

POTATO OUTLOOK CERTAINLY GOOD FOR GROWERS

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CHICAGO MARKET IS EASIER

Trip Through Box Butte Potato Belt
Last Week by Herald Reporter
Showed Excellent Prospects.

The potato yield in Box Butte county and surrounding counties this fall will be better than last year and according to the present outlook, the prices are going to be much better. A member of The Alliance Herald's editorial force made a trip through the potato belt last Friday and saw thousands of acres of excellent potatoes. The good rains and excellent growing weather have placed the western Nebraska crop in better shape than it has been for several years.

According to The Packer, the potato crop and market report for the past week was as follows:

Chicago Market Easier.

Chicago—The potato market started to ease off late week before last and this weaker tendency continued at the opening of last week with prices running from 50c to 65c under those of the week before.

The first cars of Minnesota early Ohios arrived on Monday but on Tuesday ten cars came in from the early sand land districts of that state and it is expected that the receipts from Minnesota will increase from this time on. From reports reaching Chicago, the quality of the Minnesota potatoes is very satisfactory this season and a fairly large movement is expected.

Tuesday the market was weaker with Kaw valley early Ohios bringing \$2.15@2.30 per cwt.; Louisiana Triumphs brot \$2.30@2.40; Minnesota bulk Early Ohios \$2.40@2.45; St. Louis No. 1 Early Ohios \$2.30@2.40; California White Rose \$2.75 and Virginia Cobblers \$4.50@4.75 per barrel. Receipts were 37 cars.

The market continued weak Wednesday and sales were made on a 15@25c lower basis. This was particularly true of sacked stock; eastern barrels held up better, altho former prices were shaded. New arrivals of sacked stock were reported at 21 cars

and barreled stock 12 cars, making a total of 72 cars on track including broken and unbroken.

The market developed additional weakness Thursday and sales were made on 15@25c lower basis. Receipts were light and demand and movement slow. New arrivals were reported as 22 cars, making a total of 97 cars on track, broken and unbroken.

The market was dull Friday and trading was slow. Receipts were light, about 25 cars.

California Shipments Decreasing.

Los Angeles—White potato shipments from Los Angeles are decreasing. The demand exceeds the supply and the market is very strong with quality and condition fair. Carloads f. o. b., usual terms, White Rose, sacked, per cwt., United States grade No. 1, mostly sell at \$2 with a few as high as \$2.10. Due to the very strong demand in eastern markets it is very difficult to secure good stock for local consumption. Prices have advanced on sales to retailers from \$1.50@1.65 last week to \$2.10@2.20 per cwt. this week. These sales were made by jobbers on odd lots picked up around the country, the quality of which was somewhat inferior to that of two weeks ago. In the country digging is largely over and carlot shipments are rapidly falling off. Growers are receiving \$1.75@1.85 per cwt. for stock of ordinary quality in carlots loaded for eastern shipment f. o. b. loading station. These cars are being quoted out by shippers at \$2@2.10 under an active demand.

This strong demand is partly due to the fact that the crop in the Kaw valley, Kansas, is much lighter than usual and dealers in the middle western territory who are ordinarily supplied from Kansas are seeking California stock this year. The total carlot shipments of the new crop from California up to and including July 23 is 2,556 cars.

Kentucky Potato Movements.

Louisville, Kentucky—Rains early in the week interfered with movement of potatoes from here for a day or two. As the market weakened growers showed a tendency to hold, and few cars were loaded. For a few days the quotation on No. 1 Cobblers was around \$2.60@2.65 per cwt., packed in even weight, 150 pound sacks; bulk \$2.40@2.50.

Prisco Market Steady.

San Francisco — Potatoes still remain strong and active on the wharf with supplies light and with only two or three cars a day reported out of Stockton. Los Angeles, however, seems to be shipping, and heavily, too. New River potatoes were being quoted around \$2.50@2.65 this week with some fancy stock at \$2.75, but dealers generally regard this figure as forced and not a criterion of the market. Receipts for the week amounted to 19,818 sacks.

New Jersey Crop Short.

Bridgeport, N. J.—From present indications the early potato crop of this section will be considerable short of last year's. The largest potato growers here are the Seabrook Farms company and with a large part of its crop under irrigation, the crop will not be more than a third of last year's output. Not only has the recent drought badly affected the crop, but it is felt that the two or three days of extremely warm weather in May by unduly forcing the plants, had much to do with the present conditions.

Ordinarily six or seven potatoes will be found in a hill, but this year three potatoes at the most are on a vine and these so far are mostly poor.

Virginia Price Disappointing.

