HEAVY CUTS IN CROP PROSPECTS OF U. S.

Wheat Production Expected to Be Not More Than 654,000,000 Bushels.

CORN IN SERIOUS DANGER

Oats, Barley, Rye, Potatoes, Flax, Apples and Peaches Show Decreases.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—A falling off in crop prospects so serious that it will cause a loss to farmers of many millions of dollars was indicated to-day in the Department of Agriculture August report, which forecast declines in indicated production in almost every important crop from the estimates reported in July. The official forecasts of production were: Winter wheat, 455,000,000 bushels; spring wheat, 199,000,000; total wheat, 654,000,000; corn, 2,777,000,000; oats, 1,274,000,000.

From the July forecast wheat showed a loss of 105,000,000 bushels; corn, 89,000,000; oats, 43,000,000, and barley, 11,000,000. Besides, there were decreases in rye, white and sweet potatoes, flax, apples and peaches. A heavy reduction of the indicated production of cotton previously had been reported.

Corn, the nation's greatest crop, is in a serious condition from drought, and if rain does not come soon the crop will be smaller than the forecast of 2,777,000,000 bushels, which is 45,000,000 bushels more than the average of the last five years.

Other details given in the report were: Winter wheat, yield 13.8 bushels an acre; spring wheat, condition 63.4 per cent. of normal, yield 11.2; all wheat, yield 12.9; corn, condition 75.3, yield 25.6; oats, condition 81.5, yield 31.4; oats remaining on farms, 113,398,000 bushels; barley, condition 80, yield 25.1; rye, yield 15.3; buckwheat, area 819,000 acres, condition 87.8, yield 20.9; white potatoes, condition 80.8, yield 100.3; sweet potatoes, condition 85.9, yield 96.5; tobacco, condition 84.4, yield 855.8; flax, condition 84, yield, 8.9; rice, condition 92.2, yield 37.6; hay, area 52,504,000 acres, condition 95.5, yield 1.61; cotton, condition 72.3, yield 173.4; sugar beets, condition 88.2, yield 10.7; acreage of foregoing crops, except apples and peaches, total 308,930,000.

Leaves Little Wheat for Export.

A wheat crop of 654,000,000 bushels would amply meet the country's requirements for home consumption, which Department of Agriculture experts estimate will be about 620,000,000 bushels. That would leave 34,000,000 bushels available for export, without taking into consideration that this year's unusually large carry over of old wheat was some 75,000,000 bushels more than the average.

Commenting on the report, the bureau of crops estimates issued this statement:

"Only a mediocre crop of about 654,000,000 bushels of wheat compares with slightly over 1,000,000,000 bushels produced last year and 728,000,000 the average of the preceding five years. A crop so forecast has been exceeded in the last fifteen years eleven times. About 70 per cent. of this year's crop so forecast is winter variety and 30 per cent. spring. In the last five years about 67 per cent. has been winter and 33 per cent. spring.

"During the last month spring wheat prospects declined 71,000,000 bushels, and the preliminary estimate of winter wheat production is 34,000,000 bushels less than the July 1 forecast. The quality of the winter wheat is fairly good, which is in contrast with last year's poor quality wheat. Spring wheat quality is not yet definitely known, but the blighted condition of much of the crop would indicate considerable shrivelled and light weight.

"The normal wheat requirement of the United States is calculated at 5.3 bushels per capita, plus about 75,000,000 bushels for seed. In years when wheat is scarce the consumption falls to as low as 5 bushels per capita and when plentiful increases to 5.5 per capita. On the basis of 5.3 bushels, the total requirements of the United States the coming season would be about 620,000,000 bushels.

Oats Crop Above Average.

"The August 1 forecast of the oats crop, 1,274,000,000 bushels, is 266,000,000 less than the record production of last year, but 116,000,000 more than the average of the preceding five years. The weight of a bushel appears to be running rather light, particularly in the northern portion of the oats belt. Prices average for the United States about 40.1 cents a bushel, which is 5.3 cents lower than a year ago. Our foreign trade in oats is small compared to production. Occasionally we import more than we export. In 1914, however, the first year of the war, we exported 100,000,000, or 9 per cent. of the crop.

"The corn forecast is 278,000,000 less than produced last year, but 45,000,000 more than the average of the preceding five years. The amount forecast has been exceeded four times in the last ten years. The crop was adversely affected by the drought prevailing over a large portion of the corn belt, the greatest loss being in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri; improvement occurred in the North Atlantic States and Iowa. The condition of the crop was more or less critical on August 1 in many sections; good rains would save the crop, whereas continued drought would seriously injure it.

