

Markets

Department of Agriculture, Live
Markets Intelligence Division

Top Price Good Calves

Week	Same	Week
Ending	Week	Ending
1919	1919	Mar. 4
11.00	19.00	24.00
12.00	13.50	20.00
13.00	13.50	20.00
14.00	12.00	16.00
15.00	11.00	12.00

Top Price Good Lambs

Week	Same	Week
Ending	Week	Ending
1919	1919	Mar. 4
11.00	18.50	23.00
12.00	15.00	18.00
13.00	15.00	18.00
14.00	13.00	16.00
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TREASURY

(Charles)

Price Range

Bulk Sales

Top Price

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Yards for the week ending March 4, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 557 calves, 387 butcher cattle, 555 hogs and 48 lambs. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The Total receipts from January 1 to March 4, inclusive, were: 7,593 cattle, 3,186 calves, 6,502 hogs and 3,645 sheep; compared with 8,924 cattle, 2,134 calves, 6,483 hogs and 5,280 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Cattle receipts were moderate at all of the live-stock markets last week, as the result of which prices were advanced at Buffalo all the way from 25 cents to, in some extreme advances, as much as seventy-five cents to a dollar, the general advance averaging up from a quarter to half dollar. Best shipping steers sold on a range of from \$14.50 to \$15, best Canadians from \$12.50 to \$13.50. In the handy butchering steer line choice grades ranged up to \$13 to \$13.35, with yearlings ranging up to \$14 and \$14.40. Best handy heifers sold up to \$12 and \$12.50. All grades of cattle sold readily and good clearances were had each day. Supply of Canadians was light, there being not over ten to twelve loads offered. Receipts for the week totaled 3,475 head, as against 4,750 head the week previous and as compared with 5,550 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations.

Shipping Steers.—Canadians.—Best heavy, \$12.50 to \$13; fair to good, \$11.50 to \$12; medium weight, \$11 to \$11.50; common and plain, \$10.50 to \$11. Butchering Steers.—Yearlings, fair to prime, \$12.50 to \$14.25; choice heavy, \$12.50 to \$13; best handy, \$12 to \$12.50; fair to good, \$11 to \$11.50; light and common, \$9 to \$10.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heifers, \$10.50 to \$11; good butcher heifers, \$9.50 to \$10; fair butchering heifers, \$8 to \$9; light, common, \$6 to \$7; very fancy fat cows, \$9.50 to \$10; best heavy fat cows, \$9 to \$9.50; medium to good, \$7 to \$8.50; cutters, \$5.50 to \$6; canners, good, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$9.75 to \$10.25; good butchering, \$8.50 to \$9; sausage, \$8 to \$8.50; light bulls, \$7 to \$8.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$9.50 to \$10; common to fair, \$8 to \$9; best stockers, \$8 to \$8.50; fair to good, \$7.75 to \$8.25; common, \$6 to \$7.

Milkers and Springers.—Good to best, small lots, \$110 to \$135; in carloads, \$90 to \$100; medium to good, small lots, \$85 to \$100; in carloads, \$75 to \$85.

Hogs.—Market got a lower trade on the opening day of last week, prices being declined 10 to 15 cents from the previous week's close. Monday a few light hogs made \$16.35 but the bulk of the handy grades moved at \$16.25, heavies ranged down to \$15.50, and pigs sold mostly at \$15. Tuesday's trade was steady, Wednesday light hogs reached \$16.75, with other grades unchanged, Thursday the market was steady with Wednesday and Friday mediums and heavies brought from \$15.50 to \$16.25, light hogs brought from \$16.50 to \$16.75 and pigs landed generally at \$16. Roughs \$13 to \$13.50 and stags, \$8 to \$10. Receipts for the past week were 26,800 head, being against 27,361 head for the week before and 19,700 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Last week opened with best lambs selling at \$20.25, Tuesday the best brought from \$20.25 to \$20.50, Wednesday top was \$20.15, with bulk selling at \$20 and the next two days none sold above \$20. Cull lambs ranged from \$18 down, best yearlings brought from \$18 to \$18.50, wether sheep ranged from \$15.50 to \$16 and top ewes \$13.50 to \$14.50. Receipts for the week were 16,300 head, as compared with 17,631 head for the week preceding and 18,800 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Market showed improvement as the week advanced. Monday top veals moved at \$20, Tuesday bulk brought \$21, Wednesday's trade was steady, Thursday tops made \$21.50, and Friday the bulk of the choice veals made \$23.50. Cull grades were little changed all week selling from \$16 down. The past week's receipts were 4,200 head, as compared with 5,031 head for the week before and 4,150 head for the same week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, March 15, numbered 172 cars, 3,489 cattle, 445 calves, 2,208 hogs, 116 sheep and lambs. The cattle market was slow at prices 25 to 50 cents lower. The best load consisted of 18 head averaging 1,260 pounds; they sold at \$14.35 per hundred. The real top was \$16 per hundred for one heifer weighing 1,230, while several loads of eleven to twelve hundred pound steers sold at \$13.75 to \$14.10 per hundred. Best cows were \$11 to \$11.50; a few were up to \$12. Best bulls were \$11 to \$12.50. Calves were steady; tops were \$21 to \$23. Sheep were steady; lambs were \$1 higher; tops \$22 per hundred. Hogs were strong, fed and watered selling at \$20 per hundred.

