

# Coast Wheat Fails To Follow Eastern Advance

## LACK OF EXPORT INQUIRY CAUSE FOR LOW PRICES

### Domestic Wheat Markets Strengthened Slightly Over Most of Nation During the Last Week.

WASHINGTON, May 23 — Domestic wheat markets strengthened slightly during the week ending May 20, influenced by further deterioration in winter wheat, firmer foreign markets and lighter offerings of cash grain according to the weekly grain market review of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. Rye was slightly higher with wheat, while feed grains were mostly steady as a result of a fairly active shipping demand and relatively light receipts. Flax remained independently weak and prices continued their downward trend.

Pacific coast markets did not follow the advance of eastern markets because of the dull local demand and lack of export inquiry for wheat and flour. Futures prices at Portland on May 20 were unchanged to only 1/4c higher, while cash prices showed an advance of only 1/4c for the week. The market movement continued light with 336 cars received at Puget Sound and Columbia river terminals, compared with 1,173 cars for the corresponding week last year. Terminal stocks are comparatively small, with the bulk of the remaining northwestern wheat still in storage in country warehouses held by producers who have shown little inclination to sell at current market prices. No export business of either wheat or flour was reported during the week, but current prices were reported near an export basis. Inquiry from California was not active, because of improved crop prospects in that state. De-

mand from local mills was of only fair volume because of the slow domestic flour demand. At the close of the market May 20, B. B. Bismeyer hard white was quoted at Portland at 72 1/2c, soft and western white at 62 1/2c and 63c, hard winter, northern spring and western red at 61c, 62c, sacker, basis No. 1. Western red, western white and hard winter were quoted at Seattle at 63 1/2c, and No. 1 bluestem of Baart hard white at 75c per bu., sacker, basis No. 1. No. 1 Manitoba northern was quoted at Vancouver at 64c and No. 3 Manitoba northern at 58 1/2c, which are equivalent in U. S. currency to 56 1/2c and 51 1/2c, respectively.

California wheat markets were somewhat unsettled but trading was of small volume. Generally favorable prospects for the new winter wheat crop, harvesting of which has already begun in the Imperial valley and is expected to start about June 1 in the early districts of the San Joaquin valley, caused buyers to confine their purchases to immediate requirements. Demand for milling grades was of only moderate volume, while inquiry for feed wheat was very dull. Low prices of feed barley have increased the use of that grain by feeders and materially reduced the feeding of wheat. Prices of local wheat declined 2 1/2c to 5c per 100 at San Francisco during the week, but held about steady at Los Angeles. No. 1 hard white wheat was quoted at San Francisco May 20 at \$1.22 1/2, No. 2 soft white at \$1.15 to \$1.20 per 100. New crop wheat from the Imperial valley was quoted at Los Angeles at \$1.17 1/2 to \$1.22 1/2. No. 1 hard wheat, 13 per cent protein, was quoted at the latter market at \$1.35. No. 2 soft and western white sacker, was selling at \$1.30 to \$1.32 1/2, and No. 2 hard winter, in bulk, ordinary protein, at \$1.25 per 100. No. 2 soft white wheat, 10 per cent protein, from Washington and Oregon, was quoted at San Francisco at \$1.30 and No. 1 hard white, with 13 per cent protein, at \$1.40 to \$1.42 1/2 per 100. No. 2 hard winter from Texas with 13 per cent protein was quoted at \$1.33 to \$1.35 per 100 in bulk. A few cars of Idaho-Utah wheat was quoted in bulk at \$1.45 per 100, delivered San Francisco, for No. 2 hard winter, 14 per cent protein.

