BUTTER FOR ALLIES

Food Administration Will Buy in This Country.

LARGE SURPLUS EXPECTED

Government Is Prepared to Aid, Through Its Purchases, in Maintaining Demand—Prices Will Be on New York Basis.

The United States Food Administration at Washington announces that it has made arrangements to purchase butter in this country for the allies. In announcing its plan of purchase the Food Administration has issued the following statement:

"Anticipating a large surplus of butter this year, the Government is prepared to aid through its purchase in maintaining the demand. The division of co-ordination of purchase of the Food Administration has need for creamery butter of various grades. Creameries are requested to submit prompt tenders in substantial quantities in carlots, either in tubs or cubes. The Allied Provisions Export Commission, representing our associates in war, is now buying through the division of purchases of the Food Administration. Private importations are now embargoed by allied countries.

"Prices established for butter delivered New York are 42 cents on 88-point score and one-third of a cent additional for each point above 88 score. The established prices are subject to change, but change will not affect butter offered and accepted. Butter offered is subject to inspection in the market to which it is ordered shipped. If ordered to other market than New York, price adjustments will be made in accordance with freight differential. Arrangements for prompt inspection and payments are being made.

"Creameries should telegraph their tenders promptly when they will have one or more carloads ready for shipment, stating number of tubs or cubes and approximate total net weight. Shipping instructions will then be supplied to those whose tenders are accepted. Creameries are requested to make tenders direct by wire to the division of co-ordination of purchases of the United States Food Administration at Washington, D. C."

BIDS FOR BARLEY ARE POSTED

Buyers Offer $50 and $52 on Local Board. Oats Are Lower.

Barley prices made their appearance on the local board yesterday for the first time in several months, when $52 was bid for brewing and $50 for feed grade. Oats averaged 50 cents lower and corn was unchanged.

Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: "Winnipeg, Chicago, cloudy, cool; Peoria, partly cloudy, 70 degrees; St. Louis, clear, hot; Kansas City, St. Joseph, Hutchinson, Topeka, Omaha, clear, hot; Davenport, raining; Grand Rapids, Ohio Valley, clear, fine. Forecast: Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, partly cloudy and probably unsettled tonight. Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, generally fair tonight and Wednesday."

San Francisco received on Monday 3600 tons of Australian wheat.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Tues.	7	2	1	4	1
Year ago	7	....	....	1	17
Season to date	3813	512	1394	1362	2627
Year ago	6451	280	1519	2325	2594
Tacoma, Mon.	....	....	....	....	1
Year ago	41	....	....	....	1
Season to date	5565	106	....	303	1674
Year ago	7514	130	....	326	2130
Seattle, Mon.	....	....	2	2	....
Year ago	24	....	3	4	8
Season to date	4868	344	1759	1124	3121
Year ago	5497	564	1809	1434	3980

WATERMELON PROSPECTS ARE GOOD

California Crop Will Equal Last Year's in Spite of Reduced Acreage.

The Bureau of Crop Estimates states that watermelon prospects in Southern California are good and yields are better than last year, so the output will be as large in spite of the reduced acreage. Over 26,000 boxes of cucumbers have been produced to date from the Signal Hill district. Straight cars will not be shipped this year. Shipment of sacked White Rose potatoes started from Orange County the second week of June. Carlot shipments were expected the following week.

In Central California the movement of red onions from Stockton is reported to have been retarded by the supplies of old onions in the Northwest. The early crop around Stockton is expected to be cleaned up by the end of June. Reports estimate the yield from 75 to 100 per cent. The late crop of peas in the Half Moon Bay district is reported to be of fine quality. The acreage is one-third of last year. The early crop is over in Alameda County on account of the lack of rain.

LOCAL CANTALOUPE MARKET STEADY

Brawley Is Shipping Over 200 Cars Daily. Hood River Cherries In.

The local cantaloupe market was steady with a good demand at Monday's prices, $4.50@5 for the best stock, standards. Prices at Brawley, Cal., are reported firm at $2.50 for standard 45s. Shipments from the Imperial Valley have been over 200 cars a day for the past three days.

