

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, February 19, 1917)

Wheat—The range of prices during the past week was remarkably narrow. There was very little news from any source to influence the market. The situation in regard to freight congestion shows almost no improvement and continues to be a bearish factor. It was offset by some bullish reports regarding winter wheat, and when these reports became more optimistic local prices were influenced by a fair amount of buying by Canadian millers. The latter are reported to have booked orders for flour and it is also reported that large orders have been placed with American mills by some of the European governments. There seems to be a growing confidence that the transportation difficulties are going to be relieved soon and that this will be the important influence on prices in the immediate future.

Oats prices show a small advance since a week ago and the feature of the week was the purchases by the United States government. There was also good buying in the local market and a good demand is reported for any oats that can be got under way to the eastern provinces.

WINNIPEG FUTURES			
	May	July	Oct.
Wheat—			
February 13	172	170	139
February 14	171	169	138
February 15	174	172	140
February 16	173	171	138
February 17	173	171	139
February 18	175	173	140
February 19	174	171	141
Week ago	174	171	141
Year ago	126	123	123
Oats—			
February 13	58	58	58
February 14	58	58	58
February 15	59	59	59
February 16	59	59	59
February 17	59	59	59
February 18	59	59	59
February 19	59	59	59
Week ago	58	58	58
Year ago	45	44	44
Flax—			
February 13	260	260	260
February 14	256	256	256
February 15	257	260	260
February 16	258	259	259
February 17	258	260	260
February 18	258	260	260
February 19	260	260	260
Week ago	260	260	260
Year ago	214	217	217

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES		(Sample Market, Feb. 17)	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.86	No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.86
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No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.85	No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.85
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.82	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.82

No. 3 white oats, 1 car	50
Mill oats, 1 car	48
Mill oats, part car	47
No. 2 rye, 2 cars	1.43
No. 3 rye, part car	1.41
No. 2 rye, part car	1.42
No. 3 rye, 1 car	1.42
No. 4 barley, 1 car	1.19
No. 5 barley, 2 cars	1.19
No. 6 barley, 2 cars	1.10
No. 6 barley, 2 cars	1.12
No. 5 barley, 1 car	1.21
No. 6 barley, 1 car, oats	1.05
No. 6 barley, 1 car	1.15
Sample grade barley, 1 car	1.07
Sample grade barley, 1 car	1.08
No. 4 barley, 1 car	1.17
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No. 6 barley, 1 car	1.12
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.83
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No. 1 flax, 2 sacks	2.77
No. 1 flax, 2 sacks	2.83
No. 1 flax, part car	2.83

### STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, Feb. 16—			
1917 Wheat			
	This Year	Last Year	
1 hard	15,007.20	75,723.40	
1 Nor.	1,988,116.10	10,028,337.30	
2 Nor.	3,814,735.30	4,503,857.00	
3 Nor.	3,881,792.10	2,997,183.00	
No. 4	3,071,349.10	1,428,454.10	
Others	10,809,016.20	2,520,193.00	
This week	22,810,016.40	This week 21,553,748.20	
Last week	22,801,702.30	Last week 22,219,104.10	
Increase	8,314.10	Decrease 665,355.50	

Oats			
1 C.W.	17,624.22	122,876.18	
2 C.W.	3,032,522.24	4,123,932.22	
3 C.W.	1,994,712.07	1,986,273.00	
Ex. 1st.	2,031,340.11	288,149.26	
Others	5,430,626.17	1,849,167.29	
This week	11,626,826.13	This week 8,470,420.02	
Last week	11,795,535.26	Last week 8,407,611.17	
Decrease	168,709.13	Increase 62,808.17	

Flaxseed			
1 N.W.C.	1,131,446.54		
2 C.W.	274,889.40		
3 C.W.	74,790.16		
Feed	274,333.35		
Others	184,743.46		
This week	1,296,915.21	This week 1,532,376.33	
Last week	1,285,254.15	Last week 1,524,991.17	
Increase	11,661.06	Increase 7,385.16	

SHIPMENTS			
1917—Lake			
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Wheat	399,728.10	412,928.20	1,036,550.00
Oats	.....	314,183.15	269,622.15
Barley	.....	5,321.36	2,650.00
Flax	.....	15,072.03	11,996.19

### INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, February 14, was as follows—			
Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week
Stakston	Wheat	118,904.30	135,293.20
	Oats	55,944.04	24,474.04
	Barley	1,125.10	.....
	Flax	1,237.14	6,141.40
Moore	Wheat	174,292.00	221,696.10
	Oats	25,256.08	547,246.25
	Barley	1,297.42	16,843.03
	Flax	11,824.32	6,190.00
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	Mix'd	.....	.....
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## The Livestock Markets

