TRADE BASIS FIXED

Contract Grades of Oats and Barley Established.

BOARD ACCEPTS REPORT

Recommendations for Grading of Coarse Cereals in Operations on Merchants' Exchange and by Private Personal Contracts.

The report of the executive board of the Merchants' Exchange Association on the basis for trades in oats and barley was submitted to the members at yesterday's session. The recommendations were accepted and it was voted to trade in these commodities on the basis suggested. The report was as follows:

"Your executive board recommends as the basis for trading in feed oats on the board and by private contract between members the new state grade No. 2 white oats.

"No. 1 white oats may be delivered on contracts for No. 2 at seller's option; premium, if any, to be arranged between buyer and seller.

"No. 3 and No. 4 white oats may be delivered on contracts for No. 2 subject to the following discounts: No. 3, 2 per cent; No. 4, 5 per cent.

"As the basis for trades in brewing barley, on the board and by private contract between members, we recommend the new state grade No. 1 barley (blue), but test weight to be not under 45 pounds per measured bushel; to be known as Standard Brewing Barley. Off-grade barley to be deliverable on this grade at buyer's option only.

"As the basis for trades in feed barley, on the board and by private contract between members, we recommend the new state grade No. 3 barley, white or blue, but test weight to be not under 40 pounds per measured bushel; to be known as standard feed barley.

"No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3 barley, white or blue, may be delivered on contracts for standard feed barley at seller's option; premium, if any, to be arranged between buyer and seller.

"No. 4 barley, white or blue, may be delivered on contracts for standard feed barley at a discount of 3 per cent of contract price."

The following is a synopsis of the grade requirements:

Oats—	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Weight, pounds	38	34	32	30
Moisture, per cent	12	12	14	14
Other tame, percent	2	5	10	10
Wild, percent	1	4	8	12
Other grains, percent	1	2	3	5
Damaged, percent	1	2	3	7

Barley—	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Weight, lbs.	48	46	44	42	45	40
Moisture, P. C.	12	12	14	14	12	14
Other, bar., P. C.	2	5	10	10	2	10
Wild oats, P. C.	1	4	8	12	1	8
Oth'r grain, P. C.	1	2	3	5	1	3
Damaged, P. C.	1	1	3	7	1	5
Color—No. 1, bright; No. 2, slightly stained; No. 3, stained; No. 4, badly stained; standard brewing, bright; standard feed, stained.						

WHEAT BIDS ARE 5 CENTS LOWER

Oats and Feed Sales at Exchange at Reduced Prices.

There were no reports of activity in the wheat market yesterday. A few bids were out and the feeling in the market was weaker.

At the Merchants' Exchange the following sales were posted.

100 tons September oats $47.25
100 tons September oats 47.00
400 tons October shorts 34.50

Oats bids were from 50 cents to $1 lower than on Friday and offers for barley were reduced $1 to $2. The San Francisco barley market was in a depressed condition. The drop in December from the high point to date has been 36 cents a cental.

Local mill feed bids ranged from unchanged to $1 lower, as compared with the day before. The October shorts sale was 50 cents under Friday's bid.

The Michigan stats crop report issued yesterday puts wheat 12,250,000 bushels and oats at 73,000,000 bushels. The Government crop report gave 14,000,000 bushels of wheat and 17,000,000 bushels of oats.

The weather report for the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: "Minneapolis, clear; Winnipeg, clear; Chicago, clear and fine; Kansas City, partly cloudy; St. Joseph, clear and warm; Hutchison, clear, no rain; Wichita, clear, pleasant; Omaha and Nebraska City, clear and fine, no rain; Davenport, clear and warm; Decatur, clear and fine; Ohio, fine; Kentucky, clear and cool. Weather forecast: Generally fair and warmer tonight and Sunday, except cooler in Northwest states."