"The price of corn to producers of the United States advanced four cents a bushel during the month, largely in consequence of the reduction in condition, and on August 1 averaged slightly more than a year ago. The quantity exported is relatively small, usually less than 2 per cent. Last year's exports were only about 40,000,000 bushels.

"Of the minor crops, potatoes made little change during the last month and forecast about an average crop. Barley prospects declined about ten million bushels, forecasting 195,000,000—42,000,000 less than last year's big crop, but 9,000,000 more than the five years average crop.

"Tobacco prospects improved slightly and forecast 1,197,000,000 pounds, more than ever produced in one year. Apples and peaches both declined in prospect during the month. Apples forecast a fairly good crop, considering the aggregate of the United States, but peaches will be a rather short crop."

OCEAN TUG MISSING AT SEA.

Charles W. Morse Left Here July 17 for Porto Rico.

The oceangoing tug Charles W. Morse left this port on July 17 bound for San Juan, P. R., and has not been heard of since. Her course lay in the path of a hurricane which was reported this side of Porto Rico five days later.

Officials of the Sugar Products Company, 69 Wall street, which owned the tug, one of the largest along the Atlantic coast, had not given her up for lost yesterday. The theory was advanced that a new crank shaft might have cracked under the pounding of the heavy seas and the Morse might be lying helpless.

$240,000 FOR TYPOS' HOME.

Improvements to Be Made by Union at Colorado Springs.

J. W. Hays, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical Union, announced yesterday that improvements to cost $240,000 will be made at the Union Printers Home, Colorado Springs.

These will consist of an addition to the main building and other features. An effort was made to have branch homes established in other cities, but it was decided to spend all of the money at Colorado Springs.

COTTON MARKET.

Prices in the cotton market yesterday made another set of new high records, on a renewal of excited buying. Contracts for May delivery sold at the 15 cent level, while December advanced from 14.30c. to 14.67c., or $1.35 a bale from the low point of the morning, and closed at 14.58c. Other months showed similar reactions late, but the close was steady at a net advance of 15 to 17 points.

After opening steady at an advance of 1 point to a decline of 7 points, prices turned easier. An idea that prices had reached a dangerously high level and that spinners could not be expected to anticipate needs at such figures was doubtless a factor on the decline, which carried prices some 10 to 20 points under last night's closing. Cotton was readily enough absorbed on a scale down to cause sellers for a reaction some uneasiness, and a renewal of bull support was followed by an urgent buying movement during the middle of the day.

Wall Street and Western interests were buyers on this advance, while early local sellers covered as prices worked into new high ground for the movement, with January selling up to 14.77, or practically $16.25 a bale above the low level reached on the break of last February. Demand then slackened and realizing caused reactions of 10 or 12 points in the late trading.

While some of the trade houses were reported buyers, the most general idea expressed by spot brokers on the floor was that the trade had practically withdrawn for the time being, and that nothing more than a hand to mouth demand could be expected from spinners, until more was known of the new crop outlook. There was nothing to indicate Southern selling against prospective crops, while the broadening outside interest evidently rendered sellers cautious. Private cables reported a less active business in Liverpool, and attributed activity there to fears of a further gain in the American markets. Otherwise, it was said, operators were retiring, evidently awaiting developments.

Exports were 3,094 bales, making 66,788 so far this season, against 36,452 last year. More favorable crop accounts were received from some points in Texas, following Sunday's rains, and few scattering reports were received indicating improvement east of the river, but general expectation appeared to be that the weekly report to-day would indicate a barely sustained condition if not deterioration.

Range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Monday.
August	...	...	...	14.21-22	14.04
September	...	...	...	14.30-32	14.13
October	14.22	14.48	14.09	14.36-38	14.19
November	...	...	...	14.45B	14.28
December	14.42	14.67	14.30	14.58-59	14.41
January	14.61	14.77	14.38	14.66-68	14.50
February	...	...	...	14.72B	14.58
March	14.65	14.88	14.52	14.82-83	14.65
April	14.67	14.67	14.67	14.88B	14.72
May	14.75	15.00	14.67	14.96-98	14.78
June	14.70	14.70	14.70	14.96B	14.79
July	14.80	15.04	14.80	15.00B	14.85

The local market for spot cotton was steady and 20 points higher at 14.40 for middling upland; sales nil.

Southern spot markets were as follows:

Galveston steady, 25 points higher, 14.50c.; sales, 471 bales.

Mobile firm, 25 points higher, 13.75c.; sales, 50.

Savannah firm, ¼c. higher, 14c.; sales, 1,861.

Charleston firm, ¼c. higher, 13½c.; sales nil.

Wilmington steady, ¼c. higher, 13½c.; sales nil.

