The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, July 17, 1916)

Wheat—On Saturday July wheat closed at $1.17½, which was ½ cent below the high point for the week, this point being touched on Thursday and on Saturday July shows a gain of 2½ cents for the week, October 2½ cents and December 2¼ cents. The advance in prices has been due to the persistent reports of rust damage to American spring wheat. Heavy buying has been necessary to support the advancing prices as there are large receipts, also a lot of wheat being sold which has been held by shippers for higher prices. Exporters have bought a lot of wheat in our market, but claim that they are unable to work any new business at present prices, and this fact together with the United States government estimate of 759,000,000 bushels of new winter wheat crop prospects in this country and a large surplus of the old crop would hardly seem to justify further advances.

Oats—Have also had an upturn in price, affecting futures and cash. July futures advanced 11 cents for the week, October futures advanced ¼ cent. The trade in cash oats is heavy and demand steady for all grades except Two Canada Western which have now to be delivered on July contracts.

Barley—Prices advanced until Friday when Three Canada Western sold at 75½ cents. On Saturday prices eased off 1½ cents with poorer demand and offerings a little heavier.

Flax—Prices have been more active during the last week. There has been a better demand for the cash article, with a consequent strength in prices and a narrowing up in July-October prices.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	July	Oct.	Dec.
July 11	114½	111½	110½
July 12	116½	113½	112½
July 13	117½	114	112½
July 14	115½	112½	110½
July 15	117½	114½	112½
July 17	116½	113½	111
Week ago	115½	112½	110½
Year ago	140½	109	109½
Oats—			
July 11	41½	42½	....
July 12	45½	42½	....
July 13	45½	42½	....
July 14	45½	41	....
July 15	45½	42½	....
July 17	45½	42½	....
Week ago	44½	42	....
Year ago	63½	42½	....
Flax—			
July 11	175	177½	....
July 12	177	179	....
July 13	176½	178	....
July 14	173	174	....
July 15	173½	176½	....
July 17	174	175½	....
Week ago	175	177	175
Year ago	152	155	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, July 15)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$1.21
No. 1 hard wheat, 3 cars	1.20½
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	1.21½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, to arrive	1.20
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.16½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.20½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.17
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.19½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.17½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.17½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.15½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.14½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.13½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.15½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, sample	1.14½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.17½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.12½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.12
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.10½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.10½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1½12½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.06½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.10
No grade wheat, 1 car	.86
No grade wheat, 1 car, hot	.85
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.03
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.06½
Sample grade oats, 1 car	.78
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.39½
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.38½
No. 3 white oats, part car	.39½
Sample barley, part car	.68
No grade barley, 1 car	.68
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.69
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.72½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.71
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.70½
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.67
Sample barley, 2 cars	.72
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.68
No. 2 flax, 1 car, dockage	1.95½
No. 2 flax, part car	1.97½
No. 1 flax, 2 cars	1.97½
No. 1 flax, 400 bu., to arrive	1.97

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, July 14, 1916.—

1916 Wheat

	This Year		Last Year	
1 hard	34,049	40	12,377	40
1 Nor.	6,279,758	30	559,101	40
2 Nor.	2,448,531	10	786,164	10
3 Nor.	1,456,329	30	332,160	20
No. 4	1,088,193	00	130,416	30
Others	1,890,062	00	348,144	00
This week	13,196,923	50	2,168,364	20
Last week	13,483,551	00	2,429,777	40
Decrease	286,627	10	261,413	20

Oats

1 C.W.	104,936	20	323	08
2 C.W.	3,192,335	07	275,714	17
3 C.W.	969,388	30	85,646	03
Ex. 1 Fd.	203,385	28	50,501	20
Others	835,013	12	195,345	20
This week	5,305,059	29	607,531	00
Last week	4,762,921	27	947,014	07
Increase	542,138	02	Decrease 333,483	07

Barley

3 C.W.	237,476	02	1 N.W.C.	1,045,417 23
4 C.W.	133,576	40	2 C.W.	116,059 53
Rej.	36,847	09	3 C.W.	11,323 04
Feed	19,517	20	Others	22,678 23
Others	37,106	24		
This week	464,523	47	This week	1,195,478 47
Last week	458,627	00	Last week	1,344,500 05
Increase	5,896	47	Decrease	149,021 14
Last year's total	67,817	35	Last year's total	1,200,678 11

