

FARMERS HOLD OATS

None Coming Now From East of Mountains.

EASTERN DEMAND AWAITED

Prices on Firm Basis Throughout This Section—Valley Holders May Find Better Market at Portland.

The oats market is becoming firmer with lighter offerings. Receipts have declined materially of late, and probably no oats are coming in from east of the mountains. There has been buying in the market for shipment outward, and this has strengthened the basis of farmers throughout the country. A limited Eastern demand for oats suggests Northwesters oats are likely to sell now. The spread between east and west, however, is not wide enough yet to make the business very attractive to shippers at this end, although a considerable volume of business has been worked.

Value paid, which are in large supply, are still likely to find an Eastern outlet, but there would be a better market for them now, with some coming in from Eastern Oregon or Eastern Washington. At the Marchand Exchange bids for both January and December delivery were called 25 cents.

Oats was quiet in the country markets. Prices are held and offered little. At the local exchanges, however, higher bids were made in both January and January 1917. February delivery and February bids were a bit lower, and other bids were unchanged from Wednesday.

Terminal receipts in bars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Wheat-Barley Flour-Oats Hay				
Wheat	Flour	Barley	Oats	Hay
Year-end, 39	29	5	12	3
Year-to-date	3002	2221	627	322
Year-end	21802	12102	1487	1149
Year-to-date	14	5	12	3
Season-to-date	4479	322	127	32
Year-end	19	5	12	3
Year-to-date	3997	1222	627	322
Year-end	749	2222	622	322

WOOL PRICES ARE HOLDING UP

Demand for Territory Grades Is Better In the East.

The cost of territory wool, especially the wool of staple, has been, if anything, lower than a week ago, while the Boston Commercial Bulletin shows single Mexican has been sold again on the basis of a fall in costs, or not 17 cents, when white sheep lambs at \$2.40 per pound, and when the market was quiet, and spinning at 12 cents, or 12 cents, and spinning at 12 cents, or 12 cents. Thirty-eight cents would have sold at about 20 cents for a fair quantity.

In fine wools, the market has been very moderately active, but some fine grades, including Montana, brought a clean basis of 30-30 cents, which is about the market for good wools. More or less scattered sales from fine and medium wools have again changed hands at 60-60 cents for the better wool. Like Wyoming and good Nevada, while New Mexican and Colorado are holding from 45-45 cents for the inferior wools and occasionally up to 60 cents for good wool.

HORSEHAIR PRICES ARE ON FIRM BASIS

Moderate Demand at Boston—More Business in Yorkshire.

In the Boston market there has been a moderate call for more wools over the quantity market reports from the Commercial Bulletin. Prices are firm, but not appreciably higher. Demand seems to be at the extreme in grades, medium hair being practically out of request. Colors are fair stock and firm at 25 and 30 cents.

More business is reported in Yorkshire at firm but unchanged rates, the spinners there being able to have more modish wools than formerly, it is said.

In the Cape District more or less buying is reported as Bradfield as well as for America's account at 18d to 19d for good Winter hair, while Soudan have brought around 19d.

Alpaca is moving steady in Liverpool at 25d for good Argentinian fleece.

STORAGE EGGS SEASON NEARLY OVER

Outside Demand Closes Up Most of Remaining Stock.

The egg market is holding about steady. Receipts are fairly large, but the demand is good. Buying prices out are 22 cents for previous grade, 20 cents for No. 1, 22 cents for No. 2 and 18 cents for No. 3. On the street, cleaned eggs were jibbed out at 24-25 cents.

The few Oregon storage eggs remain on the market, and their setting around 25 cents. There has been some outside demand lately and this has reduced stocks. In a week the old storage doal will be 30 cents or less.

Poultry and dressed meat arrivals were light and prices were firm.

The hog market was steady and unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil Is Climbing

Cotton seed oil prices were lifted 2 cents yesterday, following an advance of 1½ cents the day before. The market has been stimulated by immediate purchases of oil in this country by the Italian government, which will use the product in the manufacture of explosives.

Prices were also advanced sharply, although the movement is over. The day's rise amounted to 1½ cents. The normal price was 61¢ or 7 cents, but it is worth 28 cents now.

Linen Oil and Lead Advances.

An advance of 2 cents a barrel on linseed oil was announced yesterday. The new quotations are raw oil, 82 cents; linseed oil, 87 cents in cases. Boiled oil is quoted at 28 cents in barrels and 85 cents in cans.

White lead, red lead and litharge have advanced a quarter of a cent a pound. White lead is quoted in the lots at 8½ cents and red lead and litharge in the lots at 8½ cents.

Rubber Come in Good Condition.

The banana trade arrived yesterday and the delivery was in condition. The season brought no assistance of supplies, although cotton, carrots and other Southern vegetables. Prices generally were steady.

Brown Coalings.

Basic clearings of the Northwestern wagon previously were as follows:

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Incurred, Price, Feed, Etc.

Wheatmeal, 100 lb. \$1.92

Flour, 50 lb. \$1.78

Feed, 50 lb. \$1.60

Soybean meal, 50 lb. \$1.60

Soybean flour, 50 lb. \$1.60

Flour, 100 lb. \$1.78

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