The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, June 5, 1915)

Wheat—Has ruled heavy during the past week and prices have had another large decline, July wheat closing today 13½ cents lower and October wheat 10¼ cents off. Excellent crop prospects, not only over the Canadian Northwest, but in the American Winter Wheat Belt as well as their Spring Wheat section, is largely responsible for selling pressure on this side of the Atlantic. Little or no support was received from Liverpool, and altho a little business was done on the decline it was not nearly enough to hold prices steady. The demand for cash wheat has been very fair at times, particularly for 1, 2 and 3 Northern, with the result that better premiums, basis the July, are being paid now than was a week ago. The demand continues slow for off-grades, such as toughs, seedies and smutties, but it is quite possible that owing to prices having declined somebody will be coming into the market after them.

Oats—Prices have declined about 7½ cents this week, the break being in sympathy with pressure in wheat and decline in Chicago coarse grains. At the outset prices held up very well considering the break in wheat, but during the latter part of the week were very heavy and considerable liquidation was going on by holders of July option and very little attempt was made to hold prices up. The demand for low grades is fairly good and offerings running light.

Barley—Prices up ½ to 1 cent on all grades. Business in this grain is very light.

Flax—The market continues erratic and prices at the close today show net losses of 7 to 9 cents, being in sympathy with the break in Duluth.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	July	Oct.	Dec.
June 1	141	119¾	....
June 2	137½	115¾	....
June 3	King's Birthday; no market		
June 4	138	112½	....
June 5	135¼	110¼	....
June 7	128¼	107¼	108
Oats—			
June 1	62¼	....	....
June 2	59	....	....
June 3	King's Birthday; no market		
June 4	58¼	....	....
June 5	55½	....	....
June 7	54¼	....	....
Flax—			
June 1	158	161	....
June 2	159	162	....
June 3	King's Birthday; no market		
June 4	165	169	....
June 5	164¾	168	....
June 7	163	166½	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, June 4)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 900 bu.	$1.45¾
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.44
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.46
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.45½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.46¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.45⅞
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.36¾
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.42¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.42½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.36½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.42¾
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.41
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	1.39¾
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.38¾
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.40¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.34
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.41½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.34¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.40
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.35¼
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.29¾
Wheat screenings, 1 car, per ton	14.00
No. 3 winter wheat, 1 car	1.25
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.31
No. 2 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.39¾
No. 3 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.31¼
No. 3 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.36
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.34
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.41½
No. 1 durum wheat, 15,000 bu., to arrive, September shipment	1.18
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.34
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.30
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.38¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.35½
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1.39¾
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.35
No. 2 corn, 1 car, mixed	.69½
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car, sample sale	.69¾
No. 2 corn, 1 car, mixed	.69¼
No. 3 yellow corn, part car	.70
No. 3 corn, 5,000 bu., to arrive	.69
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.48¼
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.47¾
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, bulkhead	.48
No. 3 oats, 1 car, bulkhead	.46½
Mill oats, 1 car	.42
No grade oats, 1 car	.43½
No. 3 rye, 1 car	1.11
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.12½
Sample sale rye, 28 sacks	1.05
No. 2 rye, 1 car, choice	1.14
Sample barley, 2 cars	.67
Sample barley, 6 cars	.68½
Sample barley, 3 cars	.69
No. 2 feed barley, 5 cars	.67
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, seedy	.68½
No. 1 flax, part car	1.87
No. 1 flax, 20 sacks	1.83
No. 1 flax, part car, dockage	1.87
No. 1 flax, 300 bu., to arrive	1.87
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.87

CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Calgary, June 5.—Last week's Alberta stockyards receipts of horses were 175, cattle 294, hogs 3,410 and no sheep. This week's receipts were: Horses 643, cattle 356, hogs 1,886 and no sheep. The large increase in the shipments of horses was attributable to the movement of army horses from Victoria to Montreal. Cattle receipts were heavier and consisted of about an equal number of stockers and fat cattle. Fat cattle showed further weakness, $7.75 being about the top for the best kinds, altho an 8 cent top was reached. The demand, however, is good, at the reduced quotations. Receipts of hogs were light on account of the bad weather making country roads impossible for loads. Winnipeg prices have weakened, and we advise caution as uneasiness will develop if any large number of hogs seem in sight for next week's delivery. Cattle and hog shipments (not including those of P. Burns & Co.) included one car of cattle to Vernon, five to New Westminster and a mixed car of cattle and hogs to Vancouver. Fifteen cars of hogs were shipped east to Winnipeg and Montreal. An active demand for feeders developed and we sold a particularly fine lot fed and watered at $6.70 for shipment to the Experimental Farm at Lacombe. Steers, choice export, $7.75 to $8.00; steers, butcher, $7.25 to $7.75; heifers, common to choice heavy, $5.75 to $7.25; cows, choice, $6.00 to $7.00; cows, common, $4.50 to $6.00; cows, canner, $1.75 to $3.00; stags, $4.75 to $6.00; oxen, thin to very choice, $4.25 to $5.50; bulls, $4.25 to $6.00; veal calves, 200 to 400 lbs., $8.00 to $8.50; veal calves, 400 to 500 lbs., $7.50; feeding steers and heifers, $5.75 to $6.50; springers, choice, $65.00 to $80.00; springers, common, $60.00 to $65.00; hogs, $8.50 for selects, weighed off cars.

(These prices are quoted by the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company Limited—Livestock Department).

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, June 5.—Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; steady to a shade higher. Bulk, $7.55 to $7.70; light, $7.45 to $7.75; mixed, $7.35 to $7.75; heavy, $7.05 to $7.65; rough, $7.05 to $7.20; pigs, $5.75 to $7.35.

Cattle—Receipts, 100; steady. Native beef steers, $6.90 to $9.30; western steers, $6.80 to $8.10; cows and heifers, $3.20 to $8.75; calves, $7.50 to $10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; steady. Sheep, $6.10 to $7.20; lambs, $7.75 to $10.75.

CALGARY PRODUCE

Calgary, June 4.—Prices for farm produce on the Calgary market were as follows: Butter, fancy dairy, 27½ cents per pound; No. 1 dairy, 25 cents. Eggs (new laid), 20 to 22½ cents per dozen. Potatoes (Alta.), 75 cents per bushel. Milk, $1.55 per 100 pounds f.o.b. Calgary. Poultry, chickens (dressed), 22 cents per pound; (live), 12 cents. Fowls (dressed), 17 cents per pound. Hay—Timothy, No. 1, $18 per ton; No. 2, $16; Upland, No. 1, $13; No. 2, $11.50 per ton. Dressed hogs (100 to 150 pounds), 10½ cents per pound; heavier weights, 9 to 9½ cents per pound.

SASKATOON PRODUCE

Saskatoon, June 5.—Prices for farm produce on the Saskatoon market are as follows: Butter, No. 1 dairy, 20 cents per pound; good round lots, 18 cents. Butter and eggs very plentiful and of the best quality. Eggs (new laid), 20 cents per dozen; (subject to candling), 17 cents. Potatoes, 85 cents per bushel. Poultry (per pound)—Dressed chickens, 16 to 20 cents; fowls, 16 to 20 cents; ducks, 16 cents; geese, 16 cents; and turkeys, 22 cents; live chickens and fowls, 45 to 85 cents each; ducks, 60 cents each; geese, $1.50 each; and turkeys, $1.50 each. Hay—Timothy, No. 1, $12 per ton; No. 2, $8 per ton; Upland, No. 1, $8 per ton; No. 2, $7 per ton; Midland, No. 1, $6 per ton; No. 2, $5 per ton. Dressed hogs (100 to 150 pounds), $8.50 to $9.50.

Winnipeg Livestock

Stockyard Receipts

During the past week there have been received at the Union stockyards: 1,044 cattle, 180 calves, 11,446 hogs and 11 sheep.

Cattle

There were over three hundred more cattle received here during the past week than for a similar period a week ago. Most of the cattle on sale were common and medium grades, so that the tendency was generally towards lower prices. The few dry fed choice steers on hand sold well, one load of very nicely finished cattle making 9 cents, but outside of these the bulk of the best cattle on sale brought from $8.50 to $8.75. More grass cattle are being sent in and if this increase continues prices are sure to drop as soon as the local demand is cared for. Stocker and feeder markets to the South have declined and with increased receipts here, this class of stock make slow sellers even with the market from 25 to 50 cents per hundred lower than last week. It would seem best to keep back stockers and feeders in the country for a while until the market gets more settled. Grass is plentiful now and there should be no difficulty experienced in keeping any kind of stock. Two-year-old steers are worth from $6.25 to $6.50, and choice yearlings $5.75 to $6.00. Heifers are worth from $5.50 to $5.75. Milkers and springers are as hard to sell as last week and prices are all the way from $10.00 to $15.00 per head lower than they were about four weeks ago. Choice milkers and springers are worth now from $60.00 to $75.00 per head, with the medium kinds from $38.00 to $45.00. Some of the young thin cows selling for grazing purposes are about 75 cents lower and are now selling at $4.50 to $4.75. Veal calves are lower, best calves selling at 8 cents per pound. Common and medium kinds at from 6 to 7 cents per pound.

