Provisions, Live Stock, Etc.

BUTTER ADVANCES TO FORMER PRICE

SUPPLY OF TABLE GRADES IS MODERATE LOCALLY.

Eggs Fluctuate Slightly During the Week—Cheese List Not as Firmly Maintained—Poultry and Dressed Meats Are Without Features—Strawberries from Louisiana Now Coming and Show Big Drop in Price.

The local market has regained most of the ground lost on butter prices, and the general situation today reflects considerable firmness. Receipts of creamery marks are not up to the immediate demand. Retailers braced up quickly as soon as jobbers began advancing asking prices, and loaded up well enough to get the surplus out of the way in a hurry. It is quite generally conceded that the slump of last week was caused more by a scare at eastern points than by natural conditions. A few days of sunshiny warm weather evidently put the idea into eastern butter handlers' heads that receipts would show a big increase. But the anticipated heavy shipments failed to materialize, and values gradually worked to a stronger basis. The supply of dairies is small and mostly of the poorer makes that go into packing stock barrels ultimately. Renovators and ladlers are not actively seeking stock, but at the same time are taking what is coming and paying current quotations freely. As to when the general market will settle to a spring basis, is an unknown proposition. Quotations on creamery extras are $2.40 a tub higher now than a year ago on same date. When the drop does come it will undoubtedly do so with a vengeance, and it would seem the better judgment, looking at the matter from a disinterested point of view, to keep supplies closely marketed on all grades and makes.

The egg market is closely following the lines of a year ago. Values are holding around same range as at that time, showing occasional slight fluctuations of 5 cents per case, and keeping well sold out. The great bulk of arrivals is now going into storage, and while the volume going into coolers may not exceed that of 1904, it is quite likely that the proportion of April eggs will be greater. Some shippers are making the mistake of culling their eggs before shipping. Several lots coming during the week run almost entirely to dirties, checks and small eggs. Shippers who believe they can work thru such goods at regular prices are more than likely to be grievously disappointed and also earn a reputation that will be unenviable. Poultry and dressed meats show but slight changes. The call is just about equaling receipts. A few milk lambs are coming, but not enough to make a dependable quotable market. Fresh speared pickerel are on the market, but most retailers are depending upon handlers of northern caught fish for their supply and receipts do not move out readily. Shippers have overburdened the market with frog-legs, which forced down prices. Most of the lots run to medium and small-sized, with virtually no sale at any price for the latter.

The features of the week in fruits have been the advances on oranges and the very sharp decline on strawberries. The latter are Louisiana grown, and will be low enough in price and appetizing enough in quality next week to make them quite popular. Apples show no price changes. A large number of cars have come in from the east, and there is now a wider range of varieties to choose from. Pineapples are somewhat scarce, and bring considerably more money than a week ago. Cranberries sell well when fancy.

The vegetable list shows many changes. On the varieties grown near home, such as onions, lettuce and radishes, prices have declined, but beans, tomatoes, spinach, etc., continue high. Rhubarb from districts south of us is now coming freely. Holders of cabbage are anxious to sell, which is forcing larger supplies upon the market than are needed for immediate requirements, and values sagged several times the past few days. Potatoes are dull, no orders of consequence coming in on shipping account.

General trade on the street shows improvement. Local buyers are out each morning in larger numbers. The formal spring opening of the vegetable market will take place May 6.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Official quotations of the Minneapolis Produce Exchange, corrected up to 12 m., Saturday, April 8.

BUTTER—Receipts yesterday, 15,153 pounds; Creameries, extras, 17c; creameries, firsts, 25½c; creameries, seconds, 21c; dairies, extra, 24c; dairies, firsts, 21c; dairies, seconds, 17c; rolls and prints, 17c; ladles, firsts, 21c; ladles, seconds, 17c; renovated extras, 23c; packing stock, fresh, sweet, 17c.

EGGS—Receipts yesterday, 1,936 cases. Current receipts, No. 1, case count, per case, $4.00; current receipts, No. 1 candled, doz, 16c; dirties, candled, case, $3; checks, candled, case, $4.35.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, 15@15½c; twins or flats, choice, 13@13½c; twins or flats, fair to good, 10@11c; old fancy, 10c; Young Americas, fancy to quality and regular in style, 10c; Young Americas, choice, 11@13c; brick, No. 1, 15@15½c; brick, No. 2, 12c; brick, No. 3, 6@9c; limburger, No. 1, 11½c; primost, No. 1, 7@7½c; primost, No. 2, 5c; mysost, No. 1, 8c; pultost, No. 1, 9@9½c; Swiss, fancy 1903 make, 16c; Swiss, fancy block, 14½@15c; Swiss, choice block, 11@12c.

