THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, August 17, 1896.

Ashes, pkgs	18	Moss, bales	56
Beeswax, pkgs	10	Rosin, bbls	6,051
Beans, bbls	198	Spirits turp, bbls	1,697
Beans (Cal), bags	421	Crude turp, bbls	16
Flour, pkgs	35,510	Pitch, bbls	325
Cornmeal, bbls	1,474	Oil cake, pkgs	178
Cornmeal, bags	3,190	Oil, lub, bbls	90
Oatmeal, bbls	600	Oleo, stock, pkgs	65
Wheat, bush	108,075	Peanuts, bags	2,088
Corn, bush	119,925	Pork, pkgs	150
Oats, bush	129,600	Beef, pkgs	140
Rye, bush	18,000	Cutmeats, pkgs	3,573
Cottonseed oil, bbls	974	Lard, pkgs	1,759
Cotton, bales	3,982	Lard, kegs	3,150
Copper, cakes	3,734	Tallow, pkgs	328
Copper, bbls	50	Grease, pkgs	228
Dried fruit, pkgs	3,437	Butter, pkgs	12,398
Hay, tons	543	Cheese, pkgs	10,355
Straw, tons	38	Eggs, cases	9,852
Flaxseed, bags	20,050	Rice, chaff, bags	500
Hides, bales	447	Raisins (Cal), boxes	145
Hides, bdls	1,119	Skins, bales	281
Hops, bales	39	Tobacco, hhds	1,436
Istle, bales	108	Tobacco, pkgs	507
Leather, sides	5,750	Whiskey, bbls	1,563
Lead, pigs	1,251	Wool, bales	382
Molasses, bbls	1,120	Cal. wine, pkgs	

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No 1 foundry	$11 50	Minn patent flour	$3 60
do So. No 2 soft	10 75	Molasses, O K prime	29
Steel rails	28 00	Lard, prime	3 85
Lead	2 75	Hogs, dressed, 160 lb.	4¾
Copper, lake ingot	10 65	Tallow, prime	3
Wheat, No 2 red	64⅝	Pork, mess	$ 25
Corn, No 2 mixed	28⅝	Beef, family	9 00
Oats, No 2 mixed	21	Beef hams	15 50
Cotton, middling	$ 5-16	Sugars, granulated	4⅝
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	10¾		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	19,650	Pork, bbls	205
Oats, bush	35	Beef, bbls	243
Peas, bush	35	Beef, tcs	219
Beans, bush	85	Bacon, lb	209,000
Flour, bbls	3,821	Hams, lb	6,200
Flour, sacks	5,740	Lard, lb	58,470
Cornmeal, bbls	2	Tallow, lb	6,000
Meal, pkgs	50	Grease, lb	7,200
Spirits turp., gals	20	Butter, lb	47,400
Rosin, bbls	200	Cheese, lb	20,040
Ref. petroleum, gals	468,450		
Lubricating oil, gals	16,896		

WEEKLY EXPORTS.

Wheat, bush	191,313	Rosin, bbls	4,701
Corn, bush	151,375	Cheese, lb	1,239,420
Oats, bush	277,817	Pitch, bbls	88
Rye, bush	78,278	Tar, bbls	1,006
Barley, bush	77,370	Ref pet, gals	8,848,255
Flaxseed, bush	84,489	Naphtha, gals	2,100
Peas, bush	4,997	Gasoline, gals	700
Beans, bush	30,065	Cottonseed oil, gals	61,020
Flour, bbls	53,628	Lub oil, gals	404,806
Flour, sacks	1,229	Beef, bbls	4,142
Cornmeal, bbls	1,572	Beef, tcs	2,040
Meal, pkgs	13,200	Bacon, lb	1,205
Bran, lb	490	Hams, lb	8,604,200
Grass seed, bags	1,298	Lard, lb	3,408,000
Hay, bales	27,000	Lard oil, gals	1,400
Alcohol, gals	2,350	Tallow, lb	2,661,000
Whiskey, gals	350,000	Grease, lb	66,000
Oil meal, lb	2,803,500	Butter, lb	1,232,550
Oil cake, lb			
Spirits turp, gals	25,820		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, August 17, 1896.

