GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat Takes Good Brace, Closing at Substantially Better Figure.

CABLES UP; DOMESTIC NEWS BULLISH

Corn Receipts Large, but Demand is Good and Clearances Heavy—Oats, Both Cash and Option Continue Advance.

OMAHA, Feb. 23, 1907.

"Although Argentina shipments were large," says the Exchange Grain company, "with world's shipments estimated at 12,000,000, the strength in Liverpool and Berlin brought in numerous buying orders with some covering by shorts. The market did not display very much vim, for a while and there was more or less selling by prominent houses, but offerings were splendidly taken on export sales at various points, along with great strength in corn and oats that was a bullish feature, while the Modern Miller report confirming damage in Texas helped in a measure to close the market at about the high point of the day.

"Today's strength was due to light interior offerings, small Argentina shipments of 120,000 bushels, and a good shipping inquiry that was restricted by our scarcity. Exports were heavy and a bullish feature and while more or less profit taking was noticeable, the buying was of a character that indicates higher prices.

"Oats were strong, the May kind rising to a new high level on small receipts, prospects for a visible decrease and a splendid shipping demand. Offerings were very small in comparison with the demand.

"Primary wheat receipts were 1,092,000 bushels and shipments 385,000 bushels against receipts last year of 568,000 bushels and shipments of 271,000 bushels. Corn receipts were 1,355,000 bushels and shipments 1,062,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 660,000 bushels and shipments of 354,000 bushels. Clearances were 346,000 bushels wheat, 368,000 bushels corn, 5,000 bushels oats, and flour and wheat equal to 455,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed ¾@¾d higher on wheat and ½@¾d higher on corn.

Broomhall estimates world's wheat shipments at 12,000,000 bu. Argentina wheat shipments were 4,296,000 bu.; corn shipments were 120,000 bu.

Modern Miller says: "Special reports from Texas indicate that much damage has been done to the wheat crop by the green bug. About 60 per cent of the crop in the principal wheat producing section is reported destroyed, and the damage continues. Much of the wheat land is abandoned and will be put into corn and cotton. The damage in the Plain Handle is slight, so far. In the greater portion of the winter wheat belt, otherwise, the condition of the crop is generally considered seasonably favorable. Scattered reports are received that the plant has an unhealthy appearance and that it is feared damage has resulted from freezing and thawing weather."

Southeastern Kansas points say export bids at Galveston figure about 1 to 4 cents better than the Kansas City market for the lower grade of wheat. Their wheat has been coming here lately, but is shutting off now.

The east and south have been getting all the corn the west could get care to ship them during the last two months; yet their stocks have been running down. The question is how are they going to increase them with conditions no better than they have been.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
May	70⅞B	71⅛B	70⅝B	71⅛B	.....
July	71⅛A	71⅜B	71⅛B	71⅜B	.....
Corn—					
May	47⅛B	47⅜B	47⅛B	47⅜B	.....
July	41⅝B	41⅞B	41⅝B	41⅞B	.....
Sept.	41⅝B	42 B	41⅝B	41⅞B	.....
Oats—					
May	40 B	40⅞B	40 B	40⅞B	.....
July	35⅝B	35⅞B	35⅝B	35⅞B	.....

A asked. B bid.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 68½@69½c; No. 3 hard, 66@66c; No. 4 hard, 60@66c; No. 3 spring, 66@70c.

CORN—No. 2, 39½@39½c; No. 4 38½@38½c; no grade, 36@36c; No. 2 yellow, 39½@39½c; No. 3 white, 40½@40½c.

OATS—No. 3 mixed, 37½@38c; No. 3 white, 38½@38c; No. 4 white, 36@38½c.

RYE—No. 2, 66c; No. 3, 67½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	34	948	294
Kansas City	141	30	30
Minneapolis (2 days)	588	...	...
Omaha	29	139	34
Duluth	114	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—An increased foreign demand caused decided strength today in the local wheat market, the May delivery closing at a net gain of ¾@⅞c. Corn was up ⅛@¼c. Oats were ⅝@⅞c higher; provisions were 2½@37½c higher.

