

# The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, November 18, 1918.

**OATS**—December futures show an advance of five cents, and May futures four cents for last week. Cash oats have not followed this advance. This shows that the future prices have faded with the advance of these future prices. This shows that the demand for oats at present prices is not good, otherwise spot values would be at a premium over December delivery. At the same time, the offerings are so light that selling pressure is almost lacking, and prices advance easily. It is generally expected that there will be an increased demand for grain for shipment overseas, and that no great set-back in prices is likely to occur in the immediate future.

**BARLEY**—Has advanced a couple of cents for contract grades, but lower grades are two cents down since a week ago. There is nothing new in the situation regarding this grain. Offerings are light and trade is dull. American prices have also made a few cents gain for the week.

**FLAX**—Is 12 cents up from the close of the previous week-end. Prices have varied with the changing demand and sentiment, and reports state that all products available will be needed under peace conditions.

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

|          | October |         |         |         |         |         | Week    | Year   |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|          | 12      | 13      | 14      | 15      | 16      | 18      | ago     | ago    |
| Oats     | 79 1/2  | 80 1/2  | 81 1/2  | 83 1/2  | 84      | 86 1/2  |         | 77 1/2 |
| Barley   | 105 1/2 | 106 1/2 | 107 1/2 | 108 1/2 | 108 1/2 | 111 1/2 |         |        |
| Flax     | 367     | 377     | 369 1/2 | 370     | 377     | 379     | 315 1/2 |        |
| Dec. 302 | 339     | 354     | 353 1/2 | 356 1/2 | 362     |         | 290 1/2 |        |

## The Livestock Market

### WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 14.—The United Grain Growers Limited Livestock Department reports receipts of livestock for sale at the Union Stock Yards, St. Boniface, for the week ending November 14, 1918, were as follows: Cattle, 9,542; sheep and lambs, 1,401; calves, 337; hogs, 5,977.

The run continues heavy and with the abrupt ending of the war, we look for the buyers to try to lower the market, but we look for the price of well-finished cattle to remain firm. Slightly lower prices are quoted on the Eastern and Southern Market, occasioned no doubt of the change in the war situation and which we think will only have a temporary effect. Sheep and lambs are selling slow and we would advise holding on feed for some time as there is too many coming forward at present and the market is weakening somewhat. Heavy feeder steers are wanted and selling at steady prices. Taking the market all around prices are not quotable from last week's prices. Hogs are coming in larger numbers and prices remain steady.

The following schedule shows the present prevailing prices up to date:—

#### Butcher Cattle

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Extra choice steers    | \$12.00 to \$13.50 |
| Choice heavy steers    | 11.00 to 11.75     |
| Medium to good steers  | 9.50 to 10.75      |
| Fair to medium steers  | 8.00 to 9.00       |
| Common to fair steers  | 7.00 to 7.75       |
| Choice fat heifers     | 9.00 to 9.50       |
| Good to choice cows    | 8.00 to 8.50       |
| Fair to good cows      | 6.50 to 7.75       |
| Canner and cutter cows | 4.50 to 6.00       |
| Best fat oxen          | 7.50 to 8.00       |
| Canner and cutter oxen | 5.00 to 7.50       |
| Fat weighty bulls      | 7.50 to 8.00       |
| Bologna bulls          | 5.50 to 7.00       |
| Fat lambs              | 14.00 to 15.00     |
| Sheep                  | 10.00 to 11.50     |
| Veal calves            | 7.50 to 9.00       |

#### Stockers and Feeders

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Choice weighty, good colored feeders | \$ 8.50 to \$ 9.50 |
| Common to good stockers and feeders  | 6.50 to 8.50       |
| Best milkers and springers           | 85.00 to 120.00    |
| Fair milkers and springers           | 50.00 to 80.00     |

#### Hogs

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Selects fed and watered | \$17.50          |
| Straight heavies        | \$13.50 to 16.50 |
| Light hogs              | 10.00 to 16.50   |
| Sows                    | 11.50 to 13.50   |
| Stags                   | 10.00 to 11.50   |
| Boars                   | 7.00 to 9.00     |

### INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday Nov. 13, was as follows:—

| Elevator  | Grain  | Rec'd during week | Ship'd during week | Now in store |
|-----------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Calgary   | Wheat  | 76,721            | 952                | 774,023      |
|           | Oats   | 84,695            | 9,098              | 815,630      |
|           | Barley | 4,735             | 1,204              | 739,789      |
|           | Flax   | 125               |                    | 1,170        |
|           |        |                   |                    | 77,173       |
| Moose Jaw | Wheat  | 18,542            | 10,178             | 1,329,419    |
|           | Oats   | 28,779            | 7,145              | 163,419      |
|           | Barley | 7,421             | 2,513              | 11,491       |
|           | Flax   |                   | 1,166              | 216          |
| Saskatoon | Wheat  | 68,256            | 10,991             | 513,411      |
|           | Oats   | 32,191            | 13,514             | 150,241      |
|           | Barley | 6,677             | 1,941              | 42,909       |
|           | Flax   |                   |                    | 736.17       |

### THE CASH TRADE

**OATS**—Both shippers and elevators good buyers; No. 3 white 1 1/2 to 2 cents over December; No. 3 white closed at 70 to 71 cents; No. 4 white oats at 67 to 70 cents.

**RYE**—Prices 1 cent higher, with demand good and offerings light. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.60 1/2 to \$1.61 1/2.

**BARLEY**—Medium and low prices up 1 to 2 cents and top grades 1 cent higher. Prices closed at 90 to 98 1/2 cents.

**FLAX**—Firm, with bulk of spot sales at 10 cents over December for No. 1; to arrive 3 to 5 cents over. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.86 1/2 to \$3.88 1/2 on spot and \$3.81 1/2 to \$3.83 1/2 to arrive.

### FIXED WHEAT PRICES

| Fixed Year ago | 1"      | 2"      | 3"      | 4"      | 5"      | 6"      | T11     | T12     | T13 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
| 224 1/2        | 224 1/2 | 217 1/2 | 211 1/2 | 199 1/2 | 190 1/2 | 212 1/2 | 212 1/2 | 208 1/2 |     |
| 221            | 218     | 215     | 209     | 194     | 185     | 215     | 212     | 207     |     |

### Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, Nov. 12 to Nov. 18, inclusive

| Date       | Wheat Feed | OATS   |        |        | BARLEY |        |         | FLAX    |        |        |         |         |
|------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
|            |            | 2CW3   | 4CW    | 5CW    | 1Fd    | 2Fd    | 3CW     | 4CW     | 5CW    | 1NW    | 2CW     | 3CW     |
| Nov. 12    | 182 1/2    | 82     | 79     | 81     | 78     | 74     | 105     | 100     | 92     | 91     | 371 1/2 | 368     |
| 13         | 182 1/2    | 82 1/2 | 79 1/2 | 81 1/2 | 78 1/2 | 74 1/2 | 105 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 92 1/2 | 91 1/2 | 371 1/2 | 368     |
| 14         | 182 1/2    | 81 1/2 | 79 1/2 | 81 1/2 | 78 1/2 | 74 1/2 | 105 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 92 1/2 | 91 1/2 | 371 1/2 | 368     |
| 15         | 181 1/2    | 81 1/2 | 79 1/2 | 81 1/2 | 78 1/2 | 74 1/2 | 105 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 92 1/2 | 91 1/2 | 371 1/2 | 368     |
| 16         | 182 1/2    | 83 1/2 | 81 1/2 | 82     | 79 1/2 | 76 1/2 | 107 1/2 | 102 1/2 | 94 1/2 | 94     | 377 1/2 | 374 1/2 |
| 18         | 182 1/2    | 86 1/2 | 83 1/2 | 84 1/2 | 81 1/2 |        | 110 1/2 | 105 1/2 | 93 1/2 | 91 1/2 | 379     | 376     |
| Week ago   |            |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |         |         |
| Year ago   |            |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |         |         |
| 2 year ago |            | 74 1/2 | 71 1/2 | 71 1/2 |        |        | 122 1/2 | 116 1/2 |        | 108    | 315 1/2 | 312 1/2 |

