

**MARKER Report.**

**SEATTLE.**

Jobbing quotations; what produce is selling at in round lots:

The condition of the fruit market has improved a good deal. The glut on pears, peaches, plums and prunes is over. And this has also helped the apple market.

Pears—The oversupply is over. There are not many good pears now on the market; price, 60@75c; best Bartletts, 75c@81.

The apple supply is moderate, demand also moderate. People are buying some more apples now than other fruit is not so cheap; cooking apples, 30@50c; good eating, 50c@81; fancy red, \$1.25. The quality of the apples which are arriving is, in general, pretty good.

Prunes and plums are all the way from 20@35c. More prunes are now being dried, so that they are not being shipped in so abundantly.

Peaches, fancy, are quite scarce. Demand is good. Price is 35@60c.

Cantaloupes are becoming scarcer. The supply from Yakima, as also the demand, is becoming less.

Grapes—There is a poorer demand for grapes this year than usual. A plentiful supply of both Concord and sweetwater are arriving from Yakima. They are going at 50c. The California Commission Company has a car load of Concord grapes due to arrive here next Monday from the East, from Ohio. They say Eastern people who are living here are partial to the Eastern stock, the quality being better and they are sweeter.

Tomatoes—Both supply and demand is fair at 40c per box. The supply is now coming from local points, whereas until recently they had been coming from Wenatchee.

Carrots, 50c per sack; crap apples, 40c; beets, 75c per sack; nectarines, \$1 per box; cranberries, \$9 per barrel; blackberries, 50@75c per box; cabbage, 1 1/4@1 1/2c per lb.

Good matured potatoes are a little scarce; \$11@13.

Watermelons are out of the market; no supply or demand.

Celery, 40c per doz; lettuce, 10c; radishes, 10c; new onions, \$1 for silverskins; new cabbage, 1c per lb for native; parsnips, 75c per sack; cauliflower, 35@50c per doz; new turnips, 50c per sack; summer squash, 20c doz; sweet potatoes, 4c; huckleberries, 5@6c; Hungarian prunes, 4@50c cantaloupes, \$1; sweet corn, 10c per doz.

Bran is selling at \$13.50@14 and shorts at \$14.50@15.

**PAYING PRICES.**

The following prices are being offered to producers by local dealers for delivery in round lots on the dock or in the car at Seattle:

Live hens, 12@12 1/2c, large fine ones as high as 13c; spring chickens, \$3@4; spring ducks, \$3@3.75.

Eggs are higher; 21@23c. Ranch eggs, as usual, nowhere near supply the demand. The supply from the east is plentiful, several car loads coming in every week. Compared with one year ago, the supply of ranch eggs has increased, but it does not come as near filling the demand as last year. The demand from Alaska would take the whole local supply alone, let alone the trade here in the city and surrounding country. The demand from the north is very large, both for eggs and for poultry. Quite a few are entering the poultry business on a small scale, buying a good many layers for this purpose, and this increases the demand for this class of stock.

Cheese market is firm at 10@11c. Live stock—Choice beef cows, 2 1/2@3c; steers, 3 1/4@3 1/2c; choice sheep, 3 1/4@3 1/2c; good hogs, live, 5c; dressed, 6@6 1/2c; calves, live, large, 4c; calves, live, small, 6c.

Hides, Pelts and Wool—Heavy salted steers, over 60 lbs, 8c; medium, per lb, 7 1/2c; light, under 45 lbs, 7c; cows, all weights, 6 1/2@7c; salted kips, 7c; calf, per lb, 7@8c; green hides, 1c less than salted; cull hides, 1-3c less; dry hides, sound, 12c; calf, 12@13c; cows, 1-3 less; sheep pelts, long wool, 75c@81.20 each; shearlings, 10@25c.

Wool is very dull and market despondent. We quote Western Washington fleece, 14@15c; Eastern Washington fleece, 8@10c.

**HAY AND GRAIN.**

The hay and grain market is steady and the prices remain the same except on oats. Hay is coming in steadily.

Choice timothy, \$10.50 per ton; alfalfa, \$8; wild hay, \$7@8; best Puget Sound hay, \$7@8. The Alaska trade is quite good now.

Oats, \$17@19 per ton.

Barley, \$20.

Chicken feed wheat, \$16@17.

Wheat—Market nominal; export, No. 1 club, 55c; No. 1 bluestem, 60c; milling, No. 1 club, 57c; No. 1 bluestem, 60c.

