GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Cash Wheat Market Improves a Trifle, Although Selling Prices Decline.

MILLING DEMAND BETTER

Omaha, December 13, 1916.

The cash wheat situation was a trifle more active today, and, while the market sold from 2 to 4 cents lower, the sellers let go of their samples more freely and a good part of the light receipts were sold.

There was a pretty good inquiry for milling wheat and the better grades of hard wheat sold at a 2-cent decline, while the No. 3 hard was quoted about 4 cents under yesterday's sales.

The bulk of the No. 2 hard brought around $1.62 to $1.64. No. 3 hard sold generally at $1.59 to $1.62 and No. 4 hard ranged from $1.58 to $1.59. There were only a few samples of durum wheat on the tables and very little of this variety was sold, but spring wheat of good milling quality brought $1.65, a cent above the best sale of hard winter wheat.

The corn market was comparatively active, and, while a few samples sold ¼ cent under yesterday's market, the bulk of the sales were made at yesterday's prices, with yellow and white corn selling at a 1-cent premium over mixed corn. There was, however, very little yellow corn on the tables and the bulk of the sales were made up of No. 2 and No. 3 mixed and No. 3 white corn.

The oats market was very weak and the cash trade in this cereal was rather quiet, with prices ruling from 3 to 4 cents lower.

Rye was fairly active at unchanged prices, but barley was very quiet and was quoted nominally unchanged.

Clearances were: Wheat and flour, equal to 516,000 bushels; corn, 2,000 bushels; oats, 297,000 bushels.

Liverpool close: Wheat, 1d lower to 1d up; corn, steady at ½d off.

Primary wheat receipts were 1,193,000 bushels and shipments 1,342,000 bushels, against receipts of 1,452,000 bushels and shipments of 1,228,000 bushels last year.

Primary corn receipts were 859,000 bushels and shipments 59,000 bushels, against receipts of 1,231,000 bushels and shipments of 442,000 bushels last year.

Primary oats receipts were 321,000 bushels and shipments 321,000 bushels, against receipts of 1,005,000 bushels and shipments of 1,117,000 bushels last year.

CARLOT RECEIPTS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	81	265	125
Minneapolis	372	..	..
Duluth	122	..	..
Omaha	50	45	17
Kansas City	108	35	9
Winnipeg	761	..	..

These sales were reported today:

Wheat—No. 2 hard winter: 1 car, $1.64½; 1 car, $1.64; 1 car, $1.62½; 3 cars, $1.62. No. 3 hard winter: 2 cars, $1.62; 2 cars, $1.61½; 5 cars, $1.60; 3 cars, $1.59; 2 cars, $1.57. No. 4 hard winter: 1 car, $1.59; 1 car, $1.58; 2-5 car, $1.57. No. 2 spring: 1 car, $1.65. No. 4 durum: 1 car (smutty), $1.52. No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.62; 1 car, $1.61.

Rye—No. 2: 2 cars, $1.26. No. 3: 1 car, $1.25. No. 4: 3-5 car, $1.22.

Barley—No. 3: 2-5 car, $1.03.

Corn—No. 2 white: 1 car, 86c. No. 3 white, 3 cars, 86c; 3¾ cars, 85c. No. 2 yellow: 1 car, 86½c. No. 3 yellow: 2 cars, 85½c; 4 cars, 85c; No. 4 yellow: 1 car, 85c. No. 5 yellow: 1 car, 85c; No. 3 mixed: 1 car, 86c; No. 2 mixed: 1 car, 85¾c; 2 cars, 85¼c. No. 3 mixed: 1 car 81½c; 3¼ cars, 85c; 1 car, 84¾c.

Oats—No. 3 white: 1 car, 49¾c; 1 3-5 cars, 49½c. No. 4 white: 1 car, 49¼c. Sample white: 1 car, 50c; 1 car, 49c; 1 car, (smoky) 47c.

