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# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

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

Wheat—Good general trade and nervous unsettled market all the week, the tone at the last holding fairly firm with final figures showing the May unchanged, July 1½ up and October ic. up; altho new crop prices were much stronger earlier in the week, later on, owing to good general rains over the West, sold lower. At the outset prices were irregular, the market soon took on a decidedly weak tone, the whole list breaking sharply, support at the time being very poor. Cables were easier in tone and domestic crop accounts were mostly favorable, which, together with disquieting political conditions, led to a great deal of liquidation by "longs." The political situation created an atmosphere of uncertainty and there was little new outside buying. The market here is a very narrow one indeed, prices on the whole just following in the wake of the American markets. Crop accounts from the American spring wheat country were very favorable and conditions in the Canadian Northwest quite satisfactory, the season here being a full two weeks earlier than usual and the area enlarged 25 to 30 per cent. Cash demand during the last week has been exceedingly poor for 1 and 2 Northern and fairly good for 3 Northern and lower.

Oats—Liquidation and lower prices were on this market during the early part of the week. Later, however, prices firmed and at the close the May was up ½ and the July down ½. There is very small trade in oats here which makes the market very difficult to trade in. The demand for all grades with the exception of 2 C.W.'s is very good and offerings are not too heavy.

Barley—Prices for low grade barley are down about ½c. when compared with those prevailing a week ago. The No. 3 barley is in poor demand.

Flax—Heavy liquidation was on this market during the last two days, following pressure in Duluth, with the result that prices are over 6c, lower.

No. 3 yellow corn 78½c. f.o.b. Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG	FUTURE
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Wheat-	May	July	- 00
May 11	1621	1597	12
May 12	1611	1581	12
May 13	160	157	12
May 14	1581	1561	129
May 15	1591	1571	12
May 17	1601	159	12
Oats-	BLEW BER		
May 11	62	631	
May 12	634	641	
May 13	631	641	
May 14	631	631	
May 15	621	631	
May 17	621	681	
- Vlax			
May 11	1821	1851	
May 12	1821	1851	
May 13	1824	185	
May 14	1791	1817	
May 15	176	1784	189
May 17	178	1801	18:

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES
(Sample Market, May 15)
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars 1.5
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car
No. 3 wheat, 1 car
No. 3 wheat, 1 car
No. 3 wheat, 1 car 1.4
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars
No. 3 wheat, 1 car
Rejected wheat, 1 car 1.9
Timothy, 1 sack 4.7
Timothy, 3 sacks 5.0
Screenings, 1 car, per ton
No. 4 wheat, 5 cars
No. 4 wheat, 1 car
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No. 3 yellow corn, 2 cars
No. 3 corn, I car, mixed
No. 4 corn, 1 car
No. 2 corn, 1 car, mixed
No. 3 oats, 1 car
No. 4 white oats, 3 cars
No. 3 oats, 1 car
No. 4 white oats, part car
No. 3 oats, 1 car Sample grade oats, 1 car
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No. 3 rye, part car 1.1
No. 2 rye, 1 car, to arrive

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No. 2 rye, 1 car, bulk head	
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Livestock Department.)

ST. PAIL LIVESTOCK
South St. Paul. May 15.—Receipts today were:
400 cattle, 1,100 hogs, and 50 sheep. Prices for killing cattle ranged from — steers, \$5 00 to killing cattle ranged from 50 steers, \$5 to 88 25; cows and heifers, \$4 50 to \$7 25; canners, \$3 50 to \$4 25; bulls, \$3 50 to \$6 50; cutters.

\$4.25 to \$4.75; veal calves, \$5.75 to \$8.00. Market steady; veal calves steady. Stockers and Feeders—Feeding steers, 900 to 1,100 lbs., \$5.50 to \$7.75; stock steers, 500 to 900 lbs., \$4.75 to \$7.50; stock cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$6.85; stock bulls, \$4.50 to \$6.35. Market steady. Hogs ranged from \$7.25 to \$7.40, with a bulk price of \$7.50; to \$7.40. Market steady to strong. Shorn Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$4.00 to \$9.00; yearlings, \$7.00 to \$8.00; bucks, \$4.00 to \$5.00; wethers, \$6.00 to \$7.25; ewes, \$3.00 to \$7.00; sheep and lambs steady.

