

BIG DECREASE IN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Wheat Rallied at Chicago Despite Other Factors of Bearish Character.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Announcement today of a large decrease in the visible supply of wheat, which was due to a steady decline at an advance of 1/4 to 1/2 cent. Other leading staples, too, all showed a gain—corn 1/4 to 1/2, oats 1/4 to 1/2, and provisions 1/4 to 1/2.

Firmness, which developed in wheat after the posting of the visible supply figures, disclosed that a number of concerns had drained the market of December offerings, and that there had been important absorption of other months. It was evident that short selling on an early decline had been materially overcome, especially as primary arrivals and world shipments were light, and it was estimated that 90 per cent. of the spring crop in the northwest had been taken out of farmers' hands.

Temporary weakening at the outset was due to Argentine reports of fine weather, bringing about rapid progress of the harvest. There were also slowings in the United States, which were slowing down word of an acreage increase amounting to 35 per cent. compared with a year ago. Beneficial rain over much of India added to bearish sentiment, but the effect disappeared when the visible supply total became known.

Related Upturn in Corn.

Rainy weather, which resulted in an upturn for corn, but not until some discouraged longer by unloading had been pressed values. Shortage covered as soon as there were signs of a rally.

Huge deliveries of Argentine contracts—4,435,000 bushels—failed to make any extraordinary impression in favor of the bears in oats. Elevators, however, whom most of the deliveries came, were busy buying December and selling May at a difference. In the end shorts as in corn, were scurrying to cover.

Provisions ranged sharply higher. Hogs were on the advance, and there was buying for grain speculators, visiting stockmen and one of the western packers.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 300 bushels of grain, 25 loads of hay, and one load of straw.

Barley—One hundred bushels sold at 64c.

Wheat—Two hundred bushels sold at 89c to 90c.

Wheat—Twenty-eight loads sold at \$15 to \$16 per ton.

Straw—One load straw sold at \$17 per ton.

Grain—Wheat, fall, bushel, \$9.85 to \$9.88.

Barley, bushel, \$6.85 to \$6.88.

Pearl barley, bushel, \$6.85 to \$6.88.

Oats, bushel, \$6.85 to \$6.88.

Rye, bushel, \$6.85 to \$6.88.

Buckwheat, bushel, \$6.85 to \$6.88.

Seeds—Wheat, No. 1, bushel, \$3.25 to \$3.28.

Alfalfa, No. 2, bushel, \$7.00 to \$7.05.

Timothy, No. 1, bushel, \$7.00 to \$7.05.

Hay, mixed, ton, \$17.00 to \$18.00.

Straw, bundled, ton, \$17.00 to \$18.00.

Straw, loose, ton, \$17.00 to \$18.00.

Vegetables—Potatoes, per bag, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

Apples, new, bushel, \$2.50 to \$2.60.

Dairy Produce—Eggs, new, dozen, \$0.85 to \$0.90.

Poultry, Retail—Turkey, dressed, lb., \$0.22 to \$0.25.

Geese, lb., \$0.15 to \$0.18.

Ducks, spring, lb., \$0.16 to \$0.17.

Spring chickens, lb., \$0.15 to \$0.18.

Spring chickens, alive, lb., \$0.13 to \$0.14.

Fowl, per lb., \$0.12 to \$0.13.

Beef, forequarters, cwt., \$10.00 to \$10.50.

Beef, hindquarters, cwt., \$10.00 to \$10.50.

Beef, choice sides, cwt., \$10.00 to \$10.50.

Beef, medium, cwt., \$9.00 to \$9.50.

Mutton, cwt., \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Veals, cwt., \$12.00 to \$12.50.

Dressed hogs, cwt., \$13.00 to \$13.50.

Spring lambs, cwt., \$13.00 to \$13.50.

FARM PRODUCE, WHOLESALE.

Hay, No. 1, car lot, \$13.00 to \$13.50.

Straw, car lot, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Potatoes, car lot, \$0.80 to \$0.90.

Butter, creamery, lb., \$0.22 to \$0.25.

Butter, separator, lb., \$0.22 to \$0.25.

Butter, store, lb., \$0.22 to \$0.25.

Cheese, old, lb., \$0.15 to \$0.18.

Cheese, new, lb., \$0.14 to \$0.15.

Eggs, new, dozen, \$0.85 to \$0.90.

Eggs, old, dozen, \$0.80 to \$0.85.

Honey, extracted, lb., \$0.10 to \$0.11.

HIDES AND SKINS.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Dealers in skins, raw fur, hides, etc.

Inspected hides are nominal.

Lambkins and pelts, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Chickens, lb., \$0.15 to \$0.18.

Horsehair, per lb., \$0.15 to \$0.18.

Horsehides, No. 1, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

Tallow, No. 1, per cwt., \$0.95 to \$1.00.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

34c, outside; 33c to 34c, track, Toronto.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.00, in cotton 100 more; second patents, \$4.50, in cotton 100 more; strong bakers, \$4.50, in cotton 100 more; C.W., 34c, lake ports.

