The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	Dec.	May	July
Dec. 15	117¾	123⅛	124¾
Dec. 16	117¾	122⅞	124¼
Dec. 17	118⅛	123⅝	125
Dec. 18	118¼	123⅞	125¼
Dec. 19	121½	125⅞	127¼
Dec. 21	121⅞	126⅜	127¾
Oats—			
Dec. 15	52	56	...
Dec. 16	52	56	...
Dec. 17	52⅜	56⅛	...
Dec. 18	52⅜	56⅜	...
Dec. 19	55¼	57⅜	...
Dec. 21	55⅞	57⅞	...
Flax—			
Dec. 15	132¼	137½	...
Dec. 16	131½	136½	...
Dec. 17	132	137	...
Dec. 18	132¼	137⅛	...
Dec. 19	132⅜	137¾	...
Dec. 21	132¾	137⅞	...

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES
(Sample Market, Dec. 19)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	$1.22¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.21
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,300 bu., to arrive	1.18½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.19⅜
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.14¾
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.19¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 8 cars	1.18⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.18⅜
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.14½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.17⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.19½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.16⅛
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.17¾
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.17
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.13¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.15¾
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.05⅜
Rejected wheat, part car	1.03¾
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.06⅜
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.06¾
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.10⅜
Screenings, 1 car, ton	15.00
Screenings, 1 car, ton	20.00
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.16¾
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.05
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.04⅜
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.06
No grade wheat, 1 car, bin burnt and hot	1.05
No. 3 mixed wheat, 1 car, o.w.b.	1.15
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.15¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.15⅞
No. 4 wheat, 4 cars	1.15
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.13½
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.33½
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.26½
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.35½
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.21
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.27
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.31
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.22
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.17⅞
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.11⅞
No. 3 corn, 2 cars, mixed	60½
No. 4 corn, 1 car	59½
No. 3 corn, 1 car, mixed	60½
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	61
No. 3 white corn, 1 car, to run	61½
No. 4 yellow corn, 1 car	60½
No. 3 corn, 8 cars	61¼
No. 4 corn, 1 car, mixed	60½
Sample grade oats, 1 car	45¼
Sample grade oats, 1 car	48
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, choice	46
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	46¾
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	45
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to run	46½
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	46½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	45½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	45½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	46
No. 2 rye, 4 cars	1.06
No. 2 rye, 700 bu., to arrive	1.06
No. 2 rye, 1 car, to arrive	1.06
No. 2 rye, part car	1.06
No. 3 rye, 1 car	1.05½
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.57½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.62½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.62½
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.60
No grade barley, 1 car	.55½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.62
No grade barley, 1 car	.58
Sample barley, 5 cars	.57
Sample barley, 7 cars	.57½
Sample barley, 1 car	.60
Sample barley, 8 cars	.58½
Sample barley, 1 car	.59
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	1.60½
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.59¼
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	1.59
No. 1 flax, 1,500 bu., to arrive	1.60
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.58½

STOCKS IN TERMINALS
Fort William, Dec. 16, 1914.—

	1914		1913
	Wheat		
1 hard	14,206.40		84,553.50
1 Nor.	671,486.00		3,202,290.20
2 Nor.	1,125,943.00		1,783,336.05
3 Nor.	816,227.20		568,949.10
No. 4	477,211.10		157,295.40
Others	703,185.10		1,325,626.28
This week	3,808,259.20	This week	7,122,051.33
Last week	3,215,920.10	Last week	6,694,613.23
Increase	592,339.10	Increase	427,438.10
	Oats		
1 C.W.	15,639.24		24,881.17
2 C.W.	573,398.13		1,768,885.18
3 C.W.	273,388.15		1,189,212.01
Ex. 1 Fd.	177,401.26		48,481.17
Others	769,561.06		763,074.24
This week	1,809,389.16	This week	3,794,535.09
Last week	1,785,322.20	Last week	3,308,989.23
Increase	24,066.30	Increase	485,545.20
	Barley		**Flaxseed**
3 C.W.	73,773.02	1 N.W.C.	433,345.29
4 C.W.	94,376.37	2 C.W.	72,397.37
Rej.	17,996.16	3 C.W.	15,999.32
Feed	30,895.08	Others	13,810.37
Others	53,134.35		
This week	270,176.02	This week	535,553.23
Last week	260,892.04	Last week	476,404.27
Increase	9,283.46	Increase	59,148.52
Last year's total	1,274,071.13	Last year's total	2,011,239.09

