

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, August 27, 1917)

Very little change developed in the wheat situation since a week ago. The old crop is getting pretty well cleaned up and now daily car receipts and offerings of cash wheat are very small.

Barley offerings are very light and prices show a lower trend. Flax prices advanced sharply locally and in the American markets where the maximum price of \$3.30 was cancelled.

Announcement on the price of wheat as fixed by the food administration will be made on Sept. 1 by Dr. Garfield, who is in charge of the administration's wheat conservation and price fixing program of that commodity.

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY. Table with columns for Wheat, Oats, Barley and rows for Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter., In East. Can. Ter., Total, In American Ter., Total this week, Total last week, Total last year.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Table showing closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, August 25, 1917. Columns include Cash Grain, Winnipeg, Minneapolis, and various grades of wheat, oats, and flax.

WINNIPEG FUTURES. Table with columns for Wheat, Oats, Flax, and rows for August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, Week ago, Year ago, and various months (Oct, Dec, May).

STOCKS IN TERMINALS. Table with columns for Fort William, August 27, 1917, and Last Year. Rows include 1 Hard, 1 Nor., 2 Nor., 3 Nor., No. 4, Others, This week, Last week, and Decrease.

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

Table listing Minneapolis cash sales for Wheat, Oats, and Flax, including various grades and prices per bushel.

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, August 22, was as follows—

The Livestock Markets

CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 23.—An advance of \$4.50 per cwt. in hog values within a month is without precedent. On Thursday of last week the \$18.00 line was crossed by top hogs; Tuesday of this week recorded a \$20.00 sale, against a previous August record at \$11.50.

Today's sales were 50 cents to \$1.00 below general selling of yesterday, with instances of \$1.25 to \$1.50 decline from "tip-top" sales of that day. The decline was so uneven that salesmen were almost unable to make comparisons.

South St. Paul, Aug. 23.—All three classes of livestock this week were on a different basis. Cattle, except the real good stock, showed a tendency to work lower.

Cattle receipts totaled around 20,000, the heaviest run of the year to date. With expanding runs at other markets also, prices weakened off, especially on the plain cattle, which were rated 25 and 50c lower for the week.

The crest of the hog advance was reached Tuesday when an extreme top of \$18.50 was reached. This marked an advance of \$1.00 to \$1.25 in a week and then declined as much in a single day.

Receipts were fairly liberal and trading was more active than it has been any time this month.

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Receipts this week were 8,001 cattle, 6,000 hogs and 683 sheep. There has been a considerable number of good heavy steers on the market this week. These cattle met a strong demand from southern buyers at steady prices.

On Friday of last week select hogs sold at an advance of 40 cents over Thursday's market. Monday the market opened steady at \$17.25. Tuesday advanced to \$17.75. Wednesday an advance of 65 cents per cwt. making top hogs \$18.40.

Calgary, Aug. 25.—The Alberta Co-operative Elevator Co. reports this week's receipts as—Horses, 125; cattle, 1,034; hogs, 1,377; and sheep, 173.

EDMONTON

The Edmonton branch of the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. reports week's sales of 618 cattle, 72 calves, 132 hogs and 86 sheep. There was a heavier run of cattle, hogs and sheep than last week.

The market for hogs opened strongly, but there were none sold during the early part of the week. On Thursday hogs realized \$18.50. Friday the market opened strongly and a few hogs were sold at 15 cents, but on advice from the east prices gradually weakened and the market closed at \$18.25.

SAMPLE MARKETS

While the rules and regulations to be promulgated by the board of grain commissioners have not yet been announced, it is understood that the board will be empowered to authorize and license official sampling bureaus to procure samples from grain in cars or consignees at Winnipeg, Fort William or Fort Arthur, and such other points as may be designated by the board as sampling points.

It is further provided that samples shall be drawn by the chief inspector for the sample market at Winnipeg whenever any shippers from any country point makes notation upon the railway shipping bill that a sample is to be drawn for sample trading.

The Winnipeg Grain Exchange is providing for the immediate furnishing of a sample trading room and a committee has been appointed to arrange for the collection of samples drawn in accordance with such rules as are approved by the board of grain commissioners.

PRISONERS OF WAR FUND. Previously acknowledged \$55.00. Riverwood Patriotic Wiling Workers \$5.00. Deepdale, Man. \$5.00. Total \$65.00.

LIVESTOCK. Table with columns for Winnipeg, Toronto, Calgary, Chicago, St. Paul and rows for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Lambs, and various grades.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from August 21 to August 27 inclusive

Table showing cash prices for WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, and FLAX, with columns for Date, Grade, and Price.

Country Produce. Table with columns for Winnipeg, Toronto and rows for Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Milk and Cream, Lard, Fuel, Spring Chickens, Ducks, Hay, Timothy, Mollard, Upland.

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