The first Hood River Royal Ann cherries reached the street and sold at 15 cents. Local blacks were quoted at 12½@15 cents. Gov. Woods at 8@10 cents, and Royal Ann seedlings at 5@8 cents.

A car of Mississippi tomatoes was received and quoted at $2.75 repacked. Hood River green and wax beans brought 15@17½ cents. Cabbage was steady at $3 for good local Yorks, and $2.50@2.75 for California Winningstadts.

ARMY WANTS SOME ASSORTED JAMS

Bids on Three Million Cans Are Invited by Depot Quartermaster.

A telegram was received yesterday by Robert L. Ringer, of the local office of the Bureau of Markets, calling for bids on 3,000,000 cans of assorted jams. The telegram follows:

"San Francisco, Cal., June 18.—Offers will be considered at 11 o'clock, June 27, by the Depot Quartermaster, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Cal., for furnishing and delivering for Army use of part or all of 3,000,000 cans of assorted or straight variety jams containing 25 ounces each and packed in standard export cases, 24 cans to the case. Bids should state exact quantity, quality, price and time and place of delivery. Prospective sellers must be prepared to enter into formal contract and furnish usual bonds within 10 days after award.

"(Signed) C. A. Devol, Major-General, U. S. A., Depot Quartermaster."

Fine Salt Advances.

All grades of fine salt have advanced $2 a ton. Sales are up 30 cents and cases 20 cents. There was no change in coarse salt prices.

A leading Eastern brand of soap advanced 20 cents on the small and 40 cents on the large size. A Coast brand of naphtha soap advanced 35 cents.

Eggs and Butter Advancing.

The egg market was firm at 39 cents, case count. Sharp advances in the South and East indicate higher prices here.

There was a good demand for cube butter with sales of extras at 42 cents.

Poultry was firm at last prices. Dressed meats dragged and prices were weak.

Strawberry Prices Are Firm.

There was a good demand for strawberries with light receipts. Choice Magoons sold at $5.25@5.50. Hood River reported a steady market at $3.50@3.75 f. o. b. carlots for Clarks. Shipments were one car to Minneapolis and one to Edmonton. Washington shipped a car to Calgary.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$4,281,361	$ 891,391
Seattle	6,297,370	1,369,329
Tacoma	1,164,989	188,161
Spokane	1,595,934	421,566

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

June delivery:	Bid
Oats—	
No. 2 white feed	$50.50
Barley—	
Standard feed	50.00
"A" brewing	52.00
(Thirty days.)	
Oats—	
No. 2	50.50
Barley—	
Feed	50.00
Brewing	52.00
(Eastern oats and corn in bulk.)	
Oats—	
No. 3 white	54.00
Thirty-eight-pound clipped, white	54.50
Corn—	
No. 3 yellow	62.00
No. 3 mixed	60.00
(Thirty days.)	
Oats—	
No. 3	53.50
Clipped	54.50
Corn—	
Yellow	62.00
Mixed	60.00

WHEAT—Bulk basis, Portland for No. 1 grade: Hard wheat—Bluestem, Early Bart, Allen Galgulus, Martin Amber, $2.05. Soft white—Palouse Bluestem, Fortyfold, White Valley, Gold Coin, White Russian, $2.03. White Club—Little Club, Jenkins' Club, White Hybrids, Sonora, $2.01. Red Walla—Red Russian, Red Hybrids, Jones Fife, Coppel, $1.98. No. 2 grade, 3c less; No. 3 grade, 6c less. Other grains handled by samples.

FLOUR—Patents, $10; Valley, $9.60; whole wheat, $9.60; graham, $9.20; barley flour, $11 per barrel; rye flour, $11@11.50 per barrel; cornmeal, $11@11.40 per barrel; corn flour, $11.60@14.50.

MILLFEED—Net millfeed prices, carlots: Bran, $30 per ton; shorts, $32 per ton; middlings, $39; mixed cars and less than carloads, 50c more; rolled barley, $74@75; rolled oats, $69.