SHIPMENTS

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
1914				
lake	249,353	162,317	12,646	918
rail	129,779	46,250	9,370	34,549
1913				
lake	2,437,561	817,998	182,593	30
rail	771,241	308,684	22,199	

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY
Week Ending Dec. 18, 1914.—

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	3,808,259	1,809,389	270,176
Total	12,202,274	5,983,851	744,840
In ves'ls in Can. Ter. Harbors	973,884	192,594	....
At Buffalo and Duluth	1,994,429	277,048	30,000
Total this week	15,170,587	6,453,493	774,840
Total last week	12,213,724	4,669,715	574,881
Total last year	21,712,778	14,860,594	3,959,448

At Midland and Tiffin there are 183,675 bushels of U. S. wheat and 418,874 bushels U. S. oats in bond.

CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Calgary, Dec. 18.—Hogs—A panicy condition prevailed on the Thursday and Friday hog market. The yards were swamped with hogs and prices at Thursday's close were 25 cents lower than in the morning. There was no knowing what turn Friday's selling would take, but the situation was saved somewhat by the commission men wiring for Eastern orders, which orders they got and readily filled. Thus the market for choicest carloads closed Friday night at $6.30 to $6.35, and stronger than was expected. The bulk of the day's selling was at $6.20 upwards. Buyers will not take stocker hogs (120 to 150 lbs.) for selects, no matter how fat, and 1 cent is being cut off top prices for this class. Carload lots of such stockers about a quarter lower. Fat, light hogs, 50 to 100 lbs., at $4.50 to $4.75. Beef Steers and Butcher Stock—Six cents is the top price for export steers, as the demand has lessened considerably. Lighter weights are selling at from $5.00 to $5.25 for feeders. Fat cows and heavy heifers slightly lower at $5.25 for tops. Fat Sheep—There is a great butcher demand for sheep, which are scarce. There is no inquiry whatever for light, thin sheep. Killing Cattle—Steers, choice export, top, $6.00; choice butcher, $5.75 to $6.00. Cows, choice, $5.25. Oxen, thin to very choice, $2.60 to $5.25. Heifers; choice heavy, top, $5.25; common, $5.00. Cows, fair, $3.50 to $4.50. Veal calves, 500 to 600 lbs., 6 cents higher for lighter kinds. Stockers and Feeders—Feeding steers, 500 to 1,100 lbs., $4.75 to $5.25; heifers, $4.75 to $5.25. Springers, choice at $60 to $70; common at $40 to $60. Calves and yearlings at $5.00 to $5.25. Sheep—Fat wethers, ewes and lambs at $6.00, $5.50 and $6.70, respectively. Hogs—Hogs, weighed off cars, $6.00 to $6.25; fed and watered at $5.75 to $6.00.

(Note—The above prices are quoted by the Livestock Branch, Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company Limited.)

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Hogs—Receipts 35,000; slow, 10 cents to 15 cents under yesterday's average; bulk, $6.95 to $7.10; light, $6.70 to $7.15; mixed, $6.80 to $7.20; heavy, $6.75 to $7.20; rough, $6.75 to $6.85; pigs, $5.50 to $7.15.

Cattle—Receipts 500; weak; native steers, $5.10; western, $4.90 to $7.65; cows and heifers, $2.90 to $7.75; calves, $6.00 to $8.75.

Sheep—Receipts 3000; weak; sheep, $5.25 to $6.35; yearlings, $6.40 to $7.45; lambs, $6.40 to $8.60.

Much larger receipts than expected forced hog prices today downward. Cattle quotations were almost nominal. Trade was slow in the market for sheep and lambs.

AMERICAN BARLEY AND OATS

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Cash oats closed as follows:

No. 3 white oats	46½	47
No. 3 oats	43½	45½
Barley	54	64
Flax	157¼	160¼

RAW FUR MARKET

The market on all kinds of raw furs is lower than one year ago, owing to the war in Europe which cut off the foreign market, and to the general unsettled financial conditions thruout the world. The following gives an idea of the range of prices being paid for the various kinds of raw fur:

Mink, 20 cents to $5.50; lynx, 25 cents to $14.00; bear, 50 cents to $22.50; raccoon, 15 cents to $4.50; fisher, 30 cents to $25.00; badger, 5 cents to $1.50; skunk, 20 cents to $2.75; red fox, 20 cents to $9.00; wolf, 20 cents to $7.50; white weasel, 10 cents to $1.10; muskrats, 5 cents to 36 cents.

