

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, March 5, 1917)  
 Wheat—Saturday's closing prices show an advance of 8 1/2 cents for May futures, 8 1/2 cents for July and 8 1/2 for October. These gains have all been made during the last four days and several causes influenced the markets in the advance. There has been some good buying in the various wheat markets, a keen demand for wheat at the seaboard and for spot wheat in store terminal elevators. The railroad congestion appeared to be showing signs of improvement, altho it is very slow. Conditions in the winter wheat areas were bad on account of lack of moisture, but as this has been remedied by snowfalls it can not now be taken as a bullish factor. The probability of the arming of American merchant ships was also considered as a bullish argument, in as much as it would have a tendency to promote the forwarding of freight and the report that Britain was bidding fancy prices for neutral tonnage was considered in the same light. On Thursday the U.S. government will issue an estimate of the farm reserves, but such report is always discounted and has little influence when issued unless there is a radical change from what was anticipated. Coarse Grains—Oats and barley prices have advanced also and an excellent cash demand for the former is a feature. High prices of American corn would indicate that this demand is likely to continue.

WINNIPEG FUTURES			
Wheat—	May	July	Oct.
February 27	177	175	141
February 28	179	177	144
March 1	180	178	145
March 2	182	180	147
March 3	186	184	150
March 5	186	184	148
Week ago	176	174	140
Year ago	114	114	...

  

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES			
(Sample Market, March 3)			
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car			\$2.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car			2.03 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car			2.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car			2.06 1/2

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Toronto	Calgary	Chicago	St. Paul
	Mar. 5	Year Ago	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 1	Mar. 1
<b>Cattle</b>						
Choice steers	\$ 50-10 00	7 25-7 50	10 50-11 25	8 50-9 00	11 75-12 25	8 75-10 75
Best butcher steers	9 00-9 50	7 25-7 50	9 50-10 50	8 50-9 00	9 75-11 75	8 75-9 75
Fair to good butcher steers	6 50-8 75	6 50-7 00	6 50-9 50	6 75-8 25	7 25-9 75	6 50-9 50
Good to choice fat cows	6 75-7 50	5 75-6 00	6 75-9 25	6 75-7 25	8 40-10 15	6 50-9 50
Medium to good cows	5 50-6 50	5 00-5 25	6 50-7 75	5 50-6 50	6 75-8 60	7 00 8 00
Common cows	4 00-5 00	4 00-4 50	5 50-6 50	4 50-5 50	5 55-6 75	6 00 7 00
Canners	3 75-4 25		4 50-4 75	3 25-3 75	5 00 5 80	5 00-5 75
Good to choice heifers	7 50-8 50	6 00-6 50	7 75-8 75	7 50-8 25	8 40-10 75	6 00-9 00
Fair to good heifers	6 00-7 00	5 00 6 50	6 75-7 75	6 75-7 50	5 75-8 40	6 00-8 00
Best cows	6 50-7 00		6 00-6 50			
Best butcher heifers	6 50-7 50	5 00-6 00	8 00-9 50	6 75-8 50	8 15-9 50	7 25-8 25
Common toologna bulls	5 00-6 00	4 25-5 00	5 00-7 00	4 25-5 25	6 00-7 65	6 50-7 00
Fair to good feeder steers	6 00-7 00	5 75-6 00	6 75-8 75	6 75-7 25	7 50-8 75	7 00-8 50
Fair to good stocker steers	6 00-6 75	5 50-5 75	6 25-6 80	7 00 7 25	6 00-8 25	7 00-7 75
Best milkward springers (each)	\$65	\$65-\$80	\$80-\$100	\$85-\$100		\$70-\$85
Fair milkers and springers (each)	\$45-\$55	\$45-\$55	\$50-\$70	\$55-\$75		\$50-\$70
<b>Hogs</b>						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	\$14 40	\$9 25	15 00-15 10	\$14 10	13 25-13 40	13 60-13 15
Light hogs	11 00-12 00		\$12 50		13 25-13 40	\$11 90
Heavy sows	\$9 00	6 75-7 25	\$10 90		12 75-12 90	8 00-8 25
Stags	\$6 00-6 50	\$4 50			3 lbs dockage	
<b>Sheep and Lambs</b>						
Choice lambs	11 75-12 25	\$8 50	10 00-10 00		12 25-14 20	11 00-14 00
Best killing sheep	8 50-9 25	7 00-7 50	9 00-11 50	8 00-11 50	10 25-13 25	8 00-10 50

