

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 larri and a land and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat was weak on Monday and prices showed a net loss of about 3c under Saturday's close. The small visible supply decrease, lower cables, favorable crop news and large spring wheat receipts were the weakening features. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	60 3/4	62 1/4	62 3/4
Corn	28 1/4	29 3/4	30 3/4
Oats	19	20 1/4	20 3/4
Mess Pork...	9 50	9 75	—
Lard	5 80	5 4 1/4	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 2 1/4	—

On Tuesday prices were irregular, but advanced on crop damage reports from the state of Ohio and export buying. Closing prices were:

	March	May.	July.
Wheat	61 1/4	63	63 3/4
Corn	28 3/4	29 3/4	30 3/4
Oats	19 3/4	20 3/4	20 3/4
Mess Pork..	9 50	9 67 1/2	—
Lard	5 27 1/2	5 40	—
Short Ribs.	5 05	5 17 1/2	—

On Wednesday wheat was somewhat excited, influenced some by talk of French resentment to the British Soudan campaign. Cables were also better, but most of the advance was lost. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61 1/4	63 1/4	63 3/4
Corn	28 3/4	29 3/4	30 3/4
Oats	19 3/4	20 3/4	20 3/4
Mess Pork..	9 57 1/2	9 52 1/2	—
Lard	5 22 1/2	5 35	—
Short Ribs..	4 95	5 07	—

Prices for wheat were weaker on Thursday. The threatened war scare fizzled out and exports were light. Threatened cold weather and unfavorably crop news failed to stimulate prices. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	60 3/4	62 1/4	62 3/4
Corn	28 3/4	29 3/4	30 3/4
Oats	19	20 1/4	20 3/4
Pork	9 00	9 15	—
Lard	5 15	5 30	—
Short Ribs	4 80	4 92 1/2	—

On Friday prices were a little lower at the close, though May touched 62 3/4 during the day. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	60 1/2	62 1/4	62 3/4
Corn	28 3/4	29 3/4	30 3/4
Oats	18 3/4	20	20 1/4
Mess Pork..	—	9 15	9 35
Lard	—	5 30	—
Short Ribs.	—	4 92 1/2	—

On Saturday wheat improved slightly. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat	61	62 1/4	63 1/4
Corn	28 3/4	29 3/4	30 3/4
Oats	18 3/4	20 3/4	20 3/4
Mess Pork..	—	9 17 1/2	9 40
Lard	—	5 30	5 45
Short Ribs.	—	4 92 1/2	5 07 1/2

A week ago Saturday, May wheat closed at 63 3/4 and a year ago at 55 1/4 per bushel.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of March 19 reports flour steady and fairly firm with prices as follows in barrels, n.o.b.: First patents, \$3.15 to \$3.50, Second patents, \$3.00 to \$3.05, First clears, \$2.15 to \$2.50, second clear, \$2, Export baker's, \$2.45; second export baker's \$2 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. jute, \$1.0 25. These prices are the same as a week ago.

Milwaukee.—Bran in bulk \$3.75 to \$7. Bran in sacks, 20 lbs, \$8. Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$8 50. Shorts \$9.50 to \$6 75, Middlings, fine \$8 to \$8.25.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 60c, July 60 1/2.
Tuesday—May, 61 1/2, July, 62 1/2.
Wednesday—May, 61c, July, 62c.
Thursday—May, 6 1/2, July, 62 1/2.
Friday—May, 60 1/2, July, 61 1/2.
Saturday—May, 60 1/2, July, 61 1/2.

A week ago Saturday price closed at 61 1/2 for May. A year ago May delivery closed at 60 3/4. Two years ago May closed at 59 3/4. No. 1 hard was quoted at about 1 1/2 over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, 1 1/2 to 2 3/4 lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, March 21, May delivery closed at 69 1/2 and July delivery at 69 1/2. A week ago May closed at 70 1/2.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat.—Prices are easier; cars of red are quoted at 78c and white at 79c, north and west, with buyers 1c less. Manitoba wheat is steady at 80 to 81c for No. 1 hard, North Bay, 79 to 80c for No. 2c hard and No. 1 northern there. On 'change yesterday No. 2 hard was offered, North Bay, at 79c, with 76c bid; 8 hard sold at 71c North Bay, No. 1 hard offered at Sarnia, grinding in transit, at 81c; three cars of No. 2 hard sold on spot, North Bay, yesterday at 78c; No. 1 frosted was offered grinding in transit at 70c.

Flour.—Cars of branded straight roller are quoted at \$3.70, Toronto, freights. Manitoba flour is steady.

