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CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Large Danubian shipments and an increase in the world's visible supply, where a decrease was expected, were sufficiently depressing to wheat today to cause a decline of ¾c. Corn and oats shared in the depression and closed ⅝c and ¼c lower respectively. Provisions suffered from too many hogs and closed from 5c to 7½c lower.

Wheat at the opening was rather weak because of a reminder in the cabled information regarding the world's shipments that they were about 7,000,000 bu. last week, as compared with about 5,000,000 bu. the previous seven days. The heavy importations of gold which had been provided for, and the steadiness of the foreign markets notwithstanding the heavy shipments of wheat and flour on last week, steadied the prices about ¼c decline from Saturday's closing figures. The absence of any buying orders from abroad or acceptance of offers cabled from this side on Saturday brought the trade face to face with the fact that under present circumstances the price is more than usually dependent upon what foreigners are willing to pay. December started at from 69¾c to 69c, and gradually worked down to 59½c, but was finally steady again at about 69c at 12 o'clock. The receipts here were 208 cars, of which eight were contracts. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 864 cars, owing to the corresponding day of last year having been a holiday, no comparison of the two days can be established. The export clearances of wheat and flour reported since Saturday was equal to 248,000 bu. The visible supply statement was a great disappointment to the bulls and prices were immediately affected. It showed an increase of 385,000 bu., when a decrease of that much had been expected. The total in sight is 45,574,000 bu., against 35,628,000 a year ago. The amount of wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 1,620,000 bu. India only contributed 16,000 bu. to the week's shipments. The Danubian countries, however, gave evidence of having had a good crop. Their shipments were 1,960,000 bu., compared with 936,000 bu. for the previous week. Some inquiry for cash wheat for shipment developed during the day, but the elevator people had evidently more in store than for sale to shippers, as those of them who named a price asked 1c per bu. in store over the September price for No. 2 spring. The market was nervous all day near the end. December slipped off quickly to 59¼c, but recovered ¼c again, and closed at 59¾c.

Corn was slow and weak all day. Favorable weather, except notably heavy local rains and their action on wheat, were all depressing features, the most important tainting influences being a decrease in the visible of 146,000 bu., and shipments of 901,000 bu. September opened ¼c lower at 20⅝c, declined to 20¼c and closed at 20⅝c.

Oats were slow and easy, but the decline was slight. The general dullness in the trade and the weakness in corn had a depressing effect. Business was mainly in the way of exchange. September opened about ¼c lower at from 15⅞c to 16c, declined to 15¾c and reacted to 15⅞c, where it closed.

Provisions were handicapped from the start by the enormous run of hogs, which was 15,000 more than estimated. They started prices at a sharp break. This was mostly recovered later, but another break occurred near the close and final figures were the lowest of the day. The weakness of grain markets was somewhat of a factor. September pork closed 70c lower at $5.52½. September lard, 5c lower at $3.30. September ribs, 12½c lower at $3.07½.

Estimates for Tuesday: Wheat, 208 cars; corn, 830 cars; oats, 470 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	Hig'st.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Aug.....	58½@58¾	58¾	58¼	58⅜
Sept.....	59⅜@59⅝	59¾	58¾	59⅛
Dec.....	60@60⅜	60¼@60¾	59½	59¾
Corn, No. 2.				
Aug.....	20¾	20¾	20¾	20⅜
Sept.....	20¼	20¾	20⅛@20¼	20⅛
May.....	25⅜	25⅝	25¼@25¾	25¾
Oats, No. 2.				
Sept.....	15⅞@16	16	15¾	15¾@15⅞
May.....	19	19⅛	18⅝	19
Pork, per bbl				
Sept.....	5 57½	5 62½	5 52½	5 52½
Oct.....	5 65	5 70	5 65	5 65
Jan.....	6 85	6 85	6 80	6 82½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Sept.....	3 30	3 35	3 30	3 30
Oct.....	3 37½	3 40	3 37½	3 40
Jan.....	3 72½	3 75	3 72½	3 72½
Short Ribs—				
Sept....	3 12½	3 15	3 07½	3 10
Oct....	3 22½	3 27½	3 20	3 20
Jan.....	3 42½	3 45	3 42½	3 45

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.15@3.20; straights, $2.90@3.00; spring patents, $3.15@3.35; straights, $2.50@3.00; bakers, $2.00@2.35.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56¾c; No. 3 spring, 53½@54c; No. 2 red, 60½@61c.

CORN—No. 2, 20¼@20⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 16¼c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 18@20c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 14½@19c.

RYE—No. 2, 31c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 31@32c; No. 4, f. o. b., 19@23c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 62½c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$2.47½@2.50.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $5.55@5.60; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.32½@3.35; short ribs, sides, loose, $3.10@3.20; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $3.75@4.00; short clear sides, boxed, $3.50@3.62½.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 7½@10c; chickens, 7½@9½c; ducks, 7½@9½c.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.57; granulated, $4.95.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	8,000	11,000
Wheat, bu.....	122,000	146,000
Corn, bu.....	361,000	901,000
Oats, bu.....	362,000	386,000
Rye, bu.....	18,000	
Barley, bu.....	23,000	23,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 9@16c; dairy, 9@14c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 11½c. Cheese, steady; 7¾@8¼c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 10c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7c; choice to fancy, country, 11@12c; separator creamery, 15@16c; gathered cream, 12@13c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10c; Edam, per doz., $2.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 10c; Roquefort, ¼-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young American, 8¼c; twins, fancy, 8½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., is quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

POULTRY—Live hens, 5½@6c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 7c; spring ducks, 8c.

PIGEONS—Live, 90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; bright hay will sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb, 2½c; choice green, running to bulk, 2@2½c; red tip, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

The season appears to have been unfavorable for the production of fine flavored watermelons and muskmelons. Some good melons are offered, but there are a good many others that are about as poor as anything could be. Quotations:

WATERMELONS—Per doz., crated according to size, $2.00@2.50.

CANTALOUPES—Per doz., crated, 50@75c.

TOMATOES—Per ½-bu. basket, 35@40c; ½-bu. basket, 25@30c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

NEW ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 35@50c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40@1.50.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 75c@$1.50.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy mammoth, 35@40c.

POTATOES—New potatoes, per bu., 25c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Home grown grapes, 10@17c; large lots, 15c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Freestones, $1.00; clings, 50c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per box, $1.35@1.50.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Per case, white, $1.25@1.50; black, $1.50@1.25.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.50@1.75; eating, $1.75@2.00.

EASTERN PEACHES—Michigan and Ohio baskets, fifths, 22½@25c; ½-bu. baskets, 50@60c.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per basket, $1.60@1.75.

NECTARINES—Per case, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Rodi, per case, $6.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $4.00@7.00; California lemons, $6.00; fancy, $8.50.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.50; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

PINEAPPLES—No shipping stock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 12c; California, amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $5.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; 3 gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 14c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c; large, 10c; peanuts, raw, 6½@7c; roasted, 7½c.

DATES—Halloween, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 7c.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Dressed steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6¼@7c; western steers, 4¾@5½c; cows and heifers, 4¾@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4½@5c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3½@3½c; good forequarters, native steers, 4½@5c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters native steers, 8½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow plates, 2c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½@3½c; steer chucks, 5½c; beef tenderloins, 10c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 9c; loin backs, 7c; cow ribs, No. 2, 6c; cow loins, No. 2, 8c; beef trimmings, 2c; rump butts, 6c; shoulder clods, 3c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, 4@6c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 2½c; plates, 2c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3