Memphis steady, 25 points higher, 13.37c.; sales, 600.

Houston steady, 25 points higher, 14.65c.; sales, 547.

Norfolk steady, 25 points higher, 14c.; sales, 216.

Baltimore nominal, ¼c. higher, 14c.; sales nil.

Augusta steady, 37 points higher, 13.75c.; sales, 1,787.

St. Louis steady, unchanged, 13⅝c.; sales nil.

Little Rock quiet, unchanged, 13.65c.; sales nil.

New Orleans firm, 25 points higher, 13.82c.; sales, 420.

Receipts at ports and interior points with comparisons:

	Tues-day.	Last Week.	Year.	Last Year.	Prest'n Stock.
Galveston	3,570	922	261	67,656	
New Orleans	3,728	55	812	111,283	
Mobile	1,222	1,091	...	14,175	
Savannah	1,668	702	19	67,327	
Charleston	1	53	...	20,717	
Wilmington	65	111	...	59,644	
Norfolk	708	281	...	33,082	
Baltimore	...	...	...	2,071	
New York	120	...	...	97,704	
Boston	51	202	...	10,018	
Philadelphia	...	6	...	1,927	
Various	...	...	...	40,768	
Totals	13,833	3,493	892	522,637	

INTERIOR.

Augusta	245	84	79	41,852	
Memphis	61	2,086	32	53,952	
St. Louis	146	146	150	5,547	
Houston	880	2,786	2,560	18,845	

Liverpool cables: Spot dull; sales, 5,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 4,900. Imports, 12,000, all American. Middling upland, 8.62d. Futures opened barely steady at 10 points advance, closed steady at net advance of 7½ to 8½ points. August, 8.32½d.; October-November, 8.47½d.; January-February, 8.43½d.; March-April, 8.44d.; May-June, 8.43d.

Manchester: Yarns irregular; cloths firm.

GRAIN MARKET.

WHEAT—The market was irregular, selling off 2 cents a bushel in the early trade under reports of cooler weather in the Northwest and easy cables, followed by recoveries on rumors of large export sales, with final prices about the top and ⅛ to ⅜c. over the previous night. There was a good deal of evening up all day ahead of the Government report. The figures, as published after the close, were 83.4, compared with 89 last month and 93.4 a year ago. This indicated a crop of 654,000,000, compared with 689,000,000 estimated last month and 956,460,000 bushels final last year. This makes a total crop suggestion of 654,000,000, compared with 1,011,505,000 bushels final last year, and considerably smaller than recent private guesses have indicated.

It was reported after the close that private sales had been made in Chicago at an advance of 2 cents a bushel, and it was generally admitted that the report fully confirmed the views of private and trade crop experts. Interest will now centre on Canada, which, according to experts, has suffered considerable loss from rust, although it will take some time to determine fully the extent of the injury.

Rumors in the afternoon attending the sharp upturn were that more than 2,000,000 bushels had been worked for export in Winnipeg, besides about 200,000 bushels said to have been taken at Kansas City. Liverpool was weaker again, reflecting large American receipts and a belief that the Government report would fail to confirm bullish expectations.

The cash market here was firm on the increased demand, with No. 1 durum quoted at $1.41, No. 2 hard, $1.44½; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.54½; No. 1 northern Manitoba, $1.53¾, all f. o. b. New York.

CORN—Reports of rains and cooler weather over the central corn belt occasioned early selling, which depressed the market about ¾c. a bushel. Good buying appeared on the decline and later there was a sharp upturn, particularly in September, which closed ⅝c. net higher. Later positions closed ¼c. to ½c. net lower, although materially above the bottom for the day. Bull expectations as to the Government report appeared justified, as the figures given were 75.3 for condition, against 86.1 last month and 79.5 a year ago. The crop indication was 2,777,000,000 bushels, against 3,054,500,000 bushels final last year. The cash market here was easy, with No. 2 yellow quoted at 96½c. c. i. f. New York. Export business was estimated at 100,000 bushels.

OATS—Receipts were large and induced further hedge selling, under which prices declined a cent in the early trade, followed by partial recoveries, the close being ¼ to ⅜c. net lower. The crop report made condition 81.5, against 86.2 last month and 91.6 a year ago. The indicated crop was 1,274,000,000, compared with 1,540,000,000 bushels final last year. Cash oats were steady, with No. 3 white quoted at 49@49½c.; No. 4 white, 48@48½c.; fancy clipped white, 50½@51½c.; ordinary clipped white, 48½@50½c., all elevator.

RYE—Market firm; No. 2 Western, $1.14 c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY—Market steady; feeding, 76c. c. i. f. New York; malting, nominal.

HAY—Market steady; prime, $1.25; No. 1, $1.20; No. 2, $1.10; No. 3, 95c.@$1, shipping, 75@80c.

CHICAGO PRICES.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Monday.
WHEAT—Open.					
September	131½	133⅝	131¼	133⅝	132
December	135½	137	134½	137	135⅝
May	140	141¾	139½	141¾	141½
CORN—					
September	81⅝	83⅝	81⅝	83¼	82¼
December	69⅝	70⅝	69⅝	70⅝	70⅝
May	73⅛	74¼	73⅛	74¼	74⅝
OATS—					
September	43¼	43⅞	43⅛	43⅝	44
December	46⅝	46⅞	46⅛	46⅝	47
May	48⅝	49⅝	48⅝	49⅝	49⅝
LARD—					
September	12.85	12.12	12.85	12.12	12.90
October	12.90	12.15	12.90	12.12	12.95
RIBS—					
September	13.75	13.97	13.75	13.97	13.70
October	13.50	13.72	13.50	13.72	13.37
PORK—					
September	25.00	25.05	25.00	25.00	25.05
October	25.30	25.30	25.00	25.05	....

HOTEL STEWARDS REQUIRE NO 'UNION'

Some of 350 Delegates in Convention Here Get $16,000 to $25,000 a Year.

END SERVANT PROBLEM?

They Would Have Mr. and Mrs. Homebody Live in Waldorf-Astoria.

There is one mistake which any one who visits the convention of the International Stewards Association, now in session at the Waldorf-Astoria, should be careful to avoid. Do not ask them if they are a "labor union." They don't like that appellation.

An unlucky reporter called the delegation that yesterday in talking with some of them and Oscar of the Waldorf looked at him as he might look at a waiter who put champagne glasses on the table when claret cup was to be served.

"Labor union!" gasped the secretary of the organization. "Do you know how much some of these gentlemen get a year? They get $16,000, $20,000 $25,000. He," nodding to Oscar of the Waldorf, "has a salary larger than many bankers. We are no labor union!"

Whatever the organization is, it has some important matters on hand. Chief among them is the settling of the servant problem. This can be done, President Girard of the association pointed out, by putting up more hotels. Hotels are increasing now very rapidly, he said in his annual address yesterday morning, and as homes gradually disappear and the people of the nation take up their abode in huge hotels the servant worry will cease to vex women.

"Consequently, to have the situation in hand," he said, "we must boom our association. There are 630,000 hotels in the United States and Canada, and to control matters we should have at least 10,000 of the purchasing agents of these hotels as our members. The work of training the servants of the country must be kept in our hands."

Commissioner Joseph J. Hartigan of the Bureau of Weights and Measures addressed the convention at the morning session, representing the Mayor, who was too busy to accept the invitation of the stewards. The Commissioner thought to please his hearers by telling them that the street car strike was settled and they wouldn't be inconvenienced in getting about the city, but they were not interested.

"Our delegates and their families would not be inconvenienced unless the taxicab chauffeurs should strike," said President Girard.

A slight damp fell upon the spirits of the stewards in the afternoon, but it was only the rain. They went on a picnic to Wetzel's Grove just in time to catch the hardest downpour. Oscar of the Waldorf, as host, was greatly grieved at the inhospitality of the weather, and promised better treatment of the 350 delegates and their families to-night, when they go to Coney Island.

12 STOCK EXCHANGE PORTERS WALK OUT

Their Demand for Higher Wages Not Granted—Four Colleagues Stay.

Two porters stood sweating by the door of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday listening wearily to the talk of millions of dollars which they didn't have but coveted.

"How long you been here, Bill?" asked one.

"Oh, 'bout three months."

"Let's go on strike like the street car men, Bill. It's too hot to work, and we might as well get a raise now instead of waiting five years for it."

So twelve of the fourteen porters in the building struck. Superintendent Barney Smith heard their demands and told them to go out for a cooling drink while he reported the matter to the Stock Exchange managers. He had their payrolls ready for them when they returned at 2 o'clock.

The unchangeable rule of the Stock Exchange is that porters shall start at $55 a month and each five years after that shall receive a raise of $5. Of the twelve who struck eight had been at work only a few months and the oldest in point of service had been working there since 1912. So far as could be learned the striking dozen made no effort to get the 388 other employees to strike with them. Their places were filled within a few hours.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

CHARLES HETZER, formerly a partner with Michael Enfuso, doing business as E. & H. Wine and Liquor Company, 4107 Broadway and living at 310 East Ninetieth street; voluntary. Liabilities $1,553. MORRIS ISRAEL, formerly in hardware and housefurnishing business, 23 Manhattan street; voluntary. Liabilities $7,377, no assets. Principal claims: Kesly Stove Company, $1,622; Joel Kuperberg, $1,083, and Scranton Stove Works, $1,834.

