The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company, Limited, May 29, 1916)

Wheat—There was a range of about 5 cents per bushel on Winnipeg futures during last week. The low points were touched on Tuesday and the high points on Friday. For the week May prices show a loss of 1 cent, July 1¼ cent, October 2¼ cents. Reports from some of the winter wheat states during the early part of the week were more favorable and crop estimates were bearish. Later advices told of hot dry weather doing serious damage and a strong market resulted on Friday, but rains fell in those districts on Friday night and a reaction in prices took place on Saturday. The amount of export business reported during the week was small, but cash wheat demand was good, as the grain was required to fill chartered vessel space. With only a few days of the month remaining, premiums are still paid for contract grades of wheat.

Oats—Prices have been steady and demand good. The premium for May futures was a feature and on Thursday May was selling at 2¼ cents over July. Closing prices on Saturday show a loss of 1¼ cents on May and 1¼ cents on July.

Barley—Prices fluctuated very little and trading was light. Saturday's close was unchanged for May futures and ¼ cent lower than the previous week for 3 Canada Western.

Flax—Shows a gain for the week of 1¼ cents on May and 1 cent on July. Early in the week there was a sharp break, which was recovered later.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	July	Oct.
Wheat—			
May 23	113⅛	112⅛	109
May 24	Victoria	Day,	Holiday
May 25	115⅛	113⅛	110⅛
May 26	116⅛	115⅛	111⅛
May 27	114	113⅛	109⅛
May 29	112⅛	112	108⅛
Week ago	113	112⅛	108⅛
Year ago		144⅛	121⅛
Oats—			
May 23	46⅛	45⅛	39⅛
May 24	Victoria	Day,	Holiday
May 25	48⅛	45⅛	40
May 26	47⅛	45⅛	40⅛
May 27	46⅛	45⅛	39⅛
May 29	46	44⅛	39⅛
Week ago	46⅛	45⅛	40⅛
Year ago		63	
Flax—			
May 23	160⅛	162⅛	158
May 24	Victoria	Day,	Holiday
May 25	163⅛	165⅛	159⅛
May 26	163⅛	166	161
May 27	167	168⅛	164
May 29	166⅛	168	163
Week ago	159⅛	161⅛	155⅛
Year ago		167⅛	170⅛

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, May 26)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	$1.19⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.21⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 8 cars	1.18⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.21⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.21⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.17⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.19⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.21⅛
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.13⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.16⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.14⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.14⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.17⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.16⅛
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.12⅛
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.11⅛
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, W.F.	1.14
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.10⅛
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, W.F.	1.09
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.14⅛
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.12⅛
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.08
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.03
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, frost	1.09
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.03⅛
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 2 cars, dock	1.06⅛
No. 4 white oats, 6 cars	.39⅛
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.38⅛
Mill oats, 1 car	.36⅛
No. 2 rye, 3 cars	.93⅛
Sample barley, 5 cars	.65⅛
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.69
No. 2 feed barley, 2 cars	.69
Sample barley, 4 cars	.68
No. 2 feed barley, 2 cars	.68
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.69
No. 1 flax, 3 cars	1.90⅛
No. 1 flax, 2 cars	1.83⅛
No. 2 flax, part car	1.84⅛
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.86⅛

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, May 27.—Market quiet.

Spot Market

No. 1 hard winter	$1.58⅛
No. 2 red winter	1.63
No. 1 Nor. spring, Chicago	1.69
No. 1 Nor. blue stem	1.65⅛
No. 1 Nor. Manitoba	1.70⅛
No. 2 Nor. Manitoba	1.68
No. 3 Nor. Manitoba	1.65⅛

Parcels

No. 1 Nor. Man., May-June	1.62⅛
No. 1 Nor. Man., June-July	1.62⅛
No. 1 Nor. Man., July-August	1.64⅛

Cable as received reads: Market quiet. Spot unchanged.—Manitoba Free Press.