NEW VEGETABLES—Asparagus, doz, $1.75; beets, bu, 40c; beets, doz bunches, 90c; carrots, bu, 40@50c; California celery, doz, $1; California celery, crate, $7; cucumbers, doz, $2; egg plant, $2@3; garlic, 10@12c; lettuce, leaf, 50c; mint, doz, 40c; onions, shallots, doz bunches, 50c; parsley, doz, 30c; parsnips, bu, 50c; peppers, green, six-basket crate, $4.50; radishes, round, doz bunches, 25c; rhubarb, lb, 6c; rhubarb, 40-lb box, $1.25; string beans, bu, $5; spinach, bu, $1.35; Florida tomatoes, six-basket crate, $7; turnips, bu, 25c; wax beans, bu, $5.50; watercress, doz, 30c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Brl, $5.50@6; bale, ten 10-lb sacks, $3@3.25.

HONEY—Extra fancy white, 1-lb sections, 13c; fancy white, 1-lb sections, 10c; choice white, 1-lb sections, 10c; amber, 10c; goldenrod, 10c; extracted white, in cans, 8½c; extracted amber, in cans, 7c.

CABBAGE—Large crate, $1.50; ton, $10.

BEANS—Quotations include sacks. Fancy navy, bu, $2; choice navy, bu, $1.65@1.75; medium navy, hand-picked, $1.75@1.85; medium navy, fair, $1.25; medium navy, mixed and dirty, 65@75c; brown, fancy, $2; brown, fair to good, $1.50@1.75.

LIVE POULTRY—Yearling roosters, 12c; hens, 12@12½c; 1½ to 2 lbs each, 4@6c; old roosters, 6@7c; ducks, 11@12c; geese, 8@10c; turkeys, 13@14c.

DRESSED POULTRY (undrawn)—Turkeys, choice to fancy, 16@18c; culls, 10@12½c; chickens, hens and yearling roosters, choice to fancy, 11@13½c; old roosters and culls, 6@8c; ducks, 11@14c; geese, 10@12c.

PIGEONS—Tame, live, young or old, per doz, $1.50; dead, doz, 60@70c; squabs, nesters, fancy selected, live or dead, $2@2.50; small, poor and thin, unsalable.

ORANGES—Navels, $2.50@3.50.

GRAPE FRUIT—California, $8; Florida, $5@5.50.

LEMONS—California, fancy, as to size, $3; choice, $2.75.

BANANAS—Jumbo bunches, $2.25@2.50; large bunches, $2@2.25; medium bunches, $2.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, brl, $6.50; late Howes, $8; Jerseys, bu crate, $1.75@2.

DRIED PEAS—Yellow, fancy, bu, $1.40; yellow, medium, $1.50; green, fancy, $1.25; green, medium, $1.10; marrowfat, $2.

PINEAPPLES—24s and 30s, crate, $5.25.

ONIONS—Dry, 100 lbs, $1.75@2; Spanish, per crate, $2.50; Bermuda, crate, $2.

STRAWBERRIES—24-pint cases, $4.50; 24-quart cases, $8.50.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, lb, 7½@8c; veal, fair to good, 6½@7c; veal, small or overweight, 3@5c; mutton, fancy, 7@7½c; lambs, fancy, 10@11c; hogs, 6@6½c.

FROG LEGS—Large, doz, 7@8c; medium, doz, 4@5c.

POTATOES—Burbanks, carlots, sacked, per bu, 25c; Rurals, carlots, sacked, 25c; red stock, carlots, sacked, 20@25c; small lots, 5c more; bulk, 5c less.

APPLES—Jonathans, $5; Kings, $4; Roman Beauty, $4; Northern Spies, $4@4.25; Ben Davis, $3@3.25; Baldwins, $3@3.25; Jonathans, bu, $2.50; Missouri Pippins, $1.75; Ben Davis, box, $1.75.

CHICAGO PRODUCE, April 8.—Butter, steady; creameries, 22@28c; dairies, 20@25c. Eggs, firm; at mark, cases included, 16½c. Cheese, firm; daisies, 13@13½c; twins, 12½c; Young Americas, 13½c. Poultry, alive, steady; turkeys, 14c; chickens, 13½c; springs, 13½c. Potatoes, steady; Burbanks, 20@22c; Rurals, 20@22c. Veal, steady; 50 to 60-lb weights, 4½@5c; 65 to 75-lb weights, 5@6½c; 80 to 125-lb weights, 7@8c.