CORN—Whole, $73; cracked, $74 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, $32@33 per ton; Valley timothy, $27@28; alfalfa, $24@24.50; Valley grain hay, $24@26; clover, $21; straw, $9@10.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extra, 42c; prime firsts, 41c; prints, extras, 44c; cartons, 1c extra; butter fat, No. 1, 43c per pound.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 39c candled, 40@41c; selects, 42c per dozen.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 23¾c; Young Americas, 24½c per pound; Coos and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 23c; Young Americas, 24c per pound; longhorns, 24c per pound; ¼c discount to Portland trade.

POULTRY—Hens, 23@25c; broilers, 28@30c; roosters, 16@17c; ducks, geese and turkeys, nominal.

VEAL—Fancy, 16c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 22½ per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

FRUITS—Oranges, Valencias, $7.75@8.25; lemons, $9.50@11 per box; bananas, 8@8½c per lb; grapefruit, $4.25@7.75; strawberries $2.75@3.50 per crate; cherries, 5@20c per pound; cantaloupes, $1.75@5 per crate; gooseberries, 5@6c per pound; apricots, $2.35@2.50; watermelons, 4@4½c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $2.50@2.75 per crate; cabbage, 2½@3c pound; lettuce, $2.50@3 per crate; cucumbers, $1.25@2 per dozen; artichokes, 85c per dozen; garlic, 7c; celery, $4 per crate; peppers, 25@35c per pound; rhubard, 4c per pound; asparagus, $2.50 per crate; spinach, 5@6c per pound; peas, 10@12½c per pound; beans, 15@17c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $2 per sack; turnips, $1.85; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $2.25.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, $1@1.50 per hundred; new California, 5@3½c per pound.

ONIONS—Yellow, $1.75 per crate; crystal, $2@2.25 per crate; red, $1.75 per sack.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis: Fruit and berry, $7.87½; beet, $7.77½; extra C, $7.47½; powdered, in barrels, $8.57½; cubes, in barrels, $8.77½.

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

BEANS—California jobbing prices: Small white, 14c; large white, 13c; bayou, 10¾c; lima, 15½c; pink, 9¾c. Oregon beans, buying prices: White, 8c; colored, 7c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT—Granulated, $10.75 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $15.90 per ton; 50s, $17.25 per ton; dairy, $20 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 9@9¼c per pound; Blue Rose, 8¾c; Japanese style, 8¼@8½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11@13c; raisins, 85c @$3 box; dates, dromedary, $5.25@5.50 box; currants, 19c; figs, $1.25@3.50 box.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 34c; standard, 33c; skinned, 29@30c; picnics, 25c; cottage roll, 31c.

MESS LARD—Tierce basis, standard pure, 27c; compounds, 23c.

BACON—Fancy, 48c; standard, 44c; choice, 40@43c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 29@34c; exports, 31@34c; plates, 25@27c.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

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

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 35@56c; Valley, 54@61c per pound.

MOHAIR—Oregon, new clip, 50c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—New and old, 10c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 12c per pound; No. 2, 11c per pound.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 pounds and up, 12c; salted stags, 50 pounds and up, 10c; salted and green kip, 15 to 25 pounds, 12c; salted and green calf, to 15 pounds, 25c; green hides, 25 pounds and up, 11c; green stags, 50 pounds and up, 8c; dry flint hides, 25c; dry flint calf, 30c; horsehides, $1.25@1.50; salted horsehides, $3@4.

PELTS—Dry long-wool pelts, 40c; dry short-wool pelts, 25@30c; salted pelts, May takeoff, $3@4.

Oils.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 23c; engine distillate, bulk, 13c; kerosene, bulk, 11c; cases, 21@22½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.67; cases, $1.77; boiled, barrels, $1.69; cases, $1.79.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 71c; cases, 81c.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—Butter, 44½@49c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 45c; firsts, 40½c; fresh extra pullets, 41c; extra pullets, 38c.

Cheese—New firsts, 23c; Young Americas, 25c.

