

Markets

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Top Price Good Calves

Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending
Mar. 4	1919	Feb. 26
\$24.00	\$19.25	\$24.00
20.00	15.00	20.00
20.00	15.00	20.00
16.00	12.50	16.00
10.00	10.00	10.50
12.00	11.00	12.00

Top Price Good Lambs

Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending
Mar. 4	1919	Feb. 26
\$23.00	\$18.25	\$24.00
18.00	15.00	17.00
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16.00	13.50	15.50
	10.00	15.00

Price Range Bulk Sales

Price Range	Top Price
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\$13.00-\$13.50	\$13.50
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12.50-13.00	13.00
10.50-12.00	12.00

9.50-11.00	11.00
8.00-9.25	9.25

10.50-11.50	11.50
7.00-9.50	9.50

8.00-10.00	10.00
5.50-6.50	6.50

11.50	11.50
17.00-18.00	20.00
8.50	9.00

19.25	19.75
19.25	19.75
	15.75

18.00	18.00
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ninety-five head. The market for hogs was strong, and nearly all sales were made between \$19.50 and \$20 off car weights. These prices in most cases included lights with the selects. Sows were \$4 per hundred less than selects.

Pr. Sr. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending February 26, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 418 calves, 132 bulls, 293 butcher cattle, 1,990 hogs and 64 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 15 milch cows. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to February 26, inclusive, were 4,767 cattle, 1,944 calves, 9,034 hogs and 4,492 sheep; compared with 6,856 cattle, 2,830 calves, 10,328 hogs and 4,720 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending February 26, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 671 calves, 436 butcher cattle, 825 hogs and 50 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 2 calves. Shipments to United States points consisted of 100 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to February 26, inclusive, were 7,170 cattle, 2,629 calves, 5,947 hogs and 3,597 sheep, compared with 8,308 cattle, 1,694 calves, 5,795 hogs and 5,173 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

Horses.—Dealers reported a number of horses changing hands. Demand has arisen partly by reason of the difficulty of deliveries in the city, either by auto truck or by sleigh. Prices were unchanged, being: Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,600 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light draft horses, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$200 to \$250; light horses, \$125 to \$175; culls, \$100; fine saddle and carriage horses, \$175 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Supplies of dressed hogs were normal and prices showed practically no change last week, being 26c. to 26½c. per lb. for country fresh-killed stock, frozen stock being available at 24½c. to 25c. per lb.

Poultry.—Supplies of poultry from the country were quite light and as a result the tone of the market was firm. Turkeys were selling at 53c. to 54c. per lb. for good to choice and chickens at 36c. to 38c., while geese were 35c. to 36c. per lb.

Potatoes.—Consumption is quite large just now and prices were but little changed, being \$3.50 for Quebec white stock, in carloads, per bag of 90 lbs. ex-track while 40c. to 50c. per bag was added when traded in smaller lots.

Honey and Maple Syrup.—The market for maple syrup seems to be cleaned up entirely of stock and none is available save in a retail way; even then it is scarce. Nominal quotations were \$1.50 per gallon-tin, maple sugar being 35c. per lb. Honey is little more than nominal, white strained was quoted at 22c. to 27c. and dark at 22c. to 25c., while white clover comb in pound sections was quoted at 25c. to 30c.

Eggs.—Eggs are distinctly on the down grade at last. There have been importations from the United States and these were selling at 68c. per dozen. This marks the top price for Canadians, for the most part. This was for new-laid stock, and very little cold storage stock remains, though selects were quoted at around 60c. per dozen.

Butter.—The market for butter shows a rather easier tone. Finest creamery was quoted at 61c. to 62c. per lb., and supplies were said to be moderately large, with current makes coming along pretty freely for the time of year.

Cheese.—Local buyers were taking Quebec 20-lb. cheese and twins at 26½ to 27 cents, it is reported.

Grain.—Sales of No. 2 Canadian Western oats were taking place at \$1.17 per bushel, No. 3 being \$1.12½, ex-store.

