

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat was weak on Monday, influenced by weak cables, favorable spring wheat crop reports and small decrease in stocks last week. Closing prices were $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c lower than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	—
Oats	15	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard	—	8 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

Prices for wheat recovered on Tuesday, the chief influence being unfavorable reports of the Indian and United States winter wheat crop. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 80	—
Lard	—	8 85	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

On Wednesday wheat was easy at the opening, but soon advanced on firmer cables, and expected bullish United States government crop report. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	58-59
Corn	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	5 70	—
Lard	—	3 75	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 65	—

On Thursday prices continued to decline, owing to favorable crop reports, particularly from Michigan state. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	6 40	6 50	—
Lard	3 50	3 60	—
Short Ribs..	3 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

Wheat was weak and dull on Friday, but recovered slightly late in the day. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$	57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 60	—
Lard	—	3 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 57 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

On Saturday September wheat opened at 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and advanced to 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c then eased off. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	56	58
Corn	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	16	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	6 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard	3 70	3 77 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	3 60	3 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

A week ago July wheat closed at 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and a year ago at 65c and two years ago, at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, July 11. No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Sept. delivery at 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, December at 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago July wheat closed at 53c.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of July 9 reports flour in fair demand. Prices are as follows in barrels, f. o. b.: First patents, \$3.20 to \$3.50; Second patents, \$3.10 to \$3.15; First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2;

Export baker's, \$2.45; second export bakers' \$2 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. jute, \$10.50 to \$10.75. These prices are the same a week ago.

Milstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$1.75 to \$5.00. Bran in sacks, 220 lbs, \$5.50 to \$6.00 Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Shorts, \$5.00; Middlings, fine, \$7.25 to \$7.75.

New York Wheat.

On Saurtday, July 11, Sept. delivery closed at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and December delivery at 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—May, — c, July 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Sept. 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Tuesday—May — c, July 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Sept. 56 c.
Wednesday—May, — c, Sept. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Thursday—May — c, Sept. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Friday—May — c, Sept. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Saturday—May —, Sept. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Dec. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A year ago September delivery closed at 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Two years ago July closed at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and three years ago at 61c.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending July 9, were \$1,146,881; balances, \$165,328. For the previous week clearings were \$891,112. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$903,808 and for the week two years ago, \$869,692. For the month of June clearings were \$1,091,811 as compared with \$3,865,181 for April, 1895, and \$3,829,427 or May, 1894. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$11,848,107
Toronto.....	9,185,881
Halifax.....	1,630,997
Winnipeg.....	1,146,881
Hamilton	826,196
	\$21,186,965

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain—A small business was done in oats and ear lots of No. 2 Ontario white sold at 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Barley, feed, 31 to 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Flour—Manitoba millers reported a fairly active business in flour to-day, there being a good demand from local buyers for small lots on the basis of 3.40 to \$3.50 for best brands. Prices are: Winter wheat \$3.81 to \$4; spring wheat, patents, \$3.75 to \$3.85; straight roller, 3.60 to \$3.70; straight roller, bags, \$1.70 to \$1.75; extra bags, \$1.40 to \$1.50; Manitoba strong bakers, 3.30 to \$3.50.

Oatmeal—Standard, brls., \$2.90 to \$3.00; granulated, brls., \$3 to \$3.10; Rolled oats, brls., \$2.70 to \$2.75; rolled wheat, per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.50.

Feed.—Bran, \$11.00 to \$12.00; shorts, \$11.00 to \$13.00.

Cheese.—The cheese market continued quiet on spot and the response to cables sent last night noting the firmer tendency of the market was not encouraging. Bids in the country to-day, however, show fractional firmness as compared with last week. Some factorymen accepted offers, but a large number refused to sell and seemed disposed to hold for 7c.

Butter—Butter continues dull. Shippers are disposed to pay 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for creamery, but are very exacting as to quality at that price, and their ideas scale down to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Local jobbers have paid 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ and better, but the tone is easy on the whole. Dairy stock is quiet.

Eggs.—The demand for eggs was fair and prices rule firm at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for choice candled stock, and at 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for culls per dozen—Gazette, July 8.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat.—The offerings are small, the demand is light and the market is dull and easy. Cars of red sold on the Grand Trunk railway west yesterday as 62c and white at 63c. No. 1 hard is quoted at 62c Midland.

Flour.—Dull and unchanged at \$3.15 to \$3.20 for straight roller Toronto feights.

Millfeed.—Is quiet at \$9 50 to \$10 for shorts and \$8 for bran west.

Barley.—Is nominal at 85c for No. 1, 82c for No. 2 and 25c for feed outside.

Oats.—Are dull and easy. Cars of white sold on the Grand Trunk railway west at 18c. Cars on track here are quoted at 22c.

Butter.—Values are easy all along the line and shading is done by nearly all dealers. Jobbing prices were: Choice dairy tubs, 10c to 12c; medium dairy tubs, 8c to 9c; low grade dairy tubs, 6 to 7c; creamery tubs, 15c.

Eggs.—Single cases of choice eggs sell at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and large orders bring 9c.—Globe, July 8.

The Labor Market.

Though harvest has not started yet, there appears to be a considerable demand for farm help. There is considerable summer fallowing doing this season, and haying is now starting. In the city there are few idle men and most of those who are idle refuse to go to the country to accept work. Wages offered for farm hands varies from \$18 to \$25 per month, including board. There has also been some demand for men for railway work. In a short time a large number of men will be wanted, if crop prospects keep good.

Pork Packing in the West.

There is some decrease in the marketing of hogs, but the movement is still of large proportions. Western markets have absorbed 340,000 for the week, compared with 375,000 for the preceding week, and 220,000 for corresponding time last year. From March 1, the total packing is 5,525,000, against 4,775,000 a year ago—an increase of 750,000 for the season, and 120,000 for the week, in comparison with last year. Quality is well maintained generally. Prices are but slightly changed in the average for prominent markets.

The turning point to a decreasing tendency in the marketing of hogs has now probably been reached, but that the reduction in the near future will be equal to showing a contraction to the proportions recorded for July last year is not at all likely.—Cincinnati Price Current.

J. J. Philp, Winnipeg, has his cold storage warehouse in good condition, and is storing considerable quantities of goods these warm days. Mr. Philp has started in this week to buy butter and will take any quantity of choice goods.

Mr. Rogers, manager of the Winnipeg Cold Storage & Refrigerating Company, was having a portion of the building iced on Friday, preparatory to opening for the receipt of goods for storage.

The Massey-Harris Co. are introducing a new cultivator to the western trade this year. This is something the need of which has been felt here, particularly for summer fallow, the custom being to plow once, and keep the land clean thereafter by surface cultivation. For the latter work disc harrows have been largely used, but under some conditions of soil they fail to give satisfaction. A good machine for surface cultivation and keeping down weeds, should have a large sale in this country. Experience has proved that it is usually an injury to plow land more than once for summer fallow.