Hogs

There was a larger run of hogs to the yards during the past week, but prices have held fairly steady. Choice hogs sell from $8.65 to $8.75. The cut is quite a lot closer and common hogs are hard to sell. Sows are worth $6.25, stags $4.50, good lights 6½ to 6¾, thin pigs from 40 to 90 pounds, 6 to 6½ cents.

Sheep and Lambs

There are scarcely any sheep coming in, but the best are selling at about 6½ cents per pound. No lambs on sale.

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Friday, June 4, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.38½	$1.43½
2 Nor. wheat	1.37	1.40½
3 Nor. wheat	1.32½	1.37½
3 white oats	.55	.48¼
Barley	.64-73	.65-70
Flax, No. 1	1.63	1.86
Futures—		
July wheat	1.38	1.36½
Oct. wheat	1.12½ Sept.	1.11¼

	Winnipeg	Chicago
Beef Cattle, top	$8.65	$9.30
Hogs, top	8.75	7.75
Sheep, yearlings	6.50	7.20

Country Produce

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

Butter

The amount of farm produce coming to this market has increased considerably during the past few weeks. Stocks of butter are piling up and since comparatively little is being purchased, fancy dairy butter is worth about one cent less, namely, 17 to 19 cents, this week; No. 1 dairy is lower at 17 cents per pound and good round lots 16 cents per pound.

Eggs

Eggs continue to come to market in large quantities. The price offered by dealers is just about the same this week, 15 to 16 cents per dozen.

Potatoes

Potatoes are sufficiently plentiful to supply all needs, hence prices are holding steady. Potatoes in sacks per bushel are 50 to 55 cents again this week.

Milk and Cream

In sympathy with the heavy stocks of butter with which the market is crowded just now, the price for cream has dropped two cents this week. Sweet cream is quoted at 28 cents per pound of butterfat and sour cream at 22 cents per pound of butterfat. As soon as housekeepers begin to buy butter in quantity, which they are likely to do owing to reduced prices, it is probable that cream prices will rise again. Milk is the same, most of it being contracted for at $2.00 per hundred pounds.

Live Poultry

Live poultry can be handled with despatch by city produce dealers. Chickens are worth 12 to 13 cents per pound, roosters 10 cents, ducks 12 cents, geese 12 cents, and turkeys 13 to 15 cents per pound.

Hay

There is a very good demand just now for hay of good quality. No. 1 Timothy is worth $21 per ton; No. 2, $20 per ton; No. 1 Red Top, $17 per ton; No. 2, $15 to $16 per ton; No. 1 Upland, $14 per ton; No. 2, $12 to $13.50 per ton; No. 1 Midland, $13 per ton and No. 2 Midland, $12 per ton.

Hides

The quality of hides is improving now and dealers are offering the following prices: Green salted hides, unbranded, No. 1, 13 cents, No. 2, 12 cents; branded, 11 cents flat. Green salted bulls, oxen and stags, 10 cents flat. Green salted horsehides, large, $3.00; medium, $2.00; small, $1.25. Green hides worth one cent less than salted. Dry flint butcher hides, 20 cents; dry rough and fallen hides, 16 cents; dry horsehides, 50 cents to $1.00.

WOOL

Toronto, June 2.—Hallam's report on the wool situation is as follows: The Canadian government has modified the embargo on wool, so that it is possible to secure a special permit to ship wool to the United States when it is shown that the wool is to be used only for consumption in the United States. This has widened the market for wool, and has had its effect in adjusting the prices for the present clip, so that we anticipate the usual large marketing of wool during the next few weeks. Washed combing fleece (coarse), 25 to 27 cents. Washed clothing fleece (fine), 28 to 30 cents. Washed rejections (burry, chaffy, etc.), 23 to 24 cents. Unwashed fleece combing (coarse), 18 to 20 cents. Unwashed fleece, clothing (fine), 23 to 25 cents.

