

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, April 15, 1915)

Wheat—A good general trade and more active, excited market this week, fluctuations covering wider ranges. The late tone was fairly steady with final figures showing the May up 7 cents, the July 84 cents, and the new crop month October 61 cents. The situation at the outset was strong and values rapidly worked higher. There was some covering by a few "shorts," who did not look for an immediate higher range of prices, and the fact that cash prices were weak did not have much effect on the buying demand. Foreign markets were stronger in tone and the statistics from the other side quite "bullish." As the week advanced the tone from Liverpool was not so strong, but the buying of Chicago July by houses with seaboard connections was a leading feature and some large advances there were registered. This, in turn, also tended to influence local temper. The lighter American shipments, with a falling off in the percentage of the total destined to the United Kingdom, and increased enquiry from importing countries there, helped the Liverpool market somewhat. Another report was in circulation that the Argentine new crop arriving in Italy was rejected in some instances by millers there, and this also proved an indirect "bull" help. The cash demand during the last week has only ruled fair, in spite of the fact that the opening of navigation was almost at hand. Much better premiums were paid for cash wheat for the opening of navigation delivery a month ago, but elevators apparently have been heavy shippers, with the result that considerably more cash wheat than was expected was offered.

Oats—Business the past week was fair and the undertone in this grain was firm, in sympathy with the sharp advance in wheat, as well as stronger coarse grain market in Chicago. At the close today the May was up 24 cents, and the July 24 cents, with the cash market considerably better and prices up 24 cents to 34 cents.

Barley—The demand for this grain has been ruling very poor, and altho buyers come into the market for the low grades at 65 cents, so far no interest has been shown in the No. 3 and No. 4, with the result that they are practically unsaleable at the present time.

Flax—A stronger market has prevailed here during the past week and while trade was of smaller proportions, the general undertone has been quite firm, partly due to strength in Duluth, and at the close today the May is up 44 cents and the July 44 cents.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat	May	July	Oct.
April 13	153 1/2	150 1/2	115 1/2
April 14	156 1/2	153 1/2	118 1/2
April 15	157 1/2	155 1/2	119 1/2
April 16	158 1/2	156 1/2	119 1/2
April 17	158 1/2	157 1/2	121 1/2
April 19	161 1/2	160 1/2	124 1/2
Oats			
April 13	64	64 1/2	
April 14	64 1/2	64 1/2	
April 15	64 1/2	65	
April 16	65 1/2	65 1/2	
April 17	65 1/2	66 1/2	
April 19	66 1/2	66 1/2	
Flax			
April 13	176 1/2	179 1/2	
April 14	177 1/2	180 1/2	
April 15	177 1/2	181	
April 16	179 1/2	182 1/2	
April 17	179 1/2	182 1/2	
April 19	180	183	186 1/2

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, April 17)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	\$1.64 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,400 bu., to arrive	1.60 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.60 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.60 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.61 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, sample sale	1.58
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.52 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.57 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.53 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.58 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.58
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, transit	1.58 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, bulk head	1.57 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.48 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.50 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smut	1.56 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.53 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.50
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.49 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.57
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.46
Timothy, 25 sacks	3.50
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.37 1/2
No. 4 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.33 1/2
No. 4 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.25 1/2
Wheat screenings, 1 car, per ton	15.50
Wheat screenings, sample, to arr., per ton	18.00
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, frost	1.50
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.36 1/2
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.38 1/2

No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.42
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.39
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.35 1/2
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.68 1/2
No. 3 durum wheat, 2 cars	1.54 1/2
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.71
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.55 1/2
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	72 1/2
Sample grade corn, 1 car	70 1/2
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	72 1/2
No. 3 corn, 1 car, mixed	71 1/2
No. 2 corn, 2 cars, mixed	72 1/2
No. 3 corn, 2 cars, to arrive	71 1/2
No. 4 yellow corn, 2 cars, f.o.b.	71 1/2
No. 4 corn, 2 cars, mixed	70 1/2
Sample barley, 2 cars	72 1/2
Sample barley, 1 car	73 1/2
Sample barley, 5 cars	74 1/2
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	69 1/2
No. 1 feed barley, part car	71 1/2
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	74 1/2
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	73 1/2
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	71 1/2
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	72 1/2
No. 1 flax, 2 cars	1.94 1/2
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	1.94 1/2
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.94 1/2

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, April 17.—Wheat, steady, business light. Increased interest in new crop deliveries, spot unchanged; Plate offered at 14 decline; talk of larger world's shipments; continental markets strong. Corn 1/2 to 1d higher, with very unfavorable weather in Argentine.