COTTON—In response to rather better Liverpool news than expected, futures there making an early advance of about 6 points, our market opened with an advance of 8@9 points. The receipt of bad crop news added to the firmness, and prices hardened steadily during the morning session, and at noon there were about 15 points above Saturday's closing figures. There were unimportant reactions, but the market recovered readily. Increased firmness was developed during the latter part of the afternoon session, and the market closed very steady in tone, with a net advance of 16 to 18 points and total sales of 157,500 bales. The closing prices were at about the highest of the day. There was nothing in the general situation, according to local ideas, to warrant the firmness of to-day's market except a strong bullish sentiment. Increased about by lack of rain in the cotton belt and constant reiterations of crop damage reports. Local traders are cautious, but the buying sentiment seems to obtain among them. Trading during the latter part of the afternoon session was moderate. The Government weather report mentioned some rain in Texas, but private advices by wire did not mention improvement of crop conditions on account of these rains, and the general idea is that the small rain has not been sufficient to materially benefit the growing cotton. Light local showers were reported in Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. Operators are closely scanning weather conditions, and the market seems to be controlled almost entirely by weather conditions. It is noted that Manchester spinners purchase moderately, which is supposed to mean that they do not look upon existing crop conditions as serious. They apparently believe that they will be able to purchase cotton at lower prices when new cotton comes in more freely. The movement is quite liberal. Receipts at Houston to-day were 2,787 bales new cotton, against 3,081 all new, same day last week. Estimated receipts at Houston to-morrow, 7,800 all new. Receipts at New-Orleans to-day were 4,539 bales. Memphis received to-day 350 bales new cotton. The spot market at Savannah and St. Louis was 1-16c higher.

Opening, range and close to-day, and closing bids the previous night and last year follow:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Sat. night.	Last year.
August	7.91	7.90	7.91	8.01@8.03	7.84	7.27
September	7.66	7.74	7.66	7.75@7.76	7.58	7.27
October	7.72	7.82	7.72	7.81@7.82	7.64	7.33
November	7.70	7.78	7.69	7.77@7.78	7.61	7.37
December	7.70	7.84	7.72	7.83@7.84	7.66	7.43
January	7.77	7.88	7.75	7.87@7.88	7.69	7.49
February	7.82	7.91	7.82	7.91@7.93	7.73	7.54
March	7.85	7.99	7.85	7.96@7.98	7.78	7.59
April	7.86	8.01	7.90	8.01@8.03	7.82	

Market closed very steady at 16 to 18 points advance compared with Saturday's closing prices. Transferable notices, 8,05. Total sales, 157,500 bales. New-York net receipts, 68 bales, gross, 3,982. Exports: Continent, 1,647 bales; Great Britain, 400; France, 275; forwarded, 149; sales, 4,805, spinners, 505; stock, 71,164. Total net receipts to-day, 5,798 bales, thus far this week, 9,770. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 400 bales; France, 275; Continent, 1,647. Thus far this week: Great Britain, 3,996 bales; France, 275; Continent, 1,647; stock, 140,939. Spot cotton quiet and unchanged; middling uplands, 8 3-16c; middling gulf, 8 7-16c. Sales: 505 bales spinning and 3,800 bales contract.

Liverpool cables—Spot cotton, moderate demand; sales, 7,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 7,000; receipts, 3,000, all American. Middling uplands, 4.15 3-32d. Futures steady at 3-64d advance; closed steady at 4 points net advance. Sales, January-February, 400d; February-March, 410d; March-April, 411d; April-May, 412d; May-June, 413d; August, 421½d; August-September, 417½d; September-October, 412d; October-November, 410d; November-December, 409d; December-January, 409d. Manchester Yarns quiet and steady; cloths dull.

COFFEE—The character of the speculation on the Exchange to-day indicated a feeling of indifference on the part of traders. Cables showed only fractional changes and the statistical situation was without feature. Chief sales were December. Havre steady; August, 64.25 francs; September, 63.50; October, 61.75; November to February, 61.25; warehouse deliveries for the week were 430,041 bags. Rio market closed: Receipts, 17,000 bags; no returns from Santos; shipments to United States from Rio, 20,000 bags. Santos: Shipments, 27,000 bags; Rio purchases for week, 30,000 bags; Santos purchases, 35,000 bags; Hamburg dull; August, 54.25 pfgs; September, 53.25; October, 52.25; November, 51.75.