Norfolk, Va.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 barrels of seed potatoes—the Peachblow—are now in cold storage in Norfolk, ready to go into the ground as fast as the truckers can get ready to plant them. In fact a few farmers have already planted and some of these potatoes are already up. The general price at which these seed potatoes are held is \$6 per barrel.

The early crop is about all dug—probably 50,000 barrels may yet be marketed. The price has been of late a little disappointing as it was necessary that the crop should bring more than \$4 per barrel in New York to cover the cost to make and market the crop. Two years ago the cost was not more than half of \$4 and ten years ago potatoes could be laid down in New York City at \$1.25 and let the grower out without loss, provided his yield was a fair one.

The largest yields this year have been from the later planted fields where homegrown seed was used.

New York Market Lower.

New York City—Receipts of Jersey potatoes are increasing now to a considerable extent and this is having its effect upon stock from the south. Receipts of southern potatoes are running 50 to 60 cars a day, with 8,000 to 10,000 barrels coming on each Old Dominion boat.

There was a good demand Monday at \$4@4.50 for No. 1. No. 2 generally sold at \$2@2.75.

Tuesday, on account of heavy buying Monday, the market dropped 25c to 50c.

The market was lower Wednesday with No. 1 selling at \$3.50@4. Some fancy Long Island potatoes made \$4.50. The top price on Jerseys in 150-pound bags was \$3.50.

Thursday the market was firmer. No. 1 Jerseys, Virginias and other Atlantic coast stock were made at \$3.50@4 with Long Island potatoes bringing up to \$4.25 per barrel or bag.

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South Omaha Live Stock Market

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, July 30.—The week opened with a heavy run of 11,000 head of cattle. Trading on the desirable beef was steady with last week, packers paying as high as \$18.35 for prime offerings. Good to choice 1,200 to 1,500 pound grades was quotable from \$17.50@18.00 with fair to good from \$15.25@17.00. Medium kind of steers were anywhere from 10@25c lower than Friday. Butcher stuff was slow and 15@25c lower, the bulk of the good offerings selling at \$8.25@9.75 with canners and cutters at a spread of \$0.75@8.00.

Quotations on cattle: Choice to prime heaves, \$18.00@18.40; good to choice heaves, \$17.50@18.00; fair to good heaves, \$15.25@17.00; common to fair heaves, \$12.00@15.00; good to choice yearlings, \$16.50@18.00; fair to good yearlings, \$12.75@16.00; common to fair yearlings, \$8.75@11.00; good to choice heifers, \$11.00@13.00; good to choice cows, \$9.50@11.50; fair to good cows, \$8.25@9.25; cutters, \$7.75@8.25; canners, \$6.75@7.50; veal calves, \$9.00@13.50; hologna bulls, \$7.00@9.00; beef bulls, \$9.50@12.50; prime feeders, \$12.50@13.25; good to choice feeders, \$11.00@12.50; fair to good feeders, \$9.00@11.00; good to choice stockers, \$9.50@11.50; fair to good stockers, \$8.50@9.50; common to fair grades, \$7.00@8.00; stock heifers, \$7.50@9.00; stock cows, \$7.00@8.00; good to prime grass heaves, \$15.00@17.50; fair to good grass heaves, \$13.50@15.00; common to fair grass steers, \$9.00@12.75.

Receipts were light in the hog division figured at 4,800 head and while the market was not active at any time sales were anywhere from steady to 20@35c higher. Bulk of the sales were made at \$17.65@18.00 with a top of \$18.50.

Trade was slow in opening in the sheep division on a supply of 14,500 head but when a basis was established western lambs 25@50c below last week's close, best grades reaching \$18.00 and good to choice kinds selling largely at \$17.75@18.00. Aged stock was for the most part steady, best ewes bringing \$12.75 and quotable anywhere from \$10.00@13.00.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice, \$17.00@18.00; lambs, fair to good, \$14.50@17.00; lambs, feeders, \$15.25@16.70; lambs, culls, \$10.00@14.00; yearlings, good to choice, \$13.00@14.50; yearlings, fair to good, \$12.75@13.00; yearlings, choice, light feeding, \$11.25@12.50; yearlings, fair, good, feeding, \$10.75@11.25; ewes, good to choice, \$11.00@13.00; ewes, fair to good, \$10.00@11.00; ewes, culls, \$5.00@7.00.



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NEBRASKA THIRD IN BEEF CATTLE
Recently issued figures of the department of agriculture show that Nebraska stood third in 1917 in the production of beef cattle, and fourth in production of hogs, corn and oats. As a result Omaha jumped from fourth to third place the first half of 1918 in receipts of cattle. Omaha hog receipts increased more than those of any other large market. Omaha jumped from sixth to third place in wheat receipts. From sixth to fifth place in oat receipts. Omaha maintains its position as the second corn market, with a much larger increase than any other large market.

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