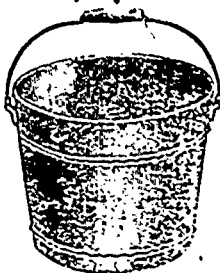


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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

At the opening of the Board on Monday the mixed crop prospects at the close of last week and the report of weather unfavorable to harvesting received to-day caused considerable strength in wheat, but the bears did not let their end of the log languish and soon rumors of bright prospects from the Red River Valley gave them the up-turn although their reports were unconfirmed. Provisions were quiet. Closing figures were as follows:

	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	79½	76½	74½	74½
Corn	34	34½	34½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.75	11.75	11.85	11.95
Lard	6.62½	6.70	6.77½	6.82½
Short Ribs	5.90	5.92½	5.97½	6.05

On Tuesday after the Government crop report was published on the board, great weakness in cereals set in, but during the day it hardened up and closed firmer. Weather reports and probabilities are satisfactory to the bear element. Provisions were quiet although there was an increased life in pork.

Closing quotations were as follows:

	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	79½	75½	73½	73½
Corn	31	34½	34½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.62½	11.75	11.80	11.97½
Lard	6.60	6.67½	6.75	6.80
Short Ribs	5.90	5.90	5.97½	6.05

Bad crop reports were the principal topic of the Wednesday's session, and reports from Dakota and Minnesota stated that the past few warm days had developed the amount of damage done wheat by the frosts and by drouth. Kansas and Missouri wheat fields were green, and no prospect of harvesting before July 10th.

This gave July wheat a bulge, but other features were about as usual. Pork products suffered a decline on large receipts of hogs. Closing figures were as follows:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	79½	76½	74½	74½
Corn	34½	34½	34½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.45	11.65	11.70	1.80
Lard	6.57½	6.62½	6.70	6.77½
Short Ribs	5.82½	5.82½	5.87½	5.87½

On Thursday the market opened weak, afterwards became active and strong and all futures advanced, closing firm on the rise. Export demand was good and in a measure accounted for the firmness. Nothing of importance was done in provisions all pork products being quiet. Figures at the close were as follows:—

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	79	77½	75½	75
Corn	33½	34½	34½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.55	11.65	11.75	11.80
Lard	6.55	6.52½	6.70	6.77½
Short Ribs	5.85	5.85	5.92½	6.00

The market opened on Friday with the firmness noted at the close of the previous day's session maintained, and the feeling was bullish. Wheat was again advanced, trading was active, and "shorts" covered freely. Closing figures were as follows:

	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	79	78½	75	70
Corn	34½	34½	34½	35½
Oats	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork	11.55	11.65	11.75	11.80
Short Ribs	5.85	5.85	5.92½	6.00

Insurance Briefs.

It is surprising how many buildings there are in all our cities so flimsy that in case of fire in

them the walls are not strong enough to resist a falling roof or floor. Firemen should not be permitted to enter such buildings when they are on fire.

A person doing business with an insurance company ought to inform himself of its general course of doing business as to the terms and conditions of the policy issued on his application. Ignorance of the conditions and exceptions in the policy will not, in the absence of fraud, avail as an excuse for the violation of the terms and conditions of the policy.—*Price Current.*

For the encouragement of our friends in Deloraine and vicinity who have been boring for water for some time with no success, we cull the following from the Minneapolis *Trade Reporter*:

"Dakota is becoming noted for her artesian wells. In twenty-nine counties there are over 100 of these wells ranging in depth from 500 to 1,600 feet. They are said to be remarkable for their pressure and the quantity of water supplied, some of them showing a pressure as high as 187 pounds to the square inch. This power is largely utilized for water supply, fire protection, driving all kinds of machinery in the place of steam, running electric light plants and such other objects as are accomplished elsewhere by aid of natural gas and cheap fuel." It will be noticed that the depth varies between 500 to 1,600 feet, but there are about 75 per cent. down to the latter figure. We believe that before that depth is reached at Deloraine a good head of water will be struck.