

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, August 7, 1915

Wheat—Up to Friday of this week cash wheat shows an advance over figures for last Saturday from 4 to 7 cents. Unfavorable weather thruout the Eastern States has contributed more to the advance than anything else. Reports of black rust have been received from time to time, and in some districts damage from this source would seem to be rather severe. Conditions in Western Canada are, for the most part, favorable to a large harvest. Lately U.S. markets have been weaker on better weather reports. Winter wheat should soon be moving in large lots, and with fair weather the cutting of spring wheat here and in the U.S. will be on in a few weeks. The pressure of so much wheat coming on the market is looked upon as a factor in reducing values. Closing figures for October wheat Friday 104½, and last Saturday the close was 104½.

Oats—Have shown considerable strength lately; closing price on Saturday, July 31, was 56 cents for 2 C.W. and on Friday of this week the close was 59 cents. October oats quoted yesterday at 41½.

Barley—Nothing much doing, prices slightly stronger toward end of week. Cash 3 barley worth yesterday 67 cents.

Flax—Stronger during last few days, cash 1 N.W.C. flax yesterday being quoted at 142½. Last Saturday the quotation was 137½. Trade rather dull.

and—bottoms are entirely inadequate to cope with exportation of corn.

Buenos Ayres—Wheat closed yesterday easy, with indications of rain. Cash situation very firm, with low grades in good demand. Corn firm with low grades in stocks decreasing.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Thursday, August 5, were:

Winnipeg Minneapolis	
Cash Grain	\$1.32 \$1.50
1 Nor. wheat	1.30 1.48
2 Nor. wheat	1.25 1.43
3 Nor. wheat	1.10 1.25
3 white oats	57 52
Barley	66-56 69-76
Flax, No. 1	1.41 1.66

Futures—

Oct. wheat	1.05 (Sept. 1.06)
Dec. wheat	1.05 1.06
May wheat	1.11

GRAIN INSPECTIONS

Cars inspected on Thursday, Aug. 5:

1915		1914	
No. 1 Man. Nor. wheat	12	12	12
No. 2 Man. Nor. wheat	34	34	34
No. 3 Man. Nor. wheat	14	14	14
No. 4 and others	7	7	7
Winter wheat	1	1	1
Total	68	65	65
Oats	14	12	12
Barley	4	4	4
Flax	3	8	8
Total	89	85	85
C. P. R.	83	83	83
C. N. R.	6	6	6
Total	89	89	89

EMBARGO ON U.S. PARTIALLY REMOVED

The Dominion Veterinary Director-General advises that the prohibitory order of May 9 last, which has been in force as a safeguard against the infection of foot-and-mouth disease from the United States, has been amended.

This amendment went into effect on August 2, and removes all restrictions, outlined in the order of May 9, against the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The original order, however, still remains in force for other States in the Union.

Animals, their parts and products, also hay and straw may now be imported from the States above mentioned, provided that shipments of same are not unloaded in any States other than those mentioned. Each shipment must be accompanied by the affidavit of the shipper that the goods comprising the consignment are the product of the States above mentioned, and have not been unloaded in any other than one of the said States. The inspectors of this branch have been notified that unless this affidavit accompanies the shipment, entry must be refused. It might be well, therefore, for shippers to pay particular attention to this detail, otherwise they will experience difficulty at the boundary.

CIVIC HOLIDAY

Owing to Monday, August 9, being a Civic Holiday in Winnipeg, The Guide goes to press on Saturday this week. As a consequence market prices are those in effect up to Saturday, August 7.

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Much more numerous arrivals than had been looked for tumbled down prices today in the hog market here. Cattle found virtually no shipping outlet. There was but little outside competition either for sheep or lambs, but late sales of western lambs brought higher prices.

South St. Paul, Aug. 5.—Estimated receipts at the Union Stockyards today: Cattle, 2,100; calves, 500; hogs, 3,000; sheep, 1,200; cars, 129.

