The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, June 5, 1916)

Wheat—Last week's markets were mostly quiet, with a tendency towards lower prices throughout. There was a general lack of support from abroad, and news of favorable weather on this continent. There were two holidays in American markets, Saturday being a holiday both there and here. At the present time the large wheat stocks carried over seem to be the chief factor, regardless of all the unfavorable crop reports from the winter wheat states. For the week Winnipeg futures declined 3½c for July and 3½c for October. Trading in December futures has commenced and closing prices on Friday show December at ½c under October.

Oats—Markets here also showed a slightly weaker tone, altho the loss since a week ago was only ½c for July. May futures finished strong at 1½c over July. Cash oats are in good demand at a premium of 1c. over July values.

Barley—Prices have declined 2c. for the week. There is no trading in futures since the May futures are finished and this makes the market more uncertain for the cash article.

Flax—Markets continued the downward trend and show a loss for the week of 8½c. on the July futures, with a corresponding break in cash values.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat	May	July	Oct	Dec
May 30	113½	111½	107½	
May 31	111½	111½	108¼	
June 1		110½	107½	107½
June 2		109½	106½	105½
June 3	King's Birthday.	Holiday		
June 5		109½	106½	105½
Week ago	112½	112	108¼	
Year ago		128½	107½	108
Oats				
May 30	45½	45	39½	
May 31	46½	44½	39½	
June 1		44½	39½	
June 2		44½	39½	
June 3	King's Birthday.	Holiday		
June 5		44½	39½	
Week ago	46	44½	39½	
Year ago		54½		
Flax				
May 30	166	162½	163½	
May 31	164½	166	163	
June 1		162½	158	
June 2		160½	156	
June 3	King's Birthday.	Holiday		
June 5		160	155½	
Week ago	166½	168	163	
Year ago		163	166½	

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, June 1)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$1 16½
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 15½
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 17½
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	1 17½
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 16
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 14½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 13½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 08½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 11½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 09½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 07½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 07½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 06½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 06½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 05½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 08½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 06½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, mix	1 02½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, sackle	1 04½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, rus	1 07
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 06½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 01½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, frost	90
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car Montana	1 05½
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 4 cars, Montana	99
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1 02½
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 4 cars	1 02½
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1 06½
No. 3 corn, 1 car, mix oil	71
No. 4 corn, 1 car	67
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	37
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	36½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	69½
Sample barley, 1 car	67
Sample barley, 1 cars	68
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	68
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	67½
No. 2 feed barley, 4 cars	67
Sample barley, 3 cars	66
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	71
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1 85
No. 1 flax, 1 car dockage	1 80
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1 83
No. 1 flax, 1,000 bus. arrive	1 81½

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending Wednesday, May 31 movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Saskatoon	Wheat	19,855.00	295,279.50	1,501,447.50
"	Oats		143,460.01	450,793.07
"	Barley		4,792.04	40,857.09
"	Flax		5,925.36	117,148.37
Calgary	Wheat		47,440.00	310,559.00
"	Oats	4,954.00	78,040.00	121,427.00
"	Barley		2,392.00	3,861.00
"	Flax		1,060.00	
"	Mix'd Grain		112,840 lbs.	125,310 lbs.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, June 2—Market weak.

Spot Wheat

No. 1 hard winter	$1 52½
No. 2 red winter	1 56½
No. 1 Nor. spring, Chicago	1 52½
No. 1 Nor. blue stem	1 63½
No. 1 Nor. Manitoba	1 58½
No. 2 Nor. Manitoba	1 56½
No. 3 Nor. Manitoba	1 52½
New Argentine, Baril	1 65½
Parcels Liverpool	
No. 1 Nor. Manitoba, July-August	1 55
Parcels London	
No. 1 Manitoba Nor., June-July	1 55½
No. 1 Nor. Manitoba, July-August	1 58

Note—These prices are the values of the wheat approximately per bushel at the rate of exchange, $4.77. Rate of exchange is not furnished by Broomhall—Manitoba Free Press.

