The Farmers' Market

Farmers' Market Letter

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, August 5, 1918.

OATS.—There is very little change in cash value since a week ago. The July delivery period expired without any special feature, and all contracts were easily taken care of. Latest reports relative serious frost damage in many districts, but against this, there has been substantial improvement since the rain fell in other districts. There is a keen demand in the interior for all grades of oats at fancy premiums over prices for the lake-front delivery.

BARLEY.—There have been buyers during the week at $1.25 for 3 C.W. and $1.20 for 4 C.W. Offerings in this market are small, but there is no big demand for domestic trade, and American prices are much lower than ours, therefore they secure the export business.

FLAX prices have taken a sharp break since the July delivery expired. There is a very poor demand for cash flax, which is now trading at October price.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	July 30	31	August 1	2	3	5	Holiday	Week ago	Year ago
Oats—									
Oct.	82¼	81	83¼	83¼	82¼			81¼	69¼
Dec.	80¼	77¼	79¼	79¼	78¼				61¼
Flax—									
Oct.	448	448	444	439	435			449	337

THE CASH TRADE

Minneapolis, Aug. 2

CORN—Conditions unchanged from those of the last few days. No. 3 yellow closed at $1.62 to $1.67. No. 4, $1.52 to $1.62.

OATS—Strong demand. Bulk of the early sales were at 71 to 71½c. No. 3 white closed at 71 to 72c. No. 4 white oats at 66½ to 67½c.

RYE—Narrow and featureless. No. 2 rye closed at $1.84 to $1.86.

BARLEY—Almost nothing offering. Mills bid $1 to $1.04 for new barley, 20 days' arrival. Prices closed at 92c to $1.09.

FLAXSEED—Only a few bulkheads here. Buyers paid 3c over October. No. 1 seed closed at $4.56 to $4.59, on spot and to arrive.

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, July 31, was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Saskatoon	Wheat			25,352
"	Oats	3,940	18,733	219,003
"	Barley			5,911
"	Flax			754
Moose Jaw	Wheat	1,019		7,210
"	Oats	9,954	28,827	218,569
"	Barley			70
"	Flax			104
"	Corn			1,187

NEW WHEAT AT MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, Aug. 3.—Two cars of new wheat, one from Minnesota and the other from South Dakota, were receipted at Minneapolis this morning. A free movement of new spring wheat is expected in the near future, for threshing is under way throughout southern Minnesota and South Dakota. It is reasonable to believe that wheat will be rushed in as rapidly as possible, in order to get the premium that is now being offered over the government price.

For new spring wheat, 20 days delivery, $2.33 and $2.31, respectively, was bid today for dark northern and northern Marquis or blue stem, and 1c a day less for every day after 20 days, until the government price is reached. For velvet chaff $1.25 was bid.

One of the big milling companies is out of the market for winter wheat, so it has enough to last it until the spring wheat movement is fairly under way.

FIXED WHEAT PRICES

	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	TH	TH2	TH3
Fixed	221	218	215	208	196	187	215	212	207
Year ago	240	237½	232½	222½	209½	174	232	230	223

The Livestock Market

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 3.—The United Grain Growers Limited Livestock Department reports receipts at the Union Stockyards, St. Boniface, for the week ending August 3, 1918, as follows: Cattle, 4,705; calves, 234; sheep, 243; hogs, 5,647.

During the past week rain has fallen in a great many districts through the West, but large areas in the southern part of Alberta and Saskatchewan are still in the dry list. The recent moisture will have a tendency to stop the rush of unfinished cattle coming to market which for a time had a tendency to lower prices, but already the good effects of the rain is being felt and market conditions are much improved and prices are quotably higher all round, well finished fat steers, heifers and cows are selling strong at the advanced prices as well as good heavy feeders. We look for good prices on all quality cattle from now on and would advise farmers to refrain from selling their stock for future delivery as all the indications at present point to high prices for all good cattle. During the week large numbers of both steers and heifers have been shipped to the country, to localities where feed and moisture is plentiful.

The hog market has been steady to strong all week, opening at 19 cents and closing at 19½ cents.

Sheep, lambs and calves are coming in small numbers, but about enough to supply the demand at present, as the packers are not freezing any yet.