Argentine—The prolonged wet spell is seriously interfering with deliveries of all grain and seed, and the forecast is for bad weather. Export demand is unprecedented for all grain and seed.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, April 17.—Hog receipts, 6,000; steady to 5 cents higher. Bulk, \$7.25 to \$7.50; light, \$7.20 to \$7.65; mixed, \$7.15 to \$7.65; heavy, \$6.85 to \$7.45; rough, \$6.85 to \$7.05; pigs, \$6.75 to \$7.00.

Cattle receipts, 100; steady. Native beef steers, \$6.20 to \$8.55; western steers, \$5.65 to \$7.50; cows and heifers, \$2.90 to \$8.20; calves, \$5.75 to \$8.25.

Sheep receipts, 1,000; weak. Sheep, \$7.50 to \$8.60; lambs, \$8.00 to \$10.65.

Absence of any considerable left-over supply from last night resulted today in higher prices for hogs. No trading worth mention was done at

the cattle pens. Most of the sheep and lambs went direct to killers.

ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, April 17.—Receipts today were: 220 cattle, 700 hogs, and 300 sheep. Prices for killing cattle ranged from, for steers, \$4.50 to \$7.60; cows and heifers, \$4.50 to \$6.50; canners, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bulls, \$3.50 to \$5.50; cutters, \$4.00 to \$4.35; veal calves, \$3.75 to \$7.50. Market steady; veal calves steady. Stockers and Feeders—Feeding steers, 900 to 1,100 lbs., \$5.50 to \$7.25; stock steers, 500 to 900 lbs., \$4.75 to \$7.00; stock cows and heifers, \$4.25 to \$6.75; stock bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.75. Market steady. Hogs—Prices ranged from \$6.75 to \$7.30, with a bulk price of \$7.25. Market steady. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$4.00 to \$9.85; yearlings, \$6.00 to \$8.25; bucks, \$4.00 to \$5.50; wethers, \$5.25 to \$7.75; ewes, \$4.00 to \$7.50. Sheep and lambs strong.

CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Calgary, April 17.—Receipts for this week at the Alberta stockyards, Calgary, were as follows: 317 horses, 336 cattle, 2,241 hogs, and no sheep; while last week's receipts were: 253 horses, 479 cattle, 2,057 hogs, and no sheep.

Shipments Westward—Eight cars of cattle and three cars of hogs. Shipments Eastward—Sixteen cars of hogs and no cattle. Beef Steers and Butcher Stock—Messrs. Heyer and James, of Carstairs, marketed a carload of extra choice steers thru us, tops bringing \$7.60, fed and watered, here. Choice beef cows brought \$6.75. Bulls and oxen steady. Stockers and Feeders—Country enquiry has lessened on account of spring work on the land. However, we look for renewed activity in the stocker and feeder trade as the season advances. Fair yearlings on this market are bringing \$34, and two-year-olds \$45 up. Stock cows, \$55 to \$65. Hogs brought \$8.25, weighed off cars. We handled two cars from Red Deer, three from Crossfield and one from Airdrie, including a special load from O. E. Coffin, Crossfield. We do not advise shippers to buy on this basis, however, as Friday's market was strong on account of buyers being able to ship out with a minimum feeding expense. Sheep—Ewes and lambs or ewes in lamb, \$8.00 to \$9.00; fat wethers, ewes and lambs at \$8.00, \$7.25 and \$8.00 to \$8.50, respectively. Steers, choice export, \$7.00 to \$7.60; butcher, \$6.50 to \$7.00. Heifers, common to choice heavy, \$5.75 to \$6.75. Cows, choice, \$5.50 to \$6.75; common, \$4.50 to \$5.50; canner, \$1.75 to \$3.00. Stags, \$4.75 to \$6.00. Oxen, thin to very choice, \$4.25 to \$5.00. Bulls, \$4.25 to \$5.50. Veal calves, 400 to 500 lbs., \$6.00; 200 to 400 lbs., \$6.50 to \$7.00. Feeding steers and heifers, \$5.75 to \$6.25. Springers, choice, \$6.50 to \$8.00; common, \$6.00 to \$6.50. Hogs, \$8.10 to \$8.25 for select, weighed off cars.

(These prices are quoted by the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, Limited—Livestock Department.)

Winnipeg Livestock

Stockyard Receipts

There have been received at the Union stockyards during the past week 1,131 cattle, 100 calves, 6,873 hogs, and no sheep.