Breadstuffs.

Manitoba Wheat.—No. 1 northern, \$2.80; No. 2 northern, \$2.77; No. 3 northern, \$2.73.

Manitoba Oats.—No. 2 C. W., 97c.; No. 3 C. W., 94½c.; extra No. 1, 94½c. No. 1 feed, 93½c.; No. 2 feed, 92½c.

Manitoba Barley.—No. 3 C. W., \$1.65½; No. 4 C., \$1.47½; rejected, \$1.34½; feed, \$1.34½.

Ontario Wheat.—F. o. b., shipping points, according to freight; No. 1 winter, \$2 to \$2.01; No. 2 winter, \$1.98 to \$2.01; No. 3 winter, \$1.92 to \$1.93; No. 1 spring, \$2.02 to \$2.03; No. 2 spring, \$1.98 to \$2.01; No. 3 spring, \$1.95 to \$2.01.

American Corn.—Prompt shipment, No. 3 yellow nominal, \$1.94; No. 4 yellow nominal, \$1.91, track, Toronto.

Ontario Oats.—No. 3 white, \$1 to \$1.02, according to freight.

Ontario Flour.—Winter, in the jute bags, prompt shipment, Government standard, \$10.80 to \$11, delivered at Montreal, and \$11, delivered at Toronto.

Barley.—Malting, \$1.75 to \$1.77. Buckwheat.—No. 2, \$1.55 to \$1.60.

Manitoba Four.—Government standard \$13.25, Toronto.

Peas.—No. 2, \$3.

Rye.—No. 2, Nominal; No. 3, \$1.77 to \$1.80.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, No. 1, \$27 to \$28; mixed, \$25. Straw.—Carlots, \$16 to \$17.

Millfeed.—Carlots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$45; shorts, \$52; good feed flour, per bag, \$3.60 to \$3.75.

Hides and Skins.

Hides f.o.b. country points.—Beef hides, flat cure, heavy, 20c. to 21c.; light, 20c. to 22c.; green hides, heavy, 16c. to 18c.; light, 18c. to 20c.; deacon or bob calf, \$2.50 to \$3; horse hides, country take-off, \$8 to \$10; No. 2, \$6 to \$7; No. 1 sheepskins, \$2.50 to \$4; yearling lambs, \$1.75 to \$2.50; horse hair, farmers' stock, 40c. to 42c.

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green flats, 23c.; calf skins, green flats, 50c.; veal kip, 28c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$8 to \$10.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids in barrels, 15c. to 17c.; country solids in barrels No. 1, 12c. to 15c.; cakes No. 1, 15c. to 17c.

Farm Produce.

Butter.—Trade on the wholesale market was slow at prices steady to slightly lower, fresh-made creamery pound prints, being quoted at 63c. to 65c.; cut solids at 60c. to 61c., and best dairy at 53c. to 55c. per lb.

Eggs.—Supplies are arriving in much larger quantities and prices, as a result are still declining; latest quotations for new laid being 61c. to 62c. per doz. Dealers state that they are now paying 57c. to 58c. per dozen at country points.

