NET PROFITS SMALL

Returns From Egg Storing Are Not Favorable.

GAMBLERS' RISK IS TAKEN

Operators Cautious About Entering Deal This Year in View of Abnormally High Cost of Product. Season About to Open.

Storage holdings of eggs in the Northwest on March 1 amounted to 1120 cases, as compared with The cases on the same date last year. Total holdings in the United States on the first of the month were 17,355 cases, against 6391 cases a year ago.

As the 1918 storage season is now opening, a review of the past season is not uninteresting. One year ago local operators began putting away eggs at what was considered by many unreasonably high prices, but they came out also on a very high market. This year eggs will probably cost more to store, and for that reason speculators are very cautious in taking hold.

Taking the country as a whole, the past season represented an unprofitable investment on the part of dealers in storage eggs. The first quotation of "storage packed firsts" on the New York market was 30.5 cents. They rose to 34.5 before the end of the week. These high prices resulted in a slow movement into storage and by May less than 20 per cent of the season's holdings had been stored instead of the 40 to 50 per cent that would normally be expected. This 20 per cent was stored at an average cost of more than 35 cents. The 43 per cent stored during May cost 36.6 cents. The average cost per dozen for the total holdings of 6,595,859 cases was 35.6 cents, or a total cost of $70,487,212.

The distribution of the holdings, says a Bureau of Markets reports, began in August at 35 cents per dozen. The average price for "refrigerator firsts," storage and insurance paid, for the month being 36.9 cents. The average price rose to 38.7 cents in September, then gradually dropped until December 1. The average during the latter half of November was only 33.3 cents. The severe Winter caused a shortage in fresh stock, resulting in a rise in price in the storage stock and the average price during December was 37 cents and during January 44 cents. On January 10 and 12 the Food Administration wired the exchanges, placing certain restrictions on the advance in prices. After the latter date there were no formal quotations, but the trade generally interpreted the attitude of the Food Administration as authorizing the distribution of the existing storage stock at approximately 48 cents.

Upon the basis of the figures commonly accepted in the trade of 4 cents per dozen as covering storage, insurance and shrinkage for the season, there would appear to have been a net loss of 2.2 cents per dozen, or $4,300,586, aside from the interest on the investment.

The holdings of the season 1916-1917 proved a very profitable investment. The net profit, after deducting storage, insurance and shrinkage, amounted to 3.54 cents a dozen, or $9,386,222. In the season of 1915-1916 there was an apparent net loss of 1.41 cents, or $2,565,358, and interest.

If the returns of the three years are lumped, there is found a net profit of approximately $2,500,000 on an investment of $148,000,000, or approximately 1 2-3 per cent, making no allowance for interest on investment.

BIDS FOR OATS ARE RAISED

Local Market Responds to Sharp Advance at Chicago.

The Eastern advance in oats strengthened the views of buyers here and bids at the Exchange were raised $1@1.50 on both the Northwestern and Eastern cereal. Offers for barley and bulk corn were unchanged from Saturday.

The American visible wheat supply compares as follows:

	Bushels.	Decrease.
March 18, 1918	7,522,000	1,199,000
March 19, 1917	41,418,000	1,727,000
March 20, 1916	61,174,000	2,721,000
March 21, 1915	57,120,000	1,994,000
March 16, 1914	36,384,000	*3,000

*Increase.

Shipments of wheat for the week compare:

From—	Wk. end'g Mar. 16	Wk. end'g Mar. 9	Wk. end'g Mar. 17, '17
U. S. and Can.	3,730,000	4,032,000	2,094,000
Argentina	208,000	4,328,000	1,065,000
Australia	408,000	760,000	280,000
India	220,000	220,000	*240,000
Total	4,372,000	5,424,000	7,590,000

Wheat shipments for the season to date:

	Total since July 1, '17	Same period last season
U. S. and Canada	140,208,000	263,858,000
Argentina	14,320,000	52,192,000
Australia	31,705,000	36,219,000
Russia		6,352,000
India	11,760,000	26,248,000
Total	238,524,000	398,907,000

The United States visible oats supply increased 1,904,000 bushels and the corn supply increased 1,489,000 bushels.

Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: "Winnipeg, partly cloudy, 20; Minneapolis, Duluth, clear, fine, 35; Chicago, Peoria, Decatur, clear, 35; Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Topeka, clear, 32 to 58; Ohio Valley, clear, 50; Hot Springs, Ark., partly cloudy, 58. Forecast: Grain belt, generally fair tonight; Tuesday warmer."

Terminal receipts in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Mon.	2	2	4	12	15
Year ago	14	1	5	4	12
Season to date	2052	203	804	1136	1750
Year ago	4164	194	1147	2019	1925
Tacoma, Sat.	9	-1		1	2
Year ago	10			3	
Season to date	4051	75		223	1418
Year ago	5249	189		257	1582
Seattle, Sat.	62	3	14	1	19
Year ago			9		
Season to date	3462	272	1339	931	2729
Year ago	4175	295	1382	1132	2136

EASTERN APPLE MARKETS STEADY

Good Demand for Boxed Fruit at Philadelphia Auction.

An increase in apple shipments is reported, 69 cars having been forwarded from the Northwest on Friday to the following destinations:

Aberdeen 1, Des Moines 1, Lubbock, Tex., 1; Amarillo 1, Detroit 1, Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1, Bellingham 1, Douglas 1, Minneapolis 7, St. Paul 1, Blabee 1, Duluth 1, Montgomery 1, San Antonio 1, Boston 1, El Paso 2, Moosejaw 1, San Francisco 3, Buffalo 1, Everett 1, Muskogee 1, Seattle 4, Bloomfield 1, Hobart, Ok., 1, New York City 2, Tulsa 1, Cheyenne 1, Houston 1, Oakland 1, Vancouver, B. C., 1; Chicago 6, Indianapolis 1, Pittsburg 1, Victoria 1, Denver 12, Los Angeles 1, Racine 2.

Telegraphic reports of Eastern markets follow:

Philadelphia—Arrivals: New York 1, Pennsylvania 1, Western 1, Wisconsin 1, Oregon 1; 3 cars unbroken; Washington extra fine Romes, medium, $2.40; extra fine Winesaps, small, $1.90; medium, $2.15@2.25; large, $2.50@2.60. Auction prices: Demand good, market steady, Oregon quality good, condition fair, aged, some bruised; extra fine Spitzenbergs, medium, $1.90; small, $1.50@1.75; Washington, quality good, generally fair, wide range condition; Romes, aged, bruised; fancy, large $2@2.65; medium $1.60@1.85; fancy Spitzenbergs, large, $2.30@2.40; medium, $2@2.25.

Chicago—Arrivals: Washington 8, New York 1; 40 cars on track, including broken and unbroken; extra fancy Delicious, large, $3@3.25; medium choice, $2@2.25; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, large, $2.25@2.50 and medium; choice to fancy medium, $2@2.25; extra fancy Romes, medium, $1.75@2; large, $2@2.25.

New York—Arrivals: New York 14, Washington 12, West Virginia 2, Virginia 1, Maine 1, Idaho 1; cars for cold storage, Washington 1; demand light, market fair; extra fancy Winesaps, Spitzenbergs, large, $2.50@2.75; medium, 2.15@2.40; small, $1.50@2.

POTATO TRADE IS AT STANDSTILL

No Business Passing in the Interior Markets in the State.

There is no trading in the country potato markets. Demand is at a standstill and sales made previously or on contract are now being filled. Jobbing trade is quiet and prices are unchanged. Destinations of the latest Coast shipments are:

From Oregon—Houston, 1; Leonard, 1; New Orleans, 2; Sacramento, 1; San Francisco 2; Stockton, 6.

From California—Bakersfield, 1; Galveston 1; San Diego, 1; El Paso, 1; Los Angeles 9; Santa Barbara, 1; San Francisco, by boat, 5.

