

LOOKS LIKE PRICE OF CHICKEN HAS ABOUT REACHED UP NOTCH

Market Not Quite So Active Although It Is Not as Yet Showing Weakness; Receipts Are to Govern the Coming Trade.

Portland Wholesale Market.
Eggs softer.
Chickens reach top.
Turkeys remain dull.
Hog contracts firm.
Large oranges scarce.
Dressed meats firm.
Butter market slower.
Butter market firmer.

The chicken market seems to have reached its highest price on the present movement, according to indications, noted during the past 24 hours. While there has been no concession in price and receipts are moving off about as rapidly as they come forward inquiries are not so liberal. Sixteen cents a pound is still available for selected fowls but this is the extreme limit and buyers no longer offer it for anything except that which is extra scarce.

Big buyers seem determined to break the market and are holding off their purchases as much as possible in order to influence the trade as much as possible. The same interests who beat down the turkey market because no others had the nerve for killing stock, are said to be back of the present movement to depress chicken values.

Interests have agreed to keep the price of the chicken market at the high mark this week and that next week's trade will be influenced entirely by arrivals. As a rule there are very heavy offerings following an unusually high price.

EGG MARKET IS SOFTER

A slightly weaker tone is showing in the egg trade, and prices are being shaded by some interests. While 35c is obtained once in a while for a single case transaction, buyers of greater volume will not pay above 35c, and some are insisting that they can get all they want at 34c.

DRESSED MEATS HOLDING

Market for dressed meats is holding well. Top prices are still being realized in all lines. The hog trade has received further benefits from the advance in the livestock trade.

Veal offerings are quite fair, but the market retains its former great strength.

LARGE ORANGES SCARCE

Large sized oranges are rather scarce and are commanding a premium. The scarcity is due to the lack of rains in the south, when the fruit was growing.

ONIONS GO UP ON STREET

Following the sharp rise of 25c in the price of onions yesterday by the Confederated Growers' association, there came a general boost in quotations from street. Best stock is now being quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.85 per cental.

RAZOR CLAMS SCARCE AGAIN

The temporary offering of razor clams has subsided, and there was another famine in the wholesale market today. Receipts yesterday were sufficient so that a large portion of the retail trade has its needs for the day.

CELERY FIRM AT ADVANCE

At the \$5 mark, trade in celery is very firm. The market remains unsupplied, and for that reason there is talk of a further rise in the jobbing price here. According to buyers, the high price in the south is much greater in proportion than the rise here.

FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau sends out the following notice to shippers:

Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 25 degrees; northeast to Spokane, zero; south to Boise, 32 degrees; south to Siskiyou, 32 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 28 degrees.

PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES

Grain, Flour and Hay.
These prices are those which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated:

WHEAT.—Producers' price nominal; trade delivery, club, 80c; bluestem, 82c; fortyfold, 80c; Willamette valley, 81c; red Russian, 79c; Turkey red 82c.

BARLEY.—Producers' price—1911 crop, \$3.00; rolled, \$3.00; brewing, \$3.00; 40.00.

OATS.—Producers' price—Track No. 1, spot delivery, white, \$3.50; gray, \$3.40; Idaho, \$1.17; mixed, \$1.18; clover, \$1.11; wheat, \$1.11; cheat, \$1.11; alfalfa, \$1.20; oats, \$1.11.

FLOUR.—Producers' price—Patents, \$4.50; Willamette, \$4.50 per barrel; local straight, \$4.05; 42.5; bakers', \$4.30; 45.0; export grades, \$3.50.

BUTTER.—Extra creamery, cubes and tubs, 18c; prints, 19c; ordinary prints, 16c; dairy, 17c.

BUTTER.—Producers' price—F. O. B. Portland, per pound, 28c.

EGGS.—Local, extras, 34c; 40c; spot, buying price, 33c; F. O. B. Portland, April, 35c.

POULTRY.—Fancy hen, 10c lb.; spring, 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; 101c; 102c; 103c; 104c; 105c; 106c; 107c; 108c; 109c; 110c; 111c; 112c; 113c; 114c; 115c; 116c; 117c; 118c; 119c; 120c; 121c; 122c; 123c; 124c; 125c; 126c; 127c; 128c; 129c; 130c; 131c; 132c; 133c; 134c; 135c; 136c; 137c; 138c; 139c; 140c; 141c; 142c; 143c; 144c; 145c; 146c; 147c; 148c; 149c; 150c; 151c; 152c; 153c; 154c; 155c; 156c; 157c; 158c; 159c; 160c; 161c; 162c; 163c; 164c; 165c; 166c; 167c; 168c; 169c; 170c; 171c; 172c; 173c; 174c; 175c; 176c; 177c; 178c; 179c; 180c; 181c; 182c; 183c; 184c; 185c; 186c; 187c; 188c; 189c; 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