

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, October 30, 1916)

Wheat—After a week of active markets wheat prices are very nearly at the highest points yet reached. In spite of these high prices, it would appear that the situation is gathering strength. The Argentine crop is generally acknowledged to be irreparably damaged, and this statement is supported by the small effect on the markets of recent generous samples there. On this continent there has undoubtedly been a good deal of speculative buying, but on all little setbacks there has been buying by strong interests some of whom are supposed to represent the Imperial Government. The weather in Western Canada has had a large influence on account of delay to threshing and marketing.

Oats—The coarse grains have shown strength and prices have advanced steadily. Oats are considered by many traders the cheapest article quoted in our market.

Barley—Prices look just as strong as ever, away above the dollar mark.

Flax—Is the only grain that shows a lower price than a week ago, but this price is still remarkably high.

WINNIPEG FUTURES						
Wheat—	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May	No. 1 durum wheat, 2 cars	2.11
October 24	183	177	177	179	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 3,500 bu. arr.	1.86
October 25	182	177	177	180	No. 2 hard winter wheat, part car, S.D.	1.89
October 26	183	177	177	179	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1.90
October 27	187	182	184	184	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Neb.	1.91
October 28	189	184	186	186	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.89
October 29	187	182	184	184	No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, arrive	1.89
October 30	187	182	184	184	No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1.84
Week ago	181	179	175	176	No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1.88
Year ago	99	96	93	99	No. 4 white oats, 1 car	51
Oats					No. 4 white oats, 1 car	50
October 24	59	60	62	62	No. 4 white oats, 3 cars	51
October 25	59	60	62	62	Standard white oats, 6 cars	52
October 26	58	59	61	61	No. 2 white oats, 2 cars	52
October 27	61	61	63	63	No. 3 white oats, 1 car	51
October 28	62	61	63	63	Standard white oats, 2 cars	52
October 30	60	60	60	60	No. 4 white oats, 1 car	51
Week ago	58	58	58	58	No. 2 rye, 3 cars, dockage	1.29
Year ago	42	39	36	39	No. 2 rye, part car	1.37
Flax					No. 2 rye, 3 cars, dockage	1.40
October 24	248	249	245	245	No. 2 rye, 8,600 bu., to arrive	1.38
October 25	253	254	251	251	No. 2 rye, 3,700 bu., to arrive	1.37
October 26	253	252	249	249	No grade rye, 1 car	1.35
October 27	249	249	248	248	No. 3 rye, 2 cars	1.36
October 28	248	247	247	247	Sample barley, part car, sedy	60
October 29	248	248	248	248	Sample barley, 1 car, two row	1.00
October 30	248	248	248	248	Sample barley, 1 car, arrive	98
Week ago	251	251	247	247	Sample barley, 1 car, dirty	93
Year ago	165	165	162	167	No. 5 barley, 1 car, dirty	90

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Oct. 28)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	\$2.02
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	2.02
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	2.01
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	2.02
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	2.02
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	2.01
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.97
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.91
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.93
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.90
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.90
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.83
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.90
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.92
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, front	1.85
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.95
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.93
Sample grade wheat, part grade, N.G.	1.00
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.52
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.56
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.46
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.61
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.53
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.46
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.71
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.56
No. 4 wheat, 4 cars	1.78
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.95
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.66
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.66
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.72
No. 3 durum wheat, 2 cars	1.82
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	2.07
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	1.42
No. 4 durum wheat, 2 cars	1.45

Cash Prices Ft. William and Port Arthur from October 24 to October 30 inclusive

Date	WHEAT					OATS					BARLEY					FLAX				
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Ref.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Ref.
Oct. 24	183	180	175	165	150	144	125	59	57	57	57	57	103	98	87	87	249	245	245	245
25	182	179	174	165	149	143	124	59	57	57	57	57	103	98	91	91	253	250	250	250
26	183	180	175	166	150	144	126	59	57	57	57	57	110	103	93	93	253	250	250	250
27	187	184	179	170	150	145	129	61	59	59	59	59	110	104	94	94	249	246	246	246
28	189	185	180	171	156	145	129	61	60	60	60	60	111	105	95	95	248	245	245	245
29	187	184	179	168	154	145	126	60	58	58	58	57	112	107	97	97	248	245	245	245
Week ago	181	178	173	164	148	142	123	58	56	56	56	55	104	97	86	86	251	248	248	248
Year ago	97	95	92	88	78	72	42	39	39	39	39	37	63	61	50	50	165	162	162	162

