

The Farmers' Market

Winnipeg Market Letter

(Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, June 24, 1918)

Cattle—Prices advanced slightly since a week ago, with the principal strength in the October futures. This was due to the reports of lack of sufficient moisture in certain portions of Saskatchewan and Alberta. A brisk trade developed in the October futures and commission houses reported receiving many buying orders from country customers. There was very little feature to the cash market or July futures. Strength seemed to be due to the lack of selling pressure rather than to the quality of the buying.

Barley—An advance of five cents per bushel was made during the week. Offerings are very light and buyers have difficulty in securing moderate requirements. American prices have advanced smartly and reports indicate that the California crop is quite disappointing now that it has been harvested.

Flax—July futures are 5 cents up and October futures 22 cents up from a week ago. The market has had a strong tone, with cash flax in good demand.

WINNIPEG FUTURES									
June									
Date	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Year
July	85 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	70 1/2
Oct.	70 1/2	72 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	56 1/2
Flax—									
July	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Oct.	34 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS
Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, June 19, was as follows—

Elevator	Grain	Week ending	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	2,855	15,764	69,309
	Oats	7,313	70,300	825,284
	Barley	90	90	19,114
	Flax	—	—	527
Saskatoon	Wheat	—	—	30,943
	Oats	—	104,124	520,165
	Barley	—	3,490	7,951
	Flax	—	—	2,097
Moose Jaw	Wheat	1,109	16,030	28,425
	Oats	—	101,432	624,265
	Barley	—	737	2,566
	Flax	—	34	5,660

THE CASH TRADE
Minneapolis, June 22, 1918
CORN—Slow market. Prices unchanged. No. 3 yellow closed at \$1.55 to \$1.65.
OATS—Steady demand for No. 3 white at 4 to 4 1/2 over July for ordinary. No. 3 white closed at 75 1/2 to 77 1/2. No. 4 white oats at 72 to 76.
RYE—Weak early and weaker late in the session. A sale was reported at \$1.88 near the close, but the closing quotations don't show it. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.93 to \$1.95.
BARLEY—Steady demand at unchanged prices. Prices closed at \$1.00 to \$1.32.
FLAXSEED—Good demand at 1c over July to 1c under. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.96 1/2 to \$3.99 1/2 on spot and to arrive.

The Livestock Market

WINNIPEG
Winnipeg, June 22.—Receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards, R. Boniface, Man., for the week were as follows: Cattle, 3,650; hogs, 5,487; calves, 284; sheep and lambs, 177.
The quality of cattle during the past week has been below the average. Very few well-finished heaves coming. The quality butcher cattle have met with a ready sale at steady prices, but the

FIXED WHEAT PRICES									
	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	T1	T2	T3
Fixed	221	218	215	208	196	187	215	212	207
Year ago	242	239	235	223	199	183			

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, June 18 to June 24, inclusive

Date	Feed Wheat	OATS	BARLEY	FLAX
	2 CW 3 CW 4 CW	1 Fd 1 Fd 2 Fd	3 CW 4 CW Rel. Feed	1 NW 2 CW 3 CW
June 18	—	85 82 79	117 112 108	377 374 348
19	—	86 83 80	120 115 109	378 375 349
20	—	85 82 79	121 116 110	380 376 351
21	—	86 83 80	122 117 —	380 377 352
22	—	86 83 80	122 117 —	380 377 352
24	—	85 82 79	117 112 —	374 371 346
Week ago	178	85 82 79	117 112 107	371 369 343
Year ago	—	70 69 69	125 120 —	279 275 —