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

	Wheat.	Bar.	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Saturday	6	...	...	2	4
Year ago	30	...	18	1	9
Total this week	45	7	20	9	43
Year ago	141	3	53	28	67
Season to date	18	18	97	54	174
Year ago	555	23	309	258	283
Tacoma, Friday	1	...	...	...	5
Year ago	23	2	...	23	159
Season to date	500	11	...	82	224
Seattle, Friday	8	2	5	5	24
Year ago	7	...	9	9	...
Season to date	106	14	171	68	453
Year ago	613	24	307	200	509

LOCAL PEACHES MAY RULE HIGH

Indications Are for Strong Prices on Yellow Fruit.

Fruit stocks of all kinds cleaned up well yesterday, with prices generally firm. California Crawford peaches are finished for this season, but there are enough Elbertas on hand to run the trade during the coming week. After that they will depend on local clings and Yakima stock. A leading local house says of the peach market in its weekly news letter:

"The peach market in California followed the example set by most other varieties of fruits this season. Instead of declining as the season drew to a close, the market advanced. We look for the same conditions to exist when our own local peaches come in. Boxes, paper and labor are all higher this year than they were last and the indications are that peaches will sell for higher prices than they have in the past. Therefore prepare your customers to get in the game during the height of the season and can their fruit."

Melons continue scarce, owing to car shortage in the South. Cantaloupes are also firm, but casabas have declined. The banana market evidently has touched bottom at the seaboard, as it advanced 10 cents during the week, necessitating a slightly higher price here.

Walla Walla onions are firm under a strong demand. Tomatoes from The Dalles and White Salmon are improving in quality.

HOPS STRONG WITH SELLERS SCARCE

Top Prices Prevailing, but Few Offerings on Market.

The hop market closed strong but without activity except for a few sales of spots. The contract market appears to be completely tied up here and in Washington. Demand continues and 35 cents was again offered growers, but there were no sellers. Although 1916s have advanced 4 cents in the last few days, the current price of 22 cents is still below a parity with the new crop. In California, where the spot demand is keen, buyers were offering 16 to 17 cents for 1915s.

The talk of reducing the alcohol content in beer, it was pointed out, would necessitate the use of a larger quantity of hops. This has already been demonstrated by the near-beer manufacturers.

Dairy Produce Light.

There were no changes in price conditions in the dairy produce markets at the close of business yesterday. Country creamery butter moved rather slowly, but prices were steady. Eggs inclined to be weak with a very light demand, as usual in mid-Summer.

Moderate poultry receipts made for a steady market, but country dressed meats were firm.

Provisions Advance Monday.

With the strong market for live hogs, provision prices have scored a further advance. Effective Monday morning, hams, bacon and lard will be quoted 1 cent higher and dry salt cured meats will be up 2 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2 411.236	$208,785
Seattle	3,202,073	543,934
Tacoma	485,849	121,328
Spokane	985,848	171,337

Clearings of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for the past week and corresponding week in former years were:

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1917	$15,432,926	$23,943,343	$3,330,016
1916	12,177,330	15,122,584	2,298,561
1915	8,898,635	12,075,154	1,678,219
1914	9,324,588	12,325,911	2,137,914
1913	10,083,131	12,124,202	2,608,732
1912	9,015,907	11,277,941	3,783,701
1911	9,294,200	10,296,200	3,870,944
1910	7,906,808	11,651,598	5,521,279
1909	6,978,543	11,783,720	5,223,028
1908	6,318,928	7,651,593	3,947,875

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session:

Cash delivery—	Bid.
Oats—No. 1 white feed	$47.00
Barley—	
No. 1 feed	45.00
Brewing	47.00
Bran	35.00
Shorts	37.50
Futures—	
September oats	$46.50
October oats	46.50
September feed barley	45.00
October feed barley	44.00
September brewing barley	47.00
October brewing barley	46.50
September bran	33.00
October bran	32.25
September shorts	35.50
October shorts	34.50

WHEAT—Spot prices: Bluestem, $2.15; fortyfold, $2.12; club, $2.10; red Russian, $2.08.

FLOUR—Patents, $11.60; straights, $9.40@10.80; Valley, $11.20; whole wheat, $11.80; graham, $11.60.

MILLFEED — Spot prices: Bran, $37 per ton; shorts, $40 per ton; middlings, $47; rolled barley, $52; rolled oats, $56.