Cattle

Altho receipts of cattle at the yards during the week under review have been much heavier than for a similar previous period, the bulk were stockers consigned thru for Southern points. The demand is good for choice cattle, Saturday's market being particularly strong for the small offerings. The top beasts reach 8 cents, with best heifers selling at from \$6.50 to \$7.00. Best

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, April 17, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.58 1/2	\$1.61 1/2
2 Nor. wheat	1.57 1/2	1.58 1/2
3 Nor. wheat	1.44 1/2	1.56
No. 3 yellow corn		.73
3 white oats	.68 1/2	.55 1/2
Barley	.63	.68
Flax, No. 1	1.78 1/2	1.97
Futures		
May wheat	1.58 1/2	1.55 1/2
July wheat	1.57 1/2	1.52 1/2
Oct. wheat	1.41 1/2	1.19
Winnipeg Chicago		
Beef Cattle, top	\$7.80	\$8.55
Hogs, top	8.25	7.50
Sheep, yearlings	6.50	8.60

cows are from \$6.00 to \$6.50, with a few extra good ones a little higher. The medium and common grades sold about steady at last week's prices. There seems to be reason for believing that good butcher cattle will continue at about the same good prices, with a probability of an advance in the future. There are very few stockers and feeders on the market at present, but the demand is good and such classes of stock will bring good returns if sold just now. Good well bred yearling and two-year-old steers will sell at from \$6.00 to \$6.50, with heifers from \$5.50 to \$5.75. There are not many fresh cows coming in, but good cows with calf and close up springers can be sold at from \$6.50 to \$8.00 each. Choice veals are selling at from 8 to 8 1/2 cents per pound.

Hogs

The hog market has been good all week. There has been a tendency to higher prices and on Saturday hogs were selling at \$8.25. Supplies were lower this week and with a rise in Southern markets, coupled with good Eastern demand, there is no reason to expect any heavy decrease in prices for the coming week. Shop hogs weighing from 100 to 140 pounds are from \$6.00 to \$6.50; under a hundred pounds, 5 to 5 1/2 cents; sows, 5 1/2 to 6 cents, and stags, 4 1/2 cents per pound.

Sheep and Lambs

There are no sheep or lambs coming into the yards at present, but the best yearling lambs would sell at \$7.50 to \$8.00, with best sheep at \$6.50.

Country Produce

Note.—Quotations are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are l.o.b. point of shipment.

Butter

There is scarcely any change in the general produce market this week. Butter is a little stronger in selling price, but not sufficiently to warrant any advance in prices just now. Dealers are offering 28 to 30 cents per pound for fancy dairy butter, 25 cents per pound for No. 1 dairy, and good round lots 18 to 20 cents per pound.

Eggs

Eggs are just as plentiful as ever in spite of the fact that a great many must be used for hatching purposes. Anyone wishing to get a good price for eggs saved over until next fall should read the article on "Mother's Hens," on another page in this issue. Eggs are retailing at 20 cents per dozen in the city and dealers are offering 16 to 17 cents per dozen this week.

Potatoes

The potato situation has not changed. Dealers are offering from 30 to 35 cents per bushel for potatoes this week.

Milk and Cream

Supplies of cream are getting short. Butter is also a good price and hence the price for cream has raised somewhat. Sweet cream is worth 36 cents per pound of butterfat, and sour cream 33 cents per pound. Milk is worth the same, namely, \$2.00 per hundred pounds.

Dressed Poultry

Care should be taken in shipping dressed poultry from now on that the shipment be not more than 10 to 12 hours on the road. For a few weeks yet properly dressed poultry can be received advantageously at the following prices: Chickens, 18 to 20 cents, and roosters, 15 cents per pound. Ducks, turkeys and geese do not come forward at this time of the year.

Hay

The hay market is just about the same this week. No. 1 Timothy is worth \$16 to \$18 per ton, No. 2 Timothy, \$15 to \$17; No. 2 Red Top, \$12 to \$14; No. 2 Upland, \$11 to \$13, and No. 2 Midland, \$8.00 to \$11.

Hides

Hides are the same this week. The weather is getting warm and it is necessary now to salt hides before shipping. In the present market it is very advisable to ship promptly to realize before any further decline occurs. To cure a hide properly it is first necessary to trim it, cutting off the horns, tail-bones and sinews, then spread the hide on the floor and sprinkle salt evenly and freely over the flesh side. In this way pile one hide on the other, flesh side up, head on head, tail on tail. It will take a week or more to cure hides thoroughly. When hides have lain over a week in salt, they will do to tie up and ship, after having shaken off the surplus salt. For a large hide it will take about a pail of salt and a less quantity for a smaller hide or calfskin in proportion to size. Green hides are one to two cents less than salted. Prices are: green salted, unbranded, 25 lbs. and up, 11 1/2 to 10 1/2; branded, 10 cents; bulls, 40 lbs. and up, 9 to 8 cents; veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 13 to 11 1/2 cents; kip, 8 to 25 lbs., 12 to 10 1/2 cents.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from April 13 to April 19 inclusive

