

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, May 20, 1918.

OATS.—The closing prices for oats a week ago Saturday proved to be the low points during the recent break in prices. There was a slight reaction on Monday, followed by rather narrow and factitious markets during the next three days. On Friday and Saturday there was more buying support from dealers in cash sales, and there was an apparent scarcity of offerings. Prices advanced sharply on Saturday, and as usual, the advance brought heavier offerings. Movement of oats from the country has fallen away rapidly, and if this condition continues, the supplies will not satisfy the demand.

BARLEY shows no change during the week. Offerings are shorted by government buying without any competition from other sources.

FLAX.—There is an improved demand for flax seed, and prices have advanced several cents. Movement is small, and business is therefore of small volume.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	Week	Year					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	240	240
Oats	503	503	791	818	824	885	804	79
May 20	783	783	783	783	803	821	783	781
Flax	274	278	275	274	277	284	264	268
July 27	279	278	281	279	284	275	275	267

INTERIOR TERMINAL REEVEATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, May 16, was as follows:

Elevator	Grain	Received during week	Shipped during week	Now in store
Saskatoon	Wheat	17,808	92,845	192,556
+	Oats	300,146	1,188,533	
+	Barley	5,309	17,167	
+	Flax	6,553	4,192	
Calgary	Wheat	17,900	120,032	265,818
+	Oats	48,959	65,844	1,109,818
+	Barley	205	103,442	
+	Flax	2,172	2,376	1,002
Montreal	Wheat	7,886	103,557	436,828
+	Oats	23,384	83,840	1,111,541
+	Barley	2,281	10,270	
+	Flax	83	3,033	5,987

THE CASH TRADE

Minneapolis, May 18, 1918.

CORN.—Limited milling demand and equally limited supply of good corn. No. 3 yellow closed at \$1.50 to \$1.60.

OATS.—Steady market. Good scattered one-cut order business today. No. 2 white oats at 74¢ to 75¢ cents. No. 4 white oats at 71¢ to 74¢ cents.

RYE.—Weak and lower. No demand. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.98 to \$2.00.

HARLEY.—Medium and low grades were wanted and prices were stronger. Prices closed at \$1.15 to \$1.45.

FLAX (SEED)—Very little offering. A car of good quality sold at 2 cents over May. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.93¢ to \$3.95¢ on spot and to arrive.

WINTER WHEAT PROSPECTS

The winter killing of fall wheat in Ontario is reported as especially severe. It is estimated to amount to 56 per cent., which re-

FIXED WHEAT PRICES

	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	T11	T12	T13
Fixed	221	218	275	208	196	187	215	212	207
Year ago	278	275	270	258	233	180

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, May 14 to May 20, inclusive

Date	Feed Wheat	OATS				BARLEY				FLAX			
		2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1	Fd 1	Fd 2	Fd	3 CW	4 CW	Rej.	Feed	1 NW	2 CW
May 14	179	801	773	773	741	711	140	135	110	105	274	271	249
15	179	801	771	771	741	711	140	135	111	106	276	273	251
16	179	79	76	76	73	70	140	135	111	106	275	272	250
17	179	81	78	78	75	72	140	135	111	107	275	272	250
18	179	84	80	80	77	74	140	135	111	107	277	274	252
19	180	87	831	831	801	771	142	137	113	108	284	281	259
20	179	801	771	771	741	711	140	135	110	105	289	286	261
Week ago	179	801	771	771	741	711	130	122	105	105	309	305	287
Year ago	125	79	76	76	721	701	130	122	105	105	309	305	287

LIVESTOCK

Date	Feed Wheat	Winnipeg				Calgary				Toronto				Chicago				St. Paul						
		May 18	Year ago	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18	May 18					
Cattle	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e	\$	e				
Choice steers	13	00	15	50	11	00	11	50	13	25	15	35	14	25	15	35	16	00	17	75	14	50	17	00
Best butcher steers	10	50	12	00	10	50	11	00	11	50	12	00	12	50	12	00	12	50	10	00	15	00	10	50
Fair to good butcher steers	9	00	10	50	7	50	6	50	10	00	11	00	10	00	11	00	10	00	9	50	11	00	9	50
Good to choice fat cows	10	00	11	00	10	50	10	50	10	00	11	00	12	50	12	00	12	50	9	50	11	00	10	00
Medium to good cows	9	00	10	50	6	50	8	50	10	00	10	50	10	50	10	00	10	50	8	50	10	00	8	50
Common cows	7	50	9	00	4	25	5	00	8	50	10	50	8	50	9	00	9	00	7	50	12	50	7	50
Cannons	7	00	6	50	3	75	4	25	6	50	8	50	5	50	6	50	7	50	5	50	10	00	5	50
Good to choice heifers	11	00	12	00	9	50	10	50	10	00	13	00	12	00	14	00	12	00	10	50	14	00	10	50
Fair to good heifers	9	50	11	00	8	50	9	00	9	50	10	00	10	00	12	00	9	50	12	50	6	50	7	50
Best cows	9	50	11	00	8	50	9	00	9	50	10	00	10	00	12	00	9	50	12	50	7	50	10	00
Best butcher bulls	9	50	11	00	7	50	8	50	9	50	10	00	10	00	12	00	9	50	12	50	7	50	10	00
Fair to good feeder steers	10	00	10	50	6	50	8	25	9	00	10	25	9	00	11	00	8	50	11	00	10	00	9	00
Fair to good stocker steers	9	00	9	50	6	50	7	75	9	00	10	00	9	00	12	00	7	50	10	00	8	50	9	00
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$75	-	\$120		\$75	-	\$100		\$75	-	\$90		\$100	-	\$135									
Fair milkers and springers (each)	\$60	-	\$85		\$60	-	\$85		\$70	-	\$80		\$65	-	\$90									

Hogs

Choice hogs, fed and watered	20	00	18	25	18	25	20	10	20	75	21	00	17	25	17	20	17	25	17	20	17	25
Light hogs	18	00	19	00</td																		