NEW YORK PRODUCE, April 8.—Butter, strong; receipts, 4,957; street price, creamery, 28½@29c; state dairy, common to extra, 20@27½c; renovated, common to extra, 16@23c. Cheese, quiet, unchanged; receipts, 2,111. Eggs, firm; receipts, 18,476; western storage packed, firsts, 18c; southerns, 15½@17½c.

PROVISIONS

CHICAGO PROVISIONS, April 8.—A decline in the price of live hogs had a weakening influence on the price of provisions. The market lacked the support of a local packer that had been in evidence several days. July pork opened 2½@5c lower at $13.10 to $13.12½, and sold off to $13.07½. Lard was unchanged to a shade lower at $7.45 to $7.45@7.47½. Ribs were off 2½c to 2½@5c at $7.35@7.37½ to $7.37½.

Close—Pork, May, $12.82½; July, $13.07½. Lard, April, $7.45; May, $7.22½@7.25; July, $7.40@7.42½; September, $7.55@7.57½. Ribs, May, $7.10; July, $7.35; September, $7.50@7.52½.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS, April 8.—Beef firm. Pork steady. Lard steady; prime western steam, $7.50; Poultry, alive and dressed, nominally unchanged.

GOOD RED RIVER CROP

THIS IS THE PRESENT PROMISE—SEEDING OF GRAIN IS FAR ADVANCED.

Seeding in Minnesota and the Dakotas has been going on for several weeks, says the Minneapolis Market Record, at first with only here and there a field, but in the last ten days seeding has been general, except when stopped by late rains. From recent information received from conservative men who have been thru three states, about 25 per cent of the seeding is finished. This is much ahead of the average and several weeks in advance of a year ago. The Minnesota state report last year said that wheat and oats seeding were finished the last week in April, only in the southern part of the state. Conditions were favorable during most of May in 1904, when wheat, oats, barley and flax were seeded.

The prospect for a good crop in the Red River valley was never better than it is at present. The ground has not been frozen as deep since 1887 and 1888 and recent rains were just what was needed. Last season, in the Red River valley much of the soil continued wet so late in the season that large areas intended for wheat were sown to forage or other crops.

In many sections there will be considerable increase in the wheat acreage and in the dry counties of the Dakotas a large amount of macaroni wheat has been sown. In many localities this is no experiment, but for several years has been a very successful crop.

An unusual amount of precaution is being used in the selection of seed and the best to be had is being used.

WESTERN REPORTS BEST

TRADE ACTIVE, MONEY EASY, BUYING ORDERS LARGE.

New York, April 8.—Bradstreet's of today says:

Trade, grain crop and industrial reports are in the main very favorable, exceptions being noted in the south, where cotton planting is backward and a reduced acreage is expected, and at a few points in the west, where inclement weather and bad roads tend to check somewhat otherwise full tide of spring activity.

Western merchants who earlier in the season bought conservatively are now reordering freely. Money continues easy at most points. Collections show improving tendencies, the cities report them only fair. Gross railway earnings for March indicate a gain of 9 per cent over a year ago.

Relatively the best reports come from the great west, the buoyancy of advices from which is in marked contrast with the same period a year ago. Estimates of the quarter's business at the leading western markets range from 5 to 15 per cent gain over 1904, the heaviest increase being in dry goods. Lumber, shoes, paints, glass, clothing and millinery show gains over last year. Trade is slower than a year ago at the south, but has measureably improved from the depression existing earlier in the present year. Uniform good trade reports come from the Pacific coast. At the east some lines of business are very active, but the dry goods trade is spotted, owing to the backwardness of demand in some lines of cotton and wool. Linen and silks and such fabrics are inactive.

Measures of recently past trade and financial operations point to an enormous turnover in the first quarter of 1905.

In the iron and steel industry finished products are eagerly bought and high premiums are paid, but there is apparently an easier tone to crude pig and sellers are more disposed to book ahead into the third and fourth quarters at prevailing prices; present foreign prices and freight rates do not favor an early expansion in imports.

The eastern shoe and leather trades are in good condition.

The failures in the United States for the week ending April 6 number 170, against 227 last week, 201 in the like week in 1904, 153 in 1903, 182 in 1902, and 225 in 1901.

Failures in the Dominion of Canada for the first quarter of 1905 number 378.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending April 6 are 886,017 bushels, against 988,630 last week, 1,854,000 this week last year, 2,833,285 in 1903, and 3,842,012 in 1902. From July 1 to date the exports are 48,513,346 bushels, against 117,853,714 last year, 126,805,774 in 1903 and 198,544 in 1902.

Corn exports for this week are 3,366,747 bushels, against 2,430,652 last week, 1,208,907 a year ago, 2,654,732 in 1903 and 158,565 in 1902. From July 1 to date the exports of corn are 60,845,804 bushels, against 47,535,175 in 1904, 49,927,181 in 1903 and 22,127,063 in 1902.

BOSTON MINING STOCKS, April 8.—Closing prices, yesterday's market: Adventure, 5@5¼; Allouez, 21@21½; Arcadian, 1¼@1¾; Atlantic, 16@16½; Bingham, 32½@33; Calumet & Hecla, 670@672½; Centennial, 1½@1¾; Consolidated Mercer, 33@35; Copper Range Consolidated, 76¾@77; Daly West, 14@14½; Dominion Coal, 84 asked; Elm River, 2½@2¾; Franklin, 9¾@10; Granby, 6@6½; Guanajuato, 5⅛@5¼; Greene Consolidated, 29¾@29¾; Isle Royale, 24½@25; Mass, 10¼@10¾; Mayflower, 1 asked; Michigan, 13¼@13¾; Mohawk, 52¾@53; Old Colony, 1@1½; Old Dominion, 26½@27; Osceola, 98½@98¾; Parrott, 28⅝@29; Phoenix, 1¾@2; Quincy, 105@107; Rhode Island, 1⅝@2; Santa Fe, 2@2¼; Shannon Copper Co, 7¾@8; Swift & Co., 100@110; Tamarack, 128@129; Tecumseh, 2@2½; Trinity, 9¾@9⅞; United States Mining, 28@28¼; Utah, 42½@42¾; Victoria, 4@4¼; Winona, 13@13¼; Wolverine, 108@108½; Wyandot, 1⅞@2¼.

LONDON CLOSING STOCKS, April 8.—Consols for money, 90 11-16; consols for account 90 13-16; Anaconda, 6¼; Atchison, 92; Atchison preferred, 106; Baltimore & Ohio, 113¼; Canadian Pacific, 158¾; Chesapeake & Ohio, 59⅞; Chicago Great Western, 24¾; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 184¾; De Beers, 17⅝; Denver & Rio Grande, 36⅝; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 92½; Erie, 47⅞; Erie first preferred, 83½; Erie second preferred, 71½; Illinois Central, 160½; Louisville & Nashville, 147¼; Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 22¾; New York Central, 167¾; Norfolk & Western, 88¾; Norfolk & Western preferred, 94½; Ontario & Western, 23; Pennsylvania, 73⅝; Rand Mines, 11¼; Reading, 49¼; Reading first preferred, 47; Reading second preferred, 46; Southern Railway, 35⅝; Southern Railway preferred, 99½; Southern Pacific, 70⅝; Union Pacific, 135⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 102¼; United States Steel, 38½; United States Steel preferred, 104¾; Wabash, 24; Wabash preferred, 48¼; Spanish 4s, 90½.

Bar silver, firm, 25¾d per ounce.

Money 1@1¼ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for shorts bills is 2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 2@2 1-16 per cent.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET, Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul, Minn., April 8.—Barrett & Zimmerman report a strong demand for farm mares and heavy horses. The speculative trade showed improvement. Owing to the activity of the market the epast three weeks consignments have increased materially. Values: Drafters, extra, $175@200; drafters, choice, $150@175; drafters, common to good, $120@150; farm mares, extra, $135@155; farm mares, choice, $110@135; farm mares, common to choice, $65@110.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK, April 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 100; market steady; beef steers, $3.75@6.25; cows and heifers, $2.15@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; market lower; pigs and lights, $4@5.25; butchers and best heavy, $5.55@5.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,200; market steady; sheep, $3@5.75; lambs, $4@6.25; spring lambs, $10.

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STEADY FOR HOGS AT SO. ST. PAUL

PRICES HOLD FIRM ON MODERATE RECEIPTS.

No Quotable Change in Cattle Prices Today, but All Grades 25 to 35c Higher Than a Week Ago—Bulls and Veals Steady—Sheep Receipts Very Light and Choice Fat Sheep and Lambs Selling Well.

South St. Paul, Minn., April 8.—Estimated receipts at the Union Stock Yards today: Cattle, 375; calves, 25; hogs, 1,700, sheep, 25; cars, 37.

The following table shows the receipts from Jan. 1, 1905, to date, as compared with the same period in 1904:

Year—	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1905.....	61,906	8,980	283,228	152,187	6,651
1904.....	38,374	6,700	301,963	227,320	6,171
Increase...	23,532	2,280	.....	.....	480
Decrease...	.....	.....	18,735	45,133	.....

The following table shows the receipts thus far in April, as compared with the same period in 1904:

Year—	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1905.....	5,269	1,099	13,956	4,426	423
1904.....	3,790	795	14,580	3,520	342
Increase...	2,479	304	.....	906	81
Decrease...	.....	.....	624	.....	.....

Official receipts for the past week are as follows:

Date—	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
March 31...	732	100	3,022	1,080	69
April 1.....	235	16	3,012	.....	35
April 3.....	2,062	242	2,971	187	112
April 4.....	1,543	355	2,482	995	93
April 5.....	872	156	1,697	1,379	57
April 6.....	1,072	224	2,056	933	71
April 7.....	492	112	2,138	1,182	55

Railroads entering the yards reported receipts for the day by loads as follows: Chicago Great Western, 6; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 8; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 4; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, 12; Great Northern, 4; Northern Pacific, 3; total, 37.

Disposition of stock Friday, April 7:

Firm—	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep
Swift & Co.....	318	2,710	752
W. E. McCormick...	5	24	51
W. G. Benson.....	27	.....	.....
City butchers.....	1	.....	.....
Slimmer & Thomas...	121	.....	.....
P. Evans	130	.....	.....
J. B. Fitzgerald.....	133	.....	.....
Other buyers.....	...	9	.....
Country buyers.....	197	.....	112
Total	932	2,743	915

HOGS—

Date—	Av. Wt.	Av. Cost.	Price Range.
March 31	204	$5.03½	$4.85@5.15
April 1	196	5.09½	4.90@5.15
April 3	200	5.06½	4.95@5.25
April 4	201	5.02½	5.00@5.25
April 5	204	5.25	5.10@5.35
April 6	203	5.34½	5.20@5.50
April 7	193	5.35	5.25@5.50

Prices generally steady, some sales quoted weaker. Receipts light. Average quality hardly as good as on Friday. Prices range from $5.20 to $5.45; bulk, $5.30 to $5.40; light hogs quoted at $5.20@5.40; light mixed and butchers at $5.25@5.45, and heavy at $5.30@5.50. Compared with a week ago prices showan advance of 20c to 25c. Sales:

Hogs—119, 230 lbs, $5.45; 81, 207 lbs, $5.40; 55, 250 lbs, $5.40; 26, 246 lbs, $5.40; 95, 220 lbs, $5.35; 94, 184 lbs, $5.35; 28, 200 lbs, $5.35; 91, 171 lbs, $5.30; 57, 191 lbs, $5.27½; 63, 172 lbs, $5.20; 3, 335 lbs, $3.25.

Underweights and Roughs—4, 92 lbs, $4; 1 stag, 530 lbs, $4.

CATTLE—Receipts light. No quotable change in prices from Friday. Beef steers of all grades are quoted from 25c to 35c higher than a week ago, and good common stuff shows an advance from the same time. Canner and cutters have not improved to any extent. Bulls and veals steady with last Saturday. Stockers and feeders active all week at steady to strong prices. Milch cows and springers show a little more strength. Sales:

Butcher Steers—9 fed western yearlings, 914 lbs, $4.60; 7, 1,050 lbs, $4.50; 4, 840 lbs, $4; 8, 888 lbs, $4.

Butcher Cows and Heifers—1, 1,100 lbs, $4; 2, 1,285 lbs, $3.75; 6 995 lbs, $3.50; 2, 1,215 lbs, $3.50; 5, 1,020 lbs, $3.25; 2, 1,060 lbs, $3.25; 6, 901 lbs, $3; 2, 858 lbs, $2.75.

Cutters and Canners—6, 946 lbs, $2.50; 2, 940 lbs, $2.50; 3, 703 lbs, $2.40; 11, 971 lbs, $2.25; 4, 797 lbs, $2.

