

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, March 6, 1915)

Wheat—Nervous and sensitive all week, the trade being large and fluctuations wide and sensational. Last trades today show the May 84c off and the July 8c down from a week ago. Offerings were heavy at the outset, while there was a general lack of buying orders in the market. The fact that the allied fleets were making their way thru the Dardanelles much faster than was expected, caused a sharp slump in wheat prices. The fear of the Russian surplus being released for shipment to Western Europe before the new crop is harvested in this country was especially effective in depressing prices for the July future in the Chicago market, which weakness was in turn reflected here. As the week advanced and the further progress of the allies in the Dardanelles became known, local traders became quite "bearish," the crop estimates and news from India likewise exerting a depressing influence. There was also a report in circulation, which originated in Dow, Jones & Company's office, in New York, to the effect that there had been several million dollars' worth of munitions of war orders cancelled during the early part of the week, which started a run on the bear side and nervous holders sold out. Later this report was cancelled, there being nothing substantial to it. Today the market recovered considerably due to firmness in Liverpool and May closed fairly firm at \$1.42½. The cash demand during the past week, generally speaking, has been very good, particularly during the last couple of days, when exporters were very keen after wheat for either immediate or future delivery, which tended to create a better tone in the situation here.

Oats—Oats were heavy in sympathy with the depression in wheat values, May oats selling down to 59½c, but recovered from the low point, closing today at 62½c, which is about 3c lower than last Saturday's close. The cash demand was a little better, particularly for the lower grades.

Barley—Absolutely no demand for this grain, there having been no quotations for cash barley since last Monday.

Flax—Market continues dull, trades being very few and far between. At the close today May Flax was about ½c lower than a week ago.

Corn—Feed corn F.O.B. Winnipeg is quoted at 78½c.

WINNIPEG FUTURES					
Wheat—	May	July	Oct.	No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.42½
March 2	145	144	113½	No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.38½
March 3	145½	144½	114½	No. 4 corn, 1 car, mixed	66½
March 4	142½	140½	114	No. 4 corn, 2 cars, short rate	66
March 5	138½	137½	111	No. 3 yellow corn, 2 cars	68½
March 6	142½	141½	112½	No. 3 yellow corn, 2,500 bu., arrive settle- ment	68½
March 8	147½	147	115½	No. 3 yellow corn, to arrive	69
Oats—				No. 3 yellow corn, 5,000 bu., to arrive	68½
March 2	63½	63½		No. 4 white oats, 1 car	52½
March 3	63½	63½		No. 4 white oats, 1 car	53
March 4	63½	63		No. 3 oats, 1 car	51½
March 5	61½	61½		No. 3 rye, 1 car	1.04
March 6	61½	61½		No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.09
March 8	62½	62½		No. 3 rye, 1 car	1.07
Flax—				No. 4 barley, 1 car	71
March 2	165½	168½		No. 4 barley, 3 cars	72
March 3	166	169		No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	67
March 4	166½	169½		No. grade barley, 1 car	66
March 5	165½	168		Sample grade barley, 1 car, seedy	66½
March 6	166	168½		No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	68
March 8	166½	169	170	No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	70
				Sample grade barley, 1 car	68½

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES							
(Sample Market, March 6)							
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.39½	No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.40	No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.81½	No. 1 flax, 600 bu., to arrive	1.81½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.33½	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.33½	No. 1 flax, 2 cars	1.84½	No. 1 flax, 500 bu., to arrive	1.84½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.37½	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.38	No. 1 flax, 1,040 bu., to arrive	1.84½		
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.36½	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.37				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.34	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.34				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.35½	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.35				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.28½	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.28½				
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.34½	No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.34½				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.31½	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.31½				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.34½	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.34½				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.31½	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.31½				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, frost	1.34½	No. 3 wheat, 1 car, frost	1.34½				
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.33½	Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.33½				
Sample grade, 1 car	1.25	Sample grade, 1 car	1.25				
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.16½	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.16½				
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.12	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.12				
Screenings, 1 car, ton	18.00	Screenings, 1 car, ton	18.00				
Screenings, part car, ton	9.00	Screenings, part car, ton	9.00				
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.24½	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.24½				
No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.25	No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.25				
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.22½	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.22½				
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.22½	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.22½				

## Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from March 2 to March 8 inclusive

Date	WHEAT							OATS					BARLEY				FLAX			
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1Fd	2Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Mar.																				
2	142½	140½	137½	133½	129	125	120	61½	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160½	157½	...	...
3	143½	141½	138½	134½	129½	125½	120½	61½	58½	58½	...	...	...	...	...	...	161½	158½	...	...
4	140½	138½	135½	131½	126½	122½	117½	61½	58	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	162½	159½	...	...
5	136½	134½	131½	127½	122½	118½	113½	59½	56½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	161½	158½	...	...
6	140	138	135½	130½	126½	122½	117½	60½	57½	57½	56½	56½	...	...	...	...	161½	158½	...	...
8	144½	143	140½	135½	131	127	122	61½	58½	58½	57½	56½	...	...	...	...	162½	159½	...	...