HAY—Prodducers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, $28; Valley timothy, $23; alfalfa, $23; Valley grain hay, $16.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 40@40½c; prime firsts, 39½c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 44c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 44c; No. 2, 42c.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 23c; Young Americas, 24c per pound; longhorns, 23c; Cosa and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 22¾c; Young Americas, 23¾c per pound; longhorns, 23¾c per pound.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 35@36c per dozen; Oregon ranch, candled, 37½@38c per dozen; selects, 40c.

POULTRY—Hens, 14½@16½c per pound; broilers, 18c; turkeys, 21c; ducks, old 14@16c; young, 16@18c; geese, old, 8@10c.

VEAL—Fancy, 15@15½c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 20@20½c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, Valencias, $8.15@8.50; lemons, $5@8 per box; bananas, 4¾c per pound; grapefruit, $2.75@$3.

VEGETABLES — Tomatoes, 85@75c per crate; cabbage, 2@2½c per pound; lettuce 40c per dozen; cucumbers, 40@60c per dozen; peppers, 8c per pound; beans, 6@8c per pound; corn, 30@35c per dozen.

POTATOES—New Oregon, 2½@3c; sweet potatoes, 8c per pound.

ONIONS—Walla Walla, $1.35@1.50; red, $1.25 per sack.

GREEN FRUITS—Cantaloupes, 85c@$2.50 per crate; peaches, 40c@$1.15 per box; watermelons, $18.50 per hundred; apples, plums, 75c@$1.50; pears, $2.25; grapes, $1.75@2.15; plums, 75c@$1.50; pears, $2.25; grapes, $1.75@$2; casabas, 1½c pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $9.15; Honolulu plantation, $9.10; beet, $8.95; extra C, $8.75; powdered, in barrels, $9.65; cubes, in barrels, $9.90.

SALMON—Columbia River 1-pound talls, $3.35 per dozen; one-half flats, $2; one-pound flats, $3.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 13@22½c; Brazil nuts, 21c; filberts, 22c; almonds, 19@20c; peanuts, 10c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 17½c.

BEANS — California, small white, 15½c; large white, 15c; Limas, 15½c; bayous, 11½c; pink, 11¾c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT—Granulated, $17.25 per ton; half-ground 100s, $14 per ton; 50s, $14.50 per ton; dairy, $18 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 9@9½c per pound; blue rose, 8½; Japan style, 7½@7¾c.

DRIED FRUIT — Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11½@13c; raisins, 3c@$3 per box; dates, fard, $2.50@3 per box; currants, 19c; figs, $2@2.50 per box.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes choice, 30c; standard, 29c; skinned, 27½@29c; picnics, 22½c; cottage rolls, 27c.

LARD — Tierce basis, kettle rendered, 24½c; standard, pure, 24c; compound, 18½c.

BACON—Fancy, 40@42c; standard, 38@39c; choice, 39@37c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 27@30c; exports, 28@30c; plates, 24@26c.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

HOPS—1916 crop, 22c per pound; 1917 contracts, 35c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 60c per pound; coarse, 60c per pound; Valley 60@65c per pound.

MOHAIR—58@60c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—New, 7½c; old, 8c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 11c per pound; No. 2, 10c.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides (25 pounds up), 19c; salted stags (50 pounds up), 16c; salted and green kip (15 pounds to 25 pounds), 20c; salted and green calf skins (up to 15 pounds), 30c; green hides (25 pounds and up), 17c; green stags (50 pounds and up) 14c; dry flint hides, 35c; dry flint calf (up to 7 pounds), 40c; dry salt hides, 30c; dry horse hides, $1.50@2.50; salted horse hides $3@5.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 40@42c; dry short-wooled pelts, 25@30c; salted sheep pelts, long wool, $4@5; salted lamb pelts, $1@1.50; salted short-wool pelts, 75c@$1.25; dry sheep shearlings, 15@30c; salted sheep shearlings, 25@50c; dry goats, long hair, 35c; dry goat shearlings, 15@30c; dry short-hair goats, 50c@$1.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 18½@22c.

