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Markets

Department of Agriculture, Live
Markets Intelligence Division

Top Price Good Calves	Same	Week
Week	Week	Week
May 13	1919	May 6
10.00	17.50	22.00
11.00	12.00	17.25
12.00	12.00	17.25
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Top Price Selects	Same	Week
Week	Week	Week
May 13	1919	May 6
10.00	20.00	20.00
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ranging from \$20 for lots containing an odd young sow and a few heavies, to \$21 for selected lots of medium weight hogs suitable for local trade. Sows that were not sold in mixed lots were most generally weighed out at \$4 below selects, with an odd sale at \$3 less. Stags were, in most cases, \$7 lower than selects.

Pr. St. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to May 6, inclusive, were 9,830 cattle, 20,473 calves, 20,417 hogs and 5,125 sheep; compared with 11,331 cattle, 24,928 calves, 23,431 hogs and 5,707 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

East End.—The total receipts from January 1 to May 6, inclusive, were 11,815 cattle, 18,481 calves, 13,646 hogs and 4,336 sheep; compared with 13,683 cattle, 17,023 calves, 13,007 hogs and 6,021 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Toronto Produce.

Breadstuffs.

Manitoba Wheat.—(In store Ft. William.) No. 1 northern, \$2.80; No. 2, northern, \$2.77; No. 3 northern, \$2.73.

Manitoba Oats.—(In store, Ft. William.) No. 2 C.W., \$1.18; No. 3, C.W., \$1.15; extra No. 1 feed, \$1.15; No. 1 feed, \$1.13; No. 2 feed, \$1.10½.

Manitoba Barley.—(In store, Fort William.) No. 3, C.W., \$1.82; No. 4, C.W., \$1.67; rejected, \$1.63; feed, \$1.62½.

Ontario Wheat.—f.o.b. shipping points, according to freight)—No. 1 winter, per car lot, \$2 to \$2.01; No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$1.98 to \$2.01; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$1.92 to \$1.93; No. 1 spring, per car lot, \$2.02 to \$2.03; No. 2 spring, per car lot, \$1.98 to \$2.01; No. 3 spring, per car lot, \$1.95 to \$2.01.

American Corn.—(Track, Toronto, prompt shipment.) No. 3 yellow, \$2.30, nominal.

Ontario Oats.—(According to freights outside)—No. 3 white, \$1.05 to \$1.07.

Buckwheat.—(According to freights outside)—\$1.75 to \$1.80.

Rye.—(According to freight outside)—No. 3, \$2.20 to \$2.25.

Peas.—(According to freight outside)—No. 2, \$3.

Barley.—(According to freights outside)—Malting, \$1.87 to \$1.89.

Manitoba Flour.—Government standard, \$14.85, Toronto.

Ontario Flour.—(In jute bags, prompt shipment)—Government standard, nominal, Montreal and Toronto.

Millfeed.—Car lots, delivered, Montreal freights, (bags included)—Bran, per ton, \$54; shorts, per ton, \$61; good feed flour, per bag, \$3.75 to \$4.

Hay.—(Track, Toronto)—No. 1, per ton, \$30 to \$31; mixed, per ton, \$25.

Straw.—(Track, Toronto)—Car lots, per ton, \$16 to \$17.

Hides and Skins.

Hides f.o.b. country points.—Beef hides flat cured, 12c. to 20c.; green hides, 24c. to 26c.; deacon or bob calf, \$1.50 to \$2; horsehides, country take-off, \$8 to \$9; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$3.50; yearling lambs, \$1.50 to \$2.50; horse hair, farmers' stock, 42c. to 45c.

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green flats, 22c.; calf skins, green flats, 40c.; veal kip, 25c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$8 to \$10.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids in barrels 15c. to 17c.; country solids in barrels, No. 1, 12c. to 15c.; cakes No. 1, 15c. to 17c.

Farm Produce.

Butter.—Butter showed a weakening tendency, declining slightly in price and selling as follows, wholesale: Fresh-made creamery squares, 65c. to 66c. per lb.; creamery solids at 63c. to 64c. per lb.; cut solids at 64c. to 68c. per lb.; and choice dairy at 55c. to 60c. per lb.