NORMA PHILLIPS, 149 East Fortieth street; voluntary. Liabilities $8,275, no assets.

WILLIAM MASSOVER, Sol Tepfer and Harry Tepfer, individually and as copartners, trading as Massover & Tepfer, clothing manufacturers, 55 Great Jones street; involuntary. Liabilities and assets not given. Judge Mayer appointed Taylor More receiver, under bond of $1,500.

Schedule in Bankruptcy.

JOSEPH WEINTRAUB, 101 Chambers street. Liabilities $28,310, assets $21,874. Principal claims: S. Kraus Bros., $4,100; J. R. Gibneys, $1,093, and Jacob Levy & Bros., Inc., $3,173.

NEW REALTY CORPORATIONS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8.—The following real estate incorporations were filed here:

The Hampton-Suffolk Corporation, Manhattan; capital, $20,000; directors, Seth C. Johnson, Benjamin Maier and Carrie Tenocarn.

The K-E-L Realty Corporation, Manhattan; capital, $5,000; directors, Charles Kramer, Isaac Levy and Max Ettlinger.

The W. L. Realty Corporation, Manhattan; capital, $10,000; directors, Peter Wolfe, Benjamin M. Levoy and Emanuel B. Ohben.

Kirchner & Co., Queens; capital, $50,000; Gustav Kirchner, Arthur Kirchner and Walter De Rault.

The Geaness Estates, Brooklyn; capital $12,000; directors, Pellonie Geaness, Evagelia Geaness and Kereakas Geffeesa.

The Pujo Realty Company, Manhattan; capital, $1,000; directors, John C. Tomlinson, Jr., James B. Mackie and Frank A. McGurk.

The R. & F. Building Company, Brooklyn; capital, $3,000; directors, Marcy Rosenblum, Harry Fein and Ralph Lerner.

The French-American Realty Corporation, Brooklyn; capital, $75,000; directors, Ralph Leininger, Emma C. Leininger and Forrest J. McLain.

The Spring Place Company, Bronx; capital, $2,000; directors, Andrew Vacsronis, Luigi Molle and Paul Molle.

PRODUCE MARKET.

BEANS AND PEAS—Receipts, 1,837 bags. Marrow, choice, 100 lbs., $9.70@9.75; fair to good, $9@9.60; medium, choice, $9.50; fair to good, $9@9.40; pea, choice, $9.70@9.75; poor to good, $9@9.60; Lady Washington, California, $9.50; small white, California, choice, $9.65@9.75; red kidney, choice, $9.50@9.55; fair to good, $9@9.40; red marrow, choice, $8.90@9; white kidney, choice, $9.90@10; imperials, choice, $9.40@9.50; yellow eye, choice, $7.90@8; pinks, California, choice, $7.20@7.30; lima, California, choice, $6.75@6.85; peas, Scotch, choice, $5.85@5.95; black eye, California, $4.50@4.60.

BUTTER — Receipts, 15,623 packages. Creamery, extras (92 score), per lb., 30c.; higher scoring, lots, 30½@31c.; firsts (88 to 91 score), 28@29½c.; seconds (83 to 87 score), 26@27½c.; thirds, 24½@25½c.; creamery, unsalted, extra, 30½@31c.; higher scoring, 31½@32c.; firsts, 28½@30c.; seconds, 26@28c.; State, dairy, tubs, finest, 29@29½c.; good to prime, 27@28½c.; common to fair, 23@26c.; renovated, extras, 27@27½c.; firsts, 25@26c.; lower grades, 23@24c.; imitation creamery, firsts, 25@25½c.; ladies, current make, firsts, 24@24½c.; seconds, 23@23½c.; lower grades, 22@22½c.; packing stock, current make, No. 1, 23½c.; No. 2, 22½@23c.; lower grades, 20@22c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 5,343 boxes. State, whole milk, fresh, flats, colored, specials, 16¾c.; white, specials, 16¾c.; colored, average fancy, 15¾@16c.; white, average fancy, 15¾@16c.; twins, specials, 16¼c.; average fancy, 15¾@16c.; single daisies, fancy, 16¾@17c.; all styles, undergrades, 13@15½c. Wisconsin, whole milk, fancy, fresh, twins, 16@16¼c.; double daisies, 16¾@16¾c.; single daisies, 16¾@17c.; Young Americas, 17¼@17½c. State, skims, current make, specials, 13¼@13½c.; choice, 12@12¾c.; fair to good, 10½@11¼c.; lower grades, 7@10c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Pronounced activity and strength were features in the market, the close being 22 to 23 points net higher for active positions. Besides heavy covering there was considerable new buying on the strength in lard and cotton. New crude oil was firm, with reports that 53 cents had been paid in the Southwest. Range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Monday.
Spot	...	...	...	9.30	9.15
August	9.20	9.30	9.20	9.28-35	9.19
September	9.14	9.36	9.11	9.32-34	9.10
October	8.92	9.09	8.72	8.97-98	8.88
November	8.45	8.75	8.45	8.71-73	8.63
December	8.45	8.77	8.45	8.72-74	8.40
January	8.48	8.79	8.47	8.74-75	8.42
February	...	...	...	8.76-84	8.44
March	8.69	8.90	8.67	8.88-92	8.55