Wheat Prospects  
New Crop prospects remained the dominant factor in the wheat market situation and reports of further deterioration in the U. S. winter wheat crop, particularly in Kansas and Nebraska, were a strengthening influence in domestic markets. The crop suffered severely from dry weather during the week in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. Damage from Hessian fly infestation was reported in Texas and Kansas. Trade estimates now place the Kansas crop at only 70,000,000 to 80,000,000 bushels and the Colorado crop at 4,000,000 bushels. Spring wheat, on the other hand, made excellent progress both in the U. S. and Canada. Seeding is now practically completed in Canada, with moisture ample for germination. Winter wheat in Europe made generally favorable progress in most sections, but the crop is later than last season in several countries as a result of the late cold spring. Additional moisture is needed in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Spain. Russian seeding of spring wheat was only about one-half accomplished at May 10, with 32,536,000 acres reported.

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seceded to that date. Supplies of native wheat are reported low in the deficit areas of Europe and demand for foreign wheat has increased. Shipments from surplus areas of Europe however, have decreased, with only 168,000 bushels shipped from Black sea ports during the week. Southern hemisphere offerings were less pressing, but shipments totaled 2,541,000 bushels from Argentina and 4,741,000 bushels from Australia. The smaller offerings from other areas turned European inquiry more to North American wheat and the week's sales were estimated at 2,000,000 bushels, of which about 300,000 bushels was winter wheat, sold from gulf ports to Greece. At the close of the week, No. 1 hard winter for May shipment was offered at Liverpool at 61 1/2c, compared with 58 1/2c for Argentine Rosate. Samples of Argentine wheat recently received by the department tested 60-61 1/2 lbs. per bu., according to U. S. standards and graded as high as No. 1 dark hard winter. Australian wheat sold at London during the week at 61 1/2c, and No. 3 Manitoba from Vancouver at 61 1/2c.

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generally steady, with good milling native wheat at Hamburg quoted at \$1.22 1/2, French wheat at Paris at \$1.20 1/2, and Italian wheat at Milan at \$1.70 1/2. Italian Drum wheat was quoted at Naples at \$1.87 1/2, and American Drum, CIP Marseilles, at \$1.63 1/2. American Drum, CIP Marseilles was quoted at 74 1/2c and at Naples at 70 1/2c. The American wheat however, is subject to an import duty.

Domestic cash wheat markets strengthened along with futures, except on the Pacific coast. Marketings were relatively light, receipts at the principal winter wheat markets totaling 1,087 cars, or about half the number a year ago, while receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth totaled 605 cars. Demand was principally from mills and current offerings from most points were hardly sufficient for needs, with the result that some grain was taken from elevator stocks. Protein premiums held steady at Kansas City, where ordinary protein, No. 2 hard winter, was quoted May 20 at 55 1/2c, 12 per cent protein at 57 1/2c to 58 1/2c, and 13 per cent protein at 58 1/2c to 59 1/2c per bushel.

standard quality cheese ever sold at in the local market. This price naturally secures a very large per cent of the demand but Tillamook and Coos Bay continue to maintain their quotations at the normally high level. Demand for medium weight hena is now the best along the wholesale way with buyers offering an advance for these while quoting the heavy stuff lower. Boosters continue down to a nickel.

Demand for strawberries is strong here. Arrivals of Oregon and other northwest berries have been decreased with almost general shippers. Prices on California are firmer to higher as a result. Market is overflowing with cabbage of very inferior quality with very little really worth while stuff. This applies to late varieties. The local early stuff is moving out well but forms only a very small per cent of the trade.

Trade is very favorable to peas out of the Dalles section and a sprinkling of home grown. Sales are shown mostly 7c to 8c lb. Californian are not very good but are quoted 7c to 7 1/2c for the best.

Trade in lambs is still more or less of slow character for anything that is not of tiptop quality. Veal are just about steady for tops and off for others. Hogs are nominally unchanged. Demand for beef remains good.

Notes of wholesale trading:  
California green beans of fair quality around 17c lb.

## Butter Market Continuing To Show Weakness

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP) — Market for butter continues to reflect more or less weakness not only locally but along the coast generally. Prices are unchanged but the movement is not keeping full pace with the make.

