# Farmers' Market

#### WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, December 18, 1915)

Wheat—Altho navigation closed a week ago and car receipts have been quite heavy since, the wheat market shows no sign of weakness. On the contrary, the futures show a gain of 3 to 4 cents per bushel for the week, and the demand for cash grain is still good, tho the premiums are lower. Quite a large amount of all rail business is being worked and the quantity seems to be only a question of how much the railways can handle. The American Government Crop Report shows a larger acreage than anticipated, but reports of bad condition of their winter wheat continue, and it looks as the a good demand for our wheat will be maintained.

Government gives quantities but not quality of	CROP either wheat or	corn.	
Winter wheat	1915 To Date	1915 Preliminary 657,000,000 345,000,000	1914 Final 685,000,000 206,000,000
Total  Corn Oats Rye	1,540,362,00)	1,002,000,000 3,090,000,000 1,517,000,000 44,000,000	891,000,000 2,705,000,000 1,141,000,000 43,000,000

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Dec. 14	1077		Mill oats, 1 car
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Dec. 16		1111	Sample grade oats, 1 car whea'y
Dec. 17	1091		No. 4 White oats, 3 cars
Dec. 18		1121	Sample grade white oats, 1 car
Dec. 20	111	1137	No. 4 White oats, part car
Week ago		1196	Mill oats, part car
		1107	Sample grade rye, 1 car
Year agoOats—	121 %	126%	No. 3 rve car, run
Dec. 14	901		No. 1 feed barley, 1 car
	381	417	No. 1 feed barley, 1 car
	381	411	No grade barley, 1 car
	381	42	No. 4 barley, 1 car, No. 2 row
	381	421	No. 1 feed barley, 1 car
	391	421	Sample grade barley, 1 car
Dec. 20	401	43	Sample grade barley, 1 car
Week ago	39	411	No. 1 flax, 3 cars, N. D 2.061
Year ago	524	571	No. 1 flax, 1 car heavy dockage 2 081
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			265,712 363,856 4,592
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#### THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

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LIVESTOCK	Dec. 20	peg Year Ago	Toronto Dec. 16	Calgary Dec. 18	Chicago Dec. 18	St. Paul Dec. 18	COUNTRY PRODUCE	Dec. 20	Year Ago	Calgary Dec. 10	Saskatoon Dec. 4	11000
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Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	5 15-5 40 8 4 60 4 85	4.45-5.00 5 00 o 25 4 (0-4.75	7 00-7.65 6.00-6.50 5.50-6.00	4.75-5.15	6 20-8 25 2 80 8 25 2 80 8 35	3.75-7.25 4.25-6.00 4.25-6.00	Good round lots Eggs (per doz.) Subject to candling New Laid	21e-23e 25e 40c-45e	26c 35c-50c	25c	27 to 300 40c	
Common cows	5.50-5.85   5	8 10-8 75 5 50-5 75 5 00-0 25 4 25-4 50	4.50-5.50 7.25-7.75 6.00-7.10 5.50-6.00	4 25-4 75 5 25-5 50 3 00-4 50	2.80-8.35	4 25-6 00 4 25-6 00 3 50-5 60 3 50-5 60	Potatoes In sacks, per bushel, new Milk and Cream Sweet cream (per lb. but-	<b>5</b> 0o	550-60e	55e	450	
Best feeding steers Best stocker steers Best milkers and springers (each)	5.00-5.25 4	\$ 25 5.50 4.75-5.25 \$55-\$65	6 00 6 75 6.00-6.50 \$90-\$120	5.50-6 00 \$60- <b>\$</b> 75		4.25-6.75 4.00-6.25	ter-fat) Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. but- ter fat)	40c	35c	33c-35c 28c-31c		
Common milkers and springers (each)		\$40-\$45	\$45-\$60	\$55-\$60			Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)  Dressed Poultry Chickens Fowl	\$2.50 17e 13c-14e	\$2.25 12\$c 9c-10c	58c per lb. of butter-fat	14e-16e 12e-16e	
Hogs Choice hogs	\$8.65 \$6.25-\$7 00 \$4.50	\$6 50 \$5 60 .00-\$4.50	\$9.15	\$8.371	\$6 10 - \$6 75	\$6.20	Ducks Geese Turkeys	15c 15c 15c 19c	12 to 15c-16c	:: 4	12c-16c 12c-16c 12c-16c 18c-22c	
Sheep and Lambs Choice lambs	\$8 25 6.50-\$7 00 \$5	75-\$7 21	\$10-\$11 \$6 00-\$7 5	\$8.00-\$9.25 \$7.00	*6.90-\$9 60 \$6 10-\$6.90	\$8.00-\$8 65 \$4.50-\$7 25	Hay (per ton) No. 1 Red Top No. 1 Upland No. 1 Timothy No. 1 Midland	\$14 \$12 \$16 \$11	\$14 \$13 \$16 \$17-\$12	\$0 \$14	\$11 \$10	

Week ending Dec	ember 17.	1915.—		
	Wheat	Oats	Barley	
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter In vessels in Can.	9,235,859	3,273,127	798,837	
Ter. Harbors	8,381,231	6,360,701	381,489	
Total	17,617,090	9,633,828	1,180,326	
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the three prairie provinces this year at 737,682,000 bushels, over 200,000,000 bushels greater than any previous crop. The estimate is divided as follows: Wheat, 307,230,000; oats, 389,000,000; barley, 39,202,000; flax, 2,250,000 bushels.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MAN	RKET
Spot Wheats	Previous
	Prices
No. 1 Hard Winter	651 \$1.651
No. 1 Manitoba 1.	741 1.741
No. 2 Manitoba 1 .	71 1.711
No. 3 Manitoba 1.	681 1.681
Barusso	771 1.771
Future Parcels	
No. 1 Man., DecJan. delivery 1.	
No. 1 Man., Dec. delivery, London 1.	701 1.711
No. 1 Man., DecJan. delivery,	
London 1 .	70
No. 1 Man., JanFeb. delivery,	
	701 1.711
No. 3 Man., DecJan. delivery,	
London 1	641

Note—These cable quotations have been translated into dollars per bushel at the rate of \$4.72 exchange; this varies from day to day, but Broomhall's decline to commit themselves to a rate at present.—Manitoba Free Press.