From Washington—El Paso, 1; San Francisco, 3; Stockton, 7; Red Bluff, 1; Seattle, 4; Tacoma 1.

Market conditions are reported by wire: Butte—No fresh arrivals; rurals, sacked, $1@1.25.

Spokane—Demand light; mixed whites and reds, sacked, $1.10.

Dallas, Tex.—Idaho 2, Washington 2, Colorado 1, Oregon 2, California 3, arrived; demand and movement slow, market unsettled; Colorado and Idaho mixed whites, $1.90; Idaho, Washington and California, $2@2.10.

Kansas City—Colorado 6, Minnesota 4, Idaho 3, Washington 1, Oregon 3, arrived, 49 cars on track, including broken and unbroken cars; demand and movement slow, market fair, few sales; $1.35.

New Orleans—Minnesota 2, Colorado 2, Oregon 5, arrived; demand and movement slow, market weak; Nevada Burbanks, $1.75; Oregon Burbanks, best, $1.50@1.65; poorer, $1.25@1.30.

BUTTER MARKET NOT QUITE SO FIRM

Recent Prices on Prints and Cubes Are Shaded.

The recent cent advance in print butter, announced by the city creameries, is not being generally maintained as the supply of butter on the market has increased and the undertone is weaker. Cubes are offering at a lower price. Oregon extras were sold yesterday at 49½ cents and California cubes at 48 cents.

Eggs were again quoted at 35 cents, but the market was slow and it is a question how long this price will hold.

Dressed meats were firm at the old quotations with light receipts.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$4,023,169	$ 829,832
Seattle	6,383,576	1,323,209
Tacoma	822,351	125,259
Spokane	1,479,796	307,139

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

March delivery:

	Bid.	Yr. ago.
Oats—		
No. 2 white feed	$69.00	$37.25
Barley—		
Standard feed	74.00	39.00
"A" brewing	82.00	
(30 days)—	Bid.	
Corn, No. 2	72.00	
Barley, feed	72.00	
Barley, brewing	82.00	

Eastern oats and corn in bulk:

Oats, No. 3 white	63.50
Oats, 28-lb. clipped white	64.50
Corn, No. 2 yellow	69.00
Corn, No. 3 mixed	67.50
(30 days)—	
Oats, No. 2	62.50
Oats, clipped	64.50
Corn, yellow	68.50
Corn, mixed	67.00

WHEAT—Bulk basis, Portland, for No. 1 grade: Hard white—Bluestem, Early Bart, Allen, Galagalus, Martin Amber, $2.03. Soft white—Palouse, bluestem, fortyfold, White Valley, Gold Coins, White Russian, $2.03. White club—Little club, Jenkins' club, white hybrids, Sonora, $2.01. Red Walla — Red Russian, red hybrids, Jones' fife, Coppell, $1.98. No. 2 grade, 2c less. No. 3 grade, 6c less. Other grades handled by samples.

FLOUR—Patents, $10; Valley, $9.60; whole wheat, $9.60; graham, $9.20; barley flour, $12@13.25 per barrel; rye flour, $10.60@12.75 per barrel; cornmeal, $5.75 per barrel.

MILLFEED—Net mill prices, car lots: Bran, $30 per ton; shorts, $32 per ton; middlings, $39; mixed cars and less than carloads, 50c more; rolled barley, $77@79; rolled oats, $78@79.

CORN—Whole, $77; cracked, $78 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, $27 per ton; Valley timothy, $24@25; alfalfa, $24@24.50 Valley grain hay, $22; clover, $18; straw, $8.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 49½c; prime firsts, 48c; prints, extras, 52@53c; cartons, 1c extra; firsts, 46@47c. 35c delivered.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 34½@35c; candled, 37c; selects, 39c per dozen.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 26c; Young Americas, 28c per pound; longhorns, 28c; Cose and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 25½c; Young Americas, 26½c per pound; longhorns, 27½c per pound; ½c discount to Portland trade.

POULTRY—Roosters, old, 20@22c; stags, 24@26c; springs, 27@28c; broilers, 35c; ducks, 32@35c; geese, 20@21c; turkeys, live, 26@27c; dressed, 35@37c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 20@20½c.

