The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, September 2, 1916)

Wheat—Active markets have been seen this week as a result of a variety of influencing features. On Monday a nine cent break occurred due to the entry of Roumania into the European war. On Tuesday there was a reaction from this sharp break when it was realized that it would still be some time before Russian wheat would be available elsewhere. The railway situation in the United States was also a bullish factor, but on Wednesday rumors of a probable settlement caused another break in prices after a strong opening with considerable buying by exporters. Thus prices have been swayed and meanwhile considerable wheat is being sold for export. Yesterday, developments in Greece again brought the Balkan States into the limelight and caused much discussion of the possible opening of the Dardanelles. The situation in the cash wheat shows a good demand for higher grades, which will undoubtedly be scarce on the new crop. The new wheat now arriving runs heavily to lower grades.

Oats—Markets have been largely influenced by fluctuations in the wheat market, within a much narrower range. Cash oats are in pretty steady demand.

Barley—Has shown steady strength independently of the wheat market. Offerings are light and are quickly taken at advancing prices.

Flax—Was weaker during the earlier part of the week, but firmed up on Friday, and still shows a five cent loss from the previous week end.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat—			
Aug. 29	149	143½	147½
Aug. 30	146½	141½	145½
Aug. 31	149	144	147½
Sept. 1	147½	142½	145½
Sept. 2	150	145	147½
Sept. 4 —Holiday, Labor Day.			
Week ago	144½	140	143½
Year ago	85	85½	91½
Oats—			
Aug. 29	49½	47½	...
Aug. 30	49½	47½	...
Aug. 31	49½	47½	...
Sept. 1	49½	47½	...
Sept. 2	49½	47½	...
Sept. 4 —Holiday, Labor Day			
Week ago	49	47	...
Year ago	34½	...	...
Flax—			
Aug. 29	193½	193	193
Aug. 30	189	189	189
Aug. 31	186½	186½	186½
Sept. 1	190½	190	190
Sept. 2	188½	188½	188½
Sept. 4 —Holiday, Labor Day.			
Week ago	188½	189	189½
Year ago	142½	145	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Aug. 31)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$1.56½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.53½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.51½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,500 bu., settle	1.51½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.52
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.53½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.56½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.52½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.53½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.49½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars, elevator	1.49
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, sample	1.46½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.50
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.47
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.50½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.45½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	1.45½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.46½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.45
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.47½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.46
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, w.p. corkle	1.43½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.48
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.47½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.35½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.28
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	1.18
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.37½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.15½
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.25½
No grade wheat, 2 cars, bin burnt	1.15
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.34
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.30
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.28½
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.12
No grade wheat, 1 car, heating	1.37½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.40½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.30½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, new	1.41½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.40½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.41½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.41½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.20
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.33½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.40½
No grade oats, 1 car	.44
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.43½
Standard white oats, 1 car	.43½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.42½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, old	.45½
No grade white oats, 1 car, old	.41½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to arrive	.43½
Standard white oats, 5 cars	.44½
No. 3 white oats, 4 cars	.43½
No. 2 rye, 1 car, to arrive	1.15
No. 3 rye, 1 car, wild peas	1.13
No. 2 rye, 700 bu., to arrive, S.R.	1.16
No. 2 rye, 4,000 bu., to arrive	1.15½
No. 2 rye, 1,000 bu., N.D., to arrive	1.16
No. 3 rye, 1 car	1.14
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.15
No. 2 rye, 2 cars	1.16
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.69
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.78½
No grade barley, 1 car, 34 lbs.	.65
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.76
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.68
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, old	.88
No grade barley, 1 car, old	.82
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.84
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.84
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.68
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.68
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.74
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.75
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.77
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.76½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.83
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, old	.82
Sample grade barley, 2 cars	.86
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.73
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.70
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.83
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.78
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.71½
No. 1 flax, 1 car, Mont.	2.10
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.09½
No. 1 flax, 150 bu., to arrive	2.05½

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, Sept. 1.—Market strong.

