

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was strong on Monday and prices gained 1 to 1½¢ over Saturday's closing prices. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	61½	65½	65½-½
Corn.....	50½	50½-51	51½
Oats.....	28	28½	—
Mess Pork...	—	12 17½	12-37½
Lard.....	—	6 80	6 95
Short Ribs...	—	6 20	6 32½

Prices for wheat were strong at the opening on Tuesday, but declined on realizing sales and closed a shade lower than Monday. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	61½	65	65½
Corn.....	50½	50½	51½
Oats.....	28	27½-28	—
Pork.....	—	11 97½	12 15
Lard.....	—	6 70	6 85
Short Ribs...	—	6 07½	6 20

On Wednesday wheat opened easy but advanced 1 to 1½¢ later, on weather probabilities of frost. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	65½	66½	68½
Corn	50½-51	51½	52-½
Oats	28-½	28½-½	—
Mess Pork ..	—	12 05	12 15
Lard	—	6 65	6 80
Short Ribs .	—	6 10	6 22½

Wheat was strong on Thursday, and prices were 2¢ higher, due to crop damage reports from insects. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	67½	68½-½	68½
Corn	51½	51½-½	52½-½
Oats	28	28½	—
Mess Pork...	—	12 17½	12 40
Lard	—	6 67½	6 82½
Short Ribs...	—	6 10	6 20

On Friday wheat was strong, July wheat touching 70½. Cold weather, thought to be unfavorable to the crops, helped the advance. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	69½	70½-½	70½
Corn	51½	51½-½	52½-½
Oats	28½	28½	—
Mess Pork ..	—	12 15	12 42½
Lard	—	6 70	6 85
Short Ribs...	—	6 17½	6 32½

Wheat opened about ¾¢ lower on Saturday but advanced irregularly, gaining 1½¢ for the day. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	71½	71½	71½
Corn.....	52½	53½	51½
Oats.....	29	29½	28½
Mess Pork...	12 40	12 47½	12 72½
Lard.....	—	6 82½	—
Short Ribs...	—	—	—

A week ago July wheat closed at 61½¢.

A year ago July wheat closed at 56½¢.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, May 18th, July wheat closed at 73½¢ and September delivery at 73½¢. A week ago wheat closed at 67½¢ for July and 68½¢ for September.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—May, 67½; July, 63½; Sept. 66½.
Tuesday—May 67½; July 63½; Sept. 66½.
Wednesday—May, 69½; July, 70; Sept. 67½.
Thursday—May, 70½; July, 71½; Sept. 68½.
Friday—May, 72½; July, 73½; Sept. 70½.
Saturday—May, 74½; July, 75½; Sept. 72½.

A week ago prices closed at 66½¢ for May and 67½¢ for July. A year ago May

wheat closed at 58½¢, and two years ago at 57¢. No. 1 hard is quoted at about 1¢ over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 8½¢ lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 73½¢ for May delivery, July closed at 73½¢ and September at 70½¢. A week ago May wheat closed at 65½¢, and July at 66¢.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May, 60 to 60½¢.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents,

\$1.65; Bakers, \$1.55.

Bran.—Per ton, \$12 to \$13.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$14 to \$15.

Oats.—Per bushel, 31 to 33¢.

Barley.—Per bushel, 40 to 45¢.

Butter.—New 21 to 23¢.

Eggs.—Fresh, easier at 9 to 9½¢.

Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 6 to 7¢.

Mutton.—Fresh, 10¢.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5½ to 6¢.

Cattle.—Ordinary butchers, 8 to 8½¢.

choice to fancy 8½ to 1¢.

Chickens.—Dressed, 10¢.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½¢.

Potatoes.—40 to 50¢ per bushel.

Hay.—\$5 to \$8.00 per ton, car lots.

Wool.—S to 9¢, unwashed fleece.

This week a year ago wheat declined 2 to 3¢ and butter also dropped 2 to 3¢, owing to increasing receipts of the latter. Eggs were 1¢ lower and cattle ½ to ¾¢ lower.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks of 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.	April 13	April 20	April 27	May 4	May 11
Extra Manitoba					
hard	0	0	0	1	0
No. 1 hard. ...	63	60	51	131	150
No. 2 hard.	5	7	1	8	1
No. 1 Northern.	7	26	21	24	11
No. 2 Northern.	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 white type	4	0	2	4	4
No. 2 white type	0	0	1	0	0
No. 1 Spring.	0	0	1	0	0
No. 1 ft. tested.	7	6	13	10	9
No. 2 Rej. cited.	4	1	2	6	5
No Grade	0	0	0	1	0

To: 15 100 129 155 151
Same week last year. 15 0 36 13 56

*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.

Manitoba Weather and Crops.

The weather has averaged cool and cloudy this week, with considerable rain and some light frosts, but the latter were not nearly as severe as the frost of Thursday night of last week. The lowest temperature at Winnipeg this week was about 2 degrees of frost. The rapid growth during the latter half of April and first week in May has been checked by the cool weather of the last week or ten days. Reports from the country generally assert that no damage was done to the grain crops by the frost. In fact there is quite a general belief among farmers in Manitoba that wheat is benefited by frost. The belief is that a moderate frost checks too rapid growth and causes the wheat to thicken on the ground, or stool out well. While perhaps a light frost may not be injurious, and possibly beneficial to wheat in some cases, at an early stage of its growth, we are of the opinion that a severe

frost is harmful. With the abundant rains of late, the outlook is very hopeful in Manitoba, and with average weather conditions from this out, we will have an early and good harvest.

Small fruits, which were in blossom, it is expected will be injured by the frosts, and a few early vegetables were caught, though the vegetable crop is not far enough advanced yet, as a rule, to be injured.

A Testimonial.

We regret that we have not sufficient space to devote to a report of a pleasant gathering which met in the Winnipeg Board of Trade hall on Friday evening, when Mr. M. R. O'Loughlin was presented with a handsome silver tea set from members of the Board, of the North West Commercial Travellers Association and other friends. The gathering was a thoroughly representative one, with Mr. J. Y. Griffin in the chair, while the presentation address was read by Mr. D. W. Bole. Quite a number of leading business men spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. O'Loughlin, and wished him restored health and prosperity in his new field in New York whither he goes.

Hardware Trade Notes.

A new list has been agreed upon by manufacturers of leather belting at a meeting he'd at Montreal recently. The prices show an advance of 25 to 30 per cent.

The Gurney Scale Co. have secured the contract for supplying scales for the ten new elevators to be erected in Manitoba by the Ogilvie Co. this year. Thirty scales in all will be required.

J. M. Macdonald, northwestern agent for McIntyre, Sons & Co., the well-known Montreal dry goods house, starts on his western trip to-day and will take in the leading points to the Pacific coast. He reports a big improvement in sales in this district during the past week and says the recent rains all over the country and the wonderfully advanced state of crops has put new life into buyers lately.

Ontario and the eastern states were visited by frost on Monday of this week. Early fruits and vegetables are reported destroyed. Late peaches, apples, etc., in Ontario were not far enough advanced to be seriously injured, but the early fruits are seriously hurt. In the state of Ohio great damage was done to fruits and vegetables. In northern Michigan there was a blizzard of snow. Ice formed in Ontario, Michigan and Ohio, from a quarter to three quarters of an inch.

"By the Way" The North-Western Line is the first line in the Northwest to make it possible for the invalid to travel and at the same time enjoy the luxury of home by means of its Private Compartment Sleeping Cars. Travel under such circumstances means health and strength instead of fatigue and loss of sleep.—The Homeopathic Magazine, Minneapolis.

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