

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, April 1, 1916

Wheat—For the past week May wheat shows a gain of 7½c, July 8½c, October 9½c. The tendency throughout the week has been higher, and there has been a gradual and steady gain without any wide fluctuation. The chief cause of strength is the new crop prospects in the American winter wheat areas and the American and Canadian spring wheat areas. With the lateness of the season and the lack of preparation in most districts, there is sure to be a small acreage seeded this spring, and under present world conditions, last year's surplus will be required to make up the deficit of this year's production.

Oats—May oats gained 1½c, July oats 1c for the week. There was no special feature to the oats market. There was a fair demand for cash oats at the same discounts under May price as prevailed a week ago, except that on Saturday No. 2 Canada Western were 1c wider discount.

Barley—Barley showed a slightly stronger tone, with light offerings and not much business done.

Flax—Flax futures were quiet after the break of the previous week, and prices showed a gain of 1½c on May and 2c on July.

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending March 31, 1916—

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
At William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	26,869,196	9,169,980	1,827,547
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	2,447,386	1,441,714	
Total	30,452,742	12,152,782	1,971,212
At Buffalo and Duluth	5,260,347	1,755,000	168,000
Total this week	38,160,475	15,349,496	2,139,212
Total last week	36,384,228	15,827,838	2,123,885
Total last year	11,399,594	5,304,636	674,997

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending March 29 movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Moore	Wheat	149,350.40	103,574.50	2,862,667.50
Jaw	Oats	30,505.16	10,617.32	503,058.30
"	Barley			22,771.32
"	Flax			59,269.13
Calgary	Wheat	212,223.00	20,053.00	584,385.00
"	Oats	173,556.00	31,975.00	471,745.00
"	Barley	3,945.00	446.00	12,302.00
"	Flax	99.00	99.00	
"	Rye	1,148.00		1,148.00
"	Mix'd			
Grain	243,130 lbs.	74,680 lbs.	545,980 lbs.	

INSPECTIONS

Cars inspected for the week ended March 31, 1916, were as follows:

Grain	This Year	Last Year
Wheat	5917	3311
Oats	1425	818
Barley	165	98
Flax	179	170
Screenings	15	4
Total	7707	4402

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, April 1.—Hog prices advanced today, influenced by the fact that arrivals were not numerous. Trade in cattle, sheep and lambs was hardly of sufficient volume to be in any way significant.

South St. Paul, April 1.—Livestock trade was featured by sharp declines of cattle and hog prices particularly the latter part of the week. Packers made successful raids on prices. Bearish influence developed early, but their worst effects were not felt until near the finish. The high retail prices to which most of various kinds had been advanced curtailed consumption in many parts of the country, and this had a weakening effect on livestock trade at the various packing centres.

Toronto, March 30.—The week-end livestock market was lightly supplied. Trade in practically all departments was strong. Market values held at the slightly higher prices attained earlier in the week. Calves were the exception, closing the week easy and druggy.

Stocks were a feature of strength all week, demand being in excess of supplies. At the high prices ruling just now a substantial figure must be returned for the finished animal. United States buyers have been setting the pace, as beef animals are selling very high in markets across the border. Mince cows brought steady prices.

Sheep and lambs were steady, receipts being meagre, while calves remained at the lower prices of Wednesday.

In some cases hogs brought as high as \$11.50 off cars, but the bulk changed hands at \$11.25.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, April 1, were—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.14	\$1.21
2 Nor. wheat	1.12	1.17
3 Nor. wheat	1.09	1.14
3 white oats	.40	.42
Barley	52-61	65-72
Flax, No. 1	1.92	2.21
Futures—		
May wheat	1.15	1.17
July wheat	1.16	1.17
Oct. wheat	1.12	

with \$10.90 paid on the fed and watered basis.

They were worth \$10.50 f.o.b. country points. Calgary, April 1.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. Ltd. reports last week's Alberta stockyard receipts were: 450 horses, 800 cattle, 3,253 hogs. This week's receipts were: 499 horses, 1,083 cattle, 2,705 hogs, 3 sheep. This week a year ago: 416 horses, 514 cattle, 4,937 hogs, 245 sheep.

This season's top for choice steers, \$7.70, was obtained by us for a carload shipped by W. H. Wilderman, of Blackie, of 22-head averaging 1,175 lbs. showing the preference among buyers for light fat cattle. No such price could be obtained for several equally choice heavy steers on the market. Several lots of cattle sold throughout the week at from \$7.50 to \$7.55, and we obtained \$7.00 to \$7.10 for a number of choice heifers and cows. Good feeder steers were in demand at \$6.50, but the inquiry for yearling and two-year-old steers has lessened.

