

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of United Grain Growers Limited, October 29, 1917)

The movement of all grains is averaging well over a thousand cars per day passing inspection. Many country points are complaining of acute car shortage which means that the elevators soon get filled and the marketing of grain is held up. Heavy snowfalls have been general over all parts of the prairie provinces and in a lot of places have found much threshing unfinished and the grain still in stock.

Prices have not changed much during the week for oats and barley. On Thursday there was a bulge in oats prices, induced by considerable eastern buying and covering by shorts. The advance was not supported and at Saturday's close there was very little gain over the previous week. In fact, distant futures were lower. In the United States the movement of corn is continuing very slow and prices of cash corn are abnormally high.

Barley of the first two grades advanced 1/2 cent, while the lower two grades declined a like amount. Dealers state that present prices are in line for eastern and export business, but that the uncertainty of the transportation question makes it difficult to do business. Shipments of wheat are given the preference in regard to boat space, and it is not possible to book space in advance for other grains.

WINNIPEG FUTURES									
	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Week Ago	Year Ago
Oats	67 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	60 1/2
Dec. 65	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	60 1/2
Flax	304	304	309	309	303 1/2	304	297	296 1/2	296 1/2
Dec. 304	301 1/2	299	299	299	295 1/2	295 1/2	290	290	290

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, October 24, was as follows:

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	57,270.00	3,756.00	129,921.00
	Oats	17,882.00	8,270.00	78,111.00
	Flax	1,241.00	.....	1,351.00
	Barley	.....	.....	516.00
Moos Jaw	Wheat	137,491.20	88,515.20	258,435.40
	Oats	21,433.10	3,885.20	64,434.24
	Flax	.....	.....	641.32
	Barley	.....	.....	70.10

THE CASH TRADE

(Minneapolis, October 27)

CORN—A car of new corn was here today from southern South Dakota. It was good quality and dry. No. 3 yellow closed at \$2.13 to \$2.15, other grades at \$1.50 to \$2.10.

OATS—Slow. Buying power limited. No. 3 white closed at \$2.12 to \$2.14. No. 1 white oats at \$2.12 to \$2.14. Receipts today 95 cars, last year 95; shipments today 77 cars, last year 70. Chicago receipts today 290 cars, last year 234.

RYE—Demand limited. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.75 to \$1.77. Receipts today 50 cars, last year 51; shipments today 23 cars, last year 16. Chicago receipts today 12 cars.

BARLEY—Good demand for choice quality free from oats. Everything else slow. Prices closed at \$1.07 to \$1.30. Receipts today 100 cars, last year 94; shipments today 62 cars, last year 70.

FLAXSEED—Demand good at 40 over November for choice. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.12 to \$3.18, on spot, and to arrive \$3.16 to \$3.18. Receipts today 47 cars, last year 101; shipments today 10 cars, last year 8. Lined oil shipments totaled 194,333 lbs. oil cake and meal shipments 980,560 lbs.

STOP TRADING IN CORN FUTURES

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Trading in November and December corn has been stopped by decision of the board of trade directors. The announcement was made tonight after a meeting of the committee, which lasted several hours. The members of the board were notified to cease trading in the two futures, except to fulfill such contracts as are in existence.