The wheat market was strong from the opening to the close. Commission houses and shorts were easy buyers throughout the day and the offerings were insufficient to meet the demand. The result was that the May option advanced almost 1c and July delivery was up ¾c. The primary cause of the strength was an advance of ¾@⅞c at Liverpool, which was due, it was claimed, to the famine situation in Russia. The strength of the market was later increased by reports of a brisk demand for wheat for export. Advices from the winter wheat belt claiming serious damage by weather also strengthened prices. The close was strong, with prices almost at the highest point. May opened ⅛c higher at 77⅛@77⅜c, sold at 77⅛@77⅜c and then advanced to 78¼c. The close was at 78@78¼c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 420,000 bu. Primary receipts were 1,092,000 bu., against 588,000 bu. for the corresponding day last year. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 727 cars, against 223 cars last week and 488 cars a year ago.

The corn market was active and strong all day. The chief influence for higher prices was a sharp advance at Liverpool, although small stocks in Chicago and an excellent demand for cash grain contributed materially to the strength. Offerings were light and came rather chiefly from longs. The close was strong, May opened ⅝@¾c to 1@1⅛c higher at 47⅝@47⅞c, advanced to 47⅞c and closed at 47¾c. Local receipts were 827 cars, with one of contract grade.

Oats shared in the general strength and prices advanced to the high point for the crop. Commission houses were lively buyers, while shorts covered freely. An active demand for shipment for cash oats was the chief bullish influence. May opened ⅝@¾c higher at 41⅝@41⅞c, advanced to 42⅛c and closed at 41¾@42c. Local receipts were 204 cars.

Provisions were quiet and steady, a lc advance in the price of live hogs being a sustaining influence. At the close May pork was up 7½c at 16.77½. Lard was up 2½@3c and ribs were 2½c higher at 8.20.

Estimated receipts for Monday are: Estimated receipts for Monday are: cars: hogs, 45,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
May	77⅛@77⅜	78¼	77⅛	78@78¼	77⅛
July	75⅝@75⅞	76⅞	75⅝	76@76⅛	75⅞
Sept.	76@76⅛	76@76⅛	75⅞	76⅛	75⅞
Corn—					
May	47⅝@47⅞	47⅞	47⅝	47⅞	47 @47⅛
July	47⅝@47⅞	47⅞	46⅞	47@47⅛	46⅞@46⅞
Sept.	47⅝@47⅞	47⅞	47⅝	47⅞	47
Oats—					
May	41⅝@42	42⅛	41⅝	42@42⅛	41⅛
July	37⅞	37⅞	37⅝@37⅞	37⅞	37⅛
Sept.	37⅞	37⅞	37@37⅛	37⅛	36⅞@37
Pork—					
May	16 70	16 77½	16 70	16 77½	16 70
July	16 90	16 90	16 90	16 97½	16 95
Lard—					
May	9 75	9 85	9 75	9 80	9 77½
July	9 75	9 82½	9 75	9 82½	9 77½
Sept.	9 87½	9 92½	9 87½	9 92½	9 90
Ribs—					
May	9 27½	9 37½	9 27½	9 35	9 27½
July	9 35	9 40	9 35	9 40	9 37½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $2.90@3.10; winter straights, $2.60@2.75; spring patents, $3.20@3.40; straights, $3.10@3.30; bakers, $2.00@2.70.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 69@70c; No. 3, 70c; No. 2 red, 74@74½c.

CORN—No. 2, 46c; No. 3 yellow, 46½c.

OATS—No. 2, 40½c; No. 3 white, 41@41½c; No. 4 white, 39@40c.

RYE—No. 2, 65c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 60@72c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.17½; No. 1 northwestern, $1.20; Prime timothy, $3.35; Clover, contract grade, $12.75.

PROVISIONS—Short ribs, sides (loose), $8.00@8.25. Mess pork, per bbl., $16.75@16.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9.65. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.25@8.35.

The receipts and shipments of flour and grain were:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	18,000	18,000
Wheat, bu.	48,000	30,000
Corn, bu.	290,000	156,000
Oats, bu.	475,000	275,000
Rye, bu.	6,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	108,000	11,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 22@28c; dairies, 22@26c. Eggs, firm; at mark, cases included, 24@25½c; fresh, 25c; prime firsts, 26c. Cheese, steady, 14@15½c.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Per doz., 25c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 9½@9½c; roosters, 5c; turkeys, 12@13c; ducks, 9@10c; young roosters, 9@9c; geese, 9@9c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 20c; choice to fancy dairy, 22@25c; creamery, 28@28c.

