GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Both Sides of Wheat Trade Close Year with Bears on Top.

CORN TRADERS ARE PLEASED

They Like Uncertain Position of December Option to Be Closed—Reported Much Long Corn Could Not Be Filled.

OMAHA, Dec. 30, 1911.

Both sides in the wheat trade closed the year with arguments to fortify their position, the bears having the best of the argument, sighting a very large exportable surplus from Argentine, which will soon be moving, and the big domestic visible supply, which has no adequate demand to move it. Bulls are pointing to the strong northwest situation and the firm cash conditions, with strong belief for better demand after the first of the year.

Conservative corn traders are pleased to have the very uncertain position of the December option closed today. The final very strong turn in that month today showed much long corn that could not be filled. From now on the situation will be governed by the weather and clear, cold conditions will mean a large run to market.

Wheat was dull and little trading was indulged in. Futures sagged, but the cash values held firm to ¼c higher.

The shorts in December corn were forced to run values skyward, while the deferred futures held steady. Cash corn was strong, selling ¼@½c higher.

Primary wheat receipts were 490,000 bushels and shipments were 158,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 599,000 bushels and shipments of 463,000 bushels.

Primary corn receipts were 540,000 bushels and shipments were 386,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 746,000 bushels and shipments of 585,000 bushels.

Clearances were 221,000 bushels of corn, 900 bushels of oats, and wheat and flour equal to 441,000 bushels.

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

The following cash sales were reported: Wheat, No. 4 hard, 2 cars, $1.00½; 5 cars, $1.00; No. 2 hard, 3 cars, $1.00½. Corn, No. 2 white, 1 car, 50½c; No. 4 white, 1 car, 48c; No. 2 yellow, 2 cars, 50½c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car, 50c; No. 4 yellow, 2 cars, 49½c; No. 4 mixed, 5 cars, 50½c; 1 car, 50c; No. 4 mixed, 4 cars, 48c; 1 car, 48½c; 2 cars, 47½c; no grade, 1 car, 46c. Oats, No. 3 white, 46c; No. 4 white, 1 car, 45½c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 99½@$1.01½; No. 3 hard, 99c@$1.01½; No. 4 hard, 94@98½c.

CORN—No. 3 white, 50@50½c; No. 4 white, 57½@58c; No. 3 yellow, 50@50½c; No. 4 yellow, 57½@58½c; No. 3 mixed, 50@50½c; No. 4, 50@48½c; no grade, 45@46c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 46½@46½c; standard, 46@46½c; No. 3 white, 45½@46c; No. 4 white, 45½@46½c; No. 3 yellow, 45@46½c; No. 4 yellow, 45@46½c.

BARLEY—Malting, $1.17@1.25; No. 1 feed, 75@95c.

RYE—No. 2, 89½@90½c; No. 3, 88½@89½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	15	152	79
Minneapolis	14	...	...
Omaha	13	27	31
Duluth	52	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Big changes in price today, out of all proportion to the small amount of business involved, marked the end of the December delivery of wheat and corn. The winding up trades in that option resulted in sending the first named cereal down for what remained of that month and hoisting the other grain up, the extreme differences from last night being, respectively, a decline of 3c and a rise of 2½c. Otherwise fluctuations were of a modest sort. For the list, taken as a whole, the finish left wheat ⅛c up to ⅛c off, corn up a shade to 2½c, oats ⅛c lower to ⅛c higher and hog products slanting from unaltered figures to a gain of 5c.

May wheat, in which the bulk of transactions took place, did not respond to the eccentricities of the December option and, in fact, had an upward tendency, due to the strength of cash wheat in the northwest and to unsettled weather in the Argentine. The first decrease in stocks at Minneapolis was reported today and there was a belief that a better milling demand for the Chicago supply would gradually develop after January 1. Snow over the winter wheat belt in the United States was counted as beneficial and tended to ease the market somewhat. May ranged from 99½@99⅞c, closing steady, ⅛c net higher at 99⅝@99¾c. Spot demand was slow. No. 2 yellow was quoted at 50@52c for car lots.

Small arrivals of oats kept that cereal steady. Upper and lower levels touched by May were 47½c and 47⅛c, with last sales at 47½@47¾c, exactly the same as last night.

