68.6	91.5	150.4	204.8	159.8	98.6	72.7	62.5	100.2
1977	53.8	61.3	70.9	87.5	66.4	94.7	140.5	217.3	155.6	94.1	70.8	87.7	100.1
1978	52.8	61.9	70.6	90.9	64.7	95.3	134.7	222.7	152.2	95.4	70.2	89.3	100.0
1979	52.6	61.2	69.6	93.4	63.9	96.6	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	72.9
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	131.8	225.3	150.4	96.0	69.9	50.2	127.3
1980	52.5	60.8	69.1	94.7	63.5	97.3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	73.0









TABLE A178. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT FOUR TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	152.4	43.4	51.3	120.6	151.6	54.4	95.6
1974	111.6	92.0	76.9	112.1	55.5	230.6	83.9	99.0	54.9	80.2	308.6	113.2	118.2
1975	96.8	86.9	84.0	69.6	96.9	33.4	23.3	671.4	173.2	54.4	143.9	348.2	156.8
1976	101.1	470.3	31.5	19.4	42.7	119.1	130.6	34.4	177.7	115.9	133.7	35.4	117.7
1977	169.6	230.9	74.5	32.6	57.1	21.4	36.0	235.1	86.5	108.3	132.0	137.0	110.1
1978	102.4	69.0	52.5	173.1	98.6	23.6	17.3	108.3	272.5	231.5	67.7	52.2	105.7
1979	101.5	95.1	97.0	57.5	18.6	31.2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	66.8
AVGE	113.8	174.0	69.4	77.4	61.6	76.6	73.9	108.6	136.0	118.5	156.3	123.4	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	133328.375	11	12120.758	1.113
RESIDUAL	653404.000	60	10890.066	
TOTAL	786732.375	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	92.3	89.1	106.2	90.0	191.8	88.2	109.6
1974	113.5	182.4	65.5	61.6	63.6	55.0	89.7	95.9	108.4	92.5	185.0	88.9	100.2
1975	116.5	178.8	65.1	58.8	65.0	50.9	78.1	106.4	124.8	102.0	171.9	89.2	100.6
1976	118.2	174.2	65.9	52.8	64.4	44.8	63.1	123.2	145.7	113.6	150.4	91.2	100.6
1977	117.6	173.2	65.2	46.9	61.5	41.2	53.8	128.8	169.3	129.2	130.8	87.0	100.4
1978	119.4	168.7	67.7	43.3	57.9	36.8	53.9	131.2	180.0	138.8	117.5	83.4	99.9
1979	122.7	165.5	69.1	43.4	56.6	34.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	82.0

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	54.0	132.5	185.4	143.6	110.8	81.6	118.0
1980	124.3	164.0	69.8	43.4	55.9	33.4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	81.8



TABLE A179. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT FOUR TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	231.7	81.8	82.7	62.2	253.9	64.9	129.5
1974	30.6	41.8	216.5	269.1	19.0	10.6	270.3	128.4	120.3	36.1	216.8	43.5	115.3
1975	150.3	59.1	47.8	100.9	185.9	94.2	131.6	126.1	170.5	93.6	48.3	60.7	105.9
1976	95.4	87.4	62.7	101.3	98.2	81.3	196.6	112.5	91.4	91.3	63.0	96.4	98.1
1977	124.2	214.5	50.1	111.7	96.6	196.9	146.4	204.8	66.8	34.4	62.0	212.0	126.7
1978	93.7	65.8	396.7	111.7	59.5	45.4	169.7	209.0	92.1	47.6	43.7	179.2	126.2
1979	105.5	94.6	77.4	87.6	38.7	56.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	76.8
AVGE	100.0	93.9	141.8	130.4	83.0	80.9	191.0	143.8	100.6	60.9	114.6	109.5	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	81136.875	11	7376.078	1.509
RESIDUAL	293283.938	60	4888.063	
TOTAL	374420.813	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	202.7	108.3	110.5	66.0	151.8	60.5	116.7
1974	95.1	64.1	57.0	145.8	71.3	69.3	198.2	114.8	103.2	65.0	141.3	72.1	100.0
1975	96.7	65.3	58.3	141.6	72.0	68.6	190.4	129.2	102.6	63.3	118.0	91.5	99.8
1976	103.5	70.5	60.7	126.6	73.8	69.5	177.3	147.6	101.9	62.7	89.1	116.1	100.0
1977	105.7	76.1	65.1	114.2	73.7	67.9	169.8	162.2	99.6	62.6	65.6	136.2	99.9
1978	108.9	81.7	68.2	103.7	72.7	66.7	156.0	169.1	97.0	63.5	55.4	148.4	100.1
1979	106.8	83.2	70.2	104.1	70.4	63.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	83.0
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	164.1	172.6	95.8	63.9	50.2	154.5	116.8
1980	105.7	84.0	71.2	104.3	69.3	61.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	82.7