Contracts closed quiet at unchanged to 5 points advance; sales were 8,500 bags, as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed To-day.	Last year bids.
January			9.15@9.25	15.00
February			9.15@9.25	14.95
March	9.20	9.05	9.15@9.25	14.90
April			9.10@9.20	14.80
May	9.15	9.15	9.10@9.20	14.70
June			9.05@9.15	
July			9.00@9.15	
August			10.00@10.10	15.20
September	9.70	9.70	9.70@9.80	15.30
October	9.45	9.45	9.40@9.50	15.35
November			9.20@9.30	15.15
December	9.20	9.10	9.15@9.25	15.10

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Saturday.	Last week.
New-York stock	229,774	238,550	175,812
Baltimore stock	8,849	8,862	9,000
New-Orleans stock	26,040	26,091	8,500
Stock at all ports	264,663	273,503	194,215
New-York deliveries	8,726	11,738	6,517
Baltimore deliveries	122	121	227
New-Orleans deliveries	51	106	212
Total deliveries	8,999	11,965	6,956
Afloat	242,000	225,000	292,000
Visible supply	506,340	496,020	486,215

The market for Rio and Santos coffee was flat and very quiet. Nominal prices were 10¾c for Rio No 7 on spot and 10c for Rio No 8 spot. Mild coffee was steady with a fair demand.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The movement of the market for flour to-day was unimportant and the volume of business insignificant in Western and very light in city. Sales of transactions amounted to 12,000 pkgs, as follows: 1,250 bbls winter straights, $3 25@$3 35, 250 sacks extra 2s, $2 10; 5,110 bbls city patents, $4 10@$4 35, 2,000 bbls city clears, $3 90; 2,500 bbls spring patents, $3 45@$3 55; 500 bbls clears, $2 60. ....RYE FLOUR—Dull; sales, 475 bbls, at $2 45@$2 75. ....CORNMEAL—Steady; sales, 200 bbls, at $2 15. Quoted: Brandywine, $2; Sagamore, $2 10. Western meal, $2 10@$2 10. ....BAG MEAL—Dull. Quoted: Fine white, 73@76c; fine yellow, 73@76c; coarse, 69@70c. ....FEED—Dull. Quoted: 40, 90 and 80 lb, 47½@52½c; 100 lb, 55@57½c; rye feed, 50@55c; sharps, 60@65c; hominy chop, 50@55c; cottonseed meal, $0 (?)81; oilmeal, 87½@90c; city feed, 55@57½c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The market for wheat was very steady early, decidedly so for some deferred delivery, but toward the close showed a very steady tone, closing at ⅛c decline to ⅛c advance, while the Chicago market was about ½c down. The relative strength at New-York was somewhat of a surprise, but was credited to some buying for foreign account for future delivery, while at the West the tight money situation had some influence, and Minneapolis was reported offering wheat at September price. The Continent was a moderate buyer of wheat during the morning, although the English markets were dome comparatively inactive. The early reports were rather favorable regarding the world's exports, and the amount of wheat on passage for Europe decreased 1,040,000 bush. The American visible decreased only 553,000 bush, but the English visible increased 634,000 bush. The world's exports for the last week were: United States, 2,625,000 bush; Russia, 1,296,000 bush; Argentina, 960,000 bush; Danube, 936,000 bush; India, 80,000 bush; total, 5,025,000 bush, against 4,811,000 bush the previous week. Foreign crop reports were without particular change of importance. The weather West was reported good for the progress of farm work; harvesting is being pushed in the Northwest, and threshing is going forward rapidly. The movement of wheat continues liberal, the receipts at primary markets amounting to 884,000 bush, an increase of 141,000 bush over the preceding week. Exports from New-York last week were 191,000 bush. Locally to-day there was very little interest shown in cash wheat; 50,000 bush No 1 Northern at 5c over September, f o b, afloat for export; 25,000 bush ungraded red at 56½c delivered, and lots of unmerchantable wheat at 45c delivered. ....CORN—There was slight change in the price of corn to-day, and the volume of trade was comparatively light. The opening was quiet, and with very little feature on either side, prices slowly fell off. Crop reports continue very favorable, and the weather to-day was good. It is claimed that the weather conditions have resulted in some falling off in the average standing of corn since August 1, although this falling off is not material. The movement of corn at the West is decreasing, due, it is claimed, to the fact that the recent large movement was from cribs on account of the low freight rates, and this being over, it is claimed, the movement is likely to fall off. To-day's receipts were 325,000 bush less than last Monday at the primary markets. The amount of corn afloat for Europe increased the last week 1,200,000 bush, and is now more than two-thirds of the amount of wheat afloat. The world's exports of corn the last week include 2,307,000 bush from the United States, 1,424,000 bush from the Argentine, 128,000 bush from Russia, 80,000 bush from the Danube, making a total of 4,719,000 bush, against 3,425,000 bush the preceding week. Cash corn was weaker, 48,000 bush No 2 were reported for export on private terms; 10,000 bush No 2 yellow sold at 29c elevator. No 2 corn was quoted at 28¾c in the elevator. Futures closed unchanged to ⅛c advance. ....OATS—The market for oats was very quiet to-day, but fairly steady, prices feeling the influence of the movement of new oats and the absence of feature in other cereals. The speculative offerings for future delivery continue moderate. Crop reports are fairly satisfactory. The visible supply to-day increased 334,000 bush, which, in view of the heavy receipts last week, was a decided surprise. The market late was dull, closing at unchanged to ⅛c advance compared with Saturday. Cash oats were slightly weaker. Sales of 5,000 bush new NO 2 white were reported at 19½c; 60,000 bush of ungraded white at 21@23c, new and old, and 20,000 bush of No 2 mixed, private terms, for export; No 2 oats were quoted at 21c, and No 2 whites at 24c for new and 25c for old. ....RYE—Market quiet with No 2 Western quoted at 36½@37½c, c i f. ....BARLEY—Market dull, with feeding quoted at 31½@32c, c i f.