HAY—Choice upland, $9.50; medium, $9.00; No. 1 bottom, $8.50; off grades, $8.50@8.00. Rye straw, $7.00; No. 1 alfalfa, $11.50.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.00.

FRUITS.

CRANBERRIES—Per bbl., $6.00@6.50.

APPLES—Fancy, per bbl., $2.75; Jonathans, $2.75@4.50; New York apples, $2.50; Iowa and Nebraska, eating and cooking, $2.75@3.00; winesaps, $2.00 per box.

PEARS—Winter Nelis, per box, $2.00.

COCOANUTS—Per sack of 100, $4.50.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

FIGS—California, bulk, 9@9c; 4-crown Turkish, 8c; 4-crown Turkish, 10c; 5-crown Turkish, 16c.

LEMONS—Limoniera, 300 and 360 size, $4.50; other brands, 50c less.

DATES—Kadawy, 5½c; sayers, 5c; halloris, new stuffed walnut dates, 5-lb. box, $1.20.

BANANAS—Per medium-sized bunch, $2.00@2.25; jumbos, $2.50@3.50.

GRAPE FRUIT—Size 36 to 64 and 80, $3.75@4.00.

ORANGES—Florida, 250 and 300 sizes, $2.00; California navels, extra fancy, all sizes, $2.00; fancy, $2.75; choice, $2.25@2.50.

OLD VEGETABLES.

CARROTS, BEETS AND PARSNIPS—Per bu., 75c.

SWEET POTATOES—Illinois, per large bbl., $3.25.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $1.85; No. 2, $1.50.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 9½c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, home grown, 2c per lb.

POTATOES—Per bu., 60@70c.

RUTABAGAS—About 1½c lbs. to sack, $1.00.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per bu., 60c; Spanish, per crate, $2.00; Colorado, per bu., 75c.

NEW VEGETABLES.

BEETS, TURNIPS AND CARROTS—Per doz., 40@50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, 10-lb. crate, $4.00.

LEAF LETTUCE—Hot house, per dozen heads, 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Case of 1 doz., $1.00.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 15c.

PARSLEY—Hothouse, per doz. bunches, 60c.

HEAD LETTUCE—Southern, per doz., $1.00@1.25.

CUT BEEF PRICES.

No. 1 ribs, 15c; No. 2 ribs, 10c; No. 3 ribs, 7c; No. 1 loin, 18c; No. 2 loin, 12½c; No. 3 loin, 9c; No. 1 chuck, 8c; No. 2 chuck, 5c; No. 3 chuck, 4c; No. 1 round, 9½c; No. 2 round, 6½c; No. 3 round, 5c; No. 1 plate, 4½c; No. 2 plate, 4c; No. 3 plate, 3c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHEESE — New full cream Wisconsin twins, 15c; new full cream brick, 16½@17c; Swiss cheese, twins, 20c; block Swiss, 16c; limberger, 15c; young American, 17c.

FISH — Pickerel, dressed, 9c; pike, dressed, 10c; white fish, dressed, winter caught, 12c; trout, 12c; halibut, 12c; salmon, 16c; catfish, 12c; herring, dressed, pan frozen, 6c; perch, scaled and dressed, 9c; perch, skinned, dressed, headless, 7c; crappies, round, 9@9c; crappies, large, fancy, 15c; black bass, 20c; smelts, sweet and fine, 15c; eel, 15c; blue fish, 15c; red snapper, 12c; roe shad, per fish, 8c; frog legs, 40c; lobsters, green, per lb., 20c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 40c; mackerel, Spanish, per lb., 15c; mackerel, native, 25c per lb.

HONEY—Per 24 frames, $3.00.

CURED FISH—Family white fish, per quarter bbl., 100 lbs., $6.00; Norway mackerel, No. 1, $15.00; No. 2, $13.00; herring, in bbls., 100 lbs. each, Norway, $6, $11.00.

HIDES AND TALLOW—Green salted, No. 1, 12c; No. 2, 11c; bull hides, 9c; green hides, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c; horse, $1.50@2.75; sheep pelts, 50@$1.25. Tallow, No. 1, 4½@5c; No. 2, 3½c. Wool, 14@22c.

CIDER—New York, half barrel, $2.75; barrel, $5.00.

COFFEE—Roasted, No. 2, 20c per lb.; No. 3, 20; per lb.; No. 3, 19c per lb.; No. 2, 19c per lb.; No. 1, 18c per lb.