### LIVESTOCK

|                                   | Winnipeg    |             |  | Calgary     |             |             | Toronto     |             |             | St. Paul    |             |             | Chicago     |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | Nov. 18     | Year Ago    |  | Nov. 14     |             |             | Nov. 13     |             |             | Nov. 13     |             |             | Nov. 13     |             |             |             |
| <b>Cattle</b>                     |             |             |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Choice steers                     | 12.00-13.50 | 9.50-10.00  |  | 11.00-12.50 | 12.50-13.75 | 15.00-15.50 | 12.50-13.75 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.00-15.50 |
| Best butcher steers               | 11.00-11.75 | 8.25-9.50   |  | 10.50-11.25 | 10.00-10.50 | 13.00-14.00 | 10.50-11.25 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 |
| Fair to good butcher steers       | 8.00-9.00   | 5.50-8.25   |  | 9.50-10.00  | 7.50-9.00   | 8.50-9.50   | 7.50-9.00   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   |
| Good to choice fat cows           | 8.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.25   |  | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 8.00-9.00   | 6.50-7.50   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   | 8.00-9.00   |
| Medium to good cows               | 6.50-7.75   | 6.50-6.75   |  | 6.00-6.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 7.00-8.00   | 6.00-6.50   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   |
| Canners                           | 4.50-5.50   | 4.50-5.50   |  | 4.50-5.50   | 4.50-5.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 4.50-5.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   | 5.50-6.50   |
| Good to choice heifers            | 9.00-9.50   | 8.00-8.75   |  | 7.50-7.75   | 7.50-7.75   | 8.50-9.50   | 7.50-7.75   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   | 8.50-9.50   |
| Fair to good heifers              | 8.00-9.00   | 7.00-7.75   |  | 6.25-6.75   | 6.25-6.75   | 7.50-8.50   | 6.25-6.75   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   |
| Best oxen                         | 7.50-8.00   | 7.50-8.00   |  | 6.00-6.50   | 6.00-6.50   | 7.00-8.00   | 6.00-6.50   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   | 7.00-8.00   |
| Best butcher bulls                | 7.50-8.00   | 6.50-7.25   |  | 5.25-5.75   | 5.25-5.75   | 6.50-7.50   | 5.25-5.75   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   | 6.50-7.50   |
| Common to bologna bulls           | 5.50-7.00   | 5.50-6.75   |  | 5.00-5.25   | 5.00-5.25   | 6.00-7.00   | 5.00-5.25   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   | 6.00-7.00   |
| Fair to good feeder steers        | 8.50-9.50   | 8.00-9.00   |  | 7.50-8.00   | 7.50-8.00   | 9.00-10.00  | 7.50-8.00   | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  |
| Fair to good stocker steers       | 6.50-8.00   | 6.00-6.50   |  | 6.50-7.00   | 6.50-7.00   | 7.50-8.50   | 6.50-7.00   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   | 7.50-8.50   |
| Best milkers and springers (each) | \$85-\$120  | \$75-\$90   |  |             |             | \$100-\$150 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Fair milkers and springers (each) | \$50-\$80   | \$50-\$65   |  |             |             | \$65-\$90   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Hogs</b>                       |             |             |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Choice hogs, fed and watered      | 17.50       | 16.50       |  | 16.90       | 18.50       | 17.20       | 17.30       | 17.75       | 17.75       | 17.75       | 17.75       | 17.75       | 17.75       | 17.75       | 17.75       | 17.75       |
| Light hogs                        | 10.00-15.50 | 13.00       |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Sows                              | 11.50-13.50 | 10.00-11.00 |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Stags                             | 10.00-11.50 | 8.00-10.00  |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Sheep and Lambs</b>            |             |             |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Choice lambs                      | 14.00-15.50 | 10.00-17.00 |  | 12.00-12.25 | 13.00-14.00 | 14.00-14.25 | 12.00-12.25 | 13.00-14.00 | 14.00-14.25 | 14.00-14.25 | 14.00-14.25 | 14.00-14.25 | 14.00-14.25 | 14.00-14.25 | 14.00-14.25 | 14.00-14.25 |
| Best killing sheep                | 10.00-11.50 | 8.00-12.00  |  | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | 10.00-11.00 | 9.00-10.00  | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 | 10.00-11.00 |

