THE MARKETS.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, May 4, 1898.

BEANS AND PEAS—The quieter trade in marrow beans, which has been experienced during the last few days has developed a slightly weaker feeling and some holders are offering to sell choice stock at $1 80. Medium and pea are well sustained, with a fair demand. Red kidney are also firm, with late sales mainly at $2 10. Lima are very strong. Other varieties unchanged. Green peas favor the seller. We quote: Beans, marrow, choice, per bush, $1 80@$1 85; do medium, $1 55; do pea, $1 50@$1 55; do red kidney, $2 10; do white kidney, $1 70@$1 75; do black turtle soap, $1 65@$1 70; do yellow eye, $1 50; do lima, California, $2 25; green peas, 1bls, 92½c; do bags, 87½@90c; do Scotch, 1b s, $1@$1 02½; do bags, 97½c.

BUTTER—There was fair trading again to-day, and, with moderate arrivals, stock is cleaning up in very good shape, which gives the market a very firm tone. Fancy creamery brought 17c very easily, and the market was so strong that a good many marks went through at that price, which under usual inspection would go into the above firsts. Demand for 16@16½c goods is still quite large, and more stock could be sold than arrives. State dairy is unchanged in demand or price; buyers are picking up the arrivals with reasonable promptness, and values are steady to firm. Imitation creamery and fresh factory working out nicely at full late prices. We quote: Creamery, Western, extras, per lb, 17c; do firsts, 16½c; do thirds to seconds, 15@16c; do State, fancy, 17c; do do firsts, 16@16½c; do thirds to seconds, 15@15½c; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, fancy, 16@16½c; do Welsh tubs, fancy, 16c; dairy tubs, firsts, 14@15½c; do thirds to seconds, 14@14½c; imitation creamery, extras, 15½c; do seconds to firsts, 14½@15c; factory, firsts, 14½c; do seconds, 14c; do lower grades, 13@13½c.

CHEESE—The general market presents a quiet appearance to-day. Stocks of desirable grades of old cheese are daily becoming more narrow, and exporters find difficulty in locating suitable grades. Receipts of new large cheese continue moderate, and little more is come in this week than last week. Exporters have taken the bulk of the receipts so far, with last sales at generally 9½c for white and 9¾c for colored. New small cheese are in fair supply and rather slow sale, in a small way. Jobbers ask 10c for finest lots of colored, but there is disposition to urge sales in order to prevent accumulation, and some do not hesitate to shade prices whenever necessary. Small size white dull and prices uncertain. Skims quiet and unchanged. Liverpool cable, 44s for colored and 42s for white. We quote: State full cream, fall made, colored, large, fancy, 9c; do white, 8¾@9c; do choice, 8¾@9c; do fair to good, 7½@7¾c; do common, 6@7c; do fall made, colored, small, fancy, 9c; do white, 8¾@9c; do prime to choice, 8¼@8½c; do common to good, 6@7½c; part skims, small, choice, 6½@6¾c; do large, choice, 5½@5¾c; do fair to prime, 4½@5c; do common to fair, 3@4c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—Receipts are heavy again to-day, and the market shows a weaker tone. There was no call on 'Change, the day being a holiday in New-York, but the private business reported indicates pressure to sell and a weaker feeling. Strictly fancy goods have some business at previous outside quotations, but some of the business is at a concession of about 1c, and the feeling is somewhat irregular. Southern eggs are dull. Ducks eggs are easier at a slight inquiry. Some call for goose eggs. We quote: Jersey and nearby, fancy per dozen, 12½@12½c; State and Pennsylvania, 11½c; Western, selected, 11½c; do uncategorized, 11@11½c; Kentucky, 11c; Southern, 10½@10½c; duck eggs, Baltimore, selected, 14@15c; goose eggs, 10c.

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