

GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 24

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	980	1590	
C. N. R.	297	470	29
Totals	1277	2060	29

Disposition

Butchers, local from last week	240
Butchers East from last week	91
Butchers East this week	416
Feeders East this week	144
Feeders West this week	22
Consumed locally	695

Cattle

Receipts of cattle at the stockyards are getting down to winter size, the run last week being but little in excess of 1,200 head. The run, however, was of sufficient size to take care of all demands, the market being very dull. The quietness will prevail until after the first of the year when demand should pick up a little, but we will probably see no great activity until the fed stuff starts next spring. The greater part of the week's receipts were taken by local concerns, but eastern trade was rather heavy for this season. Feeders also found some eastern demand.

The bulk of the receipts were about of the regular winter standard, that is, quite ordinary. The few head of good stuff that arrive are quickly taken at good prices. Prices show no change from last week and it is not likely that the market will change much for some time. Good cattle will bring good returns and poor ones will have a hard time finding satisfactory sale. That's about the size of the market and very little more can be said of it.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best export steers	85.00 to 85.25
Fair to good export steers	4.65 " 4.75
Best export heifers	4.40 " 4.75
Best butcher steers	4.65 " 4.75
Fair to good butcher steers	4.25 " 4.50
Best fat cows	4.00 " 4.40
Fair to good cows	3.65 " 3.85
Common cows	2.75 " 3.25
Best bulls	3.40 " 3.75
Common bulls	3.00 " 3.45
Good to best feeding steers, 1,000 lbs. up	4.25 " 4.50
Good to best feeding steers, 800 to 900 lbs.	3.75 " 4.25
Stockers, 700 to 800 lbs.	3.50 " 3.75
Light stockers	3.00 " 3.50

Hogs

The hog market seems about as dead as the cattle market, and last week's run sold a strong half dollar below former quotations. However, it does not seem that this state of affairs could last for any length of time. There will probably be a stronger demand after the holidays.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	7.25 to 8.50
Heavy sows	5.75 " 6.75
Stags	3.00 " 3.50

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from DEC. 21 to DEC. 27, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT								OATS				BARLEY				FLAX			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Food	Rej. 1 st	Rej. 1 st	Rej. 2 nd	Rej. 2 nd	Rej. 1 st	Rej. 2 nd	Food	Oats	Barley	Flax			
DEC. 21	80 ¹	86 ¹	83 ¹													58 ¹	38 ¹	36 ¹	34 ¹	207
22	90	87	84													58 ¹	47	39 ¹	34 ¹	210
23	90 ¹	87 ¹	84													58 ¹	47	39 ¹	34 ¹	208
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27	89 ¹	86 ¹	83 ¹													58 ¹	38 ¹	36 ¹	34 ¹	207

Sheep and Lambs

Receipts are at a minimum and prices are steady.

Prices quoted are:

Best sheep	4.50 to 85.00
Choice lambs	5.25 " 6.00

It is probable that the market will be a little easier after the holidays.

Spring chickens, per lb.	11c.
Fowl, per lb.	8c.
Old roosters, per lb.	5c.
Turkeys, per lb.	17c.
Geese, per lb.	10c.
Ducks, per lb.	12c.

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

There is no change in the prices offered for fancy and No. 1 grades of dairy butter. Dealers state there is little butter of a good quality coming in from the farmers. There is a strong demand for good butter and indications point to higher prices as the winter advances, but the dealers are already being forced, as they were last year, to get the bulk of their supply from the East and the States. This does not point to a very healthy condition of the dairy business in the West. We wonder at the farmers missing such a good thing year after year. Wholesalers quote the following prices f.o.b., Winnipeg:

Fancy dairy	25c. to 27c.
No. 1 dairy	24c.
Good round lots without culs or mold	20c. " 21c.
No. 2	17c. " 19c.
No. 3	15c. " 16c.

Eggs

Dealers would be willing to pay 50 cents a dozen for new laid eggs, but it looks as if \$1.00 were offered that the farmers would not be in a position to deliver the goods. There is simply nothing coming in from the country in the egg line, and this as we have said above, is another industry that the Western farmer wants to pay not a little attention to in the future, but a great big part of his time. It will pay him.

Potatoes

The bulk of the potatoes are being received from the East and 70 to 75 cents per bushel is being paid for them laid down in Winnipeg. The potatoes arriving from the West are fetching from 65 to 70 cents a bushel, being smaller and not so uniform in size as the Eastern qualities.

Hay

Hay prices have fallen off a little owing to the large quantities being received. Prices quoted per ton on track, Winnipeg, are:

Wild Hay	
No. 1	\$12.00 to \$12.50
No. 2	11.50 " 12.00
No. 3	8.00 " 10.00
No. 4	7.00
Rejected	6.00 " 6.50

Timothy

No. 1	\$14.00 to \$15.00
No. 2	13.00 " 14.00

Live Poultry

Prices show no change from last week. There is a good demand for all classes of poultry, turkeys being wanted especially.

RETAIL MARKET

Winnipeg retail dealers offer the following prices to the country:

Butter

Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks	35c.
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks	33c.

Eggs

Strictly fresh gathered	50c.
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Dressed Poultry

Spring chickens, dry plucked, drawn, head and feet off	20c.
Fowl, shipped same as chickens	14c.
Turkeys, dressed and drawn	25c.
Ducks, dressed and drawn	19c.
Geese, dressed and drawn	20c.

Note.—For the retail trade chickens and fowl must be dry plucked and not scalded.

Dressed Meat

Quotations for dressed meat given by retail butchers show no change from last week. Prices f.o.b., Winnipeg are:

Beef

Prime carcasses	9c.
Front quarters	8c.
Hind quarters	10c.

Pork

Prime carcasses	10c.
Veal (skins on)	9c.

Prime carcasses	9c.
Heavy and inferior	8c.

Lamb

Per bushel	40c. to 45c.
Live Stock	

Butcher cattle	\$3.25 to \$4.50
Bulls	2.50 " 3.00
Hogs	7.75
Lambs	5.50 " 6.00
Calves	4.00 " 4.50

Potatoes

Oats	40c. to 45c.
Barley	31.887

Flax	50,394
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WINNIPERG FUTURES

Following are the closing quotations on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange during the past week, for December, May and July delivery.

Wheat

Dec. 21	13,000,170	8,797,449	1,317,000
Dec. 22	12,778,102	8,486,000	727,801
Dec. 23	12,900,082	8,478	