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Iowa and Nebraska Farm News

Grain Market Stronger, Due to Reports of Bugs

Prices Advance Early in Week and Hold Better Generally--Bad Roads Hinder Sales.

Grain prices started the week last Monday by sharp advances on the Chicago market, reaching the highest point in several weeks, and closed around the top, despite the fact that the general trend of news was strongly against price advances. Heavy eastern-buying of wheat and pit conditions were given as the reason for the movement, and at the close corn was 2 1/2 cents higher, wheat 5 cents, and oats nearly 3 cents above the close of the previous week.

With wheat sales in the southwest were reported large, and while no new export business was done, Holland and Belgium bought freely of Argentine wheat. Visible stocks of wheat decreased 2,903,000 bushels as against 3,033,000 bushels last year.

Export business in corn was reported the largest for some time, with eastern shorts took large stocks of oats, which advanced the price 1 1/2 cents, and the market closed at the top.

Green Bugs Busy. Reports of green bugs sent the market prices up on Tuesday, with wheat advancing 9 cents from the low point and closing around the top. Net gains were 2 1/2 to 6 1/2 cents on wheat, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents on corn, 1 1/2 cents on oats and 3 to 4 1/2 cents on rye.

Green bug stories from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas came when the prices were around the lowest and started a buying movement. Green bug stories, which failed to bring the buying movement they did on the previous day. Prices moved irregularly and closed with wheat off 3 1/2 to 4 cents, corn 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents, oats 1 to 1 1/2 cents, rye 1 1/2 to 2 cents, while barley gained 1 1/2 to 2 cents. Receipts at Chicago were unusually light.

The highest prices were made at the start on Thursday, but there being nothing in the news to support the advances, the market closed around the inside with wheat off 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents, corn 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents and oats 1 to 1 1/2 cents lower.

Green bugs and Hessian fly reports from the southwest, together with reports of damage by high winds, failed to stimulate buying on the Chicago market, as they were not accompanied by enough orders. Cash wheat prices were weaker in prac-

Marketing Laws Asked by Farmers In Many States

Movements for Better Co-Operative Organizations Also Subject of Discussion Before Many Legislatures.

Farm legislation most generally sought this winter in central western farming states where legislatures are in session, appears to follow the line of marketing and co-operative effort. Education, protection from fraudulent speculation, improvement of farm tenant conditions are other measures in which a widespread farming interest is manifest.

Nebraska Leading State In Alfalfa Production

Nebraska led all other states in the production of alfalfa hay in 1920, according to statistics recently released by Federal Field Agent A. E. Anderson. According to the figures, there were 1,232,947 acres seeded to alfalfa in 1920, which produced a total of 3,527,689 tons. The value of the crop on December 1 was estimated at \$35,276,895.

Good Hog Sale

A large number of purebred hogs attended the Duro-Jersey hog sale of Lake Bridenthal at Wymore, recently, and prices ran high, as a rule. The first row to go under the hammer sold at \$215 and others brought from \$100 to \$75 each. The average for the sale was in the neighborhood of \$80 a head.

Road Work Planned

Plans are being made to gravel several miles of road in the neighborhood of Kearney, Neb., this year. It is expected that work on the Lincoln Highway west from Kearney to Elm Creek will be started as soon as the weather permits this spring.

Record Price for Land

An 80-acre farm in the neighborhood of Auburn, Neb., recently sold for \$181.25 an acre, or a total of \$14,500. The farm is located seven miles northeast of Humboldt and the improvements are comparatively poor.

Hogs Sell High

Buyers from all parts of Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Colorado and North Dakota attended the purchased Poland-China hog sale of Thomas Walker at Alameda, Neb., recently. Seventy-one hogs were sold at prices ranging from \$30 to \$50 a head.

University Notes

Statistics which have recently been compiled in the college of the University of Nebraska reveal that a very large percentage of the students are now going to the city to get their education. The college of the University of Nebraska is now in the midst of its annual session. The college of the University of Nebraska is now in the midst of its annual session. The college of the University of Nebraska is now in the midst of its annual session.

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