

New York Wheat.

New York, April 18.—Wheat — Receipts 109,150 bushels; exports 27,457 bushels; options opened steady and had a sharp quick bulge on rumored large acceptance. It was followed by weakness, however, based on fine crop prospects, disappointing cables and small visible supply decrease. Just at the close, a sudden short scare caused a second advance and prices left off 1-4 cent higher on May, and 5-8; lower on late months. No. 2 red May \$1.06 to \$1.07 3-8, closed \$1.07; July 91-16 to 92 3-1, closed 91 3-4; Sept. 83 3-16 to 85c, closed 83 3-4; Dec. 83 1-8 to 84 7-8c, closed 83 3-4c.

New York, April 19.—Wheat receipts 147,075 bushels; exports, 156,677 bushels. Options strong and active, opening on critical war prospects and jump in Liverpool cables, part of advance was lost during the day, however, under realizing sales, the fine crop accounts and disappointing French cables, closed steady at 3-4 to 1 3-8 net advance; No. 2 red, May, closed \$1.07 3-4; July, 92 1-2 to 93 1-2, closed 92 5-8; Sept. closed 85 1-4; Dec. closed 85 1-8.

New York, April 20.—Wheat — Receipts 49,925 bushels, exports 12,801 bushels, sales 4,913,000 bushels futures, 480,000 bushels spot. Spot steady. No. 2 red \$1.11 5-8, No. 1 northern New York \$1.15 5-8, No. 2 northern Duluth \$1.11 5-8. Options opened strong and advanced in the early afternoon on strong Liverpool markets, war news and heavy export business. After that realizing developed on peace rumors, causing a sharp decline from the top, although final prices were 3-4c to 1 7-8c net higher. No. 2 red May \$1.09 to \$1.10, closed \$1.09 5-8; July 93 3-8 to 94 7-8c, closed 93 1-2c; Sept. 86 1-2c to 87 1-2c, closed 86 1-4c; Dec. 85 7-8c to 86 7-8c.

New York, April 21.—Wheat — Receipts 68,450 bushels, exports 107,940 bushels. Options had an opening spurt on war news, but immediately weakened under fine crop prospects and disappointing cables. A strong recovery followed in the late afternoon on a bad scare of shorts, and further war news, closed 1-4c up on May, and 1 1-4 to 5-8c higher on late months. No. 2 red May closed \$1.10; July opened 93 to 94 7-8, closed 94 3-4; Sept. opened 85 3-4 to 87 5-8, closed 87 5-8; Dec. opened 85 3-4 to 87 1-2, closed 87 1-2.

New York, April 22.—Wheat — Receipts 162,800 bushels, exports 177,777 bushels; sales 4,553,000 bushels futures, 20,000 bushels spot; spot firm; No. 2 red \$1.13 1-4; No. 1 Northern New York \$1.17 1-4 f.o.b. afloat Duluth; No. 2 Northern \$1.13 1-4 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong and active on continued war talk, and sensationally higher Liverpool cables; subsequently developments were decidedly bearish, particularly on late months, which were sold on fine crop news, and closed 1-2 to 1 1-8c lower. A squeeze in May shorts left that option finally 1 1-4c net higher. No. 2 red May opened \$1.09 7-8 to \$1.11 3-4, closed \$1.11 1-4; July opened 91 5-8 to 96 1-4, closed 94 3-4; Sept. opened 87 to 88 5-8, closed 87 1-8; Dec. opened 86 3-8 to 88 1-2, closed 86 3-8.

On Saturday, April 23, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.11 for May option, and 94 5-8c July, and 86 5-8c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at \$1.06 3-4.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 36 pounds.

Chicago, April 18.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—April \$1.07 1-2; May \$1.09; July 86 3-8c, Sept. and Dec. 79c.
Corn—May 31 to 1-8c; July 32 1-4c; Sept. 33 1-4 to 3-8c.
Oats—May 26 1-4c; July 32 5-8c.
Mess pork—May \$9.71 1-2; July \$9.90.
Lard — May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2; Sept. 5.30.
Short ribs — May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2; Sept. \$5.35.

Chicago, April 19. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May, \$1.09 1-4; April, —; July, 87 3-8; Sept., 79 5-8 to 79 3-4; Dec., 79 5-8.
Corn—May, 31 3-8 to 31 1-2; July, 32 3-8 to 32 1-2; Sept., 33 1-2.
Oats—May, 26 3-4; July, 33 3-4.
Mess pork—May, \$9.82 1-2; July, \$9.97 1-2.
Lard—May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25; Sept., \$5.32 1-2.
Short ribs—May, \$5.15; July, \$5.25; Sept., \$5.32 1-2.