Cattle—Fat cattle values were steady today. Little material of good grade appeared. Canadian and Dakota grassers of a fair to plain sort comprising

much of the material. Stockers and feeders were disposed of at the same terms as on Wednesday, as were dairy cows and veal calves.

Hogs—Cost and price range of hogs for Aug. 5. Average weight, 260 lbs.; average cost, \$6.45; price range, \$5.75 to \$7.25.

Hog trade was slow to start today and prices eventually proved 10 to 15 cents lower than on the previous day. Light droves were listed at \$6.70 to \$7.10, mixed at \$6.25 to \$6.40; and heavies between \$5.75 and \$6.10.

Sheep—Sheep and lamb supplies were moderately liberal today. Sale of a string of Montana wethers at \$6.35 was the feature of the session. Prices looked steady at the week's advance of 25 cents reported Monday.

Toronto, Aug. 4.—The receipts of livestock at the Toronto market yesterday were fifty-two cars, containing 508 head of cattle, 146 calves, 635 hogs, 517 sheep and lambs and 285 horses for the British army.

Prices yesterday were about the same as on Monday. All buyers offered steady prices for good to choice steers and heifers, tho the demand was slow for the poorer grades and prices for these were lower.

The inquiry for stockers and feeders was poor, but there was little change in prices compared with last week. Milkers and springers were in fair demand at the ruling prices of a week ago.

Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—Receipts at the Union stockyards during the past week were as follows: Cattle, 2,450; calves, 200; hogs, 3,202, and sheep, 244. Cattle have been received in fair numbers during the past week, but demand has kept up and prices have been in the best classes a little stronger and higher. The demand for cow stuff is very good, and choice cows are from \$5.00 to \$6.00. The supply of good well fleshed steers has been very small, and any coming would be snapped up at firm prices. Most of the steers sold around 7 cents, none coming that were of quality good enough to bring any higher price. Medium fleshed steers are selling around \$4.25 to \$4.75. Stockers and feeders are in better demand, and from now on the outlet for this class of stock will appreciably broaden. Best feeders are selling from \$6.00 to \$6.35, with stockers, from 600 to 800 pounds, at \$5.50 to \$6.00. Springers, almost ready to freshen, are selling well at \$6.00 to \$7.50. The bull and oxen market is good, but oxen are worth \$6.00 to \$6.25 and best bulls \$5.00 to \$5.25. Only well fleshed cattle should be sent to market at this time of the year. Heavy receipts in cattle and sheep were features on the market on Friday. For the 24 hours ending midnight Thursday, the arrivals were: 1,573 cattle, 1,490 hogs and 511 sheep. Shipped out in the same time were 556 cattle, 1,529 hogs and 398 sheep. The shipments were 5 cars of hogs to eastern markets, 3 cars of cattle to eastern markets, 1 car of hogs and 14 cars of cattle to the south, and the balance to local abattoirs.

Hogs—Receipts have not been so heavy this week and trading has been fairly active. During the first part of the week selects sold up to \$8.00, but Friday heavy receipts brought the market down to \$7.75. Light hogs are weaker, and prices for these range from \$6.25 to \$6.50.

Owing to the decline which heavy receipts brought on to the market, shipments of sheep and lambs this week were comparatively light. Prices have been a little stronger, best lambs selling for \$6.50 to \$7.00, and good handy weight sheep \$6 to \$6.50.

Country Produce

REGINA PRODUCE—Dressed hogs, 100 to 150 pounds, are worth 10 cents per pound, and heavier weights 9 cents per pound.

BRANDON PRODUCE—There is a particularly good demand in the city just at present for butter

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat	Oct.	Dec.	May
Aug. 3	105½	105	111½
Aug. 4	106½	106	112½
Aug. 5	106½	105½	111
Aug. 6	104½	104	110½
Aug. 7	105½	104½	110½
Aug. 9	Civic Holiday		
Week ago	106½	106	
Year ago	105½	104	111

Oats	Oct.	Dec.	May
Aug. 3	41½		
Aug. 4	42½		
Aug. 5	42½		
Aug. 6	41½		
Aug. 7	41½		
Aug. 9	Civic Holiday		
Week ago	41½		
Year ago	48		

