

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, November 13, 1915)
Wheat—Active and nervous all the week, trade being of good volume and the finish firm. Various spreads compared with those of a week ago showed the November up over 3 cents, the December about 1 cent and the May almost 2 cents. The values tended downwards at the start, local traders being bearish. The weak cables and the United States markets being the chief dominating influence. Later as the week advanced the tone suddenly firmed due to the unlooked for strength in Liverpool coupled with the advance in the Southern markets, which had a strengthening effect here. There was some good buying of the difference. The demand for cash wheat during the early part of the week was very good and a good sudden advance in the November over the other months, the premiums were a little shaky, and to-day grades such as tough seedy, tough smutty and rejected are also in very great demand, spreads to-day being about the narrowest they have been on the crop.

Oats—Prices not quite so firm, due to the November future not being enquired for so freely, and prices declined about 1 cent to 1½ cents in consequence. The demand for low grade oats was not quite so good as it was a week ago.

Barley—While there has not been a very great demand for spot barley during the last couple of days, the consequence being there were no quotations given out any sales were usually 2 cents to 3 cents above those prevailing last Saturday.

Flax—The market here strong in sympathy with the sudden advance in Duluth and values are 12 cents to 13 cents higher in consequence.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	Nov.	Dec.	May	No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	95
Nov. 9	100½	95½	99	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	95½
Nov. 10	101½	96½	100	No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	95½
Nov. 11	103½	97½	101½	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	98
Nov. 12	103½	97½	101½	Rejected wheat, 1 car	98
Nov. 13	105½	98½	103½	Rejected wheat, 1 car	85
Nov. 15	105½	99½	103½	Rejected wheat, 1 car, smut	88
Week ago	101	86½	99½	Rejected wheat, 1 car	88
Year ago	118½	116	121½	Wheat screenings, 1 car, per ton	10 00
Oats—				Wheat screenings, 1 car, per ton	21 00
Nov. 9	41½	36½	39½	No grade wheat, 1 car, cannot clean	96
Nov. 10	40½	36½	39½	No grade wheat, 1 car	89½
Nov. 11	40½	37½	39½	No grade wheat, 1 car	99½
Nov. 12	40½	37½	39½	No. 4 wheat, 1 car, smut	98½
Nov. 13	41½	37½	39½	No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	91½
Nov. 15	41½	37½	39½	No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	93
Week ago	42½	36½	39½	No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, sample	1 00½
Year ago	55	54	57½	No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car	97½
Flax—				No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	93½
Nov. 9	181½	178½	184½	No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	90
Nov. 10	188½	184½	189	Winter wheat, rye mixed, 1 car	83
Nov. 11	187½	181	186½	Winter wheat, rye mixed, 1 car	80
Nov. 12	185½	180½	185½	No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, choice	98
Nov. 13	187½	183½	189	No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	95
Nov. 15	187½	184½	190	No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	96
Week ago	176½	174	180	No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	97
Year ago	126½	123½	129	No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	98½

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Nov. 13)		
No. 1 hard wheat, 5 cars	\$1.06½	
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.06½	
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	1.06½	
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.07	
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	1.06½	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, part car	1.02½	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.04½	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 8 cars	1.03½	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,300 bu., arrive	1.02	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.02½	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.05	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.04	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.02½	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.05½	
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.00½	
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	99½	
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.00½	
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	99	
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.00½	
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, choice	1.02½	
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, o.w.b.	1.00½	
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smut	99½	
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	97	
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	94½	
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	96	
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	94	
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	93½	

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from November 9 to November 15 inclusive