The following is as near as possible to the prevailing prices:—

Butcher Cattle

Extra choice steers	$13.00 to $15.00
Choice heavy steers	11.00 to 12.75
Medium to good steers	10.00 to 11.00
Fair to medium steers	8.00 to 9.50
Common to fair steers	7.00 to 8.00
Choice fat heifers	10.00 to 12.00
Fair to good heifers	8.00 to 9.75
Good to choice cows	9.00 to 10.50
Fair to medium cows	7.00 to 8.75
Canner and cutter cows	4.50 to 5.75
Best fat cows	8.00 to 9.00
Canner and cutter cows	5.50 to 7.75
Fat weighty bulls	8.00 to 8.50
Bologna bulls	6.00 to 7.75
Fat lambs	14.00 to 15.00
Sheep	10.00 to 11.00
Veal calves	9.00 to 11.00
Fall feds	6.00 to 7.00

Stockers and Feeders

Choice weighty good colored feeders	$9.50 to $11.00
Common to good stockers and feeders	7.00 to 9.00
Best milkers and springers	85.00 to 110.00
Fair milkers and springers	60.00 to 85.00

Hogs

Selects fed and watered	$19.50
Light hogs	$17.00 to 18.00
Straight heavies	16.00 to 16.50
Sows	13.00 to 14.00
Stags	11.00 to 12.00
Boars	7.00 to 10.00

CALGARY

Calgary, Aug. 3.—The Livestock Department of the United Grain Growers Limited report this week's receipts as follows: Horses, 539; cattle, 2,510; hogs, 2,347; sheep, 1,011. Receipts for the corresponding week last year were: Horses, 607; cattle, 835; hogs, 1,597; sheep, 144.

The receipts of cattle for the week were fairly liberal and although the demand for some classes was strong a considerable number of light cattle were held over. Choice heavy fat steers, 1200 and up, sold readily at from $13 to $14, medium to good steers $12 to $13, and common light butcher steers from 1000 to 1100 sold from 10 to 11 cents with the buyers not very keen to handle them. Fat cows sold readily, but as in the case of the steers the weight tells and the heavy stuff is bought at a premium. We quote choice heavy fat cows and heifers at $9.65 to $9.15, medium cows $8.25 to $8.50, and common stuff selling slowly at $7 to $7.75. Light heifers 750 to 900, even if fat, are hard to dispose of to the packers and we look for this stuff to sell lower. The supply of bulls was very limited, a few of the best reaching $7.50, with common bologna $6 to $6.75. Fat cows brought from $8.50 to $10, with medium $7 to $8.50, and common cutters and canners 5 to 6 cents. Veal held about steady with 8 cent the top of the market, while a number of poor calves sold as low as 6 cents. Stockers sold slightly better during the early portion of the week—good feeling steers 900 and up will bring $8.75 to $9.25, and lighter two-year-olds $8 to $8.40; yearling steers $7 to $7.50. Stock cows showing breeding and in fair condition are worth $6 to $6.50, and two-year-old and yearling heifers from $6.50 to $7, with the demand very poor.

Hog receipts were light and $19.25 to $19.50 was the prevailing price up to Thursday, with Friday's hogs selling the same. Top price on hogs a year ago $15.90.

Sheep are being held back as the quality of those shipped has so far proved very poor and very few are accepted by the packers. We quote choice lambs $14.00 to $14.25, choice fat wethers $12 to $12; and fat ewes $11 to $12.

Only steers showing weight and quality should be shipped at present. The demand is for 1200 lbs. and up and with a number of light steers in a load some of the buyers will not bid at all. These light cattle on good grass will make considerable money for those in a position to keep them, and we are of the opinion that as they harden up the packers will be more ready to accept them.

Hogs are holding steady and there does not appear to be much prospect of any material decline just yet.

TORONTO

Toronto, July 31, 1918.—Dunn & Levack report that with 3,600 cattle on sale here Monday and the weather being extremely hot, the trade was very dull, excepting for heavy weight steers. This class of cattle was in very strong demand and selling considerably higher. Butcher heifers were very slow of sale and much lower. The demand for stockers and feeders was very weak. The pastures have been burning up and nobody seemed to want any stock cattle. Good butcher cows continued to sell at fair prices, considering the time of year.

