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Wheat Futures on Board of Trade Active and Strong. CORN MARKET STRONG AND FAIRLY ACTIVE. Bats Are Dull, but Steady with Corn and Closed Firm-Provisions Market Open, unchanged, but Later Shows Activity.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Under the inspiration of cash wheat strength at Liverpool and New York wheat futures on the Board of Trade were active and strong. May closing 45c over yesterday. May corn closed 1/2c up, helped by a good cash demand, and 1/2c over a shade higher. The provisions market closed strong; may pork 17 1/2c; May lard 57 1/2c and May tallow 7 1/2c, improved.

At the beginning of the session in the wheat pit there were two considerations which were shortly afterward lost sight of. Under cables and the price current section of the market, the price of wheat was much greater than could be distributed before a new crop. With these things in mind the market opened easily. May 45c down at 45 1/2c; 45 1/2c to 45 3/4c. The factors in the business were soon eliminated, however, by the strength of Liverpool and New York wheat, under which the market here reacted. As the season proceeded the bull feeling was far and away out of the strength of New York for cash, talk of a big export business for the month of March was reported to have been done here today, and some unbusinesslike over-reaction of more players came in. The market advanced to 46c early in the day, but figures for some time. Near the end of the session Liverpool buyers were reported to have bought 100,000 bushels of wheat. The close was strong, May 46c, 46 1/2c, 46 3/4c, 47c, 47 1/2c, 47 3/4c, 48c, 48 1/2c, 48 3/4c, 49c, 49 1/2c, 49 3/4c, 50c, 50 1/2c, 50 3/4c, 51c, 51 1/2c, 51 3/4c, 52c, 52 1/2c, 52 3/4c, 53c, 53 1/2c, 53 3/4c, 54c, 54 1/2c, 54 3/4c, 55c, 55 1/2c, 55 3/4c, 56c, 56 1/2c, 56 3/4c, 57c, 57 1/2c, 57 3/4c, 58c, 58 1/2c, 58 3/4c, 59c, 59 1/2c, 59 3/4c, 60c, 60 1/2c, 60 3/4c, 61c, 61 1/2c, 61 3/4c, 62c, 62 1/2c, 62 3/4c, 63c, 63 1/2c, 63 3/4c, 64c, 64 1/2c, 64 3/4c, 65c, 65 1/2c, 65 3/4c, 66c, 66 1/2c, 66 3/4c, 67c, 67 1/2c, 67 3/4c, 68c, 68 1/2c, 68 3/4c, 69c, 69 1/2c, 69 3/4c, 70c, 70 1/2c, 70 3/4c, 71c, 71 1/2c, 71 3/4c, 72c, 72 1/2c, 72 3/4c, 73c, 73 1/2c, 73 3/4c, 74c, 74 1/2c, 74 3/4c, 75c, 75 1/2c, 75 3/4c, 76c, 76 1/2c, 76 3/4c, 77c, 77 1/2c, 77 3/4c, 78c, 78 1/2c, 78 3/4c, 79c, 79 1/2c, 79 3/4c, 80c, 80 1/2c, 80 3/4c, 81c, 81 1/2c, 81 3/4c, 82c, 82 1/2c, 82 3/4c, 83c, 83 1/2c, 83 3/4c, 84c, 84 1/2c, 84 3/4c, 85c, 85 1/2c, 85 3/4c, 86c, 86 1/2c, 86 3/4c, 87c, 87 1/2c, 87 3/4c, 88c, 88 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