

# Provisions, Produce, Hides, Stock, etc.

## A GREAT DISPLAY FOR VEGETARIANS

**NEW VEGETABLES OF ALL KINDS COMING PLENTIFULLY.**

**Butter Shows Better Tone on All Grades—Eggs Also Show an Uplift for the Better, With a Slight Advance Reportable—Poultry Rules Firm and Veal Steady.**

The butter list shows no advance over last week's figures, but the general tone shows a big improvement in all quarters. The call is running very close to current receipts locally and jobbers who happen to have any surplus are holding close to quotations for round lots. Eastern points have settled to a staid basis, and are looking for goods, where a week ago they showed a tendency to discourage shipments owing to a lack of any visible immediate outlet. Buyers of cheap goods are also paying the situation more attention, and are taking fresh sweet lots with avidity. The outlook is fairly favorable to the producer, and an advance seems more likely than any other turn to the market.

Eggs are coming in freely, but the demand is highly satisfactory, and arrivals clean up each day. In fact some stronger than formerly developed yesterday, and quotations were advanced one-half cent per dozen. While no great amount has yet gone into storage, buyers for that purpose are all watching the situation closely, and will take in goods in larger quantities immediately after the first of the month. While not making any direct offers, they are endeavoring to make contracts for April delivery, but so far we have been unable to find information to the effect that large holders are willing to go under bonds to order for 16 cents. Without any doubt the pack this year will exceed that of last, as considerable outside money is desirous of speculating in hatching fruit. The call from non-producing sections has been heavy since values struck a reasonable basis, and this has been an important factor in keeping the local situation at the favorable basis which it has shown.

October twins and flats have shown up in generous quantities during the week, and values are a trifle better than last week. Fancy brick is scarce, and values are on an extremely firm basis. The balance of the list is unchanged, with rather dull business reportable on all low grades.

Both live and dressed poultry are extremely firm, receipts hardly equaling the demands. Live stock is having the preference since warmer weather is set in, but dressed is moving out well in the absence of a sufficient supply of live. All varieties show the same favorable tone. Values are more than likely to hold up strongly, as receipts will run light until after the laying season is over.

Dressed meats are steady and featureless. Values have held to an unchanged basis all the week.

Potatoes are in good request, and show a fair advance for the week. Good stock is not in abundant supply, and will sell readily at full quotations to-day. Sweet potatoes are extremely scarce and are high in price. Most of the old vegetables are lower in price, notably onions and rutabagas. Holders realize that the season is well advanced, and being anxious to receive any particular crop in order to move the goods. New green stock of all kinds is coming in freely, and while prices so far have not shown much of a decline, a continuance of present heavy receipts will develop a break that will make the consumer smile. The market fluctuates slightly from day to day, but the changes in price are not wide enough to deserve any particular comment.

The first carload of strawberries for 1904 came in the middle of the week, and went out like hot cakes on a cold morning. Values are down to \$4.50 to \$5 for twenty-four quart cases, with the freight bulk going out at the latter figure. Regular receipts will be coming from now on. The northwest enjoys strawberries for five months in a year—five times as long as any one district in the world produces them.

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week. Eastern trade papers have sung a song of high prices for the closing of the season, but the past few days have given such authorities some severe jolts. Holders began to get anxious and proceeded to unload, and the price range could not hold up under the weight of the offerings. Oranges are firm, but no higher. The demand is active, being fully warranted by the superior quality of the fruit now coming. Lemons are 25 cents a box lower. Cranberries are lower on all varieties. Supply is somewhat in excess of the demand. Medium grade and extracted hogs is lower, offerings exceeding the demand.

### GENERAL PRODUCE

Official quotations of the Minneapolis Produce Exchange, corrected up to 12 m., Saturday, March 26—Butter, extra, 24c; higher, 25c; extra, 26c; first, 27c; second, 28c; third, 29c; fourth, 30c; fifth, 31c; sixth, 32c; seventh, 33c; eighth, 34c; ninth, 35c; tenth, 36c; eleventh, 37c; twelfth, 38c; thirteenth, 39c; fourteenth, 40c; fifteenth, 41c; sixteenth, 42c; seventeenth, 43c; eighteenth, 44c; nineteenth, 45c; twentieth, 46c.

**Butter**—Creameries, extra, 1b, 24c; creamery, first, 25c; creamery, second, 26c; dairies, first, 27c; dairies, second, 28c; dairies, third, 29c; dairies, fourth, 30c; dairies, fifth, 31c; dairies, sixth, 32c; dairies, seventh, 33c; dairies, eighth, 34c; dairies, ninth, 35c; dairies, tenth, 36c; dairies, eleventh, 37c; dairies, twelfth, 38c; dairies, thirteenth, 39c; dairies, fourteenth, 40c; dairies, fifteenth, 41c; dairies, sixteenth, 42c; dairies, seventeenth, 43c; dairies, eighteenth, 44c; dairies, nineteenth, 45c; dairies, twentieth, 46c.