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, May 28, 1916.—

1916 Wheat

	This Year		Last Year	
1 hard	75,202	20	12,377	40
1 Nor.	5,330,243	00	500,706	50
2 Nor.	2,045,951	00	836,529	00
3 Nor.	1,415,103	40	494,627	00
No. 4	1,468,772	20	220,227	20
Others	2,260,636	50	672,025	50
This week	12,595,909	40	This week	2,733,493 40
Last week	11,601,665	30	Last week	3,337,264 40
Increase	994,244	10	Decrease	597,771 00

Oats

1 C.W.	33,496	20	248	18
2 C.W.	1,708,415	15	718,635	04
3 C.W.	799,109	05	192,551	04
Ex. 1 Fd.	247,377	25	35,283	10
Others	685,088	07	435,660	04
This week	3,473,487	04	This week	1,382,178 06
Last week	3,499,753	04	Last week	1,622,704 33
Decrease	26,266	00	Decrease	240,526 27

Barley

3 C.W.	256,977	14	1 N.W.C.	891,732 02
4 C.W.	199,068	35	2 C.W.	113,549 49
Rej.	57,181	38	3 C.W.	30,581 30
Feed	32,293	02	Others	34,148 08
Others	41,469	34		
This week	587,190	27	This week	1,069,811 24
Last week	741,222	33	Last week	1,193,760 34
Decrease	154,032	06	Decrease	123,949 10
Last year's total	353,884	11	Last year's total	3,580,874 08

Flaxseed

1 N.W.C.	891,732	02		
2 C.W.	113,549	49		
3 C.W.	30,581	30		
Others	34,148	08		
This week	1,069,811	24		
Last week	1,193,760	34		
Decrease	123,949	10		
Last year's total	3,580,874	08		

SHIPMENTS

	1916—Lake	1916—Rail
Wheat	4,935,587 10	124,143 40
Oats	2,037,972 26	17,057 02
Barley	306,478 14	4,483 24
Flax	292,397 08	2,630 00
	1915—Lake	**1915—Rail**
Wheat	1,908,519 00	54,025 00
Oats	315,671 00	7,272 00
Barley	27,578 00	7,492 00
Flax	14,278 00	245 00

INSPECTIONS

Inspections of cars of grain for Sunday, May 28, were as follows:—

	This Year	Last Year
Wheat	396	122
Oats	110	15
Barley	9	5
Flax	13	2
Screenings	..	4
Total	528	148

Winnipeg, May 29.—There are 1,175 cars of grain in sight for inspection.

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending Wednesday, May 25, movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Saskatoon	Wheat	10,743.20	202,972.20	1,775,409.50
"	Oats	1,869.14	105,275.20	594,163.08
"	Barley	1,425.20	1,861.02	45,649.13
"	Flax		6,548.23	123,074.17
Calgary	Wheat	1,400.00	220,066.00	358,038.00
"	Oats	123.00	111,965.00	194,002.00
"	Barley		2,980.00	6,253.00
"	Flax			1,069.00
"	Mix'd Grain		31,200 lbs.	236,000 lbs.

The Livestock Markets

Toronto, May 25.—Dunn & Levack report cattle on the Toronto market as follows: "The market opened on Monday with a good demand for all classes of cattle and we had the best cattle trade on record at the Union stockyards. There were some very good loads of butcher cattle on sale and they were quickly picked up. We made $9.85 per cwt. for two best loads, this being a high record for loads of cattle at these yards. The quality was generally good. Through the balance of the week receipts were light. On Wednesday the trade was a little slow on account of it being a holiday and the market closed fairly strong with everything sold. The butcher cow trade was very satisfactory this week. Good butcher bulls are wanted and selling high. We do not look for such heavy supplies of butcher cattle during the next few weeks and the markets should be very good as there cannot be a great many cattle offering until the grass cattle come in."

The demand for good springers has been strong this week, buyers having generally more orders than they could handle. The prairie governments have been buying here regularly, one department paying an average of $88 for a hundred good animals. $10.90 was paid for swine fed and watered.

Winnipeg, May 24.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. reports receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards, Winnipeg, the past week as follows: Cattle, 950; calves, 250; sheep and lambs, 0; hogs, 3,800.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principa western markets on Saturday, May 27, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.14	$1.22⅛
2 Nor. wheat	1.12⅛	1.17⅛
3 Nor. wheat	1.07⅛	1.13⅛
3 white oats	.45⅛	.40
Barley	.67	.70⅛-.72
Flax, No. 1	1.66⅛	1.93
Futures—		
May wheat	1.14	1.17⅛
July wheat	1.13⅛	1.16⅛
Oct. wheat	1.09⅛ (Sept.)	1.15⅛