Omaha Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 hard, $1.62½@1.64½; No. 3 hard, $1.57@1.62; No. 4 hard, $1.56@1.59; No. 2 spring, $1.60@1.66; No. 3 spring, $1.57@1.63. Corn: No. 2 white, 85½@86c; No. 3 white, 85@86c; No. 4 white, 83@85½c; No. 5 white, 84½@85c; No. 6 white, 84¼@84½c; No. 2 yellow, 85¾@86½c; No. 3 yellow, 85@85¾c; No. 4 yellow, 84½@85c; No. 5 yellow, 84@85c; No. 6 yellow, 84@84½c; No. 2 mixed, 85¼@85¾c; No. 3 mixed, 83@85½c; No. 4 mixed, 84¼@85c; No. 5 mixed, 84@84½c; No. 6 mixed, 83¾@84¼c. Oats: No. 2 white, 49¾@50c; standard, 49¼@49¾c; No. 3 white, 49¼@49½c; No. 4 white, 48¾@49¼c. Barley: Malting, $1.02@1.11; No. 1 feed, 96@98c. Rye: No. 2, $1.25@1.26; No. 3, $1.24@1.25.

Omaha Futures.

The trade in the local pit was very active Wednesday and the market for the most part had a bearish tendency. The effect of the peace rumors was seen in the market but, while the May option ruled lower during most of the session, the shorts started profit taking at the close and forced May wheat to $1.66¼, a 2c gain over the opening prices.

December and July corn held steady and May corn advanced 2c at the last part of the session.

Oats were steady but showed practically no independent strength. December closed unchanged and May about ¼c lower.

Local range of options:

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wht.					
Dec.	1 58	1 58	158	1 58	158
May	1 62½	1 66¼	160½	1 66¼	162¼
July	1 36	1 38	136	1 38	137
Corn.					
Dec.	86¾	86¾	86	86¼	86⅞
May	85	87¼	85	87¼	85⅝
July	86½	85	86½	85	85
Oats					
Dec.	48	48	48	48	50
May	50½	50½	49½	50⅝	51

Chicago closing prices, furnished The Bee by Logan & Bryan, stock and grain brokers, 215 South Sixteenth street, Omaha:

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wht.					
Dec.	1 56¼	1 56¼	156¼	1 56	156
May	1 67	1 67⅝	162⅝	1 67⅝	165⅝
July	1 44	1 44⅝	140⅝	1 43⅝	142
Corn.					
Dec.	89½	89⅝	87⅝	89¼	87⅞
May	90@90⅝	91¼	89¼	91¼	89⅝
July	90@½	91	89	91	89½
Oats.					
Dec.	49	49⅝	48½	49⅝	49
May	52	52⅝	52	52⅝	52⅝
July	50⅝@¾	51	49½	50⅝	50
Pork.					
Jan.	26 60	26 70	26 57	26 70	26 72
May	26 10	26 20	26 05	26 17½	26 17
Lard.					
Jan.	16 17½	16 20	16 00	16 02½	16 25
May	16 25	16 25	15 95	16 02½	16 22
Ribs.					
Jan.	13 80	13 80	13 75	13 85	13 87
May	14 15	14 22½	14 10	14 20	14 22

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Opens Irregular, with Tendency Toward Higher Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Notwithstanding that much nervousness was shown in the wheat market today, the excitement and activity resulting from the chances of peace were greatly diminished, and prices averaged moderately higher owing to the unfavorable reception given in London and Paris to the German proposal. Quotations closed firm at $1.57½ to $1.67⅝ for May and $1.43⅝ to $1.45⅝ for July, with the market as a whole ranging from the same as yesterday's finish to 2¼ per cent. Corn gained 1⅝ to 3⅛ and oats ⅝ to ⅞. The result in provisions varied from 20 cents decline to a rise of a shade.

It was a day of rapid but not wide changes of prices in the wheat pit. Foreign newspaper comment, which a majority of dealers took to be adverse to any immediate cessation of hostilities, formed the basis of a great deal of the buying. On the other hand, the most pronounced setback in values resulted from headlines that emphasized a possibility of counter proposals from Great Britain and her allies. In the end buyers of wheat appeared to be decidedly more numerous than the sellers. The final bulge was the result of the purchase of 2,000,000 bushels, supposed to be for a couple of bull leaders.

