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SOME ACTIVITY IN MAY WHEAT

Investment Buying of Other Options Gave Market General Strength.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Covering by May shorts today gave strength to wheat after a week of trading. A net return of a shade to net 1/4 was made. Corn made a net gain of 1/8, and oats finished 1/8 to 1/4 up. Provisions closed unchanged to 1/8 higher.

Considerable activity was displayed by shorts in wheat, who were covering before the first day of the May settlement, tomorrow. The ensuing upturn in values was aided by milling sales of rather large proportions. There was also considerable new investment buying of month contracts. Weakness was shown at the start on reports placing the probable crop in Kansas at 129,500,000 bushels, and declaring that much of the chinch bug talk lately prevalent affected only certain sections of the state, whereas the wheat acreage was small. Lower cables also had a depressing effect at the start, the trade abroad seemingly ignoring the unsettled European outlook. When the bulge came later the market had become weak and nervous.

At the finish July was 1/8 higher than May, the short interest in the last-named month having apparently been pretty well taken care of.

Decrease in offerings and considerable buying by larger houses lifted corn. The market showed stubborn strength all day. Increased stringency in state grain inspection caused short buying, that lifted oats.

Strength in prices at the yards and the firmness of the grain list helped provisions.

NORTHWEST RECEIPTS

Receipts of wheat at northwest points, with usual comparisons.	Week.	Year.
Chicago	46	38
Minneapolis	149	108
Duluth	82	70
Winnipeg	94	103

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET

Receipts of farm produce were 18 loads of hay, but no grain, as the farmers are busy seeding.

Hay—Eighteen loads sold at \$16 to \$18 per ton.

Wheat, bushel.....\$0.95 to \$0.97
Wheat, goose, bushel.....0.90 to 0.92
Barley, bushel.....0.85 to 0.87
Peas, bushel.....1.00 to 1.10
Oats, bushel.....0.89 to 0.90
Rye, bushel.....0.85 to 0.87
Buckwheat, bushel.....0.51 to 0.52

Seeds—Farmers are getting reluctant to sell to farmers, per cwt. as follows:

Alaska, No. 1.....\$25.00 to \$28.50
Alaska, No. 2.....25.00 to 28.50
Red clover, No. 2.....25.00 to 28.50
Alfalfa, No. 1.....17.50 to 20.50
Alfalfa, No. 2.....15.00 to 17.50
Timothy, No. 1.....6.00 to 6.50
Timothy, No. 2.....5.00 to 5.50

Hay and Straw—

Hay, per ton.....\$16.00 to \$18.00
Straw, mixed, ton.....15.00 to 16.00
Straw, bundled, ton.....15.00 to 16.00
Straw, loose, ton.....8.00 to 9.00

Vegetables—

Potatoes, per bag.....\$0.80 to \$0.90
Apples, per barrel.....0.25 to 0.40
Apples, per bushel.....0.50 to 0.60
Cabbage, per barrel.....0.90 to 1.00
Beets, per bag.....0.75 to 0.85
Carrots, per bushel.....0.40 to 0.50
Turnips, per bag.....0.30 to 0.40
Parsnips, per bag.....0.70 to 0.80

Dairy Produce—

Butter, farmers' dairy, 80 lbs to 80 lbs.....\$0.20 to \$0.25
Eggs, new dozen.....20 to 25
Poultry, Retail—
Turkeys, dressed, lb.....\$0.20 to \$0.25
Chickens, lb.....0.25 to 0.28
Ducks, per lb.....0.22 to 0.25
Pow, per lb.....0.18 to 0.20
Geese, per lb.....0.18 to 0.20

Fresh Meats—

Beef, forequarters, cwt.....\$9.50 to \$9.50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.....12.50 to 12.50
Beef, choice sides, cwt.....11.50 to 11.50
Beef, medium, cwt.....9.00 to 10.50
Beef, common, cwt.....9.00 to 10.00
Mutton, cwt.....9.00 to 10.00
Veals, common, cwt.....10.00 to 12.00
Dressed hogs, cwt.....7.00 to 8.25
Spring lambs, each.....5.00 to 8.00
Lambs, cwt.....16.00 to 18.00

FARM PRODUCE, WHOLESALE

May 1, car lots.....\$12.00 to \$13.00
Straw, car lots, ton.....9.00 to 10.00
Potatoes, car lots, bag.....0.60 to 0.70
Butter, creamery, lb.....0.22 to 0.23
Butter, separator, dairy, lb.....0.22 to 0.23
Butter, creamery, solids, lb.....0.22 to 0.23
Butter, store lots, lb.....0.22 to 0.23
Eggs, new laid.....0.20 to 0.21
Cheese, new, lb.....0.14 to 0.15
Honey, extracted, lb.....0.12 to 0.14
Honeycombs, dozen.....2.75 to 3.00

