

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, June 12, 1915)

Wheat—Active and decidedly nervous all the week, the close being steady. Final figures showed July off 12½ cents, while the October lost 4½ cents. Situation at the outset was very weak and values declined sharply, the selling being general while support was lacking. The sharp break in the Southern markets at the beginning of the week coupled with other bearish reports regarding crop conditions as well as lower cables and belief that an early opening of the Dardanelles was probable were the principal depressing influences. As the lower levels were reached the demand improved and during the last couple of days prices steadied down and were inclined to firm up a little, being helped to some extent by the report that considerable export business was being worked in new as well as old wheats. Weather conditions were generally more favorable for the American winter crop and conditions are very favorable for harvesting. Foreign crop advices were very good in the main and Liverpool quoted weak, but around the bottom figures better reports developed and any shorts covered freely.

The demand for cash wheat has been, on the average, fair, and no doubt if offerings were heavier in this market, it could be all very easily taken care of and a better business for everyone would result. Oats—Market steady towards the last, but very weak owing to heavy liquidation at the opening days. Later, however, the cold, frosty nights proved a bull help to the lately seeded grains and prices did better. At the close today July oats were only 1 lower than a week ago. The cash demand is very good and offerings light.

Barley—Demand slow with the result that prices at the close today are about 2 cents lower than a week ago. Flax—Liquidation set in in Duluth and this was reflected here, prices working considerably lower, the close today showing values down from 8 to 9 cents.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	July	Oct.	Dec.		No. 2 yellow corn, 1 car	70
Wheat					No. 2 corn, 1 car, mixed	69½
June 8	129½	107½	107½		No. 3 corn, 1,000 bu., to arrive, mixed	70
June 9	124½	105½	105½		No. 4 white oats, 1 car	44½
June 10	120½	103½	102½		No. 3 oats, 1 car	43½
June 11	121½	104½	104½		No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	44½
June 12	122½	106½	106½		Sample grade oats, part car	44
June 14	120½	103½	103½		No. 3 white oats, 1 car	45½
Week ago	128½	107½	108		No. 4 white oats, 1 car	44½
Year ago	94	85½			No. 3 oats, 1 car	43½
Oats—					No. 3 white oats, 1 car	45½
June 8	56	46½			No. 2 rye, part car	1.13
June 9	54	44½			No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.13
June 10	54½	44			No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	64
June 11	54½	44½			Sample barley, part car	65
June 12	55½	44½			Sample barley, 2 cars	64
June 14	55½	44½			No. 4 barley, 1 car	69½
Week ago	54½	44½			Sample barley, part car	66½
Year ago	39½				No. 1 flax, part car, dockage	1.79½
Flax—					No. 2 flax, part car, warm	1.74
June 8	166½	170½			No. 1 flax, part car	1.78
June 9	163½	168½			No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.78½
June 10	151½	159½				
June 11	155½	160				
June 12	156	161½				
June 14	155	160				
Week ago	163	166½				
Year ago	140½	144½				

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, June 12)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.29½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.29½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, part car	1.28½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.24½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, transit	1.23½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.27½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.24½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.23½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.19
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.22½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.19½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.18½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.21
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.24
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.22½
Wheat screenings, part car, per ton	12.00
Wheat screenings, 1 car, per ton	13.50
Wheat screenings, 1 car, per ton	11.50
Timothy, 26 sacks	5.00
No. 3 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.21½
No. 3 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.25½
No. 4 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.10
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.11
No. 2 durum wheat, 2 cars	1.22
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.21
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.06½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.16½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.14½
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	69½

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, June 12.—Wheat—General market steadier with an improved demand for new winters, which are more firmly held. Spot steady, but dull and unchanged; cargoes irregular. Manitoba's and Plate's, unchanged; winters, 3 to 4½d. dearer, and Indian 9d. to 1s. lower. Better inquiry for wheat at the recession in prices, as supplies in sight and reserves everywhere are only ample for present needs, and it is believed that the trade is using India to hold values at the lowered levels. Little fresh business being done in Indian grades as the movement practically controls shipments. Corn—Market quiet but firm on American and Buenos Ayres strength. Plate offers are firm. Argentine weather fine. Corn arrivals are large, with stocks increasing, but great difficulty is being experienced in filling contracts.

