

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, April 24, 1915)

Wheat—Active and decidedly nervous all the week, the trade broadening considerably, the tone at the last being quite firm. Resting spots were 5¢ up for May and July and 5¢ up for October. Speculative offerings were comparatively light early, while the demand was urgent and prices advanced sharply, and what "shorts" there were covered freely on the upturn. The strong foreign situation and growing belief among many traders that home supplies were practically depleted to the danger line were the principal "bull" influences. Over half the world's shipments last week were contributed by America and nearly all the balance by Argentina. The early prospect of a large reduction in the American visible supply, which was later realized, likewise had a "bullish" effect on values, also the large clearances from Atlantic ports. Around top figures today there was a little profit-taking by "longs" and values worked 1 cent lower before the close. The buying particularly during the last couple of days has been of very good class and this has helped considerably to steady the market and make the undertone firm. The cash demand for the period under review has hardly been what could be called good, although what offerings there are in the market are usually taken. During the last two days, however, this demand has done better. Off-grades, such as toughs, rejecteds and smuttys, are meeting very poor market, as they have been doing during the last couple of months.

Oats—Business was more active and the range of prices irregular during the past week. This was particularly so during opening days. An advance was made early in sympathy with the strong coarse grain prices in Chicago, but this was followed by some heavy realizing sales there and a break followed, and at the close today prices showed net losses of 1 cent for May and July oats when compared with those prevailing a week ago. The cash demand for oats in store is poor, in fact it has not been as poor any time during this crop. Tough oats are absolutely unsaleable and have been all the week.

Barley—The demand continues poor and practically no business has resulted all the week.

Flax—Market dull. The close today showed net losses of 1 to 1 cent.

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	May	July	Oct.
April 20	158½	158½	123½
April 21	159½	158½	123½
April 22	159½	158½	122½
April 23	161½	160½	124½
April 24	164½	163½	126½
April 26	164½	163½	125½
Oats	May	July	Oct.
April 20	66½	66½	66½
April 21	65½	65½	65½
April 22	64½	65½	65½
April 23	65½	65½	65½
April 24	65½	66½	65½
April 26	65½	66½	65½
Flax	May	July	Oct.
April 20	181	183½	183½
April 21	180½	184	184
April 22	179½	182½	182½
April 23	178½	181½	181½
April 24	179½	182½	182½
April 26	179½	182½	186

### MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, April 22)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	81 62½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 61½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 58½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 58½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2,000 bu., to arrive	1 62½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 62½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1 57½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 58½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 57½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 59½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 59½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 55
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 57½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 57½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 57½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 54½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 50½
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	1 54½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 57½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1 55½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 51½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 47½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 44½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 48½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 36½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 47½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 45½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 43½
No. 4 durum wheat, part car, mixed	1 40
No. 3 durum wheat, 2 cars, mixed	1 55
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1 56½
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1 56
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1 64

### Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from April 20 to April 26 inclusive

Date	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1Fd	2Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Apr. 20	157½	157	154½	150	148½	142½	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	59½	74	67	64	64	179½	176½	176½	176½
21	158½	157	154½	150	148½	142½	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	59½	74	67	64	64	179½	176½	176½	176½
22	158½	157	154½	150	148½	142½	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	59½	74	67	64	64	179½	176½	176½	176½
23	161½	159½	157½	152½	148½	144½	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	59½	74	67	64	64	179½	176½	176½	176½
24	163½	162½	160½	155½	148½	144½	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	59½	74	67	64	64	179½	176½	176½	176½
26	163½	161½	159½	155½	148½	144½	65½	62½	62½	61½	60½	59½	74	67	64	64	179½	176½	176½	176½

### THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

### CORRECTED TO MONDAY, APRIL 26

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Winnipeg Livestock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat	163½	160½	91½	Cattle	8 c. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	Butter (per lb.)	28c-30c	28c-30c	29c-31c
No. 1 Nor. wheat	161½	159½	89½	Choice steers	7 75-8 25	7 50-8 00	7 25-7 50	Fancy dairy	23c	23c	18c
No. 2 Nor. wheat	159½	157½	88½	Best butcher steers and heifers	7 75-8 00	7 40-7 75	6 50-7 00	Good round lots	18c-20c	18c-20c	15c-16c
No. 3 Nor. wheat	151½	149½	84½	Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	7 25-7 50	7 00-7 25	6 25-6 50	Eggs (per doz.)	18c	16c-17c	18c
No. 4 Nor. wheat	149½	147½	82½	Best fat cows	6 50-6 65	6 00-6 50	5 60-5 85	Strictly new laid	18c	16c-17c	18c
No. 5 Nor. wheat	147½	145½	80½	Medium cows	5 00-5 50	4 75-5 50	5 00-5 50	Potatoes	50c-55c	50c-55c	65c-75c
No. 6 Nor. wheat	145½	143½	78½	Common cows	4 00-4 50	4 00-4 25	4 00-4 50	In sacks, per bushel	50c-55c	50c-55c	65c-75c
Feed	68½	66½	68½	Choice heifers	6 75-7 00	6 50-7 00	5 25-5 50	Milk and Cream	36c	36c	28c
Cash Oats	65	66½	35½	Best bulls	5 00-5 50	4 75-5 00	5 00-5 25	Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	36c	36c	28c
No. 2 CW	65	66½	35½	Com'n and medium bulls	4 00-4 50	4 00-4 25	4 50-5 00	Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	33c	33c	25c
Cash Barley	65	66½	35½	Best feeding steers	6 00-6 50	6 00-6 50	5 25-5 50	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	82 00	82 00	81 75
No. 3	65	66½	35½	Best stocker steers	5 75-6 25	5 50-6 00	5 25-5 50	Dressed Poultry	20c	18c	18c
Cash Flax	178½	178½	133½	Best milkers and springers (each)	865-880	865-880	865-875	Chickens	15c	12c	12c
No. 1 NW	178½	178½	133½	Common milkers and springers (each)	850-860	850-860	840-850	Roosters	15c	12c	12c
Wheat Futures	164½	161½	92½	Hogs	88 00	88 15	88 00	Ducks	15c	12c	12c
May	163½	160½	94	Choice hogs	85 50	85 50-86 00	85 85	Geese	15c	12c	12c
July	163½	160½	94	Heavy sows	84 50	84 50	84 75	Turkeys	15c	12c	12c
October	125½	124½	88½	Stags	84 50	84 50	84 75	Hay (per ton)	813-814	812-814	811-812
Oat Futures	65½	66½	34½	Sheep and Lambs	87 50-88 00	87 50-88 00	87 50-88 00	No. 2 Red Top	812-813	811-813	810-811
May	65½	66½	34½	Choice lambs	86 50	86 00-86 50	86 50	No. 2 Upland	818-819	815-817	815
July	66	66½	36½	Best killing sheep	86 50	86 00-86 50	86 50	No. 2 Timothy	89-811	88-811	815
Flax Futures	179½	180	134					No. 2 Midland	89-811	88-811	815
May	182½	183	137½								
July	182½	183	137½								
October	186	186½	137½								

billing, and the balance of our hogs at \$8.15, weighed off cars, which was Swift and Burn's top. Matthews, Blackwell & Co., Davies & Co. and Gordon, Ironsides & Co.'s agents were not buying. Sheep—Only 8 sheep have arrived and we cannot quote what fat sheep would have brought. Steers, choice export, \$7.00 to \$7.60; steers, butcher, \$6.50 to \$7.00; heifers, common to choice heavy, \$5.75 to \$6.75; cows, choice, \$5.50 to \$6.75; cows, common, \$4.50 to \$5.50; cows, canner, \$1.75 to \$3.00; stags, \$4.75 to \$6.00; oxen, thin to very choice, \$4.25 to \$5.00; bulls, \$4.25 to \$5.50; veal calves, 400 to 500 lbs., \$6.00; veal calves, 200 to 400 lbs., \$6.50 to \$7.00; feeding steers and heifers, \$5.75 to \$6.25; springers, choice, \$6.50 to \$8.00; springers, common, \$6.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$8.10 to \$8.20 for select, weighed off cars.