Poultry—Large hens, 28@29c; old roosters, 19@21c; broilers, 35@38c; fryers, 50c; pigeons, $2.50; squabs, 40@43c; geese, 25c; turkeys live, 25@28c.

Vegetables—Green peas, 5@6c; asparagus, 4@7c; squash, Summer, 75@85c; eggplant, 6@8c; peppers, Mexican green chiles, 10@12c; Mexican bell, 18@22c; tomatoes, $1@$1.25; lettuce, 15@20c; celery, $1.50@2; potatoes, $1@1.40; sweet, nominal; new, 2¼@2¾c; onions, new, red, $1@1.20; garlic, 3@4c; cauliflower, 40@60c; beets, $1.50@1.65; carrots, $1@1.25; turnips, 65@75c; rhubarb, $1.75@2; cabbage, 1½@1¾c; artichokes, $2.50@4; cucumbers, 75@85c; beans, wax, 4@5c; green peas, 7@8c; lima, 10c; okra, 10@12c; green corn, $3@4.

Fruit—Cantaloupes, $2.40@2.65; watermelons, 3½c; lemons, $7.50@8; grapefruit, $1.75@2.75; oranges, Valencias, $5.50@6; bananas, Hawaiian, 7@7½c; pineapples, $2; apples $3.50@4; strawberries, $8@10; cherries, Royal Annes, 8@10c; blackberries, $10@11; raspberries, $5@6; currants, $9@11; loganberries, $8@9; apricots, $1@1.25; figs, $1.50@2; plums, $1.50@1.75.

Receipts—Flour, 291 quarters; barley, 1359 centals; beans, 590 sacks; potatoes, 2535 sacks; onions, 180 sacks; hay, 80 tons; hides, 2212; wine, 25,000 gallons.

Coffee Futures Decline.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Coffee futures opened at a decline of 1 to 2 points under some scattered liquidation. There were few buyers and active months eased off another point or two during the day. July sold at 7.98c and December 8.32c, with the close showing a net loss of 2 to 5 points. July, 7.98c; September, 8.11c; October, 8.17c; December, 8.31c; January, 8.37c; March, 8.50c; May, 8.63c.

Spot coffee quiet. Rio 7s, 8.38c; Santos 4s, 10⅞@11¼c. Cost and freight offers were about unchanged.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Metal exchange quotes lead unsettled. Spot offered 8.12½c. Spelter firm; East St. Louis delivery, spot, 7.85@7.95c.

YARD PRICES LOWER

Another Decline in Cattle and Sheep Market.

TRADE IS OVERSUPPLIED

Hogs Hold Steady at Former Prices. Day's Receipts Are Small but Liberal Supply Is Carried Over From Monday.

Only a few loads of stock were received at the yards yesterday, but a large part of the supply which could not be disposed of the previous day was put on the market and a very active trade resulted. About 20 loads of steers were handled during the day at prices ranging from $10 to $12.15 for good stock, with the bulk of sales at $10.50. A few head went at $13, which is now the top of the market. Other classes of cattle also averaged a half dollar lower than at the opening of the week.

The sheep market continued easy with prices reduced another dollar. Hogs were steady with a very quiet market.