Sedulousness of offerings had a greater effect on provisions than did the liberal hog receipts. In the end pork was unchanged to 5c up, with other products also firm, but showing a trifle less advance.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat					
Dec.	94⅛@⅞	94⅝	92⅛	93	94⅛
May	99⅛@⅛	99⅝	98⅝	99	99⅝
July	94⅛@⅛	94⅞	94⅛	94⅛@⅛	94⅞
Corn					
Dec.	64⅞@⅝	65⅛	64⅝	65	64⅛
May	63⅞@⅝	63⅞	63⅝	63⅝@⅞	63⅝
July	63⅞@⅝	63⅞	63⅝	63⅝@⅞	63⅝
Oats					
Dec.	46⅛@47	47⅛	46⅛	46⅛	46⅝
May	47⅛@⅛	47⅛	47⅛	47⅛@⅛	47⅛@⅞
July	45⅝	45⅝@⅝	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝
Pork					
Jan.	15 40	15 55	15 40	15 45@	
				15 47½	15 45
May	15 90	16 05	15 90	15 90@	
				15 97½	15 92½
July	16 05	16 15	16 05	16 10	16 05
Lard					
Jan.	9 10	9 20	9 10	9 15	9 15⅛
May	9 35@½	9 42½	9 35	9 37½@40	9 37½
July	9 47½	9 52½	9 47½	9 52½	9 50
Ribs					
Jan.	8 37½	8 35	8 37½	8 32½	8 30
May	8 55-57½	8 62½@65	8 55-57½	8 60	8 57½
July	8 62½	8 67½	8 62½	8 65	8 62½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $5.75@6.00; winter straights, $5.00@5.50; spring patents, $5.70@6.80; spring straights, $4.70@5.00; bakers, $3.80@4.10; spring patents, held at $6.00 for the best hard.

RYE—No. 2, 92c.

BARLEY—Feed or mixing, $50@61.00; fair to choice malting, $1.12@1.30.

SEEDS—Timothy, $12.00@13.00; clover, $13.00@20.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., old, $16.00; new, $15.50; lard, per 100 lbs., $9.15; short ribs, sides (loose), $7.87½.

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 441,000 bu. Primary receipts were 490,000 bu., compared with 599,000 bu. the corresponding day a year ago.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 15 cars; corn, 245 cars; oats, 66 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 red, 95@97c; No. 3 red, 94@96c; No. 2 hard, 97c@$1.00; No. 3 hard, 95@98c; No. 1 northern, $1.06@1.09; No. 2 northern, $1.00@1.07; No. 3 northern, 97c@$1.04; No. 2 spring, 96c@$1.02; No. 3 spring, 94c@$1.00; No. 4 spring, 89@93c; velvet chaff, 90c@$1.04; durum, 90c@$1.02. Corn: No. 2, 60½@61c; No. 3 white, 61½@62c; No. 3 yellow, 61½c; old, 70c; No. 4, 57½@58½c; No. 4 white, 59½@60c; No. 4 yellow, 58@59½c. Oats: No. 1 white, 48½@48¾c; No. 2, 46c; No. 3 white, 47@48½c; No. 4 white, 44@47½c; standard, 48½c. Rye: No. 2, 92c. Barley: 75c@$1.30. Clover: $13.50@20.50. Timothy: $12.00@18.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 26@36c; dairies, 23@31c.

EGGS—Steady; receipts, 1,761 cases; at mark, cases included, 18@27c; firsts, 29½c; ordinary firsts, 24@26c.

CHEESE—Steady; daisies, 16½@16¾c; twins, 16@16½c; young Americas, 16½@16¾c; long horns, 16½@16¾c.

POTATOES—Strong; receipts, 68 cars; Wisconsin, 90@95c; Michigan and Minnesota, 90@95c.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, alive, 14c; dressed, 18½c; chickens, alive, 12½c; dressed, 15c; springs, alive, 11c; dressed, 17c.

VEAL—Steady, 70@11c.

Carlot Receipts: Wheat, 15 cars, with 1 of contract grade. Corn, 152 cars, with 3 of contract grade. Oats, 79 cars. Total receipts of wheat at Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth today were 290 cars, compared with 219 cars the corresponding day a year ago.

Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—FLOUR—Steady; spring patents, $5.00@5.30; winter straights, $4.10@4.20; winter patents, $4.35@4.70; spring clears, $4.10@4.35, winter extras, No. 1, $3.70@3.80; winter extras, No. 2, $3.55@3.65; Kansas straights, $4.60@4.70. Receipts, 19,165 bbls.; shipments, 11,841 bbls. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $4.70@4.90; choice to fancy, $4.95@5.15. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.75 per 100 lbs.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.60@1.65; coarse, $1.55@1.60; kiln dried, $1.85@2.75.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 97c, nominal, c. i. f., Buffalo.

BARLEY—Steady; malting, $1.18@1.28, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Spot market, irregular; No. 2 red, 97½c, elevator, export basis, and 97¾c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.18½ f. o. b., afloat. Futures market was steady with little pressure to sell owing to light receipts and on covering for over the holiday and in sympathy with outside markets, closing ⅛c net higher. March, $1.02⅝@1.02 5-16, closed at $1.02½. Receipts, 3,600 bu.; shipments nil.

CORN—Spot market easy; export, new, 68½c, f. o. b., afloat. Futures market was nominal. Receipts, 103,500 bu.; shipments, 59,981 bu.

OATS—Spot market firm; standard white, 52c, in elevators; No. 2, 53½c. Nos. 3 and 4, 53c; natural white and white clipped, 51½@54½c on track. Futures market was nominal. Receipts, 175,000 bu.; shipments, 530 bu.

FEED—Quiet; western spring bran, 100-pound sacks, $26.50@27.00; standard middling, 100-pound sacks, $28.50@28.50; city, 100-pound sacks, $27.50.

HAY—Steady; prime, $1.20, nominal; No. 1, $1.25@1.30; No. 2, $1.10@1.15; No. 3, 95c@$1.00.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1911, 48@66c; 1910, nominal; Pacific coast, 1911, 45@50c; 1910, nominal.

HIDES—Quiet; Central America, 22c; Bogota, 22½@23½c.

LEATHER—Steady, hemlock firsts, 25@27c; seconds, 24@26c; thirds, 21@22c; rejects, 18c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; mess, $17.00@17.50; family, $19.00@20.00; short clear, $17.25@18.00. Beef, steady; mess, $13.00@13.50; family, $14.00@16.00; beef hams, $29.00@31.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 10 to 14 pounds, $9.25; pickled hams, $11.00@11.25. Lard, unsettled; middle west prime, $9.25@9.35; refined, steady; continent, $9.60; Panama, $10.25; compound, $8.62½@8.87½.

TALLOW—Dull; prime city hhds. 6¼c; special, 6⅜c; country, 5½@6¼c.

BUTTER—Firmer; creamery extras, 36½@37c; firsts, 34@35c; factory, 32@32½c.

CHEESE—Firm; state, whole milk fall and early specials, 16½@16¾c; skims, 4@14c.

EGGS—Unsettled; fresh gathered, 33@34c; extra firsts, 32c; first, 30@31c; seconds, 28@29c; refrigerator seconds, 24@25c; western gathered whites, 32@35c.

POULTRY—Alive, firm; western chickens, 11½@12½c; fowls, 13@14c; turkeys, 17@18c; dressed, quiet; western chickens, 6@16½c; fowls, 6@16c; turkeys, 12@20c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—December, $1.03¼; May, $1.06¾; July, $1.07½; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.07¼; No. 1 northern, $1.06¾; No. 2 northern, $1.04¾; No. 3, $1.02@1.02¼.

FLAX—$2.10¾.

BARLEY—70c@$1.12.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 59@60c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 45@45½c.

RYE—No. 2, 87½@88c.

BRAN—$23.00@25.00.

FLOUR—First patents, $5.00@5.30; second patents, $4.60@4.80; first clears, $3.50@3.85; second clears, $2.40@2.80.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Unchanged; No. 2 hard, $1.00@1.05; No. 3, 98c@$1.04; No. 2 red, 97@98c; No. 3, 95@96c; May, 80½c; July, 82½c.

CORN—Unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 66@67c; No. 3, 65c; No. 2 white, 66@67c; No. 3, 63c; December, 64½@64½c; July, 64½c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 48@48½c; No. 2 mixed, 47@47½c.

RYE—93@94c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	18,000	19,000
Corn, bu	27,000	27,000
Oats, bu	10,000	3,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—BUTTER—Steady; western creamery special, 40c, extra, 39c; nearby prints extra, 41c.

EGGS—Steady; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, $9.00 per case; current receipts, free cases, $8.40 per case; western firsts, free cases, $9.00 per case; current receipts, free cases, $8.40 per case.

CHEESE—Firm; New York full creams fancy, 16½@17c; fair to good, 16@16½c.

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BUTTER—No. 1, 1-lb. carton, 36c; No. 1, in 60-lb. tubs, 35½c. No. 2, 34c; packing, 26c.

CHEESE—Imported Swiss, 32c; American Swiss, 24c; block Swiss, 19c; twins, 13c; daisies, 13c; triplets, 12c; young Americas, 20c; blue label brick, 18c; limberger, 3-lb., 18c; 1-lb., 19c.

POULTRY—Broilers, $4.00@5.00 per doz.; springs, 12½c; hens, 12½c; cocks, 9c; ducks, 15c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 22c; pigeons, per doz., $1.20. Alive, broilers, 12½c; hens, 9c; old roosters and stags, 5c; old ducks, full feathered, 11c; geese, full feathered, 10c; turkeys, 19c; guinea fowls, 20c each; pigeons, per doz., 60c; homers, per doz., $1.00; squabs, No. 1, $1.50; No. 2, 50c.

FISH—(Fresh frozen)—Pickerel, 7c; white, 10c; pike, 8c; trout, 11c; large crappies, 12@15c; Spanish mackerel, 19c; eel, 18c; haddocks, 13c; flounders, 13c; green catfish, 15c; roe shad, $1.00 each; shad roe, per pair, 60c; salmon, 14c; halibut, 10c; yellow perch, 8c; buffalo, 9c; bullhead, 11c.

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BEEF CUTS—No. 1 ribs, 13c per lb.; No. 2 ribs, 13½c per lb.; No. 3 ribs, 9c per lb.; No. 1 loins, 19½c per lb.; No. 2 loins, 14½c per lb.; No. 3 loins, 10½c per lb.; No. 1 chucks, 8c per lb.; No. 2 chucks, 7½c per lb.; No. 3 chucks, 6½c per lb.; No. 1 rounds, 11c per lb.; No. 2 rounds, 8½c per lb.; No. 3 rounds, 8½c per lb.

FRUITS, ETC.—Apples: Cooking varieties, per bbl., $4.75; Jonathan and Grimes Golden, per bbl., $4.50; Ben Davis, per bbl., $2.75; California Belflower, per box, $1.35; Colorado Jonathan, extra fancy, per box, $2.50; Washington Spitzenberg, per box, $2.50; Washington R. Beauty, per box, $2.50; Washington Staman Winesaps, per box, $2.50. Bananas: Fancy select, per bunch, $2.25@2.50; Jumbo, per bunch, $2.75@3.75. Cranberries: Wisconsin, fancy, per bbl., $9.50; per box, $2.35; extra large Jumbo, per bbl., $10.00. Dates: Anchor brand, new, 30 1-lb. pkgs. in boxes, per box, $2.50; Dromedary brand, new, 30 1-lb. pkgs. in boxes, per box, $3.00; bulk in 25 and 50-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c. Figs: California, per case of 12 12-oz. pkgs., $3.50; per case of 36 12-oz. pkgs., $3.50; per case of 50 8-oz. pkgs., $2.00; New Turkish, 5-crown in 20-lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; 6-crown in 30-lb. boxes, per lb., 16c; 7-crown in 30-lb. boxes, per lb., 17c. Grape Fruit: Florida, 46-56 sizes, per crate, $5.00; 80-54-64 sizes, per crate, $5.25. Grapes: Malaga grapes in bbls., $5.50@6.00. Lemons: Limoneira brand, extra fancy, 300 size, per box, $5.00; 360 size, per box, $4.75; Loma Limoneira, fancy, 300-360 sizes, per box, $4.25; 240 and 420 sizes, 50c per box less. Oranges: California Navels, 96-126 sizes, per box, $3.00; 150-2-50-216-250 sizes, per box, $3.00.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage: Wisconsin, per lb., 2c. Celery: Michigan, per doz., 40c; California Jumbo, per doz., 60c. Cucumbers: Hot house, per doz., $2.00. Egg Plant: Fancy Florida, per doz., $2.00. Garlic: Extra fancy, white, per lb., 15c. Lettuce: Extra fancy, leaf, per doz., 40c. Onions: California, white, per lb., 3c; Wisconsin, yellow and red, in sacks, per lb., 2½c; Spanish, per crate, $1.90. Parsley: Fancy southern, per doz., bunches, 500 75c. Potatoes: Minnesota Early Ohio, per bu., $1.15; Wisconsin white stock, per bu., $1.10; in 10-sack lots, 5c less. Sweet Potatoes: Kansas, per bbl., $3.00; per bu. bak., $1.65. Rutabagas: In sacks, per lb., 1½c. Tomatoes: California, per crate, $1.50.

MISCELLANEOUS—Almonds: Tarragona, per lb., 15½c; in sack lots, 5c less. Brazil nuts: Per lb., 16½c; in sack lots, 1c less. Cocoanuts: Per sack, $5.50. Filberts: Per lb., 14c; in sack lots, 1c less. Peanuts: Roasted, per lb., 8½c; raw, per lb., 7½c. Pecans: Large, per lb., 17c; in sack lots, 1c less. Walnuts: New crop, 1911, California, per lb., 17c; in sack lots, 1c less. Cider: New Nehawka, per 15-gal. ½ bbl., $3.00; per 30-gal. bbl., $5.50; New York Mott's, per 15-gal. bbl., $5.50; per 30-gal. bbl., $6.50. Honey: New, 24 frames, $3.75. Kraut: Per 15-gal. keg, $3.00; per 5-gal. keg, $1.10; Wisconsin, per ½-bbl., $5.50.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Killing Cattle Are Strong to Ten Cents Higher.

HOGS 5 TO 10 CENTS HIGHER

Fat Lambs Active and Ten Cents Higher, While Fat Sheep Are Active and Prices at Least Firm.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 1, 1912.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Estimate Monday	2,200	2,900	2,900
Same day last week	5,929	8,393	5,435
Same day 2 weeks ago	4,505	5,178	9,722
Same day 3 weeks ago	8,176	6,759	11,146
Same day 4 weeks ago	4,938	4,819	9,446
Same day last year	1,357	1,325	2,165

The following table shows the average prices paid for hogs at South Omaha for the last few days, with comparisons:

Date.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.
Dec. 23	5 97½	7 56	8 03	5 36	4 44	*	4 95
Dec. 24	*	7 67	8 11	5 47	4 36	5 13	*
Dec. 25	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dec. 26	6 03½	7 73	*	5 60	4 29	6 21	5 66
Dec. 27	5 96½	7 79	8 30	*	4 39	6 15	5 00
Dec. 28	5 99½	7 79	8 29	5 66	4 44	6 16	4 92
Dec. 29	5 96½	7 78	8 21	5 55	*	6 22	5 09
Dec. 30	.....	7 67	8 29	5 46	4 50	*	5 08
Dec. 31	*	7 71	8 21	5 60	4 33	6 24	*
Date.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.
Jan. 1	.....	*	8 24	4 35	6 24	5 14	*

*Sunday. **Christmas.

Receipts and disposition of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, for the twenty-four hours ending at 3 o'clock yesterday:

RECEIPTS—CARS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Horses
C., M. & St. P.	9	9	..	1
Wabash R. R.	2	4	..	..
Mo. Pac. Ry.	7	4	..	..
C. & N. W. east	7	2	2	1
C. & N. W. west	12	2	5	5
C., St. P., M. & O.	3	6	5	1
C. B. & Q., east	16	..	6	1
C. B. & Q., west	19	8	..	3
C. R. I. & P., east	16	1	..	..
C. R. I. & P., west	3	2	..	..
Illinois Central	1	..	..	..
C. G. W.	2	..	..	..
Total receipts	92	38	17	12

DISPOSITION—HEAD.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	463	287	521
Swift & Co.	494	428	454
Cudahy Packing Co.	274	1,528	...
Armour & Co.	280	686	1,277
J. W. Murphy	..	.....	...
Morrell	17	549	...
W. B. Vansant Co.	8	.....	...
Benton Vansant & Lush.	2	.....	...
Hill & Son	295	.....	...
F. B. Lewis	3	.....	...
J. B. Root & Co.	298	.....	...
J. H. Bulla	53	.....	...
L. F. Husz	29	.....	...
McCreary & Carey	9	.....	...
H. F. Hamilton	19	.....	...
Lee Rothschild	2	.....	...
Mo. & Kan. Calf. Co.	56	.....	...
Cline & Christy	24	.....	...
Other Buyers	218	59	...
Total	2,534	1,950	2,862

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were extremely light this morning only eighty-nine cars being reported in. Still there was a very fair run for New Year's day, being considerably larger than a year ago.

It was very evident that packers wanted a few killing cattle and they were out in the yards early this morning. Anything carrying flesh met with very ready sale and the yards were cleared by 10 o'clock in the morning or soon after. The prices paid were strong to 10 cents higher than last week's close. This would apply to beef steers, cows and heifers equally well.

