

# The 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 tho a good demand for our wheat will be maintained.

### AMERICAN CROP

	1915	1915	1914
	To Date	Preliminary	Final
Winter wheat	655,045,000	657,000,000	685,000,000
Spring wheat	356,460,000	345,000,000	206,000,000
Total	1,011,505,000	1,002,000,000	891,000,000
Corn	3,054,362,000	3,090,000,000	2,705,000,000
Oats	1,540,362,000	1,517,000,000	1,141,000,000
Rye	49,190,000	44,000,000	43,000,000

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

	Dec.	May
Wheat—		
Dec. 14	107 1/4	111 1/4
Dec. 15	107 1/4	111 1/4
Dec. 16	108 1/4	112 1/4
Dec. 17	109 1/4	113 1/4
Dec. 18	110 1/4	114 1/4
Dec. 20	111 1/4	115 1/4
Week ago	107 1/4	110 1/4
Year ago	121 1/4	126 1/4
Oats—		
Dec. 14	38 1/4	41 1/4
Dec. 15	38 1/4	41 1/4
Dec. 16	38 1/4	42 1/4
Dec. 17	38 1/4	42 1/4
Dec. 18	39 1/4	43 1/4
Dec. 20	40 1/4	44 1/4
Week ago	39 1/4	41 1/4
Year ago	52 1/4	57 1/4
Flax—		
Dec. 14	180 1/4	188 1/4
Dec. 15	180 1/4	188 1/4
Dec. 16	181 1/4	189 1/4
Dec. 17	182 1/4	190 1/4
Dec. 18	183 1/4	191 1/4
Dec. 20	184 1/4	192 1/4
Week ago	181 1/4	188 1/4
Year ago	132 1/4	137 1/4

### MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

	Dec. 18
No. 1 Hard Wheat, 1 car choice	\$1.17 1/4
No. 2 Hard Wheat, 4 cars	1.15 1/4
No. 1 Hard Wheat, 6 cars	1.16
No. 1 Hard Wheat, 1 car	1.15 1/4
No. 1 Hard Wheat, part car	1.16
No. 1 Hard Wheat, 1 car	1.15 1/4
No. 1 Northern Wheat, 2 cars	1.14
No. 1 Northern Wheat, 10 cars	1.13
No. 1 Northern Wheat, 11 cars	1.13
No. 1 Northern Wheat, 1 car dockage	1.16
No. 1 Northern Wheat, 6 cars	1.13
No. 1 Northern Wheat, 2 cars	1.13
No. 1 Northern Wheat, 9 cars	1.15
No. 2 Northern Wheat, 1 car cockle	1.09
No. 2 Northern Wheat, 1 car	1.08
No. 2 Northern Wheat, 1 car arrive	1.09
No. 2 Northern Wheat, 5 cars	1.10
No. 2 Northern Wheat, 1 car	1.11
No. 3 Wheat, 2 cars soft, cockle	1.01
No. 3 Wheat, 2 cars	1.06
No. 3 Wheat, 1 car o. w. b.	1.03 1/4
No. 4 Wheat, 1 car	.97
No. 4 Wheat, 1 car	1.00 1/4
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.04
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.05
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.10
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 2 cars	1.04 1/4
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.11
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 3 cars	1.10 1/4
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.01 1/4
No. 3 White oats, 3 cars	.39
No. 3 White oats, 2 cars run	.39 1/4
No. 4 White oats, 8 cars	.38 1/4

### Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from December 14 to December 20 inclusive