For the most part corn merely reflected the action of wheat. Scarcity of railway cars tended greatly to restrict business, holding back in particular offerings from the country. In oats as other grain bears were at a general disadvantage. Shorts bought liberally on the declines.

Provisions weakened because of less optimism regarding peace. Big arrivals of hogs here and at other western points formed an additional reason for selling.

Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, $1.56@1.61; Nos. 2 and 3 hard, nominal. Corn: No. 2 yellow, 86@91c; No. 4 yellow, 87⅝@88½c; No. 4 white, 88½c. Oats: No. 2 white, 50½@51½c; standard, 51@52c. Rye: No. 2, $1.40½. Barley: 85c@$1.21. Seeds—Timothy, $3.50@5.50; clover, $12.00@17.00. Provisions: Pork, $23.50; lard, $16.75; ribs, $13.32@13.87.

Butter—Unchanged.

Eggs—Higher; receipts, 1,514 cases; firsts, 37@38c; ordinary firsts, 35@36c; at mark, cases included, 32@37c.

Potatoes—Lower; receipts thirty-two cars; Idaho, Colorado and Washington whites, $1.55@1.80; Minnesota and Dakota white, $1.50@1.55; Wisconsin white, $1.40@1.50; Michigan white, $1.50@1.60; Dakota Ohios, $1.45@1.50.

Poultry—Alive, lower; fowls, 17c; springs, 17½c; turkeys, 20c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Leading Commodities.

New York, Dec. 13.—Flour—Easter; spring patents, $8.35@8.80; winter patents, $8.00@8.25; winter straights, $7.65@7.90.

Wheat—Spot, irregular; No. 1 durum, $2.06; No. 2 hard, $1.81½; No. 1 northern, Duluth, $1.92; No. 1 northern, Manitoba, $1.96½, f. o. b. New York.

Corn—Spot, steady; No. 2 yellow, $1.04½, c. i. f., New York.

Oats—Spot, steady; standard, 57@57½c. Hay—Steady; No. 1, $1.05@1.10; No. 2, $1.00@1.02½; No. 3, 90@95c; shipping, 75@80c.

Hops—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1916, 45@50c; 1915, 8@14c; Pacific coast, 1916, 12@15c; 1915, 8@11c.

Hides—Firm; Bogota, 44@45c; Central America, 42@43c.

Leather—Firm; hemlock firsts, 57c; seconds, 55c.

Provisions—Pork, steady; mess, $31.50@32.00; family, $35.00@38.00; short clear, $30.00@32.00. Beef, firm; mess, $23.00@25.00; family, $25.50@27.00. Lard, unsettled; middle west, $17.00@17.10.

Tallow—Firm; city, 11c, nominal; country, 11¼@11¾c; special, 11¾c.

Butter—Firm; receipts, 7,294 tubs; creamery, 29½@40c; firsts, 37@38½c; seconds, 35@36½c.

Eggs—Firmer; receipts, 3,816 cases; fresh gathered extra firsts, 47@48c; firsts, 45@46c; refrigerators, special marks, fancy, 33½@34c; refrigerator seconds to firsts, 31½@33c.

Cheese—Irregular; receipts, 1,765 boxes; state held specials, 24½c; state held specials, average fancy, 24@24½c.

Poultry—Alive, prices not settled; dressed chickens, 19@28c; fowls, 16@22c; turkeys, 18@29c.

Kansas City General Market.

Kansas City, Dec. 13.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, $1.65@1.72; No. 2 red, $1.64@1.73; December, $1.62; May, $1.64⅝.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 87@87½c; No. 2 white, 87@87½c; December, 87⅝@87½c; May, 86⅝@86⅝c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 55@55½c; No. 2 mixed, 54@55c.

Butter—Creamery, 38½c; firsts, 37½c; seconds, 35½c; packing, 26½c.

Eggs—Firsts, 40c.

Poultry—Hens, 14c; roosters, 12c; turkeys, 24c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—Wheat—May, $1.75⅝; July, $1.71¼. Cash: No. 1 hard, $1.75⅝@1.80⅝; No. 1 northern, $1.72⅝@1.75⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.67⅝@1.73⅝; No. 3, $1.56⅝@1.70⅝.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 85½@86½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 47@47½c.

