The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, April 10, 1915)

Wheat—Trade this week was of considerably smaller volume, with fewer periods of excitement, fluctuations keeping within moderate limits. Sentiment at the same time was quite divided, with the tone at the finish fairly firm. Resting spots showed the May down ¼ cent, the July 1⅛ cent and the October 1¼ cent. At the outset the tone was rather "bullish," the buying of May by influential interests having a strengthening effect on the more forward deliveries. Foreign statistics, however, were "bearish" but crop advices from abroad unsatisfactory. On the bulge there was considerable selling going on by holders who were anxious to take profits, and this led to some "short" selling, and the sentiment during the closing days of the week, here, particularly, was inclined to "bearishness," but continued buying by exporting houses and a good demand for spot wheat quickly changed this and prices advanced from the low point of the week nearly 3 cents. The cash demand during the period under review has been very good for wheat in store, but bids have been scarce for opening navigation delivery, and offerings are more plentiful, particularly on the 1 Northern.

Oats—At the close today prices showed net gains of ⅞ cent on May and July futures, and 1 cent to 1¼ cent on spot, this advance being greatly attributed to the strength in American coarse grains, together with the late strength in wheat here. The demand for cash oats is only fair.

Barley—There have been no bids in the market for this grain all week, and with the exception of an occasional car of off grade there have been no trades all week.

Flax—Has ruled decidedly dull this week and a good many sessions have seen only a trade during the first three hours. At the close today prices showed net losses of ⅛ cent to 2¼ cents. The demand for cash flax is only fair.

Good feed corn, 79 cents f.o.b. Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	July	Oct.
Wheat—			
April 6	153⅞	151⅞	116⅞
April 7	151⅞	149⅞	115⅛
April 8	150½	148⅞	114⅞
April 9	152⅛	150⅛	115⅛
April 10	151⅞	149½	114⅞
April 12	153⅛	150⅞	115⅞
Oats—			
April 6	63	63	....
April 7	62⅞	62⅞	....
April 8	62⅞	63	....
April 9	63⅞	63½	....
April 10	63⅞	63⅞	....
April 12	63⅞	64⅛	....
Flax—			
April 6	177⅛	179⅞	....
April 7	175⅞	178⅛	....
April 8	175⅞	178⅞	....
April 9	176	179	....
April 10	175⅛	178	....
April 12	176⅞	179⅞	182½

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, April 10)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	$1.52
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, mustard	1.49⅞
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.49½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.44½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.49⅞
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.47
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.42
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.37⅞
No. 3 wheat, part car	1.43⅞
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.36⅞
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.47½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.42
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.43⅛
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.34⅛
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	12.00
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	15.50
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	16.50
No. 1 sample wheat, 3 cars	1.38⅞
No. 1 mixed wheat, 3 cars	1.42
Buckwheat, part car	1.70
Timothy, 30 sacks	4.85
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.29½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, frost	1.47½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.32⅛
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.33
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.35⅞
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.58
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.42
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.55
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	.69½
No. 4 corn, mixed, 2 cars	.68
No. 3 corn, mixed, 2 cars	.68⅞
No. 4 corn, mixed, 2 cars	.67⅞
No. 3 yellow corn, 4 cars	.69½
No. 4 corn, mixed, to run, 1 car	.68
No. 4 yellow corn, 1 car, to arrive	.68½
Sample grade oats, 1 car	.56
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.54
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.54½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.55
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.06
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.07
No. 2 rye, 1 car, Canadian	1.07½
No. 2 rye, 1 car, by sample	1.06
No. 2 rye, 1 car, choice	1.07½
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.72½
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.70
Sample grade barley, 4 cars	.69
Sample grade barley, 2 cars, to arrive	.71
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.89
No. 2 flax, 1 car	1.85
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.91½
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	1.91½

CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Calgary, Alta., April 10.—Receipts at the Alberta stockyards, Calgary, to date this week were as follows: 253 horses, 479 cattle, 2,057 hogs and no sheep. Shipments—This week's shipments Westward: Nine cars of cattle and two of hogs. Eastward: Twenty cars of hogs and no cattle. Beef Steers and Butcher Stock—Bulk of the fat stock offered was really choice and $7.50 fed and watered was the top for grain fed steers. Choice beef cows and heifers brought $6.75. Bulls and oxen steady. Stockers and Feeders—The supply was sufficient to meet country demand, which has lessened since spring work began. There has been, however, no fall in prices. Fair yearlings are to be had at around $35.00 and two-year-olds at from $45 up. Stock cows, $55 to $65. Hogs—Receipts 2,057 against 4,937 last week. Consignments were being competed for keenly and reached $8.10 off cars for some very select hogs that we sold yesterday. We look for an 8 cent market next week on suitable stock. Sheep—Ewes and lambs or ewes in lamb, $8.00 to $9.00; fat wethers, ewes and lambs at $8.00, $7.25 and $8.00 to $8.50, respectively. Steers, choice export, $7.00 to $7.50; butcher, $6.50 to $7.00. Heifers, common to choice heavy, $5.75 to $6.50. Cows, choice, $5.50 to $6.50; common, $4.50 to $5.50; canner, $1.75 to $3.00. Stags, $4.75 to $6.00. Oxen, thin to very choice, $4.25 to $5.00. Bulls, $4.25 to $5.50. Veal calves, 400 to 500 lbs., $6.00; 200 to 400 lbs., $6.50 to $7.00. Feeding steers and heifers, $5.75 to $6.00. Springers, choice, $65 to $80; common, $60 to $65. Hogs, $8.00 weighed off cars, for selects.

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

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, April 10.—Wheat market irregular, with some support. Plate offers liberal. Market opened steady with American and expectation of lighter American shipments this week, but later these were offset by free Plate offers and Plate steamers on passage 3d. decline. Spot weak, unchanged to ½d. lower. Modern Miller's report caused some steadiness.

Corn—Firm, with a better spot demand.

Buenos Ayres—Wheat firm, with continued good export demand. Corn steady. Weather unfavorable in parts.

Germany—Crop prospects good.

Spain—Good rains.

France—Official report places the condition of winter wheat at 72 cents.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, April 10.—Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; market firm, 10 to 15 cents higher. Bulk of sales, $7.15 to $7.20; light, $6.95 to $7.27½; mixed, $6.95 to $7.25; heavy, $6.70 to $7.22½; rough, $6.70 to $6.85; pigs, $5.75 to $6.80.

Cattle—Receipts, 100; market steady. Native beef steers, $6.00 to $8.90; western steers, $5.65 to $7.50; cows and heifers, $3.00 to $7.90; calves, $6.00 to $8.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 500; market steady; sheep, $7.40 to $8.50; lambs, $7.80 to $10.50.

ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, April 10.—Receipts today were: 220 cattle, 570 hogs, and 25 sheep. Prices for killing cattle were as follows: Steers, $4.50 to $7.60; cows and heifers, $4.50 to $6.50; canners, $3.50 to $4.00; bulls, $3.50 to $5.50; cutters, $4.00 to $4.35; veal calves, $3.75 to $8.00. Market steady; veal calves steady. Stockers and Feeders—Feeding steers, 900 to 1,100 lbs., $4.75 to $7.00; stock steers, 500 to 900 lbs., $4.00 to $6.75; stock cows and heifers, $4.00 to $6.50; stock bulls, $4.25 to $5.50. Market steady. Hogs—Prices ranged from $6.50 to $6.80, the bulk price being $6.80. Market steady to strong. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, $4.00 to $9.50; yearlings, $6.00 to $8.25; bucks, $4.00 to $5.50; wethers, $5.25 to $7.75; ewes, $3.00 to $7.50. Sheep and lambs steady.

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, April 10, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.50¼	$1.52¾
2 Nor. wheat	1.50	1.49¾
3 Nor. wheat	1.47¼	1.47¾
No. 3 yellow corn	..	.69½
3 white oats	.60¾	.55½
Barley	..	65-74
Flax, No. 1	1.73¼	1.91¼
Futures—		
May wheat	1.51¼	1.47¾
July wheat	1.49¼	1.41¾
Oct. wheat	1.14¼	Sept. 1.11¼
	Winnipeg	**Chicago**
Beef Cattle, top	$7.65	$8.90
Hogs, top	8.15	7.20
Sheep, yearlings	$6.00-$6.50	8.40

Winnipeg Livestock

Stockyard Receipts

Receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards during the past week have been as follows: 274 cattle, 30 calves, 17,306 hogs and no sheep.

