GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat Prices Fluctuate Somewhat Under Contrary Influences.

RAINFALL STOPS DRY WEATHER TALK

Weakness Rules Greater Part of Session, July Closing Half Cent Lower—Small Trade and Narrow Range in Corn.

OMAHA, May 15, 1906.

Heavy rains in the southwest put a stop today to the dry weather talk concerning that section. Cables came ¼@⅝d lower. At the start there was heavy selling, and prices on July eased off ⅜c, rallying later to yesterday's close on the sentiment which developed through the cash situation and decrease stocks. Sales by commission houses and favorable reports from Kansas turned the market weak, and it dragged the rest of the day. Closing prices on July were ½c lower. Receipts were a little better than last year, but cash demand is good. Trade is very light.

Oats were dull and featureless. Prices were practically unchanged.

It was the same old story with corn—small trade and a narrow range. The cash demand continues good and receipts are light. Trade is too light to take the market out of the rut and influence prices either way.

Trade was unusually light on the local exchange, from the fact that many of the members attended the meeting of grain dealers at Des Moines, Ia.

Wheat receipts were 214,000 bushels and shipments 326,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 153,000 bushels and shipments of 184,000 bushels. Corn receipts were 201,000 bushels and shipments 609,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 174,000 bushels and shipments of 289,000 bushels. Clearances were 17,643 barrels of flour, 25,000 bushels corn and 17,000 bushels oats.

Liverpool closed unchanged to ¼d lower on wheat and unchanged to ¼d lower on corn.

Bradstreet's visible noted a total wheat decrease of 3,894,000 bushels, corn decrease of 1,450,000 bushels and oats decrease of 2,911,000 bushels.

Talk of dry weather came from Indiana and Kentucky. Minneapolis wheat stocks decreased 800,000 bushels for three days.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
Wheat—					
May...	76⅛B	76⅛B	76¼	76¼	76⅞B
July...	73⅞B	74B	73⅛	73⅞B	74¼
Corn—					
May...	45½	45⅝B	45½	45⅝B	45⅞A
July...	42⅜B	42⅝	42⅜B	42⅝	42⅜B
Oats—					
May...				31⅜B	31⅜B
July...				29⅛B	29⅛B

A asked. B bid.

Omaha Cash Sales.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 77@78c; No. 3 hard, 73@76c; No. 4 hard, 70@74c; No. 2 spring, 77¼c; No. 3 spring, 71@74½c.

CORN—No. 3, 45c; No. 4, 43@44½c; No. 3 yellow, 46c; No. 3 white, 46c.

OATS—No. 3 mixed, 31c; No. 3 white, 31½c; No. 4 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—No. 2, 51c; No. 3, 50c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	38	117	179
Kansas City	63	60	18
Minneapolis	52	...	...
Omaha	9	44	11
Duluth	113	...	...
St. Louis	22	91	74

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Rains throughout Kansas and other portions of the south had a weakening effect today on the local wheat market. At the close wheat for July delivery showed a net loss of ¼c. Corn and oats were unchanged. Provisions were up 2½@15c.

The wheat market was weak all day and the volume of trading was rather small. The market was affected for the greater part by weather conditions in the winter wheat sections. Rains were reported over the entire west and more showers were forecasted for tonight. Prices at Liverpool were a trifle lower and this had a depressing effect here. During the entire session pit traders were persistent sellers and offerings were taken principally by bull leaders. Toward the end of the day shorts were fairly active buyers. The market closed weak, July opened ⅛@¼c to ¾@⅞c lower at 80⅝@80¾c, sold up to 81c and then declined to 80¼c. Final quotations were at 80¼@80⅝c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 78,400 bu. The world's visible supply, as shown by Bradstreet's, decreased 3,800,000 bu. Primary receipts were 214,000 bu., compared with 153,000 bu. one year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 304 cars, against 181 last week and 185 cars a year ago.

Trading in the corn pit was very quiet and the tone of the market was steady because of a fair demand for cash houses. Continued small local receipts formed the basis for the cash inquiry. The market closed steady with prices practically unchanged from yesterday's final quotations. July opened a shade to ⅛c lower at 46¼c to 46⅛@⅛c, sold up to 46½@46⅝c and closed at 46⅜c. Local receipts were 117 cars, with 21 of contract grade.