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, December 19, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.20¾	$1.22¼
2 Nor. wheat	1.17¾	1.20¼
3 Nor. wheat	1.13¾	1.19
3 white oats	.50½	.47
Barley	.56½-63½	.54-64
Flax, No. 1	1.32½	1.60¼
Futures—		
Dec. wheat	1.21	1.17¾
May wheat	1.25⅛	1.21¾
July wheat	1.27¼	1.22½
	Winnipeg	**Chicago**
Beef Cattle, top	$6.25	$7.65
Hogs, top	6.60	7.20
Sheep, yearlings	5.75	7.45

Winnipeg Livestock

Stockyard Receipts

There were received at the Union stockyards during the past week: 2,147 cattle, 135 calves, 18,375 hogs and 291 sheep.

Cattle

In spite of smaller receipts at the yards this week the cattle trade has not been any stronger. In fact, in sympathy with lower quotations in both Eastern and Southern markets, the price has declined from 15 to 25 cents. All thru the week the market has been dull and draggy and the majority of the offerings have been hard to sell at anything like satisfactory prices. Very little choice Christmas beef has been coming into the market and with the exception of a few odd bunches of steers suitable for the Christmas trade, the best steers have sold around $6.00 to $6.25. Medium butcher steers sell from $5.00 to $5.75. Quite a number of the offerings have included good weight steers not carrying much flesh that have sold to the feeder buyers at from $5.35 to $5.50. Choice females have sold fairly well at $5.50 to $5.75. Choice, thick, fat cows $5.00 to $5.25. A demand has been apparent for stockers and, with light offerings, good quality steers have sold around $5.00 to $5.25 and stock heifers $4.50 to $4.75. Milkers and springers are holding about steady at last week's prices. Eastern and Southern markets all tend to lower prices, so that a change for the better is not to be expected before the New Year.

Hogs

Hogs have been coming in in thousands. Nearly four and a half thousand more were received this week than during the previous one. Outside markets have been similarly flooded and it is not to be wondered at that prices have declined. Choice hogs are selling fairly well at $6.60, but the market is not by any means to be depended upon. Rough sows are selling at $5.50 to $5.60 and lights $5.50. Packers during the past week have declared a boycott on chop-fed hogs, only those being fed whole grain at the yards being bought. Their contention is that chop-fed hogs off the cars lose very heavily in shrinkage after being bought. There is quite a controversy at present in regard to this question and it is advisable for buyers to proceed slowly until an understanding has been arrived at.

Sheep

Receipts of sheep and lambs have been very light, but prices are good. Sheep seem to be becoming very popular once again for food. Best lambs are selling around $6.75 to $7.25, with a few extra choice Christmas lambs around $7.50. Best sheep $5.50 to $6.00.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from December 15 to December 21 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1°	2°	3°	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Dec. 15	117¾	114¾	110¼	106¼	101¼	96¼	92	52	49	49	..	..	61½	57½	56	56	132	129	..	..
16	117¾	114¾	110¼	106½	101¾	96¾	92½	52	49	49	..	..	61½	57½	55	55	131½	128½	..	..
17	118⅛	115½	111	107	102½	97½	93½	52½	49¼	49¼	47¾	..	..	..	..	..	131¾	128¾	..	..
18	118¾	115¾	111¾	107½	102¾	97¾	93¾	52¾	49¼	49¼	48	47	62½	58	56	56	132½	129½	..	..
19	120¾	117¾	113¾	109½	104¾	99¾	95¾	53¼	50½	50½	49	48	63½	60	56½	56½	132½	129½	..	..
21	121¾	118¾	114¼	110½	105¾	100¾	96¾	53¾	50¾	50¾	49½	48½	64	60	57	57	132½	129½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE — CORRECTED TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat			
No. 1 Nor.	121¾	117	82¾
No. 2 Nor.	118¾	114	80
No. 3 Nor.	114¼	109	76⅞
No. 4	110½	105½	73¼
No. 5	105¾	100½	66½
No. 6	100¾	95½	62½
Feed	96¾	91	56½
Cash Oats			
No. 2 CW	53¾	51¾	33½
Cash Barley			
No. 3	64	61½	41½
Cash Flax			
No. 1 NW	132½	129½	121½
Wheat Futures			
December	121⅞	117⅛	82¾
May	126¾	122½	89½
July	127¾	123¾	90½
Oat Futures			
December	53¾	52	33½
May	57¼	55⅛	37¾
Flax Futures			
December	132¾	129¾	122
May	137⅞	135½	130

