

Grain Markets Dull Last Week; Demand Is Slow

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Special)— Grain markets had a slightly easier undertone during the week ending Mar. 4, largely as a result of a continued slow demand, according to the weekly grain market review of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. Relatively heavy stocks of domestic wheat, together with generally favorable prospects for the winter wheat crop and a less active export inquiry for North American wheat were the principal weakening influences in the wheat market and prices were slightly lower. Rye had some independent strength, largely because of light domestic supplies and an increased export inquiry for North American rye. Corn and oats continued to move slowly into trade channels and the light receipts were easily sufficient for current market needs. Barley was in better demand and was firmer than other feed grains. Flax was slightly lower despite the very small marketings, with crusher demand dull.

Foreign wheat held generally steady during the week. Continental buying was more active, reflecting the relaxation of French and Italian milling quotas for foreign wheat. Germany was reported to have purchased additional quantities of wheat in anticipation of new milling regulations. Italy was taking increased amounts of southern hemisphere wheat and purchased Russian wheat, while Greece purchased Russian wheat from store in England and made inquiry for United States grain. Appreciation in the value of the British pound sterling and the announcement that restrictions in trading in foreign exchange would be withdrawn, were favorable features in the general market situation in the United Kingdom. Portugal has prohibited the importing of bread grain. Procurements of Russian grain to Feb. 20 were reported at 90.8 per cent of the yearly plan.

Winter wheat crops remained in generally favorable condition during the week. The mild weather over the main winter wheat section of the U. S. promoted growth in the parts. Wheat greened up and made noticeable growth in Kansas and more southern sections. More soil moisture is needed in the west central great plains, especially Eastern Colorado, Western Kansas and Nebraska and Northwestern Oklahoma. Winter grains in most European countries are protected by snow cover, although damage as reported from previous unfavorable weather in some areas, particularly in some of the Lower Danubian countries and in Southern Russia. Recent rains benefited crops in North African countries and the condition of wheat in Egypt at the first of March was reported to be 100 per cent of the ten-year average. Conditions in India, where harvesting begins this month, are variable, with rain needed in unirrigated regions, particularly in the Punjab, where more than one-third of the Indian crop is produced. More than half of the Punjab acreage however, is under irrigation.

Slight Decline Domestic wheat markets declined slightly, despite a sharp reduction in market receipts. Arrivals at the principal central and western markets totaled only 2,917 cars, compared with the unusually large receipts of 5,583 of the previous week. Milling demand was fairly active and storage interests also continued to take good amounts. Elevator stocks at Kansas City were increased to a new record total of over 37,000,000 bushels, with large amounts still on track to be unloaded. At the close of the market, March 4, No. 2 hard winter, ordinary protein, was quoted at Kansas City at 52 1/4 @ 52 1/2 c, 12 per cent at 52 1/4 @ 54 1/2 c. The average protein of the week's inspections was 11.79 per cent. The protein of the inspections to date this season has averaged 11.88 per cent compared with 12.23 per cent for the corresponding period last year. Milling demand at Omaha was fairly active and 150 cars were shipped out, mostly to Minneapolis mills. Current offerings were readily taken and at the close of the week No. 2 hard winter, ordinary protein, was quoted at Omaha at 51 1/2 c per bu. No. 2 dark hard winter with 13 per cent protein was quoted at 57 1/2 c and No. 3 yellow hard wheat, 10 1/2 per cent protein, at 51 c per bushel.

Pacific coast markets were generally quiet with prices moving within a narrow range. Futures at Portland March 4 closed 3/4 to 1 1/4 c lower than a week ago. Cash markets were dull with export demand very light and domestic inquiry of small volume. One sale of 500 tons of wheat to Japan was confirmed at the close of the week, which was the first export business for some time. Export flour mills were operating on the last allotment of 100,000 barrels of flour for the Chinese flood relief but reported no new export business with the Orient. Moderate flour sales continued to the Philippines but sales to other markets continued light. Inquiry from California was more active although actual sales were not of large volume and were principally in feed wheat. Prospects for winter wheat continued favorable and moisture for spring plantings was abundant as a result of good snow fall. Receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia river terminals were sharply reduced and totaled only 632 cars for the week. Cash prices were lowered with futures and at the close of the market, March 4, No. 2, bluestem hard white was quoted at Portland at 71 1/2 @ 72c, soft and western white at 61c, hard winter, northern spring and western red at 58 @ 59c, sacked, for No. 1 wheat. At Seattle, western white and western red were quoted at 61 1/2 c and 60 1/2 c respectively, and hard winter at 61c per bu, sacked, for No. 1, with 16 per cent protein dark northern spring from Montana quoted at 69 1/2 c in bulk. Moderate sales of Canadian wheat for export were reported at Vancouver during the week, with No. 1 Manitoba northern quoted at 61 1/4 c and No. 2 at 56 1/2 c, in terms of United States currency.

