

The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, December 23, 1918.

OATS—The local market continues dull, and narrow. For the first four days last week a small decline occurred each day. On Friday and Saturday, slight gains were made, and Saturday's closing price for May delivery was 3½ cents lower than a week ago. American cash corn prices have advanced considerably during the week on account of small receipts due to unfavorable weather in the country.

BARLEY—Prices broke sharply during the early part of the week. Demand for cash or for future contracts is very slow, even at the lower level of prices. At the same time offerings are very light, consequently there is little selling pressure on the market.

FLAX—Fluctuations in prices have been narrow. All prices have advanced four cents here since a week ago, with dull markets prevailing.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Week	Year
	December							ago	ago
Oats—									
Dec. 76	76	75	76	76	77	77	77	80	80
May 81	81	80	81	80	78	82	82	83	83
Barley—									
Dec. 95	96	96	97	97	101	101	101	101	101
May 102	103	102	104	103	100	108	108	108	108
Flax—									
Dec. 320	321	326	328	328	324	304	304	304	304
May 330	331	336	338	337	335	334	306	306	306

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS
Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday Dec. 18, was as follows—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Moose Jaw	Wheat		13,965	1,195,554
	Oats	71,333	19,356	518,911
	Barley	6,142	2,733	41,536
	Flax	300		1,154
	Rye			1,763
Saskatoon	Wheat	26,693	2,200	666,111
	Oats	130,470	7,553	473,706
	Barley	11,033	1,502	62,580
	Flax			736
Calgary	Wheat	46,441	3,595	1,110,684
	Oats	106,109	16,792	769,311
	Barley	34,911	19,834	168,830
	Flax	152		1,303
	Rye	3,098		20,692
Tim.				77,175

THE CASH TRADE

Minneapolis, December 20

OATS—Prices steady compared with futures; demand fair. No. 3 white sold mainly at January price to ½ cent over. No. 3 white closed at 68½ to 69½ cents. No. 4 white oats at 64½ to 65½ cents.

RYE—Firm with futures; No. 2 rye sold at January price to ½ cent over. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.54 to \$1.55.

BARLEY—Prices 1 to 2 cents higher with a good demand. Prices closed at 87 to 95 cents.

FLAXSEED—No. 1 spot in good demand at 3 to 5 cents over December and to arrive 2 to 4 cents over. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.54 to \$3.56 on spot and \$3.53 to \$3.55 to arrive.

The Livestock Market

WINNIPEG
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—The United Grain Growers Limited Livestock Department reports receipts of livestock for sale at the Union Stock Yards, St. Boniface, for

	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	7†	8†	9†	10†	11†	12†	13†
Fixed	224	224	217	211	199	190	212	212	208				
Year ago	231	218	215	209	194	185	215	212	207				

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, Dec. 17 to 23, inclusive

Date	Wheat Feed	OATS			BARLEY			FLAX			RYE			
		2CW	3CW	4CW	3CW	4CW	Reg. Fl.	1NW	2CW	3CW				
Dec. 17	169	76	73	73	72	67	95	90	79	77	321	317	295	145
18	162	76	73	73	72	67	96	91	80	78	321	318	296	145
19	164	75	72	71	66	66	91	80	78	—	321	321	301	140
20	165	75	72	73	72	67	97	92	81	79	328	325	303	140
21	165	75	71	72	71	66	96	91	80	74	328	324	302	140
23	165	73	70	70	69	65	93	88	77	75	326	322	300	140
Week ago	165	77	74	74	73	68	101	96	85	83	325	321	299	132
Year ago	170	81	77	77	74	71	135	130	116	116	304	301	284	—