EGGS—Receipts, 18,612 cases. Fresh gathered, extra, per dozen, 32@32½c.; extra firsts, 30@31c.; firsts, 27@29c.; seconds, 24@26c.; thirds and poorer, 18@23c.; fresh gathered dirties, No. 1, 22@22½c.; No. 2 and poorer, 14@21½c.; fresh gathered checks, good to choice, dry, 20@21c.; undergrades, 14@19c.; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, storage and insurance paid, 28½c.; firsts, 24½@27½c.; seconds, 25@26c.; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery whites, fine to fancy, 36@40c.; ordinary to good, 30@35c.; gathered whites, ordinary to fine, 36@37c. Western and nearby gathered whites, 25@33c.; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery browns, 34@36c.; gathered brown and mixed colors, 27@33c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Prices in wood: Spring patents, $7.25@7.50; spring clears, $6.10@6.35; winter patents, $6.75@7; winter clears, $5.75@6.60; extra fine, $4.50@5.25; $5@5.25; extra No. 2 winters, $4.75@5; Kansas straights, $6.75@7; fancy spring patents, jobbing lots, $8.10@8.45. Rye flour quiet; fair to good, $5.25@5.50; choice to fancy, $5.60@5.80. Cornmeal firm; kiln dried, $4.40@4.50. Bag meal firm; fine white and yellow, $1.95; coarse, $1.75. Feed—City steady; bran, bulk, $23.50; 100 lbs. sacks, $25; heavy middlings, do, $27; flour middlings, do, $33.50; red dog flour, 140 lb. sacks, $34.50. Western steady; bran, 100 lb. sacks, $24; standard middlings, do., $25; flour middlings do., $29; red dog flour, 140 lb. sacks, $36.

HAY AND STRAW—No. 1, per ton, $24; No. 3 to No. 1, $17@22; shipping, $14@15.50; fancy light clover mixed, $19@21; No. 1 clover mixed, $16@18; lower grade clover mixed, $12@14. Rye straw—No. 1, $14@15. Small bales about $1@2 under large.

HOPS—Crop prospects improving. Estimated yield on Pacific coast, 275,000 to 300,000. New York State is not likely to harvest more than 15,000, but the quality promises to be good. State, 1915, choice, per lb., 15@17c.; common to prime, 8@14c.; 1914, 5@7c.; Pacific coast, 1915, choice, 13c.; medium to prime, 10@12c.; 1914, 6@9c.; State and Pacific coast, old olds, 4@5c.

FRUITS, DRIED—APPLES—Evaporated, fancy, lb., 7@7½c.; choice, 6¾@6¾c.; prime, 6½@6¾c. APRICOTS—Royal, 10½@14c. Moorpark, 14@15c. PEACHES—California, unpeeled, 5¾@7c.; peeled, 13@15c. PRUNES—California, 90s to 30s, 25 lb. boxes, 5¾@11½c.

