

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Chicago Board of Trade Speculators Saw Some Excitement Yesterday.

EVERYTHING FLUCTUATED VERY WILDLY

Wheat Closed Within Half-a-Cent of the Top—The Bulging Was Attributed to the Unseasonable Weather All Over the Country.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 8.—Every storm out west had its counterpart yesterday on the Chicago Board of Trade. Excited operators and ranged prices were the result. Wheat started with strength enough for a 2c advance but left off with a moderate gain on Saturday's closing price. Corn did exactly the reverse of wheat. It had even a wider beginning and jumped up and down like mad, the total advance being 1½c, but the closing was higher of the top. Pork went skyward 17½c.

In what the bulging was attributed to the unseasonable weather all over the country, but particularly in the northwest, where cold, wet and snowy weather has delayed seeding, and the season is late. The wheat market may also have worked in sympathy with corn. The visible supply also showed much big decrease. Early in the day a much larger buying interest was manifested upon, and this helped the market some. Later the market closed off on free speculation offerings, influenced some by more favorable Illinois wheat crop reports.

A report received to the New York Market said that in a few days Russia will begin an effort permitting the export of wheat and that the exports of corn and oats is already permitted, hence to increase the demand.

There was a general idea that the export report due tomorrow afternoon would show an improvement in the status of winter wheat. The rally at the close was due to the fact that the latest estimates from northwest and south were not available. The market was drenched with the influence of the whole wheat territory.

For corn it was almost a case of buy it first and inquire the price afterwards. May, which on Saturday closed at 44c, was being elected up 1c for 45c and with some for sale.

Specie—Quiet; steady and quiet; no sales reported.

Molasses—Foreign, quiet; New Orleans dull but steady.

Petroleum—Dull and unsettled; crude in tanks, Parkers, \$3.40; crude in bulk, \$2.90; refined, New York, \$3.40; Philadelphia and Baltimore, \$3.40; tank, \$3.40; United closed at 3.45 for June.

Cottonseed Oil—Quiet but firm.

Turpentine—Quiet and easy at 33¢/34¢. Eggs—Steady; western, 33¢/34¢. Receipts 7,000 bushels.

Hides—Steady.

Cut Meats—Strong, wanted; pickled bellies, 64¢; ham, quiet; short ham, 64¢; bacon, 64¢; ham, 64¢; bacon, 64¢; short ham, 64¢; bacon, 64¢.

Butter—Fair, demand, steady; western, 33¢/34¢; eastern, 33¢/34¢.

Freights were quiet and easy at 4c for wheat and 1½c for corn to Buffalo and 1½c for corn to Toledo.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 12,000 carloads; corn, 330 carloads; oats, 24 carloads; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
WHEAT NO. 2	\$36.65/33	\$36.80	\$36.75	\$36.80
June	36.65/33	36.80	36.75	36.80
July	36.65/33	36.80	36.75	36.80
Corn No. 2	46.47/4	46.47	46.45	46.45
May	46.47/4	46.47	46.45	46.45
June	46.47/4	46.47	46.45	46.45
OATS NO. 2	30.46/31	31.31	30.94	30.94
May	30.46/31	31.31	30.94	30.94
July	30.46/31	31.31	30.94	30.94
MESS FORK	9.55	9.65	9.55	9.65
July	9.55	9.65	9.55	9.65
Sept.	9.55	10.05	9.55	10.05
LARD	6.25	6.25	6.20	6.25
May	6.25	6.25	6.20	6.25
June	6.25	6.25	6.20	6.25
Short Ribs	6.47	6.50	6.45	6.50
May	6.47	6.50	6.45	6.50
July	6.47	6.50	6.45	6.50
BEEF	5.82/5	5.90	5.82	5.90
Sept.	5.82/5	5.90	5.82	5.90
Sept.	6.00	6.05	6.00	6.05

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Heatherton; some dealers asking 10c advance.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 32¢; No. 3 spring, 78¢/60¢; No. 2 red, 50¢/52¢.