Flaxseed

1 N.W.C.	1,045,417	23		
2 C.W.	116,059	53		
3 C.W.	11,323	04		
Others	22,678	23		
This week	1,195,478	47		
Last week	1,344,500	05		
Decrease	149,021	14		
Last year's total	1,200,678	11		

SHIPMENTS

	1916—Lake	1916—Rail
Wheat	5,463,795.50	80,780.30
Oats	2,330,640.22	34,340.32
Barley	186,933.07	13,383.06
Flax	352,274.40	1,347.21
	1915—Lake	1915—Rail
Wheat	655,907.00	48,085.00
Oats	477,065.00	4,511.00
Barley	49,666.00	5,393.00
Flax	3,176.00	.....

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending July 12 movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	294.00	13,757.00	184,466.00
"	Oats	2,085.00	8,171.00	53,387.00
"	Barley	.....	1,236.00	2,624.00
"	Mix'd Grain	.....	.....	127,950 lbs.
Saskatoon	Wheat	4,980.20	328,826.30	416,404.20
"	Oats	.....	23,631.11	188,935.32
"	Barley	.....	6,766.06	9,467.23
"	Flax	.....	11,556.09	28,266.24

INSPECTIONS

Winnipeg, July 17.—There are 1,050 cars of grain in sight for inspection. Cars inspected for the month ended June 30, 1916, were as follows:—

Grain	This Year	Last Year
Wheat	18,623	2,673
Oats	5,279	566
Barley	583	90
Flax	550	129
Screenings	29	.....
Total	25,072	3,467

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, July 13.—Cattle have been moving slowly this week and both weight and quality of steers has been very largely ignored. The lighter younger stuff is strongly in favor. Few stock cattle sales are being made at this point right now. $6.75 to $7.50 is taking most of the stuff that does go out. Choice grades and canners are selling fairly readily and the bull trade has a healthy undertone.

Select hogs are selling at $10.00 to $10.20; the fair to good class of mixed at $9.80 to $9.95.

Lamb prices show little change. Most of choice western stuff sells between $10.50 and $11.00. Culls bring $9.00 to $9.50. Wethers have nearly disappeared from this market. The British and French governments are buying all the horses suited to their requirements and this week a Swiss inspection was established, paying $165 to $190 for good cavalry horses.

South St. Paul, July 15.—The first half of July showed a good increase in livestock receipts here as compared with the same period a year ago. Cattle slumped this week. Killers and stockers declined considerably tho no regularly. This amounted to 25 to 35 and even 50 cents. A bunch of Minnesota dry fed baby beef sold at $10.00 yesterday. There were few steers ordinarily good enough to get over $8.50 a hundred. Stockers and feeder demand is falling off. A few lots of steers had merit enough to bring over $7.00. A large share of the run sold from that to $5.00.

Hog trading is largely between $9.40 and $9.70 with little change during the week.

Toronto, July 14.—Prices yesterday were about steady with the day previous. Offerings were pretty well cleaned up, but a few heavy cattle were left over. $9.75 was paid for these, but they would have brought $10.50 at the end of last week. This represents the difference in heavy cattle values between last week and this. The greater bulk of the offering sold between $8.00 and $9.00. They were medium to choice. Common to medium sold at $7.00 to $8.00. The hot weather is not helping trade at all. The demand for butcher cows and bulls was fair except in the very poorest grades which went lower. Milkers and springers found a slow trade. Stockers were in fair demand. The prices are high and lower levels are expected.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal wester markets on Saturday, July 15, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.17	$1.22½
2 Nor. wheat	1.15	1.17½
3 Nor. wheat	1.12	1.14½
3 white oats	.44½	.40½
Barley	.74	.63-73½
Flax, No. 1	1.73½	1.99
Futures—		
July wheat	1.17½	1.16½
Oct. wheat	1.14½ (Sept.)	1.16½
Dec. wheat	1.12½	1.16½

They moved at $7.00 to $8.00 for good and $6.00 to $7.00 for medium.

