

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, December 11, 1916)

Wheat—In spite of very bearish sentiment in American markets, also in the Winnipeg market at the first of the week, prices show a substantial gain over a week ago. Prices in the Chicago market dragged heavily during a great part of the week, on account of the congested condition of the railroads. The local market the bearish sentiment was offset by a fair amount of buying by exporters and the Imperial government. There was also a good demand for cash wheat. On Saturday there was a sudden rally on account of evening up of speculative trade, bringing prices back several cents from the low point of the day. With the end of shipping on the Great Lakes soon, and the possibility of more ocean tonnage, the present freight congestion should be relieved and many look for a change in sentiment in the wheat markets. Oats—The oats market has followed fluctuations in wheat pretty closely and prices show a slight gain for the week.

Barley—Prices are lower, on account of buyers having secured sufficient to fill their available tonnage.

Flax—The trade in flax has been moderate, with prices showing a gain for the week after considerable fluctuation on certain days.

WINNIPEG FUTURES		Dec.	May	No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.85 1/2
December 5	179	181	No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.84	
December 6	183	185	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.81	
December 7	185	186	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.82 1/2	
December 8	182	184	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.75	
December 9	184	186	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.73 1/2	
December 11	182	185	No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.69 1/2	
Week ago	176	178	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.74	
Year ago	107	110	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.72 1/2	
Oats—			No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.75 1/2	
December 5	57 1/2	61 1/2	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.71	
December 6	59	63	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.67	
December 7	58 1/2	62	Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.15	
December 8	57 1/2	61	Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.30	
December 9	58 1/2	62	Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.14	
December 11	56	61	Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.12	
Week ago	57	60 1/2	No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.85	
Year ago	39	41	No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.42 1/2	
Flax—			No. 2 mixed durum wheat, 1 car	1.82	
December 5	259	269 1/2	No. 3 durum wheat, 2 cars	1.69 1/2	
December 6	263 1/2	274	No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.80 1/2	
December 7	264 1/2	275	No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.55	
December 8	257	269 1/2	No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.29	
December 9	259 1/2	271 1/2	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.35	
December 11	258 1/2	269 1/2	No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.54	
Week ago	255	265	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.54	
Year ago	181 1/2	188 1/2	No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.49	
MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES			No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.46	
(Sample Market, Dec. 9)			No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.64	
No. 1 hard wheat, 3 cars	\$1.85	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Kan.	1.85		
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.86	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1.71		
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.84	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.77		
		No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, western	1.68		

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Toronto	Calgary	Chicago	St. Paul
	Dec. 9	Year Ago	Dec. 7	Dec. 9	Dec. 7	Dec. 9
Cattle						
Choice steers	7.00-7.50	6.25-6.50	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	12.00-13.25	10.00-11.25
Best butcher steers	6.25-6.85	5.50-6.25	6.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	7.50-9.25	7.75-9.25
Fair to good butcher steers	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.25	6.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	7.50-9.25	6.00-8.00
Good to choice fat cows	5.75-6.25	5.50-6.65	6.25-7.00	5.00-6.00	7.40-8.75	6.75-7.50
Medium to good cows	4.75-5.50	4.60-4.85	5.75-6.25	4.25-4.75	5.75-7.40	5.75-6.50
Common cows	4.00-4.50	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.25	4.00-4.25	4.80-5.25	4.75-5.50
Canners	3.00-3.75	3.00-3.75	4.00-4.40	2.00-3.00	3.65-4.75	4.00-4.50
Good to choice heifers	6.00-6.75	5.50-6.65	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.25	7.75-11.00	6.50-8.00
Fair to good heifers	5.00-5.75	5.00-5.25	6.75-7.50	5.00-6.00	4.75-7.75	5.50-6.50
Best open	5.25-6.25	5.00-5.25	6.80-7.40	4.00-5.50	6.00-8.25	6.00-8.25
Best butcher bulls	5.75-6.00	4.75-5.00	5.40-6.00	3.50-4.00	4.65-6.35	5.00-5.75
Common to hologna bulls	4.25-5.00	4.00-4.50	5.40-6.00	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.65	6.00-7.50
Fair to good feeder steers	5.00-6.35	5.50-5.75	6.20-6.75	6.25-6.75	6.50-7.65	6.00-7.50
Fair to good stocker steers	5.00-6.35	5.00-5.25	5.20-6.00	6.50-6.75	6.00-7.00	5.50-7.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$65-\$85	\$65-\$75	\$75-\$105	\$95-\$100		\$60-\$100
Fair milkers and springers (each)	\$45-\$55	\$45-\$55	\$50-\$70	\$55-\$75		\$45-\$60
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	\$11.00	\$8.35	\$11.75	\$11.25	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.40
Light hogs	\$9.00		\$10.25		9.00-9.90	9.25-9.35
Heavy hogs	\$7.00	\$25-7.00	\$8.75		9.35-9.50	
Stags	\$5.50	\$4.50			10.10-10.60	
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	10.75-11.50	\$8.25	11.00-11.75	\$10.50	11.00-13.00	10.00-12.00
Best killing sheep	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.00	7.00-9.00	8.50-10.00	6.50-10.00	6.00-9.50