The quotations to-day, the closing prices for the previous day and closing prices for the corresponding date last year follow:

Wheat.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Sat. night.	Last year.
August	—	—	—	62	61⅞	69⅞
September	62⅛	62⅝-½	61⅝-¾	62⅛	62	70
October	—	—	—	63⅛	63	70⅛
November	—	—	—	64⅛	64⅛	—
December	65⅛	65¼	64⅞	64⅞	64⅞	71⅞
May	68⅝	69	68½	68⅝	68⅝	75⅛
Corn:						
August	—	—	—	21	21	25⅛
September	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	21	20⅞	24⅞
October	—	—	—	21	20⅞	24½
Do White.						
September	—	—	—	—	—	26⅝

Receipts of breadstuffs at interior points in thousands, last three ciphers (000) omitted. Flour barrels, grain bushels, as follows:

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	5	115	324	357	6	10
Milwaukee	5	64	4	162	4	37
St. Louis	9	171	309	78	—	—
Toledo	—	91	7	6	—	—
Detroit	3	14	6	7	—	—
Peoria	—	7	55	52	—	—
Minneapolis	—	140	—	—	—	—
Duluth	—	109	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	—	82	34	25	—	—
Indianapolis	—	8	24	14	—	—
Totals	22	891	763	641	10	47
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	10	153	633	299	—	3
Milwaukee	2	4	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	4	12	186	7	—	—
Toledo	—	4	1	—	—	—
Detroit	2	—	—	—	—	—
Peoria	—	6	16	68	—	—
Minneapolis	28	28	—	—	—	—
Duluth	—	108	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	—	12	11	4	—	—
Totals	46	324	847	378	—	3
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	29	108	120	130	18	—
Philadelphia	9	17	25	28	—	—
Baltimore	14	77	31	1	—	—
Boston	3	2	43	2	—	—
New-Orleans	5	9	525	14	—	—
Totals	60	213	629	205	19	—
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	8	20	44	9	—	—
Philadelphia	—	21	—	—	—	—
Totals	8	41	44	9	—	—

New-York stocks in store and afloat:

	Aug. 15, '96.	Week's changes.	Aug. 17, '95.
Wheat, bush	1,796,171	Inc. 68,989	3,470,121
Corn, bush	400,340	Inc. 242,040	87,637
Oats, bush	1,405,640	Dec. 55,088	1,066,033
Rye, bush	79,675	Inc. 35,296	2,878
Barley, bush	46,999	Dec. 630	—
New-York contract stocks:			
No 2 red, bush	8,295	No change.	1,036,895
No 1 hard spring	—	—	81,506
No 1 Northern	559,587	Dec. 56,499	—
No 2 corn	152,333	Inc. 139,386	9,212
No 2 oats	185,963	Dec. 19,193	310,535
No 2 white oats	411,726	No change.	81,100
Chicago stocks:			
Wheat, bush	13,219,000	Dec. 334,000	14,722,000
Corn, bush	6,802,000	Inc. 400,000	1,677,000
Oats, bush	1,380,000	Dec. 55,000	707,000
Rye, bush	334,000	Inc. 25,000	78,000
Barley, bush	11,000	No change.	187,000
Visible supply:			
Wheat, bush	45,876,000	Dec. 553,000	36,863,000
Corn, bush	13,750,000	Inc. 1,532,000	4,293,000
Oats, bush	7,279,000	Inc. 334,000	3,631,000
Rye, bush	1,596,000	Dec. 39,000	304,000
Barley, bush	612,000	Dec. 27,000	218,000