Flax	Oct.	Dec.	May
Aug. 3	142½		
Aug. 4	141½		
Aug. 5	144½		
Aug. 6	146		
Aug. 7	149½		
Aug. 9	Civic Holiday		
Week ago	144½		
Year ago	149½	151	148

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Aug. 5)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	\$1.42
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.33
No. 1 Nor. wheat, part car	1.31
No. 1 Nor. wheat, part car	1.43
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.43
No. 1 Nor. wheat, part car	1.51
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.47
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 11 cars	1.51
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.51
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.52
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.51
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.46
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.50
No. 2 Nor. wheat, part car	1.45
No. 2 Nor. wheat, part car	1.39
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.46
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.49
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.49
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.49
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.40
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.37
No. 3 wheat, part car, bin burnt	1.31
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.38
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.37
No. 3 wheat, part car	1.41
No. 3 wheat, part car	1.42
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smut	1.34
No. 3 mixed wheat, part car	1.18
No. grade wheat, part car, mixed	1.31
Wheat screenings, part car, per ton	16.50
Wheat screenings, 1 car, per ton	15.00
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.40
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.42
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.39
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.40
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.25

No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Neb.	1.22
No. 3 durum wheat, part car, mixed	1.18
No. 3 durum wheat, part car, mixed	1.18
No. 1 durum wheat, part car, mixed	1.28
No. 1 durum wheat, part car, mixed	1.28
No. 3 durum wheat, part car, rye	1.16
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.27
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.27
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.28
No. 3 corn, 1 car, mixed	77
No. 5 corn, 1 car, mixed	78
No. 2 white corn, 1 car	80
No. 2 corn, 1 car, mixed	77
No. 3 corn, f.o.b.	70
No. 3 corn, 3 cars	77
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	79
No. 2 yellow corn, 1 car	79
No. 3 yellow corn, part car	79
No. 2 white oats, part car	51
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	49
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	52
Sample grade oats, part car	49
Mill oats, 2 cars	40
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, short rate	49
No. grade oats, 1 car	49
No. 3 white oats, part car	50
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	51
Sample grade rye, 1 car	1.05
Rye, sack lot	1.05
No. 4 barley, 1 car	75
Sample barley, part car, bulk head	73
No. 4 barley, 1 car	73
Sample barley, part car	76
Sample barley, part car	76
Sample barley, 1 car	73
Sample barley, 1 car	70
Sample barley, 2 cars	70
Sample barley, 1 car	71
No. 2 feed barley, part car, seedy	72
Sample barley, part car	73
Sample barley, part car	72
Sample barley, 1 car	72
Sample barley, part car	70
Sample barley, part car	71
Sample barley, 1 car	74
Sample barley, part car	71
Sample barley, 2 cars	76
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.65
No. 1 flax, part car	1.36
No. 1 flax, part car	1.64
Flax, 4 sacks	1.58
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.64

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, Aug. 6.—Easy American cables offset by scarcity of offers of new winters and unfavorable European weather reports and expected light world's shipments. Spot market unchanged to 2d higher; cargoes strong; Plates and Indians, 3d to 4d higher; winters, 6d to 8d higher; Manitobas, 6d higher. The demand is becoming active and new winters are firmly held. Heavy general rain in the United Kingdom caused millers to absorb freely. Corn strong, with good spot demand; sharp advance in Argentine freights and parcels, 3d to 4d higher. Argentine—Further advance predicted in freights.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from August 3 to August 7 inclusive

Date	WHEAT						OATS						BARLEY				FLAX					
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex 1	Fd 1	Fd 2	Fd 2	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.	
Aug. 3	128½	126	121	112	100½	93	..	56	55	55	51	49½	65	60	55	49½	139½	136½	..	..	..
4	131	129	123	114	107	98	..	56	55	55	52	50	66	61	56	50	138½	135½	..	..	..
5	132	130	125	116	107	100	..	58	57	57	55	52	66	61	56	52	141	138	..	..	..
6	132	130	126	118	110	59	58	58	56	53	67	63	57	53	142	139	
7	132½	130½	127	118	110	59	58	58	56	53	67	63	57	57	146	143	
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Week ago	128½	125½	121	111	110	59	55	55	50	49	141	138
Year ago	109½	107½	104