(These prices are quoted by the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, Limited—Live-stock Department.)

### ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, April 24.—Receipts today were: Cattle, 300; hogs, 1,250; sheep, 400. Prices for killing cattle: Steers, \$4.75 to \$7.85; cows and heifers, \$4.50 to \$7.00; canners, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bulls, \$3.50 to \$6.00; cutters, \$4.00 to \$4.35; veal calves, \$3.75 to \$8.00. Market steady; veal calves steady. Stockers and Feeders: Feeding steers, 900 to 1,100 lbs., \$5.50 to \$7.25; stock steers, 500 to 900 lbs., \$4.75 to \$7.00; stock cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$6.50; stock bulls, \$4.50 to \$6.35. Market steady. Hogs: Prices ranged from \$7.25 to \$7.32. Market steady. Sheep and Lambs: Lambs, \$5.00 to \$9.85; yearlings, \$6.00 to \$8.25; bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.00; wethers, \$6.50 to \$7.75; ewes, \$6.50 to \$7.50. Lambs steady; sheep steady.

### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Ill., April 24.—Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; market unsettled. Bulk of sales, \$7.45 to \$7.60; light, \$7.30 to \$7.70; mixed, \$7.25 to \$7.75; heavy, \$7.00 to \$7.60; rough, \$7.00 to \$7.15; pigs, \$5.50 to \$6.70. Cattle—Receipts, 100; market steady. Native beef steers, \$6.15 to \$8.70; western steers, \$6.65 to \$7.50; cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$8.50; calves, \$6.50 to \$9.25. Sheep—Receipts, 500; market steady. Sheep, \$7.50 to \$8.55; lambs, \$8.25 to \$10.85. Hog prices today tended to decline owing to the fact that but little of the supply was of a character available for shipping. Cattle quotations were nominal. Most of the sheep and lambs went to killers direct.

## Winnipeg Livestock

### Stockyard Receipts

Receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards during the past week have been as follows: Cattle, 1,118; calves, 120; hogs, 6,270; and sheep, 12.

### Cattle

The supply of beef cattle continues quite light and generally the demand for the best offerings is good. Last Saturday receipts were so light that there were scarcely enough on hand to form a market. Demand is not unduly heavy, but prices have advanced from 10 to 15 cents per hundred all round over last week. An odd bunch reached the \$8.25 mark. Good fat cows and heifers are also selling for better prices, heifers being from \$7.00 to \$7.25 and best fat cows from \$6.50 to \$6.75. Oxen are a trifle stronger, at from \$5.00 to \$5.50, while real prime butcher bulls have sold for \$6.00. Not many stockers and feeders are coming to market, but most good yearlings and two-year-olds fetched from \$6.00 to \$6.50. Milkers and springers are about steady in price. It is not advisable to figure on any higher prices in the cattle trade for the coming week. The local market has been comparatively higher for some time past than other markets to the East and South.

## WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, April 24, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1 63½	\$1 64½
2 Nor. wheat	1 62½	1 61½
3 Nor. wheat	1 60	1 59½
No. 3 yellow corn	62½	75
3 white oats	62½	55½
Barley	69-76	
Flax, No. 1	1 78½	1 93½
Futures	Winnipeg	Chicago
May wheat	1 64½	1 58½
July wheat	1 63½	1 55½
Oct. wheat	1 26½	Sept. 1 24½
Beef Cattle, top	88 00	88 70
Hogs, top	8 00	7 7½
Sheep, yearlings	7 50	8 55

and hence it is considered that the top of the market has been reached. Best veal calves are worth \$8.00 to \$8.50 and heavy calves \$5.00 to \$6.00.

### Hogs

In spite of very light receipts the hog market has fallen off again. Southern and Eastern markets are lower and there was scarcely any demand from either quarter during the latter end of last week. The top price on Saturday was 8 cents and the sale was very slow. It is not advisable to figure on any higher market during the present week. Light hogs are selling at from \$6.00 to \$7.00, sows \$5.50 and stags \$4.50.

