The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, November 6, 1916)

Wheat—The future prices of the various grains quoted on the Winnipeg market show a decline for the week ended November 4. The differences are small. In wheat the current month shows only a small fraction lower, while December and May have lost over three cents. A week ago it began to look as if the market was top heavy and considerable selling during the early half of the week depressed prices a few cents. On the breaks there was buying by strong interests and when there was a lull in the selling there was a sharp reaction on Thursday, and it appears that present conditions will hardly permit of any great setback in prices.

Oats—Prices show a small decline. There has been a fair volume of trade in both futures and cash oats. The demand is good and with liberal receipts each day an active trade results.

Barley—Market had a temporary slump about the middle of the week, but recovered somewhat and again appears to be in a healthy condition.

Flax—Has been rather steady, with buying by crushing interests giving strength to the current month.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May
October 31	186¼	....	181¼	184
November 1	....	182¼	178¼	180¼
November 2	....	186¼	182	184¼
November 3	....	188	182¼	184¼
November 4	....	187¼	180¼	183¼
November 6	....	191¼	183¼	185¼
Week ago	187¼	....	182¼	184¼
Year ago	101	....	86¼	99¼
Oats—				
October 31	59¼	....	59¼	61¼
November 1	....	....	58	60¼
November 2	....	....	59¼	61¼
November 3	....	....	59¼	61¼
November 4	....	....	59¼	62
November 6	....	....	61¼	63
Week ago	60¼	....	60¼	60¼
Year ago	42¼	....	36¼	39¼
Flax—				
October 31	249	249	248	....
November 1	....	248¼	246¼	251
November 2	....	247¼	245¼	249¼
November 3	....	248	247	251¼
November 4	....	247¼	245¼	250
November 6	....	250¼	249	255¼
Week ago	248¼	248¼	....	248
Year ago	....	176¼	174	180

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Nov. 4)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$1.96¼
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	1.96¼
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.96
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.97¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.94¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.96¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.95¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.92¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.91¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.86
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.92
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.85¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.91¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.80
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.76
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.72¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.74¼
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.85
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.65¼
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.70
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.35
Sample grade wheat, 2 cars	1.20¼
Sample grade wheat, 3 cars	1.45¼
Sample grade wheat, 2 cars	1.51
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.72¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.68¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.50
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.45¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.55
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.61
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.70¼
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	2.08
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.88
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.95¼
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.99¼
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.59¼
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.67¼
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 3 cars, Mont.	1.84¼
Sample grade corn, 1 car	.95
Sample grade corn, part car	.95
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	.98
No. 5 yellow corn, 1 car	.89
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.50¼
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.50¼
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, transit	.51¼
Mill oats, 1 car	.32¼
Sandard white oats, 1 car	.51¼
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.50¼
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.50
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.52¼
No. 2 rye, 4 cars	1.40
No. 2 rye, 1 car, dockage	1.42
No. 3 rye, 2 cars	1.39
No grade barley, 2 cars	.85
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.98
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.96
No. 4 barley, 1 car	1.03
No. 6 barley, 2 cars	1.03
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.92
No. 5 barley, 1 car	1.06
No. 4 barley, 4 cars	1.04
No. 5 barley, 2 cars	.95
No. 1 flax, 2 cars	2.67¼
No. 1 flax, 2,900 bu., to arrive	2.67¼
No. 1 flax, 6 cars	2.67¼
No. 1 flax, 7 sacks, to arrive	2.60

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, November 1, was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Moose Jaw	Wheat	45,144.40	8,104.50	192,605.20
"	Oats	21,021.27	4,342.22	44,176.15
"	Barley	.....	.....	8,992.44
"	Flax	1,306.14	1,306.14	2,705.48
Calgary	Wheat	15,769.00	8,583.00	123,360.00
"	Oats	7,148.00	.....	15,704.00
"	Barley	.....	.....	.....
"	Timothy Seed	.....	.....	6,109.00
"	Flax	.....	.....	55.00
"	Rye	.....	.....	700.00
Saskatoon	Wheat	5,538.30	3,617.30	44,570.30
"	Oats	5,208.28	5,757.12	9,220.10
"	Barley	.....	.....	856.42
"	Flax	.....	.....	1,476.04

CORRECTION

In the October 11 issue of The Guide an error occurred making the price quoted for cash No. 4 wheat on October 4 $1.55½. This should have read $1.51½.

