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Weak Domestic Markets and an Increased Visible Supply Weakened Wheat.

THAT CEREAL OPENED LESS BULLISH

Bulls in Corn Were Somewhat Uneasy Over the Quantity of that Article They Had Purchased the Day Before.

CHICAGO. Oct. 31.—Weak domestic markets and an increased world's visible grain supply weakened wheat today and took off the price for December. Corn followed, closing 3¢ for May, and May oats sympathized to the extent of 3¢. Provisions were flat but firm and slightly higher.

Wheat was up 1¢, though it was at the close of the market. It yielded 1¢ of its price at the start after some little buying against puts had caused a recovery of the last 3¢. It gained once more to its opening price. The weaker feeling was due principally to what was expected would be the bearish effect of Bradstreet's visible supply report, but trading upon expectation was restricted by the invention. Before the close there was a break of 3¢ in the price of May corn, reckoning from the highest point it had touched in the first half hour, that brought about a heavier feeling in wheat and a decline in the latter to 5¢ for May. It had opened at 57¢, and sold as high as from 57¢ to 57½¢ December, which was 52¢, not down to from 52½¢ to 52½¢ on the decline just referred to, and it was swinging around that bottom price of the former when the market closed.

The looked-for increase in the world's visible supply somewhat more advanced, foreign buying and good local covering, and a decline in the latter to 5¢ for May. It showed a good increase in the world, or 45,000 bu. The selling increased for a few moments. December closed at 57¢; May, 57½¢; and May oats, 52¢, and May to 54¢.

This was followed by a quick but short-lived spurt to 58¢ for May, and was then succeeded by a quiet decline to 52½¢, and from 52½¢ to 52¢ December finished at 52¢ and May at 52¢.

A steady decline in wheat and oats had bought yesterday was observable in the action of the bulls in that article. Offerings for the new delivery were rather freer than for others on the day, and a promise of dry and cooler weather removed some of the apprehension which Country offerings of new corn for forward delivery were said to be more liberal and steady was made to cover short sales made at higher prices, and sales of new corn. May opened at 51¢, with sales at the same time at from 51¢ to 51½¢, after a slight dip at 51¢.

After that and became heavier. After a few weak and poorly sustained rallies it fell to 50¢, and winding up at from 50¢ to 50½¢.

Following corn in its fluctuations and meeting with a very poor sale, the oats were also very poor, underwriting. May throughout today's entire session showed a shade easier at 52¢, touched at 52½¢, and sold down to 52½¢, where it closed.

In previous somes disposition was shown to cover previous short sales, but advantage was taken of the time to renew the selling. The fluctuations were continuing.

Provisions were mentioned as having been a shade easier at 52½¢, touched at 52½¢, and sold down to 52½¢, where it closed.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat No. 2	51½	51½	51¼-51½	51½
Oct.	51½	51½	51¼-51½	51½
May	52½	52½	52½-52½	52½
Corn No. 2	57½	57½	57½-57½	57½
Oct.	58	58	58-58	58
Nov.	52½	52½	52½-52½	52½
Dec.	51½	51½	51½-51½	51½
May	51½	51½	50½-51½	50½
Corn No. 2	28½	28½	28½-28½	28½
Oct.	28½	28½	28½-28½	28½
Nov.	28	28	28-28	28
Dec.	27	27	27-27	27
May	26	26	26-26	26
Short Ribs	6	6	6-6	6
Jan.	6	6	6-6	6
Pork	5½	5½	5½-5½	5½
Lard	11.85	11.92	11.82	11.82
Lard, 100 lbs.	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65
May	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65
Short Ribs	6.25	6.25	6.15	6.15
Jan.	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.97

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR-Easy. NEW YORK. No. 3 spring, 52¢; No. 3 spring, 51¢; No. 3 winter, 49¢.

COHES. No. 2, 57½¢; No. 3, yellow, 56¢.

COHES. No. 2, white, 54¢; No. 3, yellow, 56¢.

RYE. No. 2, 6¢.

RYE. No. 2, 3¢; No. 3, 3¢; No. 4, 4¢.

FLAX-Seed. No. 1, 40¢; No. 1.

PROVISIONS-Meats pork, per lb., \$1.00.

12½¢. lard, per 100 lbs., 57¢; short ribs, sides, 52¢; bacon, 50¢; ham, 50¢.

PROVISIONS-short clear sides, 56¢.

HAY-Dried, packing, 45¢/lb.; good to choice.

HAY-Weak, state common to fair, old, 25¢.

HIDE-Firm, wet salted New Orleans, see.

LEATHER-Quiet but steady; horsehair sole.

WOOL-Ready, downy, heavy weight.

WOOD-Solid, steady; pine, 5¢/lb.

PROVISIONS-Best, quiet, choice, 56¢/lb.

PIG-Oil, 200 lbs.

PIG-OIL-Bull, Scotch, 12¢/lb.

COPPER-Closed dull; brokers' price, 50¢; export price for spot, 50¢; 50¢/lb.

12½¢. December, closing N.Y., 51¢; 51½¢.

LEAD-Closed firm for spot steel, for futures, 35¢; closed quiet; barely steady; November, 45¢; December, 45¢.

WHISKY-Distillers' finished goods, per gal.

SUGARS-Cut, loose, 55¢; granulated, \$4.35.

STARCH-Cut, 55¢.

SOAPS-For soap, 5¢/lb.

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