

## Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Sept. 5, 1896, shows an increase of 921,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,816,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 2,219,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 711,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month, for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 2...	88,681,000	80,228,000	81,238,000	15,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,803,000	81,392,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,609,000	79,088,000	41,566,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,654,000	41,036,000
May 6...	62,198,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 3...	62,229,000	69,394,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
July 1...	44,661,000	64,657,000	62,316,000	21,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,617,000	60,601,000	59,424,000	26,073,000
Sept. 7...	36,754,000	60,168,000	56,140,000	33,769,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	61,256,000
Nov. 4...	67,690,000	80,047,000	71,336,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,580,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,358,000	89,053,000	51,756,000
" 11...	66,945,000	86,615,000	80,433,000	82,089,000
" 18...	67,983,000	85,360,000	81,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,685,000	80,204,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,578,000	79,813,000	81,391,000
" 8...	66,110,000	82,322,000	79,160,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,926,000	81,733,000	78,607,000	81,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,430,000
March 1...	64,089,000	78,761,000	75,589,000	79,085,000
" 7...	62,596,000	77,717,000	74,637,000	74,133,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,817,000	73,359,000	74,710,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,161,000	73,208,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,318,000	71,478,000	77,631,000
April 4...	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,036,000
" 18...	58,453,000	69,026,000	68,425,000	74,589,000
" 25...	57,916,000	65,776,000	66,533,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,419,000	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9...	51,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	71,632,000
" 16...	51,146,000	60,181,000	62,014,000	71,526,000
" 23...	51,298,000	54,211,000	61,349,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,310,000	52,229,000	60,391,000	70,367,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	68,241,000	63,667,000
" 13...	49,486,000	47,717,000	67,105,000	60,375,000
" 20...	48,819,000	46,225,000	66,551,000	63,081,000
" 27...	47,860,000	44,561,000	64,657,000	62,316,000
July 4...	47,109,000	43,359,000	64,114,000	61,419,000
" 11...	47,220,000	41,257,000	63,154,000	59,335,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,488,000	63,771,000	59,903,000
" 25...	47,142,000	39,294,000	67,141,000	60,349,000
Aug. 1...	46,734,000	38,517,000	66,601,000	59,411,000
" 8...	46,429,000	37,639,000	62,321,000	58,869,000
" 15...	45,876,000	36,392,000	63,901,000	57,312,000
" 22...	45,189,000	35,088,000	64,771,000	57,204,000
" 29...	45,571,000	35,438,000	66,949,000	56,881,000
Sept. 5...	46,495,000	36,754,000	69,168,000	56,114,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on August 29 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	237,000
Toronto.....	108,000
Kingston.....	20,000
Winnipeg.....	276,000
Manitoba interior elevators	370,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,375,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on August 29 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	57,588,000
Pacific Coast.....	3,512,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	44,732,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,799,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Sept. 5, shows an increase of 1,101,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 58,692,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on Sept. 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and abroad for Europe) were 97,076,000 bushels, as compared with 119,470 bushels on Sept. 1, 1895, 151,622,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1894,

149,407,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 111,016,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1892 and with smaller totals on Sept. 1 in preceding years.

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—About 40c to 45c for No. 1 hard, country points, and 55½ to 58c at Fort William.

Flour—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.95; Bakers, \$1.75.

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, new, local freights paid, 20 to 21c.

Barley—A few loads sold at 2½ to 30c.

Flax Seed.—Small sales retail at \$1.50 per bushel.

Butter.—Dairy round lots 8c to 8½ Creamery, 11 to 15½c.

Cheese.—6c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 11c net, jobbing at 12 to 13c.

Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 5c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 6 to 6½; lamb, 6½ to 7c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5½ to 6c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 3 to 3½c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 to 4½c.

Sheep.—3 off cars; lambs, \$2 to \$2.25 each.

Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 19c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 35 to 40c per pair, fowl, 40c to 45c; turkeys, 8 to 9c lb., live weight.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, dressed 7½c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleeco, 10 to 11½c.

Potatoes.—20c per bushel.

Hay.—\$5.00 per ton, car lots.

## Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Sept. 4, 1896.	Sept. 6, 1895.
Flour, straight spring...	\$3.15 to \$3.30	\$3.00 to \$3.35
Flour, straight winter...	\$3.20 to \$3.25	\$3.00 to \$3.35
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	67½c	63½c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	27c	39c
Oats, No. 2.....	24½	15½c
Rye, No. 2, Western.....	49c	.....
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee.....	.....	8½c
Cotton, mid. upld.....	8½c	8½c
Print cloths, 4x64.....	2½	3 1-16c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.....	16c	17 to 18c
Wool, No. 1 combg.....	18 to 19c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess new.....	7.50 to 8.25	\$10.25 to 10.75
Lard, western, stm.....	3.65	\$6.35
Butter, creamery.....	16 1-2c	20c
Cheese, ch. east fr.....	8c	7c
Sugar, centrl, 96°.....	31c	31c
Sugar, granulated.....	41c	41c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	11c	16c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	\$1.69½	.....
Petroleum, rd. gal.....	0.75c	.....
*Iron, less, pg.....	\$11.10	\$17.25
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$22.00	\$24.10
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool.....	3½d	2d
Cotton.....	5-32d	1-16d
*Pittsburgh.		

## Items About the Crops.

Burnside, Man., Sept. 7.—Threshing was done the first of the week, but none was done the last part of the week on account of the rain. All the machines are busy threshing this morning. The crops are turning out very light—from ten to fifteen bushels per acre, and oats are no crop at all on account of the rust.

Treherne, Man., Sept. 2.—Wheat cutting is almost completed. Some have commenced stacking, and it is expected that stook-threshing will begin next week. The wheat will average fifteen bushels to the acre, while oats will be heavy.

Douglas, Man., Sept. 8.—The stacking near here is about completed, with the exception of some that will be threshed from the stook. The reports from a few that have threshed are to the effect that the crop is not turning out like last year. In some places the straw is heavier and the wheat less in yield.

Carnduff, Assa., Sept. 7.—Cutting in this district is all done and threshing is in full swing. The new wheat will grade chiefly No. 1 and No. 2 hard. Considerable new grain was stored in the elevators last week.

Pipestone, Man., Sept. 6.—Some have completed stacking and threshing is the order of the day. Wheat is running about twelve bushels per acre.

Nivorville, Man., Sept. 8.—Harvesting is just about finished in this district and threshing has begun. Wheat is turning out from fifteen to twenty bushels per acre. Barley is a fair average crop, but oats are very light, owing to rust. Flax is a good crop and will turn out well.

Sidney, Man., Sept. 9.—Farmers are busy threshing. The wheat has not turned out as expected, only going about ten to twelve bushels per acre. With fine weather, the threshing will be all over in this vicinity in about three weeks.

Burnside, Man., Sept. 8.—Stacking is well under way, and threshing is general. The crops are turning out much lighter than was expected, from ten to fifteen bushels being the average, but it is of a good sample.

Mothven, Man., Sept. 8.—Cutting in this vicinity is finished and stacking is well advanced. The threshers have started out in greater force than ever before, as some new machines have been purchased. The results of the numerous threshers is that a cutting of prices has already begun, the old figures of 4 cents all around being reduced to 3c and 3½c. The light frosts of August did no damage here, but the night of the 2nd of September was cold enough to damage any grain that was not cut.

Cartwright, Sept. 9.—Stook threshing has commenced, and reports so far indicate a fair yield and fine quality of wheat. Oats are not a heavy crop.

Crystal City, Sept. 9.—Now that harvesting is over stacking has begun in many parts, but the majority of the farmers seem inclined to thresh from the stook. Many farmers are preparing to deliver their grain from the machine direct to the elevators, and be ready for whatever turn the markets may take.

## 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:

Grade.	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	15	38	102	46	84
No. 2 hard.....	13	14	13	3	7
No. 3 hard.....	9	6	13	10	2
No. 1 North'n.....	38	12	17	10	14
No. 2 North'n.....	2	1	0	1	0
No. 3 North'n.....	1	2	0	0	0
No. 1 white ftye	0	0	0	1	1
No. 2 white ftye	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 Spring.....	3	0	0	0	0
No. 2 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted ..	3	0	2	3	0
No. 2 frosted ..	0	2	0	0	0
No. 3 Frosted ..	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected.....	4	4	2	2	1
No. 2 Rejected.....	5	4	4	0	1
No Grade.....	3	6	1	3	1
Feed.....	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	133	83	151	84	113
Same week last year.....	3	50	32	24	24

\*Wheat inspected 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.

A. Leofred, mining engineer, of Montreal, has a project on hand for the establishment in that city of a permanent exhibition of minerals from all the mines of Canada.