No. 1 hard winter	$2.06½
No. 2 red winter	2.07
No. 1 Nor. Man.	2.08½
No. 2 Nor. Man.	2.07
White Kurrochi	2.08½

Cargoes (Liverpool)

No. 1 Nor. Man., Aug.-Sept.	1.98½
No. 1 Nor. Man., Oct.-Nov.	1.95½
Hard winter, Sept.-Oct.	1.90

Cargoes (London)

No. 1 Nor. Man., Aug.-Sept.	1.97½
No. 1 Nor. Man., Sept.-Oct.	1.97½

Note—These prices are approximately the value of wheat at the rate of exchange, $4.77. Rate of exchange is not furnished by Broomhall.—Manitoba Free Press

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in the interior terminal elevators for the week ending August 30 is as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Saskatoon	Wheat	1,322.40	1,322.40	94,087.10
"	Oats	1,371.06	1,371.06	33,435.14
"	Barley	.....	1,175.20	1,861.34
"	Flax	994.16	.....	13,457.14
Moose Jaw	Wheat	7,738.50	33,249.40	260,601.50
"	Oats	2,221.26	9,265.10	23,688.20
"	Barley	.....	.....	9,933.00
"	Flax	.....	1,400.00	2,576.53

GRAIN INSPECTION

Cars inspected at Winnipeg, August 31:—

	1916	1915
Wheat	221	73
Oats	84	3
Barley	16	9
Flax	18	..
	339	85

C.P.R. 164; C.N.R. 96; G.T.P. 57; Calgary 18; Saskatoon 1; Moose Jaw 3.

PRIMARY RECEIPTS

	Today	Last Year
Wheat—Receipts	1,585,000	1,378,000
Shipments	1,456,000	1,086,000
Oats—Receipts	2,016,000	1,673,000
Shipments	758,000	1,150,000
Corn—Receipts	724,000	369,000
Shipments	395,000	287,000

LABOR DAY

Owing to Monday, September 4, being Labor Day, a holiday, The Guide goes to press on Saturday this week. Consequently prices on this page are corrected up to and including Saturday, September 2.

The Livestock Markets

South St. Paul, Aug. 31.—Receipts at the Union stockyards today. Cattle, 3,300; calves, 600; hogs, 3,000; sheep, 1,000; horses, none; cars, 180.

Cattle—Beef cattle prices were on firm footing today, and often fresh strength was shown in sympathy with the sharply higher turn of trade at Chicago and elsewhere which the prospect of a railroad strike occasioned. Value here were quoted 25 to 40 cents higher than Monday on much of the killer quota, with packers evidently eager to get as much material as possible to meet their requirements in case the strike develops. On the other hand, the stocker and feeder trade was slow owing to the embargos by several of the railroads against acceptance of shipments of livestock that could not be delivered at points of destination before Saturday or Sunday. Prices showed the effects of yesterday's uneven break of 25 to 75 cents. Good to choice dairy cows were in fair demand, but trade in the immediate future is subject to the same influences created by the strike situation as in other departments. Veal calves held steady. Nine markets today had 28,000 cattle and 2,500 calves.

Hogs—The following table shows average weight, cost and price range of hogs: Aug. 30—Average weight, 230 lbs.; average cost, $10.33; price range, $10 to $55. Only a rather light run of hogs reached the yards today and prices held about steady. Sales were quoted from $10 to $10.55 with the bulk between $10.25 and $10.40. Outside news was strong, but buyers here managed to keep the cost close to Wednesday's level. Nine western markets today had about 50,000.

Sheep—Sheep house trade was slow in getting under way today and packers acted indifferent towards such stock during the early rounds in contrast to their eagerness to obtain beef cattle. Outside news had strong tone, but clearance here was no better than Wednesday and both fat and feeding sorts had rather draggy clearance. Nine western markets had about 40,000.

Horses—South St. Paul horse exchange reports the market for horses rather dull. Embargos against acceptance of livestock shipments effective on several railroads at the end of the week made buyers wary of investing in stock.

