

Pails, per lb.	0.27
Cartons	0.28

CHEESE.

The receipts of cheese for the week ending May 18th, 1918, were 21,556 boxes, which show an increase of 6,520 boxes as compared with the previous week, and an increase of 4,776 boxes with the same week last year, with the total receipts since May 1st to date show a decrease of 2,924 boxes as compared with the corresponding period in 1917. The course of values for cheese were upward except with the exception of a decline of 1-16c to 1/8c per lb. for the price of cheese at the Napanee board last week. Prices at other boards showed advances from 1-16c to 5-16c per lb., as compared with those paid last week, the range being from 22c to 22 3/4c per lb., the latter figure being paid at Kingston, and in the majority of cases the purchases were made at 22 3/4c, 22 1/2c and 22 9-16c. At St. Hyacinthe a large house bid 22 1/2c per lb., but notwithstanding the fact that this figure represented an advance of 3/8c per lb. on that paid the previous week, it is reported that none of the factorymen would accept it for some reason or another, and no sales were made on the board, but on the curb all the regular buyers secured the entire offerings of the day at 22 3/4c per lb. The offerings at Gould's Cold Storage amounted to 2,200 boxes, which sold at 22c to 22 3/4c per lb. f.o.b. country points. The trade on spot was fairly active owing to the fact that the movement for export account was much larger, it being estimated that fully 15,000 to 20,000 boxes went forward. The local demand for small cheese for domestic consumption was fair and sales of 20-lb. cheese were made at 22 1/4c to 23c per lb.

The Commission is paying the following prices:

No. 1 cheese	0.23
No. 2 cheese	0.22 1/4
No. 3 cheese	0.22

COUNTRY DAIRY BOARDS.

St. Hyacinthe, Que.—200 packages butter and 200 boxes cheese were offered. The butter sold at 43 1/4c per lb. A bid of 22 1/4c per lb was made for cheese and refused, but after the board adjourned all offerings were bought at 22 3/4c per lb. on the curb.

Cowansville, Que.—All the butter offered sold at 43 1/4c per lb. At this date a year ago there were 835 packages sold at 41 3/4c.

Vankleek Hill, Ont. — 92 boxes of white and 92 boxes colored cheese were boarded and sold at the regular meeting of the board here. Price offered was 22 9-16c, and all sold at this price.

London, Ont.—Seven factories offered 800 boxes at the cheese board; 530 boxes sold at 22c. It was decided to hold the markets fortnightly, the next being on June 1.

Belleville, Ont.—1,290 boxes of white were offered. Sales, 325 at 22 9-16c and 965 at 22 1/4c.

EGGS.

The receipts for the week ending May, 18th, 1918, were 18,266 cases, as compared with 12,925 for the previous week, and 21,547 for the same week last year. The total receipts since May 1st, 1918, to date were 40,902 cases, as against 53,412 for the corresponding period in 1917.

The active local demand for supplies for storing account kept prices up for all grades. There was also a good demand for immediate consumption so the market was active and a good volume of business was transacted.

Markets at other Canadian centres were comparatively steady during the week, with a tendency to increased firmness. There is a difference of opinion among the trade as to the future of the market. Some express themselves as being much concerned at the present levels of cost and state they will cease storing if they cannot buy at 36c or thereabouts f.o.b. Others believe prices will not go lower until hot weather sets in and that although prices are high, eggs are cheap in comparison with other meat products and will all be wanted next fall and winter, at a reasonable advance above cost. The season so far has been one of the most favorable for quality. Most districts report production still on the increase, present consumption is very heavy.

No change of note has occurred in the Western provinces. Receipts are liberal at most points and a heavy interprovincial movement is reported. In Winnipeg storage packed eggs in new cases are changing hands at prices considerably in advance of those being offered by the eastern trade. Prince Edward Island where the season has been backward so far, reports a heavy increase in receipts last week and storing is now becoming general at that point.

It is interesting to note that it was at this time last year when prices commenced to climb and by the end of the month had reached such a point as to cause quite a serious reaction early in June.

The United States markets have changed little during the week. The American Warehouse Association Report and United States Government Report for May 1st, both record much heavier holdings May 1st as compared with a year ago. This is attributed to the earlier season. Those who make a study of conditions are of the opinion that the flush of production is past and that by the 1st of June the present comparative increase as indicated by the reports will be much reduced. Reports from all over the States say immediate consumption is very heavy.

We quote wholesale jobbing prices as follows:

Selected stock	0.44	0.45
No. 1 stock	0.42	
No. 2 stock	0.38	0.39

POULTRY.

The poultry market continues very firm under light receipts and a good demand. Some varieties have slightly advanced in price during the week. The arrivals consist mostly of live hens and roosters and a few old cock turkeys. Storage stocks moving freely with some varieties cleaned up.

The United States markets are a little weaker under heavier receipts. The arrivals, however, are not as large as it was expected they would be after the embargo was removed covering the marketing of live and fresh killed fowl and pullets.

New York reports many shipments of live birds showing serious losses in dead.

POTATOES.

Offerings of potatoes were small last week and as the demand was good prices showed an increase amounting to 10c per bag. The trade was fairly active with sales of car lots of Green Mountains at \$1.55 to \$1.60, including bags, and McIntyres at \$1.45 to \$1.50 ex-track. In a wholesale jobbing way Green Mountains have sold at \$1.80 per bag of 90 lbs. ex-store, reds at \$1.70, and McIntyres at \$1.60.

MAPLE SUGAR.

The tone of the market for maple sugar ruled strong throughout the week, due to the continued good demand for supplies for shipment to the United States and prices scored a further advance of 1/4c to 1c per

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending May 16th, and the week preceding, were:—

	Week ending May 9.	Week ending May 16.	Same date last year.
No. 1 Hard	1	241	168
No. 1 Northern	207	137	148
No. 2 Northern	168	36	46
No. 3 Northern	148	42	20
No. 4 Wheat	62	12	15
No. 5 Wheat	45	1	
No. 6 Wheat	39		
Feed Wheat	15		
Rejected	34		
No. Grade	6		
Winter	1		
Totals	726	664	4,401
Oats	1,553	537	1,346
Barley	405	45	163
Flax	25	19	150

lb. with sales of car lots at 20c to 21c per lb. There was also a good demand from local buyers for supplies, and on the whole the market was active and sales in a wholesale jobbing way were made at 22c to 23c per lb. The trade in maple syrup was quieter owing to the fact that supplies on spot in small packages have been pretty well cleaned up. There was a good enquiry during the week and buyers in many cases found it impossible to fill their wants. The tone of the market was very firm with 15 to 20-gallon barrels quoted at \$1.80 per gallon, five-gallon tins at \$1.85 per gallon, one-gallon tins at \$2 to \$2.10, and 8 1/2-lb. tins at \$1.50.

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