

Winning Markets Closed at Week-End---Commercial Reports

PROFIT-TAKING MOVE
CARRIES WHEAT LOWER

Chicago Fit on Down Grade on
Week-end Liquidation---Wet
Weather in West---Big Crop
Estimates---Corn Decline.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Wheat showed an early advance, based largely on unsettled weather prospects. Fairly free offerings later turned the market downward and the close was steady at near the low point with prices 1/4 to 3/4 lower. Corn ruled lower, finishing 3/4 to 1/2 off. Oats closed a shade to 1/4 lower, and provisions varied from 7/8c decline to a rise of 1/8c.

Absence of new buyers to replace short interests which have liquidated recently, was apparent after the initial advance in wheat prices on the general rains on ripening fields. Continued and liberal offerings were a constant drag and all deliveries fell away. The decline was within narrow limits and a firm tone prevailed throughout. Some fear of frost was expressed in the northwest, but the suggestion made little impression on prices.

Large offerings of corn sapped the strength of an advance at the outset when for a few minutes the price went upward. Outside demand was not urgent and only conditions were reported good in spite of general acknowledgment that late corn needs forcing weather to properly mature. Oats followed the major grains with an early gain, swallowed up later by declines due to an absence of new demand and free offerings. Sales for transit were fair, totaling 220,000 bushels.

Much business in provisions marked the week end, with pork predominating, holding prices generally lower.

Receipts of wheat at western points, with usual comparisons, follow:

	To-day	Week Ago	Year Ago
Chicago	115	150	141
Duluth	115	150	141
Winnipeg	85	85	101
Minneapolis	105	105	119

European Markets.

The Liverpool market closed today 1/4 to 1/2 higher, and during the week end, at Antwerp wheat was unchanged, at Berlin 1/2 higher, at Budapest 1/2 higher.

Primates.

	To-day	Week Ago	Year Ago
Wheat	1.40	1.35	1.30
Barley	1.20	1.15	1.10
Oats	1.10	1.05	1.00
Flour	1.00	0.95	0.90

Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Oats	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Barley	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2

LIVERPOOL GRAIN EXCHANGE.

	Open	High	Low	Close
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Oats	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Barley	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were two loads of hay, 1 1/2 to 2 bushels and wagon loads of mixed produce in the north, but a moderately large delivery of butter, eggs and poultry on the market.

There was an active trade all round, with prices firm for butter, eggs and poultry, but easier for fruit and vegetables.

Butter—Receipts ranged from 25 to 28 per lb. the butter market is keeping pace with the butter price ranging from 25 to 28 per lb. down, the bulk going to 25. We heard of one lot of eggs being sold at 25.

Poultry—Receipts were moderate and generally of improved quality. Spring chickens sold at 25 to 28 per lb. with a few extra quality and weight selling at 25 to 28 per lb. Spring ducks sold at 15 to 18 per lb. for good quality and weight inferior in quality and in dressing sold at 12 to 15 per lb. Fowl, being 12 to 15 per lb. old fowls, 10 to 12 per lb.

Apples—There was an abundant supply of apples that sold from 25 to 30 per bushel.

Potatoes—Some of good quality sold at 15 to 20 per bushel, while some small and early were bought from 10 to 15 per bushel.

Grain.

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Oats, bush.	85 1/2 to 86 1/2
Barley, bush.	80 1/2 to 81 1/2
Flour, bush.	1.00 to 1.05

Bees.

Alaska, No. 1 bush.	55.00 to 55.75
Alaska, No. 2 bush.	55.00 to 55.75
Alaska, No. 3 bush.	55.00 to 55.75
Alaska, No. 4 bush.	55.00 to 55.75

Hay and Straw.

Hay, mixed, ton	13.00 to 15.00
Hay, clover, ton	15.00 to 17.00
Hay, timothy, ton	15.00 to 17.00
Straw, mixed, ton	10.00 to 12.00

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bushel	10.00 to 12.00
Apples, per bushel	15.00 to 20.00
Cabbage, per case	1.00 to 1.20
Brussels sprouts, per case	1.00 to 1.20

Dairy Produce.

Butter, farmers' dairy	25.00 to 28.00
Butter, creamery	25.00 to 28.00
Eggs, per dozen	1.00 to 1.20
Poultry, retail	1.00 to 1.20

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NO CHANGES RECORDED
IN LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

Dealers Held Quotations Steady at Week-end---Fair Demand

Noted.

A steady to good demand with quotations unchanged was the Saturday situation in the grain market. At the old elevators and converted into flour, dealers expect that during the coming week old wheat quotations will become a nominal factor pure and simple. New wheat is yet several weeks away from the market.

Four remains firm with export demand steady. No fluctuations in flour quotations are looked for till the new wheat crop comes in large quantities to the elevators. The supply of new wheat so far received is so small that it has had no effect on the flour market.

A slight drop during the week past was recorded in sugar when export demands lessened a trifle, forcing the price downward 10 cents a hundred weight. No further drop is expected as the September and October canning season is at hand when the local demand also should grow instead of diminishing.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

Oats—Canadian western oats, extra No. 1, 1 1/2; No. 2, 1 1/4; No. 3, 1 1/4; No. 4, 1 1/4; No. 5, 1 1/4; No. 6, 1 1/4; No. 7, 1 1/4; No. 8, 1 1/4; No. 9, 1 1/4; No. 10, 1 1/4; No. 11, 1 1/4; No. 12, 1 1/4; No. 13, 1 1/4; No. 14, 1 1/4; No. 15, 1 1/4; No. 16, 1 1/4; No. 17, 1 1/4; No. 18, 1 1/4; No. 19, 1 1/4; No. 20, 1 1/4; No. 21, 1 1/4; No. 22, 1 1/4; No. 23, 1 1/4; No. 24, 1 1/4; No. 25, 1 1/4; No. 26, 1 1/4; No. 27, 1 1/4; No. 28, 1 1/4; No. 29, 1 1/4; No. 30, 1 1/4; No. 31, 1 1/4; No. 32, 1 1/4; No. 33, 1 1/4; No. 34, 1 1/4; No. 35, 1 1/4; No. 36, 1 1/4; No. 37, 1 1/4; No. 38, 1 1/4; No. 39, 1 1/4; No. 40, 1 1/4; No. 41, 1 1/4; No. 42, 1 1/4; No. 43, 1 1/4; No. 44, 1 1/4; No. 45, 1 1/4; No. 46, 1 1/4; No. 47, 1 1/4; No. 48, 1 1/4; No. 49, 1 1/4; No. 50, 1 1/4; No. 51, 1 1/4; No. 52, 1 1/4; No. 53, 1 1/4; No. 54, 1 1/4; No. 55, 1 1/4; No. 56, 1 1/4; No. 57, 1 1/4; No. 58, 1 1/4; No. 59, 1 1/4; No. 60, 1 1/4; No. 61, 1 1/4; No. 62, 1 1/4; No. 63, 1 1/4; No. 64, 1 1/4; No. 65, 1 1/4; 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