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg		Toronto	Calgary	Regina	Saskatoon
	Dec. 9	Year Ago	Dec. 7	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Dec. 9
Butter (per lb.)						
No. 1 dairy	35c	24c-26c	40c-41c	35c-37c	45c	35c
Eggs (per doz.)						
New laid	50c	40c	62c-65c	40c	40c	40c
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	70c	50c	\$1.25	65c	75c-90c	55c
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. fat)	47c	40c				
Cream for butter-making	42c	35c				
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	17c	15c	15c-18c	20c-22c	15c-20c	
Fowl	14c	9c-10c	15c-14c	17c-18c	15c	
Ducks	17c	11c	15c-18c	16c-18c	20c	
Geese	16c	10c	15c-17c	16c-18c	18c	
Turkeys	23c	15c	24c-30c	20c-25c	25c	
Hay (per ton)						
No. 2 Upland		\$12		No. 1's	No. 1's	No. 1's
No. 2 Timothy	\$12	\$15	\$13-\$15	\$14	\$5	\$10
No. 2 Midland		\$11				

Cash Prices Ft. William and Port Arthur from December 5 to December 11 inclusive

Date	WHEAT					OATS					BARLEY				FLAX				
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	2CW	3CW	4	1F4	2F4	No. 3	No. 4	Reg.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Reg.	
Dec. 5	181 1/2	179 1/2	171 1/2	159 1/2	131 1/2	99 1/2	91	57 1/2	55	55	54 1/2	52 1/2	111	95	82	80	259	289	271
6	185 1/2	182 1/2	176 1/2	164 1/2	133 1/2	91	89 1/2	59 1/2	57	57	56 1/2	54 1/2	111	95	82	81	263 1/2	290 1/2	235 1/2
7	188 1/2	186 1/2	179 1/2	167 1/2	138 1/2	104 1/2	92	58 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	114	95	83	82	264 1/2	291 1/2	236 1/2
8	185 1/2	183 1/2	176 1/2	164 1/2	132 1/2	102 1/2	92	57 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	52 1/2	105	96	84	83	257 1/2	284 1/2	229 1/2
9	187 1/2	185 1/2	178 1/2	166 1/2	134 1/2	104 1/2	90	58 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	105	95	85	80	298 1/2	294 1/2	231 1/2
11	183 1/2	180 1/2	175 1/2	160 1/2	132 1/2	104 1/2	90	58 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	100	90	80	80	258 1/2	255 1/2	230 1/2
Week ago	177 1/2	174 1/2	169 1/2	155 1/2	127 1/2	96 1/2	91	57 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	53 1/2	108	95	80	80	255 1/2	282 1/2	227 1/2
Year ago	107 1/2	104 1/2	101 1/2	97 1/2	83 1/2	80 1/2	80	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	64	59 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	181 1/2	178 1/2	155 1/2