Receipts were 45 cattle, 221 hogs and 56 sheep. Shippers were: L. B. Yarnell, Roosevelt, 1 car cattle; W. A. Ayres, Lawson, 1 car hogs; George D. Burdick, Salem, 1 car cattle, hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
1 steer	1300	$ 8.00	13 cows	927	$ 6.00
1 steer	860	8.50	4 cows	950	6.00
1 steer	900	7.50	3 cows	620	7.50
2 steers	895	8.00	1 cow	1440	9.00
7 steers	1210	11.40	1 cow	920	8.00
13 steers	1060	10.75	3 cows	895	7.65
4 steers	985	7.65	3 cows	730	5.25
1 steer	900	8.00	1 cow	870	10.00
2 steers	1005	13.00	6 cows	823	7.00
25 steers	1150	11.00	4 cows	910	6.50
19 steers	1030	10.50	2 cows	1205	10.00
18 steers	1120	11.25	13 cows	880	7.25
1 cow	1100	7.25	3 bulls	1272	7.00
1 cow	680	5.50	1 bull	1580	6.00
2 cows	805	3.50	1 bull	410	6.50
10 cows	993	5.75	3 heifers	533	6.50
2 heifers	895	10.00	10 steers	815	8.00
26 steers	1122	10.50	4 steers	815	8.00
22 steers	670	7.50	58 steers	1080	10.00
1 steer	780	7.00	14 steers	820	6.50
21 steers	1020	9.00	11 steers	1016	8.00
11 steers	956	7.00	25 steers	1045	9.00
19 steers	981	10.00	49 steers	1136	12.15
89 steers	1013	10.50	13 steers	1050	10.00
9 steers	1060	10.00	5 steers	748	7.50
3 steers	600	6.50	13 steers	967	9.00
9 steers	1200	10.75	3 cows	1215	8.50
1 steer	1020	8.00	2 cows	840	5.25
1 cow	1100	10.00	8 cows	932	6.00
1 cow	930	5.50	2 cows	740	4.00
3 cows	810	5.25	2 cows	870	7.00
2 cows	705	5.00	2 cows	735	3.00
1 cow	910	6.00	7 cows	940	6.00
2 cows	835	5.00	1 cow	1110	6.50
10 cows	764	5.00	5 cows	1130	6.50
11 cows	1045	8.00	14 cows	905	5.50
10 cows	1009	8.50	6 cows	1160	9.00
1 cow	940	7.75	1 cow	885	5.50
9 cows	927	7.00	5 cows	960	7.25
3 cows	900	7.00	4 heifers	677	10.00
2 cows	820	5.00	1 bull	1680	7.00
2 heifers	720	7.50	1 bull	910	6.00
1 heifer	840	8.00	1 bull	1150	7.25
26 mixed	781	6.75	4 hogs	362	15.00
2 bulls	1325	6.00	49 hogs	137	15.65
1 bull	1790	7.50	10 lambs	71	16.50
1 bull	1390	6.50	6 hogs	135	16.00
1 bull	1290	6.25	85 lambs	73	14.50
5 calves	174	11.50	2 ewes	135	7.50
57 hogs	200	15.50	5 yearlings	115	8.50

Prices current at the local yards are as follows:

Cattle—	Prices.
Prime steers	$12.00@13.00
Good to choice steers	11.00@12.00
Medium to good steers	9.00@10.50
Fair to medium steers	8.50@ 9.50
Common to fair steers	8.00@ 9.00
Choice cows and heifers	9.00@10.00
Medium to good cows and heifers	7.00@ 7.50
Fair to medium cows and heifers	4.00@ 5.50
Canners	4.50@ 5.50
Bulls	6.00@ 8.00
Calves	8.00@11.00
Hogs—	
Prime mixed	16.60@16.75
Medium mixed	16.45@16.60
Rough heavies	15.60@16.75
Pigs	5.50@15.75
Sheep—	
East-of-the-mountain lambs	14.00@14.50
Valley lambs	13.50@14.00
Yearlings	8.00@ 8.50
Wethers	7.50@ 8.00
Ewes	5.00@ 7.50

DESTINATIONS OF STOCK LOADED

Shipments to Leading Livestock Markets of United States.

Destinations of livestock loaded June 17. (Double-decks counted as two cars):