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET

Wheat, May, 88%.....\$1.05 to \$1.06
Wheat, No. 1 hard, 91%.....0.91 to 0.92
Wheat, No. 2, 88% to 89%.....0.87 to 0.88
Wheat, No. 3, 85% to 86%.....0.85 to 0.86
Wheat, No. 4, 82% to 83%.....0.82 to 0.83
Wheat, No. 5, 79% to 80%.....0.79 to 0.80
Wheat, No. 6, 76% to 77%.....0.76 to 0.77
Wheat, No. 7, 73% to 74%.....0.73 to 0.74
Wheat, No. 8, 70% to 71%.....0.70 to 0.71
Wheat, No. 9, 67% to 68%.....0.67 to 0.68
Wheat, No. 10, 64% to 65%.....0.64 to 0.65
Wheat, No. 11, 61% to 62%.....0.61 to 0.62
Wheat, No. 12, 58% to 59%.....0.58 to 0.59
Wheat, No. 13, 55% to 56%.....0.55 to 0.56
Wheat, No. 14, 52% to 53%.....0.52 to 0.53
Wheat, No. 15, 49% to 50%.....0.49 to 0.50
Wheat, No. 16, 46% to 47%.....0.46 to 0.47
Wheat, No. 17, 43% to 44%.....0.43 to 0.44
Wheat, No. 18, 40% to 41%.....0.40 to 0.41
Wheat, No. 19, 37% to 38%.....0.37 to 0.38
Wheat, No. 20, 34% to 35%.....0.34 to 0.35
Wheat, No. 21, 31% to 32%.....0.31 to 0.32
Wheat, No. 22, 28% to 29%.....0.28 to 0.29
Wheat, No. 23, 25% to 26%.....0.25 to 0.26
Wheat, No. 24, 22% to 23%.....0.22 to 0.23
Wheat, No. 25, 19% to 20%.....0.19 to 0.20
Wheat, No. 26, 16% to 17%.....0.16 to 0.17
Wheat, No. 27, 13% to 14%.....0.13 to 0.14
Wheat, No. 28, 10% to 11%.....0.10 to 0.11
Wheat, No. 29, 7% to 8%.....0.07 to 0.08
Wheat, No. 30, 4% to 5%.....0.04 to 0.05
Wheat, No. 31, 1% to 2%.....0.01 to 0.02
Wheat, No. 32, 0% to 1%.....0.00 to 0.01

HIDES AND SKINS

No. 1 inspected steers.....\$0.10 to \$0.12
No. 2 inspected steers.....0.08 to 0.10
No. 3 inspected steers.....0.06 to 0.08
No. 4 inspected steers.....0.04 to 0.06
No. 5 inspected steers.....0.02 to 0.04
No. 6 inspected steers.....0.01 to 0.03
No. 7 inspected steers.....0.00 to 0.02
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THE STOCK MARKETS

TORONTO STOCKS

Stock	April 29	April 30
Brazilian	150	150
B. C. Packers	150	150
Can. Bread	150	150
Bell Telephone	148	148
Burt P. N. com.	95	95
do. preferred	95	95
Can. Brew. com.	95	95
do. preferred	95	95
Can. Int. com.	95	95
do. preferred	95	95
Can. Mach. com.	111	111
Can. Loco. com.	58	58
do. preferred	58	58
C. P. R. com.	124	124
Canadian Salt	110	110
Can. Dairy com.	104	104
do. preferred	104	104
Consumers Gas	178	178
do. preferred	178	178
Detroit United	62	62
Dominion Canners	78	78
Dom. Coal pref.	102	102
Dom. Steel Corp.	102	102
do. preferred	102	102
D. I. & S. pref.	102	102
Dom. Telegraph	102	102
Dunlop Super. 70%	84	84
Elec. Dev. pref.	84	84
Illinois pref.	84	84
Int. Coal & Coke	84	84
Lake of Woods	84	84
do. preferred	84	84
Laf. Sup. Corp.	84	84
Macdonald	84	84
Mackay com.	84	84
Maple Leaf com.	84	84
do. preferred	84	84
Meridian	84	84
do. preferred	84	84
Porto Rico Ry.	84	84
Rogers common	114	114
do. preferred	114	114
Russell M. C. com.	24	24
do. preferred	24	24
Sawyer Massey	44	44
St. L. & C. Nav.	125	125
S. Wheat com.	79	79
do. preferred	79	79
Spanish Ry.	65	65
do. preferred	65	65
Steele com.	24	24
do. preferred	24	24
Tooke Bros. com.	84	84
Toronto Paper	100	100
Toronto Ry.	140	140
Twinn City	104	104
Winnipeg Ry.	104	104

NEW YORK STOCKS

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Sales
Atchafalpa	120	120	120	120	600
At. C. Line	120	120	120	120	600
Balt. & O.	97	97	97	97	97
Transit	88	88	88	88	6,000
Can. Pac.	228	228	228	228	12,300
Nisagara	148	148	148	148	200
Chi. G. W.	14	14	14	14	200
Chic. Mil.	117	117	117	117	4,500
Highland	148	148	148	148	3,500
do. pref.	49	49	49	49	10,200
Kan. C. S.	234	234	234	234	2,500
Miss. Pac.	35	35	35	35	11,200
Louis. & N.	120	120	120	120	1,200
Miss. & T.	234	234	234	234	4,500
N. Y. C.	101	101	101	101	2,500
N. Y. Ont.	94	94	94	94	2,800
Nor. & W.	104	104	104	104	3,900
North. Pac.	114	114	114	114	2,500
Reading	168	168	168	168	65,800
Rock Is.	208	208	208	208	10,700
St. L.	148	148	148	148	3,300
St. L. & S. F.	20	20	20	20	100
United Ry.	24	24	24	24	1,100
Wabash	24	24	24	24	2,000
West. Mich.	38	38	38	38	200
West. Mo.	50	50	50	50	6,100

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Country	Rate
London	104 1/2
Paris	165 1/2
Amsterdam	104 1/2
Bombay	104 1/2
Calcutta	104 1/2
Canton	104 1/2
Hankow	104 1/2
Harbin	104 1/2
Manila	104 1/2
Peking	104 1/2
Rangoon	104 1/2
Singapore	104 1/2
Tientsin	104 1/2
Yokohama	104 1/2

COTTON MARKETS