Hogs remained steady at a 25 cent decline registered early in the week, selling at $11.15 to $11.25 fed and watered.

Winnipeg, July 17.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Company reports receipts last week as follows: Cattle, 1,400; calves, 200; sheep and lambs, 150; hogs, 4,500.

Altho receipts of cattle have not been heavy the supply was equal to the demand. There was an easy tone to the market and weak at that. Quality was poor. A few steers were good enough to bring over $8.00. Cows, bulls and oxen also sold at easier prices. Stockers and feeders sold at 25 cents lower, it taking good breedy steers to bring $6.25. We do not look for much change next week.

The hog market opened the first of last week with select selling at $10.35 fed and watered. Supplies were not heavy. The price advanced on Wednesday to $10.50, with a further advance on Friday to $10.60, closing at this figure for the week. Hogs made a further advance this morning to $10.75 and were standing at that figure at the close of today's market.

Calgary, July 15.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company reports last week's Alberta stockyard receipts as follows: Horses, 799; cattle, 817; hogs, 1,132; sheep, 83. This week's receipts were: Horses, 525; cattle, 1,332; hogs, 1,863; sheep, 497; and this week a year ago: Horses, 168; cattle, 401; hogs, 2,085; sheep, 360.

Some choice steers brought $7.25, altho $7.00 was the price paid for average good cattle. We are afraid the $7.25 quotation will bring heavy receipts again, and as the demand is only limited the price is sure to break with a heavy run. The Winnipeg and Eastern markets all report lower prices this week. (This week a year ago top steers were $7.00).

Hogs sold thruout the entire week at $10.25, and packers could have taken a lot more hogs than were offered. (Price this week a year ago, $8.50).

We handled a car of excellent sheep from Crossfield for $8.65, and sold other sheep of the half fat class at from $8.00 to $8.25. The price on mutton has been reduced to the butchers and we look for another fall in the prices paid for sheep almost immediately. We handled 53 per cent. of the sheep and 10 per cent. of the hogs received at the yards this week.

Country Produce

Winnipeg, July 17.—Prices quoted are f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—Butter prices are the same as last week. There is a falling off in the supply right at present owing to the very hot weather, but the quality is very fair. Flies and heat have made a good deal of difference in the supply of butter in Winnipeg.

Eggs—The same price as last week. The heat seems to have affected the hens as well as everybody else and the eggs arriving here are not as plentiful as a week or two ago.

Sweet Cream—The same prices as last week with the supply somewhat cut off. The quality, however, is very good and generally speaking the quality of cream delivered at Winnipeg this summer has been decidedly better than last year.

Hay—The hay market is very slow and pretty well filled up. Prices have dropped a great deal and we can scarcely look for any change for a good while.