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Egg Market At New Low Level In Oregon Trade

EGG MARKET mkt page PORTLAND, Mar. 7 (Sp)— The market for eggs reached a new low mark here during the day when the 1c decline in the price named by the co-ops and the general trade touched 15c for extras and 14c for standards and mediums. The condition of the price is serious.

There was no change in the general butter market situation locally for the week's opening. Demand appears able to take care of current offerings. Butterfat is unchanged. Light weight hens are in best call at the moment with bids Monday up to 10c lb. with mediums 13c and heavy sorts 15c lb. Most retailers are demanding the lightweights. Apparently the country has been holding out on turkey supplies because late offerings have been more liberal while demand appears to have subsided somewhat. In fact it begins to look as if the consumer is getting fed up on turkey.

Trade in country killed meats is generally without feature for the week's opening. Conditions are much the same as last week, hogs and veal being steady with sheep and lambs steady to firm.

There are increasing supplies of Roseburg cauliflower now offering. Quality is good to just fair—a trifle mixed, which caused more or less complaint. Sales are shown \$1.10 @ \$1.25 crate generally. Californian at \$1.25 @ \$1.35.

Sprawl of slower trade is reflected for hothouse cucumbers. Sales are reported at a further fractional loss but the market is weak at that. Receipts are increasing and stocks are piling up.

Notes of wholesale trading: California asparagus is more plentiful, better and lower priced. Celery market is again showing strength at higher prices. Potato buying continues fair but chiefly at extreme low prices.

Walla Walla spinach is just about steady with more local stock offering.

Scramble for local carrots is causing a further advance in the price.

PORTLAND PRODUCE PORTLAND, Mar. 7 (Sp)— Butter—prints 92 score or better 24 @ 26c; standards 24 @ 26c carton. Butterfat — Direct to shippers: station 20c. Portland delivery prices 21c lb.

Eggs — Pacific poultry producers' selling prices: fresh extras 15c; standards 14c; mediums 14c.

Live poultry — Net buying price: heavy hens colored 4 1/2 lbs. up 15c; do mediums 13c; light 10c; broilers 17 @ 20c; colored roasters over 2 lbs. 10 @ 22c; springs 17 @ 20c; old roosters 8c. Ducks pekín 18c; geese 12c; capons 18 @ 20c.

Country meats — Selling price to retailers: country killed hogs best butchers under 100 lbs. 6 1/2 @ 6c; vealers 80 to 150 lbs. 10c; spring lambs (—); lamb yearlings 11 @ 12c; heavy ewes 6c; canner cows 5 @ 4c; bulls 6 @ 8 1/2 c lb.

Mohair — Nominal buying price, 1931 clip long hair 10c; kid 15c lb.

Onions — Selling price to retailers: Oregon 50 @ 55c; boliers 42 @ 45c; Florida 10 @ 12c lb.

Hay — Buying price from producer: alfalfa \$15.00 @ \$15.00; clover \$10.00 @ \$12.00; Willamette valley timothy \$15.00; Eastern Oregon timothy \$18.50; oats and vetch \$12.00 @ \$12.50.

SILVER STEADY NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (Sp)— Bar silver steady and unchanged at 30 1/4 c.

DAY'S College CORDS 24 Inch Bottoms \$2.95 New York Store

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

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CHEESE TRADE STEADY; TREND IS UNCHANGED

PORTLAND, Mar. 8 (Sp)— Steadiness of the cheese trade is practically general throughout the country. This applies equally to coast primary and consuming markets although in Wisconsin making centers the feeling was not quite as good as the previous week even with prices fractionally below those of a week ago.

The weakness and price easiness in Wisconsin appeared due mostly to the keen desire on the part of makers to force a greater movement than normal.

Locally there was no change reported in the general trade trend. Primary markets reported sustained quotations with Tillamook make about normal for the season.

Cheese storage stocks continue below a year ago at most points.

DRUNKEN BRAWL COSTS HIS LIFE

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When Hopkins entered the back door of the Holden residence, Holden is reported by police to have accused the man of breaking up his home, then to have shot Hopkins twice, one bullet entering the heart and the other the abdomen.

Holden, a father of four children, was divorced from his wife a few months ago. Hopkins is survived by his widow and three children. Police said an inquest will be held today.

HAVE RELATIVES HERE

John Hopkins, brother of the deceased, his mother and another brother make their home in La Grande, and left early yesterday for Baker directly after hearing of the shooting.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 7 (Sp)— Wheat closed: March 58; May 60; July 62; Oct 64 1/4. Exchange 63.51.