PORK—Fancy, 21@21½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $4@7.50; lemons, $5.75@7.50 per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; grapefruit, $3.25@6.50; apples, $1.25@2.75; tangerines, $2.50@2.75 per box.

VEGETABLES — Tomatoes, $2.75@3 per crate; cabbage, 3@4½c per pound; lettuce, $2.10@2.25 per crate; cucumbers, $1.25@1.75 per dozen; peppers, $1.75@2.25 per crate; artichokes, 80c@$1.15 per pound; garlic, 7@8½c per pound; celery, $4.25@4.50 per crate; peppers, 40@50c per pound; sprouts, 12½c per pound; rhubarb, 10@12½c per pound; asparagus, 18@20c per pound; peas, 17@18c per pound; spinach, $1.50 per crate.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.25@1.50 per sack; beets, $2.25@2.50; turnips, $1.50@1.60; parsnips, $1.75@2.50.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, 90c@$1.15 per hundred; Yakimas, $1.25@1.35; sweet potatoes, 5c per pound.

ONIONS—Jobbing prices, 1@1½c per pound.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 12c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 10c; salted and green kip, 15 to 25 lbs., 12c; salted and green calf, 10 to 15 lbs., 21c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 9c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 8c; dry flint hides, 20c; dry flint calf, 28c; horse hides, $1.25@1.50; salted horse hides, $3@4.

PELTS — Dry long-wool pelts, 38c; dry short-wool pelts, 25c; salted pelts, January takeoff, $2.50@3.50.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

HOPS—1917 crop, 14@15c per pound; contracts, 16@17c; 1918 crop, nominal.

WOOL — Eastern Oregon, 44@65c per pound; Valley, 50@55c per pound; Valley lamb, 45@50c.

MOHAIR—Long staple, full year, 50c; six months, 40@50c; burry, 35@40c.

CASCARA BARK—New and old, 8½@9c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 14@15c per pound; No. 2, 12c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis: Fruit and berry, $7.87½; beet, $7.87½ extra C, $7.47½; powdered, in barrels, $8.37½; cubes, in barrels, $8.87½.

NUTS—Walnuts, 24½c; Brazil nuts, 18@21c; filberts, 22@23c; almonds, 19@22c; peanuts, 14@15c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 17½@19c; chestnuts, 20c.

BEANS—California jobbing prices: Small white, 13½c; large white, 13c; bayou, 10½c; lima, 14½c; pink, 10c. Oregon beans, buying prices: White navy and Lady Washington, 10½@10½c; white kidney, 10c; colored, 9c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT — Granulated, $18.75 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $15 per ton; 50s, $16 per ton; dairy, $18.75 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 9@9½c per pound; Blue Rose, 8½c; Japanese style, 8¼@8½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11@13c; raisins, 85c@$3 per box; dates, fard, $2.50@3 per box; currants, 19c; figs, $2@2.50 per box.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 34c; standard, 33c; skinned, 29@30c; picnics, 24c; cottage rolls, 28c.

LARD—Tierce basis, standard pure, 28½c; compound, 23½c.

BACON—Fancy, 47@48c; standard, 43@45c; choice, 39@42c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 29@33c; exports, 30@33c; plates, 24@26c.

THIRTY CENT GAIN

Cattle Market Strong and Higher at Stockyards.

STEERS SELL AT $11.80

Hogs Steady at Last Week's Top Price of $17—No Sheep or Lambs Offered—Day's Run Heavier Than Usual.

There was a heavy run of 74 carloads at the stockyards yesterday. The cattle supply was large, aggregating nearly 1430 head, and an unusually large proportion of it was of fine quality. As a result there was keen competition for the offerings and the strong market led to an advance that amounted to 30 cents in the steer division. One full load of steers, averaging 1142 pounds, sold at $11.80 and other loads brought $11.60 to $11.70. The top quotation prevailing at the close of last week was $11.50. Several small lots of cows sold at 10 cents and heifers and bulls were equally firm.

