

PRICES Local Wheat Dealers Are Bidding High in Country.

INTERIOR IS MUCH EXCITED

Purchases Are for Account of Puget Sound and California Millers. Southern Trade Wants to See the Early Market Elevated.

Full prices are still being paid for small lots of wheat in the interior, and the country markets are as strong and excited as they were at the opening.

The steady downward tendency of the Eastern markets and the declines abroad furnish grounds for the predictions of local dealers that prices in the Pacific Northwest cannot be much better than the present.

It is estimated that not to exceed 200,000 bushels of wheat have changed hands since the first new crop sale.

A moderate degree of interest is shown in the country grades and spot prices are unchanged. A sale of new barley in Columbia County, Washington, is reported.

Local receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows: Wheat—Fancy Flour 0.15 1/2; Oats—No. 1 0.12 1/2.

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GREEN FRUITS—Apples, best, 50¢ @ \$1.00 per box; Apples, No. 1, 40¢ @ \$0.80 per box.

GRAIN VALUES RISE Market for First Time in Months Shows Advance.

ACTIVE DEMAND DEVELOPS

Improvement in the East Due to Expansion of the Lightweight

Goods Trade—Growers Hold Firmly.

BOSTON, Aug. 2.—Improvement in the local wool market and an active demand for nearly all lines has developed. Values have risen for the first time in months.

As the volume of business is not large, growers are still holding for high prices in the west and 22 cents is said to have been paid in Montana for staple wool.

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GOOD A SURPRISE Illinois Wheat Yield Far Greater Than Expected.

CHICAGO MARKET BREAKS

September Closes at a Loss of Nearly Two Cents—Weakness of Corn Also Has a Depressing Effect on Prices.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Surprising indications that the Illinois wheat crop, notwithstanding supposed heavy losses by heavy fall, will be 45,000,000 bushels against 31,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Information as to the Illinois wheat yield came through the State Grain Dealers' Association and was regarded as sensational for more than 200 points north of the Vandallia Railway were given, showing an average crop of 20 bushels an acre on 2,200,000 acres.

Weakness of corn had a decided bearish effect on wheat. Bulls took what comfort they could from assurance by cash grain men that the wheat movement from the interior had reached the maximum.

Wheat. High. Low. Close. Sept. 1.02 1/2 1.02 1/2 1.02 1/2. Dec. 1.04 1/2 1.04 1/2 1.04 1/2.

Grain and Produce in New York. NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Flour—Quiet and heavy; receipts, 33,117 barrels; shipments, 31,204 barrels.

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LIVERPOOL, Aug. 2.—Wheat—October closed, 46s. 6d.; November, 46s. 6d.

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