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg		Edmonton		Toronto		St. Paul		Chicago	
	Dec. 21	Year Ago	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	
Cattle										
Choice steers	10.50-11.50	9.00-10.50	12.00-13.00	4.25-14.80	15.00-15.50	19.00-19.75				
Best butcher steers	9.50-10.00	8.00-9.00	11.00-11.50	11.75-13.75	13.00-14.00	18.00-19.00				
Fair to good butcher steers	8.00-9.00	5.50-8.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.50	14.50-16.00				
Good to choice fat cows	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.25	7.00-7.50	9.00-9.75	7.25-8.00	8.00-11.00				
Medium to good cows	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.25	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.50	6.00-8.00	7.50-9.00				
Canners	4.50-5.50	4.00-5.50	4.50-6.00	5.00-5.85	5.00-5.25	6.60-6.85				
Good to choice heifers	9.00-9.50	7.50-8.25	7.50-8.10	12.00-13.25	7.50-8.00	9.00-10.00				
Fair to good heifers	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.25	6.00-7.00	9.00-12.00	5.75-7.00	7.50-8.50				
Best oxen	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	5.00-7.00	9.50-10.50	7.75-8.50	10.00-12.50				
Best butcher bulls	7.50-8.00	6.00-7.25	5.00-6.50	5.00-5.00	7.00-7.50	7.50-8.25				
Common to bologna bulls	5.50-7.00	5.50-6.75	4.00-5.00	5.50-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.50-8.25				
Fair to good feeder steers	8.50-10.50	7.50-8.50	7.25-9.25	9.00-10.75	11.00-12.00	9.50-10.50				
Fair to good stocker steers	6.50-8.50	5.50-7.50	8.50-9.00	7.00-8.50	7.50-9.00	9.50-10.00				
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$85-\$120	\$75-\$90								
Fair milkers and springers (each)	\$50-\$80	\$50-\$65								
Hogs										
Choice hogs, fed and watered	17.75	17.00	17.50	18.00	17.00	17.50				
Light hogs	7.00-10.75	14.00			15.85	17.25				
Sows	11.75-13.75	12.00-13.00			16.50	16.50				
Stags	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00								
Sheep and Lambs										
Choice lambs	12.00-13.00	10.00-15.00	12.50-13.00	14.75	14.60	14.75				
Best killing sheep	7.00-9.00	8.00-12.00	9.50-10.50	19.50	8.00-8.50	9.50				

steers brought \$11 to \$12 and common light butcher steers 10 to 11 cents. Cows and heifers did not share in the decline and sold fully as high a week ago. We sold a number of good cows and heifers from \$8.00 to \$8.50, with the general run of the best from \$7.50 to \$8.10; medium cows sold slowly at \$6.50 to \$7.00 and common and canners from \$3.50 to \$4.00. The demand for bulls was very poor with the attendance to lower prices, and it took an exceptionally good animal to exceed \$6.00; the bulk selling from \$3.50 to \$4.00. The stockers were in great demand, this especially applying to yearling and two-year-old steers, the supply of this class being insufficient for this demand and we were forced to hold over a number of buying orders. 350 to 450 steers brought from \$8.50 to \$9.25 and heavy feeders from \$9.50 to \$10.00, with yearlings at \$7.25 to \$8.25. Stocker cows and heifers are worth \$6.25 to \$7.00 and choice yearling heifers would exceed this price. There were numerous inquiries for good calves but the supply was very limited with prices falling from \$7.00 to \$7.50 for the best, and \$6.00 to \$6.50 for common stuff.

Hog prices held steady and all our early week hogs brought \$18.00 off cars. We held Thursday afternoon hogs until Friday and realized \$18.30 off cars for the bunch. There is very little prospect of any material decline next week and we look for a steady market.

Prices on fat sheep show a tendency to stiffen and good fat lambs will bring \$12.50 to \$13.00; wethers from \$10.50 to \$11.50 and fat ewes \$9.50 to \$10.50.

The weeks run of cattle again taxed the yards to their utmost capacity, and with the holiday season coming on, we do not see any prospects of higher markets before the New Year, and we believe that good cattle will pay for a few weeks feeding before shipping. The bulk of the good cattle that were sold were taken by the speculators and without their competition a very dull market would have resulted.

TORONTO

Toronto, December 18, 1918.

Dunn and Leveck report: About 5,300 cattle were on sale here Monday. In addition to this some of the packers had heavy shipments from the West, with the result that the demand was weak for most classes of cattle. Good butcher cattle were from 75 cents to \$1.00 per cwt. lower than they were during the previous week. Heavy beef cattle were, in some instances, from \$3.00 to \$4.00 lower per cwt. They were not wanted in any numbers, and were very hard to sell. Some that were bought at 15 cents per pound in the country sold here at 11 cents per pound. There was a steady demand here for camers and common grades of off-colored cattle for canning purposes. Bologna bulls held steady. Some good butcher cows sold at fair prices. Medium cows were considerably lower. There was a weak demand for stockers and feeders, excepting for breeder steers with weight and quality. Some heavyweight finished steers sold at very good prices. Good milk cows were wanted and realized fair prices. Altogether the market was dull and drab owing to heavy supplies. We think the prospects are about steady for most classes of cattle. There seems to be enough numbers available to supply the demand and we do not think they are going to be any higher for some time to come. They may go lower.

There were liberal supplies of sheep and lambs, and the market has been slow, excepting for good quality lambs of handy weights. Some good veal calves will sell. Coarse calves are slow of sale. Hogs are lower this week. Today we were making 18 cents per pound, fed and watered, and 17½ cents per pound f.o.b. cars country points.

Terminal Elevator Tariff

On Monday of last week the following was made public:—

Notice re Terminal Elevator Tariff.

The Board of Grain Commissioners announces that after the re-hearing recently held in Winnipeg regarding the above matter, the tariff charges covering the operation of public terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur remains as originally approved by the board, September 17, 1918.

