### THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PRODUCE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

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The highest quotations of wholesale prices for standard grades of farm produce in the leading markets of the world on the dates named, poorer stuff lower.

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Wheat, p bu,	_	.8314	,7814	.80	_	-	f1 10	_	.91
Corn, p bu,	.51	481.	.7814 .4214	.46	52	.51	11.20	.48	5414
Osts, p bu,	.321	.യ •	.23	.2634	.3112	.32	11.20	.3214	.1612
Rye, p bu,	.68	.61	ů.	_ `	_ •	_	11.00	.61	<b></b> -
Barley, p bu,	.51	-50	.47	-	-		1 .85	50	_
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MACH DIGUILIST W.	6.50	5.70	5.30	5.33	5.00	4,50	6.00	6.00	_
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Butter, aroumery, p 1b,	2014	.1914	.19	.21	.2014	.25	.19	.201/4	.22
Cheese, factory, p lb,	091	.001/2	.00%	.101	.12	.12	.16	.10	.11
Rese. to GZ.	.10	.131	.1112	.101,	.0014	.10	.17	.1114	
Apples, p bbl,				2.75	5 KO "	1.25	11.25		
May, p ton,	18.00	18 00	12.50	11.50	17.50	16.00	10.00	10.50	-
Mraw, rve. n lon.	16.00	15.00	10.00	7.00	-	_		5.00	
Hope, p lb.	.1314	.14	.13	-	. –	_	.00	.13	.1614
Opions, p bu.	.88	.75	.60	.75	.75	.75	11.25	-	•
Telators, to bit.	0	.60	.15	.60	.55	.65	1 .30	.38	
Best, plbd w.	.081	_		_	_	-	.06	_	
Pork, plbd π,	061	-98	.0512	_		_	.0814		
Lard, plb,	.08	0714	.07	.07	072	.0724	09	071	-
Hidas, p lb.	-08	.083 <u>.</u>	.08	.0713	.061	.081	.10	.08	-
Estimated d. w.   P cental.   P dz.   P box.									

### **Business Side of Farming.**

### THE DISTURBANCE IN WHEAT.

Interest in the grain markets has continued to center in wheat, that cereal showing great uncertainty so far as prices are concerned. As outlined in & H July 1, reaction from top prices F& H July 1, reaction from top prices was inevitable, although controlling factors remained practically unchanged. The chief influence has been the deterioration in spring wheat prospects in the northwest. Late estimates reduced the probable outturn of Minn and the two Dakotas to 75, compared with better than 200 millions in a good year.

But the advance was too rapid, as is frequently the case, and could not hold Upon a sober second thought traders were more ready to recognize the fact that the winter wheat crop of the south and southwest is turning out splendidly, doing much to make up for losses in 0. Ind and Mich, and also in the northwest. The entire wheat crop of 100, winter and spring, is now estimated around 500,000,000 bu, against 565 in 199 and 715 millions in 198. But the advance was too rapid, as and 715 millions in '98.

### MID-SUMMER CATTLE MARKET.

Some good prices are being realized Some good prices are oring realized. At such centers at Kansa. City, Chicago and Buffalo, choice to fancy beeves crossed the scales at \$5 \(\circ\) \(\circ\) \(\circ\) but it requires extra to fancy to command these top prices. Buyers are now discriminating sharply against plain steers which have been taken off grass.

steers which have been taken off grass. Butchers insist these will not dress out "net to gross" satisfactorilly and require sharp price concessions.

The demand for stock cattle is only moderate, yet farmers are picking up a good many thrifty young steers to place on feed, governed largely by pasture conditions. Throughout the northern states and we tward to the trans-Missouri there is considerable complaint of drouth and poor grass, and in many sections the hay crop is turning out indifferently or sorse.

### GRAIN MARKET INFLUENCES.

The crop progress in corn, oats and barley has been satisfactory in the main and good yields are anticipated. So far and good yields are anticipated. So far as harvest operations in small grains are concerned, the outturn is giverally excellent, although some complaints in oats and barley territory. The enormous acreage under corn has been favored with good weather conditions and no fears are entertained about the final outcome, although of course late July and Aug often bring trying experiences.

riences.

The foreign markets, which are always depended upon to absorb liberal portions of our surplus grain crops. have been slow to follow advances at Chicago, Toledo and N X. The claim is made that outlook in Europe is fairly satisfactory as a whole, harring some wheat shortage in France. Our exports of corn and oats are moderate. But not large. Should our surplus of middle and western states have been should be as small as some of the bulls anti-ipate, reduced export, of wheat and flour, shortening supplies by just that much, must have its influence eventure.