GASOLINE — Bulk, 20½c; cases, 29c, naphtha, drums, 19½c; cases, 28c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.32; cases, $1.30; boiled, barrels, $1.34; cases, $1.41.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 62c; in cases, 69c.

FAIR DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

List for Northwest Given Out by Secretary Clagstone.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—A revised list of fair dates has been prepared by Paul Clagstone, secretary of the Northwest Livestock Association. The list includes the principal fairs to be held in the Pacific Northwest this Fall, and are as follows:

Pendleton, Roundup—September 20-22.
Salem, State—September 24-29.
Portland, Pacific National Dairy—November 16-23.
Portland — Pacific Int. Livestock — November 19-24.
St. Maries, County—August 28-31.
Roxburg—September 3-8.
American Falls—September 12-15.
Blackfoot—September 12-15.
Filer—September 17-22.
Boise, State—September 22-29.
Moscow, County—September 25-29.
Rupert—October 2-6.
Cambridge—October 3-5.
Lewiston, Northwest Livestock, Stock—November 8-15.
Roundup, County—September 3-8.
Bozeman, County—September 11-13.
Glasgow, County—September 13-15.
Billings—September 17-21.
Whitehall—September 17-22.
Helena, State—September 24-29.
Fort Benton, County—September 24-29.
Sidney, County—September 25-29.
Hamilton, County—October 3-6.

Cranberry Pack Is Sold.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—H. S. Gano, sales manager for the Pacific Coast Cranberry Exchange, returned a few days ago from an extended trip over the Coast. He reports that the various distributing centers are greatly interested in cranberry production in Washington and Oregon, and that he had but little trouble in disposing of the pack.

CORN PRICES SMASH

Prospects for Bumper Crop Break Chicago Market.

LOSS NEARLY FIVE CENTS

Trading in Wheat Is Insignificant. Government Price-Fixing Committee May Not Report Until September 1.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Increasing likelihood of a bumper crop of corn did a good deal today to smash down prices on that cereal. The market closed heavy, 3½ to 4¾ cents lower, with December at $1.08½ to $1.08½, and May at $1.06 to $1.06¾. Wheat finished easy at $2.02 for September, an overnight advance of 1 cent. Oats lost ¾ to 4¾ cents. In provisions the outcome was a rise varying from 10c to $5 cents.

Predictions that the weather next week would be fair and warmer, just what was needed to help growth, tended materially to make bears aggressive regarding corn and to induce holders to unload.

Trifling amounts of wheat changed hands to even up outstanding contracts in the September delivery, the only option traded in. It was said the Government price-fixing committee was not likely to report until September 1.

Oats tumbled with corn.

Hogs, commanding as high as $19 a hundredweight, led to new upturns in the provision market.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Sept.	$2.02⅝	$2.02⅝	$2.02	$2.02
CORN.				
Dec.	1.12	1.12¼	1.08½	1.08½
May	1.09	1.09½	1.05⅞	1.06
OATS.				
Dec.	.54	.54⅝	.53¾	.53¾
May	.57⅝	.57⅝	.56⅝	.56⅝
MESS PORK.				
Sept.	43.20	43.80	43.20	43.55
LARD.				
Sept.	22.95	23.02	22.90	22.90
Oct.	23.05	23.15	23.00	23.02
SHORT RIBS.				
Sept.	23.85	23.85	23.80	23.80
Oct.	23.65	23.77	23.62	23.67

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $2.20; No. 3 red, nominal; No. 2 hard, $2.23; No. 3 hard, $2.20.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, $1.75@1.70; Nos. 3 and 4 yellow, nominal.

Oats—No. 3 white, 55¼@58c; standard, 55¾@58¾c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.73.

Barley—$1.15@1.35.

Timothy—$4.50@8.

Clover—$12@17.

WHEAT TRADE'S RESPONSE PROMPT

Government's Suggestions for Lower Prices Are Complied With.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.— Announcement of comprehensive plans of Government control of food prices has been mainly responsible for a sharp descent of wheat quotations in the last week. The net decline as shown by the September option, the only future delivery traded in, was 17 cents. Corn lost 2½c to 3¼c and oats 3½c to 4⅝@4½c. Provisions wound up at an advance of 10c to 60c.

