

SEED POTATOES ARE WAITED IN SOUTH

Good Demand From California
for Best Grade.

POOR STOCK IS DRAGGING

All Markets in Middle West and
East Show Further Improve-
ment During Week.

The feature of the potato market was the demand from California for seed stock, which was materially better during the week. Buyers paid growers on the basis of \$1 for the best stock. There was but little demand for the lower grades. Table potatoes appearing were not wanted in the south and locally the inquiry was also slack with the old prices quoted.

At Idaho points rural ranges 5 cents higher at 20¢/75 cents to growers and the Colorado market was also firmer with gains of 5¢/10¢, growers receiving \$1.10 to \$1.20. According to Colorado statistics about 2000 cars are held in the northern part of the state, mostly by growers.

In the eastern markets improvement is noted in the week's business. Round white potatoes gained 10¢/20¢ per 100 pounds at northern shipping stations, reaching \$1.05 to \$1.25, sacked. The carrot market in Chicago held at \$2.25 to \$2.50. Other middle-western wholesale markets were steady at \$1.30 to \$1.60. Round whites advanced 20¢/25¢ at New York shipping stations, closing around \$1.25, sacked. Bulk stock advanced 20¢/40¢ in New York, reaching \$1.00 to \$1.10. Main Green Mountains gained 10¢/20¢ f. o. b. closing \$5.00 to \$5.15, bulk. Sacked stock advanced 10¢/15¢ in Boston to a close of \$1.40 to \$1.50.

Shipments of late potatoes increased rapidly. The total movement was 3342 cars, compared with 2388 the preceding week and with 2481 during the corresponding week last year. Minnesota and Wisconsin have been shipping heavily. New York and Maine also showed moderate increases.

APPLE MARKETS EAST ARE FIRMER

Prices Influenced by Better Export Demand—Oregon Newsweek at Auction.

Apples moved about as usual in the local market with the demand chiefly for reasonably priced fruit. Prices were not materially changed. The market for red stock was scarce and some dealers asked \$3.00 for Winesap of the best grade.

In the country sales were small but the market was firm on Winesap. Wenatchee sold extra fancy large at \$2.60; medium to large at \$2.25, fancy at \$2.25 to \$2.50, 15 cent five tier extra fancy at \$2.20, fancy at \$1.40 to \$1.90, and five-tier choice at 70 cents. In the Yakima section 10 per cent five-tier Winesap, extra fancy brought \$2.25 to \$2.40, extra fancy choice \$1.75 to \$1.90, all five-tier extra fancy, good sizes \$1.00, small sizes \$1.15 to \$1.25, and fancy \$1.15 to \$1.25.

Boned apples were steady to firm in the eastern markets. At the New York auction the following lots of Oregon Newsweek were sold: One car extra fancy large, \$2.05 to \$2.55, medium \$2.00 to \$2.30, mostly \$2.25 to \$2.45, small one lot \$2.35, large \$2.30 to \$2.55, small one lot \$2.35, medium \$1.75 to \$2.45, large \$2.25 to \$2.35, small lot \$2.30 to \$2.55, medium \$2.40 to \$2.60, mostly \$2.35, small lot \$2.35.

At the Boston auction, Oregon Newsweek, extra fancy all sizes, sold at \$2.75 to \$3.00, averaging \$2.90.

Homes sold throughout the middle west at \$3.00 to \$3.50 for extra fancy, and Jonathan, extra fancy, \$2.50 to \$3.00, prices to jobbers.

Barreled apples, mostly Baldwin, Baldwin apples continued to advance at western New York shipping points, stock from cold storage gaining 25¢/50¢ per barrel f. o. b., reaching \$4.75 to \$5.00. Local wholesale markets ranged about 50¢ higher at \$5.00 to \$5.25. A better export demand for apples has been noted at considerable increase in domestic markets. Liverpool quoted sales of New York Baldwin at \$7.50 to \$8.00 per barrel for the week ending March 7, as compared with a range of \$7.75 to \$8.25 during the week ending February 22.

Shipments of boxed apples totaled 553 cars, compared with 533 the previous week and with 708 during the corresponding week a year ago. The movement of barreled stock was 847 cars, compared with 801 the preceding week and with 612 during the corresponding week last year.

WHEAT PRICE 3 TO 4 CENTS LOWER

Market Declines Sharply Because of Break in the East.

Wheat prices dropped sharply yesterday as a consequence of the break in the east. Little business was reported at any point. At the Merchants' Exchange, all wholesale grades were down 3 cents and red wheat 4 cents on bid.

Course grains were also weak. White oats were unchanged but offers for gray were reduced 50¢/60¢. Brewing barley and bulk yellow corn declined 50 cents.

The second official forecast of the wheat crop in the central Indian provinces and Beral give the area of wheat as 18 per cent below last year.

Australia's wheat shipments in the past week amounted to 3,545,000 bushels.

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

Wheat Barley Flour Oats Hay				
Portland—				
tuesday	27	4	1	1
ar ago	20	7	1	5
n to this	2	15	11	95
ar ago	129	112	1	47
n to d'te.12.50	203	611	413	1920
ar ago	169	3203	411	1018
Tacoma—				
today	3	1	2	
ar ago	33	20	1	2
n to date.3728	47	738	105	736
ar ago	5961	72	2273	155
Seattle—				
today	4	1	4	2
ar ago	13	5		
n to date.3984	788	300	320	1135