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
Austin	....	48	....	....	....
Baltimore	....	24	....	....	....
Boston	36	53	7	....	4
Buffalo	30	28	4	....	2
Chicago	829	488	100	15	123
Cincinnati	34	10	3	....	7
Cleveland	18	26	....	....	8
Dudley	4	19	....	....	3
Denver	31	15	2	....	3
Detroit	29	27	....	....	36
East St. Louis	315	216	43	6	34
Fort Worth	128	4	23	1	3
Indianapolis	58	71	....	....	37
Jersey City	34	18	17	....	2
Kansas City	432	158	31	2	26
Milwaukee	37	25	2	1	52
Nebraska City	....	15	....	....	....
New Haven	....	....	14	....	....
New York	136	40	2	....	2
Oklahoma City	79	7	....	....	....
Omaha	291	272	28	1	36
Ottumwa	11	17	....	....	....
Peoria	9	9	2	....	8
Philadelphia	15	24	1	....	....
Pittsburg	16	22	....	1	3
Portland	7	....	2	1	2
St. Joseph	92	84	19	....	18
St. Paul	46	29	....	1	74
San Francisco	59	5	21	....	....
Seattle	42	4	....	....	....
Sioux City	68	161	....	8	3
Spokane	3	1	....	....	1
Tacoma	15	2	2	....	....
Wichita	12	25	....	....	3
Various	426	100	215	122	17
Totals	3303	2164	533	160	519
One week ago	3203	2176	718	129	537
Four weeks ago	3197	1935	744	83	434

State origins of livestock loaded June 17:

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
For Portland—					
Oregon	5	....	2	....	2
Washington	2	....	....	1	....
T'tl Portland	7	....	2	1	2
One week ago	25	1	9	7	3
Four weeks ago	19	3	6	....	5
For Seattle—					
California	30	....	....	....	....
Oregon	4	4	....	....	....
Washington	8	....	....	....	....
T'tl Seattle	42	4	....	....	....
One week ago	13	6	4	....	2
Four weeks ago	15	11	2	....	....

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Hogs—Receipts 23,000, market early, barley steady with yesterday's close, after packers buying slowly, 5 to 10c lower. Bulk, $16.60@16.95; butchers, $16.60@16.95; packing, $16@16.60; light, $16.85@17; rough, $15.60@15.90; pigs, $16.25@16.75.

Cattle—Receipts 23,000, cattle above 1700 steady. Others slow, lower.

Sheep—Receipts 8000. Sheep steady. Lambs firm to 25c higher.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, June 18.—Hogs—Receipts 19,100, market 10@15c lower. Heavy, $16.30@16.60; mixed, $16.40@16.50; light, $16.50@16.60; pigs, $12@15; bulk of sales, $16.40@16.50.

Cattle—Receipts 6000, market steady, 10 to 15c lower. Native steers, $12.50@18; cows and heifers, $11.40@15; Western steers, $9.50@14.75; Texas steers, $9.50@12.50; cows and heifers, $7.75@9.75; canners, $7.70@10.50; stockers and feeders, $8@12.50; calves, $8@13.25; bulls, stags, etc., $8@13.

Sheep—Receipts 6400, market steady. Wethers, $13.50@14; ewes, $11@13.50; lambs, $16@20.50.

Western Honey Markets.

San Francisco—Demand and movement moderate, market fair. White Orange, few sales, 20@21c; light amber, 15@18c; beeswax, 38@39c. Jobbing prices 1½c higher. Export prices, 2c higher. Crop prospects light. Amber alfalfa good. Lack of rain in a large section of the state will probably reduce sage crop.

Los Angeles—Shipments light, demand and movement slow, market weaker. Submarine scare limiting export demand. Local buyers holding off on advice from East. Many growers holding for higher prices. Few sales. White Orange, extracted, 20c per pound; light amber, extracted, 16@18c per pound; beeswax, 34@35c per pound.

Denver—No carlot arrivals, no cars on track, no comb honey on market, extracted honey practically exhausted, demand good. White to amber 17@20c per pound. Cash to producers on farm, 13½@16c per pound. Beeswax receipts and supplies very light. Market slightly weaker. Price to producers, 35@40c per pound.

Wool Movement Facilitated.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Modification of the railroad embargo where necessary to facilitate the movement of wool, particularly to Eastern manufacturers, was announced today by the Railroad Administration.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, June 18.—Turpentine firm, 58½@58¾c; sales, 333 barrels; receipts, 504 barrels; shipments, 249 barrels; stocks, 24,660 barrels.