Flour.—Very little change took place in the market for flour. Sales of Manitoba spring wheat, car lots for shipment to country points were quoted at \$13.25 per bbl., in jute bags, ex-track, with 10c. to 20c. more for smaller lots and a discount of 10c. for spot cash in all instances. Blended flour was in demand at \$12.50 per bbl., in jute, ex-track, but there has been a falling off in the demand for Ontario winter wheat flour and prices were said to have eased off to \$10.30

per bbl., in jute, ex-track. White corn flour was steady at \$10.50, in jute, for shipment to country points.

Millfeed.—Millfeed was in fair demand and prices showed no change, being \$45.25 per ton for bran, in bags, and \$52.25 for shorts, carloads, with 25c. off for spot cash. In smaller lots, prices were \$2 more, and pure barley meal was \$75 to \$76 per ton, mid-lings, \$60.25, mixed mouille, \$58 to \$60, in bags delivered.

Baled Hay.—The market was moderately active for local and export account and prices were steady, at \$28 to \$29 per ton for No. 2 timothy, \$26 to \$27 for No. 3 and \$24 to \$25 for clover and clover mixed, ex-track.

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

Hides.—Prices were lower. Cow and steer hides were 28c. and bulls 22c. per lb., calves being 60c., and kips 25c. per lb.; lamb skins were \$4 each and horse hides \$10 each.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, March 8, numbered 96 cars, 1,070 cattle, 302 calves, 2,320 hogs, 122 sheep and lambs. A strong active market prevailed. Butcher steers, heifers, cows and bulls were 50 cents to \$1.00 higher; top \$14.25 per hundred for ten steers averaging 1,270 pounds. Other loads brought \$13 to \$13.75 per hundred. Best cows sold for \$10.50 to \$11.50; best bulls \$10.50 to \$11.50. Calves were steady; top, \$23. Sheep were steady; lambs were lower, tops, \$21, but quality was bad. Hogs were strong, fed and watered selling for \$19.25 per hundred.

Breadstuffs.

Manitoba Wheat.—(In store Ft. William).—No. 1 northern, \$2.80; No. 2 northern, \$2.77; No. 3 northern, \$2.73.

Manitoba Oats.—(In store, Ft. William).—No. 2, C. W., 98c.; No. 3, C. W., 93½c.; Extra No. 1 feed, 93½c.; No. 1 feed, 93c.; No. 2 feed, 92½c.

Manitoba Barley.—(In store Fort William).—No. 3 C. W., \$1.73; No. 4, C. W., \$1.48; rejected, \$1.36; feed, \$1.36.

Ontario Wheat.—(f.o.b. shipping points according to freights).—No. 1 winter, per car lot, \$2 to \$2.01; No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$1.98 to \$2.01; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$1.92 to \$1.93; No. 1 spring, per car lot, \$2.02 to \$2.03; No. 2 spring, per car lot, \$1.98 to \$2.01; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$1.95 to \$2.01.

American Corn.—(Track, Toronto, prompt shipment).—No. 3 yellow, \$1.94; No. 4 yellow, \$1.91, nominal.

Ontario Oats.—(According to freights outside).—No. 3 white, \$1 to \$1.02.

Peas.—(According to freights outside).—No. 2, \$3.

Barley.—(According to freights outside).—Malting, \$1.75 to \$1.77.

Buckwheat.—(According to freights outside).—No. 2, \$1.55 to \$1.60.

Rye.—(According to freights outside).—No. 3, \$1.77 to \$1.80.

Manitoba Flour.—(Toronto)—Government standard, \$13.25.

Ontario Flour.—(In jute bags, prompt shipment)—Government standard, \$10.80 to \$11 Montreal; \$11 Toronto.

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

Hay.—(Track, Toronto).—No. 1, per ton, \$27 to \$28; mixed, per ton, \$25.

Straw.—(Track, Toronto)—Car lots, per ton, \$16 to \$17.

Hides and Skins.