Flaxseed—$2.79@2.84.

Barley—75c@$1.11.

Rye—$1.23@1.24.

Bran—$26.00@27.00.

Sugar Market.

New York, Dec. 13.—Sugar, raw, dull; centrifugal, 5.51c; molasses, 4.64c. Refined, easy; ½ points lower; cut loaf, 8.30c; crushed, 8.15c; mold A, 7.85c; cubes, 7.65c; XXXX powdered, 7.30c; powdered, 7.25c; fine granulated, 7.15c; diamond A, 7.15c; confectioners A, 7.08c; No. 1, 7.00c. Sugar futures were easier again today on continued liquidation, prompted by the dullness in both raw and refined. At noon prices were 1 to 11 points lower.

St. Louis Grain Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.75@1.78; No. 2 hard, $1.59½@1.76½; December, $1.67; May, $1.66⅞@1.67⅛.

Corn—No. 2, 89½c; No. 2 white, nominal; December, 90c; May, 91⅛c.

Oats—No. 1, 53c; No. 2 white, nominal.

Liverpool Grain Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 hard winter, 16s 11d; No. 1 Manitoba, old, 17s 8d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, 13s 10½d.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Irregular But Very Substantial Recoveries Are Registered.

RAILS SHOW STRENGTH

New York, Dec. 13.—Irregular but very substantial recoveries were registered today, the improvement being mainly due to covering of short contracts by professional traders who professed to believe that no immediate change in technical conditions would result from the Teutonic peace proposals.

There was also substantial buying by operators who favored the rails, that group contributing largely to the strength of the general list, with advances of about 2 points in Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, New York Central, Reading and Norfolk & Western and as much more in low priced shares like Rock Island, Southern Railway and Western Maryland. The Eries, Missouri Pacifics and other minor rails made gains scarcely less substantial.

The course of munitions and equipments was observed with much interest because of their severe impairment in the preceding sessions. Recoveries in these stocks ranged from 2 to almost 5 points, with similar advance in coppers, sugars, petroleums and Central Leather. Shipping shares were irregular at the outset by reason of the pressure exerted against Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, but that stock later made an extreme gain of more than 3 points, as did also the Mercantile Marines and United Fruit.

United States Steel rose and fell within a narrow margin during the forenoon, but steady absorption in the later dealings caused an advance of 2 points to 120¼, with only a slight reversal at the end. Lackawanna and Crucible Steel, Gulf States Steel, Republic Iron were variably higher. But Bethlehem Steel closed at a net loss of 9 points after having shown an extreme decline of 14 points.

Dealings in unclassified shares were comparatively light, but almost wholly at gains, with pronounced advances in International Paper, Harvester, American Woolen and Pittsburgh Coal. Total sales 1,725,000 shares; steel supplying almost 25 per cent of the whole.

Marks and Austrian exchange were notably higher, but the improvement was sentimental rather than actual. International bonds held their recoveries of the previous day, but domestic issues were irregular.