By order of the board,
"Signed) R. Hetherington,
"Secretary."

Greater Winter Wheat Crop in U.S.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says:—

"A huge winter wheat crop, larger by 80,000,000 bushels than any yield in the history of American agriculture, was forecasted today by the department of agriculture. The government's appeal, made before the coming of peace was in sight, saying an acreage of 47,500,000 was desirable, and the guaranteed price of \$2.20 a bushel for wheat, stimulated extraordinary effort on the part of the farmers, said the department's announcement. As a result, 49,027,000 acres were planted during a long and almost perfect season. The fall growing season has been one of the finest ever known, resulting in the crop being in the best condition

ever recorded on December 1, and giving promise of heavy yields.

Allowing for the average spring abandonment of acreage due to winter killing, the department announced that winter wheat gives promise of a total production of 765,000,000 bushels. An average spring wheat crop would place next year's production beyond a billion bushels and exceed the record crop of 1915. Last year's spring wheat production was 363,000,000 bushels.

Suspected Milk

Q.—I have a cow nearly dry, have noticed lately small particles in her milk which appear to be curdled, which remain on the cloth after straining the milk. She will freshen soon. Is the milk safe to use?

A.—If your cow is in good condition and the udder seems to be sound and healthy, we see no reason why the milk should be unfit for food, provided it is not stringy, bloody, or otherwise discolored. In cases of diseased udder or when milk is discolored it should not be used for food.

2. Any qualified veterinarian can apply the Tuberculin Test.

In Livestock Circles

Big Importation of Angus

Several of our most prominent western livestock breeders had been at odds and ends in their business until the war cloud lifted on November 11 last. The big Glencarnock sale was held to release Messrs. McGregor and Hart for war. It is a good thing for the Aberdeen Angus breed that these clever breeders and managers are left to carry on.

The base foundation herds have now been completed by an \$18,000 importation, consisting of 20 head, some 19 females and one bull calf, chosen from the very cream of "Doddies" shown at the international. This is a very quick and timely piece of work of reconstruction.

Among the international celebrities purchased at the sale are "Elmsland Blackbird," a beautiful two-year-old heifer, by "Den Hur Lonsdale," bid in at \$1,500, and "Ames Plantation Queen," first as a yearling in 1917, with a long string of victories at state fairs and a long line of prize-winning ancestors. She has cheap at \$1,000. "Erica Ellen 2518," another state fair winner, and "Black Ailsa, of Sun Dance," of "Blackbird" breeding, grace the herd as yearlings. Three heifers and one bull calf were discovered in the herd of O. V. Battles, Masqueto, Iowa, by the famous bull, "Oakville Quiet Lad," that will add strength in their young division.

"Black Progress," purchased at the Echer and Ryan sale, should prove a most valuable infusion of blood, for grand sire was "Prince Ho 2nd," himself a grand champion at the world's fair, and the daddy of "Blackcap Poe," that sold for \$9,500, and "Black Poe," the \$5,000 sensation.

The Glencarnock herd, with these and many other new ones just as good, is right up in the van once more.

Manitoba Livestock Breeders

Executive meetings of the Manitoba breeders' associations met in Brandon on Friday, December 20. The meetings were very well attended, and much enthusiasm was shown with the favorable financial reports and with livestock prospects in general. It was felt that vigorous steps should be taken at once to put Western Canada in line for her share in supplying the demand and need of European markets. The program adopted for the annual meetings emphasizes throughout the very sincere effort of the breeders in trying to get the best advice obtainable from authorities to guide them in renewing their livestock work for the reconstruction years.

Winings at the International

Geo. Rupp, of Lampman, Sask., has again put Western Canada right in the spotlight in the horse-breeding industry by his winnings in Belgian horses at Chicago. His two-year-old stallion "Paramount Flashwood," by "Farceur," the \$47,500 wonder, won the junior and reserve grand championship. This colt possesses great scale, style, action and quality, and will take some beating with good luck in the future. He's the kind the west needs more of, to attract the horse buyers from the continent who are coming. Mr. Rupp also won easily in the top fifty class on "Lady Wolfer," bred by "Paramount Wolfer." She was raised out here under scarce feed conditions, but was outstanding in her class with her splendid scale, size, strength of back and middle, supple and well with strong quality bone.

At such a time we have to take our hats off to Mr. Rupp.

Collicut's Herefords

The sunny ranches of Alberta were well to the fore with Frank Collicut's Herefords. His "Gay Lad 16," though not especially fit, won third place in the strongest class of bulls ever brought together at the international. Great ruggedness and vigor were in evidence in his second and sixth junior yearling bulls. These animals inspire great enthusiasm among the western range cattlemen, who demand something a little different from the highly fitted stall-fed animal.