## The Livestock Markets

South St. Paul, Dec. 18.—Hogs have continued coming to market in as great numbers as during the previous week, and again there was a six-day run of practically 100,000 here. This enormous number has been disposed of without delay or congestion and at prices in line with trade trend at other points where supplies have been relatively lighter, as well as actually so. The big business in the swine division is the feature of livestock trade, which leas been engaging chief interest locally of late, altho there have been large cattle supplies and a fair-sized quota of sheep to be handled. The hog runs of the week showed the same characteristics in respect to quality as did the droves here earlier in the month, much of the stuff coming in being of a light and immature class. Average weights have been considerably below 200 pounds.

Fat cattle prices were boosted 10 to 15 cents early in the week, and subsequently business 25 cents above the close of the preceding week was reported in frequent instances.

Sheep and lamb prices were firm all week and mature stuff gained about 25 cents the latter half of the period. Best western lambs during the week sold up to \$8.65, while natives topped at \$8.50, with seconds varying from \$7.00 to \$8.00 according to the sort made.

Western ewes were listed at \$6.00, but it required a choice handyweight kind to turn the trick.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Receipts of cattle at local stockyards for today's market were meagre. It was clean-up day and offerings were taken at steady prices. The run of calves was light also, and steady rates prevailed. Over 800 hogs were on the market and they sold at \$8.75 fed and watered and at \$8.40 f.o.b. country points. Hogs are not sold off cars at the yards now, but off cars at packers'

## WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

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Dec. wheat							1	.104	1.134
May wheat							1	.13	1.15

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plants. There is a spread of 40 cents between the fed and watered basis and off car basis. Off cars at packers' plants hogs are quoted at \$9.15. The run of small meats was light and demands undiminished. The result was firmly held prices. The quality was not top, however, the range for good lambs being \$10.00 to \$10.50, with heavy at \$8.00 to \$9.00. Sheep ewes were steady at \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Five hundred army horses arrived from East St. Louis en route for Britain. This makes 2,000 for the week.

Calgary, Dec. 18.—The Livestock Department of th Alberta Fa mers' Co-operative Elevator Company Ltd. reports that last week's Alberta stockyards receipts were 294 horses, 1,511 cattle, 1,429 hogs, 50 sheep. This week's receipts were 341 horses, 1,267 cattle, 1,594 hogs, 433 sheep.

Outward Shipments—Seven cars of cattle to Seattle, four cars to Tacoma, two of cattle to Seattle, four cars to Tacoma, two of cattle to Seattle, four cars to Tacoma, two of cattle to Seattle—for and fifteen to Toronto.

Cattle—\$5.75 to \$6.15 caught the bulk of the steer offerings, altho \$6.35 is claimed to have been paid for very tops. The cattle receipts include shipments from the exhibition grounds and Bredt's sale. There was continued country enquiry for all classes of breedy stockers and feeders and prices advanced with the lessening supply.

Hogs—Packers were unsuccessful in getting hogs lower and prices advanced to \$8.37 by the close of the week. Eastern demand continues unabated and there is a struggle to keep hogs at home.

Sheep—Top yearling wethers and lambs, \$8.00 to \$8.25; ewes, \$7.00.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Receipts at the Union stockyards from Dec. 11 to 17 were 2,220 cattle, 8,077 hogs, 422 sheep and 20 horses.

The cattle market during the past week held steady to firm. Good cattle were in good demand, the prices held steady, while in some quarters real good Christimas beef topped the market at from \$6.85 to \$7.15; these kinds were scarce and only a very limited number of extra choi

### **Country Produce**

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

Butter—The closeness of the Christmas season has had little effect upon most lines of country produce with the exception perhaps of dressed poultry. Butter is very light as regards supply and prices are the same as for last week. Fancy dairy butter is 24 to 26 cents per pound and good round lots are 21 to 23 cents per pound and good round lots are 21 to 23 cents per pound.

Eggs—The general run of country shipments of eggs does not improve and dealers are not anxious to handle them at the low price of 25 cents per dozen. Strictly new laid eggs are readily snapped up at from 40 to 45 cents per dozen.

Potatoes—Potatoes are quite plentiful at the same price as last week. Most people have a supply on hand and the transient demand is not very great. Dealers are offering 50 cents per bushel.

Milk and Cream—As was anticipated last week, no change has been made in cream or milk prices for the coming week. Sweet cream delivered is worth 40 cents per pound of butterfat and milk is still \$2.50 per hundred pounds.

Dressed Poultry—There is a big trade just now in dressed poultry. Dressed chickens are worth 17 cents per pound, fowl 13 to 14 cents per pound, ducks 15 cents, geese 15 cents and turkeys 19 cents per pound for well finished and properly dressed birds.

Regina Dec. 18

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Brandon Dec. 4

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