Hog prices broke all records, a few selects selling Tuesday at \$10.30, but the heavy run of selects Thursday sold at \$10.40, and all Friday's hogs at \$10.45. Top cattle this week a year ago, \$7.50; hogs, \$7.65.

Sheep—Lambs are selling at 10 cents and wethers at 9 cents.

Winnipeg, April 3.—Receipts at the Union stockyards during the past week were as follows: Cattle, 925; calves, 210; hogs, 6,000.

Cattle—On the whole the market has been fairly active and good demand for all classes of killing cattle has been apparent. The market closed about 25 cents higher this week. Only medium and poor stuff has been offered, but any real choice stock would sell quickly at much higher prices. Stockers and feeders are in good demand at high prices. Only a heavy run of stock will make the market break to any extent during the current week.

Hogs are selling at remarkably good prices. Last Wednesday the price was \$10.50 and Friday was as high as \$10.75. Saturday most sales were made at \$10.50 and indications are that prices will hold good around this point providing no unusually heavy shipments arrive.

Country Produce

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: All prices are f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—Very little change can be noted in produce prices for this week. As spring opens up larger supplies of farm produce are likely to become available for market and this will have the effect of reducing prices on nearly all classes of shipments. Factory dairy butter is worth just about the same this week, 24 to 26 cents per pound, no appreciable increase in quantity being noted. No. 1 dairy is 20 cents per pound and good round lots are 17 to 19 cents.

Eggs—Farmers are shipping in larger quantities of eggs and the price has correspondingly declined. Dealers are paying 19 to 21 cents per dozen for new laid eggs this week.

Potatoes—There is no change in the price of potatoes, this being 75 to 85 cents per bushel. As soon as the frost is completely out of the ground country stores will be ready for sale and the price then will probably be considerably reduced.

Cream—There is no change in cream prices today, sweet cream delivered being 38 cents per pound of butter fat and sour cream delivered 34 cents per pound of butter fat, but supplies of cream are rapidly increasing so that dealers expect a reduction in price shortly.

Raw Furs—John Hallam Ltd., Toronto, reports the St. Louis Raw Fur Auction Sales held last week were well attended by dealers and manufacturers from all of the fur centers of America as well as by representatives of firms from several foreign countries. The bidding was spirited and prices realized were very satisfactory. With one or two exceptions all classes of fur were in good demand and the outlook for the future is especially encouraging to the trapper.

Wheat	May	July	Oct.	Sample grade white oats, 1 car	40
March 28	111	112	107	No. 4 white oats, 1 car, to run	41
March 29	111	112	107	No. 3 white oats, 1 car	42
March 30	112	113	108	No. 2 white oats, 1 car	43
March 31	113	114	109	No. 1 white oats, 1 car	44
April 1	115	116	112	Oat screenings, part car	15.00
April 3	119	120	115	No. 2 rye, 1 car	92
Week ago	109	109	105	No. 4 barley, 1 car	70
Year ago	154	154	146	Sample grade barley, 1 car	67
Oats				Sample grade barley, 4 car, to arrive	70
March 28	42	42		No. 1 feed barley, part car	69
March 29	42	42		Sample grade barley, 1 car, wheatey	66
March 30	42	42		No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	71
March 31	42	42		No. 1 flax, 2 cars	2.21
April 1	42	42		No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.22
April 3	43	43		No. 2 flax, 1 car	2.14
Week ago	41	41			
Year ago	63	63			

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, March 31, 1916

1916 Wheat

This Year	Last Year	
hard	73,571.40	12,377.40
Nor.	12,842,884.50	1,714,646.20
Nor.	5,541,852.20	2,726,110.40
Nor.	3,643,967.40	2,153,969.40
No. 4	1,815,067.10	1,157,650.20
others	2,951,912.50	1,145,752.10

This week 26,869,196 30 Last week 8,940,506 30

Last week 25,528,440 00 Last week 7,679,814 00

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, April 1)

No.	1 hard wheat, 1 car	\$1.21	Increase	1,340,736 30	Increase	1,260,692 50
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.204					
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.171					
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.18					
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.19					
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.16					
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.16					
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.14					
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.14					
No. 2 Nor. wheat, part car	1.12					
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.15					
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.15					
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, cockle	1.08					
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.11					
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.14					
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	1.13					
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.12					
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.08					
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, stout	1.08					
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.12					
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.03					
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 2 cars, o.w.b.	1.15					
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, o.w.b.	1.12					
No. 4 mixed winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	.94					
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Montana	1.13					
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.13					
No. 4 yellow corn, 1 car	.71					
No. 5 yellow corn, 1 car	.66					
No. 3 white oats, 4 cars	.42					
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.40					
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, short rate	.41					

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from March 28 to April 3 inclusive