Total sales, par value, $4,460,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Number of sales and quotations on leading stocks were:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Beet Sugar	8,200	101½	98½	101½
American Can	18,300	57½	55⅝	56½
Am. Car & Foundry	12,200	79½	76½	77
Am. Locomotive	13,100	87½	85	87½
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	43,700	110⅝	108⅛	110⅝
Am. Sugar Ref.	1,900	115	113½	113½
Am. Tel. & Tel.	2,100	126	125⅝	126
Am. Z., L. & S.	4,900	53	50½	52½
Anaconda Copper	34,600	51⅝	48½	51⅝
Atchison	4,300	104½	103½	104½
Bald. Locomotive	16,100	76⅝	74½	75
Baltimore & Ohio	3,900	88	82⅝	84⅝
Brook. Rapid Tran.	.....	.....	.....	82½
B. & S. Copper	7,700	68½	65⅝	68
Cal. Petroleum	3,900	26½	23	24½
Canadian Pacific	1,000	166½	164½	166
Central Leather	38,200	106	102½	105
Chesapeake & Ohio	6,300	65⅝	64	65½
C., M. & St. P.	2,100	92½	91	92
Chicago & N. W.	1,400	124½	123½	124½
C., R. I. & P. Ry.	15,300	29⅝	28⅝	28⅝
Chino Copper	18,500	64	61	63½
Colo. Fuel & Iron	11,800	51⅝	49½	51⅝
Corn Products Ref.	18,100	26½	24	25
Crucible Steel	7,200	78	75½	77⅝
Distillers' Securities	4,600	42	38½	40
Erie	10,700	36½	35⅝	36⅝
General Electric	2,700	177	174	175⅝
Great No. pfd.	700	116½	116½	116½
Great No. Ore ctfs.	14,700	42½	39½	41⅝
Illinois Central	500	105⅝	105½	105½
Inter. Con. Corp.	1,600	17½	17½	17⅝
Inspiration Copper	31,400	64	61⅝	63⅝
Inter. Harvester	.....	.....	.....	120½
Int. M. M. pfd. ctfs.	8,200	114⅝	111⅝	114
K. C. Southern	2,800	26⅝	25½	26¼
Kennecott Copper	41,900	55	50½	52⅝
Louisville & Nash.	.....	.....	.....	131
Mex. Petroleum	14,400	106	101	102⅞
Miami Copper	13,500	42⅝	41½	42⅝
M., K. & T. pfd.	1,600	20½	19½	20
Missouri Pacific	700	17⅝	16½	17⅝
Montana Power	600	104⅝	103½	104⅝
National Lead	5,000	64	63	64½
Nevada Copper	22,900	29⅝	27⅝	29⅝
New York Central	6,400	106½	104⅝	106½
N. Y., N. H. & H.	2,400	54	52½	54
Norfolk & Western	.....	.....	.....	138⅝
Northern Pacific	2,400	111	109⅝	110½
Pacific Mail	2,200	25⅝	24½	25⅝
Pacific Tel. & Tel.	.....	.....	.....	35
Pennsylvania	1,500	58⅝	58	58½
Ray Con. Copper	10,900	29½	28½	29⅝
Reading	36,700	107⅝	106	107⅝
Rep. Iron & Steel	55,200	84⅝	80½	84⅝
Shattuck Ariz. Cop.	2,000	29	28	28⅝
Southern Pacific	5,400	98½	97½	98⅝
Southern Railway	29,800	32⅝	28⅝	31⅝
Studebaker Co.	15,300	117⅝	115⅝	116⅝
Texas Company	3,100	200	198	199½
Union Pacific	19,800	145⅝	143½	145
Union Pacific pfd.	200	84	83⅝	83½
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	25,800	126	121½	125⅝
U. S. Steel	419,400	120½	118	119⅝
U. S. Steel pfd.	1,200	121⅝	121½	121½
Utah Copper	49,600	116½	112⅝	116½
Wabash pfd. "B"	2,500	20⅝	20	20⅝
Western Union	2,000	102	100½	102½
Westinghouse Elec.	11,400	54½	54½	54

Total sales for the day, 1,725,000 shares.

Coffee Market.

New York, Dec. 13.—Coffee—Conflicting opinions as to peace prospects led to less active trading in the market for coffee futures here today and further advances were checked by scattered realizing. The opening was 2 to 5 points higher and the active months sagged off to within a point or two of last night's closing figures during the day, with March selling down from 8.41c to 8.25c and July from 8.69c to 8.63c. Cost and freight offers were firmer, however, and the close was steady at a net gain of 2 to 6 points. Sales, 37,500 bags; December, 8.12c; January, 8.26c; February, 8.28c; March, 8.37c; April, 8.45c; May, 8.52c; June, 8.58c; July, 8.64c; August, 8.71c; September, 8.75c; October, 8.84c; November, 8.90c. Spot, dull; Rio 7s, 9¾c; Santos 4s, 10¾c. Firm offers from Santos were reported unchanged to 15 points higher, with 4s quoted at 9.90@10.15c. London credits, in the cost and freight market. The official cables reported declines of 25@100 reis in the primary markets at the close yesterday, but private cables reported an advance of 225@275 reis in Santos futures this morning.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,500 head; market, strong; prime fed steers, $10.50@12.00; dressed beef steers, $7.50@10.50; western steers, $6.50@10.50; cows, $5.25@8.50; heifers, $6.00@10.50; stockers and feeders, $6.00@8.40; bulls, $5.25@7.00; calves, $6.50@11.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 17,000 head; market, lower; closed steady to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $9.50@10.00; heavy, $9.55@10.00; packers and butchers, $9.30@9.95; light, $9.25@9.85; pigs, $8.00@8.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3,500 head; market, steady; lambs, $12.00@13.10; yearlings, $10.25@11.25; wethers, $8.25@9.2; ewes, $7.75@8.75.

Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 13.—Cotton—Futures opened easy: December, none; January, 18.40c; March, 18.55c; May, 18.76c; July, 18.79c; October, 18.90c.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands, 18.35c. Sales, 600 bales.

Cotton futures closed irregular: December, 18.04c; January, 18.07c; March, 18.23c; May, 18.53c; July, 18.55c; October, 18.61c.

The cotton market today closed steady, at a net loss of 42 to 50 points for the day.

Liverpool, Dec. 13.—Cotton—Spot, steady; good middling, 11.23d; middling, 11.13d; low middling, 10.97d. Sales, 8,000 bales.

Omaha Hay Market.

Omaha, Dec. 11.—Prairie Hay—Choice upland, $11.50; No. 1, $10.50@11.00; No. 2, $9.00@10.00; No. 3, $8.00@9.00; choice midland, $11.00; No. 1, $10.00@10.50; No. 2, $8.50@9.50; No. 3, $7.50@8.50; choice lowland, $9.00@9.50; No. 1, $8.50@9.00; No. 2, $7.00@8.00; No. 3, $5.00@7.00.

Straw—Choice wheat, $6.00@6.50; choice oats or rye, $6.50@7.00.

Alfalfa—Choice, $17.00; No. 1, $15.50@16.50; standard, $14.50@15.50; No. 2, $12.50@13.50; No. 3, $11.00@12.00.

Metals Market.

New York, Dec. 13.—Metals—Lead, $7.75@8.00. Spelter, unsettled; spot, East St. Louis delivery, offered at $12.00. Copper, firm; electrolytic, first quarter, nominal; second and third quarters, $32.50@34.00. Iron, steady and unchanged. Tin, quiet; spot, $42.75@43.25.

At London—Copper: Spot, £142 10s; futures, £126 10s; electrolytic, £164. Tin: Spot, £184 5s; futures, £185. Lead, £30 10s. Spelter, £57.

Live Stock in Sight.

Receipts of live stock at the five principal western markets yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
St. Louis	6,300	14,500	1,200
Chicago	26,000	48,000	23,000
Kansas City	9,500	17,000	3,500
Sioux City	4,000	13,000	2,000
Omaha	7,200	16,800	15,000
Totals	53,000	129,100	44,500

Oil and Rosin.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 13.—Turpentine—Firm, 52¾c; sales, 78 bbls.; receipts, 136; shipments, 140; stock, 23,199.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 1,499 bbls.; receipts, 1,253; shipments, 655; stock, 97,054. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $6.20; F, $6.25; G, H, I, $6.30; K, $6.40@6.45; M, $6.55; N, $6.80; WG, $7.05; WW, $7.35.

Dry Goods Market.

New York, Dec. 13.—Cotton goods and yarns were quiet today. Worsted yarns were quiet and firm. Knit goods were steady and hosiery inquiries were higher. Carpets and rugs advanced.

LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Slow and Weak to Ten Lower--Sheep About Steady and Lambs Slow to Lower.

HOGS TEN TO FIFTEEN OFF

Omaha, December 13, 1916.

