

WHEAT MARKETS WORSE

All Wheat Markets Gain in Strength.

SHARP ADVANCES ABROAD

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PORTLAND MARKETS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT—Oregon, 1910, 20c; 1909, 19c; 1908, 18c; 1907, 17c; 1906, 16c; 1905, 15c; 1904, 14c; 1903, 13c; 1902, 12c; 1901, 11c; 1900, 10c; 1899, 9c; 1898, 8c; 1897, 7c; 1896, 6c; 1895, 5c; 1894, 4c; 1893, 3c; 1892, 2c; 1891, 1c; 1890, 0c.

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