There was no change for the day in the hog market, but it ruled steady throughout with $17 as the top and the bulk of sales were at this figure.

No sheep or lambs were reported sold in the open market.

Receipts were 1447 cattle, 24 calves, 1630 hogs and 270 sheep. Shippers were:

With hogs—W. C. Calhoun, Caldwell, 1 load; Fisk & Welbourne, Parma, 1 load; J. F. Rupert, Stanfield, 1 load; Madison & Adams, Weiser, 1 load; Baker, Ward & Henderson, Caldwell, 1 load; Coles & Dodd, Haines, 1 load; Grover Bros., Payette, 1 load; A. L. Keufton, Condon, 1 load.

With cattle—A. T. Wolfe, Meriden, 2 loads; A. M. Johnson, Nyssa, 3 loads; P. J. Brown, Baker, 1 load; A. G. Wing, Caldwell, 1 load; A. T. Tuning, Parma, 2 loads; Fred Grover, Robinette, 2 loads; J. D. Dinsmore, Lebanon, 1 load; Hanson Bros., Forest Grove, 1 load; Nibley & Priesolf, Grants Pass, 4 loads; C. A. Burnside, Redmond, 1 load; J. W. Custer, 1 load; Ed Slayton, Terrebonne, 5 loads; George Dixon, 5 loads; C. C. Price, Redmond, 1 load; J. M. Bleven, 1 load; Mrs. A. C. Brand & Son, Gateway, 2 loads; C. B. & F. S. Stearns, Terrebonne, 4 loads; Blackwell Bros., Ontario, 1 load; S. L. Wade, Echo, 1 load; C. Howell, Robinette, 2 loads; Couper Bros., Weiser, 1 load; R. F. Stubblefield, Enterprise, 1 load; E. M. Gruver, Meriden, 1 load.

With sheep—J. Abdey, The Dalles, 1 load; William Shepard, Washougal, 1 load.