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Winnipeg Grain				Winnipeg Livestock				Country Produce			
MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO		MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO		MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	
Cash Wheat				Cattle				Butter (per lb.)			
No. 1 Nor.	144½	148½	89½	Choice steers	\$ 7.25-7.50	\$ 7.00-7.25	\$ 7.40-7.75	Fancy dairy	25c	24c	25c
No. 2 Nor.	143	146½	88½	Best butcher steers and	7.00-7.25	6.25-6.75	6.25-6.75	No. 1 dairy	21c-22c	21c	19c-20c
No. 3 Nor.	140½	143	86½	heifers	6.50-6.75	5.75-6.00	6.00-6.40	Good round lots	18c-20c	18c	16c-17c
No. 4	135½	138½	82½	Fair to good butcher	6.25-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.25	Eggs (per doz.)			
No. 5	131	134	80	steers and heifers	5.25-5.75	4.50-5.75	4.75-5.50	Strictly new laid	25c	30c	30c
No. 6	127	130	75	Best fat cows	4.25-4.75	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.50	Potatoes			
Feed	122	125	70½	Medium cows	5.25-6.00	4.75-5.50	5.00-5.75	In sacks, per bushel	55c-60c	55c-60c	75c
Cash Oats				Common cows	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	Milk and Cream			
No. 2 CW	61½	62½	34½	Best bulls	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.25	4.25-5.00	Sweet cream (per lb.)	35c	35c	32c
Cash Barley				Choice heifers	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.25	4.25-5.00	butter-fat	35c	35c	32c
No. 3	75	45		Com'n and medium bulls	6.00-6.50	5.25-5.50	5.25-5.50	Cream for butter-making	31c	31c	29c
Cash Flax				Best feeding steers	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.75	purposes (per lb.)	31c	31c	29c
No. 1 NW	162½	162½	134	Best stocker steers	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.75	butter-fat	31c	31c	29c
Wheat Futures				Best milkers and spring-	600-670	600-670	655-675	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	92.25	92.25	91.00
May	147½	150½	92½	ers (each)	645-650	645-650	640-650	Dressed Poultry			
July	147	149½	94½	Common milkers and				Chickens	16c	16c	16c
October	115½	118½	88½	springers (each)				Roosters	12½c	12½c	14c
Oat Futures				Hogs				Ducks	15c	16c	16c
May	63½	64½	36½	Choice hogs	\$ 7.25	\$ 7.15	\$ 8.50	Geese	12½c	12½c	16c
July	63½	64½	37½	Heavy sows	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.25	Turkeys	18c	18c	20c
Flax Futures				Stags	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.00	Hay (per ton)			
May	166½	169½	137½	Sheep and Lambs				No. 2 Red Top	91½-14	91½-14	910-911
July	169	169½	140½	Choice lambs	7.00-7.50		7.00-7.50	No. 2 Upland	91½-18	91½-18	90-910
October	170			Best killing sheep	6.00-6.50		5.00-5.50	No. 2 Timothy	91½-16	91½-16	915
								No. 2 Midland	98-911	98-911	

choice quality grain fed steers are worth 7 cents. Choice fat cows are in demand at from \$5.75 to \$6.25.

Stockers and Feeders—We are in receipt of numerous inquiries for stockers and springers and would be glad to hear of parties with young stock for disposal.

Steers, choice export, \$6.75 to \$7.00; butcher, \$6.45 to \$6.75. Heifers, common to choice heavy, \$5.00 to \$6.25. Cows, choice, \$5.50 to \$6.15; common, \$4.50 to \$5.00; 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 \$5.00. Veal calves, 400 to 500 lbs., \$6.00; 200 to 400, \$6.50 to \$7.00. Stockers and Feeders—Feeding steers, 500 to 1,200 lbs., \$5.25 to \$6.00; heifers, \$5.25 to \$5.75. Springers, choice, \$6.00 to \$7.50; common, \$4.00 to \$6.00. Calves and yearlings, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Fat sheep, \$7.25 to \$8.75 and \$7.50 offering for wethers, ewes and lambs.