Receipts here	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	11,357	11,236	10,202
Official Tuesday	9,113	16,667	27,641
Estimate Wednesday	7,200	16,800	15,000
Three days (this week)	27,668	44,703	52,843
Same days last week	26,454	46,622	59,482
Same days 2 wks. ago	26,548	54,420	46,176
Same days 3 wks. ago	22,521	38,869	37,214
Same days 4 wks. ago	28,060	33,735	43,614
Same days last year	21,225	37,745	35,820

Cattle—Receipts were fair for a Wednesday, 275 cars being reported in. This brings the total for the week up to 27,668 head, the largest for any similar period since three weeks ago and larger than a year ago by over 6,000 head. More or less weakness was developed at all selling points and this market furnished no exception to the rule.

Range beef was generally steady, but corn-feds were slow and weak to 10c or more lower, and the same was true of cows and heifers.

Stockers and feeders ranged anywhere from steady on something that buyers happened to want to quite a little lower in other cases.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice yearling beeves, $10.00@11.50; good to choice weighty corn-fed beeves, $10.00@11.00, fair to good corn-fed beeves, $8.75@10.00; common to fair corn-fed beeves, $6.50@8.75; good to choice grass beeves, $7.75@9.00; fair to good grass beeves, $6.75@7.75; common to fair grass beeves, $5.75@6.75; good to choice heifers, $6.75@7.60; good to choice cows, $6.60@7.50; fair to good cows, $5.75@6.50; common to fair cows, $4.50@5.75; good to choice feeders, $7.75@8.25; fair to good feeders, $6.80@7.75; common to fair feeders, $5.75@6.80; good to choice stockers, $7.65@8.15; stock heifers, $6.25@7.50; stock cows, $5.00@6.50; stock calves, $6.00@9.00; veal calves, $8.00@10.00; beef bulls, stags, etc., $5.50@6.75; bologna bulls, $5.00.

Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
15	881	$7 75	17	702	$6 75
13	655	7 00	8	722	7 10
26	992	7 25	40	785	7 40
19	896	7 75	4	842	8 00
11	903	8 75	12	955	8 85
4	832	8 80	13	443	7 90
25	921	9 00	8	1027	9 00
19	1238	9 50	5	904	9 60
36	1381	9 75	18	1215	10 00
17	1530	10 25			

CALVES.

1	500	5 75	13	388	7 00
1	420	7 25	1	400	7 50
13	443	7 90	1	220	8 25
3	220	8 75	1	190	8 75
1	110	10 00			

NEBRASKA.

9 steers	764	6 50	11 steers	1000	7 00
5 calves	318	7 75			

IDAHO.

17 steers	771	6 85	12 steers	750	6 85

COLORADO.

14 cows	797	4 75	4 cows	537	5 25

WYOMING.

4 cows	595	5 00	2 cows	725	5 00

Hogs—Receipts today amounted to 225 cars, or something like 16,800 head. Yesterday's official figures overrun the estimate a little and the total for the first half of the week is 44,403 head. This is 2,000 smaller than last week and 10,000 short of two weeks ago, but larger than for the corresponding period a year ago by 7,000 head.

Yesterday's close was, as expected, the low time of the day. Most of the later arrivals did not sell until after midday, when many sales were as much as 10c lower than early, or 15@20c below the previous day. From at this sort of a decline the clearance was not very good.

Local receipts were hardly up to expectations today, but with big runs all around the loop prices continued to drop here in sympathy with breaks elsewhere. Early bids were as much as 25c lower than Tuesday's morning session, but by the time movement started packers had raised their hands quite a little, and when packers bought their first strings it was on 10@15c lower levels. No one was very anxious to fill orders, as a big share of the estimated run was still back at midforenoon, and both shippers and packers showed a desire to wait until the bulk of the supply arrived before filling out their droves.

When the later trains showed up, there was a big improvement in the feeling and prices got steadily better as the day advanced, a good many sales toward the close being steady with yesterday. Later trade was active, bulk selling at $9.40@9.70, with a late top of $9.95.

Representative sales

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
100	173	...	$9 20	90	187	20	$9 35
80	174	...	9 40	88	195	...	9 45
86	173	...	9 47½	87	190	...	9 50
81	222	40	9 52½	81	228	120	9 60
34	276	200	9 62½	54	252	...	9 75
50	249	...	9 80	19	297	...	9 85

PIGS.