Cattle

The fact that so few cattle came to the yards this week has been largely instrumental in raising the prices by about fifty cents for all classes during the past week. Packers have been a little more anxious to obtain cattle, too, and since some fairly good beasts have been for sale, there has been no trouble in disposing of most of the offerings. Some of the best sold for $8 per hundred. The bulk, however, were bought at from $7.50 to $7.85. Choice heifers, too, have advanced in sympathy with the rest of the market and $6.75 to $7.25 have been the range of prices paid for the best. Choice cows sold around $6.00 to $6.50. Medium cows are from $5.25 to $5.50, and good cutters from $4.50 to $4.75. There is very little doing as far as bulls are concerned, it being hard to dispose of this class of stock. Consequently, prices have not changed and bulls are selling around $4.50 to $5.00. Stockers are in good demand, but good ones are not on the market for sale and most that are coming sell for from $5.25 to $5.75. Any well bred yearlings and two-year-old steers would sell around $5.75 to $6.25 and heifers from $5.25 to $5.75. Milkers and springers are not in great demand and prices remain as last week. The probability is that from now on all classes of the best butcher cattle will sell for good prices. Veals are in demand, choice ones selling for 8 to 8½ and heavy calves 5 to 5½ cents.

Hogs

The price for hogs is advancing. During the week the high point was $8.35, but later on the market dropped and today (Monday) packers are bidding $8.15, which is the price at which the hogs will probably change hands. Receipts have been much heavier, but demand seems brisk and it is probable that a good price will be the order for some time. Shop hogs are in fair demand, 100 to 150 pounds at from 6 to 6¼ cents, sows are 5¼ to 5¾, and stags 4½ cents per pound.

Sheep and Lambs

Good sheep, and particularly grain fed yearlings, would sell for high prices if any were shipped to market right now. So far none have been on hand for sale this week, but the best would sell at from 7½ to 8 cents, and good sheep can be quoted at 6½ cents per pound.

Country Produce

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

Butter

The shipments of butter just now are very light indeed, dealers receiving scarcely any from outside points. This, however, has had no effect upon the price since the householders' buying power has been so curtailed by the influences of the war that, were prices to be raised, scarcely any butter would be bought. Fancy dairy is worth to dealers 28 to 30 cents per pound, No. 1 dairy, 23 cents, and good round lots 18 to 20 cents per pound.

Eggs

Eggs are coming from all directions in good quantities and dealers are offering this week the same price namely, 16 to 17 cents per dozen.

Potatoes

Potatoes have not changed in price. It seems that a statement was circulated concerning disease in potatoes grown in New Brunswick by some dealers in order to advance prices for their own stocks of seed potatoes. The Department of Agriculture at Ottawa has looked into this matter and Prof. Gussow is authority for saying that there is absolutely no foundation for the rumor and that government inspected potatoes from that province are quite as good as any in Canada for seed purposes. Local dealers do not anticipate any very large increase in prices. They are offering 50 to 55 cents per bushel for this week.

Milk and Cream

There is a shortage of sour cream just now, but no advance can be made in prices because butter prices cannot be advanced. Sweet cream is worth 34 cents per pound of butterfat, sour cream 31 cents, as last week. April milk prices are lower, $2.00 per hundred being the price quoted.

Dressed Poultry

There is no change in dressed poultry prices this week. Dealers say that small shipments are coming and that a fair demand is apparent. Dressed chickens are worth 18 cents per pound; roosters, 12½ to 14 cents; ducks, 15 cents; geese, 13 to 14 cents, and turkeys, 18 to 20 cents per pound.

Hay

Hay prices are unchanged. No. 1 Timothy is worth from $16 to $18 per ton; No. 2, $15 to $17; No. 2 Red Top, $12 to $14; No. 2 Upland, $11 to $13; and No. 2 Midland, $8 to $11.