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK					COUNTRY PRODUCE				
	Winnipeg	Year Ago	Toronto	Calgary	Chicago	St. Paul	Winnipeg	Year Ago	Calgary
	Oct. 25		Oct. 27	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 27	Oct. 25		Oct. 27
Cattle									
Choice steers	\$ 8.00-8.50	7.50-8.00	\$ 8.00-8.50	7.50-8.00	\$ 8.00-8.50	7.50-8.00	25c	22c-24c	25c-26c
Best butcher steers	6.00-6.50	5.25-5.50	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Fair to good butcher steers	5.00-5.75	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Good to choice fat cows	5.25-5.75	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Medium to good cows	4.50-5.00	4.25-4.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Common cows	4.00-4.50	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Canvases	3.00-3.75	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.50	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Good to choice butchers	5.75-6.25	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Fair to good butchers	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Best cows	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Best butcher bulls	5.25-5.75	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Common toologna bulls	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Fair to good feeder steers	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Fair to good stocker steers	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	25c	21c-22c	25c-26c
Best milkers and springers	\$65-\$75	\$65-\$75	\$75-\$85	\$65-\$75	\$75-\$85	\$65-\$75	40c	35c	40c
Fair milkers and springers	\$45-\$55	\$45-\$55	\$55-\$65	\$45-\$55	\$55-\$65	\$45-\$55	\$2.75	\$2.50	\$2.75
Hogs									
Choice hogs, fed and watered	\$10.00	8.00-8.25	\$11.00	\$10.00	10.15-10.35	9.25-9.50	14c	13c-14c	14c-15c
Light hogs	\$9.00	7.50-7.75	\$10.00	\$9.00	10.45-10.55	\$10.75	11c	10c	11c-12c
Heavy sows	\$7.00	6.50-7.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	9.40-9.75	8.50-9.00	12c	11c	12c-13c
Pigs	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$6.00	\$5.50	10.25-10.75	9.25-9.50	13c	12c	13c-14c
Sheep and Lambs									
Choice lambs	9.50-10.25	7.75-8.00	8.25-10.00	\$10.00	9.25-10.50	8.50-9.00	19c	18c	19c-20c
Best killing sheep	7.00-8.75	6.50-7.50	8.50-8.25	7.75-9.50	6.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	No. 1's	No. 1's	No. 1's

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, October 27, 1916—

1916 Wheat		Last Year	
1 hard	15,523 30	82,012 40	
1 Nor.	1,434,778 00	4,632,429 20	
2 Nor.	2,017,012 50	2,285,008 20	
3 Nor.	1,662,041 40	2,183,661 50	
No. 4	1,080,130 20	956,477 50	
Others	2,921,769 50	4,637,922 10	

This week	9,131,256 10	This week	14,777,510 10
Last week	7,554,302 00	Last week	10,938,208 20
Increase	1,576,954 10	Increase	3,839,301 50

Oats		Last Year	
1 C.W.	52,936 00	34,582 32	
2 C.W.	1,984,178 24	602,207 19	
3 C.W.	525,449 04	313,623 19	
Ex 1 Fd	261,322 31	51,000 23	
Others	1,036,199 04	1,424,663 14	

This week	3,861,086 01	This week	2,456,078 05
Last week	2,944,157 16	Last week	1,710,672 30
Increase	916,928 19	Increase	745,405 09

Barley		Flaxseed	
3 C.W.	150,597 07	1 N.W.C.	280,016 12
2 C.W.	352,207 25	2 C.W.	162,939 26
Ref.	42,007 29	3 C.W.	11,670 01
Feed	225,749 28	Others	14,769 26
Others	63,658 41		

This week	834,220 34	This week	469,365 09
Last week	743,938 33	Last week	525,729 06
Increase	90,282 01	Decrease	56,363 53

Last year's total	569,585 01	Last year's total	418,753 32
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SHIPMENTS

1916—Lake		1915—Lake	
Wheat	2,767,183 30	9,564,402 00	
Oats	491,921 18	1,254,276 00	
Barley	151,656 38	401,000 00	
Flax	126,441 33	69,054 00	
1916—Rail		1915—Rail	
Wheat	130,161 40	99,611 00	
Oats	173,881 02	35,753 00	
Barley	38,307 01	18,327 00	