  

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg		Toronto	Calgary	Regina	Saskatoon
	Mar. 5	Year Ago	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 1
<b>Butter (per lb.)</b>						
No. 1 dairy	34c	24c-25c	35c-36c	35c-37c	35c	35c
New laid	55c	25c-27c	45c-50c	40c	50c	40c
<b>Eggs (per doz.)</b>						
New laid	55c	25c-27c	45c-50c	40c	50c	40c
<b>Potatoes</b>						
In sacks, per bushel, new	\$1.60	75c-85c	\$1.75	\$1.25	\$1.00	85c
<b>Milk and Cream</b>						
Sweet cream (per lb. fat)	50c	40c				
Cream for butter-making (per lb. butter-fat)	45c	37c				
<b>Dressed Poultry</b>						
Spring chickens	25c	17c	25c-25c	25c-24c	25c-22c	
Fowl	15c	15c-14c	20c-21c	18c-20c	18c-20c	
Ducks	20c	15c	21c-22c	17c-18c	20c	
Geese	30c	15c	19c-21c	17c-18c	18c	
Turkeys	25c	19c	20c-22c	20c-22c	22c-25c	
<b>Hay (per ton)</b>						
No. 3 Upland		\$14				
No. 2 Timothy	\$12	\$15	\$13-\$15	\$14	\$8	\$10.00
No. 2 Millard		\$12				

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from February 27 to March 5 inclusive

Date	WHEAT						OATS					BARLEY				FLAX					
	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	6'	Feed	1CW	2CW	3CW	4F	5F	6F	No. 2	No. 4	Ref.	Feed	1NW	2NW	3NW	Ref.
Feb. 27	175	171	166	157	130	...	97	86	50	56	56	55	95	92	81	81	352	348	334	...	...
Feb. 28	174	174	169	...	...	...	95	84	47	57	56	56	94	92	81	80	348	350	334	...	...
Mar. 1	179	175	170	168	...	...	98	86	57	57	56	56	100	95	82	82	352	350	334	...	...
Mar. 2	181	179	173	164	142	111	98	81	50	50	56	57	100	95	82	82	352	350	334	...	...
Mar. 3	183	182	176	165	146	113	98	82	50	50	56	58	101	95	82	82	352	350	334	...	...
Mar. 5	185	182	177	165	146	113	100	81	50	50	56	58	102	95	82	82	352	350	334	...	...
Week ago	174	171	166	156	139	...	97	87	50	50	55	55	95	92	81	81	352	350	334	...	...
Year ago	113	110	104	105	94	89	...	40	28	29	26	25	80	55	50	50	205	202	...	...	...

## STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, March 2, 1917—1917 Wheat		
This Year	Last Year	
1 hard	15,007.30	75,723.20
1 Nor.	1,997,300.50	10,962,067.10
2 Nor.	3,887,979.30	4,666,600.20
3 Nor.	3,956,863.00	3,262,525.30
No. 4	3,077,407.00	1,487,816.30
Others	10,190,340.00	2,547,963.50
This week	23,133,828.20	This week 22,972,696.40
Last week	23,028,778.50	Last week 21,995,776.45
Increase	105,049.30	Increase .. 976,920.00

  