Hides

Hides are lower this week. The weather is getting warm and it is necessary now to salt hides before shipping. In the present market it is very advisable to ship promptly to realize before any further decline occurs. To cure a hide properly it is first necessary to trim it, cutting off the horns, tail-bones and sinews, then spread the hide on the floor and sprinkle salt evenly and freely over the flesh side. In this way pile one hide on the other, flesh side up, head on head, tail on tail. It will take a week or more to cure hides thoroughly. When hides have lain over a week in salt, they will do to tie up and ship, after having shaken off the surplus salt. For a large hide it will take about a pail of salt and a less quantity for a smaller hide or calfskin in proportion to size. Green hides are one to two cents less than salted. Prices are: green salted, unbranded, 25 lbs. and up, 11½ to 10½; branded, 10 cents; bulls, 40 lb. and up, 9 to 8 cents; veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 13 to 11½ cents; kip, 8 to 25 lbs. 12 to 10½ cents.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from April 6 to April 12 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.
Apr. 6	152⅛	151⅞	148½	144	140	136	..	62	59¾	59½	58½	57½	..	..	..	..	175½	172½	..	..
7	150½	150	146⅞	141⅞	138⅞	134⅞	138⅞	62	59¾	59¼	58¼	57¼	..	..	..	..	174¼	171¼	..	..
8	149¼	148⅛	145⅞	140⅛	137⅞	133⅞	..	62⅛	59½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	174	171	..	..
9	151	150⅛	147	142	139½	135	..	62⅞	60¼	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	174¼	171¼	..	..
10	150⅞	150	147⅛	142⅛	138⅞	134⅞	..	62⅞	60⅛	60⅛	59⅛	58⅞	..	..	..	..	173½	170½	..	..
12	152	151⅛	148¼	143¼	140	136	..	63	60¼	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	174¾	171¾	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE — CORRECTED TO MONDAY, APRIL 12

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat			
No. 1 Nor.	152	152½	89½
No. 2 Nor.	151⅛	151⅞	87¼
No. 3 Nor.	148¼	148¾	85½
No. 4	143¼	143¾	82⅛
No. 5	140	138¾	78
No. 6	136	135¾	73
Feed	..	..	68
Cash Oats			
No. 2 CW	63	62½	34½
Cash Barley			
No. 3	..	..	44½
Cash Flax			
No. 1 NW	174¾	175	134½
Wheat Futures			
May	153⅛	153½	90½
July	150⅛	151⅞	92⅛
October	115⅞	116¾	87¼
Oat Futures			
May	63⅞	63½	35½
July	64⅛	63⅛	36⅛
Flax Futures			
May	176⅞	177½	135¾
July	179⅞	180½	138⅞
October	182½	182½	140

Winnipeg Livestock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cattle	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.
Choice steers	7.50-8.00	6.75-7.25	7.50-7.75
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.40-7.75	6.25-7.25	6.75-7.25
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	7.00-7.25	6.50-6.75	6.50-6.75
Best fat cows	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.75-6.00
Medium cows	4.75-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50
Common cows	4.00-4.25	3.50-4.00	4.00-4.50
Best bulls	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	5.25-5.75
Choice Heifers	6.50-7.00	6.25-6.75	6.00-6.25
Com'n and medium bulls	4.00-4.25	3.50-4.25	4.50-5.00
Best feeding steers	6.00-6.25	6.00-6.25	.....
Best stocker steers	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	.....
Best milkers and springers (each)	$60-$70	$60-$70	$60-$75
Common milkers and springers (each)	$45-$50	$45-$50	$35-$45
Hogs			
Choice hogs	$8.15	$8.00	$8.25
Heavy sows	$5.50-$6.00	$5.50	$6.00
Stags	$4.50	$4.50	$4.00
Sheep and Lambs			
Choice lambs	$7.50-$8.00	$7.00-$7.50	7.00-7.50
Best killing sheep	$6.00-$6.50	$6.00-$6.50	5.00-5.50

Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Butter (per lb.)			
Fancy dairy	28c-30c	28c-30c	20c-21c
No. 1 dairy	23c	23c	18c
Good round lots	18c-20c	18c-20c	15c-16c
Eggs (per doz.)			
Strictly new laid	16c-17c	16c-17c	17c
Potatoes			
In Sacks, per bushel	50c-55c	50c-55c	60c-65c
Milk and Cream			
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	34c	34c	28c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	31c	31c	25c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.00	$2.25	$1.75
Dressed Poultry			
Chickens	18c	18c	16c
Roosters	12½c	12½c	15c
Ducks	15c	15c	16c
Geese	13c-14c	13c-14c	16c
Turkeys	18c-20c	18c-20c	18c
Hay (per ton)			
No. 2 Red Top	$12-$14	$12-14	$11-$12
No. 2 Upland	$11-$13	$11-13	$10-$11
No. 2 Timothy	$15-$17	$15-$17	$15
No. 2 Midland	$8-$11	$8-$11	...