LIVESTOCK		Winnipeg June 22	Year ago	Calgary June 22	Toronto June 20	St. Paul June 20	Chicago June 20
Cattle							
Choice steers		14.00-15.00	11.00-11.50	12.00-12.50	15.75-17.50	16.50-17.40	18.00-18.10
Best Butcher steers		12.50-13.50	10.00-10.75	11.00-12.00	14.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	16.00-18.00
Fair to good butcher steers		10.00-12.00	8.50-9.50	10.00-11.00	12.50-14.25	11.00-14.00	15.00-17.40
Good to choice fat cows		9.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	9.25-10.25	10.50-12.50	12.00-12.50	13.50-14.50
Medium to good cows		8.50-9.00	8.00-8.75	8.50-9.00	9.00-10.25	8.75-11.00	9.50-10.50
Common cows		7.50-8.00	5.50-7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	7.50-8.00	8.25-9.50
Canners		5.50-7.50	3.75-5.00	6.00-7.50	6.75-7.50	6.75-7.50	6.25-7.25
Good to choice heifers		10.50-11.50	9.50-10.50	12.00-13.50	13.75-16.00	10.00-13.50	10.00-14.50
Best cows		8.00-10.00	7.50-9.00	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.25	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.50
Fair to good heifers		8.00-9.50	8.00-9.00	7.50-9.00	—	—	—
Best butcher heifers		9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	10.75-12.50	10.00-11.00	11.50-13.00
Common to bologna heifers		6.00-8.50	6.50-7.50	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.50	7.25-9.25	9.00-9.50
Fair to good feeder steers		10.00-10.75	7.00-8.25	9.50-10.25	10.50-13.00	11.00-13.25	11.25-12.75
Fair to good stocker steers		7.75-9.00	6.00-7.75	8.00-9.00	9.00-11.75	9.50-11.50	10.00-11.25
Best milkers and springers (each)		\$85-\$110	\$75-\$100	\$60-\$75	\$100-\$190	—	—
Fair milkers and springers (each)		\$60-\$85	\$50-\$65	—	\$65-\$90	—	—
Hogs							
Choice hogs, fed and watered		18.00	15.00	18.00	18.00	16.35-16.40	16.85-17.00
Light hogs		16.00-16.75	12.00-13.00	—	16.00-17.00	—	—
Heavy hogs		14.00-14.75	10.00-11.00	—	16.00-17.00	—	—
Stags		11.00-12.75	8.00-10.00	—	14.00	—	—
Sheep and Lambs							
Choice lambs		16.00-18.00	11.50-12.75	16.00-17.00	16.00-21.00	15.00-18.00	20.00-20.50
Best killing sheep		10.00-12.00	8.50-9.25	14.00-15.00	14.00-18.00	12.50-15.00	13.75-14.00

\$5 to \$7. The stocker trade is dull and very few changed hands, two and three-year-old steers being the best sellers, some of the best bringing up to \$10.25, but with continued dry weather they will undoubtedly go lower next week. Dry cows and heifers of all ages and quality are going back to grass at from \$7.50 to \$7.75, and yearlings are hard to dispose of at from \$5.50 to \$6.50.

The hog market opened out steady at last week's price, \$17.85 being paid on Wednesday, \$18 on Thursday and \$18 on Friday.

A few fat sheep were sold on a basis of \$16 to \$17, with wool on or four cents less if shorn.

The cattle market has taken a heavy slump and is fully four cents lower than a month ago. We would advise all shippers to hold out to their cattle for a while as the grain cattle are not fat enough to kill or ship and consequently there is little demand for them. The stocker trade is also very dull and until there is a good rain we do not anticipate any improvement in this demand.

TORONTO

Toronto, June 20.—Dunn and Leveck reports as follows: We had the heaviest supply of cattle on Monday that we have had for some weeks past. A large percentage of the supply were made up of cattle that had been on the grass, most of which had not been grazing long enough to show any improvement, with the result that the market broke on this class of cattle to the extent of nearly \$1.00 per cwt. from the high time. Good cattle with good quality continue to sell at about steady prices. There were too many half fat cows here and they were very hard to dispose of.

Supplies were light throughout the balance of the week and the demand got better and prices for good cattle were nearly as strong as they had been at any time this season. We do not think that the run will be too heavy for Monday next and that the trade will be better. There is a good inquiry here today for good butchers, heavy weight steers and fat cows, but we would advise caution in buying this, half finished cattle at anything like present prices. The bull trade is very good. For milk cows and springers the market is a little dull excepting for the better class of cows. There is a steady inquiry for heavy stockers and feeders for the grass.

Supplies of sheep and lambs have been heavier this week and prices have made a decided break. We think they will go still lower as they have been extremely high. Good bunches of veal calves are wanted. They are selling very high. The hog market showed some strength here today and we were making \$17.25 f.o.b. cars and \$18 fed and watered. The leading packers have indicated to us that they intend making a cut in the prices of heavy weight hogs.