Hides f.o.b., country points.—Beef hides flat cured, 20c. to 21c.; heavy and green, 16c. to 18c.; light hides, green flat cured, 20c. to 22c.; light hides, green 18c. to 20c.; deacon or bob calf, \$2.50 to \$3; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$8 to \$10; No. 2, \$6 to \$7; sheep skins, No. 1, \$2.50 to \$4; yearling lambs, \$1.75 to \$2.50; horse hair, farmer's stock 40c. to 45c.

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flat, 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.—Butter continued to be weak at nearly stationary prices. Fresh-made creamery squares selling at 65c. to 69c. per lb.; creamery solids at 60c. to 64c. per lb.; and choice dairy at 55c. to 60. per lb.

Eggs.—New-laid eggs declined in price, with heavy receipts selling at 65c. to 67c. per dozen, wholesale.

Honey.—There are only very light offerings in honey; the strained selling at 25c. to 28c. per lb., and comb from \$5.50 to \$6.50 per dozen, (wholesale.)

Cheese.—Sold at practically unchanged prices, wholesale. The old at 32c. per lb., and new at 29c. per lb.

Poultry.—Receipts continued to be light, and prices firm, especially on heavy live hens. The following prices being quoted for liveweight and dressed varieties to the producer. Liveweight prices—Chickens, spring, 30c. per lb.; chickens, milk-fed, 35c. per lb.; ducklings, 40c. per lb.; hens, under 4 lbs., 28c. per lb.; hens, over 5 lbs., 40 per lb.; roosters, 25c. per lb.; Guinea hens, per pair, \$1.25.

Dressed.—Chickens, young, 45c. per lb.; ducklings, 40c. per lb.; hens, under 5 lbs., 30c. per lb.; chickens, milk-fed, 40c. per lb.; hens, over 5 lbs., 30c. to 33c. per lb.; ducklings, 35c. per lb.; hens, under 5 lbs., 30c. to 33c. per lb.; hens, over 5 lbs., 35c. per lb.; turkeys, young, 50c. per lb.; roosters, 28c. per lb. Guinea hens, \$1.50 per pair.

Seeds.—Following are the prices that wholesalers were paying for Alsike and clover at country points: alsike, No. 1 fancy, bushel, \$33 to \$34; No. 1, \$32 to \$33; No. 2 choice, bushel, \$31 to \$32; No. 3 bushel, \$29 to \$30.

Red Clover, No. 1 fancy, bushel, \$34 to \$35; No. 1 bushel, \$33 to \$34; No. 2, bushel, \$31 to \$32; No. 3, bushel, \$29 to \$30. Sweet clover, No. 1 fancy, \$21 to \$22; choice, \$19 to \$20.

Seeds Retail.

Dealers quote the following retail prices for clover and timothy seeds:

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; sweet clover, best, per bushel, \$29.40; alfalfa, No. 1, per bushel, \$37.20; No. 2, per bushel, \$34.80; Canadian-grown, per bushel, \$42; timothy, No. 1, per bushel, \$11.55; No. 2, per bushel, \$10.95.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes.—Owing to difficulties in getting them in because of the bad roads, have been rather scarce, and so showed a slightly firmer tendency.

Cabbage.—Old cabbage advanced but the other lines of domestic vegetables were a little easier.

Apples.—Western boxed, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per box; Ontario's and Nova Scotia's \$5 to \$11 per bbl.; 60c. to 85c. per 11 qts.; Nova Scotias, \$1.75 to \$7 per bbl.

Beans.—Dried white, \$5.50 per bushel, 8½c. to 9c. per lb.

Beets.—\$2 to \$2.50 per bag.

Cabbage.—\$6.50 to \$7 per barrel; Florida, \$7 to \$7.50 per case; \$3.75 to \$4 per hamper.

Cauliflower.—California, \$6 per crate. Carrots.—\$2 to \$2.25 per bag.

Celery.—Florida, \$6 to \$7 per case.

Lettuce.—California Iceberg, \$4.50 per case; Florida, \$4 per hamper; leaf, 30c. to 35c. per dozen.