Grain on passage:

	On passage.	Visible.	Kingdom.	Continent.	Total.	Changes.
Wheat, bush	12,000,000	45,876,000	5,120,000	17,200,000	Dec. 1,040,000	
Corn, bush	7,000,000	13,750,000	4,320,000	12,000,000	Inc. 1,200,000	
And with the visible supply added, the total changes,						
Wheat, bush	17,200,000	62,076,000	Dec. 1,593,000			
Corn, bush	12,000,000	13,750,000	25,750,000	Inc. 2,732,000		

METALS—TIN—The local market for tin closed steady with spot quoted at 13.35@13.45. The foreign tone was quiet. COPPER—Closed easy at New-York and steady at London, with spot quoted at the local market at 10.65. Sales, 25,000 lb spot at 10.75. ....LEAD—Closed weak at New-York at 2.70@2.75. St. Louis steady. ....SPELTER—Closed easy at 3.75@3.80.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—The market shows a little more animation for both molasses and syrups, owing to accumulation of orders over Sunday. The tone is steady, although prices are unchanged. We quote: New-Orleans, fancy, 30c; prime, 24@25c; choice, 22@23c; good, 20@21c; common, 14@16c; fair, 17@20c; prime, 21@23c; choice, 24@25c; New-Orleans, open-kettle, fair, 27@28c; good, 29@30c; prime, 32@34c; choice, 36@37c. Porto Rico, 28@35c; Barbadoes, 25@27c. Syrups, 35@37c. Porto Rico, 28@35c; Barbadoes, 25@27c. Syrups ....Sugar, fair, 12@14c; good, 15@16c; choice, 17@18c; fancy, 22@24c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock: Rosin, 26,767 bbls; turpentine, 1,267 bbls; tar, 1,614 bbls. The market for spirits turpentine was firm, with regulars and machines quoted at 24@25c. Rosin was very steady, with common to good strained quoted at $1 57½@$1 60. Tar and pitch quiet at former prices; tar regulars quoted at $1 65; oil, bbls, $3 25; pitch, $1 80@$1 90.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market continues quiet but fairly steady at the recent advanced quotations. We fully quote: Grain—Liverpool, 2½d; London, 3d; Glasgow, 3½d; Bristol, 3½d; Leith, 3½d; Hull, 3½d; Newcastle, 3½d; Antwerp, 3½d; Marseilles, 2s 6d; Copenhagen, 3d; Bremen, 50 pfgs; Hamburg, 55 pfgs; Rotterdam, 3c; Amsterdam, 7½c; Cork for orders, 2s; petroleum to United Kingdom, 1s 10½@2s 1½d; cotton to Liverpool, 3-32d. ....CHARTERS—There was a quiet market for sail tonnage to-day and rates remained unchanged. Vessels are in demand and rates remain unchanged. Vessels are in demand for the case oil, long voyage, general cargo and South American lumber trades, but the continued scarcity of desirable tonnage restricts business greatly. There is no improvement noticed in the trades employing small tonnage, and rates are consequently weak. Steamers are in moderate demand and at firm rates. Charters follow: Norwegian steamer, 1,014 tons, timber, etc., Puget Sound to Delagoa Bay, 12s6@12s6 3d, September; two British steamers, 1,035 and 1,185 tons, general cargo, New Orleans or Galveston to the United Kingdom or Continent, 41s 3d and 41s 6d respectively, per form, September; chartered abroad: British steamer, 2,161 tons (previously), cotton, Galveston to Liverpool, 34s, Continent 35s September; British steamer, ..tons, phosphate, Savannah to Bremerhaven, 12s 9d, chartered abroad; British steamer, 1,776 tons, phosphate, Pensacola to Hamburg, 15s 3d; British steamer, 1,592 tons, general cargo, Baltimore to Havre, at or about 14s; German bark, 1,249 tons, and British ship, 2,143 tons, grain, San Francisco to Cork for orders, to the United Kingdom, Havre, Antwerp or Dunkirk, 27s 6d; British ship, 1,064 tons, general cargo, Java to the United Kingdom, Continent or United States, 29s, option of Boston or Baltimore 2s chartered abroad; British bark, general cargo, Calcutta to New-York, $3 75; Boston $4, chartered abroad; ship, 1,000 tons, general cargo, Colombo and port, cabin to New-York, 25s, in December 16 January 31, chartered abroad; schooner, 199 tons, miscellaneous cargo, Havana to Philadelphia, $2,500; British brig, 186 tons, lumber, Calais to Perth Amboy, private terms; schooner, 196 tons, lumber, Brunswick to Port de Paix, private terms; bark, 613 tons, cyprus, New Port de Paix, private terms; bark, 613 tons, cyprus, New Orleans or Whitecastle to Providence, private terms; British schooner, 311 tons, coal, Edgewater to Yarmouth, 75c; British schooner, 125 tons, coal, Port Johnston to St. John, N. B., 65c; schooner, 164 tons, sand, Philadelphia to New-York, $1 10, loaded and discharged; schooner, 258 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Wareham, 70c; British steamer, 15,000 grs grain, Philadelphia to Antwerp, 2s 9d, ship to arrive 25 September; steamer, petroleum, hence to Hong Kong, 18½c. ....FREIGHTS—The cottonseed oil market did not present any distinctive features to-day. It was nominally steady and prices are still quoted. The asking price for prime summer yellow is 22c for prime summer yellow. Off summer yellow is nominal at 22½@22½c. Lard and linseed oils nominal. We quote: Cottonseed oil, prime crude, bbls, 19@20c; prime crude, loose, f o b mills, 14@16c; off crude, bbls, here, 18@19c, summer yellow, prime, 22½@23c, summer yellow, off grade, 22½@22½c; butter oil, nominally, 26@27c; winter yellow, prime, 30@32c; white, prime, 25½@26c; lard oil, prime city, 30@40c; linseed oil, American, raw, 31@32c, American boiled, 33@34c; Calcutta, raw, 50c.