No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, settlement	1.77
No. 3 mixed corn, 1 car	.87
No. 4 mixed corn, 1 car	.85
No. 3 mixed corn, 2 cars	.85
No. 4 white corn, 1 car	.85
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	.87
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	.87
No. 3 mixed corn, 2 cars	.86
Sample grade mixed corn, 1 car	.85
No. 3 mixed corn, 3 cars	.86 1/2
Mill oats, 1 car, 8 R	.43
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.49 1/2
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.49 1/2
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.50
No. 3 white oats, 3 cars	.50
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, run	.50
No. 2 rye, 3 cars	1.41
No. 2 rye, 2 cars	1.40
No. 2 rye, 2 cars, dockage	1.41 1/2
No. 2 rye, 1 car, dockage	1.42
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.41 1/2
No. 3 rye, 1 car, run	1.41
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.92
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.98
No. 4 barley, 1 car	1.02
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.82
No grade barley, 1 car	.78
No grade barley, 1 car	.72
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.98
Sample barley, 1 car	1.01
Sample barley, 1 car	1.14
Sample barley, 1 car, fancy	2.88
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.89
No. 1 flax, 6 cars	2.89
No. 1 flax, 1,500 bu., to arrive	2.88 1/2
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.87

STOCKS IN TERMINALS		1916 Wheat	
Fort William, December 8, 1916.			
This Year		Last Year	
1 hard	18,747.20		72,760.40
1 Nor.	1,128,975.30		2,872,230.30
2 Nor.	2,001,854.40		1,366,433.10
3 Nor.	1,604,452.10		836,127.10
No. 4	1,314,721.10		887,778.00
Others	7,144,391.00		1,877,532.40
This week 13,213,141.80		This week 7,912,862.10	
Last week 12,519,729.50		Last week 9,234,914.30	
Increase 693,412.00		Decrease 1,322,052.20	

Oats		Flaxseed	
1 C.W.	27,050.28		97,855.08
2 C.W.	1,994,950.21		1,332,046.24
3 C.W.	857,521.02		541,570.16
Ex. 1st.	1,069,984.31		212,560.01
Others	2,910,248.22		1,127,902.31
This week 6,859,786.02		This week 3,311,935.12	
Last week 6,219,263.09		Last week 4,647,593.11	
Increase 640,492.27		Decrease 1,335,657.33	

SHIPMENTS		1916—Lake		1915—Lake	
Wheat	5,529,182.50		11,850,161.00		
Oats	1,787,793.11		3,800,034.00		
Barley	495,983.29		503,946.00		
Flax	493,546.16		123,271.00		
1916—Rail		1915—Rail			
Wheat	163,908.10		196,915.00		
Oats	60,152.00		107,773.00		
Barley	1,264.28		44,704.00		
Flax	4,146.35		25,167.00		

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY			
Week ending December 8, 1916.			
Wheat		Oats	
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	13,213,141	6,859,756	818,362
In Yards in Can.	7,466,808	10,835,111	672,885
Ter. Barrels	20,679,949	17,694,967	1,491,377
Total	31,359,898	28,389,834	2,982,624
At Buffalo and Detroit	5,873,637	1,697,164	
Total this week	26,553,546	19,392,031	1,491,377
Total last week	25,683,302	18,869,592	1,555,832
Total last year	19,981,999	9,951,082	1,379,816

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET			
Liverpool, Dec. 9.—Market dull.			
	Close	Prev.	
New Zealand	\$2.42	\$2.42	
No. 1 hard winter	2.38	2.38	
No. 1 Nor. Manitoba	2.51	2.51	

LIVERPOOL CARGOES			
No. 1 hard winter			