With mixed loads—H. Gray, Prosser, 1 load cattle, calves and sheep; Wood & Clark, Redmond, 1 load cattle, calves and hogs; A. W. Sutton, Homedale, 1 load cattle and hogs; W. B. Hunter, Lostine, 2 loads cattle and hogs; W. A. Ogden, Union Junction, 1 load cattle and hogs; Sol Dickerson, Weiser, 8 loads cattle, calves and hogs; Grover Bros., New Plymouth, 1 load cattle and hogs; Jeff Jones, Hepton, 1 load cattle, calves and hogs; M. Wheeler, Lebanon, 1 load cattle and hogs; Hout & Snodgrass, Crabtree, 1 load cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
25 steers	770	$ 9.00	1 steer	1050	$11.25
5 steers	940	9.00	18 steers	921	10.75
3 steers	893	10.00	1 steer	1020	10.75
1 steer	1060	10.50	22 steers	1292	11.25
20 steers	791	8.75	3 steers	1173	10.25
1 steer	1170	10.50	2 steers	1410	11.65
27 steers	1282	11.50	11 steers	1026	11.65
50 steers	1162	11.50	8 steers	844	11.00
24 steers	1107	11.50	2 steers	790	10.35
22 steers	1122	11.50	5 steers	862	10.50
22 steers	1062	11.25	1 steer	780	10.50
2 steers	1080	11.25	1 steer	1033	10.50
3 steers	1067	9.50	1 steer	1079	10.50
22 steers	1092	11.50	23 steers	1062	11.00
22 steers	1214	11.50	1 steer	992	11.00
2 steers	980	10.00	24 steers	1262	11.50
1 steer	960	9.50	2 bulls	1005	7.00
11 steers	1052	11.25	1 bull	1210	6.50
15 steers	1052	11.25	1 bull	1620	8.00
1 steer	1070	11.00	1 bull	1090	8.50
4 steers	1062	11.00	1 bull	1170	7.50
1 steer	1000	9.50	1 bull	1200	8.00
1 steer	760	8.85	1 bull	970	6.00
5 steers	980	7.50	1 bull	1460	8.50
13 steers	1110	11.40	3 bulls	1510	7.50
1 steer	1050	11.00	1 cow	780	7.50
26 steers	1142	11.80	1 cow	720	6.50
26 steers	1120	11.70	2 cows	855	9.00
23 steers	1202	11.60	6 cows	828	6.50
1 steer	940	10.00	2 cows	915	9.00
18 steers	1016	11.35	2 cows	1010	9.00
17 steers	1016	11.35	3 cows	1030	9.50
4 steers	977	11.25	1 cow	800	6.00
1 steer	950	8.50	6 cows	1132	7.00
1 steer	910	9.50	2 cows	1145	8.50
1 cow	980	5.50	1 cow	1070	6.00
1 cow	1150	10.00	3 cows	1027	10.00
1 cow	980	6.00	2 cows	1040	9.75
2 cows	950	8.50	1 cow	1250	8.00
1 cow	1040	7.00	4 cows	1020	9.75
2 cows	780	7.75	25 cows	921	9.50
1 cow	950	9.50	1 cow	1350	8.50
1 cows	1150	11.40	2 cows	915	9.50
1 cow	830	7.00	2 cows	1055	10.00
11 cows	823	4.85	1 cow	1070	10.00
13 cows	921	9.50	1 cow	870	5.00
1 cow	1290	8.75	5 cows	1097	7.00
1 cow	1030	9.50	3 cows	1023	10.00
1 cow	1060	9.75	1 cow	1150	8.50
2 cows	975	9.50	1 cow	750	5.00
1 cow	1270	9.50	1 cow	780	5.50
1 cow	980	5.50	2 cows	1020	9.75
1 cow	1180	7.50	1 cow	1040	4.00
4 cows	1072	9.50	1 cow	1040	8.50
1 cow	1070	8.50	2 cows	1070	8.50
2 cows	625	7.00	1 cow	1140	7.00
1 cow	690	5.50	1 cow	1060	8.50
6 cows	752	7.50	1 heifer	800	9.75
3 cows	986	8.50	1 heifer	1150	10.00
3 cows	853	8.50	1 heifer	790	9.50
2 heifers	458	8.50	1 heifer	840	8.00
2 heifers	290	8.50	2 stags	1373	8.25
7 heifers	469	6.50	20 hogs	168	17.00
1 heifer	1050	9.50	1 hog	430	16.00
2 heifers	1050	9.00	3 hogs	320	16.00
1 bull	1160	7.50	3 hogs	310	16.00
1 bull	870	7.50	9 hogs	230	17.00
1 bull	1400	7.50	3 hogs	300	15.75
8 bulls	1680	9.00	50 hogs	161	16.75
1 bull	1540	9.00	45 hogs	202	17.00
1 bull	1510	8.50	8 hogs	240	17.00
1 bull	1020	9.00	7 hogs	190	15.50
2 bulls	1145	8.00	104 hogs	182	16.85
1 bull	1530	6.50	8 hogs	205	15.85
1 bull	1190	8.25	14 hogs	121	16.50
1 calf	350	12.00	5 hogs	146	16.75
2 calves	210	12.00	5 hogs	376	16.65
1 calf	120	11.00	78 hogs	209	17.00
8 hogs	205	15.85	62 hogs	107	15.50
19 hogs	118	15.50	20 hogs	66	14.00
14 hogs	121	15.50	1 hog	280	16.00
20 hogs	221	15.90	2 hogs	270	16.00
35 hogs	192	16.70	65 hogs	172	17.00
7 steers	851	10.25	29 hogs	152	16.00
2 steers	700	8.50	60 hogs	178	17.00
2 steers	1000	10.50	7 hogs	285	16.00
2 steers	1310	11.50	9 hogs	144	15.50
2 steers	825	9.50	71 hogs	238	17.00
25 steers	1065	11.60	9 hogs	118	15.50
10 steers	1020	10.50	23 hogs	122	15.50
1 steer	1070	10.50	7 hogs	167	17.00
26 steers	1142	11.80	19 hogs	162	17.00
26 steers	1139	11.70	9 hogs	157	15.50
23 steers	1137	10.50	9 hogs	82	15.00
1 steer	937	10.25	50 hogs	118	15.50
15 steers	1021	11.00	12 hogs		
15 steers	1072	11.35			