Toronto, Aug. 29.—Livestock receipts on Tuesday at the Union stockyards were: Cars, 70; cattle, 620; calves, 202; hogs, 1,354; sheep, 846; horses, 290. Trading was dull on today's livestock markets. Most of the cattle shipments were common stuff and buyers were not keen to buy. The trading was draggy and commission men complained that they had difficulty in getting bids on some lines of common cattle. Prices were steady with those of Monday for practically all grades of cattle. Choice cattle were in demand, but they were scarce. Choice weighty steers were quoted at $8.20 to $8.50, and good steers were sold at $7.45 to $7.80. The prices for handy butchers were $7.40 to $7.80 for choice, $6.80 to $7.15 for good, and $5 to $6.50 for common to medium. Choice butcher cows changed hands at $6.25 to $6.60, good at $5.60 to $6.20, and medium at $4.90 to $5.40. Butcher bulls were steady at $7 to $7.40 for choice, $6 to $6.50 for medium, and $4.25 to $5.50 for bologna.

A fair trade was done in canners and cutters at easier prices. Canners sold at $3.50 to $4.25, and cutters at $4.25 to $5.25. There was little demand for stockers and feeders. One load of good stockers was sold at $6.50, but purchasers were generally lacking.

There was a good enquiry for choice milkers and springers, with quotations for good to choice at $75 to $100. Most of yesterday's sales were between $75 and $90. The prices for common to medium milkers and springers continue at $50 to $70, but there is very little demand for anything that approaches medium or common in this department.

All lines of small meats were easier yesterday. Calves fell off 25 cents a hundred, with choice going at $10.50 to $11.75. One particularly choice load of veal calves brought $12, but the bulk of choice were at least 25 cents lower. There was another falling off of ½ cent per lb. in the price of spring lambs. Choice stuff was sold at 10½ cents to 11½ cents with culls and lambs at 8 cents to 8½ cents per pound. Light sheep ewes found a ready sale at $8 to $8.50. Heavy sheep and bucks were easy at $5 to $6, and culls were $3 to $4.

There was a further reduction of 10 cents a hundred in the price of hogs. Packers paid $11.15 f.o.b. country points. The prices of $11.65 fed and watered and $11.90 weighed off cars were paid. Packers asserted that they did not want thin, light hogs at any price.

Winnipeg, Sept. 1—The livestock department of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, Ltd., report as follows:—

Receipts for week: Cattle 4509; Calves 123; Sheep and Lambs 420; Hogs 1,800.

Cattle—We had very heavy receipts of cattle this week, and our market was from 25 cents to 35 cents lower on all classes of killing cattle with the plain and medium steers showing the biggest decline. Up until Thursday heavy cattle were

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Thursday, August 31, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.55	$1.58½
2 Nor. wheat	1.53	1.54½
3 Nor. wheat	1.48	1.50½
3 white oats	.49½	.44½
Barley	74-84	65-95
Flax, No. 1	1.84½	2.08
Futures—		
Oct. wheat	1.49 (Sept.)	1.50½
Dec. wheat	1.44	1.57½
May wheat	1.47½	1.59½

