

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, June 26, 1915)

Wheat—Active, the market ruling nervous and unsettled all the week, the late tone being relatively firm with resting spots showing the July up 3½c and the October and the principal American markets, which reflected the weakness shown in Liverpool. Liverpool ruled weak due to the break on this side, and freer offerings of Winters and Indian wheats; at the extreme decline a better class of buying developed, then the situation became ing by shorts, led to a sharp upturn, particularly in our July. Generally speaking, the business of the day continues to be of very small proportions. Only small quantities are being taken off the market for export abroad. Weather conditions throughout the north-western provinces the latter part of the week were good and should bring the crop along very well after the recent general rains. The demand for spot grain is only fair and while offerings are light, owing to such limited quantities being taken off the market for export it is only leaving a fair market.

Oats—Stronger during the last couple of days in sympathy with firmness in wheat, and final figures are about 2c higher. The demand for spot oats is fairly good for all low grades.

Barley—The demand is very poor and what trades there were this week on No. 3 and No. 4 barley were 6c below last sales.

Flax—Continues erratic in sympathy with fluctuations in Duluth and at the close today is about 4c to 4½c lower.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat	July	Oct.	Dec.	No. 4 white oats, 4 cars	44
June 22	119½	100	100½	No. 4 white oats, part car	45
June 23	124½	102½	102½	No. 2 rye, 1 car, big Mex.	1 11
June 24	127½	101½	101½	No. 2 rye, 700 bu., arrive, settlement	1 12
June 25	129½	102½	103	No. 3 rye, part car	1 09
June 26	130	102½	102½	Sample barley, 2 cars	64
June 28	132½	104	104	No. 4 barley, part car	65
Week ago	119½	100	100½	No. 4 barley, 1 car	65
Year ago	92½	87½	86½	No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, seedy	65
Oats				No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	65
June 22	53½	43½		No. 1 feed barley, 3 cars	65
June 23	53½	44½		No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	63
June 24	54½	44		No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	63
June 25	54½	44		No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	66
June 26	56	43½		No. 1 flax, part car	70
June 28	52½	43½		No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	70
Week ago	53½	43½		No. 1 flax, part car	1 68
Year ago	39½	38½		No. 1 flax, 50 sacks	1 66
Flax				No. 1 flax, 115 sacks	1 66
June 22	151½	154½		No. 1 flax, 4 sacks	1 66
June 23	151½	156½			
June 24	150½	155½			
June 25	149½	154½			
June 26	151½	156½			
June 28	152	157			
Week ago	151½	156½			
Year ago	165½	169	167½		

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, June 26)		
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car		\$1 29½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2,600 bu., to arrive		1 34½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car		1 34½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car		1 35½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car		1 33½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars		1 29½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car		1 26½
No. 3 wheat, part car		1 23½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car		1 18
No. 3 wheat, 1 car		1 29
No. 3 wheat, 1 car		1 31
No. 3 wheat, part car		1 19½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car		1 30
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car		1 12
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, Nebraska		1 22
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car		1 22½
No. 1 durum wheat, part car		1 25
No. 4 wheat, part car		1 20½
No. 4 wheat, part car		1 16½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car		1 20
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Nebraska		1 26
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, turkey		1 30
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Nebraska		1 24½
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Montana		1 22½
No. 2 corn, 1 car, mixed		71
No. 3 corn, 1 car		72
Special grade corn, 1 car, mixed		70½
No. 3 white oats, part car		71
No. 3 white oats, part car		46

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from June 22 to June 28 inclusive