Millfeed.—Cars of shorts are quoted at \$12 and bran at \$11, west.

Barley.—No. 1 is nominal at 42c, fancy at 45c east; and No. 2 at 38c outside.

Oats.—Cars of mixed sold west to-day at 22c, and white at 22 1/2c, but some holders are asking more.

Oatmeal.—Is steady at \$2.90 for car lots.

Butter.—Choice butter of all kinds is in good demand. Fresh made dairy tubs would bring 17c for the best. We quote:—Choice dairy tubs 14 to 17c; medium dairy tubs 9 to 11c; low grade dairy tubs 8 to 10c; choice large rolls 15 to 17c; dairy pound prints 16 to 18c; fresh made creamery tubs 21c; creamery pound prints 22 to 23c.

Eggs.—New laid were received in large quantities and the market was easier. Large orders sold at 14 1/2 and 15c was the general price.

Potatoes.—We quote:—car lots 16 to 18c; farmers' loads 15 to 20c; out of store 25 to 30c.

Poultry.—Turkeys 8 to 12c, geese 7 to 8c; chickens 50 to 75c; ducks 60c to \$1 pair.

Baled Hay.—For car lots on the track here we quote:—No. 1, \$14 to \$1.50; No. 2, \$13 to \$13.50.

Dressed Hogs.—The offerings were large, but buyers were not doing business to any extent. Cars of heavy hogs sell at from \$1.25 to \$1.50, and from \$1.60 to \$1.80 was paid for cars of selected weights.

Hides.—Green skins are quoted at 5 1/2c, and cured bring around 6 1/2c, sheepskins, 90c to \$1 for the best. Country skins range down from 7c, according to quality, calfskins, extra good skins would bring 8c, but the average range for car lots is 5 1/2c to 7c.

Seeds.—Prices remain unchanged and fairly steady. We quote:—Alfalfa \$3.50 to \$4.50, timothy, \$2 to \$2.25, red clover, \$1.50 to \$1.85.—Globe, March 18.

Egg Market Demoralized.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, issued a circular this week in which they make the following remarks regarding eggs:

"Market demoralized, as a result of country merchants shipping direct to retail stores. We, like other commission houses, find difficulty in selling. This you can easily understand, when our customers are supplied direct from our own shippers, and which, we think, is a great mistake. Nothing breaks the market quicker, as our city stores are always anxious to get eggs as cheap as they can. They try to work the commission houses down to as low a point as they can, to find out exactly what the value is, and they then give the shipper something less than this price. It is unfair to commission houses, as merchants send direct to their customers when there is a demand, and when the market gets glutted they fall back on the commission houses to help them out, and if they do not do well for them, they naturally think the commission houses are not doing their duty."

The Labor Market.

Just at the moment there is not much demand for labor from any quarter, but prospects are good. At present there are plenty of men to be obtained. The camps in the woods are now breaking up, and a good many men who have been employed in the woods for the winter, are now returning to the city. The demand for agricultural help has hardly started yet, but a good many men will soon be wanted for the spring farm work. The activity in the mining regions both east and west is expected to call for a large number of men this season.

Manitoba Wheat Crop.

The position of the Manitoba wheat crop of 1895 is about as follows.

Shipped before the close of navigation.

To Fort William.....10,097,000

" Duluth.....1,500,000

Flour.....2,000,000

13,597,000

Shipped since close of navigation

to Fort William.....3,616,000

Shipped by Northern Pacific 550,000

Direct shipments all rail

C.P.R.....875,000

Flour shipped, or in store.....1,500,000

Wheat in store interior.....4,000,000

23,638,000

Conservative estimates place the surplus still held by farmers, for sale, at about 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels.

At Montreal on March 14, there was some demand from shippers for wheat and a sale of 25,000 bushels of No. 1 hard Duluth was made for shipment, via that port, May and June. The market for oats continued to rule weak, and prices showed a further decline of 1/2 to 3/4c per bushel, with sales of car lots of No. 2 Ontario white at 29c, 29 1/2c and 29 3/4c. The receipts continue liberal, and stocks are steadily increasing.

John Hettle, president of the Manitoba Dairy Association, says that the provincial dairy association intends to employ a man in Winnipeg for the five months commencing June 1st, to look after the interest of the Manitoba creameries. This agent will supply information by telegraph as to the market quotations, and send a letter each week to the creameries containing valuable information. He would also receive shipments from creameries and have it stored in cold storage warehouse of proper temperature. Dealers would also be invited to inspect the produce sent in and make bids for it.