Government suggestions of a need for a material reduction in the cost of wheat, flour and bread, if a sacrifice of National efficiency was to be averted, met with a prompt response in the wheat trade. Closing out of contracts and the ensuing setback in values were not delayed for official word of the figures at which the Government would take ownership of the wheat. The minimum price which the food control law names for next year's crop, $2 a bushel, was assumed to be a sufficiently practical standard for the present. At one time the market even went a trifle below that level, although an entire week yet remains before wheat future trading will formally become a thing of the past.

Widespread consideration of peace news cut considerable figure in the downward movement of corn futures. Announcement that the marketing of the 1917 crop had already started in Texas favored the bears likewise, and so, too, did assertions that a record-breaking yield for the country as a whole could be looked for, barring damage from unseasonably early frost. The recently inaugurated radical revision of cash prices to accord more nearly with futures was continued, with distillers and other industries meanwhile holding off purchases to the greatest extent feasible.

Favorable threshing conditions, together with reports of huge yields, have weakened oats despite large export sales.

Daily record-breaking advances in the hog market lifted provisions. The upturns were somewhat checked by profit-taking on a large scale.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 18.—Wheat—September, $2.04½. Cash, No. 1 Northern, $2.40@2.45; No. 1 Northern, $2.35@2.40; No. 2 hard Montana, $2.20@2.30.

Flax, $3.40@3.45.

Barley, $1.10@1.34.

Eastern Grain Futures.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 18.—Wheat closed—October, $2.12.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 18.—October wheat closed at $2.04½.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 18.—Wheat closed—September, $2.08; May corn $1.05¾.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Spot quotations—Bluestem, $4@4.10; Turkey red, $4.10@4.20; red Russian, $3.75@3.85; feed barley, $2.32½@2.35; white oats, $2.52½@2.55; bran, $40@41; middlings, $52@54; shorts, $42@43.

Call board—Barley, December, $2.20¼; May, $2.26 bid, $2.32 asked.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, Aug. 18.—Wheat: Bluestem, $2.10; turkey red, $2.10; fortyfold, $2.07; club, $2.05; fife, $2.05; red Russian, $2.03.

Barley, $45 per ton.

Car receipts for the last two days—Wheat, 8; oats, 5; barley, 2; corn, 4; hay, 124; flour, 5.

TACOMA, Aug. 18.—Wheat: Bluestem, $2.16; fortyfold, $2.13; club, $2.10; red fife, $2.10; red Russian, $2.09.

Car receipts—Oats, 1; hay, 7.

MORE STOCK ON RANGE

OVER MILLION HEAD GRAZING ON NATIONAL FORESTS.

Increase in Oregon and Washington Reserves Due to Better Methods of Handling.

District Forester George H. Cecil, of this city, announces that the National forests of Oregon and Washington are furnishing grazing during the present Summer for 177,167 head of cattle and horses belonging to 3269 ranchers, and 1,025,843 head of sheep owned by 705 sheepmen. These figures show an increase of 462 cattlemen, with 19,478 head of cattle, and 48 sheepmen, with 29,102 head of sheep above the numbers taken care of in 1916. This increase is due to the introduction of better methods of handling the stock, the blanket, or open method of grazing sheep as advocated by the forest service, and the management of cattle under special rules established by the district forester and based on the needs of the range.

In addition to these figures 359 owners were given free permits to cross 6535 head of cattle and horses and 651,895 head of sheep over the National forest range to shipping points, and for other purposes. Free permits were also given to 215 owners on account of private lands within the National forest boundaries for 7676 head of cattle and horses and 107,488 head of sheep; 41,647 ewes were also lambed on National forest range.

The District Forester finds there is a serious shortage in the regular hay crop throughout the district. He hopes, however, that the amount of inferior grain crops cut for hay will offset this. He has planned to have all farmers who have surplus hay on hand communicate with his office at Portland, and a strong effort will be made to get the information to stockmen who need the hay.

