

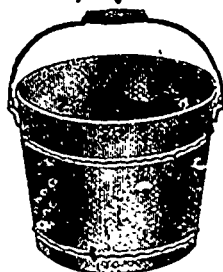
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The wheat market on Monday was marked by a nervous feeling and weather probabilities were anxiously watched. Cables were stronger and Liverpool and London were higher on decreasing supplies, which unsettled the bear element somewhat, although weather reports were of a better character. Provisions were slow. Closing prices were as follows:

	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	80	77½	75½	75½
Corn.....	35½	35½	35½	35½
Oats.....	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork.....	11.67½	11.70	11.77½	11.85
Lard.....	6.50	6.55	6.62½	6.70
Short Ribs.....	5.82½	5.52½	5.50	5.97½

Tuesday was a busy day on the board and excitement ran high at times. Weather reports were of the most gloomy character especially from the northwestern States, where orders for agricultural implements were being canceled right and left. From the east and Kansas also the damage done was reported large. Wheat advanced 2½ over yesterday closing and was strong at the close. Other cereals were in sympathy. Provisions made a substantial advance. Closing prices were as follows:

	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	82	80½	77½	77½
Corn.....	35½	35½	35½	35½
Oats.....	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork.....	11.85	11.87½	11.95	12.02½
Lard.....	6.55	6.60	6.70	6.77½
Short Ribs.....	5.92	—	6.02½	6.07½

There was another improved turn in the wheat market Wednesday, and cash buyers were busy. July opened at \$1 and with fractional declines got a strong lead on the reaction and was advanced to \$3c. Foreign markets were strong. Provisions also advanced materially. Closing prices were as follows:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	83	81½	79½	79½
Corn.....	35½	35½	35½	35½
Oats.....	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork.....	11.90	11.92½	12.00	12.07½
Lard.....	6.57½	6.62½	6.72½	6.80
Short Ribs.....	6.00	6.00	6.05	6.12½

On Thursday there was a weaker feeling in the wheat market, the demand being light, shorts covering on the bulge of yesterday. Several attempts to hoist prices did not materialize and at the close were weak. Provisions were active and strong early in the session, but eased off. Closing figures were as follows:

	June	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	\$1½-2	79½	77½	78½
Corn.....	35	35	35½	35½
Oats.....	—	—	—	—
Pork.....	11.85 90	11.82½	11.92½	11.97
Lard.....	6.62½	6.62½	6.72½	6.80
Short Ribs.....	—	—	—	—

On Friday there was a sharp advance in all futures, and the feeling was strong until the close. There was considerable nervousness throughout the day although considerable speculation was done. Closing figures were as follows:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat.....	\$1½	80½	79	79½
Corn.....	35	34½	35½	35½
Oats.....	—	—	—	—
Pork.....	11.55	11.75	11.85	11.92½
Short Ribs.....	6.57½	6.57½	6.77½	6.75

The Crops.

The reports during the week on the state of the crops throughout the Northwest have been rather conflicting, but none are too encouraging. The drought of the past few weeks has undoubtedly done bad work to grain of all kinds. Early wheat has not suffered so severely, as it got a good start with the May rains, and now it is short and stunted in the straw, although where good sound seed has been sown, it invariably has a fairly good stand, but where damaged seed was used the stand is thin and promise a light yield. Late wheat where it has been sown broadcast has fared very badly, and some fields will not much more than pay the trouble and expense of harvesting and thrashing. This is very marked where broadcast sowing has been done, and done on spring plowing, in such fields the prospect is exceedingly poor. The bulk of the sowing done with

the drill, and put deep into the ground now promises results as good if not better than the early wheat, for what it has lost in time it has more than gained by missing the frosts of May. The barley and oat crops have made but poor headway. The early sowing got nipped badly with the May frosts, and is very thin in stand, while late broadcast sowing is even worse, and in some instances only strong kinds of seed have come up owing to the drought. Where the drill has been used in late sowing of these grains the prospect is good for a crop not much below an average one, but this includes only a small proportion of the crop.

As might be expected some districts have been more fortunate than others. In the central and western portions of Assiniboia, and the northwestern portion of Manitoba there has been a more liberal rainfall, and a prospect of nearly an average crop is the result. Grain raising in these districts however is not on a large scale. The southwestern districts and the Red River Valley have suffered badly, while the central has big streaks where the prospect is fairly good. Until the last two days of the week matters looked serious, but on Friday and Saturday good warm rains were general over all the driest parts of the province, and matters are now greatly improved. Still at best the wheat yield cannot reach any way near to an average, and a half average of barley and oats is the best that can be expected under the most favorable circumstances. The harvest promises to come early, and the grain in good condition however. The hay crop is a decided failure this season.

A. H. GILBERT, general superintendent Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., of Toronto, has arrived here in the interests of the company.

Mr. W. R. McArthur, manager for Messrs. Stobart Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, returned home last week from a three months purchasing tour in Europe, and is now moving around seemingly none the worse for his long trip.