

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, January 22, 1916.)

**Wheat**—Wheat prices made a gain for the week of 6½¢ on May and 6½¢ on July. The market continues to show remarkable strength, due to export and speculative buying. In spite of the high prices and high freights, the demand for wheat is keen, and everything in a position to reach the seaboard is eagerly taken. Meantime the railways are having their troubles in handling shipments and still find it necessary to limit the number of shipments for the east and from the interior.

**Oats**—The gain in oats prices for the week is 2½¢, and there is trading in July futures at 4¢ under May price. The same conditions are found in connection with the oat market that were spoken of above regarding wheat.

**Barley**—Barley shows a gain in price for the week of 5½¢, with good demand and a fair amount of business done.

**Flax**—Flax has had wide fluctuations, and closed on Saturday 4½¢ below the close of the previous week end. With only a light volume of business, prices were nervous and easily influenced.

## CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending January 21, 1916.			
	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	21,676,745	7,937,713	1,324,742
Depot Harbor	317,479		
In Vessels in Can.			
Ter. Harbors	1,585,255	2,815,394	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,231,492</b>	<b>Not yet reported</b>	<b>1,325,232</b>
At Buffalo and Duluth	11,735,771	281,815	108,851
<b>Total this week</b>	<b>42,552,518</b>	<b>Not reported</b>	<b>1,704,883</b>
<b>Total last week</b>	<b>44,242,742</b>	<b>16,541,253</b>	<b>1,702,909</b>
<b>Total last year</b>	<b>13,630,764</b>	<b>6,181,285</b>	<b>687,960</b>

## WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, Jan. 22, were:—

	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.27	\$1.34
2 Nor. wheat	1.24	1.32
3 Nor. wheat	1.22	1.28
3 white oats	.44	.49
Barley	.55-59	.68-70
Flax, No. 1	2.12	2.34

Futures—  
 May wheat 1.31 1.31  
 July wheat 1.30 1.29

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	July
Wheat—		
January 18	129	129
January 19	128	128
January 20	128	128
January 21	130	130
January 22	131	130
January 24	132	131
Week ago	126	125
Year ago	144	144
Oats—		
January 18	50	
January 19	50	
January 20	50	
January 21	50	
January 22	50	
January 24	50	
Week ago	49	
Year ago	63	64
Flax—		
January 18	227	
January 19	222	
January 20	223	
January 21	223	
January 22	222	
January 24	222	
Week ago	226	
Year ago	171	173

No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	48
Sample grade white oats, 1 car	48
Sample grade oats, 1 car	48
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	48
No. 4 white oats, 4 cars	49
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	49
No. 3 white oats, 3 cars	49
Sample grade oats, 1 car	48
Mill oats, 1 car	38
No. 2 rye, 1 car	47
Standard white oats, 1 car	51
No. 2 rye, 1 car	97
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	73
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	71
Sample barley, 4 cars	70
Sample barley, 4 cars	71
Sample barley, 4 cars	72
No. 1 flax, 3 cars	2.32
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.31
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.31
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.30

### STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, Jan. 21, 1916.—

1916 Wheat

This Year	Last Year
1 hard 84,038 30	11,186 10
1 Nor. 10,038,820 50	870,509 50
2 Nor. 4,406,848 00	1,626,880 30
3 Nor. 2,991,284 00	1,121,545 50
No. 4 1,484,657 10	606,242 20
Others 2,671,097 10	1,896,561 40

This week	Last week
21,676,745 40	5,132,926 20
20,636,619 50	5,179,725 40
Increase 1,040,125 50	Decrease 46,799 20

### Oats

1 C.W. 120,744 16	6,263 28
2 C.W. 3,923,790 17	565,312 29
3 C.W. 1,801,696 33	364,180 24
Ex. 1 Pd. 557,517 33	273,832 24
Others 1,533,023 30	712,970 30
This week 7,937,713 27	1,872,068 33
Last week 7,394,822 07	2,054,785 30
Increase 542,891 20	Decrease 182,716 07

### Barley

3 C.W. 690,529 13	1 N.W.C. 650,537 00
4 C.W. 331,664 26	2 C.W. 75,154 47
Reg. 77,302 10	3 C.W. 29,837 55
Feed 55,773 06	Others 28,501 30
Others 149,473 22	
This week 1,274,742 29	Last week 784,031 20
Last week 1,312,809 36	Last week 841,536 04
Decrease 38,147 07	Decrease 57,504 40
Last year's total 263,182 22	Last year's total 749,030 17

### SHIPMENTS

1916	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
(lake)	203,500 00			
(rail)	388,392 00	61,287 16	106,300 23	89,165 39
1915				
(lake)				
(rail)	380,636 00	267,154 00	16,850 00	4,228 00

### MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Jan. 22)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	\$1.38
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	1.37
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 9 cars	1.34
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.36
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.33
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, to run	1.35
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.34
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.33
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.33
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.32
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.34
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,000 bu., arrive	1.33
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.33
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.35
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.34
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.36
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.31
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.31
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.29
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.29
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 7 cars	1.31
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.30
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.29
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.31
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.27
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.27
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.28
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.28
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.23
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.15
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.19
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, to run	1.23
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.19
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 2 cars, Mont.	1.31
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.28
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.23
Standard white oats, 1 car, short rate	.50
No. 2 white oats, 4 cars	.49

## GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending Wednesday, January 19, there was in store at the interior terminal elevator, Moose Jaw: Wheat, 296,256.50 bushels; oats, 43,695.30 bushels; barley, 8,246.02 bushels; and flax, 7,068.11 bushels. During this week receipts were: Wheat, 111,390.50 bushels; oats, 7,022.32 bushels; and flax, 2,605.54 bushels. At the Calgary interior terminal elevator there was: Wheat, 39,499 bushels; oats, 94,510 bushels; barley, 4,730 bushels; and flax, 76,390 pounds. Receipts during the week were: Wheat, 15,938 bushels; oats, 28,448 bushels; barley, 4,283 bushels. At the Saskatoon interior terminal elevator there is in store: Wheat, 1,252,656 bushels; oats, 105,431 bushels; barley, 5,935.33 bushels; and flax, 24,239.07 bushels. Receipts during this week were: Wheat, 64,872.50 bushels; oats, 18,629.04 bushels; flax, 529.11 bushels.

## The Livestock Markets

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Hogs jumped in value today owing to the supply being much less numerous than expected. Cattle prices could only be called nominal. There was no urgent inquiry for sheep or lambs.

South St. Paul, Jan. 22.—Unprecedented volume of hog marketing with consequent sharp fluctuations of the market featured the livestock trade of the week. For the first time in the history of the yards here the 100,000 mark was surpassed by the arrivals of swine, although that figure has been very closely approximated nearly every week for two months.

The mixed and heavy butcher sorts were in best favor with packers and a moderate spread existed at most times between these and the light sorts. Pigs sold in line with mature stock, but about \$1.00 under the latter on the average. The market has shown capacity to absorb an enormous quantity of swine, buyers having provided outlet for more than 800,000 here since the month opened. Besides the outlet, local packers and butchers, there is a vigorous shipping demand upon which salesmen have been able to depend.

Cattle supplies have been of generous volume for this season of the year, but quality has averaged very ordinary. In fact the effects of soft corn rations were largely responsible for such bearishness as was detected in buyers' attitude. Packers have claimed that dressing percentages have been unsatisfactory because of the inferior feed available in this territory.

Butcher stock declined at least 10 to 15 cents during the week and before the close some sellers regarded the slump as even more in spots. The percentage of steers salable from \$7.00 to \$7.50 or higher was reduced as the result of the weakness in the market.

Calgary, Jan. 21.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company Limited reports last week's Alberta stockyards receipts were 230 horses, 600 cattle, 2,437 hogs. This week's receipts were 297 horses, 508 cattle, 3,625 hogs.

Outward shipments—1 car of cattle to Moose Jaw, 2 cars to Edmonton, 1 to Vancouver; 18 cars

of hogs to Toronto, 6 cars to Moose Jaw and 5 to B.C.

Cattle—There were no cattle good enough to bring the top prices quoted last week, although the market has continued steadily. We sold some 1,100 lb. steers today at \$6.50 and prices for 1,200 lb. cattle reached \$6.65. Cows and heifers were in strong demand from \$5.50 to \$5.85; stock heifers and cows continue in good demand, but there is little enquiry for steers.

Hogs—The largest receipts in a nine months market ranged from \$8.85 to \$8.95 at the week's close.

Sheep—Top yearling wethers and lambs, \$8.00 to \$8.50; ewes, \$7.00.

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—Receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards during the past week have been as follows: Cattle, 322; calves, 50; hogs, 6,920.

The cattle receipts are again light this week and there is a keen demand from our local packers for all desirable butcher stuff, and anything showing killing qualities is considerably higher than last week's quotations. The best fat steers on sale this week have sold up to 7½ cents. Best fat cows are selling from 6 to 6½ cents, with the choice butcher heifers up to 7 cents. Common stuff is not wanted and canners and cutters are not selling any higher than they did last fall. Very few stockers and feeders coming, and the demand for this class of stock is very weak. The best feeders are selling from 5¼ to 5½ cents, with the yearling steers around 5½ cents.