SUGAR—Granulated cane, in sacks, $5.32; granulated beet, in sacks, $5.12.

SYRUP—In bbls., 27c per gal.; in cases, 6 10-lb cans, $1.70; cases, 1 5-lb. cans, $1.80; cases, 2 2½-lb. cans, $2.85.

NUTS—French walnuts, 15½c; California walnuts, No. 1, soft shell, 15c; No. 1, soft shell, 15½c; Brazils, 12@13c; pecans, 10@12c; filberts, 12@13c; peanuts, raw, 7½c; roasted, 8c; California almonds, hard shell, 18c; Tarragonas, 17c; cocoanuts, $4.50 per 100 lbs.

CANNED GOODS—Corn, standard, western, 85@90c; Maine, $1.15. Tomatoes, 2-lb. cans, $1.10; 3-lb. cans, 87½@$1.00. Pineapples, grated, 2-lb., $2.00@2.30; sliced, $1.80@2.25. Gallon apples, fancy, $3.00. California apricots, $2.00. Pears, $1.75@2.00. Peaches, fancy, $1.75@2.00; H. C. peaches, $2.00@2.50. Alaska salmon, red, $1.35; fancy Chinook, P., $2.10; fancy sockeye, P., $1.85. Sardines, quarter oil, $2.75; three-quarters mustard, $3.00. Sweet potatoes, $1.10@1.35. Sauerkraut, $1.00. Pumpkins, 80@$1.00. Wax beans, 2-lb., 20@25c. Lima beans, 2-lb., 7c@$1.35. Spinach, $1.35. Cheap peas, 2-lb. 60c; extras, 80c@$1.10; fancy, $1.30@1.75.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—Firm; futures, higher; track, No. 2 red, cash, 77@77½c; No. 2 hard, 74@74½c; May, 77½c; July, 75½c.

CORN—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 46½c; No. 2 white, 46½c; May, 46½c; July, 46½c.

OATS—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 38½c; No. 2 white, 39½c; May, 41@41½c; July, 38½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.00@3.30; extra fancy and straight, $2.75@2.90; clear, $2.60@2.85.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.75@4.15.

COTTONSEED MEAL—Steady, $2.40.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 62@65c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $13.00@18.00; prairie, $9.00@12.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.10.

BAGGING—4½c.

HEMP TWINES—10c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $17.25. Lard, higher; prime steam, $9.67½. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed extra shorts, 10.75; clear ribs, $9.75; short clear, $9.87½. Bacon, steady; boxed extra shorts, $10.50; clear ribs, $10.50; short clear, $10.62½.

POULTRY—Easy; chickens, 8½c; springs, 11½c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 11½c; geese, 7c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 27@31c; dairy, 19@27c.

EGGS—Higher at 24½c.

Receipts and shipments of flour and grain were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	18,000	17,000
Wheat, bu.	60,000	9,000
Corn, bu.	200,000	155,000
Oats, bu.	170,000	35,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—May, 71⅝c; July, 71⅛c; September, 71⅞c. Cash: No. 2 hard, 70@72½c; No. 3, 67@70½c; No. 2 red, 74@74½c; No. 3, 69@72c.

CORN—May, 41⅝c; July, 42½c; September, 43½c. Cash: No. 2 mixed, 40½@40½c; No. 3, 40@40½c; No. 2 white, 42c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 41@42½c; No. 2 mixed, 40@41c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $18.00@19.00; choice prairie, $11.00@11.50.

RYE—Steady, 65@66c.

EGGS—Steady; firsts, 24½c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 25c; packing, 20c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	141,000	67,000
Corn, bu.	40,000	25,000
Oats, bu.	20,000	17,000

Board of Trade quotations for Kansas City delivery. The range of prices, as reported by Logan & Bryan, 112 Board of Trade building, was:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	71⅛@71⅛	71⅛@71⅛	71⅛	71⅛B
July	71⅛	72	71⅛@71⅛	71⅛B
Corn—				
May	41⅞	42	41⅞@41⅞	42A
July	42⅛@42⅛	42⅛	42⅛@42⅛	42⅛A

B bid.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 1 northern, 69@69½c; No. 2 northern, 67@68c; May, 70@70½c bid.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 66c.

BARLEY—Higher; No. 2, 69@c; sample, 12@68c.

