

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Fine Growing Weather Caused a Sharp Decline in Wheat.

CORN MARKET WAS HEAVY ALL DAY

In Provisions There Was an Absence of the Strain Which for a Week Has Prevailed Between Longs and Shorrs.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Fine growing and sealing weather, reported from the wheat states, together with liberal liquidations, caused another sharp decline in wheat today. It opened and closed weakly, closed at \$13.00, or 11¢ lower yesterday, and July at \$13.00, 11¢ below yesterday. Corn was weakly, with watery productions of the weakness of wheat.

There was a good wheat trade. The feature was the free selling of May. Liquidation being quite pronounced early in the day, several of the larger commission houses being active on the selling side. The May-July spread widened a little, being at 11¢ to 12¢. The influence at hand at the start was the British buying coming week. Liverpool buying off from 1d to 3d according to public advices, and Berlin was from 14d mark to 16d mark lower. The weather was more favorable, fair and cool conditions prevailing in the spring wheat states, and reports were received from both Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. The predictions by the signal service, were better, fair and more favorable, than before, in the Indiana and Minnesota, with showers in Illinois, and generally fair conditions elsewhere in the country, and was subjected to a good deal of hammering by one or two heavy local traders, on the expectation that the receipts would be more considerable than at 20¢ or 30¢ below yesterday, sold at from 29¢ to 29¢ and from that down to 29¢ at the close.

Barley, which came from the market May, opened unchanged at 10¢, went to 10¢ and ended with 10¢ bid. Barley was principally in the hands of exchange firms. At 10¢ early at the close, and later at 10¢ spread.

In provisions there was a marked rise of the last week, which has been observed between the longs and the shorts in pork. In fact that article was given the second place in the market during the closing of the season when owing to the break in grain prices some of the scalpers were induced to put their shorts. The decline in price at the close was steady. Lard, compared with yesterday's price, is 10¢ lower for July, and July ribs suffered no equal extension.

Estimated returns for tomorrow: Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 220 cars; oats, 129 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Articles	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	100	100	100	100	100
May	644	644	624	624	624
June	644	644	634	634	634
Sept.	666	666	644	644	644
Corn No. 2	100	100	100	100	100
July	204	204	204	204	204
Aug.	204	204	194	194	194
Sept.	204	204	194	194	194
Corn No. 3	100	100	100	100	100
July	105	105	105	105	105
Aug.	204	204	194	194	194
Sept.	204	204	194	194	194
Pork	485	485	485	485	485
April	4,274	4,30	4,25	4,25	4,25
May	4,274	4,30	4,25	4,25	4,25
June	4,274	4,30	4,25	4,25	4,25
July	4,274	4,30	4,25	4,25	4,25
Aug.	4,274	4,30	4,25	4,25	4,25
Sept.	4,274	4,30	4,25	4,25	4,25
Fork hams	8,50	8,524	8,424	8,45	8,45
April	8,50	8,524	8,424	8,45	8,45
May	8,50	8,524	8,424	8,45	8,45
June	8,724	8,75	8,674	8,70	8,70
Lard 100 lbs	4.85	4.874	4.85	4.85	4.85
May	4.85	4.874	4.85	4.85	4.85
June	5.00	5.024	5.00	5.00	5.00
July	4.85	4.874	4.85	4.85	4.85
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