

October 23, 1918

The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, October 24, 1918.

OATS.—October futures gained 54 cents during the week ending October 19, and December futures gained 34 cents. The chief influence has been the strength in American markets due to government buying of cash oats and corn, offerings in the local market are light, and there are indications of difficulty in filling sales for October delivery. This condition is the cause of the enormous premium for October oats, as compared with December. There is very little demand for cash oats, and present premiums do not represent actual values, but are the result of artificial conditions.

BARLEY.—There has been a small advance in corn prices, turned the attention of feeders to the use of barley, as showing better value. Locally, there is no improvement in the demand, and stocks are piling up at the terminal elevators, without any apparent probability of export business at present levels.

FLAX.—Is close to the prices of a week ago, after an advance on short covering early in the week, followed later by a re-action.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	October	Week Year	Oct.	15	16	17	18	19	21	ago	ago
Oats	82	811	823	823	854	82	82	87			
Oct.	74	734	744	734	734	76	66				
Dec.	101	101	101	101	102	101					
Barley	99	99	99	99	100	99					
Oct.	101	101	101	101	102	101					
Flax	228	228	318	321	320	319	328	325			
Nov.	323	322	318	315	315	313	323	300			

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, October 16, was as follows:

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	140,996		332,479
	Oats	19,562		115,672
	Barley	5,455	352	25,169
	Flax			83
Saskatoon	Wheat	616,52	1,530	164,259
	Oats	3,825	1,777	47,292
	Barley	3,628		7,501
	Flax			428
Moosomin	Wheat	429,097		792,143
	Oats	30,627		62,532
	Barley	3,256		5,106
	Flax			119

THE CASH TRADE

Minneapolis, October 19.

OATS.—Good demand for heavy oats. No. 2 white closed at 60½ to 63½ cents. No. 4 white oats at 60½ to 63½ cents.

RYE.—Steady demand fair. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.57½ to \$1.58½.

BARLEY.—Demand slow. Prices closed at 84 to 92 cents.

FLAXSEED.—No. 1 spot one cent over to three cents under October. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.36 to \$3.39, on spot and to arrive.

The Livestock Market

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., October 19.—The United Grain Growers Limited Livestock Department reports receipts at the Union Stockyards, St. Boniface, for the past week as follows:

Cattle, 12,634; sheep and lambs, 3,311; hogs, 2,604; calves, 391.

FIXED WHEAT PRICES

	1"	2"	3"	4"	5"	6"	T1	T2	T3
Fixed	224	221	217	211	199	190	212	212	208
Year ago	221	218	215	209	194	185	215	212	207

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, Oct. 15 to Oct. 21 inclusive

Date	Wheat	2 CW	3 CW	OATS	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	3 CW	4 CW	Rel.	Feed	1 NW	2 CW	RYE
Oct. 15	188	82	79	79	77	74	99	94	90	80	331	—	155	
16	188	81	78	78	76	73	99	94	90	90	331	—	155	
17	188	82	78	78	76	73	99	94	90	90	321	—	155	
18	188	83	79	79	77	74	99	94	91	90	323	—	155	
19	189	84	80	80	78	75	99	94	90	90	322	—	156	
21	189	86	82	80	77	100	95	91	91	319	316	—	157	
Week ago	188	79	75	75	73	70	97	92	88	88	326	—	155	
Year ago	180	67	64	64	62	62	120	115	—	110	297	294	—	

