

THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PRODUCE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

The highest quotations of wholesale prices for standard grades of farm produce in the leading markets of the world on the dates named; poorer stuff lower.

Table with columns for various cities (Boston, New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, etc.) and rows for various commodities (Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.) with their respective prices.

Business Side of Farming.

TRYING PERIOD IN WHEAT.

More interest has been shown in the wheat markets of the country, prices recovering somewhat from the recent low level. A chief factor is the inadequate snow covering in much of the winter wheat territory up to early Feb.

The markets for other cereals are without important feature; corn and oats in fair demand, prices substantially steady.

National Oleo Legislation—This session of Congress promises to prove a veritable battle field between the opposing forces of the dairy interest and the oleo people.

Larger Cattle Receipts—The four primary points, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and St. Louis, received 485,393 cattle in Jan., a gain of 55,000 over a year ago.

An Irregular Egg Market must be anticipated from this time forward. The middle of Feb. nearly always brings rapidly increasing receipts from the south.

Top Prices on Wool have possibly been reached, the market recently assuming a more quiet aspect. Buyers haggle over demands of holders, yet there is no quotable decline.

A Steadier Butter Market has been the rule since the break noted in the last number of F & H. Supplies at N. Y., Boston and western distributing points moderate but not burdensome.

The Advances in Freight Rates between Chicago and the Atlantic seaboard has met with earnest protests

from commercial bodies. Between these and possibly a pressure brought to bear by the law, the transportation companies may modify their new tariff affecting many hundreds of commodities.

A Winter Boom in Sheep has been the feature of the live stock markets at Buffalo, Chicago and elsewhere. Heavy sheep are the highest since last July and lambs show relative strength.

A Sensitive Egg Market is now very much in evidence. The season is so far advanced that cooler stocks are being forced on the market as rapidly as possible.

Argentina Will Ship Wheat to the extent of 72,000,000 bu from the latest crop, according to recent trade estimates.

Poultry Production from the incubation of the egg to the marketing of the mature fowls, is fully treated in the attractive book issued by the Des Moines Incubator Co., Des Moines, Ia.

Protection to Planters is afforded by the old reliable seed house of Peter Henderson & Co., 35 Cortlandt St., New York. This firm has withdrawn its trade from dealers so that its patrons trade direct with the New York house.

A Seasonable Demand for Poultry is noted in all sections, but prices continue rather low under moderately liberal offerings. The situation is without important change.

Flaxseed at Record Prices—Recent sales have been at \$1.59 p bu, the highest in a great many years.

In the Snow Heaps.

MAKING SUGAR AND SYRUP.

Color and flavor are imparted by the nature of the soil; each is but the natural pure product of the maple. To test your maples, I know of no better way than to take freshly dropped sap to the house and place in tin pans on the kitchen range and boil it to syrup and sugar.

To produce the best your maples are capable of, careful, rapid movement, the sconeat that it is practicable to gather the sap and reduce it to syrup and sugar with cleanliness in every detail, is essential.

There is a sediment in sap, although not perceptible until reduced to about 6 lbs to the gallon. By using proper strainers it can be taken out; it will generally settle to the bottom.

I have used tapping bits from 1/4 to 1 in, but prefer 5-16 in bit with an oiled hard wood spout to fit the bit. The small bit cuts just as many grains of wood, therefore just as much sap, and better, for there is not as large a space to receive oil to dry and corrode and is less injurious to the tree.

A well-laid brick arch is most enduring and does equally as good work. Place a 35-flue heater or boiler at the rear of the arch to utilize the waste heat. The sap is heated and boiled in a tin evaporator 42 in by 12 ft divided into departments of 15 in connected by metallic stoppered tubes and each department with an outside tube.

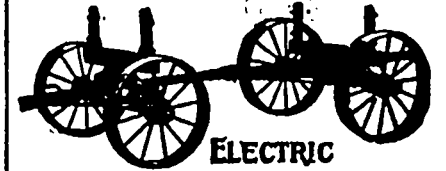
No sugar maker should undertake to make a good quality of sugar or syrup without providing himself with felt strainers and bucket covers. No customer who has once received syrup that has been through a good felt strainer will be satisfied with muddy syrup.

The shallower the sap, the more rapid is the evaporation, and the more rapid the evaporation, the lighter will be the color of the product.

By painting the opposite sides of the cover different colors and reversing the covers as the sap is gathered, these covers become self-registering and a mere glance shows the gatherer which buckets have been emptied.

Farm Wagon Economy.

The economy of this proposition is not all found in the very reasonable price of the wagon itself, but in the great amount of labor it will save, and its great durability.



This wagon is composed of the best material throughout—white hickory axles, steel wheels, steel bounds, etc. Guaranteed to carry 4,000 lbs.

STEEL WHEELS and HANDY WAGONS of every style and price are made in our mammoth factory and sold direct to farmers.

Advertisement for Steel Roofing featuring an illustration of a roof and text: 'STEEL ROOFING THE ONLY TOOLS YOU NEED. We have on hand 5000 square yards NEW STEEL ROOFING. Sheets either flat, corrugated or V-crimped. Price per square of 20x20 feet \$1.75'

Advertisement for Appleton Steel Frame Wood Saw featuring an illustration of the saw and text: 'SEE! SAW your own wood and save time and money. See your neighbor's wood and make from \$5 to \$15 a day. You can do it with an APPLETON Steel Frame Wood Saw.'

Advertisement for Fire, Weather, and Lightning Proof Metal Collings and Side Walls featuring text: 'Black, painted, or galvanized metal ROOFING and siding (brick, rock or corrugated) Metal Collings and Side Walls In elegant designs. Write for Catalogue.'

Large advertisement for Hood's Sarsaparilla with decorative border and text: 'Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures those eruptions, boils and pimples which are so likely to appear in the Spring; cures scrofulous diseases in their most tenacious forms; cures salt rheum or eczema with its dreadful itching and burning; cures all stomach troubles due to generally weak condition; cures debility, sick headache and "that tired feeling," which just as surely indicate that the blood is lacking in vitality and the elements of health. Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.'