CORN—No. 3 cash, 42½@42½c; May, 47½c bid.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—BUTTER—Firm; extra western creamery, 30@32c.

EGGS—Firm, 1c higher; western, 26c at mark.

CHEESE—Firm, fair demand; New York full creams, 12½@14½c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—On track, No. 1 northern, 80½c; No. 2 northern, 78½c; May, 80½c; July, 81½c; September, 79½c.

OATS—To arrive, 38½c.

RYE—60c.

BARLEY—62@65c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—Spot strong; No. 2 red western winter, 8s 2d. Futures firm; March 8s 9¼d; May, 8s 10¼d; July, 8s 7½d.

CORN—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 5s 6d; American mixed, old, 5s 7½d. Futures firm; March, 5s 5¼d; May, 5s 5¾d.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Steady Today, but Decidedly Lower for Week.

HOGS TEN CENTS LOWER FOR WEEK

Receipts of Sheep and Lambs Large for the Week, with Good Kinds Generally Steady and Inferior Grades Weak.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 23, 1907.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	7,012	21,238	18,756
Official Tuesday	6,611	21,696	9,324
Official Wednesday	4,268	19,224	9,186
Official Thursday	4,203	11,346	8,601
Official Friday	1,087	7,259	2,967
Official Saturday	175	7,000	4,000
This week	23,776	88,059	44,373
Last week	31,901	81,718	37,155
Two weeks ago	35,019	67,461	32,380
Three weeks ago	32,379	65,442	27,338
Four weeks ago	25,937	67,273	30,380
Same week last year	21,722	61,216	44,011

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year to date, compared with last year:

	1907.	1906.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	173,271	148,363	28,627	.....
Hogs	382,437	412,686	.....	30,249
Sheep	151,250	221,352	18,987	.....

CATTLE QUOTATIONS.

Good to choice corn-fed steers	$5.25@5.60
Fair to good corn-fed steers	4.90@5.25
Common to fair steers	4.00@4.80
Good to choice fed cows	3.00@4.50
Fair to good cows and heifers	2.00@2.60
Common to fair cows and heifers	2.00@2.50
Good to choice stockers & feeders	4.00@4.60
Fair to good stockers and feeders	3.75@4.20
Common to fair stockers	3.00@3.75
Bulls, stags, etc	2.75@4.25
Veal calves	4.00@6.50

The following table shows the average price of hogs at South Omaha for the last several days, with comparison:

Date.	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.
Feb. 11	6 [illegible]	*	4.77	5.00	6.72	6.02	5.38
Feb. 12	6 [illegible]	5.72	*	5.00	6.72	6.02	5.30
Feb. 14	6 38	5.90	4.86	*	6.86	5.92	5.21
Feb. 15	6 [illegible]	5.94	4.85	4.98	*	5.90	5.28
Feb. 16	6 [illegible]	5.85	4.85	5.04	6.80	*	5.28
Feb. 17	*	5.91	4.72	5.02	6.77	5.79	*
Feb. 18	6 [illegible]	5.94	4.85	5.15	6.77	5.79	5.32
Feb. 19	6 [illegible]	5.90	*	5.12	6.82	5.87	5.32
Feb. 20	6 [illegible]	5.90	4.85	5.15	6.79	5.84	5.31
Feb. 21	6 [illegible]	5.92	4.60	*	6.90	5.90	5.32
Feb. 22	6 [illegible]	5.95	4.74	5.20	*	5.90	5.30
Feb. 23	*	6.04	4.69	5.23	6.92	*	5.32

*Sunday.

RANGE OF PRICES.

	Cattle.	Hogs.
Omaha	$5.00@5.60	$5.90@6.00
Chicago	4.00@6.90	5.80@7.15
Kansas City	3.00@6.00	5.00@7.00
St. Louis	3.00@6.75	5.80@7.15
Sioux City	3.50@5.00	5.75@6.90

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H'ses
C., M. & St. P.	6	..	..	..
Wabash	1	..	..	..
Missouri Pacific	1	..	..	..
C. P. System	7	..	6	..
C. & N. W., east	19	..	..	..
C. & N. W., west	1	28	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	4	..	..	..
C., B. & Q., east	1	3	..	1
C., B. & Q., west	2	19	..	..
C., R. I. & P., east	11	..	..	..
C., R. I. & P., west	1	..	..	..
Illinois Central	4	..	..	..
Total receipts	4	102	6	2