PORTLAND CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 7 (Sp)— Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem 68c. Soft white 58 1/2 c. Western white 58 1/2 c. Hard winter 56 1/2 c. Northern spring 56 1/2 c. Western red 56 1/2 c. Oats: No. 2 white 23.00. Today's car receipts: wheat 55; barley 1; flour 17; corn 2; oats 1; hay 12.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Mar. 7 (Sp)— Wheat close: May 68 1/2; July 68 1/2; October 70 1/2. Cash: No. 1 hard 66 1/2; No. 1 northern 65 1/2; No. 2 northern 61 1/2; No. 3 northern 57 1/2 c.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Mar. 7 (Sp)— (U. S. D. A.)—Hogs 40,000; strong to 10c higher; 170-210 lbs. \$4.50 @ \$4.55; 140-160 lbs. \$4.35 @ \$4.40. Cattle 11,000; better grade weighty steers active; strong to 25c higher; bulls 15 @ 25c higher; vealers strong to 25c higher; \$7.00 @ \$7.50. Sheep 17,000; asking unevenly higher; strong packers bidding \$6.00 @ \$6.50 for good to choice lambs; fat ewes \$3.00 @ \$3.75.

BULLDOGS TAKE CAGE TITLE FOR THE THIRD YEAR

(Continued From Page One) up 13 to 13 after four five-minute periods, and the two coaches, Campbell and Agee, agreed that it would be permitted to stand at that, with both the Bobcats and the Badgers tied for third place.

La Grande, of course, by virtue of its defeat of Union, 18 to 16, in the afternoon, advanced to the runner-up position. The Union-La Grande game was the first of the semifinals, and was a hair-raiser, with the Tigers taking an early lead. The loss of Corey, center, in the last period because of four personal fouls, weakened the team's strength somewhat and Union took advantage of it to creep up to within two points before the final crack of the timer's gun.

North Powder came near upsetting Baker in the second game of the afternoon, which ended 19 to 19. In the overtime period Baker outscored the Badgers, 4 to 2, winning 23 to 21. It was probably the most thrilling game of the entire tournament from the crowd's standpoint. York, Baker center, who had been held to only a few points by Walk and the Powder guards, Hobbs and Simons, broke loose in the overtime period to cage a field goal after both teams had made two free throws. Each time Baker made a free throw to give it a one-point lead, Powder followed through a moment later. Four free throws were attempted during the period, and all four were successful.

Coach George Scott played three of his substitutes in the first three quarters, during which Powder trailed by several points. But in the last period, with his regular first team on the floor, the Badgers rallied impressively. After the evening game, championship and runner-up trophies were awarded to both the La Grande and Baker teams, and Begley, Baker guard, was announced as the outstanding player of the tournament. His selection was made on a vote of three officials—Robinson, Hickox and Skiff. Robinson and Hickox voted for Begley while Skiff cast his vote for Torrence. La Grande guard, the

only two men considered for the position.

The tournament at Union this year ranks as one of the finest in local history from the standpoint of close, interesting games and also from the high quality of sportsmanship displayed by all eight teams and their rooters.

An all-star team is expected to be announced later, with the coaches at the tournament turning in their selections to the district board Saturday night.

Summaries of Saturday's games follow: Baker (final game): Fg Ft Pk Tp Shirley, f 1 0 1 2 Drelsbach, f 3 0 1 6 York, c 6 0 3 12 Begley, g 1 2 0 4 Hollman, g 1 0 0 2 Totals 12 2 5 28

La Grande: Fg Ft Pk Tp Lyman, f 1 0 2 2 Stoddard, f 3 0 1 6 Corey, c 2 0 2 4 Burnett, g 0 1 0 1 Torrence, g 0 0 1 0 Workman, f 0 0 1 0 Totals 6 1 7 13

Score by Quarters: Baker 0 4 5 9—28 La Grande 4 4 2 3—13

Semifinal Games (Saturday Afternoon) North Powder: Fg Ft Pk Tp Williams, f 3 0 1 6 Sloan, c 0 0 1 0 Walk, c 1 2 1 4 Hobbs, g 1 1 2 3 Simons, g 3 2 1 8 Henderson, f 0 0 0 0 Totals 8 6 6 21

Score by Quarters: Baker 0 4 5 9—28 North Powder 2 4 6 2—21

Union: Fg Ft Pk Tp Prather, f 0 1 0 1 Baum, f 1 0 1 2 Tallman, c 2 0 1 4 Conklin, g 0 0 1 0 Baker, g 3 0 1 0 Hess, f 0 0 0 0 Talley, g 0 0 0 0 Miller, g 0 0 1 0 Totals 6 1 5 13

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Score by Quarters: La Grande 5 3 4 6—18 Union 2 2 6 6—16

Saturday night game (tie not played off). Union 4 3 4 2—13 Powder 4 5 2 2—13

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