Load Cars to Capacity

The minimum carload weights are as follows:—

Cattle, 20,000 lbs. Mixed cattle and hogs, 20,000 lbs. Straight hogs or hogs and sheep 16,000 lbs. Any car that has any cattle in it raises it to the cattle minimum. It is advisable when estimating a carload to figure exceeding the minimum by at least 2,000 lbs. in order to be quite sure of having a full carload and thus avoid paying freight on a light load.

The man in charge of shipment should bring with him copies of all weigh tickets, together with a summary of the weigh tickets for each car made out on what is called a Shipping Manifest. The following is a sample individual weigh ticket:—

Sample of Individual Weigh Ticket

Shipping Point, Plumas, Man. August 10, 1918
Supplied from Jos. McKenzie, P.O. Plumas, Man.

Number Kind of Receipts

Head	Stock	Weight	Mark or Description
1	Select hog	140	
1	Heifer	1780	Green "X" left shoulder
1	Steer		

Agent's Duplicate to Shipping Agent

(Signed) E. E. PAYNE,
Shipping Agent.

The shipping manifest gives a full description and the weight of each shipper's consignment. The following is an exact copy of the manifest of a co-operative shipment made from Plumas, Man., to Winnipeg, on August 10 last:—

Copy of Shipment Manifest of a Co-operative Shipment showing details of each Shipper's Consignment.

Give particulars as per this form and forward either with man in charge or by mail. Do not include this with mail to Elevator Department.

Shipper's Name	No.	Cattle Mark or Description	No.	Wt.	Sheep Mark or Description	No.	Wt.	Hogs Selects No.	Wt.	Hogs Other than Selects No.	Wt.	Mark or Description
J. McKenzie, Plumas	2	I					139	1	140	5 Hogs	1780	Green "X" left shoulder
W. Duncan, Ogilvie										2	580	Green "X" right shoulder
W. Lang, Plumas					2	324	2	530				
S. Johnson, Plumas	1	II										
F. Tomes, Plumas	2	III										
D. Watson, Plumas	2	IV										
W. B. Coleman, Plumas	1	V	1030									
A. Buchanan, Plumas	1	VI	1300									
A. Hubeb, Plumas					9	631	4	640	4 Lts.	460	Green "X" on back	
J. Potts, Plumas					4	276	1	280				
F. Walker, Plumas									1 Hcy.	520	Green "O" on back	
E. Campbell, Plumas					3	187	1	190				
Jas. Potts, Plumas					12	838	7	850				
D. Thompson, Plumas					4	286	1	290	1 Hcy.	310	Green "XX" on back	
W. Parsons, Plumas	2	VII	1300						1 Hcy.	350	Green "OO" on back	
	16				43	2880	15	2920				

Expenses, one load of mixture $1.00.

(Sgd.) E. E. PAYNE, Agent.

These should be turned into the office of the commission man as soon after arrival as possible, or if preferred, can be mailed in.

Stock is unloaded immediately it is placed at the unloading chutes no matter what hour of the day or night; is fed, watered and rested and when thoroughly recovered from the trip is placed on sale, each man's stock being sold and weighed separately. The tickets show the weights, prices and identification marks and name of whom sold to, and from these the final returns are made. A full statement of the sale of the entire car with details of every expense and receipts of same is made out and sent or handed to the shipper.

There are various standard charges against a co-operative shipment of livestock, all of which are shown on the lower portion of sales statement. These can be described briefly as follows:—

Freight charges: This represents the amount paid the railway company for carrying the shipment, and is based on so much per cwt., according to current tariff.

Disinfecting charge: A charge of 75 cents per car, which the railway company charge to clean and disinfect every car before it is reloaded.

Transit Insurance: When shipment is insured (which is optional) this charge is based on a rate per head, according to mileage.

The total cost of handling a car having been arrived at, each shipper bears his proportion of the expense, according to the weight he has in the car. An individual statement given below is sent to each shipper with cheque attached showing final returns for his consignment in the shipment.

Statement sent to each Shipper with his Cheque. Full details are given regarding the shipment.

