

Wheat Stocks

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Jan 30, 1897, shows a decrease of 1,701,000 bushels, against a decrease of 789,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,289,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 871,000 bushels three years ago.

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years; the second table shows the visible supply at the end of each week in the current year, compared with the three previous years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4 ..	69,842,000	87,896,000	79,933,000	81,780,000
" 11 ..	68,945,000	86,016,000	80,433,000	82,050,000
" 18 ..	67,958,000	85,268,000	80,392,000	82,227,000
" 25 ..	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,264,000	81,497,000
Feb. 1 ..	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,803,000	81,390,000
" 8 ..	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15 ..	65,926,000	80,733,000	79,697,000	80,214,000
" 22 ..	65,011,000	79,470,000	77,257,000	79,448,000
March 1 ..	64,089,000	78,701,000	75,569,000	79,033,000
" 7 ..	62,598,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,103,000
" 14 ..	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,919,000	79,200,000
" 21 ..	61,318,000	75,777,000	72,103,000	78,208,000
" 28 ..	61,018,000	74,509,000	71,468,000	77,654,000
April 4 ..	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,702,000	77,293,000
" 11 ..	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	76,006,000
" 18 ..	58,433,000	68,620,000	68,425,000	74,869,000
" 25 ..	57,940,000	65,776,000	66,593,000	75,027,000
May 2 ..	55,519,000	62,180,000	65,150,000	73,080,000
" 9 ..	54,000,000	59,628,000	63,510,000	72,032,000
" 16 ..	53,146,000	58,481,000	62,044,000	71,526,000
" 23 ..	51,293,000	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30 ..	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,367,000
June 6 ..	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,211,000	68,682,000
" 13 ..	49,458,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	68,376,000
" 20 ..	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,855,000	68,031,000
" 27 ..	47,880,000	44,561,000	54,657,000	67,310,000
July 4 ..	47,189,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	67,319,000
" 11 ..	47,220,000	41,287,000	53,164,000	66,325,000
" 18 ..	46,743,000	40,482,000	53,771,000	65,903,000
" 25 ..	47,142,000	39,229,000	57,144,000	65,319,000
Aug. 1 ..	46,784,000	38,517,000	56,001,000	64,421,000
" 8 ..	46,429,000	37,539,000	55,321,000	63,889,000
" 15 ..	45,876,000	36,592,000	53,901,000	63,312,000
" 22 ..	45,189,000	35,083,000	54,771,000	62,240,000
" 29 ..	45,574,000	35,483,000	56,940,000	60,881,000
Sept. 5 ..	46,495,000	36,764,000	59,163,000	60,140,000
" 12 ..	47,602,000	38,092,000	60,214,000	60,331,000
" 19 ..	49,655,000	39,383,000	60,159,000	58,693,000
" 26 ..	48,716,000	40,769,000	71,418,000	60,625,000
Oct. 3 ..	50,116,000	41,332,000	73,014,000	63,275,000
" 10 ..	54,434,000	44,431,000	75,974,000	65,239,000
" 17 ..	54,502,000	46,109,000	76,659,000	66,978,000
" 24 ..	57,235,000	50,489,000	78,190,000	69,327,000
" 31 ..	58,630,000	52,901,000	80,627,000	71,396,000
Nov. 7 ..	60,923,000	60,936,000	81,220,000	74,032,000
" 14 ..	61,003,000	60,345,000	83,281,000	76,783,000
" 21 ..	59,071,000	62,221,000	83,911,000	77,233,000
" 28 ..	63,014,000	63,903,000	85,169,000	78,001,000
Dec 5 ..	60,312,000	63,786,000	85,978,000	78,733,000
" 12 ..	64,284,000	66,831,000	88,172,000	80,128,000
" 19 ..	65,183,000	69,393,000	90,071,000	81,024,000
" 26 ..	64,433,000	69,938,000	88,501,000	80,238,000
Jan. 2 ..	1897	1896	1895	1894
" 9 ..	64,651,000	69,812,000	87,880,000	79,933,000
" 16 ..	63,872,000	69,915,000	86,615,000	80,433,000
" 23 ..	62,459,000	67,938,000	85,686,000	80,382,000
" 30 ..	61,293,000	67,523,000	84,605,000	80,204,000
" 30 ..	45,591,000	60,734,000	83,376,000	79,593,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on January 23, is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	416,000
Toronto	216,000
Kingston	83,000
Winnipeg	288,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,360,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keew'in	2,812,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on January 23, 1897:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	70,012,000
Pacific Coast	4,189,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains	98,436,000
Pacific Coast	7,116,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Jan. 30, shows a decrease of 1,951,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 68,088,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on January 1, 1897. (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 189,163,000 bushels, as compared with 169,975,000 bushels on Jan. 1, 1896; 181,753,000 on January 1, 1895; 190,223,000 on January 1, 1894; 181,699,000 on January 1, 1893; 155,536,000 on Jan. 1, 1892; 111,481,000 on January 1, 1891; 115,092,000 on January 1, 1890, and 130,763,000 on January 1, 1889.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grain.	Jan 2.	Jan 9.	Jan 16.	Jan 23.	Jan. 30.
Extra Man. H'd	7	4	7	0	0
No. 1 hard	49	51	35	25	07
No. 2 hard	15	19	6	10	12
No. 3 hard	4	16	0	5	11
No. 1 North'n	0	0	7	2	1
No. 2 North'n	0	0	0	1	0
No. 3 North'n	0	0	0	1	1
No. 1 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 Spring	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted	6	4	7	3	0
No. 2 frosted	4	2	0	3	1
No. 3 Frosted	0	2	0	3	0
No. 1 Rejected	5	2	2	3	2
No. 2 Rejected	2	0	1	1	1
No Grade	3	1	1	0	0
Feed	0	0	0	0	0
Total	95	193	70	57	101
same week last year	139	175	175	107	213