Oats		
1 C.W.	14,819.20	285,177.04
2 C.W.	2,982,690.10	4,078,219.07
3 C.W.	1,100,274.29	1,973,985.01
Ex. 1 fd.	2,072,983.15	503,698.19
Others	5,281,856.19	1,880,458.06
This week	11,452,624.25	This week 8,620,538.03
Last week	11,521,534.25	Last week 8,552,181.21
Decrease	68,910.00	Increase .. 68,356.16

  

Barley		
3 C.W.	215,251.16	1 N.W.C. 1,153,001.25
4 C.W.	550,698.35	2 C.W. .. 285,345.02
Ref.	75,156.18	3 C.W. .. 78,643.35
Feed	305,044.41	Others .. 31,619.03
Others	148,963.30	
This week	1,295,024.44	This week 1,568,000.00
Last week	1,309,090.25	Last week 1,544,994.47
Decrease	14,065.29	Increase .. 23,014.18

  

SHIPMENTS		
1917—Lake	1916—Lake	
Wheat		
Oats		
Barley		
Flax		
1917—Rail	1916—Rail	
Wheat	464,849.10	562,496.00
Oats	246,736.16	225,631.06
Barley	22,998.05	
Flax	29,088.41	5,134.50

## CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending March 2, 1917—	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Pt. William and Pt. Arthur Tar.	23,133,828	11,452,624	1,295,024
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	1,945,227	2,565,595	...
Total	28,792,600	18,860,985	1,600,347
At Buffalo and Duluth	12,167,662	2,192,880	367,640
Total this week	40,960,262	21,052,865	2,057,987
Total last week	41,053,831	21,703,093	2,220,144
Total last year	35,817,297	16,164,088	1,377,933

## INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Elevator	Now in store		
	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week
Saskatoon	119,598.20	119,100.10	2,251,706.50
Wheat	73,258.15	45,253.05	656,949.04
Oats	2,153.06	1,337.44	31,373.15
Barley	513.01	2,239.33	67,079.33
Flax			
Calgary	79,746.00	15,291.00	651,283.00
Wheat	171,150.00	73,946.00	1,154,397.00
Oats	32,826.00	4,796.00	92,920.00
Barley	3,727.00		12,379.00
Flax			
Mix'd			
Grain	173,490.00	7,919.00	1,226,810.00

## The Livestock Markets

**CHICAGO**  
 Chicago, March 1.—The past week has seen light receipts at all western markets and the smallest percentage of finished steers in trade history at this season. \$12.00 steps most of the choice steers on this market. Agitation against high food prices, the increasing temperature, the temporary car scarcity and Lent, all contribute to the uncertainty of present cattle markets and most dealers believe that prices will do well to hold their own during the Lenten season. Choice cows and heifers have gained 25 to 40 cents during the week. Canners and cutters have advanced 10 to 15 cents. Feeder prices have advanced about 25 cents in two weeks and are going up, especially for quality stuff. Some have sold as high as \$9.00 to \$9.50. Prices over the whole Western country are at the highest level in trade history. Hogs are 75 cents above a week ago. They have gained about \$1.50 a hundred since January 1, and hogs such as brought \$4.50 to \$5.00 a year ago are now bringing \$12.15 to \$13.25. In 1915 some pigs brought \$6.50. The price is almost double now than it was in 1915 at the corresponding time. Sheep and lambs have advanced about 25 cents in two weeks and are going up, especially for quality stuff. Some have sold as high as \$9.00 to \$9.50. Prices over the whole Western country are at the highest level in trade history. Hogs are 75 cents above a week ago. They have gained about \$1.50 a hundred since January 1, and hogs such as brought \$4.50 to \$5.00 a year ago are now bringing \$12.15 to \$13.25. In 1915 some pigs brought \$6.50. The price is almost double now than it was in 1915 at the corresponding time. Sheep and lambs have advanced about 25 cents in two weeks and are going up, especially for quality stuff. Some have sold as high as \$9.00 to \$9.50. 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