PETROLEUM—The market for National pipe line certificates closed with $1 04½ bid. Refined was quiet, with prices as follows: Barrels, New-York, $6 65; Philadelphia, $6 60; cases, New-York, $7 50; Philadelphia, $7 50. ....PROVISIONS—The market for cash provisions to-day was firmer, with a good demand for lard, but only a moderate amount of dealing in meats. ....PORK—Firm; sales, 350 bbls. Quoted: Mess, $8@$8 75; family, $9@$10; short clear, $8 75@$10. ....BEEF—Steady. Quoted: Extra mess, $6 75@$7 25; family, $8@$9; packet, $7@$8 50. ....BEEF HAMS—Firm at $15 50@$16. ....PICKLED BELLIES—Firm; sales, 100 bbls. Quoted: Pickled bellies, 12 lb average, 4½c, asked for 14 to 16 lb. Pickled but firm at 4½@5½c. Pickled hams—Steady at 9½@9¾c. Pickled shoulders—Steady at 3½c. ....STEARINE—Dull and easy; lard, 4½c; oleo, 4c. ....LARD—Higher, demand good. Sales, 1,000 tcs prime steam, $3 82½@$3 87½, refined lines at 5½c asked. Sales, city, 300 tcs, at 3¾c, refined higher; South America, 4.65c; Continent, 4½c; compound, 3¾c asked. Options closed at 3.80c nominal for September.

RICE—To-day's market was very active, with business in the way of small lots. Tone is steady, with demand fair at primary markets. G. A. Jahn & Co. report a continuation of the growing crop of Louisiana unfavorable with indications of a decided shortage in former estimates, which were based on the area planted. The "Providence" crop, which constitutes four-fifths of the acreage planted in Southwest Louisiana, is entirely dependent on seasonable rainfalls, which have been absent this year, and the crop will prove almost a total failure. We quote: Louisiana and Louisiana, common to ordinary, 2½@3c; low fair to fair, 3½@3¾c; good to prime, 3¾@4¼c; choice to fancy, 4½@5c; extra fine, 5¼@5½c; do Walsh tubs, 5½@5¾c; Java, 3¾@3½c; Java in bond, 2½@2¾c; Japan, 4@4¼c; Patna, 4¾@5c. Patna in bond, 2¾@3c.