### WILL WINTER STOCK

Nels Mathsen, Lamont, Alta., would take 50 head of cattle to feed through the winter on shares. Prefers two-year-olds. Failing to make them this way he would buy a carload of two-year-old steers or heifers, shortborns or Herefords.

W. F. Demmer, Spenydale, Alta., would like 100 head of cattle to winter or would take them for a term of years. He suggests cash terms.

Frank I. Todd, Oak Lake, Man., has sufficient feed and stable room as well as pasture for next summer for 10 or 15 cows or heifers. Suggests a share basis.

### TORONTO

Toronto, November 13. Dunn and Levarik report we had the heaviest run of the season here on Monday of this week. Owing to the peace news, the packers suspended business for the day, with the result that no sales were made at the Union Stock Yards. On Tuesday we opened with about 8,000 cattle on sale. The quality was generally very inferior, and a large percentage of the receipts were canners and light weight steers and heifers. What few good cattle that were here were sold readily, but at fully 50 cents per cwt. lower than they were during the previous week. All other classes of cattle might be quoted at one cent lower per pound than last week. There were a large number of young cattle here that should go back to the country. There were not many country buyers here, and a great many of the young cattle were sold to the packing houses for canning purposes. We sold some choice loads of feeders weighing in the neighborhood of 1,000 pounds at very good prices. All other grades of cattle were slow of sale and decidedly lower in demand and selling at fair prices. Today (Wednesday), the receipts were not so heavy, but the market was still more or less demoralized. We think the present is a good time for farmers to secure any stock for wintering purposes. They can be had at very reasonable prices.

Receipts of sheep and lambs were heavy and the market showed a marked decline in sympathy with all other markets. Best bunches of lambs were selling around 13 1/2 cents per pound today. Sheep declined also. Good to choice veal calves were scarce, and still selling high. Other grades were slow and lower. For hogs this week the market was fairly strong, and today they were making 17 1/2 to 17 3/4 cents f.o.b., and 18 1/2 cents fed and watered here.

The outlook is steady for cattle with weight and quality but not very bright for light, undesirable cattle. Canners are considerably lower, but we think they are still making good prices.

### CALGARY

Calgary, November 16.—The Livestock Department of the United Grain Growers Limited report this week's receipts as follows: Horses, 218; cattle, 5,254; hogs, 2,967; sheep, 7,749. Receipts for the corresponding week last year were: Horses, 486; cattle, 4,324; hogs, 1,522; sheep, 1,158.

Heavy receipts of common cattle was again the feature of a weak market. The only class of cattle that found a ready demand was the smooth heavy steers weighing 1,600 and up. The best sale of the week was the \$13.25 we realized on a choice 1,550 pound steer we sold for the co-operative Association of Olds, with a considerable number of others from the same shippers bringing \$12.50 and \$12.25. We would quote choice heavy steers smooth and fat from \$11.50 to \$12.50; medium steers, \$10.50 to \$11.25 and small fat steers \$9.50 to \$10, with a very poor demand for this class of stuff. Fat cows showing a heavy decline, being fully 50 cents lower than last week, and it took exceptionally good stuff to exceed \$7.00, we quote this class of stuff \$6.50 to \$7.00; medium cows \$6.00 to \$6.50 and common cows \$5.50 to \$6.00.

The canner trade was brisk at the prevailing price, the bulk selling from \$4.50 to \$5.25.