Rosin firm; sales, 1127 barrels; receipts, 1383 barrels; shipments, 8363 barrels; stocks, 89,610 barrels. Quote: B, $9.25@9.50; D, E, F, G, H, I, K, $9.30@9.35; M, $9.35@9.40; N, $9.40@9.55; WG, $9.45@9.65; WW, $9.80.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Butter higher. Creamery, 39@43c.

Eggs higher. Receipts, 23,437 cases. Firsts, 31½@33c; ordinary firsts, 26½@30½c; at mark, cases included, 29@32c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Minn., June 18.—Linseed, $3.90@3.92; arrive, $3.90; July, $3.92; September, $3.61; October, $3.95½ bid.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Raw sugar steady. Centrifugal, 6.005c; fine granulated, 7.45c.

PRODUCE SEASON EARLY

PERIOD OF GREATEST SHIPPING ACTIVITY IS PASSING.

Heavy Movement of New Potatoes. Southern Sections Approaching End of Their Season.

The weekly produce review of the Bureau of Markets, issued yesterday by R. L. Ringer, in charge of the local office of the bureau, says:

The general carlot movement with the exception of new potatoes is not especially large for the time of year. Peaches, cantaloupes, tomatoes and cabbage are moving liberally. Strawberries, onions, old apples, old potatoes, peas and asparagus are declining in volume rapidly. The season is evidently one or two weeks earlier than last year, both East and West, and accordingly the various shipping sections are passing their greatest shipping activity at earlier dates. Total movements of fruits and vegetables were 9948 cars, compared with 7959 last week. The price trends in general were stronger throughout the week, but declined during the last few days. New shipping sections are opening and total movement continues to gain in volume. The Southern producing regions are approaching the end of their seasons, while Virginia, North Carolina and Arkansas are becoming active. South Carolina, Texas and Louisiana are still shipping quite freely.

Total movement of new potatoes was 4188 cars compared with 2651 last week, far exceeding the heavy movement, 2836 cars, of the corresponding week last year. Total volume of old and new stock was 4805 cars for this week. Shipment of new potatoes for the corresponding week 1916 were about 2300 cars. Louisiana shipping stations, after advancing to $2.35 per cwt., fell back to about last week's range, $2.15@2.25 f. o. b. sacked, with offerings in excess of demand. California White Rose ranged weaker at $1.60@1.75 f. o. b. shipping points. The movement of old potatoes is becoming still lighter with only 617 cars, chiefly from the Great Lake regions and from Maine. Prices showed a slightly narrower range, $1.60@2. The recent advance has been maintained fairly well, but old stock has nearly disappeared in some markets.

The shipment volume of new onions is still decreasing and the total, 175 cars, was 23 cars below last week's shipments. The price range at Texas shipping points strengthened 80@90c for No. 1 yellow stock. Sales to jobbers ranged 25@50c higher at $1.40@1.75 per crate for No. 1 and $1.25@1.65 for No. 2. California yellow onions ranged higher in consuming markets at $1.75@2 per crate.

The cabbage range in consuming markets was narrower on a moderate volume of trade. Supplies at some points were light and demand was generally still maintained at $2.75@3.50 per bbl. crate for Mississippi Wakefields and $3@3.75 for Kentucky Wakefields, while the range for Virginia Wakefields was 25@50c lower than last week at $1.75@2.75.

The strawberry movement declined to 271 cars compared with 485 last week and 1055 the week before. Michigan led with 83 cars, New York, New Jersey and California shipping in considerable volume. Southern and Southwestern shipping sections are nearly done. Prices advanced to high levels, good berries being in light supply. Choice Canbys sold at 30@37c in Philadelphia, quart basis. Choice New York State berries ranged mostly 30@35c, quart basis. At the corresponding time last year New Jersey berries were selling in consuming markets at 8@14c per quart compared with general range of 6-12c for the corresponding week in 1916. The season of active carlot shipments of strawberries is about over, except in Northern producing sections, which may be expected to increase the total about 25 per cent. The seven Southern states which finished their season have shipped less than two-thirds as many as they shipped last year.