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from Aug. 29 to Sept. 4 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
Aug 29	154½	..	145½	141½	126½	126½	119½	50½	49½	49½	45½	45½	82	75	72	72	191½	188½	..	..
30	152½	150	146	139½	124½	124½	117½	49½	49	49	45	47½	83	79	73	73	187	184	..	..
31	155½	152½	148½	142½	126½	126½	119½	50½	49½	49½	45½	45½	84	80	74	74	184½	181½	..	..
Sept. 1	154½	152½	148½	141½	126½	..	..	50	49	49	45½	45½	86	82	76	76	186½	183½	..	..
2	157½	155½	150½	143½	128½	..	..	50½	49½	49½	46½	46½	86½	82½	76½	76½	186½	183½	..	..
4	HOLIDAY	—	LABOR			DAY													..	..
Week ago	150½	148½	144½	137½	122½	122½	115½	49½	49	49	45	47½	80	76	70	70	186½	183½	..	..
Year ago	92½	90½	..	....	...	..	..	36	34	34	33	32	47½	43	40	40	140½	137½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Sept. 1	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto Aug. 29	Calgary Sept. 1	Chicago Sept. 1	St. Paul Aug. 31
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers	.....	6.75-7.00	8.20-8.50	.....	10.75-11.25	8.00-8.50
Best butcher steers	6.50-7.00	6.25-6.75	7.45-7.80	6.25-6.50	10.40-11.00	7.50-8.50
Fair to good butcher steers	5.50-6.25	5.25-6.25	7.40-7.80	.....	10.25-10.75	5.25-6.00
Good to choice fat cows	5.50-6.00	5.25-5.75	6.25-6.60	.....	7.25-9.40	7.00-7.75
Medium to good cows	4.75-5.25	4.75-5.25	5.60-6.20	.....	5.50-7.25	4.50-5.25
Common cows	4.00-4.75	.....	4.90-5.40	.....	4.75-5.40	4.00-4.50
Canners	3.00-3.75	.....	.....	.....	3.50-4.65	3.75-4.25
Good to choice bulls	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.25	7.00-7.25	.....	7.15-9.55	5.25-5.75
Fair to good bulls	5.00-5.75	.....	6.25-7.00	.....	4.75-7.15	.....
Best oxen	5.75-6.25	5.00-5.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	5.25-5.75	.....	7.00-7.40	.....	6.75-8.00	5.50-6.75
Common or bologna bulls	4.50-5.00	.....	4.25-4.60	.....	5.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
Best feeder steers	5.00-6.00	5.50-5.75	6.40-6.80	.....	6.00-7.70	4.75-7.25
Best stocker steers	5.00-6.00	4.25-5.75	5.70-6.50	.....	4.50-6.80	4.50-7.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$65-$75	$75-$100	.....	.....	$60-$75
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$45-$55	$50-$70	.....	.....	$45-$60
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$10.55	$9.00	11.90	$10.55	10.50-11.00	10.00-10.55
Light hogs	$10.00	.....	11.40	.....	10.60-11.20	$10.55
Heavy sows	$9.00	$6.00-6.50	.....	.....	10.00-11.00	.....
Stags	$8.00	$4.50	.....	.....	7.75-9.70	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	10.00-10.75	8.00	10.50-11.25	9.00	10.50-10.75	7.00-8.75
Best killing sheep	7.50-8.25	6.00-6.50	7.50-8.50	7.50	6.25-7.50	5.00-5.00

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg Sept. 1	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary Aug. 19	Saskatoon Aug. 19	Regina Aug. 18	Brandon
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	28c	19c-21c	22c-23c	.....	24c	.....
No. 1 dairy	.....	20c	22c	22c-23c	22c	.....
Good round lots	.....	18c-19c	20c	20c	20c	.....
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	22c-23c	.....	18c	20c	.....	.....
New laid	27c	18c	.....	28c	28c	.....
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	55c-60c	40c	$1.20	45c	75c	.....
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	36c	30c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	34c-35c	28c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	.....	$2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Live Poultry						
Spring chickens	20c	8c	22c	22c	23c	.....
Fowl	15c	10c	15c	20c	18c	.....
Ducks	14c	13c	15c	15c	15c	.....
Geese	12c	.....	12c	15c	15c	.....
Turkeys	18c	11c-13c	18c	23c	23c	.....
Hay (per ton)				No. 1's	No. 1's	
No. 2 Red Top	$10-$12	$14	.....	$8-$10	$13	.....
No. 2 Upland	$9-$11	$12	$9	.....	$9	.....
No. 2 Timothy	$15	$16	$14	$10	.....	.....
No. 2 Midland	$7	$11	.....	$11 pressed	.....	.....
Clover and Timothy	$13-$14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....