Despite more liberal receipts than had been expected the oats market was steady. Shorts were moderate bidders for the May delivery and with small offerings the price of that option was advanced nearly ¼c. This had a bullish effect on the more distant deliveries. Small stocks of contract oats in store in Chicago furnished the main incentive to buyers. July opened a shade higher at 32¼c, sold at 32¼@32⅜c and closed at 32c. Local receipts were 178 cars.

Provisions were easier early in the day because of selling by pit traders who were influenced by a weak market for live hogs. Later a firm tone developed on a fair demand by the local packing crowd. At the close July pork was up 15c at $15.60. Lard was up 2½c at $8.62½. Ribs were 5@7½c higher at $8.85@8.87½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 12 cars; corn, 51 cars; oats, 90 cars; hogs, 29,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
*Wheat					
May	83	83½	82½	82⅝	83⅝
July	80⅝@⅞	81	80¼	80½@⅝	81¼@⅜
Sept	79	79¼@¾	78⅝	78⅝@⅞	79¼@¾
*Corn—					
May	45⅝	45⅞	45½	45⅝	45⅞
July	46¼@⅜	46⅜@½	46¼	46⅜	46⅝
Sept	46⅝@¾	46⅞	46⅝	46⅝	46⅞@47
*Oats—					
May	33¼@⅜	33⅝	33½	33⅜@⅝	33⅛
July	32⅛	32¼@⅜	32	32	32@⅛
Sept	29⅝	30	29¾	29¾@⅞	29⅞
Pork—					
May	15 30	15 50	15 30	15 50	15 35
July	15 40	15 60	15 35	15 60	15 45
Sept	15 20	15 37½	15 20	15 37½	15 30
Lard—					
May	8 50	8 52½	8 50	8 50	8 52½
July	8 57½	8 62½	8 55	8 62½	8 60
Sept	8 70	8 77½	8 67½	8 77½	8 75
Ribs—					
May	8 62½	8 72½	8 62½	8 72½	8 70
July	8 77½	8 87½	8 75	8 87½	8 80
Sept	8 77½	8 87½	8 77½	8 87½	8 82½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Market steady; winter patents, $3.80@3.90; straights, $3.50@3.60; spring patents, $3.55@3.60; straights, $3.40@3.60; bakers, $3.20@3.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 83@85c; No. 3, 78@84c; No. 2 red, 89½@91c.

CORN—No. 2, 45½@46¼c; No. 2 yellow, 50¾@50¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 33¼c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3 white, 33@34½c.

RYE—No. 2, 59c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 40@41½c; fair to choice malting, 46@61c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.08½; No. 1 northwestern, $1.14; clover, contract grade, $11.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $15.50@15.56. Lard, per 100 lbs., $8.55. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.70@8.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $9.10@9.20.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	19,100	15,400
Wheat, bu.	22,000	12,400
Corn, bu.	90,200	421,000
Oats, bu.	138,000	633,300
Rye, bu.	30,000	...
Barley, bu.	54,800	4,300

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easier; creameries, 13½@19½c; dairies, 13@18c. Eggs, steady at mark, cases included, 15@15½c; firsts, 15½c; prime firsts, 16½c; extras, 18½c. Cheese, steady; 9@13c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—BUTTER—Firm; extra western creamery, 25½c; extra nearby prints, 26c.

EGGS—Steady; nearby fresh, 17½c at mark; western fresh, 17½c at mark.

CHEESE—Steady; New York full creams, fancy, new, 9¾@10c; fancy full creams, new, 9@9½c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, May 15.—WHEAT—To arrive: No. 1 northern, 82¼c; No. 2 northern, 80¼c. On track: No. 1 northern, 82½c; No. 2 northern, 80¼c; May, 81¾c; July, 81¾c; September, 79c.

OATS—To arrive, on track and May, 32¾c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 28,715 bbls.; exports, 5,769 bbls.; market firmly held, with slow trade; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.55; Minnesota bakers, $3.45@3.80; winter patents, $4.00@4.20; winter straights, $3.85@4.00; winter extras, $2.90@3.60; winter low grades, $2.80@3.35; rye flour steady; fair to good, $3.35@3.50; choice to fancy, $3.95@4.10.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.30; coarse, $1.07@1.09; kiln dried, $2.70@2.80.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 62c, nominal, f. o. b., New York.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 47½c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 52@57c, c. i. f., New York.