### Sheep and Lambs

The demand for sheep and lambs is very good. Southern markets are offering high prices and there is a generally recognized shortage of sheep on this continent. There are scarcely any sheep coming to market here, but the following prices may be quoted: Best yearling lambs, \$7.50 to \$8.80, and best mutton sheep, \$6.50.

## Country Produce

Note.—Quotations are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are f.o.b. point of shipment.

### Butter

The price offered for farm butter by dealers this week is unchanged. There is not very much of this class of farm product shipped into the city at this time of the year. Most of it is made from the end of May to July when milk is plentiful and just at that time butter is low in price. A system of cold storage is required to take care of this product when it is plentiful so that it may be placed on the market in competition with that stored by large butter making concerns and hence take advantage of the high prices ruling at such times. Fancy dairy butter is worth 28 to 30 cents per pound. No. 1 dairy is 23 cents per pound and good round lots are 18 to 20 cents.

### Eggs

Eggs are a cent higher this week. The reason for low prices is the unorganized state of the producers. The situation in the produce market is such that jobbers, as soon as any commodity comes to the market in any large quantity, lower the price so as to obtain as much of it as possible, which they put in store at very low prices. Then later on, when the production has been discouraged and supplies have ceased, the price to the consumer is increased considerably and a handsome rake off is made by the jobber. Eggs today are quoted at 18 cents per dozen.

### Potatoes

There seem to be plenty of potatoes in the country. Dealers expect that when the roads get better large quantities will come onto the market and that the price will go down. Today last week's price prevails, namely, 50 to 55 cents per bushel.

### Milk and Cream

There is no change in prices for milk and cream this week. Sweet cream is worth 36 cents per pound of butter fat, sour cream 33 cents per pound of butter fat and milk is still \$2.00 per hundred pounds.

### Dressed Poultry

At present the small amount of poultry coming to market is killed and dressed. Chickens are a good price, namely, 18 to 20 cents per pound, and dealers are offering 15 cents per pound for dressed roosters. The other classes of poultry are not coming to market at all at this season of the year.

### Hay

The hay market is very keen this week. Prices have advanced all round from one to two dollars per ton and the demand is good. No. 1 Timothy is worth \$20.00 per ton; No. 2, \$18.00; No. 1 Red Top, \$15.00; No. 2, \$13.00 to \$14.00; No. 1 Upland, \$14.00; No. 2, \$12.00 to \$13.50; No. 1 Midland, \$11.00 to \$12.00; and No. 2, \$9.00 to \$11.00. The market for straw is fair, offers being from \$6.00 to \$7.00 per ton.

### Hides

Hides are the same this week. The weather is getting warm and it is necessary now to salt hides before shipping. In the present market it is very advisable to ship promptly to realize before any further decline occurs. To cure a hide properly it is first necessary to trim it, cutting off the horns, tail-bones and sinews, then spread the hide on the floor and sprinkle salt evenly and freely over the flesh side. In this way pile one hide on the other, flesh side up, head on head, tail on tail. It will take a week or more to cure hides thoroughly. When hides have lain over a week in salt they will do to tie up and ship, after having shaken off the surplus salt. For a large hide it will take about a pail of salt and a less quantity for a smaller hide or calfskin in proportion to size. Green hides are one to two cents less than salted. Prices are: green salted, unbranded, 25 lbs. and up, 11½ to 10½ cents; branded, 10 cents; bulls, 40 lbs. and up, 9 to 8 cents; veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 13 to 11½ cents; kip, 8 to 25 lbs., 12 to 10½ cents.

### LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, April 24.—Wheat, firm on American strength. Plates, winters and Indian offers strong at 6d advance, with the demand urgent and continent taking freely of all offers. There are few Argentine shippers' offers owing to unfavorable weather affecting deliveries and a good demand for American new crop. Much importance is attached to American offers and it is believed large purchases have already been made.