

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Damages to French Crop and Other Factors
Make Wheat Strong.

MISGUIDED TRADERS SOLD WHEAT EARLY

CORN Was Strong on Good Cables and Small Country Offerings—Ones Market Lagged—Provisions Went to the Bottom.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Damages to the French crop and higher Paris and Antwerp cables were the chief factors in a strong and active wheat market today, but the edge was taken off by sales for profit. May closed over Saturday; Corn closed unchanged and oats were up. May pork stocks were small. May lamb price fell. May lamb and May pigs 70.91¢ down.

Some misguided traders sold wheat early because Liverpool cables were not encouraging and statistics were regarded as bearish. May opened 4¢ up yesterday at 80.62¢, but recovered for its weakness in short order when the big advances at Paris and Antwerp were received. May climbed on an active market to 80.65¢. At this price there was a slight reaction, but it was not supported. The market was steady enough to prevent any great recession, reports of damage to the French crop giving an undercurrent of support to the market, but the market was 85.68¢ down.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 50¢.

SPINACH—Per box, 3¢.

Lettuce—Per doz. bunches, 4¢; fancy head lettuce per lb., 5¢.

RADISHES—Per box, bunches, 4¢.

SWEET POTATOES—Per lb., Illinois, Georgia, etc., 12¢; Florida, 12.5¢.

POTATOES—Per box, choice, 39¢.

CABBAGE—Holland, seed, 2¢.

CELERY—Per doz. bunches, 50¢.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, \$1.00; New York stock, 3¢; fancy, 45¢.

GRAPES—Malaga, per lb., 45¢; seedless, 50¢.

CARANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per lb., 55¢.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, 5¢; California, navel, per box, \$1.25; California, seedlings, per box, \$2.00.

MELONS—California, layers, per 10-lb. box, 50¢.

MUSHROOMS—Florida, per box, 50¢.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, 25¢.

RHUBARB—Per doz., 99¢.

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CARANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per lb., 55¢.

BANANAS—Per bunch, medium, \$1.75¢.

20¢; fancy, \$2.00; extra, 25¢.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 2-section case, \$2.25.

NUTS—Hickory, large, per lb., 15¢; small, 12¢.

EGG—California, layers, per 10-lb. box, 50¢.

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Quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—Per winter patent, \$1.00.

Spring straight, \$1.00; mixed, \$1.00.

Spring special, \$1.00; bakers, \$2.10.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, \$0.98; No. 2 red, 70¢.

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CORN—No. 2, 32¢; No. 2 yellow, 33¢.

OATS—No. 2, 32¢; No. 1 white, 29¢.

No. 1 white, 26¢.

RYE—No. 2, 55¢.

BARLEY—No. 2, 39¢.

WHEAT—Per bushel, 5¢; and northwest, 5¢.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per lb., \$0.85.

Short rib pork, per lb., \$0.85; 6¢; dry salted shoulders, boxed, \$6.12.

Short clear sides (boxed), \$6.16.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 80,000 bushels; Corn, 216,000 ears; oats, 360,000 bushels; hogs, 20,000.

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