SUGAR—The local market was steady, with further business on the old basis. Sales included the following: 300 bags centrifugal, basis 96 test, at 3¾c; 1,400 tons Java, at Breakwater, basis 96 test, at 3¾c, and 4,497 bags molasses sugar, basis 89 test, at 2¾c. The London market was dull for cane; Java quoted at 11s 6d. Beet was quiet, present month quoted at 9s 7½d and next month at 9s 9d. Refined sugar was quiet, but ⅛@3-16c lower. Granulated is now quoted at 4¾c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, August 17, 1896.

BEANS AND PEAS—The market is in very much the same condition as at the close of last week. Probably a little of the firmness resulting from some unfavorable crop reports has passed away, sellers being assured that enough stock will be available to meet all requirements. There were offers to sell choice marks of marrow at $1 15, best lots of medium and pea at $1, and choice kidney at $1 05. We find very little disposition to shade these figures and stock is easily bought at them. Turtle soup is quiet and stock is easily bought at them. Turtle soup is quiet and prices are held firmly. Other varieties about as previously quoted. We quote: Beans, domestic, marrow, choice, per bush, $1 12½@$1 15, do medium, 97½@$1 10, do pea, $1, do white kidney, $1 20@$1 25, do red kidney, $1 05; do yellow eye, $1 17½; do turtle soup, $1 40; do lima, California, $1 65; green peas, bbls, 70@72½c; do bags, 65@67½c; do Scotch, bbls, 75c; do bags, 72½c.

BUTTER—Sellers were encouraged somewhat by the favorable change in the weather, but so far as the business of the day goes there was very dull trade. There is not the slightest disposition of any improvement in the home consumptive demand for another week or two, and jobbers, having bought some stock ahead, are not likely to materially increase their purchases. Exporters, too, are not doing much, they are forwarding stock previously purchased, but are getting more cautionary advices and it looks as though the English operators wanted to clean up the stock that has been going forward so freely of late. The situation, however, seems to be fairly healthy and there is not likely to be any pressure to sell unless it may be on grades below fine. The proportion of fancy stock is comparatively small and is likely to be still smaller before the week is out, as we shall be getting some of the hot weather butter. Fancy creamery entirely free from hot weather defects brings 16c when wanted, but it takes only slight defects to reduce the value to 15c, and there is considerable butter to be had in range of 12@14c. Most of the State dairy butter is defective in quality and has dull sale. Imitation creamery is quiet and no more than steady. Factory inquired for to a limited extent, but not a great deal of business accomplished thus far. We quote: Creamery, extras, per lb, 16c; do firsts, 14@15c; do thirds to firsts, 11½@13½c. State dairy, half-firkin tubs, extras, 14½@15c; do Welsh tubs, extras, 14@14½c; do thirds to firsts, 10@13½c; imitation creamery, firsts, 12c; do seconds, 10@11c. Western dairy, 9@12c; factory, June extras, 11c; do firsts, 10½@10½c; current make, firsts, 10@10½c; do thirds to seconds, 7½@9½c; old butter, 7@9c.

CHEESE—With decidedly higher prices paid at the Northern markets on Saturday, holders here are very firm and confident in their views, with some in fact indifferent about offering any stock to-day, the weather being cool and cheese in very good condition, and preferring to await results from the Central New-York markets. Several buyers were on the platform, evidently in want of cheese, but the high prices talked checked the movement. A few small sales were reported of both white and colored at 8¼c, and to sell that was about all that could be depended upon, though most holders talked higher. Small size, full cream continue plenty, but held higher, in sympathy with large, with some holders refusing to sell even at our advanced quotations. Part skims nominally unchanged. At Watertown on Saturday sales were 4,000 boxes, leading and ruling, 8c. At Canton large cheese sold at 8 1-16c and small size at 7½@7¾c. Liverpool cable, 40s for colored and 39s for white. We quote: State, full cream, large, colored or white, fancy, 8¼c; do large choice, 7¾@8c; do fair to good, 6½@7½c; do small colored fancy, 7¾@8c; do small white, 7¾@8c; do good to choice, 7@7½c; do common to fair, 6@6½c; light skims, choice, 5¼@5½c; part skims, good to prime, 4@5c; do common to fair, 2@3c; full skims, 1@1½c.

