

BEFORE THE CENT OF CROP IS HELD

Pacific Northwest Farmers Probably Retain 5,000,000 Bushels of Wheat.

STEADY MOVEMENT FELT

Amount Awaiting at Tidewater Points Unknown, but Sound and Portland Quantities Are Small.

Market Is Strong.

From the best figures available, it can be said the farmers of the Pacific Northwest are now holding not to exceed 10 and 12,000,000 bushels of wheat.

DEMAND ACTIVE AT GENERALLY FIRM PRICES.

The week at the stockyards closed as usual on a quiet trading, quiet and no special developments in any line.

Tidewater Amount Unknown.

As for the supply to dealers and millers' hands, it is probable it will all go out in the way of wheat or flour before the season ends.

California Best Market.

California will no doubt be the principal buyer during the remainder of the season, and the orders from that state should make a large hole in the supply that is left here.

Nearly All Grain Left in Growers' Hands.

Lewiston, Idaho, March 18.—(Special).—Warehousemen and representatives of the railroad companies estimate from 15 to 20 per cent of the grain is now in storage in the warehouses of the tributary country, and practically all of this grain remains in the hands of the growers.

STOCKS ARE SHARPLY REDUCED

Only 10 to 12 Per Cent of Walls Walls Crop Remains.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 18.—(Special).—From 10 to 12 per cent of the last year's wheat crop is left in the warehouses of the valley, according to statements made tonight by warehousemen and grain dealers.

INLAND EMPIRE HOLDS SOME

Several Large Producing Sections Are About Cleared Out.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 18.—(Special).—Sam Glasgow, Central Pacific Flour Mill & Warehouse man, with connections all over the Inland Empire, says 15 to 20 per cent of last year's wheat crop is still in Inland Empire warehouses.

Whitman Farmers Hold 5 Per Cent.

COULFAX, Wash., March 18.—(Special).—Of the 1900 and 1909 wheat crop in Whitman County, about 5 per cent of the two years' crop is in the hands of the Farmers' Grain-buyers and farmers have about 20 per cent of the two crops on hand.

Little Left in Umatilla.

PENDELTON, Or., March 18.—(Special).—The wheat crop in Umatilla County is now held in warehouses, according to the estimates of local grain-buyers.

ALL GRAINS FIRM

Upward Tendency in the Cereals Markets.

STOCKS ARE RUNNING LOW

Prices Being Lifted With Even a Moderate Demand—Barley Is Now the Strongest Feature of the Trade.

DEMAND ACTIVE AT GENERALLY FIRM PRICES.

Cattle Market Recovers a Good Part of the Slump of the Previous Week.

PLANTING OF ONIONS HAS BEGUN

About 240 Acres Will Be Set Out in Oregon This Year.

CHICAGO MARKET TAKES A STRONG UPWARD FOLLOWING A DIP AT THE OPENING.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Except for a brief decline in the early trading, wheat traded strong. The reason lay chiefly in pessimistic crop reports from Western Kansas by a Chicago expert, who yesterday sent forward glowing dispatches regarding the east half of the state.

CALIFORNIA SHIPMENTS ARE NORMAL

Southern Produce Will Be More Identical This Week.

California produce of all kinds will be more plentiful in the coming week. The weather in the South has improved and normal shipments are again being made.

FRESH CREAMERY BUTTER SCARCE

Market Is Firm, but No Change in Price Is Expected Soon.

HIGH RENTAL FOR YAKIMA HOPFARMS

Active Local Demand for Spots and Commodities.

PRICE DROPS BACK

SEATTLE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN HIGH EGGS QUOTATION.

Receipts from Oregon Are Heavy.

Potatoes Steady to Firm on Limited Offerings.

SEATTLE, March 18.—(Special).—Efforts to obtain 23 cents for fresh local eggs failed today and the price dropped back to 22 cents.

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PORTLAND MARKETS.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.

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LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 18.—(Special).—Colonel G. A. McGowan, of Plains, Mont., multi-millionaire cattle-raiser, was stricken with a stroke of apoplexy after witnessing the baseball game at Washington Park March 18.

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