FURTHER DROP IN FLOUR

Following the heavy decline in wheat, the big mills last week announced a further drop of 30 cents a barrel on flour. This makes No. 1 Patent \$7.20 per barrel, or \$1.70 higher than it was at the opening of the war. The decline since the beginning of May has been 70 cents per barrel.

WOOL

Minneapolis, June 12.—Wool is strong at present, but as soon as the clips begin to come in prices are liable to take a drop, as the mills are buying in a small way only, and as soon as large

lots are offered, they may reduce their prices. Prompt shipments while the prices are good would seem to be the best plan to follow. Prices are: Medium, 24 to 25 cents; coarse, 23 to 24 cents; fine medium, 18 to 19 cents; fine, 15 to 16 cents; medium and coarse, chaffy, cotted, seedy and burry, 15 to 16 cents.

Toronto, June 9.—John Hallam Ltd. reports as follows: As the weather has become warmer, clipping of sheep has become general and larger quantities of wool are coming to market. The market has had time to adjust itself to the changed conditions and now appears to be on an established basis, and from the demand for present needs it appears that prices will be maintained. Washed combing fleece (coarse), 30 to 31 cents; washed combing fleece (medium), 31 to 32 cents; washed clothing fleece (fine), 33 to 35 cents; washed rejections (burry, chaffy, etc.), 25 to 27 cents; unwashed fleece combing (coarse), 24 to 25 cents; unwashed fleece combing (medium), 25 to 26 cents; unwashed fleece, clothing (fine), 27 to 28 cents.

Winnipeg, June 14.—Dealers here state that the market is now reasonably settled and the apparent possibility of a long drawn out campaign in Europe is keeping the values up. There is no change in prices, however, those quoted being as follows: For unwashed medium, 20 to 18 cents; unwashed, coarse, 18 to 16 cents; unwashed, fine, and merino, 14 to 12 cents; black wool worth two cents less.

Winnipeg Livestock

Stockyard Receipts

During the past week there have been received at the Union stockyards: 907 cattle, 102 calves, 10,029 hogs and 11 sheep.

Cattle

There has been a light run of stock during the past week and the bulk of the offerings have been grass fed. Some improvement has been noted in the best grades of stock, but the bulk of the grass butcher steers sold from \$7 to \$7.50. The range for the best steers was from \$8.40 to \$8.75. On Thursday a bunch of fat grain fed cattle sold for \$8.50. Good butcher cows and heifers have sold from \$6.00 to \$6.50, with an odd one a little higher. Canners and cutters have been a little more in demand, canners selling from \$3.00 to \$3.50, and cutters from \$4.00 to \$4.50. Good to medium killing cows are worth from \$5.00 to \$5.50. Bulls, too, are up a little, most of these selling around 5 cents. Stockers and feeders are in fair demand at about the same prices as last week. Milkers and springers are not in any better demand. Trading has been reasonably good on all classes of stock during the past week. Receipts have been cleaned up early in the day and there is every indication of a steady market for this next week.

Hogs

Hogs have not been coming in in quite such large numbers, but the market has been only fair. Towards the end of the week the market weakened in sympathy with the east and today choice hogs are selling at from \$8.25 to \$8.35. Light hogs are from \$6.75 to \$7.25, rough sows \$6.25 to \$6.50, and stags \$4.75 to \$5.00.