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

## NEW FLOUR PRICES

Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.—	
Royal Household, bag 98 lbs.	\$3.70
Mount Royal	3.60
Glenora	3.45
Centennial	3.35
Manitoba	3.10
Whole Wheat	3.45
Graham	3.45
Leitch Bros. Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—	
98s Sovereign	\$3.70
98s Manitoba Patent	3.40
98s White Cross	3.30
98s Hub Strong Bakers	3.00
98s Bull's Eye	3.60
Lake of the Woods Milling Co.—	
Cotton or Jute	\$7.40
Five Roses, per bbl.	7.10
Lakewood	6.90
Harvest Queen	6.90
Medora	5.90
XXXX	5.40
Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—	
Purity	\$7.40
Three Stars	6.80
Maitland	6.30
Medallion	7.10
Roller oats—	
80s per sack	\$5.50

## CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, March 6.—Hogs—Receipts 9,000; weak at 10 cents advance. Bulk, \$6.80 to \$6.90; light, \$6.65 to \$6.95; mixed, \$6.50 to \$6.95; heavy, \$6.40 to \$6.90; rough, \$6.40 to \$6.55; pigs, \$5.50 to \$6.00. Native steers, \$5.85 to \$9.15; western steers, \$5.25 to \$6.50; cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$7.70; calves, \$6.75 to \$10.25. Sheep—Receipts 1,000; strong. Sheep, \$7.00 to \$7.90; yearlings, \$7.75 to \$8.65; lambs, \$7.75 to \$9.75.

## ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, March 6.—Receipts today were: 200 cattle, 500 hogs, and 50 sheep. Prices for killing cattle ranged as follows: for steers, \$4.50 to \$7.75; cows and heifers, \$4.50 to \$6.40; canners, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bulls, \$4.00 to \$5.85; cutters, \$4.00 to \$4.50; veal calves, \$4.25 to \$8.75. Market steady; veal calves steady. Stockers and Feeders—Feeding steers, 900 to 1,100 lbs., \$4.25 to \$7.00; stock steers, 500 to 900 lbs., \$4.00 to \$6.50; stock cows and heifers, \$4.25 to \$6.25; stock bulls, \$4.25 to \$5.50. Market steady. Hogs—Prices held steady at \$6.65. Market 10 cents higher. Shorn Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$4.50 to \$9.00; yearlings, \$6.00 to \$8.00; bucks, \$2.75 to \$4.50; wethers, \$5.25 to \$7.50; ewes, \$3.00 to \$7.00. Sheep and lambs steady.

## WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, March 6, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.40	\$1.39½
2 Nor. wheat	1.38	1.36½
3 Nor. wheat	1.35½	1.34½
No. 3 yellow corn	.87½	.88½
3 white oats	.87½	.85½
Barley		65-75
Flax, No. 1	1.61½	1.84½
Futures—		
May wheat	1.42½	1.34½
July wheat	1.41½	1.30½
Oct. wheat	1.12½	1.07½
Winnipeg Chicago		
Beef Cattle, top	\$7.25	\$9.05
Hogs, top	7.25	6.95
Sheep, yearlings	6.50	8.65

## Winnipeg Livestock

### Stockyard Receipts

There have been received during the past week at the Union stockyards: 276 cattle, 15 calves, 9,428 hogs and 10 sheep.

### Cattle

Supplies have been very light on all classes of stock during the past week at the Union stockyards. Some very good grain fed steers have been offered, however, and generally the tone of the market is stronger. The price for tops has advanced a good 25 cents and the outlook for steady prices is very fair. Demand is in evidence, too, for stockers and feeders and as supplies are likely to be small, this class of livestock will probably sell well. Choice steers which have been for sale have reached \$7.00 to \$7.50, and female stock has taken a similar advance. Best cows and heifers sell around \$6.25 to \$6.50, with some of the real choice kind up to \$6.75 and \$7.00. Medium cows are selling from \$5.25 to \$5.75, with canners and common steers all the way from \$3 to \$4. There is very little demand for the few oxen coming and very few are selling for 5 cents. The market for bulls is not so strong as for other choice grades, but a few fat bulls could be sold for good prices. Grain fed cattle are likely to be scarce on account of the high price of feed grain, so that in all probability all grades of fat stuff will sell well from now on. Veal calves are scarce, but choice ones will fetch 7 to 7½ cents.

### Hogs

The hog receipts have been lower and the price has been steady to firm. A little advance has been made in choice hog prices, this class selling at from \$7.15 to \$7.25, during the latter part of the week. The usual cuts are in force, hogs around 100 to 140 pounds selling for 5½ cents, light pigs 50 to 90 pounds in weight, 5 cents, rough sows 5½ and stags 4½ cents.