

# WHEAT POUNDED DOWN ON WEATHER PROSPECTS

**Favorable Growing Conditions in Western States Encourage Bears in Renewing Their Activities—Corn and Oats Lower.**

CHICAGO, April 3.—Gilt-edge weather for growth in Kansas and Oklahoma and for seedling in the Dakotas and Minnesota encouraged speculators today to pound down the price of wheat. Latest trading left the market at a decline of 1-2 to 5-8c off, oats with a loss of 3-8c to 5-8c off, and corn with a loss of 1-4 to 1-2c off, on Monday night to a decrease of 1c.

Attention in the wheat pit veered almost completely from the May option to the months representing delivery of the new crop. The southwest sold large amounts of the July future here, the reason being not only the late growing weather of the last two days, but an official forecast of similar conditions to come. Crop experts traveling in that section reported the outlook superb. Minneapolis sent word at the same time that seedling operation would be in full swing all over the principal northwestern states by the end of the week. Some seedling was said to be already under way across the boundary line in Canada. Prices suffered also because of consignments at Saskatchewan wheat pressing for sale clear from Duluth to Omaha.

**Corn and Oats Weaker.**  
Corn weakened with wheat and because of a general move to secure profits on purchases made during the recent advance. Prospect of lighter feeding in view of the clear skies and rising temperature had a somewhat disconcerting effect on the bull side of the market. Cheaper offerings of low-grade Canadian wheat at Omaha counted also against values of ordinary foreign. May corn fluctuated from 74 3-4 to 75 3-4, and closed easy 3-8c down at 75 1-2 to 75 3-4.

Bright promise of a start soon on planting made the price of oats will. The Northwest reported a big acreage probable and said soil conditions were perfect. Outside limits for the May option proved to be 54 1-2 to 55 1-2, and last sales 54 3-8 to 54 5-8, an easing off from Monday's close. There was a huge trade in provisions. Packers, however, met freely the general outside and foreign buying, so that in the end the market was unchanged, or had slid off from a shade to 30c.

**Northwest Receipts.**  
Receipts of wheat in cars at primary centres were as follows:

	To-day	Week	Year
Chicago	1,235	1,235	1,235
Duluth	1,235	1,235	1,235
Winnipeg	1,235	1,235	1,235

**European Markets.**  
Liverpool wheat closed 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher than yesterday, and corn unchanged. Outside limits for the May option proved to be 54 1-2 to 55 1-2, and last sales 54 3-8 to 54 5-8, an easing off from Monday's close.

**ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.**  
Receipts of farm produce were 200 bushels of grain and 14 loads of hay. Wheat—One hundred bushels sold at 90c per bushel. Barley—One hundred bushels sold at 80c per bushel. Hay—Fourteen loads sold at \$22 to \$24 per ton.

**Prices at which re-cleaned seeds are being sold to the trade:**  
Alaska, No. 1, bush, \$15.00 to \$15.50  
Red clover, No. 1, bush, 12.00 to 13.00  
Red clover, No. 2, bush, 10.00 to 11.00  
Timothy, No. 1, cwt, 18.00 to 19.00  
Timothy, No. 2, cwt, 16.00 to 17.00  
Alfalfa, No. 1, bush, 11.00 to 12.00  
Alfalfa, No. 2, bush, 9.00 to 10.00

**Hay and Straw.**  
Hay, per ton, \$22.00 to \$23.00  
Hay, mixed, 18.00 to 20.00  
Straw, loose, 8.00 to 9.00  
Straw, baled, 15.00 to 16.00

**Fruits and Vegetables.**  
Potatoes, bag, \$1.15 to \$1.25  
Cabbage, per bush, 2.00 to 2.50  
Apples, per bush, 3.00 to 4.00  
Pears, per dozen, 0.25 to 0.30

**Poultry.**  
Turkeys, dressed, lb, 20.00 to 22.00  
Geese, per lb, 0.12 to 0.15  
Chickens, lb, 0.10 to 0.12  
Ducks, lb, 0.10 to 0.12  
Fowl, per lb, 0.10 to 0.12

**Fresh Meats.**  
Beef, forequarters, cwt, 12.00 to 13.00  
Beef, hindquarters, cwt, 11.00 to 12.00  
Beef, choice sides, cwt, 10.00 to 11.00  
Beef, medium, cwt, 9.00 to 10.00  
Beef, bottom, cwt, 8.00 to 9.00  
Mutton, light, cwt, 7.00 to 8.00  
Veals, common, cwt, 6.00 to 7.00  
Veals, prime, cwt, 7.00 to 8.00  
Dressed hogs, cwt, 10.00 to 11.00  
Lamb, per cwt, 15.00 to 16.00

**FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.**  
Hay, car lots, per ton, \$18.00 to \$19.00  
Hay, car lots, No. 2, 15.00 to 16.00  
Straw, car lots, per ton, 8.00 to 9.00  
Turkeys, per bush, 12.00 to 13.00  
Butter, creamery, lb, 0.25 to 0.30  
Butter, separator, lb, 0.20 to 0.25  
Butter, store, lb, 0.15 to 0.20  
Eggs, fresh, lb, 0.10 to 0.12  
Eggs, new-laid, lb, 0.12 to 0.15

**Hides and Skins.**  
Prices revised daily by J. Carter & Co., 31 East Front-street, Dealers in

**Wool, Yarns, Hides, Calveskins and Sheepskins, Raw Fur, Tallow, etc.**

No. 1 inspected steers and	10 1/2 to 11
No. 2 inspected steers and	9 1/2 to 10
No. 3 inspected steers and	8 1/2 to 9
Country hides, green	0 1/2 to 1
Calveskins, each	1.00 to 1.50
Sheepskins, per lb	0.25 to 0.35
Horsehair, per lb	0.25 to 0.35
Horsehides, No. 1	2.25 to 2.50
Tallow, No. 1, per lb	0.08 to 0.09

**Winnipeg Grain Market.**

Wheat—Op. High. Low. Close.	Prev.
May, old, 101 1/2, 101 1/2, 101 1/2, 101 1/2	101 1/2
May, new, 102, 102, 102, 102	102
July, 103 1/2, 103 1/2, 103 1/2, 103 1/2	103 1/2
Oats—	
May, 47 1/2, 47 1/2, 47 1/2, 47 1/2	47 1/2
July, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2	49 1/2

Oats—					
May .....	47½	47½	47½	47½b	47½
July .....	46½	46½	46½	46½b	46½

**GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows: