

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

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SPECULATION WAS LACKING

This Forced Wheat, Which Opened Firm, but Lower—Meanwhile Speculators Wait for Government Report.

OMAHA, Dec. 7.—Wheat opened firm, but went lower on a lack of speculation. The general situation was unchanged and holders of long staff remain firm. Speculators were in control, waiting for the government report, which was to come out today.

Corn was on the decline, with increasing receipts. Eastern consumption demand continues very poor and lower values are being forced on corn.

Wheat started out steady, but the speculative element held back, waiting for the government report. The report came bearing bad news, first, from the market, the total lack of support he values down for a quick 1-cent drop. December wheat opened at 36c and closed at 35c.

Primary wheat receipts were 300,000 bushels and shipments were 1,000,000 bushels and exports 1,000,000 bushels.

Corn receipts were 600,000 bushels and shipments were 300,000 bushels, against receipts of 200,000 bushels.

Clearances were 170,000 bushels of corn, rest of oats and wheat, and flour equal to 200,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed 4d lower on wheat and 5d lower on corn.

Local range of options:

Articles, Open | High | Low | Close | So'y.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close	So'y.
Dec. 5	364	364	360	360	360
May	1,045	1,045	1,035	1,035	1,035
Corn	355	355	350	350	350
Dec.	57	57	56	56	56
May	68	68	67	67	67
Dec.	48	48	47	47	47
May	48	48	47	47	47

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, \$1.00/lb.; No. 3 hard, \$1.00/lb.; No. 3 spring, \$0.90/lb.; No. 2 mixed, \$0.90/lb.; No. 3 mixed, \$0.85/lb.; No. 3 white, \$0.85/lb.

RFD—No. 2 (2c); No. 3, 7c.

Corn Receipts.

Wheat, Corn, Oats, 37c; Minneapolis, 36c; Duluth, 37c; Omaha, 40c.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Favorable Outlook for Fall Sows.

When Crop Weakens Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Wheat prices on the local exchange declined today for the May and July deliveries, owing to general sales based on the strength of the government report. The market closed weak at the lowest point. Corn, oats and provisions also closed weak.

Announcement of the estimates by government statisticians on the condition of and acreage sown to winter wheat in the United States was made at the noon hour and was the occasion for active selling of wheat. As a result of this general selling price declined from 3½c to 3c from the high point of the day, the May and July futures closing below the previous day's close.

Leading bulls apparently gave the market no support and the principal buying was done by shorts and commission houses. According to the official statistics the condition of the crop was fair, compared with a 10-year average of 2.1, and the total acreage was estimated at 38,884,000 acres, a much larger acreage than was reported in the fall of 1907.

The market was also weakened by an increase of 1,232,000 bushels in the visible supply of wheat in the United States.

Local reports of weather conditions report the market was fairly steady and trading was inclined to drag. The market closed at the low point for all deliveries, December, 3½c; March, 3c; May, at 3½c; June, 4c; July, at 3½c.

Commodity record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the past three years:

1908, 1907, 1906, 1905.

Minimum temperature—8° 2° 3° 4°

Normal temperature for today—7° 8° 9°

Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 2.6 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1907, 2.6 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1906, 2.6 inches.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—WHEAT—Lower track, No. 2 red, cash, \$1.06/lb.; No. 2 hard, \$1.06/lb.; No. 3, 94c.

CORN—Lower track, No. 2 cash, 42c;

No. 2 white, 38c; December, 48c; May, 52c.

FLOUR—Firm, red winter patents, \$4.00/lb.; extra fancy and straight, \$4.00/lb.

COFFEE—Timothy, \$2.00/lb.

COKE—Steady, packed, east track, \$1.02/lb.

DALMATION—Pork, 40c/lb.

HAY—Steady; timothy, \$8.00/lb.; prairie, 20c/lb.

IRON COTTON TIRES—10c.

JOINTS—Pork, 40c/lb.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower, jobbing, \$6.00/lb.; Lard, lower, prime steaks, \$6.00/lb.; Dry and meat, unchanged; boxed, extra choice, \$1.00/lb.; ham, \$1.00/lb.; bacon, \$1.00/lb.; bacon, unchanged; boxed extra choice, \$1.00/lb.; ham, \$1.00/lb.; short clear, 20c/lb.

JUNK—Jan., 82c/lb.; Feb., 82c/lb.; Mar., 82c/lb.; Apr., 82c/lb.; May, 82c/lb.; June, 82c/lb.

Land—Jan., 82c/lb.; Feb., 82c/lb.; Mar., 82c/lb.; Apr., 82c/lb.; May, 82c/lb.; June, 82c/lb.

LARD—Jan., 82c/lb.; Feb., 82c/lb.; Mar., 82c/lb.; Apr., 82c/lb.; May, 82c/lb.; June, 82c/lb.

LIVESTOCK—Lamb, 12c/lb.; mutton, 12c/lb.; veal, 12c/lb.; lamb, 12c/lb.; mutton, 12c/lb.

LIVERPOOL—Pork, chickens, 8c; spring, 12c; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 8c; geese, 8c.

SPUTTER—Stronger; cracker, 25c/lb.

Eggs—Pork, 8c/lb.

Receipts, Shipments.

Wheat, bu. 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.

Corn, bu. 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.

Oats, bu. 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.

Potato, bu. 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.

Flour, bu. 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.; 12c/lb.

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