**Eggs**—Fresh, 1b, 24c; fresh, 1/2b, 25c; fresh, 1/4b, 26c; fresh, 1/8b, 27c; fresh, 1/16b, 28c; fresh, 1/32b, 29c; fresh, 1/64b, 30c; fresh, 1/128b, 31c; fresh, 1/256b, 32c; fresh, 1/512b, 33c; fresh, 1/1024b, 34c; fresh, 1/2048b, 35c; fresh, 1/4096b, 36c; fresh, 1/8192b, 37c; fresh, 1/16384b, 38c; fresh, 1/32768b, 39c; fresh, 1/65536b, 40c; fresh, 1/131072b, 41c; fresh, 1/262144b, 42c; fresh, 1/524288b, 43c; fresh, 1/1048576b, 44c; fresh, 1/2097152b, 45c; fresh, 1/4194304b, 46c; fresh, 1/8388608b, 47c; fresh, 1/16777216b, 48c; fresh, 1/33554432b, 49c; fresh, 1/67108864b, 50c; fresh, 1/134217728b, 51c; fresh, 1/268435456b, 52c; fresh, 1/536870912b, 53c; fresh, 1/1073741824b, 54c; fresh, 1/2147483648b, 55c; fresh, 1/4294967296b, 56c; fresh, 1/8589934592b, 57c; fresh, 1/17179869184b, 58c; fresh, 1/34359738368b, 59c; fresh, 1/68719476736b, 60c; fresh, 1/137438953472b, 61c; fresh, 1/274877906944b, 62c; fresh, 1/549755813888b, 63c; fresh, 1/1099511627776b, 64c; fresh, 1/2199023255552b, 65c; fresh, 1/4398046511104b, 66c; fresh, 1/8796093022208b, 67c; fresh, 1/1759218044416b, 68c; fresh, 1/3518436088832b, 69c; fresh, 1/7036872177664b, 70c; fresh, 1/14073744355328b, 71c; fresh, 1/28147488710656b, 72c; fresh, 1/56294977421312b, 73c; fresh, 1/1125899548422624b, 74c; fresh, 1/2251799096845248b, 75c; fresh, 1/4503598193690496b, 76c; fresh, 1/9007196387380992b, 77c; fresh, 1/18014392771619904b, 78c; fresh, 1/36028785543239808b, 79c; fresh, 1/72057571086479616b, 80c; fresh, 1/144115142172959232b, 81c; fresh, 1/288230284345918464b, 82c; fresh, 1/576460568691836928b, 83c; fresh, 1/1152921137379573856b, 84c; fresh, 1/2305842274759147712b, 85c; fresh, 1/4611684549518295424b, 86c; fresh, 1/9223369099036590848b, 87c; fresh, 1/18446738190725181696b, 88c; fresh, 1/36893476381451363904b, 89c; fresh, 1/73786952762902727808b, 90c; fresh, 1/1475739055258054464b, 91c; fresh, 1/2951478110516108928b, 92c; fresh, 1/5902956221032217856b, 93c; fresh, 1/1180591244206435712b, 94c; fresh, 1/2361182488412871424b, 95c; fresh, 1/4722364976245742848b, 96c; fresh, 1/9444729952491485696b, 97c; fresh, 1/1888945910482971392b, 98c; fresh, 1/3777891820965942784b, 99c; fresh, 1/7555783641931884568b, 100c.

**Meats**—Pork, extra, 1b, 24c; pork, first, 25c; pork, second, 26c; pork, third, 27c; pork, fourth, 28c; pork, fifth, 29c; pork, sixth, 30c; pork, seventh, 31c; pork, eighth, 32c; pork, ninth, 33c; pork, tenth, 34c; pork, eleventh, 35c; pork, twelfth, 36c; pork, thirteenth, 37c; pork, fourteenth, 38c; pork, fifteenth, 39c; pork, sixteenth, 40c; pork, seventeenth, 41c; pork, eighteenth, 42c; pork, nineteenth, 43c; pork, twentieth, 44c.

**Produce**—Wheat, 1b, 24c; wheat, 1/2b, 25c; wheat, 1/4b, 26c; wheat, 1/8b, 27c; wheat, 1/16b, 28c; wheat, 1/32b, 29c; wheat, 1/64b, 30c; wheat, 1/128b, 31c; wheat, 1/256b, 32c; wheat, 1/512b, 33c; wheat, 1/1024b, 34c; wheat, 1/2048b, 35c; wheat, 1/4096b, 36c; wheat, 1/8192b, 37c; wheat, 1/16384b, 38c; wheat, 1/32768b, 39c; wheat, 1/65536b, 40c; wheat, 1/131072b, 41c; wheat, 1/262144b, 42c; wheat, 1/524288b, 43c; wheat, 1/1048576b, 44c; wheat, 1/2097152b, 45c; wheat, 1/4194304b, 46c; wheat, 1/8388608b, 47c; wheat, 1/16777216b, 48c; wheat, 1/33554432b, 49c; wheat, 1/67108864b, 50c; wheat, 1/134217728b, 51c; wheat, 1/268435456b, 52c; wheat, 1/536870912b, 53c; wheat, 1/1073741824b, 54c; wheat, 1/2147483648b, 55c; wheat, 1/4294967296b, 56c; wheat, 1/8589934592b, 57c; wheat, 1/17179869184b, 58c; wheat, 1/34359738368b, 59c; wheat, 1/68719476736b, 60c; wheat, 1/137438953472b, 61c; wheat, 1/274877906944b, 62c; wheat, 1/549755813888b, 63c; wheat, 1/1099511627776b, 64c; wheat, 1/2199023255552b, 65c; wheat, 1/4398046511104b, 66c; wheat, 1/8796093022208b, 67c; wheat, 1/1759218044416b, 68c; wheat, 1/3518436088832b, 69c; wheat, 1/7036872177664b, 70c; wheat, 1/14073744355328b, 71c; wheat, 1/28147488710656b, 72c; wheat, 1/56294977421312b, 73c; wheat, 1/1125899548422624b, 74c; wheat, 1/2251799096845248b, 75c; wheat, 1/4503598193690496b, 76c; wheat, 1/9007196387380992b, 77c; wheat, 1/18014392771619904b, 78c; wheat, 1/36028785543239808b, 79c; wheat, 1/72057571086479616b, 80c; wheat, 1/144115142172959232b, 81c; wheat, 1/288230284345918464b, 82c; wheat, 1/576460568691836928b, 83c; wheat, 1/1152921137379573856b, 84c; wheat, 1/2305842274759147712b, 85c; wheat, 1/4611684549518295424b, 86c; wheat, 1/9223369099036590848b, 87c; wheat, 1/18446738190725181696b, 88c; wheat, 1/36893476381451363904b, 89c; wheat, 1/73786952762902727808b, 90c; wheat, 1/1475739055258054464b, 91c; wheat, 1/2951478110516108928b, 92c; wheat, 1/5902956221032217856b, 93c; wheat, 1/1180591244206435712b, 94c; wheat, 1/2361182488412871424b, 95c; wheat, 1/4722364976245742848b, 96c; wheat, 1/9444729952491485696b, 97c; wheat, 1/1888945910482971392b, 98c; wheat, 1/3777891820965942784b, 99c; wheat, 1/7555783641931884568b, 100c.

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## CLOSING PRICES TOP THE WEEK

**STRONG DEMAND FOR GOOD FEEDING CATTLE.**

**Bad Country Roads Make Hog Receipts Lighter and Prices Retract—Ewes and Heavy Weathers Up 10c to 15c and Mutton Steep Stronger—Choice Fat Butcher Lambs in Good Demand.**

South St. Paul, March 25.—Receipts of cattle here this week were about 3,000, compared with 2,825 last week and 2,225 the same week last year. This week's call receipts were about 625 compared with 658 last week and 916 this week last year. Receipts in the east have been of moderate proportions for the first time in several months and the market at all points has been benefited thereby. Local prices on all grades of killing steers are about the same as a week ago with the most strength shown on the more desirable kinds, although competition with feeder buyers for light and plain grades has retarded prices for these classes. While no strictly good finished beef steers have been received, a pretty desirable class sold during the week from \$4.25 to \$4.50, fat calves from \$3.75 to \$4 and light common grades down about \$3.50. The demand has been strong and closing prices are the best of the week. The market on butcher cows and canner stock is higher. The good ones are fully 10c to 15c above last week's closing prices and canners have advanced about 10c. Butcher and biologicals have sold strong to higher while veal calves have shown a further decline. It now takes good calves to sell at \$4.50. Much cows have shown but little change in value, the best ones being picked up readily while common kinds are finding the usual slow sale. The demand for stock and feeding cattle of good quality has been strong and prices have advanced all of 10c to 15c on the good kinds. This market showed even more strength than last Tuesday, but later in the week demand dropped off somewhat and prices showed an easier tendency. Common kinds also show some improvement over a week ago. Light stock holders are moving slowly but better than steady figures, but there has been a good demand for feeding cows at stronger prices.

Hogs—This week's hog receipts were about 14,000 against 12,851 last week and 11,659 the same week last year. Light receipts at all points attributed chiefly to the bad condition of country roads, has had a good effect on the hog market this week and, since Monday, prices have steadily advanced. At the close of Friday's trading, values were on a 15c to 20c higher basis than Saturday's closing week with light hogs showing the full extent of the advance. The range in prices is narrower than at any previous time this year.