Date	WHEAT							OATS					BARLEY				FLAX			
	1"	2"	3"	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Ref.	Feed	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Ref.
March 28	114	108	105	103	94	85	80	41	39	39	37	37	59	54	51	51	192	184	173	..
29	110	106	103	102	93	85	80	41	39	39	37	37	57	51	51	51	189	181	..	..
30	112	109	106	104	95	89	84	42	40	40	38	38	60	55	51	51	193	190	..	..
31	112	107	104	104	95	87	82	42	40	40	38	38	61	55	52	52	193	190	..	..
Apr. 1	114	112	109	107	96	90	85	42	40	40	38	37	61	56	52	52	192	191	..	..
2	119	116	113	111	102	94	89	42	40	40	38	37	62	57	52	52	191	191	..	..
Week ago	109	104	101	100	91	83	78	41	39	39	37	37	58	53	50	50	194	191	..	..
Year ago	122	111	108	105	100	100	100	62	60	60	58	58	..	..	..	..	175	172	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Min. 30	Calgary Apr. 1	Chicago Apr. 1	St. Paul Apr. 1	COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg		Calgary Apr. 3	Saskatoon Apr. 1	Regina Apr. 3	Brandon Apr. 3
	Apr. 3	Year Ago						Apr. 3	Year Ago				
Cattle	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	Butter (per lb.)						
Choice steers	6 75-7 25	6 75-7 25	8 15-8 75	7 50-7 60	7 50-8 80	7 00-8 00	Fancy dairy	24-26	25	30-32	25	27	27
Best butcher steers and heifers	7 25-7 50	6 90-7 25	7 75-8 15	7 00-7 50	8 50	6 25-8 50	No. 1 dairy	20	21-22	25-27	25	26	26
Pair to good butcher steers and heifers	7 00-7 25	5 75-6 25	7 40-7 75	6 80-7 00	8 35-8 55	5 00-7 75	Good round lots	17-19	18-20	22	22	23	23
Best fat cows	5 50-6 00	5 50-6 00	4 50-7 25	5 75-6 50	4 00-8 75	5 00-7 75	Eggs (per doz.)						
Medium to good cows	5 00-5 25	4 50-5 00	5 50-5 75	4 00-8 75	4 00-8 75	4 25-7 00	Subject to candling				20		
Common cows	4 25-4 75	3 00-4 00	2 25-3 50	4 25-5 75	4 00-8 75	4 25-7 00	New Laid	19-21	18	25	22	25	25
Canvases	2 50-3 50		2 50-4 25	2 50-3 00	4 00-8 75		Potatoes						
Choice heifers	6 50-7 25	6 00-6 50	7 50-7 85	6 00-7 00		5 00-7 75	In sacks, per bushel, new	75-85	80-85	80	70-75	75	90
Pair to good heifers	6 00-6 50		6 75-7 35				Milk and Cream						
Best cows	5 00-5 50			4 00-6 00			Sweet cream (per lb. but-ter-fat)	30	30	30-30			35
Common heifers	4 50-5 00	4 50-5 00	6 50-7 50	4 75-6 25		4 00-7 00	Cream for butter-making						
Best feeding steers	6 25-6 75	5 75-6 25	6 00-7 50	6 00-6 50	5 85-6 25	5 80-6 50	purposes (per lb. but-ter-fat)	34	34	34-34			
Best stocker steers	6 25-6 50	5 50-6 00	6 25-7 25		5 85-6 25	4 75-7 75	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	22-23	22-23	22-23			22-23
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$65-\$80	\$60-\$70	\$70-\$90	\$75-\$85			Dressed Poultry						
Pair milkers and springers (each)	\$40-\$55	\$45-\$50	\$50-\$75	\$55-\$80			Spring chickens	17	16	20-23	20	22	20
Hogs	10 25-10 50	\$7 50	\$11 25	\$10 45	\$8 75-9 50	\$8 25	Fowl	15-14	14	20	18	16	18
Choice hogs	\$7 00-8 00	\$5 50			\$6 75-8 50		Ducks	15	15	20	18	17	
Heavy sows	\$5 25-6 50	\$4 50					Geese	15	15	25	18	16	
Sheep and Lambs							Turkeys	15	15-20	25	25	23	20
Choice lambs	\$7 00-8 00	\$7 00-8 00	\$7 00-8 00	\$7 00-8 00	\$10 00	\$8 25-11 50	Hay (per ton)	10	10-10				
Best killing sheep	\$6 50-7 50	\$6 00-7 00	\$6 50-7 50	\$6 00-7 00	10 00	\$8 50-10 15	No. 1 Red Top	11	11-11				
							No. 1 Upland	11	11				
							No. 1 Timothy	11	11				
							No. 1 Midland	11	11-11				