LIVESTOCK

	Winnipeg		Calgary	Toronto	St. Paul	Chicago
	Oct. 19	Year Ago	Oct. 19	Oct. 16	Oct. 19	Oct. 17
Cattle						
Choice steers	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.50	9.00-9.75	12.25-13.00	3.00-4.00	15.00-16.75
Best butcher steers	11.00-11.75	8.25-9.00	10.50-11.50	11.50-13.00	14.50-15.00	16.00-17.75
Fair to good butcher steers	8.00-10.75	5.25-7.00	9.50-10.50	8.50-11.00	9.50-12.50	13.00-15.00
Good to choice fat cows	8.00-8.50	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.75	9.50-10.00	8.75-9.50	9.50-10.50
Medium to good cows	6.50-7.75	6.50-7.50	6.00-6.50	7.50-8.75	6.50-8.00	7.00-8.50
Canners	4.50-6.25	5.25-6.50	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	6.00-7.25
Good to choice heifers	9.00-10.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-7.75	8.50-10.00	8.00-9.00	8.50-9.50
Fair to good heifers	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.75	7.00-8.00
Best oxen	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00
Best butcher bulls	5.50-6.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	5.25-6.75	6.75-8.75
Common to bologna bulls	5.00-6.50	4.00-6.25	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	5.25-6.75	6.75-8.75
Fair to good feeder steers	8.50-9.50	7.25-8.50	9.00-10.00	9.50-11.00	11.00-13.00	12.25-12.50
Fair to good stocker steers	6.50-8.50	5.00-7.00	8.00-8.75	8.50-10.50	7.00-9.00	8.25-10.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$ 85-\$110	\$75-\$90		\$100-\$160	\$60-\$125	\$75-\$100
Fair milkers and springers (each)	\$50-\$89	\$60-\$75		\$65-\$90	\$65-\$85	
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	18.00	17.50	17.25-17.50	18.25	16.95	17.25
Light hogs	15.00-16.50	15.00		17.50		16.50
Sows	13.25-14.00	11.50-12.50		15.00		
Stags	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00		14.57		15.25-16.00
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	15.00-16.00	9.00-14.50	12.75-13.50	15.00-16.25	14.25	15.25
Best killing sheep	10.00-13.00	7.00-10.00	11.50-12.20	13.00-14.00	8.00-11.00	9.25-11.50

Of sheep 3,236 were on hand. Breeding ewes sold at prices unchanged since a week ago, but 2,600 sheep remained unsold at the close of the week.

All select hogs sold on Thursday at \$17.75 fed and watered, although it was expected that sales would be made according to quality, and not by weight only. Receipts totalled 1,370.

EDMONTON

Receipts at the Edmonton Stock-yards for the week ending October 17 were 7,451 cattle, 60 calves, 503 sheep and 685 hogs. In sympathy with the weak tone in the eastern markets, partly credited to the very favorable war conditions, the Edmonton quotations on butcher steers declined from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hundred, compared with the prices ruling at the previous week's close. All butcher cows were off 50 cents to \$1.00 per hundred as also were bulls and oxen. Heavy feeders and breeding heifers however, held fairly steady, but the remainder of the stock cattle were subject to similar declines as for butcher stock. The market closed unsettled and weak.

Lambs sold from \$12 to \$13 per hundred, and ewes from \$10 to \$11 per hundred during the week.

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Of the disposition for the week ending October 19, Canadian packing houses purchased seven calves, 41 bulls, 488 butcher cattle and 297 hogs. Canadian shipments consisted of 51 calves, one bull, 1,185 stockers, 386 hogs and 11 sheep.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 16 inclusive, were 29,507 cattle,

3,981 calves, 32,495 hogs and 2,092 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

New Alberta Instructors

Three new instructors have been added to the staffs of the agricultural schools of the province, and begin work with this present term. Henry Evelyn Wood, graduate of the Manitoba Agricultural College, has been appointed professor of animal husbandry at the Vermilion school. Mr. Wood has just graduated from the Manitoba College, but has had all sorts of practical and academic experience in the judging of livestock. He organized and managed for four years the Belmont Boys' and Girls' Club, and a most successful organization it proved under his leadership.

He has done a good deal of judging at the summer fairs during his college course, has acted as judge of livestock and of seed-grain, and dressed poultry. At the Brandon Winter Fair in 1918, he won the gold medal in the judging competition for horses and the silver medal for sheep judging.

The new instructor of animal husbandry at the Claresholm school is Robert D. Sinclair, of Innisfail, a graduate of the Alberta College of Agriculture, and one of the most brilliant pupils who have ever taken work at that institution.