WINNIPEG, Man., August 12, 1918.

Sold for Account of Jos. McKenzie, Plumas, Man.

Marks	Cattle	Sheep	Weight	Shrinkage	Net Weight	Price	Amount
	1 Select		139	1	138	20½	$ 28.18
"X" left shoulder	5 Heifers				1780	12½	222.50
	1 Steer				960	7½	69.00
	1 Steer				1050	11½	120.75
							$442.34
Commission, Insurance							3.00
Gross Proceeds							$439.34
Selling Expenses, 3929 pounds at 50.25							19.84
Net Proceeds							$419.50
Total Selling Weight					23070	pounds	
Total Selling Exp.							$118.51
Selling Exp. per 100 pounds							50.25

Yardage: This is a charge per head for rental of pen room, weighing off car, weighing to buyers, and is based as follows: Cattle 25c, calves 15c., hogs and sheep 5c.

Feed and bedding: Stock handled through the yards are sold after being fed and watered. This charge will vary, according to current prices for feed.

Fire Insurance: After cattle are unloaded and transit insurance has expired they are insured against loss by fire while in the yard. This charge is 20c per car.

Condemnation Insurance: This is a discount of one-half of one per cent. to protect purchase of stock on the market against loss in buying diseased or condemned animals.

Shipping Agents' Commission and Expenses.—This is the amount of remuneration agreed upon by the association as payment to the shipping agent for his services, together with travelling expenses en route.

Selling Commission: This is the charge for selling the stock, and is set by the livestock exchange. Present rate per car is: Cattle $13.50; mixed cars, $13.50; sheep, $11.50; hogs, $9.50 to $11.50, according to number in car.

Co-operative Service Charge: This is a charge of 4 cents per cwt. and covers the additional clerical and yard work necessary in handling a co-operative load. Stationery supplies, telegraphic service, additional postage and war tax on returns.

The sales statement reproduced herewith explains how this work is carried out.

It is interesting to know that an increasingly large volume of business is being handled each year in connection with the co-operative shipping of livestock. The figures below given out by one firm at the St. Boniface market, Winnipeg, who handle the bulk of such shipments, indicate that the farmers of western Canada appreciate the fact that such a method of marketing offers many advantages.

Value of livestock handled years ending:—

September 1, 1916	$ 598,729.41
September 1, 1917	1,098,802.93
Year 1918 to date	4,045,833.86

Belgium to Buy Horses

That Belgium is looking to Canada to assist her in the effort to rehabilitate herself after the plundering Germans are driven from her soil, is indicated by the Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of agriculture, who states: "A few days ago I met two Belgian gentlemen, who are now in Canada, on a mission for their government. Their object is to find out where in Canada and the United States they can secure pure-bred Belgian horses and Holstein cattle, which will be taken back to Belgium when the war is over, to lay the foundation for again building up the country's stock. Belgium, before the war, was justly proud of her magnificent breed of horses, and I am told that there are only a very few of these left, having been all taken to Germany, and the same applies to their cattle."

Holstein Records

Sixteen cows and heifers qualified for admission to the Record of Performance during the month of July. In the mature class "Mary Grey" is highest with 583 pounds butter from 12,791 pounds milk and "Jean Pauline Emma" is second with 578.75 pounds of butter from 15,330 pounds milk. "Madeline Dora DeKol" with 631.25 pounds butter from 14,173 pounds milk is only four years old, while her full sister, "Madeline Dora DeKol" leads the three-year-olds with 748.75 pounds butter from 15,963 pounds milk. "Colony Queen DeKol Newman" is second in the three-year-old class with 695 pounds butter from 16,642 pounds milk. "Highlawn Pontiac Sadie" leads the two-year-olds with the excellent record of 617.50 pounds butter from 13,257 pounds milk and "Countess Wayne Calamity" comes next with 479.75 pounds butter from 11,805 pounds milk.

Sales Statement, showing the details of an actual Co-operative shipment and how the charges were distributed.

Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Weight	Price	Amount
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