

The series mimeographed and charted consists of c.i.f. prices at Liverpool for early shipments of Canadian No. 2 Northern (Atlantic shipment), Argentine Rosafe, and Australian f.a.q. The data are fragmentary up to February, 1931, and at the best are weekly quotations. There are many gaps, however, so that any true comparison must start from February, 1931. The conversions to Canadian currency were made at current rates of exchange. From January 1, 1932, the No. 2 Northern prices are given for Atlantic and Vancouver shipments separately. This marks the first date when Broomhall quoted them as such. Only the price series for No. 2 Northern Atlantic shipment is charted.

Commenting briefly on the series, there is a noticeable tendency for Southern Hemisphere prices to strengthen in relation to other wheat prices when their active shipping season is over. Their prevailing practice is to ship heavily from about February to August; then their wheat is harder to obtain.

As you will see by reference to the tables and the chart before you, there is a considerable variation in the spreads between these different kinds of wheat. Normally, however, No. 2 Northern sells at the highest level and Argentine Rosafe at the lowest. Australian wheat sometimes sells higher than our No. 2 Northern. Quality is not the only price-determining factor; much depends on the selling policy of the different countries, which varies between seasons of the year and between the years also. For example, since elevator space is limited in Argentina, they are compelled to sell freely after harvest. I have given you detailed prices. I have made some averages on a yearly basis if they would be interesting to you.

In the 11-month period from February to December, 1931, the simple averages of the quotations were:—

	Cents per bushel
No. 2 Northern (Atlantic Shipment)	72.8
Argentina Rosafe	62.0
Australian	66.8

Thus No. 2 Northern had a spread of 6.0 cents per bushel over Australian and 10.8 cents per bushel over Argentina Rosafe.

In the calendar year 1932, the simple averages of the quotations were:—

	Cents per bushel
No. 2 Northern (Atlantic Shipment)	68.3
No. 2 (Vancouver Shipment)	66.8
Argentina Rosafe	62.5
Australian	66.1

No. 2 Northern Atlantic had a spread of 1.5 cents over the Vancouver shipments, 2.2 cents over Australian and 5.8 cents over Argentina Rosafe.

No. 2 Northern Vancouver had a spread of 0.7 cent over Australian and 4.3 cents over Argentina Rosafe.

The spreads were much narrower in the last seven months of the year than they were from January to May. Canada had abundant supplies to dispose of at this time and prices were unusually competitive.

In the calendar year 1933, the simple averages of the quotations were:—

	Cents per bushel
No. 2 Northern (Atlantic Shipment)	73.3
No. 2 Northern (Vancouver Shipment)	70.3
Argentina Rosafe	60.5
Australian	69.6

No. 2 Northern Atlantic had a spread of 3.0 cents over the Vancouver shipments, 3.7 cents over Australian and 12.8 cents over Argentina Rosafe.

No. 2 Northern Vancouver had a spread of 0.7 cent over Australian and 9.8 cents over Argentina Rosafe.