Date	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	OATS	1Fd	2Fd	3Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
June 22	119½	120½	110½	103½	98½	..	..	52½	51½	51½	50½	49	..	..	..	..	..	150½	147½	..	..
23	124	120½	115	107½	..	..	..	53½	51½	51½	50½	49	..	..	..	..	..	151	148	..	..
24	127½	124½	119½	..	..	..	..	53½	52	52	51	50	..	..	..	..	..	150	147	..	..
25	129½	126½	122	120	113	..	..	54½	52½	52½	51½	50½	..	..	..	..	..	149½	146½	..	..
26	130	127	122½	..	..	..	..	55½	54	54	53	52	..	..	..	..	..	150½	147½	..	..
28	132½	129½	125½	..	..	..	..	57½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	151½	148½	..	..
Week ago	118½	116	113½	109½	102½	..	..	53	51½	51½	50½	49	..	..	..	..	..	150½	147½	..	..
Year ago	92	89½	86½	82	..	..	..	39½	37½	36½	..	..	..	52½	50½	..	..	165	162	149	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg	Toronto	Calgary	Chicago	St. Paul	COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg	Calgary	Saskatoon	Regina	Brandon
	June 28	Year Ago	June 24	June 26	June 26		June 28	Year Ago	June 25	June 26	June 19
Cattle						Butter (per lb.)					
Choice steers, dry feed	\$ 8.00-8.85	\$ 7.00-7.25	\$ 8.25-8.75	\$ 6.75-7.00	\$ 8.00-8.75	Fancy dairy	19c-21c	20c	25c	20c-23c	18c
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.15-7.75	6.75-7.00	7.75-8.00	6.35-6.75	6.75-9.50	No. 1 dairy	19c	18c	20c-21c	18c-20c	17c
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6.35-7.10	6.25-6.50	7.40-7.75	..	..	Good round lots	17c-18c	14c-15c	16c-18c	17c	16c
Best fat cows	6.25-6.75	5.00-6.00	6.75-7.25	5.50-6.10	..	Eggs (per doz.)	15c-16c	16c-18c	22c-25c	20c	17c
Medium cows	5.75-6.25	4.75-5.25	5.75-6.25	..	3.25-9.30	Strictly new laid	15c-16c	16c-18c	22c-25c	20c	17c
Common cows	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	4.75-5.50	4.00-5.00	4.75-7.35	Potatoes	50c-55c	\$1.00-\$1.25	75c	65c-70c	75c
Choice heifers	6.75-7.25	7.50-8.10	7.50-8.10	5.75-6.25	..	In sacks, per bushel	..	..	..	..	70c
Best bulls	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	6.75-7.50	..	..	Milk and Cream	..	..	..	..	..
Common and medium bulls	4.60-5.00	4.50-4.75	5.75-6.25	4.25-5.00	5.50-6.85	Sweet cream (per lb. butterfat)	27c	28c	25c-27c	..	25c
Best feeding steers	5.75-6.35	..	7.00-7.40	5.50-6.00	5.25-7.50	Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butterfat)	22c	19c-21c	20c-23c	..	27c
Best stocker steers	5.85-6.10	6.50-7.25	..	..	4.50-7.25	Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	\$2.00	\$1.50	47c per lb. of butterfat	..	\$2.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	\$60-870	\$60-870	\$85-890	\$65-880	..	Dressed Poultry	..	..	..	..	..
Common milkers and springers (each)	\$38-845	\$45-850	\$45-865	\$60-865	..	Roosters	14c	..	..	40c-50c	14c
Hogs						Fowl	12c	..	10c	..	11c
Choice hogs	\$8.25	\$8.00	\$9.40-9.65	\$8.00	\$7.90	Ducks	14c	..	..	55c	..
Heavy sows	\$6.00-6.25	\$6.75	..	..	\$7.05-87.70	Geese	..	..	..	..	..
Stags	\$4.50-5.00	\$5.50	..	..	..	Turkeys	14c	..	15c	..	..
Sheep and Lambs						Hay (per ton)	..	..	..	..	..
Choice lambs	\$7.50-8.00	\$10.50-11.50	\$7.50	\$7.00-8.40	\$5.00-8.35	No. 1 Red Top	\$17	\$12	..	\$20	\$11.50
Best killing sheep	\$5.75-6.00	\$5.00-6.25	\$6.50	\$5.75-6.50	\$6.00-87.00	No. 1 Upland	\$14	\$12	..	\$15-18	..
						No. 1 Timothy	\$21	\$18	..	..	..
						No. 1 Midland	\$13	..	..	..	..

and farmers can do no better than getting a few to buy good young range ewes. Prices are the same. For unwashed medium, 20 to 18 cents; unwashed coarse, 18 to 16 cents; unwashed fine and merino, 14 to 12 cents; black wool worth two cents less.

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, June 26.—Hog prices went downgrade today, influenced by the fact that arrivals were much more numerous than on the corresponding day a week ago. Cattle quotations were entirely nominal. There was no lack of buyers for sheep and lambs.

South St. Paul, June 26.—Good to choice dry fed heaves were scarce and prices held steady for this sort. There was a rather restricted assortment of butcher steers good enough to bring \$8.00 to \$8.75 or higher and packers were greedy for such material. The season has arrived when the best long-fed heaves may be expected to comprise a negligible proportion of the arrivals at this and other markets and short-fed or grassy offerings will assume chief importance in the supplies.

The latter varieties of stock declined appreciably here during the week, but on the whole the closing developments were reassuring to sellers and growers and there is a feeling of optimism which the temporary reverses failed to check. Europe is buying beef from this country in increased quantities and the domestic meat trade is such as to give encouragement.

Hog receipts were seasonably liberal. Buyers got some concessions early in the week, but were forced to yield the ground gained before the close. The choice light droves were scarce and were clearly favored by packers, price spread widening to their advantage. Mixed droves, however, sold to good advantage. The \$7.00 to \$7.50 spread caught practically the entire week's run.

Sheep and lamb values which had been pounded hard for three or four weeks took a slightly stronger turn this week. Firm to 25c higher rates were listed on late days as compared with the terms realized by sellers a week earlier. Best spring lambs worked up to a \$9.40 top, while shorn grades held at \$8.50. Handy weight ewes advanced to a \$5.00 top, with heavies up to \$1.25. Supplies continued very tight here.