Ontario wheat—New, No. 2, 80c to 82c, outside; No. 2, 80c to 82c, outside; No. 2, 80c to 82c, outside.

Beans—Imported, hand-picked, \$2.35 per bushel; Canadian, hand-picked, \$2.35 prime, \$2.

Manitoba wheat—New crop, for October shipments from Port William, No. 1, 90c, outside; No. 2, 80c to 82c, outside.

Rye—No. 2, 6c to 6c per bushel, outside, nominal.

Peas—No. 2, 3c to 3c, nominal, per bushel, outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 5c to 5c, outside, nominal.

Barley—For malting, 5c to 5c (47-lb. test); for feed, 4c to 4c, outside, nominal.

Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 70c, c.l.f. Midland; 3c, track, Toronto.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, \$2.25 to \$2.50, in bags; track, Toronto; 2c to 2c; Ontario bran, \$2.25, in bags; shorts, 2c.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent. premium, \$3.60 to \$3.70, bulk, seaboard.

TORONTO SUGAR MARKET.

Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:

do. do. Rodolph, St. Lawrence, \$4.50

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Beaver granulated, \$4.50

No. 1 yellow, \$4.50

In barrels, 5c per cwt. more; our lot, 5c less.

GOOD CATTLE SOLD HIGHER

Sheep and Calves Steady—Lambs and Hogs Easier.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Yards were 166 car loads, 2305 cattle, 1712 hogs, 2456 sheep and lambs and 206 calves. There were a few car loads of good to choice butchers' steers, better than any offered last week, but the bulk of the offerings were common and medium. Good to choice cattle were 25c per cwt. higher, and all other grades were firm at last week's quotations. Stockers and feeders, as well as milners and springers, were in demand at firm prices. Prices for sheep ruled about steady, but lambs were easier. Taken all around it was one of the best markets of the season thus far.

Choice steers of export weights and quality sold at \$8 to \$8.25; choice butchers' steers, \$7.50 to \$8; good steers, \$7.50 to \$8; choice cows, \$6 to \$6.50; good cows, \$5.50 to \$6; medium cows, \$5.50 to \$6; common cows, \$5 to \$5.50; rough eastern steers, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

The demand for stockers and feeders still continues to be strong and active. Choice steers, 1000 to 1100 lbs., sold at \$8.50 to \$9; good steers, 900 to 1000 lbs., at \$8 to \$8.50; stockers, 600 to 800 lbs., at \$7.50 to \$8; rough eastern steers, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

Milners and Springers. A moderate supply of milners and springers sold readily at firm prices, ranging from \$6 to \$100 each.

Yearlings.

The receipts of calves were not equal to the demand and prices remained firm. Choice veals sold at \$9 to \$10; good veals, \$8 to \$9; medium veals, \$7.50 to \$8; rough eastern veals, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Sheep and Lambs.

Receipts of sheep and lambs were large, heavy ewes, sold at \$4 to \$5; culls and rams, \$2.50 to \$4; 100 lbs. to \$4.50.

Hogs.

Selects, fed and watered, sold at \$8.50 to \$8.85, and \$8.25, fed, sold at \$8.50.

Representative Sales.

The Cornbelt Hall, Chicago, sold 25 car loads of live stock. Best steers, \$8.50 to \$9.25; common, \$8 to \$8.50; good cows, \$6 to \$6.50; medium to good, \$5.50 to \$6; canners and cutters, \$4.50 to \$5; export, \$4.50 to \$5; 100 lbs. to \$4.50; 200 lbs. to \$5; 300 lbs. to \$5.50; 400 lbs. to \$6; 500 lbs. to \$6.50; 600 lbs. to \$7; 700 lbs. to \$7.50; 800 lbs. to \$8; 900 lbs. to \$8.50; 1000 lbs. to \$9; 1100 lbs. to \$9.50; 1200 lbs. to \$10; 1300 lbs. to \$10.50; 1400 lbs. to \$11; 1500 lbs. to \$11.50; 1600 lbs. to \$12; 1700 lbs. to \$12.50; 1800 lbs. to \$13; 1900 lbs. to \$13.50; 2000 lbs. to \$14; 2100 lbs. to \$14.50; 2200 lbs. to \$15; 2300 lbs. to \$15.50; 2400 lbs. to \$16; 2500 lbs. to \$16.50; 2600 lbs. to \$17; 2700 lbs. to \$17.50; 2800 lbs. to \$18; 2900 lbs. to \$18.50; 3000 lbs. to \$19; 3100 lbs. to \$19.50; 3200 lbs. to \$20; 3300 lbs. to \$20.50; 3400 lbs. to \$21; 3500 lbs. to \$21.50; 3600 lbs. to \$22; 3700 lbs. to \$22.50; 3800 lbs. to \$23; 3900 lbs. to \$23.50; 4000 lbs. to \$24; 4100 lbs. to \$24.50; 4200 lbs. to \$25; 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