

**Wheat Stocks**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Jan 23, 1897, shows a decrease of 1,161,000 bushels, against a decrease of 465,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 921,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 118,000 bushels three years ago.

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years; the second table shows the visible supply at the end of each week in the current year, compared with the three previous years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4 ..	69,842,000	87,880,000	79,953,000	81,786,000
" 11 ..	68,945,000	86,615,000	80,433,000	82,080,000
" 18 ..	67,988,000	85,280,000	80,382,000	82,227,000
" 25 ..	67,623,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1 ..	66,784,000	83,378,000	79,863,000	81,390,000
" 8 ..	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15 ..	65,928,000	80,732,000	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22 ..	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,237,000	79,448,000
March 1 ..	64,089,000	78,261,000	75,589,000	79,093,000
" 7 ..	62,598,000	77,217,000	74,607,000	79,108,000
" 14 ..	62,123,000	76,373,000	73,319,000	79,020,000
" 21 ..	61,848,000	75,773,000	72,163,000	78,208,000
" 28 ..	61,018,100	74,908,000	71,468,000	77,614,000
April 4 ..	60,322,000	73,703,000	70,762,000	77,233,000
" 11 ..	59,880,000	72,487,000	69,217,000	76,096,000
" 18 ..	58,483,000	69,628,000	68,425,000	74,839,000
" 25 ..	57,946,000	66,776,000	66,538,000	75,027,000
May 2 ..	55,519,000	62,190,000	65,166,000	73,069,000
" 9 ..	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,632,000
" 16 ..	53,146,000	56,484,000	62,044,000	71,526,000
" 23 ..	51,293,000	54,214,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30 ..	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,367,000
June 6 ..	50,447,000	49,739,000	58,211,000	69,682,000
" 13 ..	49,488,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	68,375,000
" 20 ..	48,319,000	46,225,000	55,852,000	67,081,000
" 27 ..	47,860,000	44,561,000	54,657,000	65,316,000
July 4 ..	47,199,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	64,819,000
" 11 ..	47,220,000	41,237,000	53,164,000	63,328,000
" 18 ..	46,743,000	40,483,000	53,771,000	62,903,000
" 25 ..	47,142,000	39,229,000	52,144,000	59,319,000
Aug. 1 ..	46,784,000	38,517,000	50,001,000	59,411,000
" 8 ..	46,429,000	37,339,000	49,321,000	58,869,000
" 15 ..	45,370,000	36,892,000	48,901,000	57,812,000
" 22 ..	45,189,000	35,083,000	47,711,000	57,240,000
" 29 ..	45,674,000	35,433,000	46,949,000	56,881,000
Sept. 5 ..	46,495,000	36,764,000	46,168,000	56,140,000
" 12 ..	47,502,000	38,092,000	46,214,000	57,331,000
" 19 ..	49,655,000	39,385,000	47,189,000	58,693,000
" 26 ..	48,716,000	40,708,000	47,415,000	60,528,000
Oct. 3 ..	50,116,000	41,832,000	47,614,000	63,275,000
" 10 ..	51,434,000	41,431,000	47,674,000	65,239,000
" 17 ..	54,808,000	40,199,000	47,659,000	66,978,000
" 24 ..	57,185,000	39,486,000	47,190,000	69,327,900
" 31 ..	58,600,000	38,990,000	46,027,000	71,396,000
Nov. 7 ..	59,903,000	38,092,000	45,220,000	74,052,000
" 14 ..	61,003,000	37,324,000	44,282,000	76,763,000
" 21 ..	59,971,000	36,221,000	43,914,000	77,233,000
" 28 ..	58,914,000	35,903,000	43,159,000	78,091,000
Dec 5 ..	56,312,000	35,738,000	42,978,000	78,783,000
" 12 ..	54,281,000	36,834,000	43,172,000	80,128,000
" 19 ..	55,163,000	39,393,000	43,071,000	80,024,000
" 26 ..	54,433,000	39,038,000	43,581,000	80,228,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on January 16, is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal .....	415,000
Toronto .....	128,000
Kingston .....	40,000
Winnipeg .....	268,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,410,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin .....	2,763,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on January 16, 1897:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains .....	71,563,000
Pacific Coast .....	4,189,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains .....	98,908,000
Pacific Coast .....	7,116,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Jan. 23, shows a decrease of 1,521,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 70,042,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks of wheat on January 1, 1897, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 189,163,000 bushels, as compared with 169,976,000 bushels on Jan. 1, 1896; 181,753,000 on January 1, 1895; 197,223,000 on January 1, 1894; 181,698,000 on January 1, 1893; 159,536,000 on Jan. 1, 1892; 111,481,000 on January 1, 1891; 115,092,000 on January 1, 1890, and 180,760,000 on January 1, 1889.

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

This week a year ago flour advanced 5c; wheat tended upward; hogs were firm, dressed hogs being 3c higher.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—About 42c to 45c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, 62½ to 63c afloat Fort William.  
 Flour.—Local price, per sack. Patents, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Bakers, \$1.55 to \$1.60.  
 Bran.—Per ton, \$9.  
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$11.  
 Oats.—Per bushel, Winnipeg street price, 15 to 16c. Car lots at country points, 11 to 13½c.  
 Barley.—A few loads sold at 16c to 17c for feed, car lots for shipment worth 14 to 16c.  
 Flax Seed.—60 to farmers at country points.  
 Butter.—Dairy round lots, choices, 12c to 14c.