FRUITS, FRESH—APPLES, new, hand picked, basket, 50c.@$1.75; windfalls, 25@50c.; new, hand picked, bbl., $1.50@4; windfalls, 75c.@$1.25. PEARS, nearby, basket, $1.25@2.50; bbl., $3.50@5; Georgia, Le Conte, bbl., $3@5. Southern, Keffer, bbl., $2@3. PEACHES, West Virginia, carrier, $1.50@2.50; basket, 50@80c.; bushel basket, $1.50@2; Delaware and Maryland, carrier, $1.25@3; basket, 50@85c.; Jersey, carrier, $1@3; basket, 50@90c.; Pennsylvania, carrier, $1.50@2; basket, 60@75c.; Georgia, carrier, $3.50@4. Missouri, carrier, $3.37@3.50. Arizona, bushel crate, $2.50@3. Texas, bushel crate, 60c.@$2.25. California, box, 90c.@$1.90. CHERRIES, sour, 8 lb. basket, 60@85c. CURRANTS, cherry, quart, 4@5c.; small, 3@4c.; black, 8 lb. basket, 40@60c.; quart, 4@10c. BLACKBERRIES, Jersey, quart, 6@12c. up, crate, $2@3.50. RASPBERRIES, western New York, pint, 6@12c.; up river, red, 3@7c.; Jersey, second crop, red, 6@9c. HUCKLEBERRIES, Pennsylvania and Jersey, mountain, quart, 9@12c.; other Pennsylvania and Jersey, 6@9c. Delaware and Maryland, 5@9c. GOOSEBERRIES, large, green, quart, 10@12c.; small, green, 5@7c. GRAPES, North Carolina, Delaware, case, $1.50@1.75. AVOCADA PEARS, Cuban, box, $1@3. ORANGES, California, box, $2@5.25. GRAPEFRUIT, California, half box, 60c.@$1.35; Cuban, box, $1@4.50. LEMONS, California, box, $6.25@6.85; imported, $4@7. PINEAPPLES, Dominican, bbl., $6@7. MUSKMELONS, Jersey, basket, 50@75c.; Ford Hook, box, $1.25@1.50; Delaware and Maryland, standard crate, average, 40c.@$1; fancy, $1.25; Jumbo, 36s, average, 75c.@$1; fancy, $1.25@1.50; Jumbo 45s, average, $1@1.25; ex fancy, $1.50; pony crate, 30@50c. flat crate, 35@50c. Baltimore Gem, basket, 40@60c.; Virginia, 60 quart crate, 75c.@$1; Arizona, standard crate, $1.50@1.75; pony crate, $1@1.25; flat case, 50@60c.; pink meats, flat case, 75c.@$1.25; Tennessee, pink meats, flat case, $1@1.25; California, standard crate, $1.50@2; pony crate, $1@1.25; flat crate, 75c.@$1.10. MELONS, Honey Dew, California, per crate, 12, 75c.@$2.75. WATERMELONS, Maryland and Virginia, per 100, $10@40; car load, $150@350; Carolina, per car, $100@200. PINEAPPLES, Porto Rico, red Spanish, box, $1.15@4.55; Cuba, $1.35@3.50; Florida, $1.50@2.50; Florida, smooth Cheyenne, $2@3.25.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—New Orleans centrifugal, common, 22@25c.; fair, 27@28c.; good, 32@38c.; prime, 38@41c.; New Orleans, open kettle, 40@80c.; blackstrap, 17½@19c. Syrups, common, 17½@20c.; medium, 24@26c.; fancy, 28@33c.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits turpentine, machine bbls., 45c. Tar, retort and kiln, $6.50@7. Rosin, common to good, strained, $6.40; B, $6.25; D, $6.35; E, $6.50; F, $6.65; G, $6.75; H, $6.85; I, $6.95; K, $7; M, $7; N, $7.25; WG, $7.35; and WW, $7.45.

OILS—Standard white petroleum, bbls., New York and Philadelphia, $9.10; bulk, $5.25; cases, $11.50; water white, bbls., New York and Philadelphia, $10.10; bulk, $6.25; cases, $12.50. Linseed oil—Western, 72@73c.; city, 74@74c.; Calcutta, 93@95c.

OIL CITY, Pa., Aug. 8.—Credit balances, $2.40. Runs, 164,165 bbls.; average, 85,507. Shipments, 70,875 bbls.; average, 43,750.

POTATOES—Long Island, bbl., $2.50@2.75; Jersey, No. 1, $2.25@2.75; No. 1, long bag, $3.25@2.50; round bag, $2.50@2.75; Delaware and Maryland, No. 1, bbl., $2.25@2.75; Eastern Shore, No. 1, $2.25@2.50; Southern, No. 1, $1.25@1.50; seconds and culls, Southern, $1@1.37; sweets, Southern, new, bbl., $2.50@3; culls, $1@1.50; white yams, Southern, new, bbl., $2.50@3; Jersey, old, basket, 75c.@$1.25.