With some rain and cooler weather we look for the cattle trade to be more active. Heavy bulls were rather hard to dispose of. There was a very fair enquiry for good milch cows and springers with the better demand being shown for the springers. We have a number of enquiries for heavy weight steers, with fat and quality. We think this class of cattle will continue high for some time to come.

The supply of sheep and lambs has been light here this week and today for the best bunches of lambs we are making around 21 cents, with the bulk of the sales at from 20 to 21 cents. Best veal calves are selling around 16 cents, with fair bunches from 14 to 15 cents. Light weight sheep are wanted and selling high.

Hogs are scarce this week and the market is much stronger. Today we are selling hogs at around 19 to 19¼ cents f.o.b. and $19.90 fed and watered here.

WOOL GRADING AT CALGARY

The official graders of the livestock branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture are now busy grading the wool consigned to the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, Calgary. The grading is being done in the large Horse Show Building at Victoria Park, which is most convenient for this purpose. Last year the association sold 153,000 pounds of wool for 280 members at an average of 60 cents a pound, realizing a total amount of $91,408. The several grades were sold at different prices, the highest priced grade, Fine Medium Combing, selling for 64 cents a pound, down to 20 cents for Tags. This year the association will sell, for about 350 or 400 members of the association, between 225,000 and 250,00 pounds, representing a value of between $150,000 and $175,000.

After being graded at Calgary, the wool will be shipped in carlots to the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited, Toronto, for sale, in order to get the best net returns for the members. A charge of 3½ cents will be made to provide for the expense of grading and handling at Calgary and also handling and selling at Toronto. Arrangements have been made so that advances can be made where necessary up to 50 cents a pound. The Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited is an organization formed by all the sheep breeders' and wool growers' associations in Canada, and is organized on a purely co-operative basis to get the best possible returns for the individual members of the several associations forming the central organization.

Those wishing to sell through the association should send their wool at once addressed to E. L. Richardson, secretary, Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, Victoria Park, Calgary. Special care should be taken to see that each sack is labelled plainly, showing the name and address of the shipper. Wool sacks and twine may be obtained through the association. In no case should binder twine or sisal be used to tie wool, as it damages the wool seriously and results in a lower grade being obtained.

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, July 30 to Aug. 5, inclusive

Date	Wheat Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CWEx	1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY 3 CW	4 CW	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW
July 30	185	86½	—	84½	—	—	125	120	—	—	—	—	—
31	185	86½	86½	86½	83½	80½	125	120	—	—	458	455	—
Aug. 1	185	86½	87½	87	83½	80½	125	120	—	—	444	—	—
2	185	90½	87½	87	84½	81½	125	120	117	117	439	—	—
3	185	90½	86½	86½	83½	80½	125	120	—	—	435	—	—
5	C	I	V	I	C		H	O	L	I	D	A	Y
Week ago	185	88½	85	85	82	79	125	120	—	—	458½	450½	—
Year ago	164	76½	75½	75½	72	70	122	117	—	111	335	325½	—

