

THE WHEAT MARKET

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TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS
Many hop contracts written.
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Poultry continues good.
Hog market is quiet.
Fish supplies are scant.
Prune market is firmer.
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Prune Market Is Firmer.
While there is only a fractional increase in firmness for prunes on the Pacific coast, eastern demand is considerably improved and prices are showing a disposition to advance. It is stated that demand for Oregon Italian prunes in the east is now the best for the season and with small holdings here, as compared with last year, the price on the coast should make some sort of response.

Many Hop Contracts Written.
Dealers continue to make many contracts for the coming crop of hops. It is stated that as high as 11c a pound has been paid for straight three year contracts. This is the highest transaction reported thus far this season and shows the fear of the short seller. Reports of "blowups" continue to come and a number of valley producers have recently made an assertion that they would not stay in the business no matter what price was offered this season, because it only continued the agony. Not only are short sellers making contracts for the coming and the next three crops because most of their contracts have that long to run, but some are said to be negotiating for the rental of some of the best yards at prices that will pay the owner about half as much as if he turned the land into some other line.

Spot Hops Are Being Offered.
Spot hops are being offered the trade by very few holders but choice stock is not obtainable at the price offered by buyers—\$8.00. It is stated, however, that one large deal is under way whereby \$10 a pound will be paid for present holdings of 1900 and 1901 for the coming crop.

Fish Supplies Are Scant.
Supplies of fresh salmon are scant in the local market and the trade has been compelled to take on some storage goods. This latter is of unusually good quality and appearance this season and as soon as the trade recognizes the fact the demand will be considerably increased.

No smelt are coming forward although some small catches are reported in the Columbia.

Egg Market Is Erratic.
Trading in the egg market is rather erratic these days. Late yesterday afternoon sales of fresh stock were made as low as 20c with some transactions around 20c and 21c. Even with the lower prices the market has reached such a level that the trade does not expect anything unusual to happen to prices. Prices today on the street today range between 20c in large lots to 20c and 21c for single cases.

Peanut Combine Forces Prices.
While the peanut market on the coast is still rather slow and dull because of the heavy offerings of foreign stock, the market in the east is in good shape, with prices being manipulated in Virginia. On this latter condition the points point to a firmer tone on the coast.

Market for Walnuts Is Very Soft
with all sorts of values in effect.

Bird Notes of Wholesale Trade.
Chicken supplies not up to demand, even at present high prices. Value on broilers is slightly advanced from the low level.

Dressed meats hold very firm with some sales of hogs up to 9c a pound.

A car of raisins from California, which had been on the track here for about a week, was released today. Market shot to pieces.

Asparagus supplies are very liberal. Country trade is improving, according to orders coming into the wholesale grocery houses.

Hide market is still dull. No change in price.

Potatoes are firmer with no change in either buying or selling price today.

Ripe bananas are very scarce and the price is being easily maintained at 5c a pound.

Front street sells at the following prices. Those paid shippers are less regular commissions:

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.
BUTTER—Extra creamery, 35c; fancy, 32c; store, 18c.
BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 34c; sour, 22c; lb.

EGGS—Local best, 20c; 21c.
CHEESE—Pammy full cream flint, 17c; triplets and daisies, 17c; Young Americans, 18c; storage twins, 16c; triplets and daisies, 17c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 15c; 16c; fancy hens, 16c; 17c; roosters, 12c; 13c; fryers, 14c; 15c; broilers, 14c; 15c; geese, 11c; turkeys, 16c; 17c; 18c; dressed, 22c; 23c; ducks, 18c; 20c; pigeons, 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

Wool—1900—Willamette valley, 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

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PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.
Hogs, Cattle, Sheep.
Saturday 230 62
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Thursday 100 100
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Monday 100 100
Total 1189 758 936

Portland Union Stockyards, March 13.
While there was no change in livestock quotations today, a slightly better feeling is noted in cattle. Killers have again entered the market on a small scale to be sure, but they have nevertheless decided to buy again and this is one consolation to those who have had supplies during the past three or four days and could not sell them.

Other lines remain as previously quoted.
J. L. Baker of Caldwell, Idaho, shipped two loads of cattle to the local market.
Today's run of livestock compares with this day in recent years as follows:
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