Toronto, June 26.—The run of stock has been comparatively small. Very few choice dry fed animals being for sale. A few reached a \$8.75 top, but the majority of fair to medium cattle sold from \$7.75 to \$8.25. Choice milkers and springers are in good demand, thirty or forty changing hands smartly at from \$60 to \$85. Calves are not so strong. Quality is lower and prices ranged from \$8.25 to \$9.25. Hogs were quoted by packers at \$9.25 weighed off cars, but all the way up to \$9.65 was paid for extra choice loads. Sheep and lambs are selling steady.

Calgary, June 26.—The livestock department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company report that shipments from Calgary this week consisted of thirteen cars of hogs East and four of hogs and one mixed car West, to New Westminster and Victoria. Seven cars of fat cattle were shipped West during the week and one of bulls and stags to St. Paul. Two cars of stock cattle were shipped to Blackie.

Hogs—The bulk of the hogs were shipped East. Receipts were lighter than expected and the market strengthened unexpectedly today, 8 cents being the top price reached.

Cattle—The tendency for the fat cattle trade was downwards, and \$6.75 was the top paid today for real good kinds. \$6.65 was paid for less finished stuff, with \$6.00 to \$6.10 for good fat cows.

Sheep—Sheared fat wethers, ewes and lambs, \$7.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50 respectively.

Shippers to Calgary should notice that under

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, June 26, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	1 30	1 34½
2 Nor. wheat	1 27	1 21
3 Nor. wheat	1 22½	1 27
3 white oats	54	45½
Barley	..	63-60
Flax, No. 1	1 50½	1 71½
Futures—		
July wheat	1 30	1 20½
Oct. wheat	1 02½	1 03½
Dec. wheat	1 02½	1 04

the new provincial act shippers of cattle in Alberta must forward or bring with the stock a list giving number of head, brands and sex in full.

Winnipeg, June 28.—Receipts for the past week at the Union stockyards have been fairly light as follows: 896 cattle, 150 calves, 6,034 hogs and 54 sheep. Altho the market has been fairly quiet, anything like choice dry fed stock has sold well, some as high as 9 cents. However, grass stuff comprised the bulk of the offerings and the good quality ones of this class sold from \$7.50 to \$8.00. Female stock has been in good demand. Fat cows are worth from \$6.50 to \$7.00 and choice heifers from \$7.50 to \$8.00. The bull market is slower and about 25 cents lower this week. There has been a very slow sale for medium and common oxen during the week and prices for these are from 25 to 50 cents lower than a week ago. Stockers and feeders are lower. Few milkers and springers on sale at same prices. Prices generally for the grass-fed offerings are considered high. A heavy run would no doubt cause a quick drop. Caution in buying and shipping should be practiced. Hogs have been unsettled during some days of the week. Early prices went down to 8 cents, but towards the end of the week a much better demand appeared and on Saturday the price for choice hogs was \$8.25. Very few sheep and lambs on sale.

Country Produce

CALGARY PRODUCE—The produce department of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, Stall 24, Calgary Public Market, reports that the market for butter is glutted at present and prices may even come lower. The egg supply is rather short and the price is firm. The demand for dressed poultry is very slow. Live poultry is arriving in large quantities and the price is easier. Dressed hogs, 100 to 150 pounds, are worth 10 cents per pound, heavier weights 8 to 9 cents per pound.

SASKATOON PRODUCE—Dressed hogs, 100 to 150 pounds, are worth 10 cents per pound. Beef is worth 11½ cents and veal 12 cents per pound.

BRANDON PRODUCE—Butter and eggs are very plentiful just now. There is a good market here for poultry. Dressed hogs, 100 to 150 pounds, are worth 9 cents per pound and heavier weights 10 cents per pound.

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: Prices are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are f.o.b. point of shipment.

Butter—With an increased demand for butter from outside points, prices on the best grades have advanced one cent. Fancy dairy is worth 19 to 21 cents per pound this week; No. 1 dairy is the same at 19 cents and good round lots are 17 to 18 cents per pound.

Eggs—There is no lack of eggs coming forward just now and prices are the same, namely, 15 to 16 cents per dozen.

Potatoes—Potatoes are just the same price this week. New potatoes are making their appearance and are daily becoming cheaper. Old potatoes are worth from 50 to 55 cents per bushel, while new potatoes can be laid down in Winnipeg today at \$1.35 per bushel. These will cost the consumer from \$1.65 to \$1.75 per bushel.

Milk and Cream—The prices on milk and cream are unchanged. Sweet cream is worth 27 cents per pound of butterfat, delivered in Winnipeg, and sour cream is 22 cents per pound of butterfat, f.o.b. point of shipment. Sweet milk is the same, \$2.00 per hundred pounds.

Poultry—Live poultry is in good demand on the local market, but very little is being sent in from the farms just now. Live hens are worth 12 cents per pound, roosters 10 cents, ducks 12 cents, geese 12 cents and turkeys 13 to 15 cents per pound.