Onions.—\$7 to \$9 per cwt.; small sized, \$5 per cwt.; Spanish, \$7.50 to \$8 per case.

Parsnips.—\$2.50 to \$2.75 per bag.

Potatoes.—\$4 to \$4.50 per bag.

Turnips.—\$1 to \$1.25 per bag.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Close to 150 cars were offered at Buffalo on the opening day of last week. Supply of Canadians was the lightest in over a year, only seven loads being here out of the Dominion and these included a mixed butchering class of stuff. On shipping steers, of which there were 35 to 40 loads, the market was more active than the week before but prices were not any higher. Best native steers ranged from \$14 to \$14.50, with a plain to good kind selling from \$11.50 to \$13.50. While no weighty Canadian steers were here sellers said that it was

doubtful if any would have sold up to \$12. On butchering cattle prices were steady on the better kinds, with medium and common cows selling a little lower. Best handy steers brought \$12.25 but most of the good butcher steers went at a range of from \$11 to \$11.50, and prices ranged on down to \$9 and \$9.25 for the commoner kinds. Few heifers sold up to \$10.50 and \$11, best cows ranged from \$9.50 to \$10, with good butcher cows bringing around \$8 and \$8.50 and canners sold mostly from a nickel down. Light bulls were steady, with heavy fat bulls sold and in some cases a quarter lower, stockers and feeders, for which there was no demand, had to sell to killers for whatever they would bring and an unchanged market was had on fresh cows and springers, only good large kinds being wanted. While the outlook for the immediate future is more favorable on shipping steers, little improvement is expected on butchering grades as local killers report a bad beef trade. Receipts the past week were 4,750 head, as compared with 4,250 head for the week before and 5,900 head for the same week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Canadians.—Best heavy, \$11.50 to \$12; fair to good, \$11 to \$11.50; medium weight, \$10.75 to \$11.25; common and plain, \$10 to \$10.50.

Butchering Steers.—Yearlings, fair to prime, \$12 to \$13.50; choice heavy, \$12.25 to \$12.75; best handy, \$11.50 to \$12.25; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11; light and common, \$9 to \$10.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heifers, \$10.50 to \$11; good butchering heifers, \$9.50 to \$10.00; 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.

Hogs.—Market was a little erratic last week. Monday the bulk of the light hogs, including pigs sold at \$16.25, few decks made \$16.35 and heavies ranged down to \$15.50. Tuesday light hogs brought from \$16.25 to \$16.50, with heavies as low as \$15 and most of the pigs went at \$16, Wednesday's range was the same as Tuesday and Thursday, top was \$16.35, although not many sold above \$16.25, with heavies down to \$14.75 and \$15.50, and pigs ranged from \$15 to \$15.50. Friday good hogs were steady, heavies selling at \$15.25 and \$15.50 and light grades, which were lower, landed mostly at \$16.10. Pigs ranged from \$14.75 to \$15.25, light pigs sold as low as \$10, good roughs brought around \$13, and few stags reached above \$9. Receipts the past week were 27,600 head, being against 27,111 head for the week previous and 17,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Market on lambs was a little higher on the opening day of last week, but after Tuesday it was a slow, draggy affair with prices on the decline. Monday best lots sold at \$20.75 and \$20.85, with culls \$17.75 down, Tuesday's trade was generally steady, Wednesday none sold above \$20.50 and by Friday buyers got the best down to \$20. The latter part of the week showed culls selling downward from \$17. Sheep were steady all week. Wethers sold at \$16, and best ewes ranged from \$13.50 to \$14.50. The past week's receipts were 17,400 head, being against 27,692 head for the week before and 17,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Prices were hit hard last week. Monday, when values went off \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt., from the previous week's close, tops sold at \$23.50, with culls, \$18 down. Tuesday and Wednesday the price list was unchanged, Thursday tops dropped to \$22 and while some opening sales were made Friday at \$22.50, the close showed tops selling from \$21 to \$22, and culls ranged from \$16 down. Receipts the past week were 5,600 head, being against 5,055 head for the week before and 3,300 head for the same week a year ago.