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**DOMESTIC WHEAT MARKETS DECLINE**

Improvement of Crops Results in Downward Movement in Quotations.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (Special)—Domestic wheat markets declined rather sharply during the week ending April 19, influenced principally by improved prospects for winter wheat as a result of scattered rains over dry areas in the southwest, according to the weekly grain market review of the United States bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Additional moisture in the spring wheat areas of both the United States and Canada were also weakening factors. Some improvement in foreign demand for North American wheat with a sharp reduction in southern hemisphere movement however, tended to offset the weakening influence of the improved crop prospects. Feed grain markets held fairly steady although prices at most points declined slightly with wheat. Farm work has reduced marketing of corn and other feed grains but demand continued active and current arrivals were readily taken. Hay declined with wheat, while flax was slightly lower under a continued slow demand for the limited offerings.

**Crop Conditions**  
Crop conditions are now the dominating factor in the wheat market and reports of rains over scattered areas during the week were largely responsible for the weakness which developed in the market. Beneficial rains occurred in the northwestern winter wheat belt and local showers were reported over part of the southwestern area. Drought conditions, however, were not wholly relieved and more moisture is needed in Western Kansas and Oklahoma. Crops in the latter state have deteriorated with continued dry weather. Scattered heavy rains were received in the spring wheat areas in the American northwest and in Canada, but both top and sub-soil moisture in Canada are still deficient in large areas, according to trade reports. Seeding of spring wheat is progressing rapidly in the American northwest and at the

**MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY**

CHICAGO WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	1.05 1/2 @ 1/2	1.05 1/2	1.01	1.01 1/2 @ 1/2
July	1.05 1/2 @ 1/2	1.07 1/2	1.05 1/2	1.06 1/2 @ 1/2
Sept.	1.09 1/2 @ 1/2	1.10 1/2	1.08 1/2	1.09 1/2 @ 1/2
Dec.	1.13 1/2 @ 1/2	1.15 1/2	1.12 1/2	1.13 1/2

  

PORTLAND WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	1.05 1/2	1.05 1/2	1.05 1/2	1.05 1/2
July	1.07 1/2	1.07 1/2	1.07	1.07
Sept.	1.07 1/2	1.07 1/2	1.07 1/2	1.07 1/2

close of the week was practically completed in Southern Minnesota and South Dakota and was quite general in most of North Dakota and Montana where moisture was generally sufficient and conditions for seeding better than average. European crops are making good progress and reports are about as favorable as at this time a year ago. Some deterioration is reported in the south central districts of France as a result of excessive rains and heavy weed growth, but a fair average crop is indicated by trade reports. Prospects for the Italian crop are favorable and conditions are above average in Germany, Austria and Poland. The wheat and rye acreages of Poland are reported the largest within the present boundaries.

**Ford Project Is Called Civilizing Agent, Amazon**

RIO JANEIRO (AP)—From the fact that the Indians inhabiting the country around the Ford rubber concession on the Tapajós river have given their confidence to the American enterprise to such an extent that they bring their sick to be treated there, the possibilities of the enterprise as a civilizing influence loom large in the opinion of Major Lester Baker, American military attaché, who recently visited the Amazon valley.

Major Baker was particularly impressed with the work done by Captain E. Osholm, manager of the concession, and his staff in providing sanitary living quarters for the 1,500 employees, something rare in that part of Brazil. There are only nine foreigners employed at Fordlandia.

"After traveling through hundreds of miles of jungle to come into Fordlandia is like a dream," Major Baker said. "Here is a little corner of the United States. There are six sets of staff houses and four foremen's quarters. All are equipped with modern plumbing, electric lights, telephones, electric refrigerators, washing machines, aerens, pianos and victrolas.

"The finding of such homes in a country where the ordinary dwelling is a mud hut with one door and window is wonderful."

Wharves 240 feet long have been constructed and there are five power boats in the river equipment. More than 100 miles of roads have been constructed.

There is a hospital of 100 beds in charge of Dr. C. Beaton and a trained nurse makes daily visits to the native villages.

A radio station communicates with the branch office at Para, a farm for growing vegetables is in operation and a range of 500 acres grasses the cattle used for beef.

Planting is going on rapidly, an average of a hundred acres a week being cleared of tropical growth and placed under cultivation.

Cash wheat was relatively firm on the futures at most markets under a good domestic demand from mills. Export demands for United States wheat was still lacking, but reports indicated some improvement in European inquiry for North American grain. North American export sales for the week were estimated by the trade at slightly over 3,000,000 bushels, mostly of Canadian Manitoba but including also a cargo of Durums, No. 2 Manitoba was selling in Liverpool in the middle of the week for April shipment at \$1.21, compared with No. 2 hard winter wheat at \$1.18 1/2. Southern hemisphere shipments are decreasing with exports from Argentina for the week reported at only 1,570,000 bushels, and from Australia at 1,428,000 bushels. Stocks of native wheat in Europe are generally low but probably no smaller than normal for this season of the year. German farm stocks at the middle of March were practically the same as last year, although the crop was smaller and milling regulations have required utilization of a large percentage of native wheat in milling mixtures.

**Coast Markets**  
Pacific coast markets weakened along with those at eastern points, but declines were less marked as cash prices at Portland declined only about 1c during the week, while Big Bend Bluestem hard white was 2c higher, being quoted at \$1.23 per bushel. No. 1 soft and western white wheats were quoted at \$1.09, with No. 3 hard winter, northern spring and western red at \$1.07 per bushel. No. 1 dark northern spring, 12 per cent protein, was quoted in bulk at \$1.13, and No. 1 dark hard winter, 14 per cent protein, at the same price. Export demand continued dull, although rates of about 1,000 tons of white wheat in parcel lots were reported made to European buyers during the week. There were no sales to the Orient and with Chinese wheat expected in the Oriental market next month little inquiry is expected from that source. Domestic mills were taking only occasional care for blending purposes. Growers were still offering slowly although crop prospects were improved by showers in Eastern Washington and Oregon during the week. Grain loans were being quoted slightly firmer with domestic bags selling at 10 1/2c and Calcutta bags at 10c to farmers.

The wheat market at San Francisco was dull but prices held about steady.

**SUGAR PRICE LOWER**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 21 (AP)—The price of refined sugar dropped 10 cents per hundredweight to \$4.80 today. California and Hawaiian Sugar Refinery company and Western Sugar Refinery announced here.

**BUTTERFAT**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 21 (AP)—Butterfat L. o. b. San Francisco, 42c.

**Few Changes in Oregon Markets**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 21 (AP)—Butter prices closed last week with a distinct tone of weakness and when the market opened today there appeared to be little or no improvement. Supplies have kept well in excess of demand and a further decline in quotations would not be surprising.

The Easter holidays took care of egg receipts, and prices continue steady. The undertone is consequently firm.

**TWO-SIDED MARKET**  
NEW YORK, Apr. 21 (AP)—Resumption of business after the three day stock exchange holiday today disclosed a two-sided market in which reactionary tendencies predominated. Trading started off at a brisk pace, sales crossing the 2,000,000 share mark before noon, but slowed down in the afternoon as the ticker caught up with the market and operators for the advance found it rather difficult to attract an outside following, except in a few special groups.

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Records Saturday were not exceptional in any event, but with Baker strong in the sprints and weights, four tens will go into the Eastern Oregon meet May 3 with a chance to win.

Couch Ira Woodie reported today that the meet at Pendleton was run off in excellent shape. He

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