

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, March 25, 1916

Wheat—Last week's markets were mostly quiet and steady. Monday saw a strong market, closing 2½c higher than the previous close, but this strength was not followed up on the following days, and for the week May and July futures show an advance of 1½c over the previous Saturday. The trade in cash wheat was not large, and discounts under May price remain practically unchanged, except that there is a slight improvement in one and two Northern. Advices regarding winter wheat conditions vary. Some districts show little damage, while others show a lot of damage with chances for some recovery with favorable weather. Meantime there are indications of an unfavorable spring in Western Canada, which will tend to cut down the acreage of crop.

Oats—Prices remained steady during the week. The demand for cash oats is good, and some export business was reported.

Barley—Barley continues in the same rut, owing to the difficulties of transportation.

Flax—Future prices declined during the early part of the week, with the result that a lot of the speculative trades were closed out on stop-loss orders, causing quite a break in the market. Saturday's close on May flax was 12½c below the previous week end.

## GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending March 22 movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Moore				
Jaw	Wheat	No details to hand	84,977.40	2,364,293.30
	Oats		28,669.00	410,253.02
	Barley			21,213.36
	Flax			47,474.02
Calgary				
	Wheat	234,878.00	28,791.00	392,215.00
	Oats	110,365.00	13,576.00	390,164.00
	Barley	446.00		8,603.00
	Mix'd			
	Grain	70,350 lbs.		377,530.00
	Corn		1,174.00	

## WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, March 25, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.07½	\$1.14½
2 Nor. wheat	1.05	1.10½
3 Nor. wheat	1.02½	1.07½
3 white oats	39½	40½
Barley	50-58	62-69
Flax, No. 1	1.91½	2.19½
Futures—		
May wheat	1.08½	1.10½
July wheat	1.08½	1.11
Oct. wheat	1.09½	

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	July	Oct.
Wheat—			
March 21	109	109	104½
March 22	108	108	104
March 23	108	108	103
March 24	108	108	103
March 25	108	108	103
March 27	109	109	105
Week ago	109	110	105
Year ago	148	147	114
Oats—			
March 21	42	43	
March 22	42	42	
March 23	42	42	
March 24	42	42	
March 25	41	41	
March 27	41	41	
Week ago	43	43	
Year ago	62	62	
Flax—			
March 21	203	204	
March 22	197	200	
March 23	194	195	
March 24	193	194	
March 25	194	195	
March 27	194	196	
Week ago	206	208	
Year ago	177	180	

No grade wheat, 1 car	1.01½
No grade wheat, 1 car, choice	1.12
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, smut	.96
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.98½
Sample barley, 1 car	.65
Sample barley, 2 cars	.64
Sample barley, 1 car	.62
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.66
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.66
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.63
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.64
No. 2 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.19
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.21
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.20
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.20
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.19

## STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, March 24, 1916

	This Year	Last Year
1 hard	70,229.10	12,377.40
1 Nor.	12,072,221.50	1,289,460.00
2 Nor.	5,330,878.30	2,298,199.10
3 Nor.	3,569,547.00	1,906,033.50
No. 4	1,771,388.40	1,114,950.00
Others	2,714,174.50	1,058,791.20

	This week	Last week
This week	25,528,440.00	7,679,814.00
Last week	24,142,569.50	6,640,585.30
Increase	1,385,870.50	1,039,228.70

	Oats	Barley	Flaxseed
1 C. W.	109,034.30		248.18
2 C. W.	4,575,718.00		804,216.12
3 C. W.	2,120,906.26		629,615.04
Ex. 1 Fd.	715,822.33		321,380.22
Others	1,890,669.21		1,214,032.27

	This week	Last week
This week	9,412,152.08	2,969,493.20
Last week	9,162,964.10	2,732,156.28
Increase	249,187.98	237,336.92

	3 C. W.	1 N. W. C.
3 C. W.	869,387.42	828,523.13
4 C. W.	503,329.46	89,010.45
Feed	102,128.42	33,355.20
Feed	79,313.06	29,169.43
Others	194,142.18	

	This week	Last week
This week	1,770,302.10	980,059.09
Last week	1,712,993.30	961,872.54
Increase	57,308.80	18,186.55
Last year's total	342,482.45	985,116.41

### SHIPMENTS

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
1916 (to date)	422,178.20	423,107.19	6,696.32	8,032.26
1915 (to date)	193,502.00	47,167.00	7,077.00	

## INSPECTIONS

For the week ending March 22 grain car inspections at Winnipeg were as follows:—

	This Year	Last Year
Wheat	3969	1484
Oats	968	700
Barley	112	35
Flax	86	69
Screenings	5	
Total	5140	2292

## LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, March 23.—Market dull.

	Close	Prev.
No. 1 Hard Winter	\$1.62½	\$1.62½
No. 2 Red Winter	1.65	1.65
No. 1 Nor. Spring, Chicago	1.92	1.92
No. 1 Nor. Blue Stem	1.92	1.92
No. 1 Nor. Manitoba	1.93½	1.93½

## The Livestock Markets

The cattle trade last week was quite steady. Receipts were not heavy, the local packers at Winnipeg were all fairly well supplied with beef so that a sharp advance there is not likely. Prices will, however, be steady. Southern and Eastern markets have been very steady and some high prices registered. On March 23 cattle brought the highest price in the history of the Union stock yards for that month, prime steers selling at \$10.50. Buyers predicted that before two months choice cattle will bring \$11 there. The same day \$11.70 was paid in St. Louis for 509 lambs, a record price for the National stock yards of that city. A small lot of lambs sold at Toronto yards last week at \$13.75 a cwt. and \$13.50 has been paid for round lots in several cases. The run of cattle at Toronto was liberal. Good offerings were strong, but medium and common stuff was drab. No prime steers were offered. The general supply at Chicago was not heavy.

and the market maintained a firm even tendency. Medium steers and butcher stock were firm with slight advances. The smallness of shipping demand at Chicago has enabled packers to keep prices down there in spite of small supply.