Interest in Cheese—With prices a little lower there is more or less speculations they have to contend with. A large proportion of the government land open for homestead entry is good farming lands and a considerable area is underlaid with ceal.

Washington—Crops in fine condition in Pierce Co. cats, potatoes, hops and have been middle and western states have been shipped to commission houses with instructions to hold until the market shows more character. Trade is quiet separators have been recently put in by several dalrymen.

ally on prices on both sides of the

Sharp Advance in Flaxseed-New crop deliveries caught the excitement in the wheat market and Sept flax at on time showed a net gain within a very short period of 38c p bu. The upturn was largely speculative and only part of advance maintained. A figure as high as \$1.85 p bu was paid for Sept and 1.75 for Oct, followed by sharp reactions; and this without particular developments in the crop area, where an enormous acreage is now growing.

Canned Goods are moving slowly, according to the wholesale grocers, who claim they are expecting a large pack of standard fruits and vegetables and possibly lower prices. An exception is found in peas, where the situation is strong, owing to partial failure of the croj in the middle south, in N Y and

The Advance in Silver-This pre cious metal has recently moved up.1&2c to figures around 61c p oz, the highest to harres around ofe p of, the inflicts in three years, and predictions of 64@ 65c. The advance is said to be due to an increased demand from oriental countries. Should there be 65c silvet, this would greatly stimulate the mining industry in the west and indirectly benefit the markets for farm produce.

Quality in Eggs is what counts in the markets these midsummer days. demand is wholly for immediate consumption and buyers discriminate sharply against all lots not strictly prime. Cold storage warehouses are said to be well stocked for autumn and winter trade. and winter trade.

Flour Higher, But Dull-Manu.actiners and dealers were quick to take advantage of the sharp advance in wheat, partly speculative, and push up the price of flour 50c6\$1 p bbl. At the upturn buyers were conservative and with the reaction in wheat an easy flour market is probable.

A Good Demand for Swine throughout the entire season to date has held, prices well above 5c at most of the leading packing points. Buyers maintain however, that they should have conces-sions as live hogs are relatively higher in price than finished park products.

June Butter went into cold storage warehouses up to the close of the month, quality good, holders placing confidence in the future of prices. The market as a whole without particular activity and fairly steady in tone.

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and prices without important change the last week or two.

The Peach Season is fully open and the markets are supplied with the product from Cal and Ga orchards. Trade is fair and prices irregular.

Scrap Iron Lower-Sharp declines have taken place in the price for old rails, castings and refuse metals generally. Last fall old rails sold at \$30 p ton and the price has now dropped to 18.

Georgia Watermelons are reported a short crop this year. Ordinarily these go far toward supplying northern mar-kets during the early weeks of the sea-

New Potatoes are plentiful in all markets, but selling fairly well. The demand for old stock is limited and the season is practically over.

Buying Better Birds-One most encouraging signs of the times consists in the fact that many farmers consists in the fact that many farmers are disposing of the old, antique dung-hill breeds and substituting therefor the modern thoroughbred varieties. These will soon demonstrate that, while they cost no more to keep, they are far more profitable. The egg-producing capacity is largely increased, and if the stock is choice and of a desirable variety or breed, it will not be long before the owner will have sale for breeding birds at prices more than five times in excess of those before realized from the buckster for the ordinary dunghill fowls—[O. D. Shock, Berks Co. Pa. fowls -[O D. Shock, Berks Co, Pa.

North Dakota-Weather distressingly hot at Grand Forks, registering 104 in shade. Red river water fell 2 ft and navigation suspended. Crops very much parched. Hay jumped from \$4,50 to 16 parched. Hay jumped from 14.50 to 16 in one week on Grand Forks market. All grain crops making a very poor showing. Drouth caused a falling off of 25 per cent in the butter product because of scarcity of hay, grass and fodder. Dairy men should at once prepare to sow some quick-growing fodder crops with the first rains to cut in fall. Peas and oats are rich and nutritious, as are Hungarian grass and millets, all Peas and oats are rich and nutritious, as are Hungarian grass and millets, all of which are making a rapid growth.

- The government land office at Minot controls over 7,000,000 a of land which is open for homestead settlement. From Jan 1, '29, to last Jan, 1679 homestead entiries were made by settlers. From Jan 1 to May 1 of this year, 1816 entries were made. Settlers are mostly from the eastern part of N D and Minn, with a few from eastern states and Canada. a few from eastern states and Canada. Most of them have grown up in this northern elimate and know the conditions they have to contend with. A large proportion of the government land open for homestead entry is good farming lands and a considerable area.

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