Corn—Higher, No. 2, 46c; No. 3 yellow, 46c; No. 4 white, 31¢/32¢; No. 2 white, 32¢/33¢; No. 3 white, 31¢/32¢.

Rye—No. 2, 78¢/80¢; No. 3 f. o. b., 49¢/50¢; No. 4, 49¢/50¢; No. 5, 49¢/50¢.

Bailey—No. 2, 62¢; No. 3 f. o. b., 49¢/50¢; No. 4, 49¢/50¢; No. 5, 49¢/50¢.

Timothy—Seed, 19¢/21¢; grass, 19¢/21¢.

Flax Seed—Prime, H. 35¢/38¢; good, 30¢/32¢; short clear sides, 30¢/32¢; short clear sides, boxed, 36¢/38¢; short clear sides, boxed, 36¢/38¢.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., \$1.10.

Gardens—Unchanged; cut hort., 5½c; granulated, 4½c; standard "A," 4½c.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES	RECEIPTS, SHIPMENTS
Flour, barrels	14,000
Wheat, bushels	17,000
Oats, bushels	25,000
Rye, bushels	10,000
Bailey	4,000
Timothy	10,000

On the produce exchange today the butter market was quiet, fair creamery, 16¢/20¢; fine western, 17½¢; ordinary, 16¢/18¢; fine dairies, 18¢/20¢. Eggs, firm at 40¢.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 9.—FLOUR—Firm, but not higher.

Wheat—Up 1c; higher and advanced 4c more later; firm, up 1c; higher and other bearish influences carried prices down. But the close was only 4c above.

Corn—Active and higher, especially for July and closed up 2c; after it dropped 4c and closed 3d and corn 6d. Barley, tens and peats were quiet.

Cotton—Unchanged; wheat and corn closed 4c above Saturday; No. 2 cash and May, 3½c; No. 3 cash, 3½c.

Dull, offered at 32¢ without buyers.

Bacon—Firm, 64¢/65¢.

Lard—Steady at 40¢/41¢.

Bacon, unchanced; creamery, 16¢/18¢; dairy, 16¢/18¢.

Eggs—Unchanged; 40¢/41¢.

BAGGING—Quiet and unchanged at 6½¢/8¢.

IRON OTTER TIRES—Quiet and unchanged; 40¢/41¢.

Pork—Unchanged.

LARD—Unchanged.

COTTON—Quiet; dry salt shoulders, loose, 16¢/18¢; long and crimp, 15½¢; shorts, 16¢/18¢; boxed lots 16¢/18¢. Bacon—Shoulders, 8½¢/10¢; long and crimp, 8½¢/10¢; shorts, 8½¢/10¢.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 lbs.; wheat, 15,000 bushels; corn, 6,000 bushels; oats, 9,000 bushels; barley, 1,500 bushels; wheat, 5,000 bushels; oats, 11,000 bushels; barley, 2,500 bushels.

SHIPPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 lbs.; wheat, 16,000 bushels; corn, 6,000 bushels; oats, 9,000 bushels; barley, 2,500 bushels.