WHEAT—Receipts, 23,000 bu.; spot market barely steady; No. 2 red, 92c, nominal, elevator; No. 2 red, 93c, nominal, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 91¾c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Manitoba, 90½c, f. o. b., afloat. Opening lower on reports of good rainfall in Kansas, easy cables and predictions for continued large Russian shipments, wheat recovered on bull support, crop complaints from Indiana and a big decrease in world's stock. Later bear pressure resulted in a sharp afternoon break and the market closed ⅝c net lower; May, 89¾@90¼c, closed at 89¾c; July, 84⅞@85⅜c, closed at 85⅞c; September, 84½@84 11-16c, closed at 84½c.

CORN—Receipts, 68,000 bu.; exports, 336 bu.; spot market irregular; No. 2, 51c asked, elevator, and 55½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 56¼c; No. 2 white, 57½c. Option market was generally well sustained all day on covering, lighter receipts, small stocks and steady cables, closing at unchanged prices; May, 56@56¼c, closed at 56c; July, 53⅜@54c, closed at 53½c; September, 53¾@53¾c, closed at 53¾c; December closed at 53c.

OATS—Receipts, 106,000 bu.; exports, 17,647 bu.; spot market steady; mixed oats, 28 to 32 pounds, 30@32c; natural white, 30 to 33 pounds, 29@30½c; clipped white, 38 to 40 pounds, 40@41½c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 90c@$1.00.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1906, 10@15c; 1904, 9@10c; olds, nominal, 1906, 12@13c; olds, 4@6c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 pounds, 20c; California, 21 to 25 pounds, 21c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 pounds, 19c.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 26½@27½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; mess, $7.00@9.50; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; packet, $10.00@11.00; city, extra India mess, $17.50@18.00; beef, extra, steady; pickled bellies, $9.25@10.50; pickled shoulders, $8.00@8.50; pickled hams, $11.00@11.75. Lard, steady; western prime, $8.70@8.75, nominal; refined, nominal; continent, $9.10; South America, $9.75; compound, $7.00@7.37½. Pork, easy; family, $18.00; short clear, $16.25@18.00; mess, $16.50@17.25.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 5c; country, packages free, 5¼c.

RICE—Steady; domestic fair to extra, 3½@6c; Japan, nominal.

BUTTER—Steady; held, creamery, common to extra, 14@18c.

CHEESE—Steady; old, state full cream, large and small, colored and white, fancy, 13@13½c; state, good to prime, 12½c; state, common to fair, 11@13c; new state, full creams, large and small, colored and white, best, 9¼c; fair to good, 8½@9c; inferior, 7@8c.

EGGS—Steady; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy, selected white, 20c; state, choice, 19@19½c; state, mixed fancy, 18c; western firsts, 17½c; western seconds, 16½@17c; southern, 15@16½c.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; western broilers, per pound, 26c; fowls, 14½c; turkeys, 13c. Dressed, steady; turkeys, 14@15c; fowls, 11@13c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 15.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 94@96c; track, 96@97½c; July, 79¼@79¼c; September, 75¾c; No. 3, 92@93c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 cash, nominal; track, 50@50¼c; July, 45¾@46c; September, 46c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 33½c; track, 34½c; July, 32¼c; September, 30¾c; No. 2 white, 36@36½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $4.20@4.30; extra fancy and straight, $3.70@4.10; clear, $2.25@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady; $2.50@2.90.

CORNMEAL—Steady; $2.50.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 90@92c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $12.00@16.50; prairie, $11.50@13.50.

IRON TIES—Steady; cotton TIES—$1.00.

BAGGING—8¾c.

HEMP TWINE—7½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $15.00. Lard, steady; prime steam, $8.25. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed extra shorts, $8.87½; clear ribs, $9.12½; short clears, $9.25. Bacon, steady; boxed extra short, $9.62½; clear ribs, $9.87½; short clear, $10.00.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 10½c; springers, 26@25c; turkeys, 10c; ducks, 10c; geese, 5c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15½@20c; dairy, 14@16½c.

EGGS—Lower at 13½c, case count.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	7,000	9,000
Wheat, bu.	22,000	74,000
Corn, bu.	51,000	81,000
Oats, bu.	74,000	120,000

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 15.—FLOUR—First patents, $4.30@4.40; second patents, $4.15@4.25; first clears, $3.50@3.60; second clears, $2.45@2.55.