With fairly liberal receipts the end of last week there was an active demand for all kinds of cattle at strong prices. Trade opened up on Monday on light receipts at strong prices, several choice cars of steers bringing from $9.00 to $9.25. Medium butcher cattle and cows are also selling proportionately high. Trade on stockers and feeders remains about steady. We look for cattle values to remain strong as we do not expect heavy enough supplies to break the market. There was a fair run of veal calves forward. Choice stuff weighing 125 to 200 pounds bring $7.50 to $8.50; common to fair $6.00 to $7.00. There were no sheep or lambs offered during the week. Good quality sheep would bring $6.75 to $7.50, and choice lambs $8.00 to $9.00.

Select hogs closed last week at $10.75 fed and watered. The market opened on Monday this week at $10.75 with a weaker feeling and Tuesday there was a decline to $10.50. On Wednesday there was a further decline to $10.25. This drop in hog values is due to lower prices both on the Eastern and Western markets.

Hogs are rather draggy and weak this morning (May 29). Eastern packers demand has fallen off considerably and in consequence our prices in the market are considerably weaker. All markets show a 10 to 15 cent decline on hogs and it looks as if the packers had control of the situation just at present.

Calgary, May 27.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. report last week's Alberta stockyards receipts as follows: Horses, 312; cattle, 382; hogs, 2,748; sheep, 100. This week's receipts were: Horses, 167; cattle, 817; hogs, 1,256; sheep, 19.

Outward shipments were 7 cars cattle New Westminster, 9 cars cattle Edmonton, 4 cars hogs Winnipeg, 2 cars hogs New Westminster, 1 mixed car hogs and cattle Vancouver.

Cattle maintained their steadiness at $8.15 for top steers, with no Alberta or B.C. grass cattle in sight. Hogs sold thruout the week at $10.25 till Friday, when they dropped to $10.00, notwithstanding the lower receipts, all select hogs on the market only bringing this price. Lower Eastern markets and no demand was the cause of it all. (Hogs this week a year ago, $8.50).

All shippers of cattle on and after 1st June are required by recent amendment to the Stock Inspection Act to have them inspected previous to shipment. No certificate of inspection will be issued until the shipper supplies the inspector with a proper memorandum of sale.

Country Produce

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: Prices quoted are all f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—Dairy butter has dropped 1 cent since last week's quotations owing to the increased supply of superior creamery butter. Probably a further drop would be registered in this were it not for the cool weather which has prevailed so steadily. No. 1 dairy and round lots are quoted the same as previously, 20 cents for the former and 17-19 cents for the latter.

Eggs—Eggs are 1-2 cent higher than last week, being quoted at 21-22 cents. The weather has had something to do with this also, but careful grading and selection of eggs will insure country sellers a fairly steady market. Too many are not taking great enough care in grading eggs. Considerable premium could be secured by shipping to city or town customers.

Potatoes—Potatoes are the same as last week at practically all Western produce markets.

Cream—Cream prices are down 4 cents all round from those quoted in last week's issue. There is a plentiful supply of both sour and sweet cream arriving in Winnipeg at present. Sweet cream amounts to about 25 per cent. of the total supply. This is quoted at 33 cents and sour at 29 cents. Thus there is a spread of 7 cents. Little need be said regarding the desirability of careful handling in order to get the sweet cream price.