Cheese.—The market is quoted as steady, new large selling at 29c. to 30c. twins at 29½c. to 30½c., and old large at 31c. to 32c. per lb.

Poultry.—Prices kept about stationary, with the previous week, receipts being rather light with a good demand, especially for live weight hens. Poultry prices being paid to producer: Chickens, per lb., alive, 30c. to 32c.; dressed, 35c.; chickens, milk-fed, per lb., alive, 35c.; dressed, 40c. Ducks, per lb., alive, 40c.; dressed, 40c. Hens, under 4 lbs., per lb., alive, 35c.; dressed, 35c.; hens, from 4 and 5 lbs., per lb., alive, 37c.; dressed, 37c.; hens, over 5 lbs., per lb., alive, 40c.; dressed, 40c. Turkeys, per lb., alive, 45c.; dressed, 55c. Guinea hens, per pair, alive, \$1.25; dressed, \$1.50.

Seed Quotations.

Wholesale merchants quote the following prices for seeds at country points: Alsike, No. 1, fancy, per bushel, \$33 to \$34; No. 1, per bushel, \$32 to \$33; No. 2, per bushel, \$31 to \$32; No. 3, per bushel, \$29 to \$30. Red clover, No. 1, fancy, per bushel, \$34 to \$35; No. 1, ordinary, per bushel, \$33 to \$34; No. 2, per bushel, \$31 to \$32; No. 3, per bushel, \$29 to \$30. Sweet clover, No. 1, fancy, per bushel, \$21 to \$22; choice, per bushel, \$19 to \$20.

Seeds Retail.

Dealers quote clover and other seeds as follows.

Red clover, No. 1, per bushel, \$46.80; No. 2, per bushel, \$46; Alsike, No. 1, per bushel, \$44.20; No. 2, per bushel, \$43.20. Alfalfa, No. 1, per bushel, \$37.20; No. 2, per bushel, \$34.80; Canadian, per bushel, \$42. Sweet clover, best, per bushel, \$29.40. Timothy, No. 1, per bushel, \$11.55; No. 2, per bushel, \$10.95.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples.—Ontario apples are scarce and those of choice quality command high prices.

Potatoes.—Offerings are light on account of bad roads preventing shipment, and prices firm at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per bag.

Cabbage.—Old domestic cabbage is practically off the market—the small quantity in stock if of choice quality bringing high prices.

Onions.—Choice quality onions are also firm—but the other lines of domestic vegetables are slightly easier.

Apples.—Western, \$3.50 to \$5 per box; Ontario's \$6 to \$12 per bbl, and \$2.75 to \$3.50 per box; Nova Scotias, \$3 to \$7 per bbl.

Beans.—Dried white hand-picked, \$5 to \$5.25 per bushel.

Cabbage.—Old, \$7 to \$8 per bbl.; new, Texas, \$6 to \$6.50 per bbl.; Florida, \$7 to \$7.50 per case.

Carrots.—\$2 to \$2.25 per bag.

Cauliflower.—Cal. \$6 per crate.

Celery.—Florida, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per case.

Lettuce.—Leaf, 30c. to 50c. per dozen; extra large, 85c. per dozen.

Onions.—\$8 to \$9 per cwt., green, 40c. to 50c. per dozen.

Parsnips.—\$2.50 to \$2.75 per bag.

Potatoes.—\$4.25 to \$4.50 per bag.

Turnips.—\$1 to \$1.25 per bag.

Montreal.

Horses.—The demand for horses continues moderately good. Prices were steady, as follows: Heavy draft, weighing 1,500 to 1,600 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500, \$200 to \$250; light horses, \$125 to \$175 and culls \$75 to \$100, with fine saddle and carriage horses, \$175 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs continued steady in price, fresh-killed, country-dressed being 26c. to 26½c. per lb. for light weights and frozen stock being about 2c. less.

Poultry.—Live chickens are in good demand, mainly owing to the approaching Jewish holidays and good fat stock has sold as high as 45c. to 50c. per lb. Dressed stock sold at 30c. to 40c., covering all qualities. Turkeys were quoted at 53c. to 54c. per lb., for dressed.