The general break up of roads is likely to make receipts light for some time and keep prices on a fairly firm basis.

Winnipeg, March 24.—Receipts of livestock at the Union stock yards, Winnipeg, this week were as follows: Cattle, 850; hogs, 7,000; calves, 99; sheep and lambs, 57. Receipts of cattle included a fair percentage of good quality cattle. There were also more cows than we have had for some time. All classes of killing cattle sold at about steady prices. Good feeding cattle are scarce and are bringing good prices next week. Milkers and springers are steady.

Not many sheep or lambs are coming. Good quality sheep are selling \$6.75 to \$7.50, and choice lambs \$8.00 to \$9.00. Very few calves arriving and the market is steady to strong. Nice veal calves weighing 125 to 200 lbs. are selling \$7.50 to \$8.50, common to fair \$6.00 to \$7.50.

The hog market opened Monday with select selling at \$10.25 and watered. This price held steady all week. Prospects for next week on hogs look steady. Hog market firm.

## Country Produce

CALGARY PRODUCE—The Produce Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. Ltd., 24, Calgary Public Market, reports that dairy butter is still coming forward slowly and prices are firm. New laid eggs are very plentiful. Dressed hogs remain firm and to all appearances are likely to advance. There is a strong demand for live poultry.

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: All prices quoted on country produce are f.o.b. Winnipeg.

Butter—Butter prices are even a little firmer than they have been. The supply is somewhat shorter than for some time and the demand is good for good quality butter. A considerable quantity of butter in store in Winnipeg was put on the market two to three weeks ago and is not now available to keep down the price. Many cows are at the end of their lactation period while new ones are only beginning or about to freshen. Many farmers were not able this week to get out to their hay stacks as usual and feeding is not as good as it otherwise would have been. Fancy dairy is 24 to 26 cents.

Eggs—Eggs are very plentiful now and coming in unusually fast. Prices are generally a little weaker. New laid are quoted at 20 to 25 cents.

Cream—Cream prices remain the same, 38 cents per lb. B.F. for cream grading No. 1 and 34 cents for No. 2 or lower cream.

Potatoes—Potato supplies from Manitoba are small, but are coming forward from Alberta and British Columbia fairly liberally, particularly from the former. Prices are running 20 cents to 50 cents per bushel, but the Western potatoes are worth up to 25 cents a bushel more than the Manitoba product. They are of better quality and whereas there are a number of extra poor ones and some the size of walnuts in a bushel of Manitoba stuff, the Alberta potatoes are mostly hand picked and nothing smaller than good sized eggs are put in. They are all of good quality as well.

Hay—The demand for hay is considerably better and prices have made advances of \$1.00 for poorer grades to \$2.00 per ton for better stuff. No. 1 Upland is \$14.00 and No. 1 Timothy \$17.00.

## Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from March 21 to 27 inclusive

Date	WHEAT				OATS				BARLEY				FLAX								
	1*	2*	3*	4*	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Ref.	Feed	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Ref.	
March 21	10 1/4	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 3/4	7 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	51	51 1/2	51 1/2	100 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	17 1/2	
March 22	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	51	51 1/2	51 1/2	100 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	17 1/2	
March 23	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	51	51 1/2	51 1/2	100 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	17 1/2	
March 24	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	51	51 1/2	51 1/2	100 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	17 1/2	
March 25	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	51	51 1/2	51 1/2	100 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	17 1/2	
March 27	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	51	51 1/2	51 1/2	100 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	17 1/2	
Week ago	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	50	51	51 1/2	51 1/2	100 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	17 1/2	
Year ago	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	60	60	60	60	175	1 1/2	1 1/2		

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Calgary		Chicago		St. Paul		COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg		Calgary	Saskatoon	Regina	Brandon
	Mar. 27	Year Ago	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 25	Mar. 25	Mar. 25								
Cattle									Butter (per lb.)						
Choice steers	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	8 1/2 - 8 3/4	Fancy dairy	24-26	25	30-32	25	26	27
Best butcher steers and heifers	7 25-7 50	7 25-7 50	7 40-7 75	7 40-7 75	7 40-7 75	7 40-7 75	7 40-7 75	7 40-7 75	No. 1 dairy	20	21-22	25-27	20	21	22
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6 50-7 25	6 50-7 25	6 75-7 40	6 75-7 40	6 75-7 40	6 75-7 40	6 75-7 40	6 75-7 40	Good round lots	17-19	18-20	22	18	20	21
Best fat cows	5 50-6 00	5 50-6 00	5 50-6 25	5 50-6 25	5 50-6 25	5 50-6 25	5 50-6 25	5 50-6 25	Eggs (per doz.)	21	21	22	20	21	22
Medium to good cows	5 00-5 50	5 00-5 50	5 00-5 25	5 00-5 25	5 00-5 25	5 00-5 25	5 00-5 25	5 00-5 25	Subject to handling	20-25	19	21	20	21	22
Common cows	4 00-4 75	4 00-4 75	4 25-4 50	4 25-4 50	4 25-4 50	4 25-4 50	4 25-4 50	4 25-4 50	New Laid	20-25	19	21	20	21	22
Canners	3 50-4 00	3 50-4 00	3 50-4 25	3 50-4 25	3 50-4 25	3 50-4 25	3 50-4 25	3 50-4 25	Potatoes						
Choice heifers	6 25-7 25	6 25-7 25	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	In sacks, per bushel, new	75-85	50-55	55	75	75	90
Fair															