INSPECTIONS

Cars inspected at Winnipeg for the week ended May 31, 1916, were as follows:—

	This Year	Last Year
Wheat	6,354	1,686
Oats	1,795	186
Barley	137	29
Flax	154	41
Screenings	5	8
Total	8,340	1,953

Winnipeg, June 5.—There are 650 cars of grain in sight for inspection.

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, June 2, 1916.—

1916 Wheat

	This Year		Last Year	
1 hard	35,216	50	12,377	40
1 Nor.	6,184,847	10	668,527	00
2 Nor.	1,956,160	10	1,014,074	50
3 Nor.	1,666,271	30	585,121	40
No. 4	1,385,820	50	270,828	50
Others	1,954,578	30	656,691	00
This week	13,182,895	00	This week	3,235,921 00
Last week	12,595,909	40	Last week	2,739,493 40
Increase	586,985	20	Increase	496,427 20

Oats

1 C W	42,564	28	323	08
2 C W	1,937,632	05	736,296	30
3 C W	999,872	17	192,109	23
Ex. 1 Fd	259,390	30	46,156	18
Others	589,303	12	989,143	15
This week	3,829,193	25	This week	1,364,023 26
Last week	3,473,887	04	Last week	1,382,178 06
Increase	355,306	21	Decrease	18,154 14

Barley

3 C W	200,265	16	1 N W C	1,001,482 48
4 C W	195,740	13	2 C W	120,866 37
Rej.	68,491	08	3 C W	28,382 17
Feed	30,869	04	Others	33,708 31
Others	46,535	16		
This week	541,931	06	This week	1,184,440 21
Last week	587,160	27	Last week	1,069,811 24
Decrease	45,229	18	Increase	114,628 53
Last year's total	248,837	44	Last year's total	1,451,552 47

Flaxseed

1 N W C	1,001,482	48		
2 C W	120,866	37		
3 C W	28,382	17		
Others	33,708	31		
This week	1,184,440	21		
Last week	1,069,811	24		
Increase	114,628	53		
Last year's total	1,451,552	47		

SHIPMENTS

	1916—Lake	1916—Rail
Wheat	5,258,117 20	102,481 00
Oats	1,715,386 26	26,677 00
Barley	155,447 42	4,966 54
Flax		5,429 27
	1915—Lake	1915—Rail
Wheat	604,856 00	60,024 00
Oats	171,528 00	9,153 00
Barley	108,407 00	19,921 00
Flax		5,460 00

The Livestock Markets

Toronto, June 1.—One load of extra choice heavies topped the market yesterday at the record price of $10.00 per hundredweight for the full carload. They weighed 1300 pounds. Choice weighty steers changed hands at $9.45 to $9.75 and good weighty ones at $9.00 to $9.40. Butcher cows and bulls held in good demand. From $8.00-$8.50 was paid for the best with exceptionally good ones up to $8.75. Stocker trade is steady. $7.75-$8.60 is paid for good feeders and $7.00-$8.25 for good to best stockers. There is a keen demand for good milch cows. There is somewhat of a recovery in the hog market. Packers are buying more freely and paying up to $10.90 for hogs fed and watered today with an odd bunch 5 cents higher.

Winnipeg, May 31.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. reports receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards the past week as follows: Cattle, 918; calves, 138; sheep and lambs, 6; hogs, 4,442.

—Receipts of cattle at the end of last week were liberal and included a larger proportion of fat cattle than we have had for some time. Supplies were not in excess of the demand however, and prices held steady on all classes with good to choice cattle selling readily from $9.00 to $9.25. On light receipts the first of this week there was no change in the market. Stockers and feeders remain about steady. We look for cattle values to hold strong next week and think that this is a good time to market your cattle. There was a fair run of veal calves forward. Choice stuff weighing 125 to 200 lbs. bring $7.50 to $8.50; common to fair $6.00 to $7.00. There were few sheep or lambs offered during the week.

The market for hogs opened Monday this week at $10.00, with one or two lots at $10.10. Tuesday's price was $10.00 and Wednesday's the same. Our hog market has declined in sympathy with the Eastern and Western markets.