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Toronto Aug. 5	Calgary July 31	Chicago Aug. 6	St. Paul Aug. 6	COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg		Calgary July 30	Saskatoon July 31	Regina July 31	Brandon Aug. 10
	August 7	Year Ago						August 7	Year Ago				
Cattle							Butter (per lb.)						
Choice steers, dry feed	\$ 7.25-7.50	\$ 7.00-7.25	\$ 8.30-8.75	\$ 8.00-8.80	\$ 6.25-10.25	\$ 6.00-9.00	Fancy dairy	19c-21c	20c	27½c	20c	21c	10c
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.00-7.25	7.00-7.25	8.00-8.80	6.75-7.00	6.25-10.25	6.00-9.00	No. 1 dairy	20c	18c	25c	20c	20c	19c
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6.25-6.75	6.50-6.75	7.50-8.00	..	6.25-10.25	6.00-9.00	Good round lots	18c-19c	14c-15c	16c-18c	16c	8c	..
Best fat cows	5.00-6.00	5.75-6.00	6.75-7.25	..	3.10-9.25	5.00-6.50	Eggs (per doz.)	..	..	..	..	..	..
Medium cows	5.00-5.25	4.75-5.25	6.00-6.50	5.75-6.00	3.10-9.25	5.00-6.50	Strictly new laid	14c-15c	16c-18c	25c-27½c	20c	12½c	..
Common cows	4.25-4.50	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.50	3.10-9.25	5.00-6.50	Potatoes	..	..	..	..	..	..
Choice heifers	6.00-6.25	5.00-5.50	8.00-8.40	5.75-6.00	..	..	In sacks, per bushel, new	75c	95c	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.15-1.25	\$1.00
Best bulls	6.00-6.25	5.00-5.50	7.00-7.50	3.75-4.25	..	..	Milk and Cream	..	..	..	..	..	..
Common and medium bulls	4.75-5.25	4.50-4.75	6.00-6.50	..	4.25-5.50	..	Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	27c	30c	25c-27c	..	32c-35c	25c
Best feeding steers	6.00-6.33	..	6.50-7.00	5.75-6.25	5.00-7.25	4.50-6.75	Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	23c	22c	..	..	..	..
Best stocker steers	5.50-6.00	..	5.00-5.75	..	..	..	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	\$2.00	\$1.65	20c-23c	..	21c-23c	13c
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$60-\$75	\$60-\$75	\$75-\$100	\$65-\$80	..	..	of butter-fat	..	..	42c per lb.	..	..	\$2.50
Common milkers and springers (each)	\$10-\$20	\$15-\$50	\$45-\$55	\$60-\$65	..	..	Live Poultry	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hogs							Spring Chickens	8c	..	..	40c each	15c	10c
Choice hogs	\$7.75-8.50	\$8.37-8.75	\$9.00-\$9.10	\$7.50	6.80-7.60	\$5.50-\$7.00	Fowl	10c	..	..	30c-45c	10½c	8c
Heavy sows	\$6.00	\$6.75	..	..	6.00-6.90	..	Ducks	12c	..	..	50c	..	..
Stags	\$1.50	\$5.50	..	..	..	..	Geese	..	..	..	\$1.25	..	..
Sheep and Lambs							Turkeys	12c-13c	..	..	15c	13c	..
Choice lambs	\$6.50-\$7.00	\$7.50-\$8.00	\$9.00-\$9.50	..	7.25-9.00	..	Hay (per ton)	..	..	..	..	..	\$13
Best killing sheep	\$6.00-\$6.50	\$5.50-\$6.00	\$5.50-\$6.50	..	6.25-7.10	..	No. 1 Red Top	\$17	\$12	..	..	..	..
							No. 1 Improved	\$15	\$12	..	..	..	..
							No. 1 Timothy	\$2					