

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Oct. 31, 1896, shows an increase of 1,895,000 bushels, against an increase of 2,504,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 1,837,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 2,069,000 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.

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan 2	88,581,000	80,228,000	81,238,000	46,907,000
Feb. 5	89,376,000	79,363,000	81,391,000	43,101,000
Mar. 4	78,765,000	76,509,000	79,093,000	41,556,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,468,000	77,654,000	41,030,000
May 6	62,196,000	65,166,000	73,009,000	36,190,000
June 3	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
July 1	44,661,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,202,000
Aug. 3	38,517,000	60,001,000	59,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7	30,764,000	69,103,000	56,140,000	38,700,051
Oct. 7	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	61,250,020
Nov. 4	62,990,000	50,047,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,001,000	72,550,000

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

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4	69,642,000	87,886,000	79,866,000	81,760,000
" 11	68,646,000	80,615,000	80,435,000	82,080,000
" 18	67,983,000	85,580,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25	67,623,000	84,605,000	80,264,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1	66,734,000	83,576,000	79,863,000	81,390,000
" 8	66,319,000	82,322,000	79,560,000	80,972,000
" 15	65,920,000	80,735,000	79,607,000	80,214,000
" 22	65,011,000	79,470,000	77,367,000	79,430,000
March 1	64,059,000	78,701,000	75,569,000	79,183,000
" 7	62,690,000	77,717,000	74,697,000	79,103,000
" 14	62,123,000	76,733,000	73,359,000	79,030,000
" 21	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,163,000	78,203,000
" 28	61,048,000	74,308,000	71,468,000	77,651,000
April 4	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,293,000
" 11	59,320,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,036,000
" 18	58,483,000	68,026,000	68,425,000	74,380,000
" 25	57,946,000	65,776,000	66,633,000	75,027,000
May 2	55,619,000	62,146,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,632,000
" 16	53,116,000	56,481,000	62,044,000	71,526,000
" 23	51,298,000	54,244,000	61,359,000	70,159,000
" 30	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,391,000	70,307,000
June 6	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,211,000	68,604,000
" 13	49,456,000	47,717,000	57,165,000	66,375,000
" 20	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,551,000	65,051,000
" 27	47,860,000	44,561,000	54,057,000	62,316,000
July 4	47,199,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,519,000
" 11	47,226,000	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,378,000
" 18	46,743,000	40,483,000	52,114,000	58,005,000
" 25	47,142,000	39,229,000	51,144,000	56,319,000
Aug 1	46,734,000	38,717,000	50,010,000	54,410,000
" 8	46,429,000	37,830,000	49,321,000	53,889,000
" 15	45,870,000	36,820,000	48,001,000	52,512,000
" 22	45,189,000	35,888,000	46,771,000	51,240,000
" 29	45,574,000	35,438,000	46,949,000	50,881,000
Sept 5	46,495,000	34,764,000	46,168,000	50,141,000
" 12	47,002,000	33,082,000	45,214,000	49,310,000
" 19	46,671,000	32,385,000	44,459,000	48,693,000
" 26	46,716,000	31,763,000	43,430,000	48,225,000
Oct 3	10,116,000	41,832,000	73,040,000	63,275,000
" 10	52,494,000	44,481,000	75,740,000	65,233,000
" 17	54,803,000	46,199,000	76,639,000	66,978,000
" 24	57,286,000	50,486,000	78,190,000	69,327,000
" 31	18,050,000	52,091,000	84,427,000	71,390,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on October 24 is as follows.

	Bushels.
Montreal	511,000
Toronto	283,000
Kingston	20,000
Winnipeg	261,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,650,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	2,029,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on October 21, 1896.

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	75,337,000
Pacific Coast	5,454,000
Total stocks a year ago were	80,791,000
East of the Mountains	71,917,000
Pacific Coast	9,760,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Oct. 31, shows an increase of 1,879,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 76,716,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of breadstuffs on Oct. 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 151,272,000 bushels, as compared with 176,637,000 bushels on Oct. 1, 1895.

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.	Oct 3	Oct. 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct. 31
Fra Mag Hd	0	0	0	0	27
No. 1 hard	44	95	270	55	316
No. 2 hard	15	35	160	12	121
No. 3 hard	7	13	25	3	13
No. 1 North'n	2	8	10	26	0
No. 2 North'n	3	3	4	2	4
No. 3 North'n	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fufe	2	0	2	2	3
No. 2 white fufe	0	0	2	0	2
No. 1 Spring	0	0	2	2	1
No. 2 Spring	0	0	0	0	2
No. 1 frosted	0	1	10	11	12
No. 2 frosted	0	0	5	3	9
No. 3 Frosted	0	1	0	7	1
No. 1 Rejected	1	2	8	11	9
No. 2 Rejected	1	2	8	8	7
No Grade	2	2	1	0	2
Condemned	0	0	0	0	3
Total	80	163	419	610	591
Same week last year	457	622	311	426	355

*Wheat inspected 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.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

The most important change was a drop of 1c on hies, Wheat was a little lower.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—About 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, and 57 to 58c afloat, Fort William.
- Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.
- Bran.—Per ton, \$10.
- Shorts.—Per ton, \$12.
- Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, now, local freights paid, 17 to 18c.
- Barley—A few loads sold at 20.00 to 21c.
- Flax Seed.—60 to 67c to farmers at country points.
- Butter.—Dairy round lots 18c to 15c Creamery, 17 to 18c.
- Cheese.—Jobbing price 7 1/2 to 8c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, 18c.
- Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 4 1/2c.
- Mutton.—Fresh, 5 1/2 to 6c, lamb, 5 1/2 to 6c.
- Hogs.—Dressed, 5 to 5 1/2c.
- Cattle.—Butchers' 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c. Export 2 1/2 to 3c.
- Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c.
- Sheep.—Sheep and lambs 2 1/2 to 3c off cars.
- Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.
- Poultry.—Chickens, 7 to 9c lb; turkeys, 10c; ducks and geese, 8 to 9c.
- Hides.—No. 1 cows, green salted weak at 5 1/2c.
- Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 12c.
- Potatoes.—1 1/2c per bushel.
- Hay.—\$5.50 to \$6 per ton, car lots.

Canadian Foreign Trade.

The exports for the last fiscal year totalled \$120,133,502, being an increase of seven and a half millions. Imports \$118,011,000, also an increase of seven and a half millions.

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