Eggs.—New-laid eggs kept practically stationary, selling at 53c. to 54c. per doz., wholesale.

Cheese.—Cheese advanced and was quite firm at 34c. per lb. for the old, and 32c. per lb. for the new, wholesale.

Maple Syrup.—Receipts are light and prices vary from \$3 to \$3.50 per Imperial gallon, wholesale.

Poultry.—Receipts continue to be light and prices firm. The following prices being quoted for live weight and dressed varieties to the producer. Live weight prices—Chickens, 30c. per lb.; chickens, milk-fed, 35c. per lb.; ducklings, 40c. per lb.; hens, under 4 lbs., 32c. per lb.; hens, 4 to 5 lbs., 37c. per lb.; hens, over 5 lbs., 40c. per lb.; roosters, 25c. per lb.; Guinea hens, per pair, \$1.25.

Dressed.—Chickens, young, 35c. per lb.; chickens, milk-fed, 40c. per lb.; ducklings, 40c. per lb.; hens, under 5 lbs., 37c. per lb.; hens, over 5 lbs., 38c. per lb.; turkeys, 45c. per lb.; roosters, 25c. per lb. Guinea hens, \$1.50 per pair.

Montreal.

Horses.—The demand for carter purposes incident to the opening of navigation, is now pretty well over, but dealers are still shipping occasionally to farmers to fill requirements for spring crop work. Otherwise, practically no business is being done in horses. Prices held steady, as follows: Heavy draft, weighing 1,500 to 1,600 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs. \$200 to \$250 each; light horses, \$150 to \$200 each; inferior animals, \$75 to \$125 each; good saddle and carriage horses, \$170 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs were unchanged again last week at 29½ to 30 cents per lb. for city abattoir, fresh-killed stock and trade in them was on the dull side.

Potatoes.—Supplies of potatoes are growing somewhat smaller and it looks as though before the new crop comes in there will be a scarcity. Present prices are high, however, and this will tend to restrict consumptions. Quotations were \$5.50 to \$5.65 per bag of 90 lbs. for car lots of Quebec White potatoes, ex-track, while \$6 was being charged ex-store in smaller lots.

Maple Products.—The market for maple syrup was not active buyers having filled their requirements for the time being. Prices showed little change, being \$2.75 per gal. tin. Maple sugar was in light demand, at 27c to 30c. per lb.

Eggs.—Practically no change took place in the market for eggs during the week. Supplies are large and quality good and the eggs are being stored. Selected, fresh eggs were quoted at 58c. No. 1 fresh at 55c. and No. 2 at 50c.

Butter.—The tendency of prices for creamery is downward but very little change took place during the week. Pasteurized creamery was 56½c. to 57c.; finest creamery, 55½c. to 56c. and fine 54½c. to 55c. in a wholesale way.

Cheese.—The market was firm with cheese for local consumption quoted at 29½c. to 30c., and with country boards as high as 31c.

Grain.—Little change has taken place in the price of oats. No. 2 Canadian Western was \$1.29½; No. 3 and extra No. 1 feed, \$1.26½; No. 1 feed, \$1.25; No. 2 feed, \$1.22½; tough, No. 2, Canadian Western, \$1.26½; tough, No. 3, \$1.24½, ex-store.

Flour.—Prices are steady at their recent advance. Manitoba spring wheat flour was \$14.85 per bbl., in jute bags, ex-track, with 10c. off for spot cash. Montreal freights and to city bakers. Ontario winter wheat was \$13.85 per bbl. in used jute bags, ex-track. White corn flour was steady at \$11 to \$11.10 in jute, delivered.

Millfeed.—Prices are firm and sales of bran were taking place in broken lots, with mixed lots of flour, at \$57, and shorts at \$65, while without flour the price was \$6 to \$7 higher. Cornmeal, was \$95; pure barley meal \$82; mixed grain mouille, \$85, and dairy feed \$82, including bags, delivered.

Baled Hay.—The market was quiet with No. 2 timothy \$31 to \$32; No. 3, \$29 to \$30 and clover and clover mixed \$27 to \$28, ex-track.