In the feeder division the situation was just the opposite. The severe cold weather has limited the demand for feeders and stock cattle with the result that there were very few country buyers in this morning. On the other hand speculators were apparently afraid of the near future of the market and they were holding back and not trying to do very much. Cattle having any kill sold to the packers at good prices but the medium to common kinds of feeders and stock cattle were hard to move and prices were sharply lower.

Good to choice beef steers, $6.75@8.00; fair to good beef steers, $6.00@6.75; common to fair beef steers, $4.75@5.75; good to choice heifers, $4.75@6.00; good to choice cows, $4.25@5.25; fair to good cows, $3.75@4.25; common to fair cows, $2.75@3.50; good to choice stockers and feeders, $5.40@6.00; fair to good stockers and feeders, $4.80@5.40; common to fair stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.85; stock heifers, $3.50@4.50; veal calves, $3.50@7.50; bulls, stags, etc., $.25@5.25.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	500	4 75	6	945	6 00
14	841	5 00	5	700	6 25
27	782	5 00	15	1080	6 25
12	733	5 40	21	1195	6 25
6	801	5 60	18	1032	6 25
10	1058	5 75	7	818	6 35
14	970	5 85	14	1172	6 50
23	1041	6 00	12	1354	7 85

COWS.

3	803	2 50	4	1132	4 35
1	900	3 00	2	1125	4 40
4	945	3 25	6	1067	4 40
9	970	3 25	10	1073	4 50
6	983	3 40	21	1154	4 50
1	900	3 40	13	1068	4 50
5	790	4 00	6	1040	4 65
2	1050	4 10	2	1135	4 85
1	1020	4 10	11	960	5 00
10	1073	4 25	23	926	5 15

HEIFERS.

3	535	3 70	7	767	4 40
6	626	4 00	2	650	4 50
5	680	4 25	4	742	4 50
1	780	4 00	4	852	4 85
4	692	4 25			

BULLS.

1	1540	4 50	1	1470	4 25
1	1310	4 00	2	1190	4 20
1	890	4 00	1	1030	4 25
1	1360	4 25	2	1335	4 75
1	1370	4 15	1	1610	4 90
3	1515	4 20			

CALVES.

3	183	4 25	2	200	7 50
1	450	4 75	1	170	7 25
3	371	5 00	1	150	7 25
2	130	7 25	1	140	7 50
1	155	6 00	1	130	7 50
1	230	6 00	2	150	7 50
1	100	7 00	1	160	7 75

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

3	750	4 00	2	765	4 80
2	750	4 10	24	755	4 85
3	415	4 25	1	510	5 00
3	626	4 50	2	965	5 00
2	750	4 00	14	872	5 00
2	750	4 00	22	755	5 10
2	750	4 10	21	947	5 20
2	425	4 25	28	1027	5 55
1	610	4 50			

HOGS—Like most New Year's markets, today's hog trade was a small affair, involving the sale of only an odd forty loads. The packing demand opened early and active and clearance of the bulk was made within the first hour of trading, prices ruling 5@10c higher. The improvement, especially at midsession, was very pronounced, but inquiry slackened toward the close and a few scattered loads, unsold late, had to move at shaded figures, as compared with those in force early.

Shippers and speculators bought sparingly, as local values are almost on a parity with those in the east, and the absence of a working margin was directly responsible for outside orders calling for less than a half dozen loads.

Not much change developed in the spreads between lard, butcher and baconweights, the best heavies selling at the top, with common lights at the bottom. Smooth hogs, weighing 284 pounds, brought as much as $6.17½, while high-mixed stuff, with a light average, landed around $5.75. There were no pigs of consequence on sale.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
HOGS							
55	212	..	6 00	63	224	..	6 10
43	181	40	6 00	69	239	40	6 10
84	244	120	6 00	59	231	..	6 10
75	215	100	6 00	31	218	..	6 10
81	182	..	6 05	66	237	..	6 10
78	190	120	6 05	65	232	80	6 10
40	212	..	6 05	64	261	..	6 12½
65	210	..	6 05	68	248	80	6 15
29	251	..	6 05	65	272	120	6 15
62	209	..	6 05	65	272	160	6 15
74	218	120	6 07½	59	248	80	6 15
60	232	120	6 10	63	248	80	6 17½

SHEEP—Packers cleaned up the limited receipts of fat lambs without any quibbling or delay, paying prices about a dime higher for anything fit to kill. Improvement was warranted by values at other points, but the fact that local supplies have been under requirements for some time past furnished the best argument for a higher scale of quotations. Good fed lambs landed at $6.40 and shorn lambs sold at $6.30. Fat lambs that were nothing to brag about brought $5.90@6.00, the price range on fair to choice wooled stuff being decidedly wide, the same as recently.