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Aug. 3	Winnipeg Year ago	Calgary Aug. 3	Toronto July 31	St. Paul Aug. 2	Chicago Aug. 3
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Cattle						
Choice steers	13.00-15.00	.....	13.00-14.00	14.50-15.50	16.00-17.50	18.25-18.55
Best Butcher steers	11.00-12.75	8.50-9.00	12.00-13.00	13.00-14.50	13.00-16.00	18.25-18.50
Fair to good butcher steers	9.50-11.00	7.00-8.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-13.00	12.00-14.00	14.00-17.00
Good to choice fat cows	9.00-10.50	7.00-7.50	8.65-9.15	10.00-10.50	9.00-12.00	10.50-12.50
Medium to good cows	8.75-9.00	6.00-6.50	8.25-8.50	7.50-8.50	8.75-10.00	8.25-10.50
Canners	4.50-5.75	3.75-5.00	3.00-6.00	5.50-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.60
Good to choice heifers	10.00-12.00	7.50-8.50	8.50-9.50	10.50-13.00	10.00-12.50	9.75-15.00
Fair to good heifers	8.00-9.75	6.50-7.50	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.50	8.00-12.00	7.50-9.75
Best cows	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	8.50-10.00	.....	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	8.00-8.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.50	9.50-10.50	6.50-8.50	9.00-12.50
Common to bologna bulls	6.00-7.75	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.75	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.85
Fair to good feeder steers	9.50-11.00	6.00-7.00	8.75-9.25	10.25-11.50	8.00-12.00	9.00-14.00
Fair to good stocker steers	7.00-9.25	5.50-6.50	7.00-7.50	8.00-9.00	6.00-9.00	9.50-11.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$85-$110	$75-$100	$60-$75	$100-$160	.....	.....
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$60-$85	$50-$65	.....	$65-$90	.....	.....
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	19.50	15.00	19.50	19.50	18.75	18.10-19.35
Light hogs	17.00-18.00	12.00-13.50	.....	16.50-17.25	.....	.....
Sows	13.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	.....	15.25-16.50	.....	17.50-18.25
Stags	11.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	.....	14.25	.....	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	14.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	14.00-14.25	20.00-21.00	16.00-16.00	17.25-18.00
Fear killing sheep	10.00-11.00	7.50-10.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-15.00	6.00-11.50	12.00-13.50

Breeders' Notes

Manitoba Breeder Buys Herd Header

Shorthorn breeders of Western Canada will be interested to know that John Barron of Carberry, Man., has recently purchased, at a long price, of Robert Miller, of Stouffville, Ont., the bull, "Lancaster Lord."

Prof. G. E. Day, of Guelph, Ont., field representative of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, has been in Western Canada during the past few weeks attending the shows and doing publicity work in Canada.

Peritonitis in Colt

Q.—A mare with six-day-old foal was in a band of horses that were being corralled and in the chase became overheated and exhausted. The next morning the foal had difficulty in getting on its feet, the sheath appeared swollen and the white of the eye was yellow. We gave it a dose of sweet nitre and bathed the sheath with warm water. Colt died that night. A post mortem revealed a congested condition of the lining of the stomach. Kindly give probable cause of death.—A.T.B.

A.—Your description of the manner in which this colt became sick and the symptoms is manifested and its appearance on being opened after death, are all very characteristic of Peritonitis. This consists of an extensive inflamation of the surface of the bowels and the lining membrane of the belly. When this occurs there is an exudate formed which fills up the abdomen with a quantity of fluid. The cause of the colt becoming affected would very likely be the result of it being overexerted and possibly overheated. Treatment of a case of this kind is, as a rule, not very successful. The usual remedy being small doses of sweet Nitre and the application of hot cloths to the belly.—Dr. C. D. McGilvray.

Enough Coal Coming

John T. Stirling, fuel administrator for Alberta, has written H. Higginbotham, secretary of the U.F.A., as follows:—

"With reference to fuel situation, have to inform you that the mines have increased their output very considerably during the last few months, but, of course, you will realize that it is impossible for them to take care of all the orders which they are receiving at one time. If people will be a little more patient I am quite satisfied that there will be more coal available than is required within the next two months.

"We started in May advising people to put in fuel, but it would appear that it is only within the last three or four weeks that they have realized the necessity of doing so. I am quite satisfied that before the end of this year the mines will be working slack time for lack of orders."

Pork Restriction Removed

The Canada Food Board has removed, temporarily, the restriction on the consumption of pork. Such action has been made possible by the pork production and conservation efforts in Canada and the United States, and the Food Board's Order, passed today, provides that pork, including bacon and any part of the carcass, may be served at any time in public eating-places operating under Canada Food Board license.

In making this announcement the Food Board stated that, as a result of conservation measures and increased production, net exports of pork from the Dominion have been increased by 125,000,000 pounds per annum, which is an increase of 571 per cent., over a five-year pre-war average.

The farmer has jumped to the front as the largest owner of automobiles in Ontario. Of the 78,861 cars in the province, 23,408 are owned by farmers, while 14,825 are owned by manufacturers and merchants. Of the total ownership in the province, 47,337 cars are owned by people in the rural communities, while 31,198 cars are owned by city people.