Market for eggs remains more or less weak as a result of continued shading of prices by unattached producers selling at sacrifice to the big stores. This unsettles the entire trade.

While prices in general appear more or less of steady character, cheese trade values are still of erratic nature in spots. This applies equally to the local field and to the Wisconsin trade.

Locally sales of intermountain stock are being made as low as 10c lb., which is perhaps the lowest price that

## M'CUALLY NAMED IN WALLOWA CO.

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200, Maxwell 310, Silvers 145, Zurich 262.

The Democratic ticket:  
For congressman: Galloway 200, Pierce 749.

For county commissioner: Eblevan 724, Craig 296.

For sheriff: Asher 63, Boswell 88, Miller 719, Staggs 236.

For assessor: Boyd 248, Kirkman 225, McArthur 498.

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	59
July	59 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/4
Sept.	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/4
Dec.	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/4

PORTLAND WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	51	52	51	51 1/4
July	52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/4
Sept.	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/4
Dec.	59 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/4

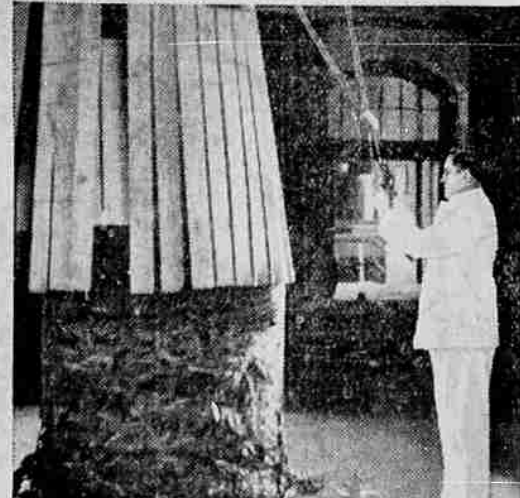
  

CHICAGO CORN				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	31	32	31	31 1/4
July	33 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/4
Sept.	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/4
Dec.	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/4

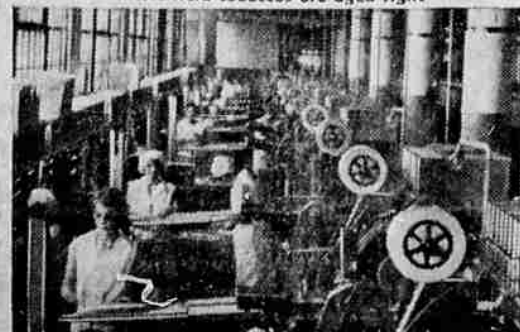
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## 14 Graduate At Lostine School; Largest Class

By Mrs. William Wiegans (Observer Correspondent)  
LOSTINE, Ore., (Special) — The commencement exercises at the Lostine High school auditorium held May 12 were witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. The class of 14 was the largest class to graduate in the 22 years of high school. Of this number 12 were girls and two boys. The class was pronounced by Superintendent Williams to be outstanding in several respects, outstanding among these being the unusually high scholastic standing. Especially indicative of the class spirit is the fact that eight members have signified their intention of going on to high learning. Those who graduated were Kenneth Bright, Sylvia Courtney, Warner Crow, Bertha Douns, Martha Fischer, Freda Hall, Verna Hammack, Helen Leonard, Margaret Foley, Lulubell Reed, Sarah Sherman, Ruth Swart, Margaret Whitehead and Bernice Wining. The complete program of the commencement exercises is as follows: processional, Margaret Williams, ovation, Pauline Bradley, invocation, Rev. Weston F. Shields, presentation of class of '32, J. H. Williams, address by class president, Warner Crow, musical number, glee club, valedictory, Bernice Wining's song, Louis Crow, class poem, Freda Hall, address, H. L. Hess, of La Grande, presentation of diplomas, Floyd Hammack, benediction, Rev. Mr. Shields, recessional, Margaret Williams.