Sheep and Lambs

There are not many sheep for sale, but choice fat yearlings can be quoted at 8 cents per pound and good fat sheep at 6½ to 7 cents per pound.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, June 12, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.22	\$1.30
2 Nor. wheat		1.28
3 Nor. wheat	1.17½	1.25
3 white oats	.53½	.43
Barley	.62-.64	.63-.69
Flax, No. 1	1.55	1.77½
Futures		
July wheat	1.22½	1.21
Oct. wheat	1.06	Sept. 1.06
Dec. wheat	1.06½	1.07

Country Produce

The inclusion in this page this week of a comparative table showing at a glance the prices paid for livestock and country produce at the principal towns and cities throughout the West marks another advance in the service which The Guide is giving its readers. Arrangements have been made to obtain these market reports from special correspondents who are all in close touch with market conditions so that the prices quoted can be relied upon as being correct.

CALGARY PRODUCE—Dressed hogs from 100 to 150 pounds are worth 10½ cents per pound. Heavier weights 9 cents per pound. All the prices quoted for this market are from The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, Produce Dept., Stall 24, Calgary Public Market.

SASKATOON PRODUCE—Dairy produce is coming in steadily and excellent business is being done in all lines. Veal is worth 12 to 13 cents per pound, and beef is 11 to 13 cents per pound. Dressed hogs (100 to 150 pounds), 10 to 10½ cents per pound.

REGINA PRODUCE—There is a light demand for butter with heavy offerings tending to lower the price. Dressed hogs (100 to 150 pounds) are worth from 10 to 10½ cents per pound. Heavier weights 8 to 10 cents per pound.

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—(Note:—Prices are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are f.o.b. point of shipment.)

Butter—The supply of butter is still very large and dealers are quoting very nearly the same prices again this week. Fancy dairy is worth 17 to 19 cents per pound, No. 1 dairy is one cent higher, at 18 cents, and good round lots are worth from 16 to 17 cents per pound.

Eggs—The supply of eggs is just as large as ever and 15 to 16 cents per dozen dealers say is all that they can afford to pay for shipments this week.

Potatoes—There is any quantity of potatoes on hand at present and dealers are paying 50 to 55 cents per bushel this week.

Milk and Cream—The creameries report that there is an extremely large supply of cream coming in just at present and this has had the effect of reducing the price one cent on sweet cream. This week sweet cream is 27 cents per pound of butterfat. Sour cream is the same at 22 cents per pound of butterfat, and milk is still \$2.00 per hundred pounds.

Live Poultry—Live poultry is in good demand at the following prices: Hens, 12 cents per pound; extra heavy hens, 14 cents per pound; ducks, 14 cents; turkeys, 14 cents; spring roosters, 12 cents per pound, and spring chickens (this year's), 18 cents per pound.

Hay—Hay is in good demand at about last week's prices. No. 1 Timothy is worth \$21 per ton; No. 2, \$20 per ton; No. 1 Red Top, \$17 per ton; No. 2, \$15 to \$16 per ton; No. 1 Upland, \$14 per ton; No. 2, \$12 to \$13.50 per ton; No. 1 Midland, \$13 per ton and No. 2 Midland, \$12 per ton.

Hides—The quality of hides is improving now and dealers are offering the following prices: Green salted hides, unbranded, No. 1, 13 cents, No. 2, 12 cents; branded, 11 cents flat. Green salted bulls, oxen and stags, 10 cents flat. Green salted horsehides, large, \$3.00; medium, \$2.00; small, \$1.25. Green hides worth one cent less than salted. Dry flint butcher hides, 40 cents; dry rough and fallen hides, 16 cents; dry horsehides, 50 cents to \$1.00.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from June 8 to June 14 inclusive