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	1,261	300	.....
Swift and Company	1,023	713	.....
Cudahy Packing Co.	1,464	162	.....
Armour & Co.	7	2,000	.....
L. F. Huse	1	.....	.....
T. E. Ingham	2	.....	.....
Independent Pkg. Co.	.....	384	.....
Other buyers	12	.....	78
Totals	3,768	3,559	78

CATTLE—There was a scarcity of cattle in the yards today, there being the usual Saturday's lack of receipts. For the week the receipts are more than double what they were last week and also a little larger than a year ago. The quality of the cattle coming to market continues very poor, the great big bulk of the receipts consisting of half fat or warmed up stuff. Not a single choice load of finished beeves has put in an appearance during the whole week. The best cattle here were only good enough to bring $5.45.

The market started out on Monday with a slow break, prices that day being quoted fully 10c lower. There was a still further downward movement in values on Tuesday, since which date the market has been steady and possibly a trifle stronger than the low point on Tuesday. At the close of the week best steers are right at 10@15c lower than one week ago. There has not been much variety of life or snap to the trade at any time, but still buyers have kept taking the cattle and there has been a fair movement since Tuesday.

Cows and heifers were in better demand, if anything, than steers, but still they too were lower during the first two days of the week. Since then they have firmed up so that at the close of the week they are on an average about 10@15c lower than one week ago.

The market on stockers and feeders was very strong at the beginning of the week. In spite of the weakness in beef cattle, feeders sold as high as ever, buyers paying for the best $5 or better. However, speculators were the principal buyers and they continued free buyers on Tuesday in anticipation of a good country demand. But the country demand proved disappointing and speculators found themselves loaded up with a lot of cattle for which there was very little sale, the market eased off and at the close of the week is fully 10@15c lower than it was at the beginning of the week. The decline was fully as much if not more on the high priced cattle than it was on the lighter grades.

HOGS—There was no great change in the hog market today, but such change as took place was on the side of improved values. For the most part, however, hogs sold in about the same notches as yesterday, the most of them going at $5.90@5.95, with $5.97½ a very popular price. The trade when once underway was fairly active and most of the hogs changed hands in good season in the morning. As we go into the case yesterday there were a few loads good enough to go at $6.00, which was the top with days.

The receipts of hogs this week have been fairly liberal, showing a good increase over last week, being about on a par with the record of a year ago. It will be noted in this connection that the receipts of hogs for the year to date are still quite a little behind last year's record. The market during the last six days has been weak, packers having acted entirely on the bear side and being apparently determined to break prices. Under the influence of the continued hammering values have eased off and at the close of the week are 10c lower than on last Saturday. It would appear from the tactics of buyers that they are determined to prevent further advances in the market if it is within their power to do so.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Bk.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Bk.	Pr.
40	114	4	3 75	73	229	..	5 82½
31	119	300	4 75	73	229	..	5 82½
73	222	40	5 00	63	211	..	5 87½
74	224	..	5 00	61	206	40	5 87½
72	229	80	5 00	60	204	..	5 87½
72	229	..	5 00	67	236	200	5 92½
72	229	..	5 00	66	237	40	5 92½
72	229	..	5 00	67	241	..	5 92½
72	229	..	5 00	67	234	..	5 92½
72	229	..	5 00	65	230	40	5 92½
70	190	80	5 00	63	206	..	5 92½
72	244	120	5 05	71	252	..	5 92½
72	244	80	5 05	70	252	..	5 92½
72	219	40	5 05	70	252	..	5 92½
65	246	120	5 05	70	252	240	5 92½
60	228	40	5 05	70	252	15	5 92½
68	204	..	5 05	69	240	..	5 92½
68	204	..	5 05	70	249	..	5 92½
72	201	..	5 05	72	249	..	5 92½
62	244	..	5 05	70	249	..	5 92½
62	195	..	5 05	68	236	..	5 92½
62	195	..	5 05	68	236	..	5 92½
62	195	..	5 05	68	236	..	5 92½
73	206	..	5 05	68	236	80	5 92½
73	229	..	5 07½	70	211	40	5 92½
73	240	80	5 07½	66	236	..	5 92½
73	229	40	5 07½	72	239	..	5 92½
73	229	120	5 07½	70	229	..	5 92½
73	241	..	5 07½	70	197	..	5 92½
73	215	..	5 07½	70	247	40	5 92½
73	215	80	5 07½	72	241	40	5 92½
73	215	..	5 07½	72	246	..	5 92½
73	229	160	5 07½	71	242	40	5 92½
73	229	..	5 07½	70	235	..	5 92½
73	262	160	5 07½	70	240	40	5 92½
73	259	80	5 07½	70	245	160	5 92½
73	224	..	5 07½	70	244	..	5 95
73	224	..	5 07½	67	231	80	5 95
73	221	..	5 07½	64	244	..	5 95
73	246	..	5 07½	66	279	80	5 95
73	277	..	5 07½	68	268	..	5 95
73	246	40	5 07½	61	264	..	5 95
73	229	..	5 07½	61	264	..	5 95
73	229	..	5 07½	65	271	..	5 95
73	229	..	5 07½	65	271	..	5 95
73	242	..	5 07½	61	246	80	5 95
73	242	..	5 07½	60	276	..	5 97½
73	207	40	5 07½	59	259	..	5 97½
37	249	..	5 07½	59	259	160	5 97½
73	213	..	5 07½	65	259	..	5 97½
73	213	..	5 07½	63	271	..	5 90
73	256	..	5 07½	66	256	..	5 90
73	219	..	5 07½				