LIVESTOCK		Winnipeg		Toronto		Calgary		Chicago		St. Paul	
		Oct. 27	Year ago	Oct. 24	Year ago	Oct. 27	Year ago	Oct. 25	Year ago	Oct. 24	Year ago
Cattle											
Choice steers		8 50-9 50	8 00-8 85	11 00-12 00	8 50-9 00	10 00-11 00	8 50-9 00	10 00-11 00	9 50-11 50	11 00-12 00	10 00-11 00
Best butcher steers		7 75-8 25	6 00-6 50	10 00-11 00	8 50-9 00	9 50-10 50	8 50-9 00	10 00-11 00	9 50-11 50	10 00-11 00	9 50-10 50
Fair to good butcher steers		6 50-7 50	5 25-6 75	7 50-10 00	6 50-8 50	7 50-10 00	6 50-8 50	7 50-10 00	6 50-8 50	7 50-10 00	6 50-8 50
Good to choice fat cows		7 00-8 00	5 25-6 75	8 00-9 75	7 00-7 50	8 00-9 75	7 00-7 50	8 00-9 75	7 00-7 50	8 00-9 75	7 00-7 50
Medium to good cows		6 50-6 75	4 50-5 00	7 00-7 50	6 50-7 50	7 00-7 50	6 50-7 50	7 00-7 50	6 50-7 50	7 00-7 50	6 50-7 50
Common cows		5 50-6 50	4 00-4 50	5 50-6 50	5 50-6 50	5 50-6 50	5 50-6 50	5 50-6 50	5 50-6 50	5 50-6 50	5 50-6 50
Canvases		4 50-5 50	3 00-3 75	4 50-5 50	3 00-3 50	4 50-5 50	3 00-3 50	4 50-5 50	3 00-3 50	4 50-5 50	3 00-3 50
Good to choice heifers		7 50-8 50	5 75-6 25	8 50-10 25	7 25-8 00	8 50-10 25	7 25-8 00	8 50-10 25	7 25-8 00	8 50-10 25	7 25-8 00
Fair to good heifers		7 25-7 50	5 00-5 50	7 50-9 25	6 25-7 00	7 50-9 25	6 25-7 00	7 50-9 25	6 25-7 00	7 50-9 25	6 25-7 00
Best cows		6 50-7 50	5 50-6 00	6 50-7 50	5 50-6 50	6 50-7 50	5 50-6 50	6 50-7 50	5 50-6 50	6 50-7 50	5 50-6 50
Best butcher heifers		6 50-7 00	5 25-5 75	8 00-8 50	5 50-6 75	8 00-8 50	5 50-6 75	8 00-8 50	5 50-6 75	8 00-8 50	5 50-6 75
Common to butchers heifers		4 00-6 00	4 50-5 00	5 50-6 50	5 00-5 75	5 50-6 50	5 00-5 75	5 50-6 50	5 00-5 75	5 50-6 50	5 00-5 75
Fair to good feeder steers		7 75-8 50	5 00-6 00	8 00-9 25	7 00-8 00	8 00-9 25	7 00-8 00	8 00-9 25	7 00-8 00	8 00-9 25	7 00-8 00
Fair to good stockers		6 00-7 50	5 00-5 50	7 00-8 50	7 00-8 00	7 00-8 50	7 00-8 00	7 00-8 50	7 00-8 00	7 00-8 50	7 00-8 00
Best milkers and springers (each)		\$75-\$90	\$45-\$50	\$90-\$125	\$75-\$90	\$90-\$125	\$75-\$90	\$90-\$125	\$75-\$90	\$90-\$125	\$75-\$90
Fair milkers and springers (each)		\$60-\$75	\$45-\$55	\$65-\$85	\$70-\$85	\$65-\$85	\$70-\$85	\$65-\$85	\$70-\$85	\$65-\$85	\$70-\$85
Hogs											
Choice hogs, weighed off		15 00	\$10 50	16 00-16 50	15 25	15 25-16 00	15 00-16 00	15 00-16 00	15 00-16 00	15 00-16 00	15 00-16 00
Light hogs		14 00	9 00	.....	.....	15 00-15 50	14 00-15 00	15 00-15 50	14 00-15 00	15 00-15 50	14 00-15 00
Heavy hogs		11 50-12 50	7 00	.....	.....	14 25-14 50	14 25-14 50	14 25-14 50	14 25-14 50	14 25-14 50	14 25-14 50
Shags		10 00-11 00	5 50	.....	.....	14 75-15 75	14 75-15 75	14 75-15 75	14 75-15 75	14 75-15 75	14 75-15 75
Sheep and Lambs											
Choice lambs		9 00-14 50	9 50-10 25	12 00-16 40	9 00-9 75	10 00-16 40	9 00-9 75	10 00-16 40	9 00-9 75	10 00-16 40	9 00-9 75
Best killing sheep		7 00-10 00	7 00-8 75	11 00-13 00	10 50-13 00	10 50-13 00	10 50-13 00	10 50-13 00	10 50-13 00	10 50-13 00	10 50-13 00

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from October 23 to October 29 inclusive

Date	WHEAT											OATS						BARLEY			FLAX	
	1"	2"	3"	4	5	6	Feed	T11	T12	T13	2CW	3CW	4CW	5CW	6CW	Feed	1 NW	2CW				
Oct. 29	221	218	215	207	194	187	180	215	212	207	67	64	64	62	61	120	115	110	94	91		
28	221	218	215	207	194	187	180	215	212	207	67	64	64	62	61	120	115	110	210	207		
25	221	218	215	207	194	187	180	215	212	207	67	64	64	62	61	120	115	110	200	206		
26	221	218	215	207	194	187	180	215	212	207	67	64	64	62	61	120	115	110	204	201		
27	221	218	215	207	194	187	180	215	212	207	67	64	64	62	61	120	115	110	203	204		
29	221	218	215	207	194	...	...	215	212	207	67	64	64	62	...	120	115	110	204	201
Week	221	218	215	207	194	187	180	215	212	207	67	64	64	62	61	120	115	110	207	204		
Year	187	184	179	164	154	126	...	...	...	...	60	58	58	58	57	112	107	97	248	245

acres, against 30,320,000 acres harvested in the previous season. The yield per acre this year was 11.52 bushels, compared with 10.65 bushels in the previous season.

