

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Weakens on the Heavy Increase in the Visible.

## INITIAL GAINS ON WEATHER REPORTS

Holiday Dullness Clings to All Markets—Corn Firm, But Inactive; Oats Dull and Lower; Provisions Firmer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Wheat, after opening firm on the weather and the decrease on passage and in shipments, weakened on the heavy increase in the visible. May closing 44¢ lower Saturday. Corn closed 4¢ higher and oats 4¢ lower. Provisions closed 2¢ higher to unchanged.

The absence of snow from the frozen wheat fields was an influence in the strength with which the wheat market opened today, the decrease on passage and smaller world's shipments being contributory factors. May wheat showed an initial gain of 4¢/4¢ over Saturday at 44¢/4¢. Shorts were buyers, but trade was very flat. There was practically no outside buying, causing a bit of easiness, which endures for a time, trade being with hardly a spark of life. Announcement of the new session, influenced selling by those who had bought early, the market turning weak. The closing 4¢/4¢ higher.

Primer receipts were 1,000,000 bu., compared with 2,733,300 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts for three days, 1,000 bu. each, while St. Paul reported 1,000 bu. a day, a period a year ago.

Local receipts were 30 cars, 19 of contrast grade. Clearances at the seaboard in wheat and oats were 1,000 bu. each. The New York market reported only 5 loads taken for export.

Corn was firm but inactive, the holiday dullness clinging to the market as it did to all other markets. Prices were 4¢ higher, 4¢/4¢.

VEGETABLES.—Primer—Per crate, \$2.50. SWEET POTATOES—Per bushel, Illinois, Jersey, 35¢; large bushels, Nebraska, \$2.75. CABBAGE—Per bushel, choice, \$3.00. Cabbage—Per bushel, Holland seed, 35¢.

LIMA-POUNDRY—Per crate, \$2.50.

PEAS—Choice, fresh, 35¢; dry, 35¢.

ONIONS—Retail way, yellow, 65¢; red, 75¢.

CELERI—Per doz., 25¢/30¢; California, per bunch, 45¢.

TURPENTS—Rutabagas, per lb., 14¢; carrots, 12¢.

WATER-PEPPERS—Per qt., cases, \$1.60.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50¢.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, 4¢.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, \$3.50; New York stock, \$3.75/4.00.

GRAPES—California, 35¢; Catawba, per small basket, 18¢; Malaga grapes, per bushel, \$3.50/4.00.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, 35¢; California, navels, per box, \$3.50/3.75.

LEMONS—California, fancy, \$4.25/4.50; choice California, \$4.00/4.50; Messina, \$4.50/5.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

VEGETABLES—Per 24-section case, \$3.25/3.50.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., 45¢.

FIGS—California, layers, per 10-lb. box, \$2.50.

CAJUN-SUGAR—Per 10-lb. box, \$1.10.

WATER-PEPPERS—Per 16-qt. cases, \$1.60.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50¢.

TOBACCO—Florida, per 6-basket crate, 4¢.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Lowered No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 65¢; track, 71¢; December, 68¢/65¢; May, 70¢; June, 72¢; November, 68¢/65¢; December, 70¢; track, 75¢.

OATS—No. 2, 65¢; No. 3, 60¢; No. 4, 55¢.

PORK—No. 2, 55¢; No. 3, 50¢; No. 4, 45¢.

BEEF—No. 2, 55¢; No. 3, 50¢.

HARVEST—No. 2, 55¢/50¢.

PROVISIONS—No. 1, 55¢; No. 2, 50¢; No. 3, 45¢.

CORN—No. 2, 36¢/31¢; No. 2 yellow, 38¢/33¢; No. 3 white, 24¢/25¢.

RYE—No. 2, 55¢.

BARLEY—No. 2, 55¢.

VEGETABLES—No. 1, 55¢; No. 2, 50¢; No. 3, 45¢.

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RYE—No. 2, 55¢.

HARVEST—No. 2, 55¢/50¢; No. 3 white, 45¢; No. 4 green, 35¢; clover, contract grade, 45¢.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 5¢; turkeys, 75¢; ducks, 6¢; geese, 5¢.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 7,000 bushels; wheat, 5,000 bushels; oats, 1,000 bu.; oats, 65,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bushels; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 25,000 bushels; oats, 13,000 bushels.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis high wines, per gal., \$1.23¢.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, \$5.75; granulated, \$5.15.

VEGETABLES—are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles: Open, High, Low, Close, Sat'y.

\*Wheat—65¢, 66¢, 65¢, 65¢, 65¢.

\*\*Oats—70¢, 70¢, 69¢, 69¢, 69¢/67¢.

\*Corn—30¢, 30¢, 29¢, 29¢, 29¢/30¢.

May, 32¢/33¢, 33¢, 32¢, 32¢, 32¢.

Oats—22¢, 22¢, 21¢, 21¢, 21¢.

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Pork—Jan. 10, 45¢, 45¢, 45¢, 45¢, 45¢.

May, 42¢/43¢, 43¢, 42¢, 42¢, 42¢.

Lamb—5.50, 5.50, 5.50, 5.50, 5.50.

May, 5.75, 5.75, 5.75, 5.75, 5.75.

Ribs—5.25, 5.25, 5.25, 5.25, 5.25.

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Beef—5.25, 5.25, 5.25, 5.25, 5.25.

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Vegetables—5¢.

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