Calgary, June 3.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. reports last week's Alberta stockyards receipts as: Horses, 167; cattle, 817; hogs, 1,256; sheep, 19; and this week's to: Horses, 284; cattle, 336; hogs, 1,691; sheep, 7. Receipts this week a year ago were: Horses, 643; cattle, 356; hogs, 1,886; sheep, 9.

Outward shipments were one mixed car cattle and hogs Moose Jaw, nine cars hogs Toronto, five cars hogs Winnipeg and one car hogs Victoria.

The best price for cattle on record at Calgary ($8.40 straight) was obtained by us for a car of steers shipped by David McCuen, of Olds, 1 cow at $7.50 and 1 bull at 6 cents. These cattle weighed 17,700 at point of shipment, weighed off cars 17,020, and weighed 17,710 lbs. when weighed for sale, a yard fill of 640 lbs. This price was equal to $8.15 on the steers, $7.25 on the cow and $5.75 on the bull, weighed at Olds, all expenses paid.

We sold two cars of hogs Monday at 10 cents and had to take $9.50 for a consignment Tuesday. Salesmen held for higher prices and realized $9.65 on their hogs Thursday and $9.75 Friday. This week we handled 42 per cent. of the direct hog consignments to the Calgary yards.

We look for a steady cattle market for at least another week. Hogs may go to $9.50 again. The weather and impassible roads kept receipts back and we look for a heavy supply of hogs next week and light demand.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Friday, June 2, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1 09½	$1 15½
2 Nor. wheat	1 08½	1 10½
3 Nor. wheat	1 04½	1 06½
3 white oats	44½	38½
Barley	65	60-71
Flax, No. 1	1 58½	1 85½
Futures—		
July wheat	1 09½	1 09½
Oct. wheat	1 06 (Sept.)	1 08½
Dec. wheat	1 05½	1 09½

Country Produce

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: Prices quoted are all f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—Dairy butter is the same price as last week's quotations. The supply arriving has not been large and the cool weather is keeping down shipments from the country. In fact the whole butter season seems two weeks and more late. The output of creamery butter is also somewhat small this year due to the curtailment of cream gathering stations, and this will not likely be made up for some time at least, tho there have been several new creameries established, some in Saskatchewan and some in Manitoba. This ought to strengthen in the meantime the demand for the farmers' product, dairy butter. Fancy dairy is quoted at 21-23 cents and good round lots 17-19 cents in Winnipeg.

Eggs—Eggs are the same as last week, 21-22 cents. Continued backward cold weather is keeping up the price of these as well.

Cream—Sour cream is the same price as last week, sweet cream a cent lower. Of course the supply of sweet cream is small in comparison with sour. Creameries, however, are ready enough to buy cream this year from a distance on account of the cutting out of cream gathering stations. This should help the establishment of more local creameries and would generally tend to a higher quality of butter. There should be a larger amount of sweet cream arriving considering the coolness of the weather than there is at present which evidences a lack of care in regard to this product.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from May 30 to June 5 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
May 30	113½	111½	106½	101½	95½	90½	84½	46½	44½	44½	43½	41½	65	60	53	53	166	163	...	...
31	111½	111	106½	100½	95½	90	84	45½	44½	44½	43½	41	...	...	...	...	164½	161½	...	...
June 1	110½	109½	105½	100½	94½	89½	83½	45½	44½	44½	43½	41½	...	...	...	...	160	157½	...	...
2	109½	108½	104½	99½	93½	88	82½	45½	44½	44½	43½	41½	65	60	...	...	158½	155½	...	...
3					KING'S		BIRTHDAY				HOLIDAY									
5	109½	108½	104½	99½	93½	88½	82½	45½	44½	44½	43½	41½	65	60	53	53	158½	155½	...	...
Week ago	112½	111	106½	102	96	89½	83½	45½	44½	44½	43½	41½	...	...	...	...	116½	163	...	...
Year ago	128	126½	122½	118½	112	107		53½	51½	51½							161½	158½	...	...