Potatoes.—Supplies continued on the light side and the tone of the market was firm although prices showed very little change. Quebec white stock was selling at \$3.50 to \$3.55 per 90 lbs., car loads, track, while, in smaller lots, ex-store, the prices ranged up to \$4.

Honey and Maple Syrup.—The new syrup season is about to commence but the heavy snows in the woods are interfering. Prices of old syrup, so far as there were any, were about \$1.50 per gal. tin, while sugar was quoted at 35c. Dark strained honey was 22c. to 25c., and white strained 24c. to 27c., white comb being 25c. to 30c.

Eggs.—Prices of eggs have been coming down and were well under quotations of the previous week. Importations from the United States have been, in the main, the compelling influence. The price in Chicago was said to be about 40c. Here, the quotation was 60c. to 63c. for new-laid eggs, Canadian or U. S.

Butter.—During the week, the market for creamery was quite active and quite a little butter has been shipped out to different points and has also been exported. Prices were a little lower than for the previous week, being 60c. to 61c., but the prediction was made that there will be an advance.

Cheese.—Some trading was taking place in small cheese at 26½c. to 27c. per lb.

Grain.—Supplies of oats in spot were fair and there was a good demand for them at \$1.17½ per bushel for carlots of No. 2 Canadian Western, up to \$1.18, while No. 3 were \$1.13 to \$1.13½ ex-store.

Millfeed.—Prices continued steady, bran being \$45.25 and shorts, \$52.25 per ton, in bags, carloads, ex-track, less 25c. for spot cash. In mixed cars, the price was \$2.50 or higher, with pure barley meal quoted at \$75 to \$76 and mixed grain mouille, dairy feed and oat middlings at \$62 per ton.

Baled Hay.—There was a firmer market in hay. Car lots of No. 2 timothy were \$29 to \$30 per ton, No. 3 being \$27 to \$28 and clover and clover mixed \$25 to \$26 per ton, ex-track.

Seeds.—Prices were steady at 17½c. to 20c. per lb. for timothy seed, 65c. to 75c. per red clover, 40c. to 45c. for sweet clover, 65c. to 75c. for alsike and 58c. to 60c. for alfalfa, track, Montreal.

Hides.—Steer and cow hides were steady at 28c. per lb., bulls, 22c., calves, 60c. to 65c., kips, 25c.; sheep, \$4.25 each, and horses, \$10 each.

Chicago.

Hogs.—Heavy, \$14 to \$15.25; medium, \$14.75 to \$16; light, \$15.40 to \$16; light lights, \$14.50 to \$15.60; heavy packing sows, smooth, \$13 to \$13.50; do rough, \$12.25 to \$12.85; pigs, \$13.25 to \$14.75.

Cattle.—Compared with a week ago, beef steers 25 to 75 cents lower, better grades declining most, butcher cattle steady to 50c. lower; calves, 50c. to 75c. higher; feeders mostly 25c. higher.

Sheep.—Compared with a week ago, woolled lambs, 25c. to 40c. lower. Shorn lambs steady; sheep and yearlings steady to 25c. lower.

Victory Bonds.

Following were the values of Victory Bonds on the Toronto market, Saturday, March 13: Victory Bonds maturing 1922, 98 to 99; Victory Bonds maturing 1923, 98 to 99; Victory Bonds maturing 1927, 99 to 100; Victory Bonds maturing 1933, 99 to 100; Victory Bonds maturing 1937, 100 to 101.

Questions and Answers.

Miscellaneous.

Engineering.

Where can I learn to be a railroad engineer? S. A. W.

Ans.—Certain schools advertise a correspondence course in engineering. This would no doubt give valuable information, but the practical experience is also needed and is very important. This could be secured by doing the actual work.

Sweet Clover.

Where can a person send fertilizer to get it analyzed?

2. I seeded a field with sweet clover, at the rate of 20 lbs. per acre, intending to keep it for seed. Will this be too thick? Would harrowing it in the spring where it is heaved have a beneficial effect? H. K.

Ans.—1. A sample of the fertilizer may be sent to the Chemical Department, Guelph, or to the Experimental Farms, Ottawa.

2. It may be a little thick for seed, but we would not like to advise harrowing, especially if the plants were heaved. You might take a crop off for hay from the 10th to 15th of June, and leave the second crop for seed. You would have to be