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, November 3, 1916.—

1916 Wheat	This Year	Last Year
1 hard	15,513.30	82,978.10
1 Nor.	1,046,158.10	5,106,780.50
2 Nor.	2,066,113.40	2,907,843.50
3 Nor.	2,038,884.10	3,376,944.00
No. 4	1,221,553.40	1,208,705.50
Others	3,462,056.50	4,137,509.40
This week	9,850,280.00	16,870,762.20
Last week	9,131,256.10	14,777,510.10
Increase	719,023.50	2,093,252.10
Oats		
1 C.W.	39,440.10	35,643.28
2 C.W.	2,316,302.02	1,114,957.31
3 C.W.	460,707.29	640,519.17
Ex. 1 fd.	345,625.19	124,109.03
Others	1,265,831.26	1,267,593.26
This week	4,427,907.18	3,182,824.03
Last week	3,861,086.01	2,456,078.05
Increase	566,821.17	726,745.32
Barley		**Flaxseed**
3 C.W.	115,936.05	1 N.W.C. 322,139.38
4 C.W.	445,797.11	2 C.W. 152,995.44
Rej.	42,937.09	3 C.W. 13,553.12
Feed	213,382.30	Others 16,003.41
Others	70,150.45	
This week	888,204.04	This week 504,692.23
Last week	834,220.34	Last week 469,395.09
Increase	53,983.18	Increase 35,297.14
Last year's total	373,964.08	Last year's total 469,750.09

SHIPMENTS

	1916—Lake	1915—Lake
Wheat	4,135,767.30	10,256,875.00
Oats	982,606.18	1,885,292.00
Barley	249,633.26	467,194.00
Flax	92,326.22	69,217.00
	1916—Rail	**1915—Rail**
Wheat	123,300.00	168,057.00
Oats	85,008.20	93,105.00
Barley	25,311.32	12,810.00
Flax	.....	.....

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending November 3, 1916.

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	9,850,280	4,427,907	888,204
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	6,385,270	8,268,819	620,968
Total	16,235,550	12,696,726	1,509,272
At Buffalo and Duluth	4,817,935	1,759,749	140,738
Total this week	21,053,485	14,456,475	1,650,010
Total last week	20,396,869	13,573,636	1,772,682
Total last year	27,325,313	4,863,152	522,879

The Livestock Markets

Winnipeg, Nov. 6.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. reports receipts the past week as follows: Cattle, 5,500; calves, 450; sheep and lambs, 900; hogs, 5,300.

With more moderate receipts this week the market strengthened considerably from its low time last week. Trade on all classes of cattle was active and the market strong to 10 to 15 higher. The quality here was better than for some time. There is a good demand for fat heavy steers for Eastern shipment at from $6.65 to $7.00. A few sales of extra choice cattle were made up to $7.10 or $7.15. Good quality butcher steers are wanted and are selling from $6.25 to $6.60. Cow trade is back on about the same level, best fat kind bringing from $5.25 to $5.75, with fat killing heifers $5.85 to $6.15. Good butcher bulls are selling $5.00 to $5.50, with best fat oxen $5.25 to $5.60. Stocker and feeder trade is good, best breedy kind bringing $5.50 to $6.00. We look for a good trade next week at about the same prices. Choice veal calves weighing 125 to 200 lbs. bring $7.50 to $8.50; common to fair $6.00 to $7.00.

Receipts of sheep and lambs continue light, and good quality lambs are selling from $9.50 to $10.25, with fat handy weight sheep $8.00 to $8.75.

The hog market opened the first of the week at $10.35 for selects fed and watered. Prices strengthened a little thru the week, a few sales being made up to $10.40, but eased off the end of the week, closing at $10.25 with a weaker feeling.

Calgary, Nov. 4.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. reports this week's receipts as follows: Horses, 372; cattle, 2,152; hogs, 1,875; sheep, 2,039; and this week a year ago as: Horses, 500; cattle, 1,425; hogs, 738; sheep, 204.