OMaha Produce Market.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 30¢; No. 1 green salted hides, 40¢; No. 2 green salted hides, 30¢; No. 2 green untailed hides, 25 to 40¢; No. 3 tanned, 20¢; No. 3 green untailed hides, 20¢; No. 4 tanned, 15¢; No. 4 green untailed hides, 15¢; No. 5 tanned, 10¢; No. 5 green untailed hides, 10¢; No. 6 tanned, 8¢; No. 6 green untailed hides, 8¢; No. 7 tanned, 6¢; No. 7 green untailed hides, 6¢; No. 8 tanned, 5¢; No. 8 green untailed hides, 5¢; No. 9 tanned, 4¢; No. 9 green untailed hides, 4¢; No. 10 tanned, 3¢; No. 10 green untailed hides, 3¢; No. 11 tanned, 2½¢; No. 11 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 12 tanned, 2½¢; No. 12 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 13 tanned, 2½¢; No. 13 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 14 tanned, 2½¢; No. 14 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 15 tanned, 2½¢; No. 15 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 16 tanned, 2½¢; No. 16 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 17 tanned, 2½¢; No. 17 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 18 tanned, 2½¢; No. 18 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 19 tanned, 2½¢; No. 19 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 20 tanned, 2½¢; No. 20 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 21 tanned, 2½¢; No. 21 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 22 tanned, 2½¢; No. 22 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 23 tanned, 2½¢; No. 23 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 24 tanned, 2½¢; No. 24 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 25 tanned, 2½¢; No. 25 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 26 tanned, 2½¢; No. 26 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 27 tanned, 2½¢; No. 27 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 28 tanned, 2½¢; No. 28 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 29 tanned, 2½¢; No. 29 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 30 tanned, 2½¢; No. 30 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 31 tanned, 2½¢; No. 31 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 32 tanned, 2½¢; No. 32 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 33 tanned, 2½¢; No. 33 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 34 tanned, 2½¢; No. 34 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 35 tanned, 2½¢; No. 35 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 36 tanned, 2½¢; No. 36 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 37 tanned, 2½¢; No. 37 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 38 tanned, 2½¢; No. 38 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 39 tanned, 2½¢; No. 39 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 40 tanned, 2½¢; No. 40 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 41 tanned, 2½¢; No. 41 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 42 tanned, 2½¢; No. 42 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 43 tanned, 2½¢; No. 43 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 44 tanned, 2½¢; No. 44 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 45 tanned, 2½¢; No. 45 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 46 tanned, 2½¢; No. 46 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 47 tanned, 2½¢; No. 47 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 48 tanned, 2½¢; No. 48 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 49 tanned, 2½¢; No. 49 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 50 tanned, 2½¢; No. 50 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 51 tanned, 2½¢; No. 51 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 52 tanned, 2½¢; No. 52 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 53 tanned, 2½¢; No. 53 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 54 tanned, 2½¢; No. 54 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 55 tanned, 2½¢; No. 55 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 56 tanned, 2½¢; No. 56 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 57 tanned, 2½¢; No. 57 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 58 tanned, 2½¢; No. 58 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 59 tanned, 2½¢; No. 59 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 60 tanned, 2½¢; No. 60 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 61 tanned, 2½¢; No. 61 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 62 tanned, 2½¢; No. 62 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 63 tanned, 2½¢; No. 63 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 64 tanned, 2½¢; No. 64 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 65 tanned, 2½¢; No. 65 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 66 tanned, 2½¢; No. 66 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 67 tanned, 2½¢; No. 67 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 68 tanned, 2½¢; No. 68 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 69 tanned, 2½¢; No. 69 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 70 tanned, 2½¢; No. 70 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 71 tanned, 2½¢; No. 71 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 72 tanned, 2½¢; No. 72 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 73 tanned, 2½¢; No. 73 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 74 tanned, 2½¢; No. 74 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 75 tanned, 2½¢; No. 75 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 76 tanned, 2½¢; No. 76 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 77 tanned, 2½¢; No. 77 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 78 tanned, 2½¢; No. 78 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 79 tanned, 2½¢; No. 79 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 80 tanned, 2½¢; No. 80 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 81 tanned, 2½¢; No. 81 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 82 tanned, 2½¢; No. 82 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 83 tanned, 2½¢; No. 83 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 84 tanned, 2½¢; No. 84 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 85 tanned, 2½¢; No. 85 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 86 tanned, 2½¢; No. 86 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 87 tanned, 2½¢; No. 87 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 88 tanned, 2½¢; No. 88 green untailed hides, 2½¢; No. 89 tanned, 2½¢; No. 89 green