

CHICAGO MARKET—May 25, 1899.

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Table of Chicago market prices for various commodities including Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, and Sht ribs. It lists closing prices for May 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24, along with opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices for the current day. It also includes Puts and Calls for May 26 and July.

WHEAT ACTIVE AND STRONG—REPORTS OF FLY DAMAGE AND DROUGHT—CORN EASY.

Chicago, May 25.

The bull clique had matters pretty well in their own hands this morning. Cables recorded the substantial rise of 1 1/2 points, news paper and other reports, were freely circulated as to "fly" damage and scalpars were caught short of the market.

Everything tended to be in favor of the early rise, and those traders who had bought over night in anticipation of a rally did all in their power to keep up the price.

Statistics however do not favor any further advance, and unless there should come sensational reports of fly damage, we think it scarcely likely that the present high value will be maintained.

Exhaustive crop reports are now coming to hand of the various railroads whose lines run through the wheat belt. The reports which cover the winter wheat and corn belt state conditions have materially improved during the past week. Kansas has been favored by recent heavy rains, and the Atchison people are unwilling to concede a less estimate than 40,000,000 bushels which is about equal to 30 p.c. Most encouraging reports come from Chicago and Western divisions, also from Southern Kansas and Oklahoma.

The state board of Agriculture of West Virginia reports that in a number of countries wheat has been seriously damaged, and in four countries this amounts to 50 p.c. there is however a prospect of a good crop of corn and oats.

The Chicago "Farmers' Review" publishes a review of winter wheat prospects, compiled from information received from a large number of correspondents in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. The reports in the main show that winter wheat is in rather poor condition, especially in the western section of the winter wheat belt.

The condition in Missouri is described as good in the central and southern portions of the State, but it is not satisfactory in the north. In Ohio the most favorable showing is made, many of the correspondents reporting conditions good to very good.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange prices. It lists various stocks and companies under 'MISCELLANEOUS' and 'LOAN and SAVINGS CO.' columns. Columns include Shares, Par Value, CAPITAL (Paid up), Rest as per Last Statement, Div. per cent., Last half year, and Buyers.

† Including bonus of one per cent. for six months. \* After deducting \$571,982 for reinsurance. ‡ After deducting \$792,049 for reinsurance. † Inclusive of a bonus of five per cent. This list is compiled from the fortnightly circular issued by the Secretary Toronto Stock Exchange. § May, 1894, 3 1/2 dividend; April, 1891, 2 1/2 dividend.

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