Chicago, April 20.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—April \$1.09 1-2 to \$1.10, May \$1.10 1-2 to \$1.11, July \$7 5-8c to 87 3-4c, Sept. 80 1-2c, Dec. 79 7-8c.
Corn—May 31 1-2c to 31 5-8c, July 32 1-2c, Sept. 33 1-2c.
Oats—May 26 5-8c, July 23 5-8c.
Mess pork—May \$10.40, July \$10.60.
Lard—May \$5.30, July \$5.37 1-2, Sept. \$5.47 1-2.
Short ribs—May \$5.30, July \$5.37 1-2, Sept. \$5.45.

Chicago, April 21.—The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat—July 89, May \$1.12; Sept. 82; Dec. 81 3-4.
Corn—No. 2 May 32, July 33 to 1-8, Sept. 34.
Oats—No. 2 May 27 1-8 to 1-4; July 24 1-8.
Mess pork — May \$10.97 1-2, July \$11.27 1-2.
Lard—May \$5.35; Sept. \$5.75.
Short ribs — May \$5.57 1-2; July \$5.67 1-2; Sept. \$5.75.

Chicago, April 22.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Dec. 80 5-8; May \$1.14 1-2, July 88 3-8 to 88 1-2; Sept. \$1 1-4.
Corn—No. 2 May 32 1-8 to 31 1-4; July 31 1-8; Sept. 34 1-8.
Oats—No. 2 May 27 1-8 to 27 1-4, July 24 1-8.
Mess pork — May \$10.95; July \$11.12 1-2.
Lard—May \$5.30, July \$5.60; Sept. \$5.70.
Short ribs — May \$5.42 1-2, July \$5.52 1-2; Sept. \$5.60.

On Saturday, April 23, July wheat ranged from 87 1-4 to 89 3-8c. Closing

Wheat—May, 1.14, July, 89 1-8c; Sept 81 1-2c.
Corn—May, 32 1-4c, July, 33 1-4c.
Oats—May, 27 1-4; July, 24 1-8c.
Pork—May \$10.85, July, \$11.05.
Lard—May, \$5.47 1-2, July, \$5.57 1-2.
Ribs—May, \$5.40, July, \$5.50.
Flax seed—Cash \$1.30, May, \$1.30; Sept. \$1.12.

A week ago May option closed at \$1.09. A year ago May wheat closed at 77c, two years ago at 63 1-2c; three years ago at 63c and four years ago at 58 1-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The local wheat market closes somewhat excited this week. Yesterday afternoon it is alleged \$1.14 was paid for No. 1 hard afloat, but this is doubted. The market closes to-day at \$1.12 to \$1.13.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, April 23, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at \$1.08 for May option, \$1.05 3-4 for July, and 80 3-4c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 99 7-8c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—May, \$1.03 5-8; July, 99 1-2c.
Tuesday—May, \$1.04 1-8; July, 99 7-8.
Wednesday—May, \$1.05 3-4; July, \$1.00 3-4.
Thursday—May, \$1.07 3-4; July, \$1.03 1-2.
Friday—May, \$1.08 3-4; July, \$1.04 1-8; Sept., 82 3-4c.
Saturday—May \$1.10 7-8, July \$1.06 1-2, Sept. 83c.
Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.10 1-2, and cash No. 1 northern at \$1.10 1-2.
Last week May options closed at \$1.03 1-2.

A year ago May options closed at 78 1-4c, and two years ago at 63 1-8c, three years ago May options closed at 67 5-8c; four years ago at 60 3-4c, and five years ago at 65 3-4c.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, April 22.—Money on call steady at 2 to 2 1-2 per cent, last loan 2 per cent, prime mercantile paper 6 to 7 per cent, sterling exchange firm at \$4.83 1-2 to 3-4 for demand and at \$4.79 3-4 to \$4.80 for sixty days posted rates \$4.80 1-2 to \$4.81 and \$4.81 to 1-2; commercial bills \$4.79 to 1-2, silver certificates 55 3-4c to 56 1-2c; bar silver 55 3-4c; Mexican dollars 45c; government bonds weak.

CLEARING HOUSE.

Week ending April	Clearings.	Balances.
21. 1898	\$1,626,836	\$252,256
Week ending April		
21. 1897	842,051	126,602
Week ending April		
21. 1896	967,108	145,607

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 22.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat —Spot firm. No. 1 red northern spring 8s 6d; No. 2 red western winter 8s 4 1-2d. Corn—Spot firm. American mixed new 3s 9 1-2d.

It is a good thing to have friends, but a bad thing to depend on friendship for business. People in this era will not pay more in one place for goods than they can be bought for in another, even for friendship. It is well to bear this in mind in calculating upon friendship as a factor in business. A man may join all the societies in existence, and may be popular in all classes of society, but he must depend upon the merits of his goods and his credit to sell at a reasonable price, to retain the custom that friendship brings. Friendship is often more of a curse than a blessing in business. Usually it is a man's friends that "stick" him. Many of our readers will agree that they have lost more money through friends than they ever made out of them.—Baker and Confectioner.