Mrs. Mark Crossland returned to her home in Union after an extended visit with friends in Lostine. Miss Edith Nolan completes her school work this week in the Fairview district.

The Community club was entertained last Friday at the home of Mrs. Gertrude McGee. The following officers were elected, president, Mrs. Roy Hain, vice president, Edna Holmes, recording secretary, Mrs. Joe Caudle, treasurer, Gladys Chapman, corresponding secretary, Opal Chapman, reporter, Mrs. O. J. Foley. Members of the club are promoting the better homes and gardens again this summer. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mrs. George Dodge was delightfully surprised Tuesday evening, when a number of her Rebekah friends spent the evening with her. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge expect to leave Monday for Salem where they will visit friends. They will then move to another location.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Houser of Portland, are visiting relatives and friends in Lostine this week. They expect to return next week where Mr. Houser is employed in a barber shop. Mrs. M. O. Courtney, of Imnaha, has spent the week visiting friends in Lostine. She has been a house guest of Mrs. Sadie Hall.

Elmer Gaskill arrived from Vale last week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lena Hammack.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Childers and daughter, of Wallowa, spent the week with Mrs. Childers' mother, Mrs. Elza Childers.

A number of members of the Lostine Christian Endeavor society are expecting to drive to La Grande Friday of this week to attend the annual convention of the Grande Rhodie Christian Endeavor Union which opens there Friday evening in the Christian church. Sessions will continue through Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Houser have moved back to La Grande. They have been living on the S. P. Crow farm up South Fork river.

The Lostine Civilian rifle club met last week and decided to hold a regular shoot on the fourth Sunday of each month. The shoot will take place at the club house which has been built on the Con Courtney farm up South Fork river.

The Christian Ladies Aid met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Berkeley Caudle. The devotional leader was Mrs. Joe Caudle. Mrs. George Dodge resigned as treasurer and Mrs. F. B. Leonard was elected to fill the vacancy. Delicious refreshments were served. Mr. Lester Emmons will entertain the society June 7th. All members are requested to be present at this to be a work meeting.

The members will assist in furnishing the new Christian church which is now under construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen are entertaining their 14th granddaughter, Jean Marian Reppinger, of Enterprise.

The windshield of the car of Joe Caudle was broken at Wallowa Sunday during the ball game. A foul ball struck the car. Several women were sitting in the car at the time. Mrs. Lewis Brandt was cut quite badly about the face by broken glass.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hammack and Miss Verna took Miss Edna Hammack to La Grande Sunday. Miss Hammack will graduate from the Eastern Oregon Normal school this spring.

Mrs. Irene Peterson, of Salem, and cousin, Miss Frederika Van Kirt, of Portland, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Lostine the last week, left Friday for their home. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Sadie Hall and daughter, Freda, who will spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Pederson.

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held a meeting on Saturday May 14 and made arrangements for Memorial day. Committees for program, decorations and dinner were appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ward and Mrs. Whitman, of Milton, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reed. Miss Lulubell Reed accompanied them home and will enter school at Walla Walla. She is taking a course in beauty culture.

Mrs. Charles Whitehead closed a very successful term of school in the Leap district Friday. Miss Edna Hammack will teach at Leap next year. Mrs. Whitehead will teach at Trout creek next year.

J. E. Morton, of Portland, who has spent five weeks at the W. B. Hunter home, left Saturday for his home. Mr. Morton owns a large ranch in the Leap district and has been looking after business interests here.

A. W. Courtney, of Ontario, arrived last week and is visiting his son, Harley Courtney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Meridith and son, who spent several days at the home of Mrs. Martha Swart, left Friday for their home at Klamath Falls. They were accompanied by Mrs. Swart and two daughters, Gertrude and Ruth, who expect to make their home at Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Willett returned to La Grande this week after a week's visit with friends in Lostine.

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