Quotations at the yards follow:

Cattle—	Prices.
Medium to choice steers	$10.50@11.80
Good to medium steers	9.50@10.50
Common to good steers	9.00@10.00
Choice cows and heifers	8.50@10.00
Cons. to good cows and heifers	8.00@ 9.50
Canners	4.25@ 6.25
Bulls	5.00@ 9.00
Calves	7.50@12.00
Stockers and feeders	6.50@ 9.50
Hogs—	
Prime light	16.85@17.00
Prime heavy	16.50@16.85
Pigs	14.00@15.25
Sheep—	
Western lambs	15.00@15.50
Valley lambs	14.50@15.00
Yearlings	13.00@13.50
Wethers	12.50@13.00
Ewes	9.00@12.00

DESTINATIONS OF STOCK, LOADED

Shipments En Route to Leading Livestock Markets of Country.

Destinations of livestock, loaded March 17 (carloads reported west of Allegheny Mountains; double-decks counted as two cars):

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
Boston		63			
Buffalo	16	10	10		29
Cedar Rapids	1	11			
Chicago	266	405	139	12	33
Cincinnati	1	22			
Denver	20	7	40	1	
Detroit		31			
E. St. Louis	28	89		17	7
Fort Worth	48	13		2	
Kansas City	197	75	13	3	59
Kearney		11			
Los Angeles		6			
Mason City		10			
Ogden		1			
Oklahoma City	29	10		1	1
Omaha	268	126	147	4	44
Portland, Or.	31	5			
St. Joseph	76	59	10		16
Salt Lake City	1				
St. Paul	5	16		2	11
San Francisco	22				
Seattle		2			
Sioux City	73	111	6		1
Wichita	13	11		1	9
Various	91	26	54	56	1
Totals	1312	1187	427	100	148
One week ago	1086	626	338	82	338
Four weeks ago	961	689	296	72	86

State origins of livestock, loaded March 17:

For Portland—					
Idaho	12	4	...	...	...
Oregon	17	1	...	...	...
Washington	1	...	...	...	...
Tot. Portland	31	5	...	...	...
One week ago	2	3	14	...	2
Four weeks ago	15	12	2	...	5
For Seattle—					
Idaho	...	3	...	...	...
Tot. Seattle	...	3	...	...	...
One week ago	4	...	...	...	...
Four weeks ago	15	5	...	...	3

State origins of livestock, loaded March 18:

For Portland—					
California	...	1	...	...	...
Idaho	3	...	...	...	...
Oregon	20	2	...	1	1
Tot. Portland	23	3	...	1	1
One week ago	4	5	1	...	2
Four weeks ago	7	2	...	...	...
For Seattle—					
Oregon	1	...	...	...	...
Washington	6	...	...	...	1
Tot. Seattle	7	...	...	...	1
One week ago	6	2	...	3	...

Eastern Meat Trade Conditions.

Reports on Eastern meat trade conditions March 18 (8:30 A. M., Eastern time):

Beef.

Boston—Beef, fresh: Receipts liberal, a generally strong undertone to market, early trade quiet, demand slow. Kosher beef: Supply light, market firm, demand good.

New York—Beef, fresh: Supply moderate, arrivals in better condition, market opens at prices a good $1 higher than last week, demand fair. Kosher chucks and plates: Supply normal, yesterday's market strong, demand good. Hinds and ribs: Supply normal, market strong at little better prices, demand improved.

Philadelphia—Beef, fresh: Receipts light, market firm, very little buying. Kosher beef: No report.

Los Angeles—Beef, fresh: Supply moderate, market advances an even $1 on all carcases and cuts, demand slow.

Pork.