Hay Seed.—The season is nearly over. Prices f. o. b. Montreal, were: Timothy, 17c. to 21c. per pound; red clover, 60c. to 70c.; sweet clover, 40c. to 45c.; alsike 65c. to 75c.; alfalfa 55c. to 60c. per pound.

Hides and Skins.—Steer and cow hides were 27c. per lb.; bull hides, 22c.; calves, 43c. to 45c.; kips, 25c. per lb.; sheep skins were \$3.35 each; clips, 50c. each; spring lambs, 50c. and horse hides, \$10 to \$11 each.

Cheese Markets.

Montreal, finest easterns, 30c. to 31c.; Belleville, 30.9-16c.; St. Haycinthe, 30c.; London, 29c. bid, no sales; Cornwall, 30½c.; Napanee, 30.15-16; Iroquois, 30½c.; New York, whole milk flats 30½c.; held colored and white specials, 31c. to 32c.; average run, 30c.; State whole milk flats, current make, white and colored specials 28c. to 29c.; average run, 26c. to 27½c.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Receipts were only moderate at Buffalo the past week, and the runs included a liberal proportion of steers on the shipping order, quite a number of loads running to the heavy, prime kinds, for which there was a very weak outlet, prices showing a decline, as compared with the previous week, of a full half dollar and better and even at the take-off, some of these grades were left over at the end of the week. Market was just the reverse on butchering grades, these finding ready sale at a quarter to half advance, and more of the good handy and light cattle were wanted. The season of the year is approaching when the lighter grades are shown preference over the heavier steers. Very little trading was done on stockers and feeders. Bulls of all kinds and fat cows sold higher, while an improved market was had on milk cows and springers. Offerings for the week totaled 2,975 head, as against 2,225 head for the previous week, and as compared with 4,375 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers, Natives.—Plain, \$10.50 to \$11.

Shipping Steers, Canadians.—Best heavy, \$11.50 to \$12; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11; medium weight, \$10.75 to \$11; common and plain, \$10 to \$10.50.

Butchering Steers.—Yearlings, good to prime, \$12.50 to \$13.25; choice heavy, \$11.50 to \$12; best handy, \$12.25 to \$13.25; fair to good, \$11.50 to \$12; light and common, \$9 to \$10.

Cows and Heifers.—Heavy heifers, \$10 to \$10.50; best butchering heifers, \$9.50 to \$10; good butchering heifers, \$9 to \$9.25; fair butchering heifers, \$7.75 to \$8.50; light, common, \$6 to \$7; very fancy fat cows, \$10 to \$10.50; best heavy fat cows, \$9 to \$9.50; medium to good, \$7.50 to \$8.50; cutters, \$5.50 to \$6; canners, good, \$4.50 to \$5; old rims, \$4 to \$4.50.

Hogs.—Market was a little erratic again last week. Monday order buyers paid up to \$16.25 for some sorted light hogs, while packers made their buy of handy grades at \$16, heavies sold at \$15 and \$15.25, and pigs landed largely at \$16. By Friday heavies moved at \$14.75, mixed grades and pigs landed at \$15.75, and some sorted Yorkers went to outside buyers at \$16. Receipts for the past week were 23,500 head, as compared with 13,811 head for the week before, and 23,400 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Market on choice stuff was quite active all of the past week, while trade on common and in-between kinds was very slow. Monday best wool lambs sold at \$21, with best clips \$10 and \$19.25; Tuesday no wool lambs were offered and best clips ranged from \$18.75 to \$19; Wednesday and Thursday top shorn lambs landed at \$18.50, few \$18.75, with best wool grades selling at \$20, and Friday the best shorn lambs brought from \$18.50 to \$19, with one load up to \$19.25. Cull shorn lambs ranged from \$13.50 down, skips going as low as \$8. The week opened with sheep selling steady, but by the end of the week prices on these were off a quarter to fifty cents. Friday the top for shorn wether sheep was \$14.25, and best clipped ewes sold from \$12.50 to \$13. Receipts for the past week totaled 17,300 head, being against 12,305 head for the week preceding and 15,400 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—The past week opened with a few veals bringing up to \$15.75, but the bulk of the tops had to go at \$15. Tuesday and Wednesday the majority again sold at \$15; Thursday the best brought from \$15 to \$15.50, and Friday tops reached up to \$16 and \$16.75. The week's receipts were 7,550 head, as compared with 4,968 head for the week before and 7,150 head for the same week a year ago.