FLOUR BUYING DEPOT

A rumor is current that a flour buying depot will be established in Winnipeg. Flour for the allies has been purchased through New York, with the result, it is stated, that the big firms got the contracts and that the small mills have frequently been idle. The aim of the new arrangement will be to keep every mill in Canada busy. Flour buying and wheat buying will be co-ordinated so that there will be no conflict of interests between the millers and the wheat export company.

MOVEMENT OF CANADIAN WHEAT

Washington, Oct. 24.—Under an arrangement between the United States food administration and the Canadian food controller, large supplies of Canadian wheat are to begin moving at once by way of the Great Lakes to the eastern United States flour mills so they may resume full capacity operations.

The wheat will be purchased through the Canadian government at the same price as fixed for the American 1917 crop. It is estimated that the wheat will be purchased through the Canadian government at the same price as fixed for the American 1917 crop. It is estimated that the wheat will be purchased through the Canadian government at the same price as fixed for the American 1917 crop.

The previous arrangements, by which milling in the Minneapolis and northwest sections was reduced from 100 to 60 per cent, capacity to allow the lake movement from the northwest to the eastern mills, has been removed and the Minneapolis and northwest mills generally are now running at full capacity.

Unless peace should intervene and the food administration come to an end, there will be no change in the government purchase price of the 1917 harvest of wheat. This announcement was made today by the food administration in denial of rumors current in some agricultural sections that the price was to be altered.

In event of peace it was pointed out the large quantities of wheat now inaccessible in Australia and India would be available to the world's markets and the maintenance of the present price would be then unlikely.

The Livestock Markets

CHICAGO

Chicago, Oct. 25.—High prices and anti-consumption agitation have affected the dressed meat trade very adversely and much of this product is going into storage at the highest prices in market history. Chicago received over 102,000 cattle last week, making a new record. All the smaller markets are over-storing and embargoes have been necessary at a number of them. Packers are considering the storage of beef a good investment since it can be carried through the period of light supply of the next five months and army consumption is almost certain to take up all surplus. Every order in the country is full of frozen meat and the end of the accumulation is not in sight. Heavy steers are very scarce. Dressed steers of 50 cents to \$1.50 on all middle grades marked last week's congestion. Every steacker in the supply, however, was attended with an advance in price which showed the strong technical strength of the market. The top cattle are selling at \$16.75 to \$17.00. Packers are getting thousands of scrub steers weighing from 600 to 1000 lbs. without feed or quality at from \$6.00 to \$9.50. For the first time during the season canned cows were sold at \$4.75 to \$4.85, i.e., below the \$5.00 mark, but they have now gone back to \$5.00 to \$5.25. Discarded dairy cows make up the greater quantity of these. Hog values declined \$2.00 last week, only a few of the best sold above \$15.25. Many country shippers lost large sums by the recent break and plenty of them were put out of business. The quality was very ordinary and much of the mixed packing stuff sold at \$14.75 to \$15.50. Packers are cutting these hogs up at a good profit at present prices.

Country Products		Winnipeg		Calgary	
		Oct. 27	Year ago	Oct. 26	Year ago
Butter (per lb.)					
No. 1 dairy		40c	35c	40c	35c
Eggs (per doz.)					
New laid		42c	40c	40c	40c
Potatoes					
In sacks, per bushel		\$1.10	65c	70c	70c
Milk and Cream					
Sweet cream per lb. fat		50c	45c	45c	45c
Cream for butter-making (per lb. butter-fat)		44c	40c	40c	40c
Live Poultry					
Fowl (Yearlings)		16c	14c	14c-15c	14c-15c
Spring chickens		15c	15c	15c	15c
Ducks		14c-17c	14c	14c-15c	14c-15c
Turkeys		20c-25c	20c	20c-25c	20c-25c
Hay (per ton)					
No. 1 Timothy		\$14.00	\$15	\$15	\$15
No. 1 Meadow		\$12.00	\$10	\$10	\$10