

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD'S MARKETS

POTATO GROWERS GETTING UP TO \$2 THIS SEASON

Asks Asking Double What Dealers Can Pay, Therefore the Trade Is Tied Up; General Outlook Is for \$1.25.

Potato growers are getting extremely excited over prospective price advances and some are now said to be holding for 2¢ per cwt. Dealers are offering no higher than \$1 per cwt. for immediate delivery even for selected stock at country points, therefore holders are asking twice as much as the market will give. It is stated that \$1.25 a cwt. has been paid at country points during the past few days for late delivery for seed purposes, but no far as known no transactions above \$1 have been closed for actual consumptive demand.

It is now a certainty that California will be compelled to seek elsewhere for its potato supplies shortly after the turn of the year. After the holidays it is expected that every California potato firm of importance will have a representative at Portland in order to keep in closer touch with the Oregon situation. It is now generally agreed among the trade that the price of potatoes will reach above \$1 this season, but figures of this kind are merely a guess and are given for what they are worth. The trade in general believes that potatoes will go as far as \$1.25 per cwt., although some are pushing a quarter above this, therefore even the more bullish of the dealers are unable to get within sight of the price to be demanded by many growers.

"As long as our growers keep their ideas not higher than \$1.25 per cwt. they will be satisfied," said a well known bull interest, "but when they talk of \$2 they are simply getting out of the right track. The east has a good crop of potatoes—a very good average one, I might say—and it is not likely therefore that values there will climb very high. Colorado has a very good crop, growers have a 75¢ freight rate to the Pacific coast, therefore it is a very good gamble to say that potatoes here will go to \$1.25.

"California must purchase potatoes elsewhere this season and from what I know that state will take all we can offer providing we don't get out ideas to a famine basis. Where California dealers will purchase the bulk of their crop this season cannot say, but this state holds its prices proper the demand will come here as long as we have potatoes to offer.

The following shows the potato crop of the far western states for the past two seasons and likewise the total crop of the United States. Figures are furnished by the bureau of statistics, department of agriculture and are in bushels:

1910	1909	
Oregon	4,200,000	7,360,000
California	7,500,000	5,600,000
Washington	1,000,000	5,770,000
Idaho	3,400,000	5,900,000
Nevada	450,000	450,000
Utah	1,000,000	2,700,000
Colorado	6,400,000	10,400,000
N. Mexico	34,000	85,000
Wyoming	1,045,000	1,850,000
Montana	2,540,000	5,500,000
Total	33,204,000	46,955,000
Total U. S.	33,275,000	57,377,000

Pink Beans Advanced Again.

Another advance of a quarter cent was added to the price of pink beans here today owing to sharp lifts in the California price.

Lettuce Is Lower.

With larger supplies of lettuce coming forward the price along Front street is lower for California head. Front street is hard to sell at any price.

Show Apples on Sale.

Apples from the show here were offering in the front street trade today around \$2.50 for best. General apple trade severely dull.

Chickens Cleaning Up.

Chickens are cleaning up well in the front street market and prices are maintained. Turkeys are slow, but moving forward but there is only a limited call.

Oranges and Lemons Low.

Both oranges and lemons are quoted low by the local trade. Lemons range from 45¢ downward to 45¢, while oranges sell from 24.50 to 27.75 according to size.

Talk of Higher Sweets.

Trade here is talking of still further advances in the price of sweet potatoes. Price generally today is 33¢ per cwt. but 35¢ is talked of.

Spinach From South.

Spinach from Los Angeles is coming forward in good condition. Selling generally at 50¢ a dozen bunches.

FRONT STREET QUOTATIONS

Wool, Hops, Hides, etc.

Wool—Nominal, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880, 1879, 1878, 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1867, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1861, 1860, 1859, 1858, 1857, 1856, 1855, 1854, 1853, 1852, 1851, 1850, 1849, 1848, 1847, 1846, 1845, 1844, 1843, 1842, 1841, 1840, 1839, 1838, 1837, 1836, 1835, 1834, 1833, 1832, 1831, 1830, 1829, 1828, 1827, 1826, 1825, 1824, 1823, 1822, 1821, 1820, 1819, 1818, 1817, 1816, 1815, 1814, 1813, 1812, 1811, 1810, 1809, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1805, 1804, 1803, 1802, 1801, 1800, 1799, 1798, 1797, 1796, 1795, 1794, 1793, 1792, 1791, 1790, 1789, 1788, 1787, 1786, 1785, 1784, 1783, 1782, 1781, 1780, 1779, 1778, 1777, 1776, 1775, 1774, 1773, 1772, 1771, 1770, 1769, 1768, 1767, 1766, 1765, 1764, 1763, 1762, 1761, 1760, 1759, 1758, 1757, 1756, 1755, 1754, 1753, 1752, 1751, 1750, 1749, 1748, 1747, 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