LIVESTOCK PRICES FIRM AT CLOSE

Light Offerings at Yards on Last Day of the Week.

The week closed quietly at the Stockyards with prices in all lines firm at the range established during the previous days of active trading.

Receipts were 36 cattle, 160 hogs and 86 sheep. Shippers were: J. W. Grubbe, Oakland, 1 car cattle; C. E. Lucke, Canby, 1 car cattle, calves, hogs and sheep; C. W. Edward, Monroe, 1 car hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wgt.	Pr.		Wgt.	Pr.
2 cows	795	$ 3.50	1 cow	950	$ 6.50
1 cow	960	5.50	1 cow	880	5.50
1 cow	750	4.00	1 steer	570	4.00
1 cow	1060	3.00	1 bull	910	5.25
1 cow	820	4.00	18 hogs	110	15.00

Prices at the Portland Union Stockyards follow:

Cattle—	
Best beef steers	$ 8.25@ 8.75
Good beef steers	7.25@ 8.25
Best beef cows	6.00@ 7.00
Ordinary to good cows	4.00@ 6.00
Best heifers	6.25@ 7.25
Bulls	4.50@ 6.00
Calves	8.50@ 9.50
Stocker and feeder steers	4.50@ 6.75
Hogs—	
Prime light	16.65@16.75
Prime heavy	16.30@16.65
Pigs	14.50@16.00
Sheep—	
Lambs	11.00@15.00
Yearlings	7.00@10.00
Wethers	7.50@ 9.00

Loading Report.

Destinations of livestock loaded August 17. (Carloads reported west of Allegheny Mountains; double-decks counted as two cars.)

	Cattle. Clvs.	Hogs	Sh'p	Mixed Sh'p.	St'k.	T'tl
Baltimore, Md.	8	12	2	...	...	22
Boston, Mass.	...	27	...	...	...	27
Buffalo, N. Y.	25	5	10	5	5	45
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	2	3	...	...	...	5
Chicago, Ill.	218	46	107	10	38	338
Cincinnati, O.	15	12	14	12	2	55
Cleveland, O.	30	...	7	4	41	81
Denver, Colo.	9	...	14	...	...	23
Detroit, Mich.	2	7	...	...	...	9
East St. Louis, Ill.	12	25	3	5	6	46
Evansville, Ind.	8	...	...	1	...	9
Fort Worth, Tex.	90	5	...	1	2	99
Indianapolis, Ind.	8	40	...	20	3	71
Jersey City, N. J.	19	3	14	4	4	40
Kansas City, Mo.	17	6	...	1	57	81
Los Angeles, Cal.	13	7	...	...	...	20
Louisville, Ky.	9	6	3	5	5	28
Milwaukee, Wis.	5	3	...	2	10	20
Nashville, Tenn.	8	...	...	2	...	10
New Orleans, La.	17	...	...	...	3	20
New York, N. Y.	18	6	40	...	...	64
Ogden, Utah	1	...	...	...	3	4
Oklahoma City, Okla.	19	3	7	...	2	31
Omaha, Neb.	202	16	1	...	...	219
Ottumwa, Ia.	9	2	...	...	...	11
Philadelphia, Pa.	6	8	...	...	...	14
Pittsburg, Pa.	8	3	...	...	2	13
Portland, Or.	11	3	1	3	18	36
Providence, R. I.	...	6	...	...	...	6
Pueblo, Colo.	...	...	8	...	...	8
St. Joseph, Mo.	30	18	1	1	50	100
St. Paul, Minn.	75	13	...	31	120	239
San Francisco, Cal.	14	9	28	...	52	103
Seattle, Wash.	3	1	...	...	4	8
Sioux City, Ia.	31	35	...	2	71	139
Sioux Falls, S. D.	4	6	...	...	10	20
Spokane, Wash.	2	...	...	...	2	4
Tacoma, Wash.	1	...	...	...	1	2
Washington, D. C.	...	1	...	...	1	2
Wheeling, W. Va.	...	12	...	...	12	24
Wichita, Kan.	9	9	...	1	10	29
Worcester, Mass.	8	1	...	...	6	15
Various	262	46	114	8	499	929
Totals	1285	436	374	123	2333	4551