Outward Shipments—2 cars cattle Chicago, 2 cars South St. Paul, 1 car Moose Jaw; 3 cars hogs Toronto, 1 car Montreal, 3 decks Moose Jaw and 1 car New Westminster; 10 decks sheep Edmonton.

The market for top cattle advanced to $6.90, which we received for 37 head of choice steers averaging 1,420 lbs., shipped by R. Parker, from Lomond, a record price for grass cattle on the Calgary market. However, there were very few other arrivals brought over $6.50, and a lot of good butcher steers sold at from $5.75 to $6.00. The good class of feeders and light stockers held their own on this market, but common classes of feeders and heavy stockers were lower at from $5.75 to $6.00. Thirty-eight cars of stock and breeding cattle were shipped from Calgary to points South and East. Two-year-old heifers averaging 900 lbs. sold strong at $6.25. Yearling heifers at $6.50. Steers at $6.25. Good stock calves at $33.00 to $35.00 each.

All the hogs on this market sold at $10.00 till Friday, when they advanced to $10.25 fed and watered. We look for hogs to sell lower as Toronto market is reported weaker.

There were heavy arrivals of sheep on thru billings, but very little mutton changed hands at the yards, market ruling steady at last week's quotations for wethers and lambs.

A noticeable feature of the livestock trade is the heavier receipts of this week compared with those of a year ago, and the advanced prices in the face of this. Cattle, hogs and lambs selling at $6.00, $7.25 and $7.50 twelve months ago.

We handled 15% of the cattle and 19% of the hog consignments marketed.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, Nov. 4, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.85¼	$1.95¼
2 Nor. wheat	1.85	1.91¼
3 Nor. wheat	1.79¼	1.88¼
3 white oats	.58¼	.50
Barley	96–108	74–112
Flax, No. 1	2.47	2.66¼
Futures—		
Nov. wheat	1.87¼	.....
Dec. wheat	1.80¼	1.90¼
May wheat	1.83¼	1.89¼

Country Produce

Note—All prices quoted are f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

There is no change in the prices quoted since last week in butter, eggs, potatoes or poultry in Winnipeg. Sometimes these vary for a day or so, but there has been no real advance to record. Too much thin poultry has been arriving and it would pay farmers better now to kill, dress and pack all poultry before shipping to the central market. The colder weather will pretty well ensure them against loss. The amount of good dairy butter and eggs arriving is small. If farmers are storing them for sale later on they should be careful of the method. Pickled eggs should run about the same price as storage eggs later in the winter and that will likely be from 10 cents to 12 cents a dozen less than fresh eggs. There seems good reason to believe that eggs will be much higher, perhaps reaching 60 cents in the winter months. Anyone pickling eggs should be careful of the method and to candle carefully all eggs before pickling. Two pounds of lime to five gallons of water makes as suitable and cheap a pickling mixture as anything.

The buying of potatoes for shipment east is the main thing in the potato movement at present. They are very high in Toronto and will be higher. One great difficulty with Western potato growers getting adequate returns is the huge freight rate. From Winnipeg to Toronto it is over 40 cents or two-thirds of what the potatoes are worth.