Cheese.—Jobbing price 9½ to 11c.  
 Eggs.—Fresh, 18 to 19c for round lots.  
 Beef.—City dressed, 5 to 6c, unfrozen; country frozen, 3½ to 4½c  
 Mutton.—Fresh, 6 to 6½c, country do, 5 to 5½c.  
 Hogs.—Dressed, 5 to 5½c.  
 Cattle.—Nominal at 2½ to 3½c for butchers' stock.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.  
 Sheep.—Sheep and lambs nominal at 3 to 3½c off cars.  
 Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.  
 Poultry.—Chicken, 8 to 9c lb; turkeys, 10 to 11c; ducks, 9c, geese, 10c.  
 Hides.—Green frozen, 5c.  
 Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 12c.  
 Potatoes.—20c per bushel.  
 Hay.—\$5.50 per ton, car lots.

**Toronto Grain and Produce Trade.**

Wheat—White holders of No. 1 Manitoba hard are asking 96c at North Bay, it is understood that sales have transpired at 95c, and at Midland and Owen Sound 89c is asked. Ontario wheat unchanged at 80c f.o.b. west for red and 81c for white.

Flour—Straight rollers are still moving out slowly at \$3.85, middle freights.

Millfeed—Car lots of bran, middle freights, are quoted at \$3, and shorts at \$3.50 to \$10, according to quantity.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats are quoted at \$2.95 per barrel on track here; small lots at \$3.10 to \$3.15.

Barley—Both feed and malting grades dull. No. 3 extra is selling at 25c middle freights. No. 1 extra at 35c, No. 2 at 30c to 31c, and feed stuff, 20c to 24c.

Oats—Mixed are quoted at 18c at country points.

Butter—Jobbing prices are: Large dairy rolls, 11c to 12c; dairy pound rolls, 12c to 13c; dairy tubs, 9c to 12c, creamery rolls, 19c to 20c; creamery tubs, 18c to 18½c.

Cheese—Local jobbing prices, 10½c to 11c.  
 Eggs—Limed, 18c, 15c to 16c for cold stored and fresh gathered, and 18c to 19c for strictly now laid.

Baled Hay—No. 1, 11; low grades from \$8 up.

Dressed Hogs—Dressed hogs continue to come forward freely. Select weights in car lots here sell up to \$3.20, heavy weak and in poor demand at as low as \$1.—Globe, Jan. 23.

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.**

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks 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.	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23
Extra Man. H'd	14	7	4	7	0
No. 1 hard	74	40	51	35	25
No. 2 hard	33	15	19	5	10
No. 3 hard	11	4	16	6	5
No. 1 North'n	2	0	1	0	1
No. 2 North'n	0	0	0	0	1
No. 3 North'n	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 Spring	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted	1	6	4	7	3
No. 2 frosted	4	4	2	6	3
No. 3 frosted	0	0	2	0	3
No. 1 Rejected	4	5	2	2	3
No. 2 Rejected	0	2	0	1	0
No Grade	3	3	1	1	0
Feed	0	0	0	0	0
Total	146	99	102	70	67
same week last year	352	193	173	173	107

\*Wheat inspection 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.

**Comparative Prices in Staples.**

	Jan. 15, 1897.	Jan. 17, 1896.
Flour, straight spring	\$.39 to \$1.30	\$3.00 to \$4.10
Flour, straight winter	\$.40 to \$1.65	\$3.00 to \$4.15
Wheat, No. 2 red	1.02½	75 to 75 1/2
Corn, No. 2 mixed	28 c	36c
Oats, No. 2	22c	24 1/2c
Rye, No. 2, Western	67 to 47½c	46c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	48c	47c
Cotton, mid. upld.	7 1/2-16c	8 1/2-16c
Print cloths, 4x64	2½c	3c
Wool, Ohio & Pa.	17c to 17½c	18 to 19½c
Wool, N. C.	21 to 22c	22 to 23
Pork, mess new	9.50 to 9.00	\$10.75 to 11.00
Lard, westn. con't.	\$1.25	\$6.00c
Butter, ex. creamery	19c	19c
Cheese, ch. east	11½c	10½c
Sugar, centrif., 96°	3-16c	3½c
Sugar, granulated	14c	5c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	10 1/2	14c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	90c	\$1.37 1/2
Petroleum, rd. gal.	\$6.00	\$7.65
*Iron, Bess. pg.	\$10.30	\$13.00
*Steel billets, ton	\$16.25	\$18.00
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool	3 to 3 1/2d	3d
Cotton	7-6 1/2d	9-6 1/2d

\* Pittsburgh.

**Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.**

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Considerable quantities of heavy grain have been engaged for shipment from this port next spring, space on the first ocean vessels having been taken at 2s to Liverpool and London, and at 2s 3d 2s 4½d to Avonmouth. This is a reduction of 50 per cent. from the closing rates in the fall, the last Liverpool and London steamers leaving port taking grain at 4s. Later report state the 1d. 2s. is asked for Liverpool and not paid; and 2s. 3d. for London is asked but not paid. For Avonmouth 2s. 6d. is asked."