Minneapolis	Wool	WOOL	No. 1	No. 2
Medium			.80.22	80:20
Coarse			21	.19
Fine medium		**********	16	.12
Fine			18	.11
Medium and	coarse,	chaffy, cotte	d,	

Fine medium 15 11

Medium and coarse, chaffy, cotted, seedy and burry 18 11

Toronto—Hallam's market letter describes the wool market as follows: The wool situation is still in a very unsettled condition, producers had been expecting a high price for their clip, but the embargo and other conditions caused a substantial decline in prices, resulting in a natural reluctance to accept the lower prices offered.

There is a grave possibility of a still further decline, as only a few years ago when the world's market was open to the sale of Canadian wool (except the II. S., where it could be sold if the duty was paid), unwashed wool in Canadia brought as low as 84 cents per lb., so it can be readily seen that there is room for a very heavy decline from present prices to the prices paid only a few years ago. Washed combing fleece (coarse) 20 cents. Washed clothing fleece (fine) 22 cents. Washed rejections (burry, chaffy, etc.), 20 cents. Unwashed fleece clothing (fine), 17 cents.

Winnipeg—Dealers here state that the wool market is very unsettled and at present they do not outed any price. The tendency is, of course, downward, but dealers do not seem to be able to figure out just to what extent the blacing of the embargo on wool will cause the market to decline.

Regina—In the market bulletin and reference table issued by the livestock branch of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, the statement is made that a 25 cent market for western wool is practically assured. Whether or not this statement was crinted previous to the issuing of the order problibiting the export of wool except to Great Britain and her possessions, is not known.

### LIVERPOOL MARKET

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Liverpool, May 15.—Weakness in America yesterday is reflected in prices here. A better millers' demand and increased inquiry from the continent helped to check the decline. Snot market irregular, & lower to 1d, higher for Manitoha's. Cargo market: easy winters 6d, lower: Plates and Manitoha's, 3d, lower early, but firming later. General inquiry quiet. World's shipments expected to be lighter this week, with resultant smaller shipments to the United Kingdom. The political aspect as recently developed, is being watched carefully by traders here.

Corn—American weakness was offset by firmer Plate shippers' offers and stendiness in spot. Parcels are in good request and it appears to be the sentiment in Argentine that their crop will be urgently wanted when properly conditioned. Australia and New South Wales—General rains over entire commonwealth; seeding prospects have greatly improved.

CHICAGO LIVPSTOCK

May 15.—Hogs—Receipts 7,000;
strong, generally 5 cents above vesterday's average,
Rulk, \$7,70 to \$7,85; light, \$7,00 to \$7,95; mixed,
\$7,55 to \$7,95; heavy, \$7,30 to \$7,85; rough,
\$7,50 to \$7,45; rigs, \$5,75 to \$7,45;
Cattle—Receipts 100; steady, Native heef

### WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

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Closing prices on the princip	al western
markets on Saturday, May 15,	were:
Cash Grain Winnipeg M	Minneapol
1 Nor. wheat \$1.59}	\$1.571
2 Nor. wheat 1.56	1.541
3 Nor. wheat 1.53	1.52
S white oats	.501
Barley 70-63	68-74
Flax, No. 1 1.75	1.94
Futures-	Test strike
	1.50
May wheat	1.46
Oct. wheat 1.22 Se	pt. 1.18
Winnipeg	
Beef Cattle, top \$9.15	89.25
Hogs, top 8.85	7.95
Sheep, yearlings 7.00	8.60

steers, \$6 80 to \$9 25; western steers, \$6 00 to \$7.85; cows and heifers, \$5.30 to \$8.75; calves, \$6.50 to \$9.25.

Sheep—Receipts 500; steady heep, \$7.90 to \$8.60; hambs, \$7.75 to \$9.00 k

Demand for hogs started out ell, but failed to last and an early advance was lost. Cattle prices were almost nominal. Most of the sheep and lambs were in the hands of a single firm.

## Winnipeg Livestock

There have been received at the Union stock-yards during the past week 781 cattle, 105 calves, 10,071 hogs and 16 sheep.

### Cattle

Receipts of cattle this week have been lower and the market has been brisk and active. The best animals early in the week brought 9 cents and on Friday and Saturday tops reached \$9.15. The market demand dropped off towards the close of the week, but on the whole prices are about steady. Best fat cows and heifers sell at from 7½ to 8½ cents. There are scarcely any stockers and feeders being received, but any coming sell at about 80.00 to 80.75. Yearlings and two-year-olds of good quality sell from 6½ to 6½. There are no ozen on sale, but any good ones shipped in would sell at about 7 cents. Butcher bulls can be quoted at from \$6.50 to \$7.00. Best yeals sell from 8½ to 9 cents.

The hog market is steadily advancing. During the first part of the week it held at \$8.35 for selects and later on \$8.40 was the ruling price. One commission firm on Thursday sold their consignments for from \$8.50 to \$8.55. The prevailing price on Saturday was \$8.35 to \$8.45 and it would appear that the market will hold steady at this price for a few days. Sows sell at 6½ cents; stags 4½ cents and good light hogs at from \$7.25 to \$7.35.

## Sheep and Lambs

Sheep and lambs meet with a ready local sale, best yearling lambs being worth 71 to 8 cents, and best mutton sheep 61 to 7 cents.

## Country Produce

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

Butter

Thruout the country generally more cream is being produced now that pasturage is available, so that butter has dropped in price somewhat this week. Dealers are offering 26 to 28 cents per pound for fancy dairy butter; 25 cents per pound for No. I dairy butter, and 18 to 20 cents per pound for good round lots.

Eggs

There are large quantities of eggs coming to market now and dealers are offering 19 cents per dozen. It is probable that the price will drop next week. Now would be a good time to store eggs in lime water or water glass.

Potatoes

The potato market is not very flourishing. Desires state that they have plenty on hand and are offering the same as last week, namely, 50 to 55 cents per bushel.

Milk and Cream

Cream is coming in in larger quantities now and consequently the price has dropped. Sweet cream this week is one cent lower, being 34 cents per pound of butterfat; sour cream has dropped 4 cents, so that the price for it now is 25 cents per pound of butterfat. Milk remains the same at \$2.00 per hundred pounds.

Live Poultry

There is a good demand for live poultry on the Winnipeg market and prices are fairly good. Live hens (large and small) are worth 14 cents per pound; roosters from 10 to 12 cents; ducks 12 cents; geese 12 cents and turkeys 13 to 15 cents per pound.

Hay

There is a good demand for the best grades of hay and prices are quite high. No. 1 Timothy is worth \$21 per ton; No. 2, up to \$20; No. 1 Red Top is \$17, and No. 2, \$13 to \$16; No. 1 Upland, the same at \$14 and No. 2, \$12 to \$15.50; No. 1 Midland is \$13 and No. 2, \$12 per ton. Straw also meets with a ready sale and dealers are offering for clean, dry baled straw on the track at Winnipeg \$6.50 per ton.

Hides

There is not very much business being done in hides at this time of the year. Prices are unsettled, but dealers will pay the best possible price for all hides received.

## Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from May 11 to May 17 inclusive

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Date	WHEAT									OATS			BAF	RLEY		FLAX				
2	1.	2.	8.	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 8	No.4	Rej.	Feed	INW	2CW	SCW	Re
May	1							1					1		1	1	11	1	1 1	and a
11	1621	1591	156	1511	145 }	1401	1.	621	591	591	59	58	70	65	68	65	1821	1791	.,	
12	161	158	1544	150	145	140	1	631	601	601	591	581	70	65	68	63	182	179		
18	1601	1571	154	1501	1441	1391		65 1	614	611	601	591		65	63	68	1821	1791		200
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15	1591	1561	1531	1491	1434	138		621	601	601	594	581	70	65	63	63	175	1725	1554	100
17	160	157	155	150	145	140		0625	60	60	591	581	70	65	65	68	1775	1745		

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

## CORRECTED TO MONDAY, MAY 17

Wii	nnipeg Grain	MO	WEE	YEA	Winnipeg Livestock	DAY	AGO	AGO	Country Produce	DAY	AGO	AGO
	Cash Wheat	1			Cattle				Butter (per lb.)			
	1 Nor	1601	1581	947		8 c. 8 c.	\$ c. \$ c.	8 c. 8 c.	Pancy dairy	26c-28c	28c-30c	20c-21
No	2 Nor	157			Choice steers	8.75-9.15	8.50-8.75	7 50-7 75	No. I dairy	28c	. 23c	20e
		155		911	Best butcher steers and			1	Good round lots	18c-20c	18c-20c	15c-16
		1504		871	heifers	8.50-8.65	8.25-8.50	6 . 25-7 . 25		1		1
		145		80	Fair to good butcher				Eggs (per doz.)	1		
	6	140		75	steers and heifers	7.15-7.75	7.75-8.00	6.50-6.75	Strictly new laid	19e	19e	19c
	1			70	Best fat cows	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.25				
	•				Medium cows	6.00-6.50	5.75-6.95	5 50-5 75	Potatoes		13.15	Service Service
	Cash Oats				Common cows	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	In sacks, per bushel	50e-55e	50c-55c	80c-85
	2 CW	891	611	981		8.00-8.50	7.75-8.25					
140.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	027	018	301	Best bulls	7.00-7.50	6.25-7.00	5.00-5.25	Milk and Cream		173	
	Cash Barley				Com'n and medium bulls	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4 50-5 00	Sweet cream (per lb.	1	19	
No	8	70		481		6.50-6.75	6.50-6.75		butter-fat)	84c	85e	28e
	•				Best stocker steers	5.75-6.25	5.75-6.25		Cream for butter-mak-		1	
	Cash Flax		105 20 10		Best milkers and spring-	0.10 0.20			ing purposes (per lb.		1	
No	1 NW	1771	1811	1981		870-885	\$70-\$85	865-880	butter-fat)	25c	29c	28c-24c
		11113	1017		Common milkers and		*	1	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	82.00	82.00	81.76
	Wheat Futures			-	springers (each)	\$50-860	\$50-860	840-850	once min (per 100 los.)			
		1801	1581	Q.	springers (each)	10000	****	7.0 7.0	Live Poultry		<b>三种洲的</b>	
			154		Hogs				Chickens	14e	14e	14e
	ber	1231							Roosters	10c-12c		1
Octo	iber	1201	1202	00.5	Choice hogs	88.35-88.45	88.25	87.25	Ducks	120		12c
	Oat Futures				Heavy sows		86.00	86.00	Geese	120	1	18c
	Oat Futures	001	611	901		84.50	84.50	84 80	Turkeys	18c-15c	THE RESERVAN	15e
			631		Stags		4.00	44.00	Hay (per ton)	100-100	""	100
	Flax Futures	021	0.0 1	901	Sheep and Lambs				No. 1 Red Top	\$17	\$17	\$12-\$1
		178	1011	1901	oneep and Lamos				No. 1 Upland	814	814	811-819
Luly		1801			Choice lambs	97 50 98 00	87 50-88 50	47 00-47 50	No. 1 Timothy	821	821	816-817
						86 50-87.00		85 . 00-85 . 50		813	813	1210-01
Octo	ber	1831	155		Best killing sheep	\$0.00-\$1.00	40.00	20,00-40,00	No. 1 Ministra	710	410	1