BRAN—In bulk, $15.25@15.50.

(Superior Board of Trade quotations for Minneapolis and Chicago delivery.) The range of prices, as furnished by F. D. Day & Co., 110-111 Board of Trade building, was:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
Wheat—					
May...	$1	81@81⅛	80⅝	80⅝	81
July...	81¼@⅜	81⅝	80⅞@81	80⅝@¾	80⅝@¾
Sept...	78¼@⅜	78⅝	78⅛	78⅛@¼	78⅝
Flax—					
May...	1 16½	1 16½	1 16	1 16	1 16½
July...	1 17⅜	1 17⅜	1 17⅛	1 17⅛	1 17⅜
Sept...	1 17⅜	1 17⅜	1 17⅛	1 17⅛	1 17⅜

Minneapolis Cash Close—Wheat: No. 1 hard, 82¼c; No. 1 northern, 82¼c; to arrive, 82¼c; No. 2 northern, 81c; to arrive, 81c; No. 3, 79@80c; No. 1 Durum, 75c; No. 2 Durum, 72½c. Corn: No. 3 yellow, 45¾c; No. 3, 44¾c. Oats: No. 3 white, 32c; No. 2, 30½@31c. Barley: 39@47c. Rye: 55¼@56¼c. Flax: $1.14¼.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 15.—WHEAT—May, 79¾c; July, 73¾c; September, 71¾c. Cash: No. 2 hard, 78¼@82c; No. 3, 76½@79c; No. 4, 70@77½c; No. 2 red, 90@93c; No. 3, 86@91c; No. 4, 72@83c.

CORN—May, 45¾c; July, 46¾c; September, 42¾c. Cash: No. 2 mixed, 48¼@48½c; No. 2 white, 48¼c; No. 3, 48c.

OATS—No. 2, 30c; No. 4, 29c; no grade, 26@28c.

EGGS—Steady; Missouri and Kansas new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 13½c; case count, 13c; cases returned, ½c less.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.50@14.00; choice prarie, $10.50@11.00.

RYE—Steady; 56@56c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 18c; packing, 11½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	26,000	18,000
Corn, bu.	30,000	62,000
Oats, bu.	12,000	9,000

Available Supplies of Grain.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies, as compared with previous accounts:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east Rockies, decrease 3,494,000 bushels. Afloat for and in Europe decreased 400,000 bushels, total supply decreased 3,894,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east Rockies, decreased 1,540,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east Rockies, decreased 2,911,000 bushels.

The leading increases reported this week are: 750,000 bushels at Milwaukee, private elevators; 84,000 bushels at Portland, Me.; 66,000 bushels at Watertown and 65,000 bushels at Chattanooga.

The leading decreases are: 1,128,000 bushels in Manitoba, 76,000 bushels at Louisville and 50,000 bushels at Port Huron.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, May 15.—Wheat—Lower; No. 1 northern, 84@85c; No. 2 northern, 82@84c; July, 80½c, asked.

RYE—Steady—No. 1, 61½@62c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 55c; sample, 45@64c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 cash, 48¼@49½c; July, 46¾c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 15.—WHEAT—Spot, nominal; futures, steady; May, 6s 8½d; July, 6s 7½d; September, 6s 6¼d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 4s 6½d; American mixed, old, 4s 9d; futures, quiet; July, 4s 4½d; September, 4s 4¼d.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, May 15.—CORN—Steady; No. 3 yellow, 50c; No. 3, 50c; No. 4, 49c; no grade, 36@46c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 33½c; No. 4 white, 32½c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, O., May 15.—SEEDS—Clover, cash, $6.40 bid; October, $6.26. Prime alsike, $8.20. Prime timothy, $1.56½. No. 2 rye, 61c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market Gives Signs of Falling Into Dull and Uncertain State.

COMING DEMAND FOR FUNDS A FEATURE

Prospect of Tight Money Market for Several Months Tends to Discourage Speculation.

NEW YORK, May 15—Today's stock market gave signs of falling into the dull and uncertain state which is the rule after the first recovery from such a sharp break as that which followed the San Francisco property losses. The reason is that the first recovery results from the decline having been over extended rather than from any radical change in the conditions that caused the decline. A variety of explanations was found for the heavy tone developed in the market. This variety argued some confusion of mind among the interpreters and did not warrant the conclusion that all of the offered rate