Breeders' Notes

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feeds sold for \$106.725, or an average of \$1.066 per head. Twenty-six of the bulls averaged \$1.460 a piece, and included, among them, was "King Repeater," purchased by John Landers, of Springfield, Mo., for \$12,000. Two of the other bulls went around \$5,000. A son of "Gay Lad 16th," one of the herd bulls on the Willow Spring Ranch, Crossfield, Alta., brought \$3,000. The females also brought good prices, Letta & Tarkington, Tarkington, Iowa, purchasing "Relvly the 2nd," the grand-daughter of "Beau Real," with an exceptional heifer calf at side by "Repeater 71st," for \$3,500.

At the sale of Herefords by R. T. Bartlett, Greenacres, Mo., held at Chillicothe, Mo., on June 15, 62 head brought \$39,170, or an average of \$634 a piece. The sensation of the sale was "Shadland Jewel the 2nd," purchased by Claude H. Makin for \$5,500. Messrs. Harris & Sons, of Harris, Mo., purchased "My Girl" by the above "Gay Lad the 16th" for \$2,700. They also got "Miss Gay Lad the 46th," another daughter of the same sire, at \$1,400, and "Miss Repeater the 5th" for \$2,500.

The Blue Ribbon sale of Herefords in Kansas City, Mo., on June 3, was also a success. In all 88 head were sold, bringing \$60,805, or an average of \$785 a head. Thirty-seven bulls totalling \$20,735, an average of \$560, and 51 cows and heifers averaging \$785.

A \$106,000 HOLSTEIN BULL CALF

At the sale of 175 Holstein-Friesians at the State Fair in Milwaukee, Wis., on June 6, there was sold "Champion Sylvia Johanna," a bull calf of last December, consigned by his breeder, A. C. Hardy, Brockville, Ont., which realized the record price of \$106,000, the purchaser being the Carnation Stock Farm, Seattle, Wash. This youngster, whose photo appears elsewhere in this issue, is out of a world's record cow by a distinguished sire, and according to the Breeders' Gazette "his individuality excited the liveliest interest among informed at tenders and prompted a spirited bidding which ran the price up to the historic height." The other particulars of the sale, taken from the Breeders' Gazette, are as follows: The February bull calf "King Wandersville Ormby," bred and consigned by Niagara Maid Farms, East Aurora, N.Y., made \$12,000, the buyer being Aldencrest Farm, Alden, N.Y. The seven-year-old cow "Albina Josie," from Pine Grove Farm herd of Oliver Cabana, Jr., Elma Centre, N.Y., was bought by the Carnation Stock Farm for \$10,000. A W. Green, Middlefield, O., paid \$13,100 and \$10,100, respectively, for the four-year-old cow "Ideasae Pontiac Lass," consigned by J. W. Vaughan, St. Johnsville, N.Y., and the eight-year-old cow "Lesly Veerman De Rod," from the herd of G. A. Abbott, Cortland, N.Y.

Many good judges regarded the four-year-old "Het-Loo Pieterje," consigned by A. C. Hardy, of Ontario, as not only the most desirable female in the offering, but one of the best individuals of the breed. She was purchased by the Lisle Farms, Inc., Lisle, Ill., for \$12,750. She is a big, roomy cow with a deal of character and quality. The 175 head sold made a total of \$425,410, an average of \$2,433. The thirty-six bulls averaged \$5,135 and the 139 females \$1,737. The auction followed the annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. A large and representative attendance of breeders was a deserved compliment to the event, which was under the capable management of H. A. Meyer, Syracuse, N.Y., who has staged and directed many a noted Holstein sale.

MCGREGOR'S ABERDEEN-ANGUS SALE

On July 26, there will be sold at Brandon, Man., probably one of the finest aggregations of pure bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle that ever entered a sale ring on the North American continent.