Date	1*	2*	3*	WHEAT 4	5	6	Feed	2 CW	3 CW	4 CW	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 3	4 CW	Rej.	Feed	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
Nov. 9	102½	99½	94½	89½	83½	79	74	41½	40½	40½	39½	..	69	64	59	59	181½	178½	..	..
10	103	100½	95½	90½	..	..	..	41½	40½	40½	38½	..	70½	65½	59	59	188	185	..	..
11	105	102	97	91½	..	..	..	41	40	40	38	..	71	65½	60	60	187½	184½	..	..
12	104	101½	96½	91	..	..	..	41	40½	40½	38½	..	..	..	..	..	185½	182½	..	..
13	106	103	98½	93	..	..	..	42	41	41	39½	37	..	..	..	..	187½	184½	..	..
15	105½	102½	97½	92½	85	..	..	41½	40½	40½	39½	..	..	..	..	..	187	184	..	..
Week ago	103½	100½	95	89½	84½	79½	74½	43½	42	42	40½	..	69	61	59	59	176½	173½	..	..
Year ago	118½	115½	111½	105½	100½	95½	90½	55	52½	52½	57½	50½	..	65½	62½	62	136	123	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Nov. 15	Year Ago	Toronto Nov. 10	Calgary Nov. 13	Chicago Nov. 13	St. Paul Nov. 13
Cattle	\$ 25-26.50	\$ 25-26.50	\$ 25-26.50	\$ 25-26.50	\$ 25-26.50	\$ 25-26.50
Best butcher steers and heifers	6.00-6.35	5.50-5.75	7.50-7.75	5.25-5.75	6.00-10.40	4.00-7.75
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	5.40-5.60	5.25-5.50	7.00-7.50	4.75-5.00	6.00-10.40	4.00-7.75
Medium cows	5.00-5.25	4.75-5.00	6.00-6.35	4.75-5.00	2.75-8.20	4.00-6.00
Common cows	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.25	5.50-6.00	4.00-4.50	2.75-8.20	4.00-6.00
Choice heifers	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.25	5.00-5.50	3.00-4.50	2.75-8.20	4.00-6.00
Best bulls	5.50-5.75	5.00-5.25	7.15-7.50	5.00-5.25	3.50-5.50	4.00-6.00
Common and medium bulls	4.75-5.00	4.00-4.25	6.00-6.50	3.00-4.50	3.50-5.50	4.00-6.00
Best feeding steers	4.25-4.50	3.75-4.00	5.50-6.00	3.00-4.50	4.25-7.00	4.00-6.25
Best stocker steers	5.50-5.91	5.00-5.25	6.25-6.75	5.50-5.75	4.00-6.25	4.00-6.25
Best milkers and springers (each)	5.25-5.50	4.00-4.25	6.00-6.50	5.50-5.75	4.00-6.25	4.00-6.25
Common milkers and springers (each)	\$65-\$75	\$55-\$65	\$75-\$100	\$60-\$75	..	..
Hogs	\$8.25-\$8.75	\$6.75-\$7.00	\$8.85-\$9.95	\$8.10	\$6.50-\$7.05	\$6.45-\$6.50
Heavy sows	\$6.50-\$7.00	\$5.75	..	..	..	..
Stags	\$4.50	\$4.00	..	..	..	..
Sheep and Lambs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Choice lambs	\$8.50	\$6.00-\$6.50	\$8.50-\$9.25	..	\$7.00-\$9.15	\$8.00-\$8.50
Best killing sheep	\$6.50	\$5.00-\$5.50	\$6.00-\$6.75	..	\$5.85-\$6.35	\$4.50-\$6.75

No. 2 feed barley, 3 cars	54
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	58
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	55½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	57
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	60
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	57
No. 2 feed barley, 2 cars	56
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	53½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	56
No grade barley, 1 car	54½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	54
Sample barley, 1 car, choice	62
Sample barley, 3 cars	56
Sample barley, 1 car	57
Sample barley, 1 car	55½
Sample barley, 3 cars	54
No. 1 flax, 1 car, smut	2.06½
No. 1 flax, 18 sacks	2.00
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.04
No. 1 flax, 5 cars	2.05
No. 1 flax, 200 bu., to arrive	2.04
No. 2 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.01½
No grade flax, 1 car, warm	1.95
No. 2 flax, 1 car	2.01½
No. 1 flax, 200 bu., run	2.02½
No grade flax, 1 car	1.97

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, Nov. 13.—	\$1.63½
No. 1 hard winter	1.68
Wallis Walla	1.63
Rosaf	1.63
No. 2 Manitoba	1.59
No. 3 Manitoba	1.58
No. 1 Northern Duluth	1.70½

Future Parcels
No. 1 Man., Nov. delivery 1.57½
No. 1 Man., Dec.-Jan. delivery 1.56½
No. 1 Man., Nov. delivery, London 1.60½
No. 1 Man., Dec. delivery, London 1.59½
Note.—These cable quotations have been translated into dollars per bushel at the rate of \$4.65 exchange; this varies from day to day, but Broomhall's decline to commit themselves to a rate at present. Of special interest is the price for future deliveries.—Manitoba Free Press.