TABLE A186. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SIX TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	228.2	76.4	88.2	67.7	118.8	93.2	112.1
1974	101.8	56.0	61.6	102.7	29.1	79.6	278.4	144.3	143.1	78.3	47.4	81.4	100.3
1975	43.1	79.0	36.3	139.5	97.8	139.8	178.8	206.1	70.6	39.6	54.3	96.3	98.4
1976	87.3	82.5	90.8	88.6	104.5	279.0	158.4	142.0	73.2	44.2	46.6	89.5	107.2
1977	119.5	213.5	73.5	74.2	66.3	103.3	282.2	219.4	145.4	20.5	58.3	59.7	119.6
1978	30.8	104.0	45.9	110.8	97.6	120.7	141.3	240.7	125.5	21.4	21.5	110.8	97.6
1979	114.0	16.7	63.9	54.5	89.1	103.2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	73.6
AVGE	82.7	91.9	62.0	95.1	80.7	137.6	211.2	171.5	107.6	45.3	57.8	88.5	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	155887.875	11	14171.625	7.175**
RESIDUAL	118500.313	60	1975.005	
TOTAL	274388.188	71		

\*\*STABLE SEASONALITY PRESENT AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	219.6	151.2	94.7	59.7	52.4	90.8	111.4
1974	85.8	78.2	64.7	105.3	84.9	113.1	216.8	155.3	56.9	56.2	52.4	88.6	99.9
1975	86.6	81.5	63.6	103.7	84.7	113.0	207.5	167.9	101.1	49.5	50.8	87.3	99.8
1976	87.6	88.0	62.6	98.8	86.2	114.2	194.2	184.4	104.4	40.5	49.5	86.4	99.7
1977	89.8	94.3	63.7	92.5	88.5	114.5	180.9	196.3	106.8	33.8	47.6	87.7	99.7
1978	94.3	100.5	64.8	85.5	89.1	113.9	174.3	201.0	107.6	30.3	47.5	88.3	99.8
1979	98.5	103.3	65.6	81.3	87.5	111.3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	91.3

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	171.0	203.3	108.1	28.6	47.5	88.6	107.8
1980	100.6	104.7	66.1	79.2	86.7	110.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	51.2







TABLE A189. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SEVEN TO DULUTH/SUPERIOR, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	166.0	87.7	12.4	154.1	242.3	19.5	113.7
1974	25.6	139.9	48.0	62.2	73.5	403.1	86.8	94.8	103.2	106.9	106.2	104.7	112.9
1975	102.1	98.2	94.9	93.9	95.4	98.0	100.5	101.7	102.0	102.3	102.6	102.3	99.5
1976	101.2	99.5	98.1	97.6	98.2	99.2	100.2	100.6	100.5	100.4	100.5	100.4	99.7
1977	100.4	100.3	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1
1978	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1979	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.0
AVGE	88.2	106.3	90.2	92.3	94.5	150.1	108.9	97.5	86.4	110.6	125.3	87.8	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS.OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	23532.000	11	2139.273	1.053
RESIDUAL	121864.000	60	2031.067	
TOTAL	145396.000	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	104.0	95.5	102.8	105.1	104.6	103.0	102.5
1974	101.2	98.5	95.5	90.7	95.2	104.1	103.7	95.2	102.7	104.5	104.0	102.6	99.9
1975	101.1	98.7	96.1	91.8	95.9	103.8	102.6	97.7	102.1	103.4	102.9	102.0	99.8
1976	100.9	99.1	97.1	94.5	97.2	102.2	101.4	99.1	101.4	102.0	101.8	101.3	99.8
1977	100.6	99.4	98.3	97.0	98.4	100.9	100.3	100.2	100.7	100.9	100.8	100.6	99.8
1978	100.3	99.7	99.2	99.1	99.3	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.3	99.9
1979	100.1	99.9	99.6	99.5	99.6	99.7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	99.7
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	99.9	100.4	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.2
1980	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	99.8









TABLE A194. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT EIGHT TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios -

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	112.0	92.9	86.7	91.5	92.7	111.0	97.8
1974	90.2	93.5	94.8	103.1	96.1	133.8	109.8	88.0	89.7	93.1	97.2	99.3	99.0
1975	98.6	95.9	90.3	123.5	111.1	93.8	98.3	115.6	79.9	61.1	84.1	155.3	100.6
1976	119.4	99.1	101.3	58.3	106.6	112.5	79.0	57.8	84.9	114.0	94.6	111.8	94.9
1977	85.3	119.6	102.2	117.7	92.2	88.0	92.6	96.8	99.5	101.4	102.9	104.3	100.1
1978	105.1	105.0	103.5	97.8	89.0	87.6	71.6	179.0	150.5	87.1	125.4	101.4	113.6
1979	89.9	115.5	101.5	93.5	84.4	106.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	98.6
AVGE	98.1	104.4	98.9	98.9	96.6	103.7	93.9	105.0	98.5	91.3	109.5	113.8	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	2759.313	11	250.847	0.498
RESIDUAL	30195.063	60	503.251	
TOTAL	32954.375	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	102.7	97.5	85.5	93.6	92.0	108.3	95.6
1974	100.3	99.5	96.7	112.3	102.8	109.5	100.8	97.1	86.2	94.7	92.7	108.2	100.1
1975	100.1	101.2	97.6	111.6	101.3	106.9	95.7	97.9	93.1	95.6	94.7	107.5	100.1
1976	99.8	104.1	98.7	110.2	99.1	102.6	92.6	95.9	94.6	95.9	96.6	107.1	100.1
1977	100.2	106.7	100.4	107.3	96.2	93.9	88.2	101.5	99.7	95.4	98.8	106.7	100.2
1978	98.9	109.6	101.7	105.3	93.5	97.6	86.2	102.1	102.0	97.5	100.0	107.0	100.1
1979	97.6	111.1	102.5	103.8	91.5	97.2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.6

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	85.2	102.4	103.1	98.1	100.6	107.2	99.4
1980	97.0	111.9	102.9	103.0	90.5	96.9	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.4



TABLE A195. MONTHLY SEASONAL-IRREGULAR RATIOS AND SEASONAL FACTORS FOR OATS SHIPMENTS FROM CROP REPORTING DISTRICT EIGHT TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, 1973-1979

Seasonal-Irregular Ratios

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	29.4	43.7	61.7	51.0	96.4	60.5	57.1
1974	36.4	309.2	173.0	146.2	61.3	61.5	19.4	64.2	49.0	66.3	76.6	85.0	95.7
1975	95.2	78.0	101.8	167.9	25.2	183.0	118.8	60.1	13.9	12.5	176.0	68.1	91.7
1976	44.3	312.7	170.0	62.8	29.2	163.8	127.0	58.5	66.1	96.0	46.0	136.4	109.4
1977	130.3	162.0	51.7	65.6	157.8	173.2	85.6	86.3	91.2	99.1	108.5	112.4	110.3
1978	111.2	98.8	80.3	62.8	49.6	39.4	226.0	56.1	133.7	100.1	363.1	51.2	114.4
1979	14.0	159.3	163.3	47.8	26.0	14.5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	70.8
AVGE	71.9	186.7	123.4	92.2	58.2	105.9	101.0	61.5	69.3	70.8	144.4	85.6	

STABLE SEASONALITY TEST

	SUM OF SQUARES	DGRS. OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	F
BETWEEN MONTHS	96492.313	11	8772.027	2.131
RESIDUAL	246983.375	60	4116.387	
TOTAL	343475.688	71		

NO EVIDENCE OF STABLE SEASONALITY AT THE 1 PER CENT LEVEL

Seasonal Factors

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1973	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	80.4	58.1	52.6	62.6	107.4	83.4	74.1
1974	71.5	237.8	137.2	119.1	40.0	144.4	82.3	59.6	56.0	67.3	105.6	89.1	100.0
1975	77.7	224.2	128.5	111.8	40.4	138.0	96.8	61.9	64.1	74.9	105.6	93.7	101.5
1976	86.5	201.2	119.8	98.7	38.8	133.3	115.1	64.5	73.0	81.1	110.1	94.7	101.4
1977	90.7	186.9	116.7	81.3	37.9	122.5	134.6	65.7	83.2	88.2	110.9	95.8	101.2
1978	96.2	173.7	114.3	68.0	37.3	116.4	144.1	66.9	89.1	92.5	110.0	97.8	100.5
1979	98.8	170.5	112.2	61.0	39.0	109.3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	98.5

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVGE
1979	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	148.8	67.5	92.1	94.7	109.5	98.9	101.9
1980	100.2	168.9	111.2	57.4	39.9	105.8	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	97.2











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