Boston—Supply light, market around $1 a hundred, higher than Friday's close, demand fair.

New York—Receipts moderate, market strong, demand fair.

Philadelphia—Receipts moderate, market about steady with Friday's close, demand fair.

Los Angeles—Supply sufficient to meet the demand, market on all fresh pork and pork cuts $1 higher.

Lamb.

Boston—Receipts moderate, market steady to strong, early prices show an advance of about 50 cents a hundred over Friday's close, demand light.

New York—Receipts moderate, market firm, prices about in line with Friday's close, demand fair.

Philadelphia—Receipts very light, market firm, demand good.

Los Angeles—Supply of small handy weights light, plenty of heavy lambs and yearlings, market steady, demand slow.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Hogs—Receipts, 66,000, tomorrow 45,000, active, mostly 30 cents under Saturday's average. Bulk, $16.85@17.50; light, $17@17.75; mixed, $16.50@17.70; heavy, $16@17.20; rough, $16@16.25; pigs, $13.50@17.

Cattle—Receipts, 26,000, tomorrow, 15,000, weak. Native steers, $9.40@14.50; stockers and feeders, $5.20@12.15; cows and heifers, $7.10@12; calves, $10.50@16.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 17,000, tomorrow, 14,000, weak. Sheep, $11@14.25; lambs, $14.50@18.50.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, March 18.—Hogs—Receipts, 14,500, market 40 to 50 cents lower. Heavy, $16.20@16.80; mixed, $16.30@16.70; light, $16.30@16.90; pigs, $11@15; bulk of sales, $16.50@16.70.

Cattle—Receipts, 10,000, market slow to 10c lower. Native steers, $9.30@12.50; cows and heifers, $7.50@11; Western steers, $8.75@12.25; Texas steers, $7.50@10.50; cows and heifers, $7.50@9.50; canners, $7@8; stockers and feeders, $7@11.50; calves, $9@13; bulls, stags, etc., $7.50@9.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 19,000, market slow, 10c to 15c lower. Yearlings, $13@16.50; ewes, $11.85@13.85; lambs, $16.50@18.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Eggs, Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Butter—Extras, 47½@49c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 40½c; extra firsts, 38½c; firsts, 38c; firsts, pullets, 36½c.

Cheese—Young Americas, 28½c.

Poultry—Hens, nominal; White Leghorn roosters, old, 25@27c; fryers, 40@45c; broilers, 50@55c; squabs, $4@4.50; pigeons, $2@2.50; geese, 27@30c; turkeys, mixed and off stock, 32@33c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, No. 1, 14@16c; squash, cream, 75c@$1; Hubbard, $1.50@2; eggplant, 10@12½c; peas, small, 10@12c; telephone, 12½@15c; peppers, bell, small, 22½@25; Mexican green chiles, 12½@13c; tomatoes, $1.50@1.75; lettuce, Sacramento, $1.25@1.50; celery, $1.50@2; potatoes, rivers, $1.50@1.60; Salinas, $1.75@1.90; sweet, $5@6.75; onions, Australian brown, $1@1.25; garlic, 2@3c; cucumbers, $1.75@2.50; pumpkins, $1; beets, $1@1.50; carrots, $1; turnips, 75c@$1; rhubarb, strawberry, $2@2.50 per box; cabbage, 1@2c per pound; spinach, bay, 5@6c.

Fruit—Pears, Winter Nellis, $2@2.25 per box; lemons, $5.50@6; grapefruit, $3.50@3.75; oranges, $4@5; small, $5@6; tangerines, $2.50@3; bananas, Hawaiian, 6@7c; pineapples, nominal; apples, Newtown Pippins, $1.30@1.40 for 4½ tier.

Receipts—Flour, 1550 quarters; barley, 2625 centals; beans, 1568 sacks; potatoes, 10,680 sacks; onions, 1090 sacks; hay, 335 tons; hides, 1286; wine, 60,100 gallons.

ACTIVITY IN COFFEE FUTURES MARKET

**Improvement in Freight Situation Is Expected by