There were about 7,500 sheep received here this week compared with 3,000 last week and 4,646 the same week last year. Demand for mutton sheep has continued strong and prices on ewes and heavy wethers have advanced 10c to 15c. Lambs and yearling wethers show little improvement in value over a week ago. Good to choice fat ewes are now quotable from \$4.10 to \$4.35 and good to choice fat lambs from \$5 to \$5.25. A choice class of horn western wethers sold here Friday at \$4.50. There is little demand for stock and feeding sheep or lambs or very little is coming to test the market.

Estimated receipts at the Union Stock Yards to-day: Cattle, 75; calves, 10; hogs, 1,300; sheep, 25; cars, 21.

The following table shows the receipts from Jan. 1, 1904, to date, as compared with the same period in 1903:

Year	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Cars
1904	1,322	8,099	210,828	4,734
1903	1,372	7,885	203,999	4,734
Decrease	50	214	6,871	0
Increase	0	215	6,871	0

The following table shows the receipts from far in March, as compared with the same period in 1903:

Year	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Cars
1904	10,207	1,144	1,144	1,225
1903	10,500	4,020	46,710	24,244
Decrease	293	2,876	45,566	23,019
Increase	0	1,144	1,144	1,225

Official receipts for the past week are as follows:

Date	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Cars
March 19	242	27	2,057	193
March 20	125	27	2,057	193
March 21	603	45	2,468	85
March 22	967	250	2,959	729

**CHICAGO, DULUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, WINNIPEG, ST. PAUL, MINN., DES MOINES, OMAHA.**

## WHEAT

WHEAT—One thing has been demonstrated by the action of the Wheat market this week, that the natural reaction had fully discounted reports of improvement in the Winter Wheat condition and the closing down of the Minneapolis mill. Since then millers are paying higher prices for cash wheat and there has been an advance of 4 or 5 cents in the futures, and all this advance and considerable more would seem justified by the facts. Yet so little wheat is offered from the farms that on Thursday Minneapolis shipped 88 cars to the county mills for grinding.

In the Southwest, where the only claim the bears have had for months was the large stocks at St. Louis and Kansas City, the grain is rapidly disappearing, and line elevators, too, report little wheat in their bins. To a reasonable mind these conditions should appear strongly, and the belief is gaining ground daily that wheat is worth present prices, for, with millers

owning the bulk of the visible supply, the greater part of which they bought at high prices and expect to sell as flour, it is only natural to expect that present and even higher prices will prevail during the balance of the season.

The week has been marked by good investment buying, and the whole tone is one of greater confidence in all markets. In Chicago the big grain company that boosted prices to \$1.09 but a short time ago are replacing their lines, and the trade generally are more inclined to give attention to the strong points in the situation.

The trade is gradually broadening, and should further damage result from the freezing temperatures now prevailing over the Southwest; it can easily be seen that the buyer of wheat at this level has a great many strong features in his favor as well as all the possibilities.

Shipments of hogs since Monday have amounted to about 50 per cent of receipts, and the business done by outside packing houses is said to be the largest in ten years.

While the run of Hogs for the week is decidedly under the estimate, the number will be considerably smaller next week, as country roads are not favorable for making delivery and private advices confirm the report that few are in condition to be marketed for at least another month. In the meantime the products are believed to be in strong hands. Foreign markets are active and higher, especially at Liverpool, and some good purchases have been made by brokers for that account, and on the basis of our present enormous consumption, which promises to keep stocks at the minimum point, there has been other important investment buying, so with the market near the level where we first favored purchases, we believe lines should be accumulated again and held for substantial profits.

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## STOCK MARKET OPINIONS

**REDEMPTION OF MERGED STOCKS MAKES FOR UNCERTAINTY.**

Edwards' bank statement is considered unfavorable.

The New York correspondent of Whalton Case writes from the outcome of the market will depend upon whether the Northern Securities dissolution is to go through as per the circular which the directors of the company issued. We would naturally have a good trading market. Would it only be the best spots, however.

Watson's New York office says: "The great bull market of 1903 to 1904 started with the moment withdrawal of snow and a cold weather from the northwest country. They will be with us always to a greater or less extent, and the stockman is wise who regularly each year puts up plenty of hay and puts it up well. He can't have too much of it stacked carefully so as to preserve it from year to year should he not be minded that our climate is changing through cultivation of the soil, etc., but the winter just closing should dispel any delusion we may have had on account of a series of mild winters, that we were gradually being transported into the banana belt. One or two snowfalls doesn't make spring, nor do a series of open winters mean the permanent withdrawal of snow and a cold weather from the northwest country. They will be with us always to a greater or less extent, and the stockman is wise who regularly each year puts up plenty of hay and puts it up well. 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