

THE WHEAT MARKETS

UNIFORM SACKS FOR POTATOES

System of Handling Stock Here in Vogue Now Does Not Meet With Favor.

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS.
New system for potatoes. Potato market firmer. Local eggs are easier. Eastern eggs are holding. Turkeys are coming again. Milk fight has been started. Bananas come in fair shape. Strawberries from Los Angeles. California tomatoes higher. Bell peppers stringing advice.

New Potato Selling System.

The present method of selling potatoes in this market is not satisfactory to any interest is known by all but to date there has been no combined effort to change conditions. The market showing all sorts of weights; some scarcely 100 pounds, while others showing 150 pounds. The producer, as an exception to the rule as most sacks weigh around 110 and 115 pounds each. As potatoes sell generally in this market at so much per sack at wholesale and so much per sack at retail the troubles of the trade can therefore be seen in the fact that the producer on the other hand receives so much per pound and as far as he is concerned the present method is the best and most profitable. That there must be a change of some sort in the system is believed by most interests for the reason that the producer and it is quite possible that the Retail Grocers' association may take some action on the matter in the near future. Retailers claim it is not to them to be compelled to sell potatoes by the sack and buy them by the pound. If the seller of potatoes at \$1.35 per sack his competitor must of necessity meet this value and unless all sacks are uniform in weight some one is going to lose most of his profits. It is now proposed to have all sacks of potatoes weigh just 100 pounds. Whether the producer will fall in line with this idea remains to be seen.

Potato Market Is Firmer.

There is a firmer tone in the local potato market at this time and prices have stiffened somewhat in a jobbing demand from the south is increasing somewhat for the better grade. The price of potatoes at \$1.35 per sack is a great improvement in local shipments. Growers as a rule are firm in their views—most of them having a change of heart during the past week. Early Rose for seed are in liberal demand but apples are freely offering a pound they are unable to fill the bulk of their orders from the south. The market for sweet potatoes is rather firm with best stock holding at \$2.

Local Eggs Are Easier.

While receipts of local eggs are not showing any heavy crop, the coming forward is greater than during recent weeks. The quality is greatly improved for this reason. Because of the larger supply of eggs for sale, dealers are not buying so freely with the expectation of a lower range of value. Various varieties are still selling some dealers charging as high as 42½¢ while others say they are selling as low as 40¢. The market for select stock is going at the lower figure.

Chicken Market Is Easier.

There is a market feeling in the local chicken market and sales are being made around 12½¢ with the market not very attractive at that figure. The demand for sweet corn is steady to firm although some interests say that with the slight increase in cream supply they do not think it will be as firm as formerly. No change in values today. Cheese is quoted firm and rather scarce for best quality. No change in price.

Strawberries Are Coming Again.

Two refrigerator crates of strawberries were among the rail arrivals from Los Angeles. Bell at 25¢ per ½ dozen box.

Four Cars of Bananas were Unloaded this Morning.

Fair shape. Generally ripe. Bell peppers from Los Angeles are quoted higher, 20¢ a pound today. The additional decline in a case in pioneer milk on Saturday is said to be merely the opening stunt in a fierce war for control of the Pacific coast trade.

Front Street Sells at the Following Prices.

Those who ship are less regular commissions:

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.
BUTTER—Extra creamy, 37¢; fancy 38¢; 1st, 36¢; store, 35¢.
EGGS—Local fresh, 35¢; sour, 33¢; 1st, 32¢.
POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12¢; 12¢; hens, 12¢; roosters, 10¢; 11¢; fryers, 12¢; broilers, 14¢; 14¢; ducks, 10¢; geese, 11¢; turkeys, 12¢; dressed, 30¢; 22¢; spring ducks, 14¢; 15¢; pigeons, squabs, \$2.00; 2.50 per pair; old, \$1.00; dressed poultry, 1¢ higher.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 15¢; 16¢; Young American, 14¢; 15¢.

EGGS—Local fresh, 40¢; 42¢ per doz; eastern, 30¢; 35¢.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Wilmington valley, 15¢; HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 7½¢; 8¢; prime to choice, 7½¢; 8¢; medium, 6½¢; 7¢.

GRAIN—Shearing, 10¢; 11¢; each; short wool, 25¢; 26¢; medium wool, 20¢; 21¢; long wool, 75¢; 80¢; 1st, 75¢.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18¢; 19¢.
FALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3¢; 4¢; No. 2, 2½¢; 3¢.

CHITAM BARK—Old, 4¢; 5¢; new, 4½¢; 5½¢.

DRESSES—Dry hides, 15¢; 16¢; green, 8¢; 9¢; bull, green, 5¢; 6¢; lb; mps, 8¢; calves, green, 12¢; 13¢ per lb.

GRAIN, Flour and Taxy.

BARLEY—Feed, \$2.50; 2.75; rolled, 3.25; 3.50; brewing, 4.75.
PORTLAND—Club, 91¢; brewer, 95¢; 97¢; fortyfold, 92¢; red, 89¢; Willamette valley, 91¢.

MILLS—Selling price—Eastern Oregon, \$2.00; straight, \$4.05; 4.75; 5.00; 5.25; 5.50; 5.75; 6.00; 6.25; 6.50; 6.75; 7.00; 7.25; 7.50; 7.75; 8.00; 8.25; 8.50; 8.75; 9.00; 9.25; 9.50; 9.75; 10.00; 10.25; 10.50; 10.75; 11.00; 11.25; 11.50; 11.75; 12.00; 12.25; 12.50; 12.75; 13.00; 13.25; 13.50; 13.75; 14.00; 14.25; 14.50; 14.75; 15.00; 15.25; 15.50; 15.75; 16.00; 16.25; 16.50; 16.75; 17.00; 17.25; 17.50; 17.75; 18.00; 18.25; 18.50; 18.75; 19.00; 19.25; 19.50; 19.75; 20.00; 20.25; 20.50; 20.75; 21.00; 21.25; 21.50; 21.75; 22.00; 22.25; 22.50; 22.75; 23.00; 23.25; 23.50; 23.75; 24.00; 24.25; 24.50; 24.75; 25.00; 25.25; 25.50; 25.75; 26.00; 26.25; 26.50; 26.75; 27.00; 27.25; 27.50; 27.75; 28.00; 28.25; 28.50; 28.75; 29.00; 29.25; 29.50; 29.75; 30.00; 30.25; 30.50; 30.75; 31.00; 31.25; 31.50; 31.75; 32.00; 32.25; 32.50; 32.75; 33.00; 33.25; 33.50; 33.75; 34.00; 34.25; 34.50; 34.75; 35.00; 35.25; 35.50; 35.75; 36.00; 36.25; 36.50; 36.75; 37.00; 37.25; 37.50; 37.75; 38.00; 38.25; 38.50; 38.75; 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