Date	WHEAT							OATS					BARLEY				FLAX			
	1°	2°	3°	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Apr. 13	152½	151½	148½	143½	140½	136½	..	63½	..	..	59½	58½	..	..	..	..	174½	171½	..	..
14	155½	154½	151½	146½	143½	139½	..	63½	61½	61	60½	59½	..	..	65	65	176	173	..	..
15	156½	155½	152½	147½	144½	140½	..	64½	61½	61½	60½	59½	..	..	65	65	176½	173½	..	..
16	157½	156½	154½	149½	146½	142½	..	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	..	..	65	65	178	175	..	..
17	158½	157½	154½	149½	146½	142½	..	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	..	..	65	65	178½	175½	..	..
19	160½	159½	157½	151½	149	145	..	66½	63½	62½	62½	61½	..	..	..	..	178½	175½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

CORRECTED TO MONDAY, APRIL 19

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Winnipeg Livestock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat				Cattle				Butter (per lb.)			
No. 1 Nor.	160 1/2	152	89 1/2	Choice steers	8 c. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	Fancy dairy	28c-30c	28c-30c	29c-31c
No. 2 Nor.	159 1/2	151 1/2	87 1/2	Best butcher steers and	7 50-8 00	7 50-8 00	7 25-7 50	No. 1 dairy	23c	23c	18c
No. 3 Nor.	157 1/2	148 1/2	55 1/2	heifers	7 40-7 75	7 40-7 75	6 50-7 00	Good round lots	18c-20c	18c-20c	15c-16c
No. 4	151 1/2	143 1/2	82 1/2	Fair to good butcher	7 00-7 25	7 00-7 25	6 25-6 50	Eggs (per doz.)	16c-17c	16c-17c	17c
No. 5	149	140	78	steers and heifers	6 00-6 50	6 00-6 50	5 75-6 00	Strictly new laid	16c-17c	16c-17c	17c
No. 6	145	136	73	Best fat cows	4 75-5 50	4 75-5 50	5 00-5 50	Potatoes	50c-55c	50c-55c	60c-65c
Feed			68	Medium cows	4 00-4 25	4 00-4 25	4 00-4 50	In sacks, per bushel	50c-55c	50c-55c	60c-65c
Cash Oats				Common cows	4 00-4 25	4 00-4 25	4 50-5 00	Milk and Cream			
No. 2 CW	66 1/2	63	34	Choice heifers	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	5 25-5 50	Sweet cream (per lb.)	36c	34c	28c
Cash Barley				Best bulls	4 75-5 00	4 75-5 00	6 00-6 25	butter-fat	36c	34c	28c
No. 3			44 1/2	Com'n and medium bulls	4 00-4 25	4 00-4 25	4 50-5 00	Cream for butter-making			
Cash Flax				Best feeding steers	6 00-6 50	6 00-6 25		purposes (per lb.)	33c	31c	25c
No. 1 NW	178 1/2	174 1/2	135	Best stocker steers	5 50-6 00	5 50-6 00		butter-fat	82 00	82 00	81 75
Wheat Futures				Best milkers and springers (each)	865-880	860-870	865-875	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	82 00	82 00	81 75
May	161 1/2	153 1/2	90 1/2	Common milkers and	850-860	845-850	835-845	Dressed Poultry			
July	160 1/2	150 1/2	92	springs (each)				Chickens	18c	18c	
October	124 1/2	115 1/2	87	Hogs				Roosters	12 1/2c	12 1/2c	
Oat Futures				Choice hogs	88 15	88 15	88 10	Ducks	15c	15c	
May	66 1/2	63 1/2	34 1/2	Heavy sows	85 50-86 00	85 50-86 00	85 85	Geese	13c-14c	13c-14c	
July	66 1/2	64 1/2	35 1/2	Stags	84 50	84 50	84 00	Turkeys	18c-20c	18c-20c	
Flax Futures				Sheep and Lambs				Hay (per ton)			
May	180	176 1/2	136	Choice lambs	87 50-88 00	87 50-88 00		No. 2 Red Top	812-814	812-814	811-812
July	183	179 1/2	138 1/2	Best killing sheep	86 00-86 50	86 00-86 50		No. 2 Upland	811-813	811-813	810-811
October	186 1/2	182 1/2						No. 2 Timothy	815-817	815-817	815
								No. 2 Midland	88-811	88-811	