Hay—No change since last week's prices and only No. 2 grade quoted.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from May 23 to 29 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
May 23	113⅛	112⅛	108⅛	103⅛	97⅛	91⅛	85⅛	46⅛	45⅛	45⅛	44⅛	43⅛	67⅛	62	55	55	160⅛	157	..	..
24								VICTORIA		DAY	HOLI	DAY							..	..
25	115⅛	114⅛	110⅛	105⅛	99	93⅛	87⅛	48⅛	47⅛	47⅛	46⅛	45⅛	68⅛	63	55	55	163	160	..	..
26	116⅛	115	110	105	99	94	88	47⅛	46	46	45	43⅛	..	..	55	55	163⅛	160⅛	..	..
27	114	112⅛	107⅛	103⅛	97⅛	92	86	46	45⅛	45⅛	44⅛	42⅛	..	..	..	..	166⅛	163⅛	..	..
29	112⅛	111	106	102	96	89⅛	83⅛	45⅛	44⅛	44⅛	43⅛	41⅛	..	..	..	..	166⅛	163	..	..
Week ago	113	111⅛	107⅛	102⅛	96⅛	91	85	46⅛	45⅛	45⅛	44⅛	43⅛	67⅛	..	55	55	159⅛	156	..	..
Year ago	144⅛	141⅛	137⅛	133⅛	126⅛	123⅛		61⅛	59⅛	59⅛	58⅛	57⅛	71⅛	65⅛	63⅛	63⅛	165	162	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg May 29	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto May 25	Calgary May 26	Chicago May 19	St. Paul May 25
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers			9 25-9 75		9 70-10 40	8 75-9 50
Best butcher steers	8 75-9 25	8 25-8 50	8 75-9 25	8 00-8 15	9 30-10 00	7 25-8 75
Fair to good butcher steers	8 00-8 50	7 50-8 00	8 25-8 75	7 25-7 75	9 00-9 50	7 50-8 25
Good to choice fat cows	6 75-7 50	6 50-7 00	7 75-8 50	6 00-7 00	8 15-9 00	7 50-8 50
Medium to good cows	5 50-6 50	5 25-5 75	7 25-7 75		8 75-8 15	6 00-7 50
Common cows	4 00-5 25	4 25-4 75	6 50-7 25	4 75-6 00	5 25-6 25	5 00-6 00
Canners	2 50-3 75		5 00-5 75	2 50-3 50	4 00-5 15	3 75-5 00
Good to choice heifers	7 50-8 50	7 15-7 75	9 00-9 65	7 00-7 40	8 25-9 75	7 50-8 50
Fair to good heifers	6 50-7 25		8 25-9 00	6 00-7 00	5 75-8 25	7 00-7 50
Best cows	5 75-7 00			5 75-6 00		
Best butcher bulls	6 00-7 00	6 00-6 50	8 00-8 50	5 50-6 00	7 75-8 25	7 00-7 50
Common or bologna bulls	4 50-5 50	4 50-5 00	6 15-6 75	4 50-5 50	5 75-7 65	5 00-6 75
Best stocker steers	6 75-7 25	6 50-6 75	7 50-8 25	6 25-6 80	8 00-9 00	7 50-8 50
Fair stocker steers	6 50-7 00	6 25-6 50	7 00-8 00		7 00-7 50	7 00-8 00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$70-$85	$80-$115	$75-$85		$65-$80
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$50-$60	$60-$115	$55-$60		$50-$65
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$10 25	$8 65	$10 90	$10 00	$9 85-10 05	$9 25-$9 65
Light hogs	$9 75-10 00		$10 40		$9 40-$9 75	$8 55
Heavy sows	$8 00-$9 00	$6 25	$8 90		$9 15-$9 60	
Stags	$6 50-$7 50	$4 75			$9 25-$9 75	
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	$8 00-$9 00	$7 50-$8 00	$10 00-$13 00	$10 50	$9 75-11 30	$9 00-$10 00
Best killing sheep	$6 75-$7 50	$6 50-$7 00	$9 00-10 00	$9 50-10 50	$8 25-10 00	$7 00-$8 75

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg May 22	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary May 19	Saskatoon May 19	Regina May 25	Brandon May 12
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	21c-23c	24c-26c			27c	27c
No. 1 dairy	20c	22c	27½c-30c	25c	25c	26c
Good round lots	17c-19c	18c-20c	25c	20c-23c	23c	25c
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling				22½c		
New laid	21c-22c	19c	22½c-25c	25c	22c	25c
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	60c-70c	50c-55c	70c	75c-85c	75c	75c
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	33c	30c	33c-35c		35c	35c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	26c	25c	30c-32c		30c-32c	32c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)		$2 00	30c per lb. of butter-fat		65c lb. B.F.	$2 50
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	17c	20c	24c	20c-22c	25c	20c
Fowl	13c-14c	15c	20c	18c-20c	22c	16c
Ducks	14c			18c		
Geese	14c			18c		
Turkeys	18c		28c	25c	25c	20c
Hay (per ton)						
No. 2 Red Top	$15-$16			No. 1's	No. 1's	
No. 2 Upland	$13-$15		$9	$12	$11	$12
No. 2 Timothy	$17-$18		$14	$14	$14	
No. 2 Midland	$12-$14			$10		
Clover and Timothy	$15-$17					