Monday's Live-Stock Markets.

Montreal, May 17.—Cattle receipts, 682. Although there was a light run of cattle on the two markets, sales were slow. On Saturday a load of cattle averaging 1,115 pounds per head was sold for \$15.90. On Monday morning some very fair steers sold for \$13.25 to \$14, but buyers have refused to pay the prices asked for the best loads. A large percentage of the offering was made up of

eastern bulls which sold in car lots at about \$10.25 per hundred. Very common bulls sold around \$8.50 to \$9 and an odd choice bull up to \$13. The top for good cows was \$12.50; canners and cutters from \$5 to \$7 and common cows from this up to \$9.50. Quotations: Butchers steers, choice, \$15 to \$15.90; good, \$13 to \$15; medium \$12 to \$13; common \$10 to \$12. Butcher heifers, choice, \$12 to \$14; medium, \$11 to \$12; common \$8 to \$10.50. Butchers cows \$10.50 to \$12.50; medium, \$7.50 to \$10.50. Canners \$5 to \$5.50. Cutters, \$6 to \$7. Butcher bulls, good, \$10.50 to \$13; common, \$8.50 to \$10.25. Calf receipts totaled 1,444. The calf market looked stronger and sellers were looking for fair lots to sell around \$12.

Sheep—Receipts, 286. Spring lambs were quoted at \$10 to \$14 each; ewes, \$11 to \$12.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 884. The most general price quoted for hogs was \$20.75 off car weights. Selected hogs of medium weight sold up to \$21. Quotations, off car weights were: Selects, \$20.75 to \$21; sows, \$16.75 to \$17.

Toronto, May 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,200. Included in the offering were many good, choice cattle. Trade was scarcely as brisk as at the close of last week and heavy cattle sold 25 to 40 cents lower, with handyweight butcher steers and heifers being quoted steady to a quarter lower. Cows and bulls were steady. A few baby beef steers sold at \$16 per cwt., one of 1,100 lbs. bringing this price, with a pair of heavy steers of 1,400 lbs. each at \$15.25; eight head of equal weight also went at \$15. A load of choice butchers averaging 950 lbs. sold at \$14.80, and another heavy load at \$14.75. The bulk of the butcher class moved at \$13.25 to \$14.25. Choice cows sold up to \$13.25, with best bulls selling at \$12, but the bulk in both classes sold at \$10.50 to \$12. Quotations: Heavy steers, \$14.50 to \$15.25; butchers, choice, \$14 to \$14.80; good, \$13 to \$13.75; medium, \$11.50 to \$12.50. Cows, choice, \$12.50 to \$13.25; good, \$11 to \$12; medium, \$9 to \$10.50; canners, \$5 to \$7. Bulls, choice, \$11.50 to \$13; medium, \$10 to \$11; common, \$8 to \$9. Calf receipts totaled 800. There was a strong market in calves and values were one to two dollars higher. A few calves sold up to \$17, with most of the sales at \$14 to \$14.50. Sheep receipts totaled 270. Sheep were easier; spring lambs were steady, selling at \$10 to \$18. Ewes sold at \$10 to \$15.50, and yearlings at \$15 to \$17.50.

Hog receipts totaled 2,600. The market was firm with select hogs selling at \$20.25 to \$20.50, fed and watered, nearly all sales being made at the latter figure.

Buffalo, May 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,800, including 40 cars of shipping steers. On shipping steers prices were 50 cents lower with butcher grades 25 cents off. Hogs—Receipts, 13,000. Quotations: Light, generally, \$15; heavies, \$14.25 to \$14.50. Sheep—Receipts, 800. Best clipped lambs were \$18.50 to \$19. Best ewes were \$12 to \$13. Calves—Tops, \$16 to \$16.50.

Gossip.

Sale Dates.