

HEALTHY STOCKS

Strong Position of Butter, Egg and Cheese Markets.

STORAGE SUPPLIES CUT

Total in United States Below Year Ago, but Increases Are Reported in Pacific Northwest—Prices on Eastern Basis.

The strong position of the butter, egg and cheese trade throughout the country is shown by the statistics on storage holdings in the United States on January 1, as compiled by the office of markets, Department of Agriculture.

Table showing storage holdings of butter, eggs, and cheese in the United States and various regions for 1916 and 1917.

COUNTRY WHEAT PRICES UNCHANGED

Bids at Local Board Are Raised One to Three Cents. The wheat market in the Northwest continues firm. At the Merchants' Exchange, bids yesterday were 1/2 to 3/4 cents higher than on Friday.

One hundred tons of February cuts were sold at the Exchange at \$3.75, an advance of a quarter. Barley bids were unchanged.

Table of wheat and barley prices in various regions including Portland, Astoria, and other local markets.

DECLINE IN STORAGE APPLE STOCK

Northwestern Holding Reduced 225,046 in. The Office of Markets, Department of Agriculture, has issued the following report on cold storage holdings of apples on January 1, 1917.

Table showing the decline in storage apple stock in the Northwest, with regional breakdowns.

HIDE PRICES ONE CENT LOWER

Local Market Affected by the Recent Decline in the East. The recent reaction in the Eastern hide markets has been felt in the Pacific Northwest.

Onions now worth 50 to 70 growers. The selling price of onions was raised to \$7 a sack at country points by associations yesterday.

Eggs are cleaned up quickly. Butter is steady and cheese firm, with upward tendency.

There was a good demand for eggs on the street, with sales reported at 36 to 37 cents, case count.

Onions are firmer in the south, but local prices have not been advanced. The demand for apples was only fair.

Oil reported near crane. Crane oil, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Oil has a last best offer in the oil market.

Fine Potatoes Exhibited. Cottage Grove, Ore., Jan. 13.—(Special)—W. W. Hawley, a farmer of the hills of potatoes from his farm aggregating 20 tubers and weighing 24 pounds.

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MEMBERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing-house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they held \$181,458,630 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$4,907,140 over last week.

Chicago Board of Trade. The engagement was in the name of Strauss & Co. The rate at which the bark was taken, 155 shillings to London or 160 shillings to Liverpool, stands as the record on the Pacific Coast for sailers in the grain trade.

WHEAT PRICE IS HELD. LARGE DECREASE IN VISIBLE SUPPLY EXPECTED. Prospect of Shrinkage in Available Stock Offers Nervousness Over Subsidence of Export Demand.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Expectation of a good-sized decrease in the United States visible supply tended to uphold the wheat market today. The close, although unsettled, was the same as yesterday's finish to the week, with May at \$1.84 1/4 and July at \$1.49 1/2.

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