

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Oct. 3, 1896, shows an increase of 1,401,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,061,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 2,201,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 2,617,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1896.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,681,000	80,223,000	81,233,000	45,007,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,563,000	81,393,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,083,000	41,556,000
April 1...	74,808,000	71,468,000	77,054,000	41,036,000
May, 6...	62,196,000	65,166,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 8...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,030,000	37,910,000
July 1...	41,661,000	54,867,000	62,316,000	21,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	60,001,000	59,424,000	26,078,000
Sept. 7...	36,764,000	60,103,000	50,140,000	33,760,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	61,256,000
Nov. 4...	52,090,000	80,047,000	71,306,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,008,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,680,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,886,000	70,153,000	81,786,000
" 11...	68,946,000	86,616,000	80,433,000	82,080,000
" 18...	67,983,000	85,266,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,705,000	80,234,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,233,000	81,393,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,926,000	80,733,000	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,267,000	79,413,000
March 1...	64,089,000	77,701,000	76,669,000	79,083,000
" 7...	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,359,000	79,000,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,773,000	73,103,000	78,204,000
" 28...	61,043,000	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,651,000
April 1...	60,822,000	72,708,000	70,702,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	69,457,000	69,211,000	76,006,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,036,000	68,225,000	74,869,000
" 25...	57,916,000	66,776,000	66,883,000	73,227,000
May 2...	55,519,000	62,196,000	65,166,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	60,623,000	63,510,000	72,632,000
" 16...	53,146,000	59,181,000	62,044,000	71,526,000
" 23...	51,298,000	56,244,000	61,319,000	70,164,000
" 30...	50,340,000	54,220,000	60,391,000	70,307,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	59,211,000	69,602,000
" 13...	49,486,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	68,375,000
" 20...	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,831,000	68,081,000
" 27...	47,800,000	44,661,000	54,057,000	67,315,000
July 4...	47,199,000	43,359,000	53,114,000	67,319,000
" 11...	47,220,000	41,537,000	53,154,000	66,320,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,438,000	53,771,000	65,903,000
" 25...	47,142,000	39,229,000	52,144,000	65,319,000
Aug. 1...	46,734,000	38,517,000	50,601,000	64,211,000
" 8...	46,429,000	37,339,000	49,321,000	63,869,000
" 15...	45,876,000	36,892,000	48,001,000	63,812,000
" 22...	45,169,000	35,885,000	46,111,000	62,740,000
" 29...	45,674,000	35,433,000	45,949,000	62,881,000
Sept. 6...	46,495,000	36,754,000	46,108,000	62,110,000
" 12...	47,602,000	38,092,000	46,214,000	61,331,000
" 19...	49,035,000	39,335,000	47,139,000	60,693,000
" 26...	48,716,000	40,708,000	47,413,000	60,525,000
Oct. 3...	50,116,000	41,832,000	48,040,000	62,275,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on October 1 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	458,000
Toronto.....	121,000
Kingston.....	25,000
Winnipeg.....	812,000
Manitoba interior elevators	775,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	1,598,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on October 1, 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	61,924,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,512,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	55,078,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,777,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Oct. 3, shows an increase of 2,060,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 63,954,000 bushels on the latter date.

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World's stocks of wheat on Sept. 1, 1896. (United States, Canada, in Europe and all other for Europe) were 97,076,000 bushels, as compared with 119,199,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1895, 151,622,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1894, 149,407,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 111,016,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1892, and with smaller totals on Sept. 1 in preceding years.

The Live Stock Trade

At London, England, on October 5, there was a weaker feeling in the cattle market owing to heavy supplies and with a slow trade prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c per lb. Choice United States steers sold at 11c and Canadians at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. The market for sheep was also weak and prices were marked down 1c per lb., best selling at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A private cable received from London reported the market unchanged and quoted choice United States cattle at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; choice Canadians at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, ranch cattle at 9c, and sheep at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A private cable from Liverpool reported sales of some large lots of Canadian sheep at prices ranging from 21 to 23s per head.

Another private cable from London reported sales of Canadian sheep at 24s 3d per head, which figure shows a loss to the shipper of 2s 6d per head.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on Sept. 5, the demand was of a limited character and supply was again in excess of local wants, and owing to the scarcity of ocean freight there was no demand from shippers. The continued heavy receipts for the past two months has had a depressing effect upon the market, and prices for good stock were fully $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. lower. Good to choice steers and heifers sold at 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, a few being bought at the latter figure for shipment next week. Sales of fair cattle were made at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and inferior to common at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2c per lb. live weight. There was a fair demand for sheep for shipment and prices ruled about steady at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, while butchers paid 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. live weight. Lambs met with a fair demand at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.50 each as to size and quality.

At the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on September 5, a couple of loads of common

butchers' cattle sold at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. There were 200 hogs offered for which the demand was fair, and sales were made at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 4c per lb.

At Toronto, on October 6, export cattle were slow at from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per pound. Butchers cattle are no better. For a few picked lots 8c, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c was paid; 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c was about the best price paid for loads of the best cattle. For medium from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c was the range, common 2c and occasionally a good deal lower. Export sheep sold at 8c. Lambs from \$1.75 to \$2.75 each. Stockers were wanted at from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c per pound, bulls for export 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound. Prime hogs were a little weaker and the top price was 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound; light fat 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; and thick fat 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per 100 pounds; stores and half fat hogs will not sell.

At Chicago, on October 9, hogs were 5c higher; coarse heavy to rim light sold at \$2.85 to \$3.51, with sales largely at \$3.10 to \$3.35; heavy packing droves selling at \$3 to \$3.25.

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