POULTRY, DRESSED—TURKEYS—Dry picked, spring broilers, 21@28c. lb.; fowls, 28@30c.; old hens, dry picked, lb., 25c.; old toms, dry picked, 25c.; scalded, 23@24c. CHICKENS—Fresh, boxes, dry, Western, milk fed, 17 lbs. to doz. and under, lb., 29c.; 18-24 lbs., 30c.; 25-30 lbs., 28c.; corn fed, 17 lbs. to doz. and under, lb., 27@28c.; 18-24 lbs., 28c.; 25-30 lbs., 27c.; fresh, bbls., iced, Philadelphia and Long Island, 3-4 lbs. to pair, 30@32c.; Pennsylvania, 27@28c.; Virginian and Tennessee, milk fed, 26@27c.; nearby squab, 1-1½ lbs. each, pair, 55@60c.; under 1 lb. each, 45@50c.; Western, dry picked, milk fed, 4 lbs. to pair, 28c.; 3-3½ lbs. to pair, 26c.; corn fed, 4 lbs. to pair, 25@26c.; 3-3½ lbs. to pair, 23c.; Michigan, scalded, 4 lbs. to pair, 25@26c.; 3-3½ lbs. to pair, 24c.; Western, scalded, 4 lbs. to pair, 23@24c.; Southern, scalded, 3½@22c. FOWLS—Twelve to box, dry picked, Western, boxes, 48-50 lbs. and over to dozen, dry picked, 22c.; 30-47 lbs., 19@21c.; under 30 lbs., 18c.; old cocks, dry picked, 15c.; scalded, 14½c.; bbls., fed, Western, northerly, dry picked, 4-5 lbs. and over, 21½c.; 3½ lbs., 18@19c.; Western, dry picked or scalded, under 3 lbs., 17@17½c.; Southern and Southwestern, large, 20@20½c.; small, 17@19c.; other Western, scalded, 20½c.; Michigan, scalded, 21c.; old cocks, dry picked, 15c.; scalded, 14½@15c. DUCKS—Long Island, fresh ducklings, lb., 20c. SQUABS—Prime, white, 6 lbs. to dozen, per dozen, $2.75@5; culls, 50c.@$1.

POULTRY, LIVE—Receipts, unloaded 20 cars by freight and 1 by express. Only a little peddling business on express fowls at 19c. Chickens, 20@23c. as to size; roosters, 14c.; old ducks, 14@17c.; young colored, 18c.; young white, 19@20c.

PROVISIONS—Pork firm; mess, $23@28.50; family, $26@29; short clear, $25.50@27. Beef steady; mess, $18@18.50; family, $19.50@20.50; packet, $18.50@19; extra Indian mess, $30@31. Dressed hogs firm; Bacons, 13¾c.; 180 lbs., 14c.; 160 lbs., 14¼c.; 140 lbs., 14¾c.; pigs, 14¾c. Cut Meats—Pickled bellies steady; 10 lbs., 16c.; 12 lbs., 16c.; 14 lbs., 15¾c. Pickled hams firm, 16¾@17¼c. Tallow steady; special, 7¾c.; city, 6¾@7c.; country special, 7¾c. Lard strong; Middle West, $13.30@13.40; city lard strong, 13¼@13¾c.; refined lard firm; continent, $14.15; South America, $14.40; Brazil kegs, $15.40; compound steady, 10½@10¾c. Stearine firm; oleo, 10c.; city lard stearine, 14@14¼c.

RICE—Domestic screenings, 3¾@3¾c.; medium, 4½@5c.; head, 4¾@5c.; fancy head, 5@5¼c.; extra fancy, 5½@5¾c.; Japan, 4¼c.; Blue Rose, 4½@4¾c.

SUGAR FUTURES — After opening steady 2 to 8 points higher the market showed rapid advances, due to a firmer tone in actual sugar and to support from Cuban sources. Close showed net gains of 9 to 19 points, with sales 12,700 tons. Range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Monday.
August	...	...	...	4.88-92	4.70
September	4.86	4.95	4.86	4.92-93	4.77
October	4.82	4.94	4.81	4.90-91	4.75
November	4.83	4.85	4.83	4.81-82	4.62
December	4.48	4.65	4.48	4.61-62	4.43
January	...	...	...	4.27-30	4.15
February	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.02-05	3.93
March	...	...	...	4.05-08	3.96
April	...	...	...	4.08-11	3.99
May	...	...	...	4.11-13	4.01
June	...	...	...	4.14-16	4.04
July	...	...	...	4.17-19	4.07

SUGAR, RAW—There is an improved tone with local refiners coming into the market for 100,000 bags Cubas, in port, afloat and prompt, at 4⅝c. cost and freight basis. Another local refiner took 7,500 bags Cubas, prompt clearance, at 4 15-16c. cost and freight, advancing spot price to 5c. for Cuban centrifugals. Centrifugal, 5.95c.; molasses, 5.18c.; cost and freight, 4 15-16c.

SUGAR, REFINED—Crystal domino tablets, cases 2 lb. cartons, half or full size tablets, and do., cases 5 lb. cartons full size tablets, 10.35c., and 10.45c. in half cases; Eagle tablets, 9.35c.; cut loaf, 8.50c.; crushed, 8.35c.; mould A, cubes and