# Rusiness Side of Farming.

# LIBERAL PRODUCE MOVEMENT.

Marketing has very generally fol-lowed harvest operations on the farm, and early Dec finds a large part of the stuple c. ps out of first hands. Interest in the grain trade centers chiefly staple c. ps out of first hands. Interest in the grain trade centers chiefly in wheat, and while this has been reaching points of accumulation at a fairly liberal pace, the movement is not burdensome compared with former years. According to the Cincinnation Price Current the total receipts of wheat at all primary markets for 22 weeks from July 1 to Nov 27, was scant 127 million bu, compared with 145 same period a year ago, 135 in '97, 113 in '96 and 169 millions in '92, following the crop of that year estimated at 516 millions. The crop of '99 greatly exceeds this, yet farmers are apparently in no haste to rush the grain to market, due partly to the fact that they are in a position to hold for better prices. During Nov Chicago's inspected receipts of wheat, corn, oats, rye and barley were all decidedly behind a year ago. Other farm staples are going into consumption at a good pace. Such crops as potatoes, onlois and winter apples are not proving as burdensome as their liberal volume carlier suggested. A good consumptive demand is the rule everywhere, this applying not only to the commodities named but also to dairy products, poultry and eggs. It is unfortunate, looking forward into next season, that so much of the country has received a scant supply of rainfall up to early Dec But this deficiency may be remedied should early weeks of Dec prove mild and show copious rainfall.

#### SWINE AT LOW PRICES.

Four-cent hogs have been very much in evidence at all markets of the middle west, and in fact the price has ruled but a small fraction above that point at Buffalo and Pittsburg. Most of the sales the past fortnight at western packing centers have been at \$3.95 downward to 3.75 this low level proving disappointing not only to farmers but to country buyers. The packers are bearish and the shipping demand has proved rather light, eastern trade centers being largely supplied with home product. Taking Nov receipts as a whole, however, a reduction appeared in the western markets hinting at no burdensome supplies for the winter packing season.

The demand for fresh pork and product is relatively better on home account than for export. The stocks of provisions and cured meats generally are said to be smaller than usual at this time of year. While hog prices are rather low, dealers as a rule do not anticipate any early important advance, especially with some tendency toward an increase in the marketable supply. The quality of the hogs now reaching packing centers is good. Four-cent hogs have been very much in evidence at all markets of the mid-

## APPLES MOVING FREELY.

Now that the season for packing has closed, and much of the soft and inferior fruit out of the way, the undertone is steadier. Such heavy apple centers as N Y and Mich are shipping liberal quantities. While the market as a whole lacks particular firmness, the feeling is better. Some fancy Pacific coast apples seek the eastern markets, but prices are too high compared with barreled stock. Exports from the U S and Cannada are liberal, but the foreign markets have been unfavorable up to the recent past, owing to excessive supplies of fruit in poor condition. Now that the season for packing has

# AN UNEVEN CATTLE MARKET.

This is the rule at all centers, fancy

### THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PRODUCE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

The highest quotations of wholesale prices for standard grades of farm produce in the leading markets of the world on the dates named; poorer stuff lower.

		Bos- ton	New York	Chi-	Cincin-	N Or- leans	Mem- phis	S Fran- cisco	Mon- treal	Liver pool
1	Docomber	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	2
Ì	Wheat, p bu,	-	.71	.611	.70	_		1 .99	.631/4	.81
1	Corn. p bu.	.12	.39	,30	.3134	.43	.43	11.0714	.42 1	.46
Ì	Oats, p.bu.	3214	.2014	.231	.2612	.31	.32	11.271-2	.3016	
i	Ryo, p bu.	.60	-0314	ولانہ ا	.60	_	-	f1.05	.60	
Į	Barley, p bu,	.60	.50	.37				1 .9714	.60	_
1	Flour, p bul.	4.10	4 00	-	4.00	3.85	4.40	3.75	4.10	<del></del> -
1	Cotton, mid upland, plb.	.07%	.0784		.075	.071	.073		-	.083
i	Callio, p 100 lba I w.	0.50	6.50	6.75	5.65	4 50	3.15	4.50		£12.00
1	Slicep, p 100 lbs l w.	4.00	4.40	4.25	3.90	4.25		3.75	. =	_
ı	110C1, D 100 104 1 17,	4.38	4.10	3 95	3.85	4.50	3.73	5.75	4.25	_
ì	Veal calves, p 100 lbs I w,	5.75	2.00	7.00	7.25		5.00	5.50		
1	Chickens, p fb d w,	.15	.14	.03	.08	14.00	13 00	11.50	.0715	~
ı	Butter, creamery, p 1b,	.27	.27	.26	.2814	.20	.27	.26	.21	.20
	Cheese, factory, p lb,	.1254	.13 .25	.12 .10	.13	.1314	.14	.13	.12	.1215
i	Eggs, p dz.	.35	3.50	3.00	.17 3.00	19	.19 3.73	.45	.23 3.50	5.00
ı	Apples, p bbl,	3.00 17.00	17.50	13.00	13.60	4.00 17.50	15.00	10.00	10.50	
ı	liny, p ton,	17.00	14.00	8.00	6.00	11.00	13.00	10.00	3.00	
ì	Straw, rye, p ton,	14.00 .15	.15		0.00	-	_	.10	.15	.191,
1	Hops, p lb.	.10	45	.35	.30	.70	.co	11.00	.13	.15,9
ı	Onlons, p bu,	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00		00.0	10.00	6 00	=
ı	Cranberrice, p bbl,	.60	.80	.45	.45	ū.	.60	1 .85	.45	_
Į	l'otatoes, p bu,	.0014	.00%		-10			.071	.30	.10
Ì	Beef, p lb,d w.	.06	.001	,0,5		_	_	.031-3	.0524	
ı	Pork, p lti, d w,	.07%	.051		.05	.06	.0634	.0715	.071	
ł	Lard, p lb,	.03	.11	.10	.10	.07	.001	.11	ii.	_
1	Hides, p 1b,	.50	***	-14	-10	•••	.00-3	,		