**CHICAGO**  
Chicago, Feb. 17.—The market for cattle is practically as strong as a week ago. Hogs have attained the highest level of the season and live market prices simply cannot be lowered on account of the scarcity. Wholesale prices for meats have been advanced without any serious curtailment of consumption. Most of the butcher cows available are selling at \$6.75 to \$8.25 and heifers mostly at \$7.00 to \$8.25. Canners are in good demand at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Most of the hogheads are selling at \$7.50 to \$8.50. The Gazette says: "Last week a 2,210 pound bull sold at \$2.75, bringing \$14.47, for which there is no precedent on the market." This is the season when Chicago begins to get a large number of dairy calves for veal from

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES			
Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, Feb. 17, were:—			
Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis	
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.70	\$1.78	— \$1.82
2 Nor. wheat	1.67	1.74	— 1.82
3 Nor. wheat	1.62	1.64	— 1.77
3 white oats	.55	.55	— .56
Barley	96-80	93-1.16	
Flax, No. 1	2.52	2.75	— 2.82
Futures—			
May wheat	1.73	1.76	
July wheat	1.71	1.72	

Wisconsin. Choice calves are quoted at \$14.50. Most of them run from \$13.50 to \$14.25. Most of the hog crop this week has sold at \$12.25 to \$12.50. The rail embargo has tied up the purchases by Canadian buyers. There seems to be a shortage of the winter crop of hogs. Attempts are being made to contract for the new lamb crop in the West. One firm in Salt Lake City has contracted for 20,000 head at from \$9.50 to \$10.00 per ewe. It seems certain, on account of the severe weather, that there will be a light lamb crop in the North-West. A year ago unborn lambs were being contracted for at \$7.50. The Breeders' Gazette says a series of storms west of the Missouri River since early in December threatens heavy mortality, especially to sheep flocks in Wyoming. Hay is almost prohibitive in cost and in some places not available. Idaho is also in bad shape. A light lamb crop all over the West is predicted by sheep men.

**WINNIPEG**  
Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. reports receipts at the Union stockyards for last week as follows: Cattle, 1,856; calves, 85; sheep and lambs, 14; hogs, 3,463.

Our run of cattle the past week has been fairly liberal, but the bulk of the offerings have been only fair to medium cattle. There is practically no change on the good fat cattle. Best steers in this class bringing from \$9.00 to \$10.00 with a good demand. The medium grade steers and cows are a little lower with too many of this kind coming. We would advise feeding your cattle as long as possible and making them good, for undoubtedly prices on fat cattle will go higher before May and choice cattle always bring a premium. The trade on open and bulls remains about the same, but in these classes bringing up to \$7.50. The stocker and feeder trade is slow and is to be lower. This on account of a light country demand, but prospects are this will be in good shape again by the end of the week. Good condition close up springing cows are wanted, but others are hard to move. Choice veal calves weighing 125 to 200 lbs. bring \$7.50 to \$8.50; common to fair \$6.00 to \$7.00.

There are very few sheep and lambs coming to market at the present. Those that come forward bring high prices. The hog market closed the end of last week with select selling at \$13.50 fat and watered. Trade opened Monday this week at \$13.50 on light supplies, advancing Tuesday to \$13.65 and Wednesday and Thursday at \$13.50. Friday a few sales of choice hogs were made at \$13.50, but the bulk of the offerings went at \$13.75.

**CALGARY**  
Calgary, Feb. 17.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. reports this week's Alberta stockyards receipts as follows: Horses, 375; cattle, 875; hogs, 2,256; sheep, 82. This week a year ago: Horses, 425; cattle, 821; hogs, 2,464; sheep, 31.

The demand for beef cattle was nothing extra. Local packers had heavy supplies of excellent beef into their own yards, and there was little outside competition except for export steers. We sold some steers which were choice at \$8.50 and \$8.75. There were some excellent stock cattle in the yards for sale, for which there was no extra demand. One car of hogs sold straight for \$12.15 and the balance of Thursday's hogs for \$12.25. We got \$13.20 for 456 hogs Friday, with full billings and \$12.25 for the balance. (Top prices for hogs and cattle this week a year ago, \$8.50 and \$7.50 respectively). There were the usual light arrivals of sheep. We sold 48 fat lambs at \$11.50 per 100 lbs. and 13 good ewes at \$15.00 each and 13 at \$13.00 each. We handled 18 per cent. of the cattle, 60 per cent. of the hogs and 77 per cent. of the sheep marketed in the yards. Altogether we handled 1,374 hogs at Calgary this week.