Winnipeg Livestock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cattle	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Choice steers	6.00-6.25	6.25-6.50	6.50-6.75
Best butcher steers and heifers	5.50-5.75	6.00-6.25	6.25-6.50
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	4.45-5.00	5.50-5.75	5.75-6.00
Best fat cows	5.00-5.25	5.25-5.50	5.50-5.75
Medium cows	4.50-4.75	4.50-4.75	5.00-5.25
Common cows	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.50
Best bulls	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.50
Choice heifers	5.50-5.75	5.75-6.00	.....
Com'n and medium bulls	4.25-4.50	4.25-4.50	4.00-4.50
Best feeding steers	5.25-5.50	5.00-5.25	6.50-7.00
Best stocker steers	4.75-5.25	4.75-5.00	5.50-6.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$55-$65	$55-$65	$70-$80
Common milkers and springers (each)	$40-$45	$35-$45	$45-$60
Hogs			
Choice hogs	$6.50	$6.50	$7.50
Heavy sows	$5.60	$5.60	$6.00
Stags	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	$4.00
Sheep and Lambs			
Choice lambs	6.75-7.25	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50
Best killing sheep	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50

Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Butter (per lb.)			
Fancy dairy	24c	24c	23c-24c
No. 1 dairy	21c	21c	20c-21c
Good round lots	18c	18c	19c
Eggs (per doz.)			
Strictly new laid	35c-50c	35c-50c	35c-40c
Subject to Candling	26c	28c	30c
Potatoes			
New	55c-60c	55c-60c	60c
Milk and Cream			
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	35c	35c	34c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	28c	28c	29c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.25	$2.25	$2.10
Dressed Poultry			
Chickens	12½c	12½c	13c-15c
Roosters	9c-10c	9c-10c	10c-12c
Ducks	12½c	12½c	13c-14c
Turkeys	15c-16c	15c-16c	17c-19c
Hay (per ton)			
No. 1 Red Top	$14	$14	$10-$11
No. 1 Upland	$13	$13	$9-$10
No. 1 Timothy	$16	$16	$15
No. 1 Midland	$11-$12	$11-$12	...

Country Produce

Note.—Quotations are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are f.o.b. point of shipment.

General Conditions

Had this been any other year the Christmas season would have had a decided influence in raising prices in the produce market for the time being. This year, however, the European war has upset all such calculations and scarcely any change is the result in the local markets.

Butter

There is not very much butter being received at present, most of that being sold coming from stored stock. Prices hold just the same as those quoted for last week, namely, for fancy dairy butter, 24 cents per pound, No. 1 dairy 21 cents, and good round lots 18 cents.

Eggs

To all intents and purposes no eggs are being received from the farms at this time of the year, so that prices are, at the best, only nominal. Dealers are offering 26 cents per dozen subject to candling, but state that as high as 40 cents would be paid for strictly fresh eggs, could they be relied upon.

Potatoes

Potatoes, too, are only quoted nominally. None are being received at this time of the year and very little demand is being made on the stores of the local merchants. It is not expected that much demand will be experienced for potatoes until on towards spring. Price quoted today is 55 to 60 cents per bushel.

Milk and Cream

The supply is continuing good for this time of the year and altho a little higher demand is expected owing to the festive season, it will not be sufficient to enhance the price in any way. Sweet cream is worth 35 cents per pound of butter-fat, sour cream 28 cents and milk continues the same at $2.25 per hundred pounds.

Dressed Poultry

The one market which is generally the most affected by the Christmas trade, this year reports no change at all in prices. The market is glutted and prices remain the same, as follows: Chickens, 12½ cents; fowl, 9 to 10 cents; ducks, 12½ cents; geese, 12½ to 14 cents, and turkeys, 15 to 16 cents.

Hay

The hay market is just about the same, good prices being realized providing shipments are not too heavy. No. 1 Red Top is worth $14 per ton, No. 1 Upland $13, and No. 1 Timothy $16 per ton.