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The Depression in Wheat continued into Dec when the contract grade soid under 64c p bu at Chicago. There was into Dec when the contract grade soid under 64c p bu at Chicago. There was the old cry of too much wheat in sight in this country and abread, public stocks piling up; consumptive demand liberal but not of a character to stimulate milling activities. It is encouraging to note, however, that exports of wheat and flour since July 1, exceeding \$9,000,000 bu, were only a little less than a year ago. Evidently considerable quantities of spring wheat remain in farmers' hands in the northwest. As for the winter wheat territory, a large acreage has been seeded, somewhat above the amount harvested this fall, but less than sown 1 year ago. Early Dec finds the crop in fairly good condition, although some complaint of Hessian fly. This may make its impressitater, furthermore the trying months of winter are just at hand and it by no means follows that because of a big acreage seeded the next crop of wheat will be burdensome.

Christmas Greens are meeting about the usual demand at this time of year, and prices so variable as to be scarceand prices so variable as to be scarcely quotable in our columns. Some large cases of holly have sold at Chicago at \$3@4 p box and ground pine in crates of about 100 ibs at \$50@4. The big cities will always take moderate quantities of mistletoe, the supply coming chiefly from the middle south. The northern states always furnish more than an abundance of Christmas trees, and of course any unsold are at once worthless.

Cold Storage Eggs are coming upon the market rapidly, holders always en-deavoring to push these out when price conditions warrant during late autumn and early winter. Strictly fresh eggs are in good demand everywhere and offerings not enough for current use.

American Wheat Flour is competing American Wheat Flour is competing in Denmark with the home product, according to the dep't of agri. During the fiscal year '98 our shipments of this article to Denmark were 61,000 bbls, more than 20,000 in excess of the largest shipments previously sent. Danish bakers consider American flour as good as the best Hungarian and less expensive. Last year the Danes imported 16,875,000 bu Indian corn, this being used largely for feeding dairy cows. Danish dairy products go very largely to England, competing sharply with our own.

The Advance in Cotton has been well sustained, the market working to a level sustained, the market working to a lovel close to 5c p lb for the contract grade in northern trade centers. This is due to a good demand for the raw staple, the improved conditions in the markets for finished goods, and belief that the crop of '99-'00 is much less than earlier estimated. The latest feature is the advance in the price of cotten print cloths to 3½c p yd after a long standing at 2%c. A general movement is on foot to advance wages of cotten operatives in N E. This is the rule at all centers, fancy lets commanding prices of \$6.5056.75, and occasionally close to 7, while common beeves are plentiful and market weak. Cuttle receipts at Chicago were nearly 224,000 head in Nov. against 198.-000 head a year ago, the supply being made up largely of grades quotable at 5.75 downward.

The market as a whole is healthy, however, with an excellent demand for shipment to the east and abroad. Agood many cattle are on feed in the central and middle states. Where corn and forage crops are plentiful, careful farmers will see that the steers are in good shape before sending to market.

not been made public. A 2 per cent bond has been discussed, but it is ob-jected that such could not be easily sold at par.

The New York Central railroad is The New York Central railroad is increasing its capital stock \$15,000,000 In these days of consolidation of vast interests it is worthy of note that the insiders claim this is not for the purpose of absorbing other lines, but rather for the purchase of additional rolling stock, due to natural growth of the company and increasing business.

Potatoes Doing Better-Recent sales have shown an advance, supply at trade centers proving moderate but not burdensome. Sound stock is accorded more favor at the hands of the trade.

Continued Firmness in Butter has prevalled at all markets, choice western creameries selling in N Y at 27@27½c p lb, or the highest figures of the year.

Beans 3c a Pound-Former high prices are continued with hand-picked pea and medium beans quotable at \$1 \$0 £1 \$5 per bu at Chicago, but market aulet.

The World's Wheat Crop is estimated by European authorities at 2540 mil-lion bu, a considerable shortage com-pared with '98.

An international live stock exposition will be held at Chicago, Dec 1-8, 1990, of a magnitude probably never before attempted in America. Mortimer Levering of La Fayette, Ind, is secretary of the exposition. The Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn ass'ns have each appropriated \$5000, Polied Durham, Red Polled and Galloway each 1000, and Cotswold sheep 50, while the Chicago business men expect to raise \$50,000, to be divided as premiums. It is expected the well-known Royal show and sale at England will be eclipsed. and sale at England will be eclipsed.



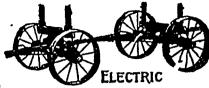
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