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg June 1	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto June 1	Calgary June 3	Chicago June 1	St. Paul June 2
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers			9 25-9 75		10 40-10 90	8 75-9 25
Best butcher steers	8 75-9 25	8 40-8 75	8 75-9 25	8 00-8 15	9 50-10 40	8 00-8 75
Fair to good butcher steers	8 00-8 50	7 50-8 25	8 25-8 75	7 25-7 75	9 00-9 50	7 00-8 00
Good to choice fat cows	6 75-7 50	6 50-7 00	7 75-8 50	8 50-7 00	8 25-9 25	7 75-8 50
Medium to good cows	5 50-6 50	5 25-5 75	7 25-7 75	6 00-6 50	7 00-8 25	6 75-7 50
Common cows	4 00-5 25	4 25-4 75	6 50-7 25	4 75-6 00	5 40-6 90	5 75-6 75
Canners	2 50-3 75		5 00-5 75	2 50-3 50	3 75-5 25	4 00-5 00
Good to choice heifers	7 50-8 50	7 15-7 75	8 00-9 00	7 00-7 50	8 40-10 00	7 50-8 50
Fair to good heifers	6 50-7 25	6 50-7 15	7 75-8 50	6 25-7 00	8 75-9 40	7 00-7 50
Best cows	5 75-7 00			6 00-6 25		
Best butcher bulls	6 00-7 00	6 00-6 50	8 00-8 50	5 50-6 25	8 00-9 00	6 75-7 50
Common to bologna bulls	4 50-5 50	4 50-5 00	6 15-6 75	4 50-5 50	5 75-7 50	6 00-7 00
Best stocker steers	6 75-7 25	6 50-6 75	7 75-8 50	6 25-6 80	7 75-8 25	7 00-7 25
Fair stocker steers	6 50-7 00	6 25-6 50	6 75-7 50		7 50-8 00	6 50-7 00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$70-$85	$80-$115	$75-$85		$65-$80
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$50-$60	$60-$75	$55-$65		$45-$60
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$10 00	$8 65	$10 75	89 50	$9 55-$9 70	$9 15-$9 25
Lights	$9 75-10 00		$10 25		10 00-$9 40	$8 25
Heavy sows	$8 50-$9 00	$6 25	$8 25		$8 75-$9 20	
Stags	$6 50-$7 50	$4 75			$8 75-$9 40	
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	$9 00-$9 75	$7 50-$8 00	$9 00-12 00	$10 50	10 00-$9 35	$8 75-$9 75
Best killing sheep	$6 75-$7 50	$6 50-$7 00	$8 50-10 50	$9 50-10 50	$7 75-$8 25	$5 00-$5 00

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg June 5	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary May 26	Saskatoon May 26	Regina May 25	Brandon May 26
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	21c-23c	18c-20c			27c	27c
No. 1 dairy	20c	18c	27½c-30c	25c	25c	26c
Good round lots	17c-19c	16c-17c	25c	20c-23c	23c	25c
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling				22½c		
New laid	21c-22c	11½c-16½c	22½c-25c	25c	30	25c
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	60c-70c	50c-55c	70c	75c-85c	75c	75c
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	32	30c	35c-35c		35	35c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	26c	24c	30c-32c		28-30	32c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)		$2 00	50c per lb. of butter-fat		65c lb. B.F.	$2 50
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	17c	20c	24c	20c-22c	25c	20c
Fowl	13c-14c	15c	20c	18c-20c	22c	15c
Ducks	14c			15c		
Geese	14c			15c		
Turkeys	18c		25c	25c	25c	20c
Hay (per ton)						
No. 2 Red Top	$15-$16	No. 1's		No. 1's	No. 1's	
No. 2 Upland	$13-$15	$14	$9	$12	$11	$12
No. 2 Timothy	$17-$19	$21	$14	$14	$14	
No. 2 Mixed	$12-$14	$13		$10		
Clover and Timothy	$15-$17					