**EDMONTON**  
Edmonton, Feb. 16.—Last week's receipts at Edmonton stockyards were: Cattle, 119; calves, 26; hogs, 300; sheep, none. This week's: Cattle, 224; calves, 27; hogs, 407; sheep, 280. Outward shipments—2 cars cattle Durban, 1 car cattle South St. Paul. The prices on beef cattle raised a little, but there was very little on the market this week. Stocker and feeder steers held steady with a light demand for same. Hogs sold at \$12.10 off ear weights and \$12.80 fat and watered weights. The run of hogs was a little lighter than last week.

Hogs, fat to choice butcher	\$7.50-8.75
Steers, common butcher	7.00-7.50
Heifers, common to choice butcher	7.00-8.00
Cows, choice butcher	7.00-7.50
Cows, common butcher	6.50-7.50
Cows, open	2.50-4.50
Cows, yearling	2.50-6.75
Veal calves up to 200 lbs.	8.00-9.00
Calves over 200 lbs.	6.50-7.50
Light feeding steers	6.50-7.00
Stockers, 2 year old steers	8.50-7.00
Stockers, heifers	6.50-7.25
Bulls	4.00-5.25
Sheep, good wethers	9.00-10.00
Sheep, breeding ewes	11.00-14.00
Sheep, lambs, choice	11.50
Springers, choice	70.00-80.00
Springers, common	50.00-70.00
Hogs, select, fat and watered weights	12.00
Hogs, select, off ear weights	12.10

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Toronto	Calgary	Chicago	St. Paul
	Feb. 17	Year Ago	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 15	Feb. 17
<b>Cattle</b>						
Choice steers	9.50-10.00	7.00-7.25	8.50-9.00	8.50-9.00	9.50-10.75	10.00-10.50
Best butcher steers	9.00-9.50	6.50-7.00	7.50-8.00	7.25-8.25	7.25-9.50	6.50-9.00
Fair to good butcher steers	6.50-8.75	5.50-5.75	6.50-7.00	6.75-7.25	6.50-10.00	7.00-9.00
Good to choice fat cows	6.75-7.50	4.75-5.50	5.50-6.50	5.75-6.50	5.75-7.00	5.75-7.00
Medium to good cows	3.50-6.50	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	4.25-5.75	4.75-5.00	4.50-5.00
Common cows	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.50	3.50-4.50	3.50-5.00	3.50-5.00	3.50-5.00
Canners	3.75-4.25	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00
Good to choice heifers	7.50-8.50	5.75-6.00	6.75-8.00	6.75-8.00	8.40-11.00	7.50-9.00
Fair to good heifers	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.50	6.75-7.50	6.75-7.25	5.75-8.40	6.00-7.50
Best yearling	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-7.50	6.00-7.50
Best butcher bulls	6.50-7.50	4.75-5.00	7.50-9.00	5.75-6.00	8.50-9.75	7.25-8.00
Common to bologna bulls	5.00-6.00	4.25-4.75	5.00-6.00	4.25-5.25	6.25-8.40	6.25-7.25
Fair to good feeder steers	6.00-6.75	5.25-5.50	6.00-7.25	6.75-7.00	7.50-10.00	7.00-8.50
Fair to good stocker steers	6.00-6.75	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	7.00-7.25	6.00-8.50	6.00-7.50
Best milkers and springers (each)	.....	\$65-\$80	\$80-\$100	\$95-\$100	.....	\$65-\$80
Fair milkers and springers (each)	.....	\$45-\$55	\$50-\$70	\$55-\$75	.....	\$50-\$65
<b>Hogs</b>						
Choice hogs, fat and watered	13.65-13.75	\$9.25	\$11.40	\$13.05	12.25-12.40	11.70-12.00
Light hogs	10.00-10.50	.....	4.12.40	.....	12.30-12.40	9.50-9.75
Heavy sows	8.50	6.75-7.25	4.00-5.00	.....	11.75-12.00	8.00-8.25
Boys	6.50-6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Sheep and Lambs</b>						
Choice lambs	11.75-12.25	\$8.50	10.00-15.00	.....	13.65-14.00	11.00-13.75
Best killing sheep	8.50-9.25	6.00-6.50	9.00-11.50	8.00-10.50	10.25-13.85	6.00-9.50