Date	1°	2°	3°	WHEAT	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	EXFED	1Fd	2Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
June 8	129½	127½	119½	119½					55	53½	53½	52½	51½	71½				164½	161½		
9	125	122½	118½	115½					52½	51½	51½	50½	49½	71½				162½	159½		
10	120½	118	115	110½	103½	98½			53½	52	52	50½	49½		64	62	62	154½	151½		
11	121½	119	116	111½	104½	101½	99½		54½	52½	52½	51½	50½		64	62	62	155	152		
12	122	117½	113	106	101				54½	53½	53½	51½	50½					154	151		
14	121	118½	115½	110½	103½	98½			55	53½	53½	52½	51½					161½	158½		
Week ago	123	120½	122½	118½	112	107			53½	51½	51½										
Year ago	93½	92½	90½	86½	80	75	70	38½	38½	38½	37½	37½	35½	54	50	49½	139½	136½	124½		

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg June 14	Year Ago	Toronto June 11	Calgary June 12	Chicago June 12	St. Paul June 12	COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg June 14	Year Ago	Calgary June 12	Saskatoon June 12	Regina June 12	Brandon June
Cattle	8 c 8 c	8 c 8 c	8 c 8 c	8 c 8 c	8 c 8 c	8 c 8 c	Butter (per lb.)	17c-19c	21c	27c	18c-25c	25c-25c	
Choice steers, dry feed	8.00-8.50	7.50-7.75	8.00-8.35	7.25-7.50			Fancy dairy	18c	16c-17c	20c-25c	18c-25c	20c	
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.15-7.75	7.25-7.50	7.85-8.15	7.00-7.25			No. 1 dairy	16c-17c	15c-16c		17c	18c-20c	
Fair to good butcher steers					6.85-9.50	5.00-8.75	Good round 12½						
and heifers	6.35-7.10	6.50-7.00	7	85	6.50-7.00		Eggs (per doz.)						
Best fat cows	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.25	6.75-7.50	6.00-6.50			Strictly new laid	15c-16c	18c-20c	20c-22½c	17c-20c	18c	
Medium cows	5.75-6.25	5.25-5.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	3.20-8.85	4.50-7.50	Potatoes						
Common cows	4.25-5.00	4.75-5.00	4.00-5.50	1.75-3.00			In sacks, per bushel	50c-55c	\$1.00-\$1.10	75c	85c	90c	
Choice heifers	7.00-7.50			4.25-6.00			Milk and Cream						
Best bulls	5.25-5.50	5.50-6.00		4.25-5.75			Sweet cream (per lb. but-	27c	38c	26c-28c		33c	
Common and medium bulls	4.85-5.25	4.50-5.00		4.25-5.75			ter-fat)						
Best feeding steers			6.50-7.50	5.75-6.25			Cream for butter-making						
Best stocker steers	6.00-6.25		5.50-6.50				purposes (per lb. but-	22c	23c-24c	24c		27c	
Best milkers and springers							ter-fat)						
(each)	\$60-\$75	\$60-\$80	\$65-\$85	\$65-\$80			Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	\$2.00	\$1.50	47c per lb.		\$2.00	
Common milkers and spring-				\$60-\$65			Dressed Poultry						
ers (each)	\$38-\$45	\$45-\$55					Roosters	14c	10c	10c	40c-55c each	14c	
Hogs							Fowl	12c	13c	12c	60c-\$1.00 "	10c	
Choice hogs	88.25-88.35	87.10	89.75-810	88.50	87.75	87.30	Ducks	14c	12c		80c "		
Heavy sows	86.00-86.50	85.75			86.95-87.15		Geese		10c		\$1.50 "		
Stags	84.50-85.00	84.80					Turkeys	14c	14c	15c	1.00-2.50 "		
Sheep and Lambs							Hay (per ton)						
Choice lambs	88 yearlings	\$5.00 each	\$10-12 spring	87.50	86.00-87.00	86.00-87.00	No. 1 Red Top	817	816	813	88	820	
Best killing sheep	86.50-87.00	85.00-85.50	86.00	86.50	87.75-10.35	85.00-86.00	No. 1 Upland	814	814-815		813	815	
							No. 1 Timothy	821	819-821	818	816		
							No. 1 Midland	813					