Date	WHEAT							OATS					BARLEY				FLAX				
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1	Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 3	No 4	Rej.	Feed	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej
Dec. 14	107 1/4	105 1/4	102 1/4	97 1/4	..	..	..	36 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	33 1/4	32 1/4	..	..	..	..	..	180 1/4	177 1/4	..	..
15	107 1/4	105 1/4	102 1/4	97 1/4	..	..	..	38 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	33 1/4	32 1/4	..	..	..	..	..	180 1/4	177 1/4	..	..
16	103 1/4	103 1/4	102 1/4	99 1/4	..	..	..	38 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	181 1/4	178 1/4	..	..
17	109 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	99 1/4	..	..	..	35 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	182 1/4	179 1/4	..	..
18	110 1/4	107 1/4	104 1/4	101 1/4	..	..	..	39 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	184 1/4	181 1/4	..	..
20	112 1/4	103 1/4	105 1/4	101 1/4	..	..	..	40 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	187 1/4	184 1/4	..	..
Week ago	107 1/4	104 1/4	101 1/4	97 1/4	..	..	..	39 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4	34 1/4	33 1/4	64	59 1/4	..	..	..	181 1/4	178 1/4	..	..
Year ago	121 1/4	118 1/4	114 1/4	110 1/4	105 1/4	100 1/4	96 1/4	53 1/4	50 1/4	50 1/4	49 1/4	48 1/4	64	60	57	57	..	132 1/4	129 1/4	..	..

### THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Toronto Dec. 16	Calgary Dec. 18	Chicago Dec. 18	St. Paul Dec. 18	COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg		Calgary Dec. 10	Saskatoon Dec. 4	Regina Dec. 18	Brandon Dec. 4
	Dec. 20	Year Ago						Dec. 20	Year Ago				
<b>Cattle</b>							<b>Butter (per lb.)</b>						
Choice steers	\$6.00-6.25	\$5.50-5.75	\$7.75-8.50	\$5.80-6.25	\$8.35-11.00	\$7.00-9.00	Fancy dairy	24c-26c	24c	35c-37c	..	35c	30c
Best butcher steers and heifers	6.25-6.50	5.50-5.75	7.65-8.00	5.30-5.80	6.20-8.25	3.75-7.25	No. 1 dairy	24c-25c	21c	30c	..	30c	28c
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	5.50-6.25	4.45-5.00	7.00-7.65	..	6.20-8.25	3.75-7.25	Good round lots	21c-23c	18c	25c	27c	25c-28c	28c
Best fat cows	5.15-5.40	5.00-5.25	6.00-6.50	4.75-5.15	2.80-8.25	4.25-6.00	Eggs (per doz.)	..	..	..	..	..	..
Medium cows	4.60-4.85	4.00-4.75	5.50-6.00	..	2.80-8.35	4.25-6.00	Subject to candling	25c	26c	..	30c	30c	30c
Common cows	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.75	4.50-5.50	4.25-4.75	2.80-8.35	4.25-6.00	New Laid	40c-45c	35c-50c	55c	40c	50c	40c
Choice heifers	5.50-5.85	5.50-5.75	7.25-7.75	5.25-5.50	..	4.25-6.00	Potatoes	..	..	55c	45c	75c	50c
Best bulls	4.75-5.00	5.00-5.25	6.00-7.10	3.00-4.50	..	3.50-5.60	In sacks, per bushel, new	50c	55c-60c	..	..	..	..
Common and medium bulls	4.25-4.50	5.25-5.50	5.50-6.00	..	..	3.50-5.60	Milk and Cream	..	..	..	..	..	..
Best feeding steers	5.50-5.75	5.25-5.50	6.00-6.75	5.50-6.00	..	4.25-6.75	Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	40c	35c	33c-35c	..	..	..
Best stocker steers	5.00-5.25	4.75-5.25	6.00-6.50	..	..	4.00-6.25	Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	..	..	..	..	..	..
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$65-\$75	\$55-\$65	\$90-\$120	\$60-\$75	..	..	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	35c	28c	28c-31c	..	..	32c
Common milkers and springers (each)	\$45-\$50	\$40-\$45	\$45-\$60	\$55-\$60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Hogs</b>							<b>Dressed Poultry</b>						
Choice hogs	\$8.65	\$6.50	\$9.15	\$8.37 1/2	\$6.10-\$6.75	\$6.20	Chickens	17c	12c	..	14c-16c	18c-20c	16c
Heavy sows	\$6.25-\$7.00	\$5.60	..	..	..	..	Fowl	13c-14c	9c-10c	..	12c-16c	16c	12c
Stags	\$4.50	\$4.00-\$4.50	..	..	..	..	Ducks	15c	12c	..	12c-16c	18c-20c	14c
<b>Sheep and Lambs</b>							Geese	16c	..	..	12c-16c	18c-20c	16c
Choice lambs	\$8.25	\$6.75-\$7.25	\$10-\$11	\$8.00-\$8.25	\$6.90-\$9.00	\$8.00-\$8.65	Turkeys	19c	15c-16c	..	18c-22c	22c-25c	16c
Best killing sheep	\$6.50-\$7.00	\$5.50-\$6.00	\$6.00-\$7.5	\$7.00	\$6.10-\$6.90	\$4.50-\$7.25	Hay (per ton)	..	..	..	..	..	..
							No. 1 Red Top	\$14	\$14	..	..	\$18	..
							No. 1 Upland	\$12	\$13	\$9	\$11	\$12	\$12.00
							No. 1 Timothy	\$16	\$15	\$14	\$10	..	..
							No. 1 Midland	\$11	\$11-\$12	..	..	\$10	..

### CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Week ending December 17, 1915—			
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	9,235,859	3,273,127	798,837
In vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	8,381,231	6,360,701	381,489
Total	17,617,090	9,633,828	1,180,326
At Buffalo and Duluth	3,727,140	263,880	84,000
Total this week	21,344,230	9,897,708	1,264,326
Total last week	19,981,998	9,951,587	1,376,819
Total last year	15,170,587	6,453,493	774,840

### GRAIN DEALERS' CROP ESTIMATE

F. O. Fowler, secretary of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association, estimates the total crop of 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 MARKET

	Spot	Previous
Liverpool, Dec. 18—		
No. 1 Hard Winter	\$1.65 1/4	\$1.65 1/4
No. 1 Manitoba	1.74 1/4	1.74 1/4
No. 2 Manitoba	1.71 1/4	1.71 1/4
No. 3 Manitoba	1.68 1/4	1.68 1/4
Barussp	1.77 1/4	1.77 1/4

### Future Parcels

	Dec. delivery	Jan. delivery
No. 1 Man., Dec. delivery, London	1.70 1/4	1.71 1/4
No. 1 Man., Dec. delivery, London	1.70	1.70
No. 1 Man., Jan.-Feb. delivery, London	1.70 1/4	1.71 1/4
No. 3 Man., Dec.-Jan. delivery, London	1.64 1/4	1.64 1/4

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 has 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

Closing price on the principal western markets on Saturday, Dec. 18, were:		
Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.10 1/4	\$1.15 1/4
2 Nor. wheat	1.07 1/4	1.12 1/4
3 Nor. wheat	1.04 1/4	1.08 1/4
3 white oats	.36 1/4	.39 1/4
Barley	.36	.50-63
Flax, No. 1	1.84 1/4	2.07 1/4
Futures—		
Dec. wheat	1.10 1/4	1.13 1/4
May wheat	1.13 1/4	1.15 1/4

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 the Alberta Farmers' 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 Winnipeg. Hogs—Two to New Westminster, two to Victoria 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 1/2 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 Christmas beef topped the market at from \$6.85 to \$7.15; these kinds were scarce and only a very limited number of extra choice Christmas cattle were in the offerings at the yards, while a few cars went direct to the abattoirs.

The hog market the past week has been very unsettled, prices ranged for select hogs from \$8.25 to \$8.80, and in some spots \$8.90. When the Eastern buyers were on the market prices would take a jump and when they were off the market they would break sharp. The hog market has been very uncertain for the country buyer, and as long as the hog market keeps in the same condition the shippers are going to be very careful about buying hogs in the country until the market settles down and conditions become normal again.

## 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, No. 1 dairy is 24 to 25 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