ESTIMATE OF CROP

The North-West Grain Dealers' Association has just issued a revised report showing the wheat crop of Western Canada over the 3,000,000 bushel mark. The report places the estimated wheat yield for the 1915 crop at 307,280,000 bushels.

	Acres	Per acre	Bush's ls
Wheat	12,540,000	24.5	307,230,000
Oats	6,621,000	51.2	338,995,200
Barley	1,153,000	34	39,202,000
Flax	520,000	8.2	4,264,000

Wheat Situation

(Nov. 6, 1915)

	Nov. 2, 1914
Inspected to date	108,226,900
Store, country pts.	34,400,000
In transit, not inspected	8,400,000
Allowed for seed, feed, country mills	35,000,000
Bal. in farmers' hands to market	121,203,100
Inspected to date:	30,127,000
Oats	16,000,000
Barley	3,400,000
Flax	400,000

NOTICE TO GRAIN SHIPPERS

Owing to the heavy yield of grain all over the West a general shortage of cars exists, and the fact that it takes on an average three weeks for a car to travel to Fort William or Port Arthur, the Board of Grain Commissioners, in conjunction with the railway companies, have decided to allow all grain shippers to change their orders from Fort William or Port Arthur to Saskatoon, and give such order

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, Nov. 13, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.06	\$1.04½
2 Nor. wheat	1.03	1.01
3 Nor. wheat	.98½	.97
3 white oats	.41	.34½
Barley	..	58-61
Flax, No. 1	1.87½	2.06½
Futures—		
Dec. wheat	.98½	1.00
May wheat	1.03½	1.03½

preference over shipments East, as a car can be unloaded and returned from that point in less than a week, and in this way allow the railway companies to give a very much quicker service. Shippers taking advantage of this will get their grain under cover and be able to finance on the government warehouse receipts.

By order,
BOARD OF GRAIN COMMISSIONERS
FOR CANADA.

INSPECTIONS

Cars inspected for the month ending October 31, 1915:—

	1915	1914
Wheat	53,126	12,717
Oats	5,271	2,633
Barley	1,224	739
Flax	275	688
Screenings	21	12

Total 59,927 16,799
Winnipeg, Nov. 15.—There are 1,700 cars in sight for inspection.

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Hog prices developed firmness today on account of a good general demand. Most of the cattle were consigned direct to killers. Sheep and lambs on the open market proved to be more numerous than has been usual at the end of the week.

South St. Paul, Nov. 13.—Glutted cattle markets everywhere the first half of the week resulted in vigorous price slashing, with the result that prices broke to a new low level for the season, continuing the downward course that has been followed for several weeks. Locally there was a run that all but shattered the previous record supply when the week opened, and the liquidation continued on a heavy scale for several days.

The country has been unloading a world of common to medium grassy cattle, thin stuff and dairy discards, in preparation for winter, so declines in prices have been the natural sequel. Cuts of 15 to 25 cents were general the first half of the week for butcher steers and the stock above the cutter and canner grades, and in some cases there was even further slump before the close, although late influences were slightly more favorable to sellers.

Removal of quarantine restrictions by authorities in eastern states has opened up an outlet in that direction for cattle at Chicago, and by relieving congestion at that point has created a condition that is expected to benefit patrons of this and Missouri river markets as well. While there has been an overdone of grassy killers for several weeks, marketing is likely to dwindle in the near future, and recent developments give promise of a favorable reception for cornfed stock as the winter advances.

Poultry will get considerable emphasis in the meat trade the latter part of this month, and this is a factor to be considered in efforts to gauge probable trend of the market.

Hog prices experienced further decline during the week, although upward turn near the close restored some of the ground lost. A \$6.25 to \$6.50 basis ruled Friday. Runs were liberal here and at other markets, and gave packers sound argument to back up demands for concessions. Pigs have sold chiefly below \$6.00.

Toronto, Nov. 10.—With the exception of sheep, the livestock receipts at the local yards yesterday were light. Of the thousand cattle handled the bulk were made up of cows, bulls, canners and rough butchers, which, although steady in price, were slow sellers. Good butchers were wanted at firm values. Five good beefs, averaging about 1,100 lbs., sold for \$7.70; a load of light butchers weighing 1,000 lbs. changed hands at \$7.40. Canners and cutters were steady at \$3.75 to \$4.75.

Stockers and feeders were active, selling up to