

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, September 14, 1914)

Wheat—Prices have had a heavy break this past week, pressure due to heavy offerings of cash wheat arriving from country points as well as large decline in both the principle American markets being the cause. At the outset prices were lower, the United States markets breaking on profit taking going there by the general public who bought on the sensational rise a couple of weeks ago and commercial selling making the undertone weak. As the week advanced values here gradually worked lower on all futures, hedging sales and lack of a general export demand helped the decline which at the close today was from 7c. to 8c. Country arrivals are running quite heavy, averaging well over 1,200 cars per day and grading mostly 2 Northern and 3 Northern. The cash demand was kept earlier in the week when offerings of spot wheat were scant, but later arrivals got heavier and buyers backed away, premiums gradually disappeared.

Oats—Following the decline in wheat here and pressure in oats in Chicago put prices 5c. to 6c. down. The cash demand continues keen at the going prices.

Barley—Demand indifferent and prices 1c. to 2c. lower.

Flax—Market erratic, closing figures are 6c. lower.

## CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week Ending Sept. 11, 1914.

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.			
Total	3,736,836	336,376	215,720
In vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	3,850,157	290,531	62,477
At Buffalo and Duluth	144,000	10,000	9,000
Total this week	8,249,834	732,228	287,197
Total last week	6,696,974	854,910	282,345
Total last year	3,185,774	5,349,485	931,083

At Midland and Tiffin there are 91,555 bushels of U.S. wheat and 97,112 bushels of U.S. oats in bond.

## WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Friday, September 11, were:

	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
Cash Grain		
1 Nor. wheat	81 1/2	81 1/2
2 Nor. wheat	1 10/16	1 09/16
3 Nor. wheat	1 07/16	1 05/16
3 white oats	49 1/2	46 1/2
Barley	58-65	54-60
Flax, No. 1	1 3/2	1 5/4
Futures		
Oct. wheat	1 12/16	1 09/16
Dec. wheat	1 12/16	1 12/16
May wheat	1 19/16	1 18/16
Beef Cattle, top	87 50	81 00
Hogs, top	8 75	9 00
Sheep, yearlings	6 00	6 65

## INSPECTIONS

Cars inspected for week ended September 7:

Wheat	4359
Oats	151
Barley	117
Flax	7
Screenings	10

Cars inspected on Sunday, September 13:

Wheat	1255
Oats	98
Barley	12
Flax	8

## ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 12.—Receipts at the stockyards today were as follows: 2,200 cattle, 700 hogs, 4,400 sheep. Prices ranged for killing cattle from \$8.00 to \$9.00; cows and heifers, \$4.75 to \$8.00; canners, \$3.75 to \$4.50; cutters, \$3.75 to \$4.75; bulls, \$4.50 to \$6.15; veal calves \$6.50 to \$10.75; market steady; veal calves 50 cents higher. Stockers and feeders—Feeding steers, 900 to 1,650 lbs., \$5.50 to \$7.25; stock steers, 500 to 900 lbs., \$5.00 to \$7.15; stock cows and heifers, \$4.00 to \$6.15; stock bulls, \$4.75 to \$5.60; market steady. Hogs ranged in price today from \$8.40 to \$8.55, with the market 10 cents lower. Shorn Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$4.00 to \$7.25; yearlings, \$5.00 to \$6.25; bucks, \$2.50 to \$3.25; wethers, \$4.50 to \$5.25; ewes, \$2.00 to \$4.75; lambs steady; sheep steady.

## CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12.—Hogs—Receipts 9,000, slow; 5 cents under yesterday's average. Bulk of sales, \$8.50 to \$9.10; light, \$8.85 to \$9.50; mixed, \$8.45 to \$9.50; heavy, \$8.25 to \$9.25; rough, \$8.25 to \$8.40; pigs, \$4.75 to \$5.25. Cattle—Receipts 5,000, steady. Heaves, \$6.00 to \$11.00; steers, \$6.35 to \$9.35; stockers and feeders, \$5.40 to \$8.25; cows and heifers, \$3.75 to \$9.35; calves, \$7.50 to \$11.50. Sheep—Receipts 7,000; steady. Sheep, \$5.15 to \$6.00; yearlings, \$5.90 to \$6.65; lambs, \$6.50 to \$8.20. Hog prices weakened today because of a large supply left over from yesterday. Cattle quotations were hardly more than normal. Sheep and lambs found a ready outlet.

## CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Calgary, Sept. 12.—Receipts of livestock at Calgary this week were as follows: 1,300 cattle, 1,950 sheep, 4,358 hogs, 128 horses. There has not been much change in the cattle market during the past week. Although the run was very light, prices were a little weaker and cattle slower to sell. Some extra choice steers sold at \$6.75, while the majority sold at \$6.35. A few extra good heifers were sold at \$6.00. Cows were selling at \$5.90 to \$5.50, very few bringing \$5.50. Oxen are selling strong, some extra choice sold at \$5.50, while the majority sold at \$4.75 to \$5.00. Bulls continue to be in good demand and are selling a shade stronger, some selling at \$5.15. Buyers should be careful, as cattle are liable to sell a little lower during the coming week. Sheep

hold strong for the good kind and the poor kind are not wanted. Lambs are selling at \$6.00, good wethers at \$5.60, ewes at \$5.00. Dealers quote the following prices, fed and watered: Steers, choice butcher, \$6.75; common butcher, \$6.35; feeders, \$5.50 to \$5.75; stockers, light, \$4.50 to \$5.50. Heifers, choice heavy, \$5.75; common, \$5.00; stockers, \$5.50; light, \$5.00. Cows, choice heavy, \$5.25; common, \$4.25 to \$4.75; thin, \$4.00 to \$4.50; calves, heavy, \$6.00 to \$7.00; light, to 200 lbs., \$8.00. Springers, choice, \$6.5 to \$8.0; common, \$5.0 to \$6.0. Bulls, common, \$4.00 to \$5.00. Oxen, choice, \$4.00 to \$5.00; common, \$3.50. Lambs, milk, \$7.00. Sheep, wethers, \$5.60; ewes, \$5.00. Hogs were very unsettled all week, opening at \$9.00 and selling today at \$8.25 to \$8.50. We look for a weak hog market for the coming week as the U.S. buyers are not buying at present. Choice hogs off cars, \$8.50 to \$8.80. Fed and watered, \$8.25 to \$8.55; rough hogs, 1 cent to 2 cents off; light, thin hogs not wanted.

## Winnipeg Livestock

Receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards during the past week have been as follows:—3,618 cattle, 80 calves, 5,038 hogs and 594 sheep.

**Cattle**  
The receipts during the past week of cattle at the yards have continued light. Demand both from the South and East has been very good and this together with local demand has acted to give the trade a very firm tone all week. Prices accordingly rule largely as those of last week, best stockers and feeders selling around \$6.75, with a few extra choice animals at a slightly higher figure. Choice butcher steers of good weight are, some of them, reaching as high as \$7.75, although the ruling quotation is \$7.50. There is a good sale for choice, thick, fat cows, but little change is noticed in oxen and bulls. Springers and milkers have again reached steady prices, although sale of such stock is slow. There is no change in veals, the best selling from \$6.50 to \$7.00.

**Hogs**  
The hog market has been somewhat lower this week owing to sympathy with a decline in the markets to the South. The price now is \$8.75, with some extra choice lots selling at \$9.25. The same deductions as were noted last week, namely, sows docked \$1.50 per cwt., stags \$3.00 and light weight pigs under 150 lbs., \$1.50 per cwt., continue in force, hence it is advisable if shippers wish to obtain the highest prices that careful buying and grading be done before sending to the market.

**Sheep**  
This week the lamb market has been over-supplied and as a consequence prices have dropped somewhat. Best lambs are selling at \$7.00 per hundred, with a range of from \$6.50 to \$7.00. Choice wethers are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.00 and choice ewes \$5.00 to \$5.50.

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	Oct.	Dec.	May
September 8	113 1/2	114 1/2	121 1/2
September 9	115 1/2	116 1/2	123 1/2
September 10	113 1/2	114 1/2	121 1/2
September 11	112 1/2	113 1/2	119 1/2
September 12	110 1/2	111 1/2	117 1/2
September 14	105 1/2	105 1/2	112 1/2

  

Oats—	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
September 8	52 1/2	51 1/2	
September 9	52 1/2	52 1/2	
September 10	50 1/2	50 1/2	
September 11	49 1/2	49 1/2	
September 12	47 1/2	48 1/2	
September 14	45 1/2	46 1/2	

  

Flax—	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
September 8	131	133	135 1/2
September 9	134	136	137 1/2
September 10	134	136	137 1/2
September 11	134	135 1/2	136 1/2
September 12	131 1/2	133 1/2	134 1/2
September 14	133	136 1/2	

### MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Sept. 12)

No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	\$1.13
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.14 1/2
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.15
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.13 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.12
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.12 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 17 cars	1.14
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 8 cars	1.13 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.13 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 8 cars	1.10 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.08 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.11 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.08 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.07
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.04 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.11
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.05 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.05 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.03 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.07 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.07 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.06
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, transit	1.07 1/2
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, Willmar	1.02 1/2
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.04
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.00
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.03 1/2
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.01 1/2
No. 4 wheat, 14 cars	98
No. 4 wheat, 8 cars	95
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	99 1/2
No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.00
No. 4 wheat, 8 cars	94 1/2
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.02
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	44 1/2
No. 3 oats, 1 car	45
No. 3 white oats, 4 cars	46 1/2
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	46
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	45
No. 3 white oats, 4,000 bu., to arrive	47
No. 3 white oats, 2,000 bu., to arrive	46 1/2

### STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, Sept. 11, 1914

1914		1913	
Wheat	Oats	Wheat	Oats
1 hard	1,547 40	2,340 20	
1 Nor.	904,166 40	594,414 40	
2 Nor.	1,358,060 00	286,001 00	
3 Nor.	825,326 00	45,177 30	
No. 4	225,860 10	57,158 30	
Others	421,875 40	446,485 39	
This week	3,736,836 50	This week	1,431,797 09
Last week	1,403,596 10	Last week	788,093 49
Increase	2,333,240 40	Increase	643,703 50

  

1914		1913	
Oats	Flaxseed	Oats	Flaxseed
1 C.W.	5,941 06	13,236 07	
2 C.W.	119,798 22	1,750,346 26	
3 C.W.	52,564 16	76,282 33	
Ex. 1 Fd.	29,741 16	100,209 25	
Others	129,229 16	109,178 31	
This week	336,375 08	This week	2,049,314 20
Last week	162,234 20	Last week	2,041,423 19
Increase	174,140 22	Increase	12,108 33

  

1914		1913	
Barley	Flaxseed	Barley	Flaxseed
3 C.W.	61,654 44	1 N.W.C.	1,942,080 50
4 C.W.	82,957 12	2 C.W.	87,989 31
Rej.	36,965 46	3 C.W.	14,447 50
Feed	9,993 42	Others	30,248 21
Others	24,148 36		
This week	215,720 36	This week	2,074,766 40
Last week	140,028 42	Last week	2,202,608 13
Increase	75,691 42	Increase	127,841 29
Last year's total	392,336 23	Last year's total	1,621,247 24

## Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from September 8 to September 14 inclusive

Date	WHEAT					Feed	OATS					BARLEY			FLAX				
	1°	2°	3°	4	5		2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1Fd	2Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Sept. 8	114	111 1/2	109 1/2	103 1/2	96 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	66 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	60 1/2	129	126			
9	116 1/2	113 1/2	111 1/2	105 1/2	98 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	65 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	60 1/2	131 1/2	128 1/2			
10	115 1/2	112 1/2	110 1/2	104 1/2	96 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	65 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	60 1/2	132	129			
11	113 1/2	110 1/2	107 1/2	102 1/2	95 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	65	62	60	58	132	129			
12	111 1/2	107 1/2	104 1/2	100 1/2	93 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	65	62	60	58	129 1/2	126 1/2			
14	109 1/2	102 1/2	97 1/2			48	47	47	47	45	61				131 1/2	128 1/2			

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Winnipeg Livestock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat				Cattle				Butter (per lb.)			
No. 1 Nor.	106	117 1/2	86 1/2	Choice steers	7 25-7 50	7 25-7 50	5 75-6 00	Fancy dairy	23c	23c	23c
No. 2 Nor.	102 1/2	114 1/2	84 1/2	Best butcher steers and heifers	7 00-7 25	7 00-7 25	5 50-5 65	No. 1 dairy	20c	20c	20c
No. 3 Nor.	97 1/2	112 1/2	83 1/2	Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6 50-6 75	6 50-6 75	5 15-5 25	Good round lots	17c-18c	16c-17c	18c
No. 4	107			Best fat cows	5 75-6 00	5 75-6 00	5 25-5 40	Eggs (per doz.)			
No. 5	99 1/2			Medium cows	5 25-5 50	5 00-5 25	4 25-4 50	Strictly new laid	20c-21c	20c-21c	23c-23c
No. 6	93 1/2			Common cows	3 75-4 00	3 75-4 00	3 00-3 60	Potatoes			
Feed				Best bulls	5 25-5 75	5 25-5 75	4 00-4 25	New	65c-70c	70c-75c	30c
Cash Oats				Com'n and medium bulls	4 50-5 00	4 50-5 00	3 50-3 75	Milk and Cream			
No. 2 CW	48	55 1/2	36 1/2	Choice veal calves	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	5 00-5 75	Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	30c	30c	30c
Cash Barley				Heavy calves	5 50-6 00	5 50-6 00	6 00-6 50	Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	24c	24c	25c
No. 3	61	66	48	Best milkers and springers (each)	855-865	855-865	860-875	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	82 00	82 00	82 00
Cash Flax				Common milkers and springers (each)	840-845	840-855	840-850	Hay (per ton)			
No. 1 NW	131 1/2	135	127	Hogs				No. 1 Red Top	812	812	812-813
Wheat Futures				Choice hogs	88 75						