State origins of livestock loaded August 17:

For Portland—	Cattle. Clvs.	Hogs.	Mixed Sh'p.	St'k.	T'tl.
California	...	1	...	...	1
Oregon	11	2	1	3	17
Totals Portland	11	3	1	3	18
For Seattle—					
Idaho	...	...	...	...	1
Oregon	1	...	...	...	1
Washington	2	...	...	...	2
Totals Seattle	3	1	...	...	4

Comparative livestock loaded, August 17:

	Cattle. Clvs.	Hogs.	Mixed Sh'p.	St'k.	T'tl.
Totals loaded—					
One week ago	656	598	302	89	1743
Loaded for Portland—					
One week ago	2	1	...	4	7
Loaded for Seattle—					
One week ago	1	...	2	...	3

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Aug. 18.—Hogs—Receipts 3000, market 50c to 75c higher. Heavy, $18@19; mixed, $18.25@18.75; light, $18@18.75; pigs, $15.50@17.50; bulk of sales, $18@18.75.

Cattle—Receipts 200, market steady. Native steers, $8.25@14.25; cows and heifers, $6.75@9.75; Western steers, $8.50@12.50; Texas steers, $7.50@10.25; cows and heifers, $6.50@9; canners, $5.25@6.50; stockers and feeders, $6@10.25; calves, $8.50@12.50; bulls, stags, $6@8.50.

Sheep—Receipts 2400, steady. Yearlings, $10.50@11.25; wethers, $10@11; ewes, $9@10; lambs, $15.75@16.25.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Hogs—Receipts 2000 strong, 25c above yesterday's average. Top $19, a new high price record. Bulk, $18.10@18.80; light, $17.40@18.90; mixed, $17.50@19; heavy, $17.30@18.90; rough, $17.30@17.55; pigs, $12.25@19.75.

Cattle—Receipts 2000, weak. Native beef cattle, $8.15@14.90; Western steers, $7@12.45; stockers and feeders, $6.10@9.25; cows and heifers, $4.50@12.60; calves, $10.50@15.

Sheep—Receipts 5000, weak. Wethers, $7.75@11.10; lambs, $10.25@16.50.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Butter—Fresh extras, 41½c; prime firsts, 40c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 43c; fresh firsts, 42½c; fresh extra pullets, 39½c; extra first pullets, 39c.

Cheese—New firsts, 20c; Young Americas, 24c.

Poultry—Hens, 22@24c; roosters, old, colored, 13@14c; broilers, 26@29c; fryers, 26@28c; pigeons, $1.50@2 per dozen; squabs, $2@2.50; geese, 18@20c per pound; ducks, 14@16c per pound.

Vegetables—Summer squash, 25@50c; eggplant, Los Angeles, 40@65c; bell peppers, 50@75c; chile, 40@60c; peas, Half Moon Bay, 5@6c; tomatoes, Merced, 40@50c; green corn, Alameda, $1.50@2.75; potatoes, on the dock, $2.50@2.75; onions on the dock, red, 50@75c; silverskins, 75@85c; cucumbers, 30@50c; beans, wax, 3@4½c; string, 3@4c; lima, 4@5c; garlic (new crop), 3@3½c; okra, 75c@$1; celery, 50@40c for southern.

Fruits—Nectarines, $1.00@1.50; grapes, seedless, 75c@$1; Malaga grapes, $1@1.25; pears, Bartlett, No. 1, $1.40@1.65; cantaloupes, Turlock standard, $1.25@1.50; peaches, 40@50c; plums, Burbank, 75c@$1.25; figs, single layer, 90c@$1; double layer, $1.25@1.75; apricots, $1.25@1.50; Oregon cherries, Bings and Lamberts, $1@1.25 per box; strawberries, $5.50@7; raspberries, $11@14; blackberries, $3.50@5; gooseberries, 4@7c; lemons, $7.50@8; grapefruit, $3@3.50; oranges, Valencias, $3.25@3.50; bananas, Hawaiian, 75c@$2; pineapples, Hawaiian, $2@3.50; apples, red Astrakans, 4½-tier, 50@75c; crabapples, 40@50c.