SHEEP—Estimated receipts this morning were large, seventeen cars being reported, but the number actually in when the market opened was only six cars. Eleven cars were reported back, no one knowing when they would get in, if they were coming at all. Of the stuff reported in there were a few ewes good enough to bring $5.30, with about two loads of lambs of pretty decent quality at $7.30. About half the stuff was decidedly on the trashy order.

The receipts of sheep this week have been quite large, showing a very heavy gain over last week and a considerable increase as compared with a year ago. The market this week has been in rather peculiar condition and it was not been the easiest thing in the world to keep track of it. While receipts have been large, the demand has not been very urgent, so that on some days the trade has been both slow and weak. The low day was Thursday, when the market was quoted 10@15c lower. In spite of the trade being slow, the packers have evidently wanted the good to choice killers, so that whatever has there was on that kind was recovered, and at the close of the week they are just about steady with one week ago. The fact that there have been some quite sizable feeder buying orders in the hands of commission men from parties wanting something to shear and feed out has helped very materially in keeping the supply cleaned up. The greatest difficulty has been to take care of the common to medium grades that have been coming, for which the demand is limited. The fact is, shippers ought not to send in anything until it is finished for market, and if they would follow that policy there would be no danger of breaking prices, as there is every reason for believing that packers can take care of all the strictly good sheep and lambs there are in the country.

Quotations on killers: Good to choice lambs, $7.00@7.40; fair to good lambs, $6.75@7.00; good to choice yearlings, lamb weights, $6.60@6.80; fair to good yearlings, lamb weights, $6.35@6.60; good to choice yearlings, heavyweights, $6.25@6.50; fair to good yearlings, heavyweights, $6.00@6.25; good to choice old wethers, $5.60@5.80; fair to good old wethers, $5.25@5.60; good to choice ewes, $5.00@5.25; fair to good, $4.50@5.00.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.
199 western ewes	119	5 30
78 western lambs, feeders	61	6 80
302 western lambs	64	7 20
230 western lambs	64	7 25
159 western yearlings	72	5 90

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle and Sheep Steady—Hogs Steady to Higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300 head; market steady. Beeves, $4.10@6.30; cows and heifers, $1.00@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.75; calves, $6.00@7.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000 head; market steady to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, $5.90@7.15; good heavy, $7.05@7.15; rough heavy, $5.90@6.05; light, $5.90@7.07½; pigs, $6.15@6.90; bulk of sales, $7.00@7.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,500 head; market steady; sheep, $2.50@5.65; lambs, $4.75@7.65.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 200 head. Market steady; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.00@5.50; fair to good, $4.25@5.20; western fed steers, $4.00@5.35; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.60; southern steers, $2.75@5.25; southern cows, $2.00@3.75; native cows, $2.00@4.50; native heifers, $2.00@4.50; bulls, $2.00@4.25; calves, $3.00@7.25. Receipts for the week, 28,300 head.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000 head. Market was strong; top, $7.00; bulk of sales, $6.90@6.95; heavy, $6.90@7.00; packers, $6.90@6.97½; pigs and lights, $6.00@6.90. Receipts for the week, 36,500.

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