Cash Prices Ft. William and Port Arthur from October 31 to November 6 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.
Oct. 31	187¼	184¼	178¼	169¼	145¼	..	124¼	59¼	57¼	57¼	57	56¼	112	107	98	97¼	249	246	..	..
Nov. 1	182¼	179¼	174¼	164¼	150¼	..	118¼	58	56¼	56¼	56	55¼	..	..	..	..	248¼	245¼	..	..
2	187¼	183¼	178¼	168¼	155	136¼	120¼	59¼	57¼	57¼	57¼	57¼	104	98	90	90	247¼	245¼	..	..
3	188¼	185¼	180	170	156¼	149¼	120	60	58¼	58¼	58¼	57¼	108	102	95	95	248¼	245	..	..
4	188¼	185	179¼	169¼	156¼	139¼	121¼	60¼	58¼	58¼	58¼	58¼	108	102	96	96	247	244	..	..
6	192¼	188¼	183¼	173	159¼	143	125¼	61¼	59¼	59¼	59¼	59¼	108	102	96¼	96¼	250¼	247¼	..	..
Week ago	187¼	184¼	179¼	168¼	154¼	..	126¼	60¼	58¼	58¼	58	57¼	112	107	97	97	248¼	245¼	..	..
Year ago	103¼	100¼	95	89¼	84¼	79¼	74¼	43¼	42	42	40¼	..	69	61	50	50	176¼	173¼	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Nov. 7	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto Nov. 3	Calgary Nov. 4	Chicago Nov. 2	St. Paul Nov. 2
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers	6.60–7.00	6.50–6.85	7.90–8.50	.....	10.75–11.65	.....
Best butcher steers	6.00–6.50	6.25–6.50	6.50–7.90	6.00–6.50	9.00–10.75	6.50–7.25
Fair to good butcher steers	5.00–5.75	5.50–6.00	5.60–6.50	.....	7.00–9.00	5.50–6.50
Good to choice fat cows	5.25–5.75	5.25–5.50	6.50–6.90	5.00–5.40	6.85–6.25	5.25–6.00
Medium to good cows	4.50–5.00	4.50–4.75	5.75–6.25	4.75–5.00	5.35–6.85	4.75–5.25
Common cows	4.00–4.50	3.50–4.00	5.00–5.50	4.25–4.75	4.25–5.25	3.75–4.75
Canners	3.00–3.75	.....	3.75–4.00	2.00–3.50	3.25–4.15	$3.50
Good to choice heifers	5.75–6.15	5.50–5.75	7.00–7.60	5.75	7.25–10.50	5.75–6.75
Fair to good heifers	5.00–5.50	.....	6.00–7.00	5.50	4.40–7.25	5.25–5.75
Best cows	5.25–5.50	.....	.....	4.00–5.50	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	5.00–5.75	4.00–5.00	6.50–7.25	4.00–5.00	6.50–6.00	5.25–6.00
Common to bologna bulls	4.00–4.15	3.50–3.50	4.85–5.20	3.50–4.00	4.25–6.15	4.50–5.25
Fair to good feeder steers	5.00–6.00	5.35–6.00	6.00–6.75	5.75–6.25	6.25–7.25	6.00–7.00
Fair to good stocker steers	5.00–5.85	4.85–5.00	5.50–5.80	5.50–6.00	5.25–6.50	5.00–6.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65–$85	$65–$75	$75–$110	$95–$100	.....	$60–$80
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45–$55	$40–$50	$50–$70	$55–$75	.....	$45–$60
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$10.25	8.25–8.40	11.00–11.15	$10.25	9.40–9.80	9.00–9.50
Light hogs	$9.00	.....	8.50–8.65	.....	9.60–9.75	$9.00
Heavy sows	$7.00	6.50–7.00	$7.60	.....	8.75–9.25	.....
Stags	$5.50	$4.50	.....	.....	9.75–10.25	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	9.50–10.25	7.75–8.00	8.00–10.90	$10.00	8.50–11.25	8.50–8.50
Best killing sheep	7.00–8.75	6.50–6.75	5.50–6.50	7.75–9.50	6.50–6.50	5.00–6.50

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg Nov. 4	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary Oct. 30	Saskatoon Oct. 14	Regina Nov. 2	Brandon
Butter (per lb.)						
No. 1 dairy	25c	22c–24c	25c–26c	.....	25c	.....
No. 2 dairy	20c	21c–22c	25c–26c	22c–25c	23c	.....
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	32c	25c	.....	30c	27½c	.....
New laid	40c	.....	31c	35c	40c	.....
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	65c	50c	55c	45c	65c–75c	.....
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	45c	37c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	42c	32c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.75	$2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Live Poultry						
Spring chickens	14c	12c–14c	14c–15c	.....	15c	.....
Fowl	11c	10c	13c–14c	.....	11c	.....
Ducks	13c	11c	13c–14c	.....	12c	.....
Geese	12c	10c	14c–15c	.....	10c	.....
Turkeys	19c	15c	19c–20c	.....	15c	.....
Hay (per ton)		Nos. 1's		Nos. 1's	Nos. 1's	
No. 2 Red Top	$8–$10	$14	.....	$8–$10	$11	.....
No. 2 Upland	$7–$8	$12	$9	.....	$8	.....
No. 2 Timothy	$13	$16	$14	$10	.....	.....
No. 2 Midland	$8	$11	.....	$11 pressed	.....	.....
Clover and Timothy	$10–$12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....