Winnipeg, June 7.—Winnipeg dealers state that there is no change in the wool market this week. Prices offered are the same as last week, namely: For unwashed medium, 20 to 18 cents; unwashed, coarse, 18 to 16 cents; unwashed, fine and merino, 14 to 12 cents; black wool worth two cents less.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, June 5.—Wheat easy on American weakness and continued free offers of new winters. United Kingdom arrivals expected to be liberal and on passage increasing. Spot market weak, 1d to 2d lower, with principal pressure in American grades. Cargo market weak; winters and springs 9d lower; Manitobas 7½d lower, while Plates and Indias about 9d lower. There continues a very poor inquiry in the United Kingdom, and continental demand shows a waiting attitude, in the advent of the close proximity to harvest. American crop advices as to promise favorable.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from June 1 to June 7 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.
June																				
1	141	138¼	135	131	125	..	..	60⅝	59	59	57½	56½	71½	65½	63½	63½	..	..	..	..
2	137½	135½	131½	127½	121½	116½	..	58¼	56¾	56¾	..	..	72	66	64	64	157	154	..	..
3	KING'S BIRTHDAY							NO MARKETS												
4	138½	137	132½	128½	122	117	..	56⅝	55	55	53½	52½	73	66	64	64	163	160	..	..
5	135¾	134¼	130¼	125¾	119¼	114¼	..	54½	52½	52½	51½	50½	72½	66	64	64	163	160	..	..
7	128	126½	122½	118½	112	107	..	53¼	51½	51½	..	..	..	..	..	..	161½	158½		

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE — CORRECTED TO MONDAY, JUNE 7

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat			
No. 1 Nor.	128	144¼	95¾
No. 2 Nor.	126½	141½	94⅝
No. 3 Nor.	124	137¾	92¾
No. 4	118½	133¾	88⅝
No. 5	112	128¼	80½
No. 6	107	123¼	75½
Feed	..	..	70½
Cash Oats			
No. 2 CW	53½	61½	39½
Cash Barley			
No. 3	..	71½	51¾
Cash Flax			
No. 1 NW	61½	65	141½
Wheat Futures			
July	128½	144¾	96¼
October	107½	121½	87
December	108	..	..
Oat Futures			
July	54¼	63	39½
October	..	..	..
Flax Futures			
July	163	167¾	141¾
October	166½	170½	144¾

Winnipeg Livestock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cattle	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Choice steers, dry feed	8.40-8.75	8.40-8.75	7.50-7.75
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.50-8.25	7.50-8.25	7.25-7.50
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	.....	7.15-7.75	6.50-7.00
Best fat cows	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.25-6.40
Medium cows	5.00-5.25	5.25-5.75	5.25-5.75
Common cows	4.25-4.75	4.25-4.75	4.75-5.00
Choice heifers	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	.....
Best bulls	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00
Com'n and medium bulls	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
Best feeding steers	6.25-6.50	6.50-6.75	.....
Best stocker steers	5.85-6.10	6.25-6.50	.....
Best milkers and springers (each)	$60-$75	$65-$75	$65-$90
Common milkers and springers (each)	$38-$45	$45-$55	$45-$55
Hogs			
Choice hogs	$8.75	$8.65	$7.10
Heavy sows	$6.25	$6.25	$5.75
Stags	$4.75	$4.75	$4.80
Sheep and Lambs			
Choice lambs	.....	$7.50-$8.00	$5.00 each
Best killing sheep	$6.50	$6.50-$7.00	$5.00-$5.50

Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Butter (per lb.)			
Fancy dairy	17c-19c	18c-20c	19c-20c
No. 1 dairy	17c	18c	16c-17c
Good round lots	16c	16c-17c	15c-16c
Eggs (per doz.)			
Strictly new laid	15c-16c	15½-16½	20c
Potatoes			
In sacks, per bushel	50c-55c	50c-55c	90c-95c
Milk and Cream			
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	28c	30c	28c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	22c	24c	23c-24c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.00	$2.00	$1.50
Live Poultry			
Young Roosters	13c	14c	10c
Fowl	10c	10c-12c	13c
Ducks	12c	12c	12c
Geese	12c	12c	10c
Turkeys	13c-15c	14c-15c	14c
Hay (per ton)			
No. 1 Red Top	$17	$17	$16
No. 1 Upland	$14	$14	$14-$15
No. 1 Timothy	$21	$21	$19-$21
No. 1 Midland	$13	$13	...