**TACOMA.**

Wheat—Receipts are improving and new grain is in prime condition. Prices are firm at 58c for club and 62c for bluestem.

**PORTLAND.**

There was not so much activity in the local wheat market as there was at the close of last week, and about 57@58c was the best bids that were openly quoted for Walla Walla, but round lots brought 59c, with valley and bluestem quoted at 60@61c.

Wool.—It is estimated that 2,000,000 pounds of wool will be handled in Pendleton this season. Of this amount W. J. Furnish has in his warehouses 1,000,000 pounds, after having shipped 300,000. F.

W. Hendley has 400,000 pounds. No sales are being made, holders being confident of better prices in the near future.

**SAN FRANCISCO.**

Wheat was firmer for spot; bulk of receipts were from the North. Barley was higher for choice feed; receipts over 14,000 centals; futures opened lower. Better feeling in oats; prices have been advanced; nearly 7,000 centals were received from Oregon today. Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, \$1.15 for No. 1, and \$1.16 1/4 for choice; milling, \$1.17 1/2@1.22 1/4.

Flour—Net cash for family extras, \$4.15@4.25; bakers' extra, \$4@4.15.

Barley—Feed, \$1.15@1.20; brewing, nominal.

Oats—Poor to fair, \$1.10@1.12 1/2; good to choice, \$1.15@1.22 1/2; fancy feed, \$1.25; gray, \$1.12 1/2@1.17 1/2; milling, \$1.17 1/2@1.22 1/2; Surprise, \$1.27 1/2@1.30.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@14c; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; valley Oregon, 15@17c; Fall—Northern mountain lambs, 9@11c; mountain, 8@10c.

**CHICAGO.**

Wheat—Spring, No. 2, 65 1/2c; No. 3, 62@63 1/2c; red, No. 2, 65c.

Futures were: September, 64 1/4c; December, 62 1/4c.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Contrary to general expectations the market for cattle today showed decided strength and while undesirable lots were no more than steady, the best lots sold at the highest prices of the year. Native beef steers went largely at \$5@6.50; extra lots were wanted at \$5.50@5.75, and the commonest kinds sold at \$4.10@4.75. Trading in stockers and feeders was good and good lots sold satisfactorily. Cows, heifers, bulls, stags and oxen were fairly active at unchanged prices and calves were steady; western rangers cattle were in excellent demand at steady prices, fat steers and heifers selling particularly well.

There was a fairly active demand for sheep and lambs, prices showing no particular change. Choice grades steady and others showing weakness; for native sheep the prevailing prices were \$3@4.50, common to choice, many going above \$4.75. Western range sheep were wanted at \$3.70@4.25; feeders being free buyers around \$3.90@4.10; rams sold at \$2@3.

**Hops.**

Hop picking in the majority of the smaller yards near Auburn is over, and yield and quality of the crop in this vicinity can now be fairly estimated. The yield is not as great as anticipated and the quality is the best that this section has produced for several years. The yards were freer from mold than usual, owing to early and effective spraying. Where spraying was not done early mold was more noticeable.

H. E. McGowan, we understand, has secured the whole or part of the crops of B. W. Inglis, James Osborn and L. C. Smith. The price stated is 10c.—Auburn Argus.

The hop market shows signs of much activity among the buyers. Some have offered as low as 8c, while others have orders at 10c. T. L. McNeff is the only buyer who is offering 11c for choice goods. The growers are holding back until the hops are in the bale, consequently they don't care to accept the offers now being made.—Puyallup Independent.

**Hops in Oregon.**

Picking has been completed in nearly all the hopyards in the vicinity of Corvallis, Or., and the yield is from 30 to 60 per cent, short of former years. The White river yard of 70 acres, in which picking continued 21 days last year, was finished in 10 days, with approximately the same number of pickers. The Sol King yard yielded 20,000 pounds, as against 50,000 in former years. Much of the shortage in the output is the result of missing hills, in some yards the aggregate misses being many acres. The quality in all yards is excellent.

**Large Sale of Wheat.**

F. W. Hendley, manager of the Western Warehouse Company at Pendleton, Or., bought a pool of wheat September 15 aggregating 130,000 bushels of bluestem and club, paying 50 cents for the club, and 53 cents for bluestem. This was the first sale of the season of any consequence. Nine farmers were in the pool.

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