

## BUYING IS LIGHTER

Demand for Wheat Checked  
but Holders Are Firm.

### FORMER PRICES ARE ASKED

No New Export Flour Business Develops—Lower Bids for Grain at Merchants' Exchange World Crop Prospects.

The country wheat market remains very firm, but buying has slowed down. No further export from business has developed beyond that previously reported in the column, and there has been no increase in the buying of wheat. Now the desire to take on supplies has subsided and operations by exporters have been checked. Holders in the country, however, have not abated their strong views.

At the Merchants' Exchange, the tendency was toward a lower level all week. November club bids were \$1.00 a cent lower than the day before, and there was the same decline in other deliveries of white wheat, while red wheat was 1 or 2 cents lower on bid.

Midwesters estimate wheat and flour exports from the United States this week at 10,233,000 bushels. Argentine wheat shipments this week were 14,000 bushels, 14,000 bushels last week and 10,000 bushels a year ago.

The monthly crop report, just issued by the Agricultural Department, says of the world's wheat crop:

Preliminary official estimates from 29 countries respecting yields of wheat in 1915 make their aggregate output 2,752,000 bushels, an increase of 1,000,000 bushels over that of 1914, the previous high record, by 21,000,000. These nations ordinarily produce over 80 per cent of the total world crop and comprises, among others, the six great surplus-producing states. For complementary countries official statistics are not yet exact, but it is known that there are no less than 100 million bushels.

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Local jobbing quotations:

**BALTIMORE**—Cereals, varying prices; No. 1 New, 10c; No. 2, 8c per dozen. **BIRMINGHAM**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**COLUMBIA RIVER**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**HONOLULU**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**KANSAS CITY**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**LAWRENCE**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**LOS ANGELES**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**MILWAUKEE**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**NEW YORK**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**PHILADELPHIA**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**PORTLAND**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**ST. LOUIS**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**ST. PAUL**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**SEATTLE**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**SPRINGFIELD**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**TAMPA**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**TOPEKA**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**WICHITA**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**WILMINGTON**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**WISCONSIN**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**WORCESTER**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**YONKERS**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**ZEPHYRUS**—Wheat, \$1.00 per bushel.

**ALL POULTRY PRICES ARE STEADY**

Front Street.

Decimated turkeys are beginning to arrive on the street, but the heavy supplies will come in on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. There was but little buying yesterday except for outside shipping. Prices were generally quoted at 22 to 24 cents per pound.

Decimated turkeys were quoted at 18 to 20 cents, according to size, rose to 20 to 22 cents, and ducks up to 24 cents.

Decimated masts were dull, and both real and pork were weak.

The egg market continues firm, though dealers report some gain in recent.

There was no change in the butter situation.

**HEAVY TRADE IN GREEN PRODUCE**

Demand For Apples Better Than at Any Time This Season.

Trade was rather slow in the fruit and vegetable districts yesterday. There was not only a heavy shipping demand in all lines, but local buying was largely increased. The demand was particularly good for apples, which are now selling better than at any time this season. Cranberries were also free sellers, and the trade in storage grapes was likewise good.

A car of head lettuce arrived from the South, and the steamer brought a mixed assortment of fresh beans, carrots and other California vegetables.

**BANK CLEARINGS**

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

**Portland**.....\$1,000,000.00  
.....\$200,000.00  
.....\$100,000.00  
.....\$80,000.00

**PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS**

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

Wheat.....\$2.00 per bushel.

Flour.....\$2.00 per sack.

Feed.....\$2.00 per sack.

Meal.....\$2.00 per sack.

Spuds.....\$2.00 per sack.

Barley.....\$2.00 per sack.

Meal.....\$2.00 per sack.