Shipments of cantaloupes again increased abruptly to 1284 cars compared with 598 last week and 172 the week before. Movement was mostly from California and prices declined steadily under heavy supplies, closing the week $1.25 lower at a range of $4.50@6.25 per standard crate in leading markets. The price range was lower than that prevailing for the corresponding week last year, but was $1.50 higher than the range for the corresponding week in 1916.

New apple shipments far exceeded old, Tennessee, Alabama, Delaware and Georgia moving 59 cars. New York shipped 10 cars of old apples. Orange movement was 312 cars, nearly all from California.

CORN PRICE HAS SETBACK

GROWTH OF CROP IS FAR AHEAD OF NORMAL.

Serious Damage From Hot Weather Not Likely—Oats Weakened by Lower Temperatures.

CHICAGO, June 8.—Corn underwent a decided setback in value today, largely owing to the spread of opinions that the growth of the crop was far ahead of normal and that serious damage from hot weather was unlikely. Prices closed weak, 1⅞c to 2½c net lower, with July $1.48⅞@1.44 and August $1.45¾@1.45½. Oats lost ¼c to ⅝c. In provisions the outcome ranged from 55c decline to an advance of 2c.

Lower temperatures and excellent crop reports weakened oats. A slight revival of export business, though, acted partly as an offset.

Provisions sympathized with the weakness of grains. The only active demand was from shorts in lard.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

CORN.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	$1.45¾	$1.46½	$1.43½	$1.43⅞
Aug.	1.48	1.48¼	1.43⅝	1.45¾
OATS.				
July	.71¾	.72⅝	.71⅛	.71¼
Aug.	.67½	.67¾	.66½	.66½
MESS PORK.				
July	....	42.25	42.15	42.15
Sept.	43.10	43.15	42.65	42.65
LARD.				
July	24.90	25.05	24.85	24.92
Sept.	25.17	25.30	25.10	25.17
SHORT RIBS.				
July	23.00	23.00	22.85	22.85
Sept.	23.47	23.52	23.32	23.35

Cash prices were:

Corn—No. 2 yellow, $1.70; No. 3 yellow, $1.60@1.63; No. 4 yellow, $1.50@1.55.

Oats—No. 3 white, 77⅞@78¼c; standard, 78¼@78¾c.

Rye—No. 2, nominal.

Barley—$1@1.35.

Timothy—$5@8.

Clover—Nominal.

Pork—Nominal.

Lard—$24.72.

Ribs—$22.37@22.87.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 18.—Flax, $3.88@3.90. Barley, 92c@$1.24.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—Flour, $10.80 per barrel.

Grain—Wheat, Government price, $3.50 per cental; barley, $2.50@2.75; oats, white feed, nominal; corn, California yellow, nominal.

Hay—Wheat, and wheat and oats, $23@25; tame oats, $24@26; barley, $17@19; alfalfa, $14@18; barley straw, 50@80c.

Meals—Alfalfa, carload lots, $29@30; cocoanut, $43.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Evaporated apples, dull; prunes, firm; peaches, quiet.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling, 29.80c.

STOCK LIST DRIFTS

Trading in Wall-Street Market Shrinks Steadily.

PRICE COURSE IRREGULAR

Declines Are Outnumbered by Gains. Call Money Firmer in Response to Broader Inquiry—Time Funds Are Easier.

NEW YORK, June 18.—The stock market was becalmed today, trading diminishing steadily after the first hour with an uncertain drift, although gains outnumbered declines at the stagnant close.

There was again a complete absence of incentive or any developments bearing pertinently upon values.

So far as important stocks displayed any tendency at all they were governed largely by the irregular course of such leaders as United States Steel and other prominent equipments, also Reading and shippings, these comprising fully 50 per cent of the small turnover. Sales amounted to 380,000 shares.

Call money stiffened in response to a broader inquiry, holdings at 6 per cent, but time funds for the shorter periods eased, with no increase of supply.

Liberty bonds were irregular. Total sales (par value) aggregated $6,650,000. Old United States bonds advanced from ¼ to ½ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Am Beet Sugar	1,100	68	67	67¾