

WELL TO BE DEAR That Much is Certain About Turkey Prices. ACTUAL VALUES A GUESS

The Christmas turkey market is beginning to interest the trade. All kinds of predictions as to prices are being made, but no one seems to have any very definite idea as to what the outcome will be.

No one has a clear idea what either the supply or the demand will be. Country reports indicate a shortage of turkeys in Oregon, at least shippers convey that impression in their advice.

As for the demand, it is never as strong at Christmas time as at Thanksgiving, especially in years of high prices.

In the East shippers are forced to pay high prices for turkeys growing sections. A dispatch from Cincinnati to the Chicago packer of December 11 says:

Oranges and Apples Sell Well. Oranges and apples were the best sellers in the fresh produce market yesterday.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT—Frank prices: Bluestem \$1.15 1/2...

Dairy and Cattle Products. BUTTER—Creamery, 20c; Fancy outside creamery, 24c...

Vegetables and Fruits. PRESH FRUITS—Apples, \$1.03 box; Spanish Malaga, \$1.75 per barrel...

Provisions. BACON—Waxy, 27c per pound; standard, 25c...

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc. HOPS—1809 crop, 18c; 1908 crop, 15c...

HAIR—Choice, 25c per pound. LARD—Kettle rendered, 18c...

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STOCKS STOCK MARKET. Increase in the Reading Dividend Rate. Steel Unfavorably Affected by the Labor Situation at Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Reading dividend increase gave the stock market the only semblance of animation it enjoyed today.

The Reading dividend situation had aroused a good deal of uneasy surmise. The weakens of the stock yesterday and at times today save rise to an impression that the strongly claimed bonus of a dividend increase would be disappointed.

There was little change in the local money market. The call loan rate touched 5 per cent again.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS. Sales. High. Low. Closing. Allie Chalmers pf. 500 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2

Chicago & North Western, 100 104 104 104 1/2. Am. Sugar, 100 104 104 104 1/2.

Am. Tobacco, 100 104 104 104 1/2. Am. Cotton Oil, 100 104 104 104 1/2.

Am. Locomotive, 100 104 104 104 1/2. Am. Steel & Wire, 100 104 104 104 1/2.

Am. T. & T., 100 104 104 104 1/2. Am. Union Pacific, 100 104 104 104 1/2.

Am. West. Union, 100 104 104 104 1/2. Am. Express, 100 104 104 104 1/2.

GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES WHEAT YIELD 737,189,000 BUSHELS. GREATER THAN IN 1908

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The crop-reporting board of the Department of Agriculture, in a bulletin issued today, estimates the average weight measured and bushel per the various crops as follows:

Wheat, 57.1 pounds; Winter wheat, 58.4 pounds; Oats, 32.7 pounds, against 57.3, 58.8 and 29.8 pounds, respectively, last year.

The estimates indicate the acreage and production of important farm crops of the United States in 1909 and 1908 to have been as follows:

Grain and year. Acreage. Bushels. Corn, 1909, 108,771,000, 2,172,370,000. Winter wheat, 1909, 28,300,000, 448,000,000.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET UNSETTLED. Crop Report and Large Receipts Offset Bullish Foreign Advances.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Government crop report and increased receipts in the Northwest offset bullish foreign advances and caused weakness in the wheat market here today.

Wheat was unsettled. At times a strong tone was manifested, owing to brisk demand by shorts, but each upturn brought out liberal realizing sales which resulted in a quiet decline.

Corn was weak. A decline of 1/4 to 1/2c in the price of the cash grain was also a weakening factor. The market closed quiet, with prices 1/2 to 3/4c below the previous close.

Provisions were unchanged to 1/2c lower. The leading futures ranged as follows: WHEAT—Dec., 1.17 1/2; High, 1.18 1/2; Low, 1.17; Close, 1.17 1/2.

ROGS ADVANCE A QUICK LIVESTOCK PRICES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE. Sales Are Made at the Yards at \$8.65—Cattle and Lambs Sell at Top Prices.

The strength that the livestock market has shown for some time past must have received an additional boost from the advance in prices paid at the fat stock sale Tuesday.

Two lots of hogs, aggregating 156 head were sold at \$8.65, which is a premium of 5 cents over the best previous price.

Three lots of steers were moved at \$4.75. Another lot of good quality quicklings at \$7.75.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET. Receipts, estimated, 25,000. Market, weak to 1/2c lower. Heavy, \$8.00; medium, \$7.50; light, \$7.00.

CHICAGO PORK MARKET. Receipts, estimated, 45,000. Market, steady. Light, \$10.00; heavy, \$9.50; mixed, \$9.00.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000. Market, steady. Heavy, \$8.00; medium, \$7.50; light, \$7.00.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000. Market, steady. Heavy, \$8.00; medium, \$7.50; light, \$7.00.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Wool, weak. Territory and Western medium, 24 1/2c; fine medium, 25 1/2c; fine, 26 1/2c.

Grain and Produce at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Flour, steady, with a few receipts. Receipts, 20,000 barrels; shipments, 7470.

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