EGGS—The cooler weather to-day imparts a little more confidence in the hope that future receipts will arrive in better condition, but the stock here outside of refrigerator and lots arriving show little if any actual improvement, and there is a decided scarcity of really fancy fresh eggs such as are wanted by the more particular trade. Such buyers, it seems, are willing to secure a few fancy eggs, do not hesitate to offer a premium of 1c or even 2c per dozen, but not enough of such quality possible to find to fairly establish prices. For average best eggs available 13c is a full price, while good average lines are offered at 12@12½c, and stock not worth full value to reach this price ranging all the way from 5@8½c per case down, with large lots that are practically worthless. We quote: State, fresh gathered, average, 14@14½c; Pennsylvania country marks, per dozen, 14@14½c; State and Pennsylvania ordinary, 12@13c; Western, best available, in quantity, 13c; Western, average good lots, 12@12½c; Western, fair to good, per case, $2@$2 40. Western, very inferior, dirties and checks entirely nominal.

FRUITS—FRESH—Fancy apples in large round hoop barrels are scarce and selling promptly at full late prices, but market is burdened with common to prime fruit, which drags heavily at low and irregular figures. A few peaches arrived to-day from Maryland and Delaware in refrigerator cars, and sold for 60c per carrier basket, but the great bulk of the supply was in poor order and cleaned up very slowly at 25@50c per basket. Pears in moderate supply, and choice nearby sold promptly, occasionally above quotations. Southern pears show irregular quality, though stock in good order sells well. Very few plums arriving. Grapes in moderate supply, and with demand active prices ruled firm, some fancy carrier brought 25@75c more than quoted. Very few blackberries arriving. Huckleberries generally poor. Muskmelons in light supply from Jersey, and prices show little change. Most of the Southern stock is overripe and of uncertain value. The cooler weather has cut off demand for watermelons, and with heavy receipts market is weak and lower. We quote: Apples, prime to fancy, per double head bbl, $1@$1 50; do common to medium, 50@75c; do open heads, per bbl, 25@50c; peaches, Maryland and Delaware, per carrier, $1@$2 25; do family, per basket, 25@50c; pears, straight lines, per basket 30@50c; pears, Southern Kieffer, per bbl, $1 @$1 50; do Bartlett, per bbl, $2@$3; do per keg, $1 25@$1 50; do Maryland and Delaware, per basket, 40@50c; do Clapp's favorite, per bbl, $2 50@$3; do per keg, $1 25@$1 50; do Scooter, per bbl, $2@$2 25; do cooking varieties, $2 75@$2 25; plums, per basket, 15@35c; grapes, nearby, Delaware, per carrier, 50@75c; Concords, $1@$1 25; do Delaware, per carrier, 50@$1 25; do Maryland and Delaware, Wyoming, per carrier, 75@$1 25; blackberries, per qt, 4@8c; huckleberries, per qt, 5@9c; muskmelons, Hackensack, per bbl, $2@$2 50; do South Jersey, per bbl, $1@$3; do Monmouth County, per bbl, $1 50@$3 50; do Maryland and Delaware, 50@$1 50; do Anne Arundel, 75@$1 50; do Baltimore, per crate, 50@75c; watermelons, per carload, $180@$225; do per 100, $8@$25.

FRUITS DRIED—The market for old evaporated apples is in much the same condition as noted of late. The movement is small and confined almost entirely to jobbing wants. Samples of new fruit are shown, mostly from the South, and quality is not very attractive. Further sales are reported of Northern spitzenburg for export at 4½@4¾c, for prime, latter wood-dried. Scarcely anything doing in sun-dried apples. New cherries are opening very dull and weak, and there is also an easier feeling in raspberries, prime evaporated offering on the spot at 15c, and to arrive for less. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy, per lb, 5½@5½c; do choice, 4½@5c; do common to good, 3@4½c; do sun-dried, sliced, Northern, 2@3½c; do quarters, coarse cut, State and Western, 2½@3c; do Southwestern, 2½@3c; do Southern, 2@2½c; peaches, sun-dried, peeled, 3@6c; do unpeeled, 1½@2c; cherries, 1896, 8@9c; do 1895, 5c; blackberries, 1895, 5@6c; raspberries, evaporated, 1896, 15c; huckleberries, 1896, 7½@8c; do 1895, 6@6½c; plums, State, 1895, 4@4½c.

HOPS—The volume of business is no larger, in fact, so little trade transpires from day to day that values are to a very large extent nominal, our figures represent holders' views generally. Mail advices this morning bring reports