Flour—$12.20@12.40 barrel.

Receipts—Flour, 12000 quarters; barley, 13,990 centals; potatoes, 2800 sacks; onions, 2150 sacks; hay, 593 tons; hides, 320; wine, 27,300 gallons; beans, 16 sacks.

COFFEE FUTURES CLOSE IRREGULAR

Feature of Market Is Switching From Near to Later Months.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The feature in the market for coffee futures today was switching from September to later months, accompanied by increased dealings between near and late deliveries. Otherwise, trading was quiet and fluctuations irregular. The market opened at a decline of 2 points to an advance of 2 points and closed net 4 points lower to 2 points higher. After selling at 7.75c December rallied to 7.76c, while the only business reported in May was at 8.09. Sales, including exchanges, 28,500. August, 7.44c; September, 7.46c; October, 7.53c; December, 7.74c; January, 7.82c; March, 7.98c; May, 8.10c; July, 8.24c.

Spot coffee, quiet; Rio No. 7, 9¼c; Santos No. 4, 10½c. No fresh feature was reported in the cost and freight situation.

The official cables reported a decline of 1-32d in Rio exchange and of 25 reis in the Rio spot market. The Santos market was unchanged for spots and unchanged to 25 reis lower for futures.

ALFALFA YIELDS FOUR CROPS

Lewiston Experiences Best Hay Season in Recent Years.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The Lewiston-Clarkston Improvement Company, the largest local growers of alfalfa, will begin its third cutting next week. A number of smaller tracts have already furnished a third crop, owing to more intensive irrigation.

The third crop in general will yield one to one and a half tons to the acre. The yield is exceptional in quality and haymakers reported that never have conditions been more ideal for the curing of the crop.

There will be four crops cut on the flats in case no early frosts come before September 10.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Evaporated apples, firm; prunes, steady; peaches, unsettled.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 18.—Fifty tubs butter sold at 40 cents.

TRADE AT LOW EBB

Lightest Week-End Stock Business of Season.

PRICE MOVEMENTS NARROW

Recessions Outnumber Gains at the Close; United States Steel Steady, but Other War Issues Are Depressed; Bonds Are Lower.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Business on the Stock Exchange today fell to the lowest ebb of the Summer season, the turnover in the two-hour session scarcely amounting to 100,000 shares. Price movements were in keeping with these stagnant conditions, although recessions outnumbered gains.

United States Steel forfeited only a slight fraction after an early advance, but Bethlehem and Lackawanna Steels made extreme declines of 1 to 1¼ points with motor subsidiaries, Texas Company, American Woolen and United States Rubber. United Fruit lost 5 at its worst, despite strength of other shippings.

Bonds were slightly lower in speculative issues. Liberty 3½s ranged from 99.80 to 99.86. Total bond sales, par value, $1,423,000. United States registered 2s rose ½ point and registered 4s ¼ on call during the week. Panama coupon 3s declining ⅝ per cent.

Financial aspects of a dull week in the stock market were almost submerged in the widespread interest created by the peace proposals from the Vatican. The importance of that development found its chief expression in the cautious aggressions of the bear faction.

Shares of the more volatile description were subjected to pressure. So-called peace stocks or seasoned industrials, as well as shippings and coppers, held their ground.

Market prices of two old-established railroads, New Haven and Delaware & Hudson, fell to lowest quotations ever known.

Doubtful trade prospects were responsible for the further depreciation of motor issues and some equipments were again handicapped by indications of imperative financial readjustments.

The proposed interest rate of the next war loan afforded the basis of much conjecture and discussion. It is understood that the next war loan will be preceded by a campaign of one month's duration.

No definite index to the foreign situation was afforded by the foreign exchange market. Russian remittances eased to a new low level, with partial recovery, and exports of gold, chiefly to Japan, Spain and South America, assumed more moderate proportions.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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