RESTRICTION ON GRAINS

According to a recent ruling wheat, oats, barley, rye and screenings can be shipped to the British West Indies; flax, oats and screenings are prohibited to be exported to all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates, France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Italy, Japan and the United States — when for consumption in the United States only. This means in other words that wheat, barley and rye only can be shipped to central American countries.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from July 11 to July 17 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.
July																				
11	114½	112½	109½	104	97½	94½	90½	44½	43½	43½	43½	42½	74	70	64½	64½	174½	171½	..	..
12	116½	114½	111½	106½	100	96½	92½	45½	44½	44½	44½	43½	75	71	65	65	177	174	..	..
13	117½	115½	112½	106½	100½	97½	97½	45½	44½	44½	44½	43½	75	71	65	65	176½	173½	..	..
14	115½	113½	110½	105½	99	95½	91½	45½	44½	44½	44½	42½	73½	77½	65½	..	172½	169½	..	..
15	117	115	112	106½	100½	91	93	45½	44½	44½	44½	43½	74	70	..	..	173½	170½	..	..
17	116½	114½	111½	106½	100½	96½	92½	45½	44½	44½	44½	46	75	71	64½	64½	173½	170½	..	..
Week ago	115	113½	110½	104½	98½	95	91	44½	43½	43½	43½	41½	74	70	64	64	175	172	..	..
Year ago	140	137	132½	125½	118	110	..	63½	60½	60½	59	58	71½	67½	60	60	151½	145½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg July 17	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto July 14	Calgary July 14	Chicago July 13	St. Paul July 15
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers	.....	8.00-8.85	9.10-9.75	.....	10.00-11.20	9.50-9.50
Best butcher steers	8.50-9.00	6.85-7.35	8.85-9.10	$7.25	9.25-10.00	8.50-9.00
Fair to good butcher steers	7.00-8.00	6.25-6.75	8.35-8.85	6.40-7.00	8.25-9.25	6.75-7.50
Good to choice fat cows	6.00-6.50	5.75-6.00	7.00-7.75	5.50-6.25	7.60-9.00	6.25-7.50
Medium to good cows	5.25-5.55	5.00-5.25	6.50-7.00	5.25-5.50	6.10-7.60	5.00-6.25
Common cows	4.50-5.00	4.25-4.50	5.75-6.50	4.25-5.00	5.25-6.00	5.00-5.50
Canners	3.50-4.25	.....	4.25-5.00	2.50-3.00	3.75-5.15	4.00-4.75
Good to choice heifers	7.00-7.50	5.85-6.25	7.50-8.50	6.00-6.25	7.85-10.00	7.00-8.00
Fair to good heifers	6.00-6.75	.....	7.00-7.50	5.75-6.00	5.30-7.85	5.75-6.75
Best cows	6.00-6.75	.....	.....	5.25-5.50	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	5.50-6.50	$5.25	7.25-8.00	$5.00	7.25-8.35	6.00-6.00
Common or bologna bulls	4.50-5.25	4.50-5.00	6.00-6.75	3.00-4.00	5.25-6.75	5.25-6.00
Best feeder steers	5.25-6.25	6.00-6.25	7.25-8.25	6.00-6.25	6.75-7.00	$6.50
Best stocker steers	5.00-6.25	5.50-6.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.25	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.50
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$55-$70	$70-$90	$75-$85	.....	$60-$75
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$35-$45	$50-$70	$55-$65	.....	$45-$60
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$10.75	$9.00	11.15-11.25	$10.00	$9.70-$9.90	$9.25-$9.50
Light hogs	10.00-10.25	.....	10.65-10.75	.....	$9.50-$9.75	9.40-9.50
Heavy sows	$8.00-$8.25	$6.00	9.15-9.25	.....	$8.00-$8.40	.....
Stags	$6.50-$7.00	$4.50	.....	.....	$8.25-$8.60	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	$9.00-$9.00	$9.00-$9.50	$9.00-12.00	$9.00	10.50-11.00	$10.50
Best killing sheep	$6.75-$7.50	$7.00-$7.50	$7.50-$8.50	$5.00-$8.50	$6.75-$8.00	$5.50-$8.00

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg July 17	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary July 15	Saskatoon July 15	Regina July 15	Brandon June
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	21c-22c	19c-21c	22c-23c	.....	23c	.....
No. 1 dairy	20c	20c	21c-22c	22c-25	20c	.....
Good round lots	19c-20c	18c-19c	18c-20c	20c	18c	.....
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	19c-22c	.....	.....	20c	.....	.....
New laid	.....	14c-15c	.....	25c	22c	.....
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	.....	$1.25	.....	45c	75c	.....
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	32c	27c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	27c-29c	23c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs)	.....	$2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	17c	14c	24c	22c	22c	.....
Fowl	13c-14c	12c	15c-16c	20c	18c	.....
Ducks	14c	14c	13c-14c	18c	.....	.....
Geese	14c	.....	12½c-14c	18c	18c	.....
Turkeys	18c	14c	16c-17c	25c	23c	.....
Hay (per ton)			No. 1's	No. 1's	No. 1	
No. 2 Red Top	$9-$10	$17	.....	$8-$10	$12	.....
No. 2 Upland	$9-$9	$14	$9	.....	.....	.....
No. 2 Timothy	$13-$14	$21	$14	$10	$14	.....
No. 2 Midland	$17	$13	.....	$11 pressed	$18	.....
Clover and Timothy	$13-$14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....