

POTATO PRICES OFF

Markets Break in All the Large Distributing Centers.

HALF-DOLLAR DROP NOTED

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Potato prices broke in the large cities in the past week, particularly in the primary markets like Kansas City and Chicago, where a loss of one cent per lb. is noted. Even the Southern markets are off, but not so sharply. Prices are now about where they started on September 1, about the beginning of the harvest of the bumper crop at late points in the Northern states. The probable size of the crop was known and published by the Bureau of Crop Estimates in its monthly bulletin, and the market has moved in the figures and hold their own in the hope of a shortage like a year ago. The dealers, on the other hand, generally acted according to the report, with the result that they have never loaded up with this crop but left the speculation to the growers.

The price movement in price has varied from 50 cents to \$1.40 in parts of the country and on certain grades of potatoes, the market as a whole has gone up 60 cents per cwt., and back down again since September 1. Taking the famous Wisconsin Round Whites that supply the primary Chicago market as a basis, the standard price quoted in the market in various cities has been as follows: September 1, \$1.40 per cwt.; October 1, \$1.89 per cwt.; November 1, \$1.85 per cwt.; December 1, \$1.40 per cwt.; January 1, \$2.05 per cwt.; February 1, \$2.10 per cwt., and on March 1, \$1.50 to \$1.60.

The Oregon market at the close of the week was quoted at \$1.50 per cwt. No. 1 White, and \$1.15 per cwt. for East Coast stock, at shipping points. Jobbing prices were \$1.50-\$1.65 for well-graded Durbanas; \$1.25-\$1.45 for Washington and \$1.30-\$1.45 for early seed.

Total carlot shipments of white potatoes to date:

Feb. 22	Last m-	Feb. 15,
California	2,100	2,170
Oregon	1,100	1,150
Idaho	182	4,210
Montana	204	5,330
Minnesota	547	12,657
Nebraska	23	2,354
New Jersey	21	11,469
Other N. Y.	106	2,157
Other N. Y.	247	2,149
North Dakota	18	350
Ohio	609	3,205
Pennsylvania	48	1,000
Washington	62	1,853
Others	62	4,830
Total	5,222	42,275
		2,969 126,107 98,826

The weekly summary of the Bureau of Markets says:

The shipments for a single day passed the 500-mark since the past week and for the seven-day period are also larger than anytime since November, totaling 2969 cars, against 2857 cars of two weeks ago. The buyers who, steadily refused, up to \$2.75 per cwt. last month, are now taking their position on the market at the price of nearly 100 cars a day and are accepting from \$1.35 to \$1.40 for table stock. Maine led in shipments the past week, with Minnesota a close second.

"The Washington and Oregon shipments have fallen off again. In Oregon the movement of the market is considered because of the lack of demand on the part of the buyers. They are taking out what they have orders for and with the price declining in the markets, orders are slow and uncertain. The movement from Washington has suffered from the same cause, but has also been hampered by the lack of cars. Since February 22, unfilled car orders have been 1000 cars a day, and the buyers are taking the route to furnish only 20 refrigerators daily for apples and potatoes when the demand is for 60. The same conditions prevail all over the O. W. & N. in the Northern Pacific in the Northwest, and are threatening the RR lines.

"The greatest interest in the markets now is the movement of seed potatoes, and it is well to note that the market is off, it looks as if the bottom would be soon from prices. From the price paid in Texas and Louisiana, there are to be heavy spring plantings in the South, so that potatoes for a late market will find heavy competition. Another feature is the increased arrival of new arrivals from Florida and the Bermudas Islands. These are on the New York market for several weeks now and the past week witnessed the arrival of a car from Florida in Chicago. The Texas second crop is meeting a similar damage in the South, where it gets a much higher price than the old stock from this section can command."

ONIONS SAGGING IN ALL MARKETS

Stocks Are in Excess of Demand and Prices Are Lower.

The demand for onions at all Coast points is at low \$1.00. Oregon are quoted mostly at \$1.50 per country point, but with many exceptions. One car lot was \$1.75 per box. In California prices are ranging with some, but onions can be bought at \$1.20. The Bureau of Markets weekly report says of the Eastern market:

New York, Ohio and Indiana yellow stock, rated weaker at \$1.75-\$2.25 per cwt. sacked, Northern, 100 lbs., \$1.75-\$2.25 per cwt. and 150 lbs., at \$1.75-\$2.25. A few 50 lb. sales were made at \$2.25-\$2.25 from Massachusetts eastern sections. Total shipments were at about the volume of the past two or three weeks."

WEAKER RANGE FOR BOXED APPLES

Fairly Active Shipping Movement From Northwest.

While barrelled apples are holding steady in the Eastern market, boxed fruit of some grade has tended lower. The review of Eastern trade for the week said:

"Northwestern boxed apples followed a rather weak range of jobbing sales. Extra fancy large Winesapse ruling \$2.25-\$2.50, and Stevensburg \$2.25. Movement of boxed apples was quite active from Northwestern eastern sections, while extra fancy large Winesapse and cold storage ranges \$1.80-\$1.90 and from common storage \$1.50-\$1.75. E. & B."

Eggs Are Quoted One Cent Lower

Trading in Local Market at Standstill at Close of Week.

Trading in the egg market was at a standstill at the close of the week. With the market declining daily, local retailers are buying only from hand to mouth.

Monday—Hog Day

2¢ Per Lb. Guaranteed on Top Quality, Fancy Light Ham—19 1/2¢ per lb. Fancy Light Bacon—18 1/2¢ per lb. Turkey, Fancy Dressed—18 1/2¢ per lb. Remember, We Charge No Commission and Pay Daily.

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business has ceased for the time being and stocks are beginning to accumulate on the street. The generally quoted case count price was \$1.50 per case, but if you allow, we'll give you 20 cents obtainable on country creamery extra.

Dressed meats and poultry were unchanged with light receipts and a good demand.

HARLEY BIDS ARE NOW \$2 HIGHER
Local Market Still Far Under Parity With Eastern Price.

Harley bids were advanced \$2 yesterday at the Merchants' Exchange to \$74 for brewing and \$73 for feed. Even with this advance Harley here is a good \$10 below its price at Milwaukee. The market at Chicago was firm with 20 cents obtainable on country creamery extra.

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