*Wheat inspection at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

This week a year ago wheat advanced 2c in country markets. Flour advanced 5c. Oats were 1c higher. Hides were 1/2c lower.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—About 44c to 47c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, 63 1/2 to 64c afloat Fort William.

Flour.—Local price, per sack. Patents, \$1.85 to \$1.90; Bakers, \$1.65 to \$1.70.

Bran.—Per ton, \$9.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$11.

Oats.—Per bushel, Winnipeg street price, 16 to 17c. Car lots at country points, 12 to 14c.

Barley.—A few loads sold at 16c to 17c for feed, car lots for shipment worth 14 to 16c.

Flax Seed.—60 to farmers at country points. Butter.—Dairy round lots, choice, 12c to 14c.

Cheese.—Jobbing price 9 1/2 to 11c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 19c for round lots.

Beef.—City dressed, 5 to 6c, unfrozen; country frozen, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c

Mutton.—Fresh, 6 to 6 1/2c, country do, 5 to 5 1/2c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5 to 5 1/2c.

Cattle.—Nominal at 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c. for butchers' stock.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.

Sheep.—Sheep and lambs nominal at 3 to 3 1/2c off cars.

Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 8 to 9c lb; turkeys, 10 to 11c; ducks, 9c, geese, 10c.

Hides.—Green frozen, 4 1/2c to 5c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleeces, 10 to 12c.
Potatoes.—20c per bushel.
Hay.—\$5.50 per ton, car lots.

Grain and Milling.

A new grain firm has been established at Brandon, under the name of Thompson, Sons & Co. The managing partner of the firm is Thos. Thompson, a name which has been long known in connection with the grain trade of Manitoba. Mr. Thompson began business here first in 1883, so that he can fairly be considered one of the pioneers of the grain trade of this western country, for at that time the trade was certainly in its infancy. In calling the attention of the trade to this new firm, The Commercial wishes Messrs. Thompson success.

The Montreal Gazette of Jan. 29 says: "The feature in the oatmeal market continues to be the easy feeling and prices show a further decline of 5c per barrel, with recent sales of rolled oats at \$3.20 to \$3.30 per barrel, and at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag."

The Montreal Gazette of Jan. 29 says: "In sympathy with the continued weakness and steady decline in prices of wheat, there was evidence of an easier feeling in the local flour market today, and the indications are that a reduction in prices will take place in the near future, unless there is an improvement in the grain markets. Business today in all grades was quiet, and Ontario dealers state that prices are purely nominal just now."

The Montreal Gazette of Jan. 30 says: "The anticipated decline in prices for flour referred to yesterday took place today, Manitoba millers making a reduction of 2 1/2c per barrel on both spring wheat patents and strong bakers. Ontario dealers also reduced straight roller 5c to 10c per barrel. The above is due principally to the continued weakness in the American grain markets. The demand was of a limited character and business continues quiet. We quote: Winter wheat patents at \$4.65 to \$4.85; straight rollers at 20 to \$4.30, and in bags at \$2.10 to \$2.15. Manitoba spring wheat patents at \$4.90 to \$5.05, and strong bakers' at \$4.25 to \$4.75."

At Toronto on January 29 dealers reduced their prices 1c per bushel on oats and 2c on wheat, to farmers, in country markets.

The Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, per F. W. Thompson, manager, has donated \$250 to the Inoian famine fund.

The feature of the local grain market today, says the Montreal Gazette of Feb 1, was the weaker feeling in oats, and prices declined 1/2c to 3/4c per bushel. There was some demand for No. 2 white, and a sale of 5,000 bushels was made at 23 1/2c on track here.

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

In regard to castor oil mail advices from abroad say that the reaction has been more pronounced than the trade looked for. It had been rushed up far too high, with the inevitable result that buyers left it alone and bought other oil, so that now in spite of the short crop of seed and the anticipated shortness in the next crop, the supply is really in excess of consumption. The advance was quite 50 cents, but it will be seen this has been almost wholly lost.

F. X. Cousineau, who bought the McMaster dry goods stock of Toronto, has leased the old building of the firm and engaged most of the travelers and employes. It is said he may resume the wholesale business of McMaster.