There were no sheep of consequence included in the run, but the few scattered bunches that did show up moved readily at levels easily firm. Some native ewes—a few head—reached $4.00, so that it is safe to quote fed westerns at this limit. Prime wethers would probably sell around $4.15@4.25 and toppy yearlings are still wanted at or near $6.00.

Feeder trade was a package affair, the amount of business proving too small to afford anything like an accurate idea of country cost in the various lines of stock. Daily purchases of feeders have seldom exceeded 1,000 head lately, as both the supply and demand have been very small.

Quotations on sheep and lambs:

Lambs, good to choice	$6.00@6.40
Lambs, fair to good	5.75@6.00
Yearlings, good to choice	4.50@5.00
Yearlings, fair to good	4.25@4.50
Wethers, good to choice	3.85@4.25
Wethers, fair to good	3.60@3.85
Ewes, good to choice	3.50@4.00
Ewes, fair to good	3.00@3.50

SHEEP.

No.		Av.	Price.
22	native yearlings	104	$4.00
205	fed lambs	73	6.00
20	fed lambs, culls	60	4.50
224	fed lambs	68	5.50
12	native lambs	100	6.00
192	fed ewes	112	3.75
203	fed ewes	109	3.75
209	fed ewes	111	3.75
148	fed ewes	111	3.75
492	fed lambs	75	6.40
27	fed lambs, culls	62	4.75
300	fed lambs	79	6.30
447	fed ewes	95	4.00
500	fed lambs	68	5.50
37	fed lambs	58	4.00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Demand for Cattle and Sheep Steady—Hogs Slow.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—CATTLE—Receipts estimated at 17,000 head; market steady; beeves, $4.75@8.60; Texas steers, $4.25@5.75; western steers, $4.30@6.60; stockers and feeders, $3.25@6.70; cows and heifers, $2.00@6.40.

HOGS—Receipts estimated at 32,000 head; market slow and generally 5c higher than Saturday's average; light, $5.75@6.15; mixed, $5.35@6.25; heavy, $5.35@6.30; rough, $5.35@5.60; good to choice heavy, $6.00@6.30; pigs, $5.00@5.85; bulk of sales, $5.95@6.20.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts estimated at 20,000 head; market steady; native, $2.75@4.50; western, $3.25@4.60; yearlings, $4.65@5.60; lambs, native, $4.25@6.50; western, $4.75@6.60.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1.—CATTLE—Receipts, 6,60 head, including 100 southerns; market steady to 15c higher; dressed beef and export steers, $6.90@9.00; fair to good, $5.00@6.50; western steers, $4.50@7.00; stockers and feeders, $4.00@5.90; southern steers, $4.50@6.50; southern cows $2.75@4.75; native cows, $2.75@5.50; native heifers, $4.25@7.00; bulls, $3.40@6.25; calves, $4.00@7.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head; market 10c higher; bulk of sales, $5.80@6.15; heavy, $6.20@6.25; packers and butchers, $5.05@6.20; lights, $5.70@6.07½; pigs, $4.25@5.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,000 head; market sthrong to 10c higher; lambs, $4.75@6.50; yearlings, $4.25@5.50; wethers, $3.50@4.50; ewes, $3.25@4.00; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.00.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,500 head, including 400 Texans; market, 10c to 20c lower; native beef steers, $4.50@8.75; cows and heifers, $2.75@7.00; stockers and feeders, $3.25@6.35; Texas and Indian steers, $4.00@5.75; cows and heifers, $2.75@4.75; calves in carload lots, $4.50@7.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 14,000 head; market, 5c to 10c higher; pigs and lights, $4.75@6.75; mixed and butchers, $5.55@6.00; good, heavy, $6.00@6.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,500 head; market, 10c to 15c higher; native muttons, $3.25@4.40; lambs, $4.50@6.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 1.—CATTLE—Receipts, 700 head; market, steady; steers, $4.50@8.50; cows and heifers, $3.00@7.00; calves, $4.00@7.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 2