12	90	...	8 00	57	165	...	8 25

Sheep—The sheep and lamb run was on the liberal order again this morning, supplies being almost as large as yesterday's. Estimates placed the receipts at sixty-four cars, or 15,000 head, the three days' run footing up 42,843 head. This is 17,000 smaller than last week, and more than 3,000 short of two weeks ago, a deficiency in Monday's supply being largely responsible for the falling off, but shows a gain of 7,000 over last year.

The late trade Tuesday was about like earlier, it being about a 10c higher market all through, with the morning top of $12.95 duplicated in the afternoon session. This morning buyers picked up a few old sheep on early rounds that were fully steady, but the lamb trade got off to a very slow start. Sellers asked strong to higher money on the strength of firm reports from Chicago, but the best bids they could get up to 11 o'clock were around 10@15c lower than yesterday.

When movement finally started, it was on a generally steady basis. In spots prices looked a shade easier, while on others values were if anything stronger, but taking the trade all the way through there was no change. Bulk of the desirable lambs sold at $12.75@12.90, while for the first time in the history of the market as high as $13.00 was paid. Clipped lambs at $11.35 were mates of the ones that brought the price yesterday. The ewe trade was the same all through, prices ruling steady. The best here brought $8.75, duplicating the new December top, which was made on one deck late yesterday.

There was no noticeable letup in the feeder demand, but the supply was most too skimpy to make a market. Most of the stuff offered to feeder buyers was on the weighty order, and these were scarce. Forenoon sales included some as high as $12.25.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Good to choice lambs, $12.75@12.00; fair to good lambs, $12.00@12.75; clipped lambs, $10.25@11.40; feeder lambs, $10.75@12.25; good to choice yearlings, $9.75@10.50; fair to good yearlings, $8.50@9.50; feeder yearlings, $7.00@8.00; fair to choice wethers, $8.25@9.25; good to choice ewes, $8.40@8.75; fair to good ewes, $7.25@8.35; plain to cull ewes, $5.00@6.50; feeding ewes, $5.00@7.25; breeder ewes, all ages, $6.00@8.00.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.
183 fed lambs	75	$12 70
206 fed lambs	81	12 60
339 clipped lambs	78	11 40
658 clipped lambs	82	11 25
58 fed lambs	72	12 50
194 fed lambs	74	12 80
100 Idaho feeder lambs	72	11 75
73 fed lambs	85	12 40
400 Idaho lambs	81	12 65
171 fed ewes	103	8 25
21 cull lambs	67	11 00

Bank Clearings.

Omaha, Dec. 13.—Bank clearings for Omaha today were $5,284,033.67 and for the corresponding day last year $3,872,521.40.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Unsettled, Hogs Steady and Lower, Sheep Strong.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 24,000 head; market unsettled; native beef cattle, $6.90@12.60; western steers, $6.90@10.40; stockers and feeders, $4.50@7.75; cows and heifers, $3.75@10.10; calves, $9.25@12.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 46,000 head; market, steady, 5@10c under yesterday's average; bulk of sales, $9.50@9.90; light, $9.30@9.75; mixed, $9.30@10.10; heavy, $9.45@10.10; rough, $9.45@9.60; pigs, $7.60@8.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 22,000 head; market strong; wethers, $8.75@9.75; ewes, $5.50@9.25; lambs, $10.75@13.25.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,300 head; market steady; native beef steers, $7.60@12.60; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@11.50; cows, $5.50@8.50; stockers and feeders, $5.30@7.75; prime southern beef steers, $8.00@9.00; beef cows and heifers, $4.25@7.50; prime yearling steers and heifers, $7.50@9.00; native calves, $6.00@12.00.

Hogs—Receipts 14,500 head; market lower than yesterday's best prices; lights, $9.40@9.80; mixed and butchers, $9.50@10.05; good heavy, $10.00@10.10; bulk of sales, $9.60@9.95.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,300 head; market steady; lambs, $8.00@13.25; ewes, $5.00@8.75; yearlings, $9.50@11.25.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000 head; market for killers 10c lower, stockers weak; beef steers, $9.