The well known main Glenora herd, belonging to James D. McGregor of Brandon, comprising 125 head of bulls, cows and heifers, and including their fine 1918 show herd will go without reserve to the highest bidder. It seems almost a misfortune to the livestock industry of Canada, and particularly of Western Canada, that such a splendid herd of cattle should be dispersed, but the hope is expressed that the majority of the animals will stay in the West. The reason for the dispersal of the Glenora herd is simply the fact that Mr. Kenneth McGregor, who has had charge of the cattle for some time, is going to the front, and his father, Mr. J. D. McGregor, the Western Food Controller, who founded this herd, finds his duties take up all his attention, and that he is unable to give any of his time to the proper supervision of his herd. Of course, as already stated, it seems a pity to break up this herd of cattle, but the good such animals will do in helping new blood into, and strengthening other herds, compensates in a certain degree for the sale of this fine aggregation of black cattle. It took Mr. McGregor time, money, and unbounded optimism to bring the Glenora herd up to its present degree of excellence. The best blood of the old country and the States was imported to cross with the animals of Mr. McGregor's own raising, till now this herd can claim the honor of being in the first rank among Aberdeen-Angus herds on the American continent.

The records achieved at the Chicago International, the Canadian fairs, and last, but by no means least, the butcher's block, confirm the statements made. But as already stated, the opportunity for the smaller breeder to secure some first class breeding stock should not be overlooked. There are a large number of cattle to be sold, and there are sure to be some great bargains. Every animal will be sold without reserve, and will be guaranteed right.

Fullman cars are being arranged for from points in Western Canada and the States, and it would greatly facilitate arrangements if parties who anticipate attending the sale would send in their names to Mr. McGregor. As the event will take place during the week of the big summer fair at Brandon, special rates will be in operation over all the railways. Catalogs will be ready around July 1. Please send for one. There is very little to be gained by going into the details regarding the merits of this great herd bred at the present time; suffice to say that the Aberdeen-Angus is a noted early maturing beef breed. They are unequalled for fattening, and as there is very little waste in their carcasses, they are popular with the butcher. As every one knows, they are black in color, and very neat in shape, having in outward appearance, approached nearer to perfection than any other breed.

THE WATT-GARDHOUSE SHORTHORNS

The Shorthorn sale, conducted by J. A. Watt, Elora, Ont., and J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont., held at Guelph, May 21, was a good success, 59 animals being sold for \$49,790, making an average of \$840 each. The sale was well attended, especially by breeders from the United States, some 23 head of the best animals going across the line.

The highest price paid for bulls was \$1,725, given by Adam Armstrong, Ferguson, Ont., for Gairford Mark, a son of Gairford Marquis. Ostericher Bros., Crediton, Ont., got Orange Princess the 2nd, an eight-year-old cow, for \$2,275. J. J. Elliot, of Guelph, bought the show calf Augusta of Longbank for \$1,250. Messrs. Carpenter & Ross, Mansfield, Ohio, were heavy buyers, as were also D. E. MacDonnell, Huron, S.D., J. E. Crossbie, Goshen Bros. and others. J. K. McNeill, Laverne, Minn., got one of the best cows in the sale for \$1,325.

CALGARY FAIR

The Calgary Industrial Exhibition to be held June 28 to July 6 is rapidly being made ready for the thousands of visitors who look forward annually to the pleasure of seeing the best livestock that can be produced, and the finest attractions of the present day. This year's exhibition will excel those of past years and visitors may look forward to a real treat. Live stock exhibits will be present from practically every province in Canada west of Quebec, and several of the United States. A free accommodation bureau will be conducted by the Exhibition Company at the C.P.R. depot so that visitors should have no difficulty in getting accommodation.

Special arrangements have been made to park automobiles on the exhibition grounds. An admission fee of 25 cents per day will be charged for cars, and they will be checked free of charge. An extra fee of 25 cents will be charged if the cars are left checked on the Exhibition grounds over night.

On Saturday, June 29, Girls' and Boys' Day, the girls' and boys' classes will be judged as well as the Shorthorns and swine classes. On Monday, July 1, Dominion Day, pure-bred stallions will be judged as well as Herefords, Holsteins and sheep. On Tuesday, July 2, United Farmers' Day, pure-bred horses will be judged, and there will also be a parade of prize-winning horses in the evening in front of the grandstand. There will be horse races on the evenings of June 29 to July 3 inclusive, and automobile races with the world's greatest drivers, using special racing cars, on the afternoon of July 4, American Day, and July 5, Auto Day.

Special illustrated folder giving information regarding the exhibition may be obtained by writing E. L. Richardson, manager of the Exhibition, Calgary.

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