Receipts of hogs have only been fair this week so far. The market has been steady at 9 cents and the prospects are that they will hold around that price. Sows are selling 7 to 7½, lights 7½, and stags 4½ to 5 cents.

No sheep and lambs on sale this week. Good lambs would sell from 8½ to 8½ cents, and good mutton sheep from 6 to 6½ cents. Choice veal calves (light) 7 to 7½ cents, heavy calves 5½ to 6½ cents.

## Country Produce

SASKATOON PRODUCE—Business has been very good this week. Butter, hogs and beef have been very plentiful. Dressed hogs (lights) are 11 to 11½ cents per pound, heavier weights 9 to 11 cents, best beef is 11 cents, mutton 12 to 15 cents, and veal 12 cents per pound.

CALGARY PRODUCE—The Produce Dept. of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, 241 St. Paul, Calgary Public Market, report that butter, eggs and potatoes are unchanged. There is a good demand for live poultry. Dressed poultry is firm. Dressed hogs show a slight advance. Frozen hides are worth 12 cents per pound; cured 15 cents per pound; stags and bulls 1 cent off; fallen and damaged hides get market prices at time of arrival.

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: All quotations are f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—Slightly any farm butter is being offered for sale and no change is noted in this week's prices. Fancy dairy butter is worth 24 to 26 cents per pound, No. 1 dairy is 24 to 25 cents per pound, and good round lots are 21 to 23 cents per pound.

Eggs—Eggs are coming to market in large quantities now and the price is just holding firm around 35 to 40 cents per dozen for new leads. Odd shipments subject to candling are not at all eagerly bought by dealers and after being subjected to strict candling the balance is paid for at the rate of 25 cents per dozen.

Potatoes—Owing mainly to the stormy, cold weather it is difficult for dealers to get their customary potato supplies from British Columbia just at present and as a consequence potato prices are firmer and have advanced 5 cents. Dealers are offering today 65 cents per bushel.

Milk and Cream—Prices on milk and cream are unchanged for the balance of the month. Sweet cream is worth 40 cents per pound of butterfat delivered, sour cream is 37 cents per pound of butterfat and milk is still \$2.50 per hundred pounds.

### Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from January 18 to 24 inclusive

Date	WHEAT				OATS				BARLEY				FLAX									
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex 1 Pd	1 Pd	2 Pd	No. 3	No. 4	Reg.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Reg.		
Jan. 18	125	122	120	115	108	98	88	46	44	44	43	42	66	61	54	54	219	216				
19	124	121	119	114	107	97	87	46	43	43	42	41	66	61	54	54	215	212				
20	124	121	119	114	107	98	88	46	43	43	42	41	69	65	55	55	216	213				
21	126	124	121	117	110	100	90	46	44	44	43	42	69	65	55	55	213	210				
22	127	124	122	117	110	100	90	46	44	44	43	42	69	65	55	55	212	209				
24	127	125	123	118	111	104	98	46	44	44	43	42	69	65	55	55	215	212				
Week ago	121	119	116	112	105	95	85	45	42	42	41	40	64	59	52	52	218	215				
Year ago	129	127	125	120	126	122	119	61	60	60	58	57	78	73	68	68	165	162				

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Toronto	Calgary	Chicago	St. Paul	COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg		Calgary	Saskatoon	Regina	Brandon
	Jan. 24	Year Ago	Jan. 19	Jan. 22	Jan. 22	Jan. 22		Jan. 24	Year Ago	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 24
<b>Cattle</b>							<b>Butter (per lb.)</b>						
Choice steers	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.50-8.15	\$ 6.70-6.75	\$ 6.35-6.75	\$ 7.00-8.75	Fancy dairy	24-26	24	35		36	26
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.00-7.50	6.25-6.50	7.15-7.65	6.00-6.80	6.50-8.25	3.75-7.75	No. 1 dairy	24-25	21	27 1/2-30		28	26
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6.75-7.00	5.75-6.00	6.65-7.15		6.50-8.25	3.75-7.25	Good round lots	21-23	18	25	25-27	23	24
Best fat cows	6.00-6.25	5.25-5.50	6.25-7.00	5.50-5.85	3.20-8.25	4.25-6.75	<b>Eggs (per doz.)</b>						
Medium cows	5.00-5.75	4.50-5.00	5.00-6.00		3.20-8.25	4.25-6.75	Subject to candling	25	26				
Common cows	3.50-4.50	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.75	4.35-5.40	3.20-8.25	4.25-6.25	New Laid	35-40	35-45	17 1/2-30		45	35
Choice heifers	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	7.25-7.75	5.50-6.00	4.25-6.75	4.25-6.75	<b>Potatoes</b>						