Butcher Bulls—1, 1,540 lbs, $3.15; 1, 1,490 lbs, $3; 2, 1,290 lbs, $2.70; 3, 1,323 lbs, $2.50.

Veal Calves—1, 120 lbs, $4.75; 3, 93 lbs, $4; 7, 100 lbs, $4; 2, 210 lbs, $2.60; 3, 223 lbs, $2.

Stock and Feeding Steers—2, 805 lbs, $3.90; 4, 140 lbs, $3.75; 6, 842 lbs, $3.50; 7, 854 lbs, $3.45; 2, 735 lbs, $3.25; 2, 690 lbs, $3; 12, 512 lbs, $2.50.

Stock Cows and Heifers—3, 376 lbs, $2.15.

SHEEP—Receipts very light. Market steady for the day. Compared with a week ago, good to choice fat sheep and lambs are selling string, while the common and medium kinds are fully 25c lower. Choice shorn western ewes were weighed in today on contract at $5 and shorn western wethers at $5. Some shorn native ewes of good quality sold at $4.40.

Killing Sheep and Lambs—44 shorn yearling wethers, 90 lbs, $6.25; 5 shorn western wethers, 130 lbs, $5.10; 128 shorn western wethers, 125 lbs, $5.10; 100 shorn western ewes, 102 lbs, $5; 90 ewes, 120 lbs, $4.75; 16 shorn ewes, 105 lbs, $4.40; 10 cull ewes, 90 lbs, $4.15; 16 cull ewes, 115 lbs, $3.

Among the shippers on the market were: Weinstein Bros., St. Bonifacius; Jack Nelson, St. Louis Park; Kibbon & Co., Mayville, N. D.; E. H. Brabc, Waverly; Bank of Mantorville, Mantorville; Malm & Co., Morristown; Dewald & Co., J. J. Hogan, Waterville; Mrs. J. N. Tollman, Red Lodge, Mont.; J. McCullough, Wilsey, Mont.; Hellan & Co., Grafton, N. D.; C. C. Gavin, Elk Mound, Wis.; Robinson & Co., Benson.

..CHICAGO LIVESTOCK, April 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market steady; good to prime steers, $6@6.75; poor to medium, $4.65@5.65; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5; cows, $3@5; heifers, $2.75@3.50; canners, $1.50@2.50; bulls, $2.50@4.75; calves, $2.75@6.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; Monday, 38,000; steady to shade lower; mixed and butchers, $5.40@5.65; good to choice heavy, $5.50@5.65; rough heavy, $5.35@5.50; light, $5.30@5.60; bulk of sales, $5.45@5.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; sheep steady, lambs strong; good to choice wethers, $5.75@6.15; fair to choice mixed, $4.50@5.65; western sheep, $4.75@6.10; native lambs, $4.75@5.50; western lambs, $5@7.75.

OMAHA LIVESTOCK, April 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 500; market steady; beef steers, $4.25@6.30; cows and heifers, $3.50@5.10; calves, $3@6.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; market steady; light, $5.20@5.30; pigs, $4.75@5.10; bulk of sales, $5.25@5.27½.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; market steady; sheep, $5@6.80; lambs, $6.75@7.50.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK, April 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; market steady; beef steers, $4.50@6.50; native cows and heifers, $2.50@5.40; calves, $3@6.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; market 5c lower; bulk of sales, $5.20@5.25; pigs and lights, $4.25@5.35.

Sheep—Receipts, none; market nominally steady; sheep, $5@6.75; lambs, $6.50@7.40.

SEEDING WELL ALONG

FORTY TO SIXTY PER CENT IN MINNESOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

Wheat seeding in Minnesota and the Dakotas is advancing under usually favorable circumstances, says the Van Duzen-Harrington report, more fall plowing having been completed than ever before, the amount of moisture in the ground being satisfactory everywhere. The Red River valley will, as usual, not be ready for seed as early as the balance of the land, but with favorable weather conditions seeding will be general there on the 15th.

From 40 to 60 per cent of the wheat ground is now seeded in South Dakota, and in Minnesota south of Minneapolis. A good proportion has been completed thru central Minnesota and seeding is in progress on the high ground in North Dakota west of the Red River valley. Apparently, our wheat seeding is to be completed at about the average normal date and under exceedingly satisfactory conditions.

Thanks to the serious manner in which the railroad companies and others interested took up the seed-wheat question, in a large part of the northwest a good quality of seed wheat is being used.

The outlook is for a considerably larger acreage of durum wheat and a possible increase in the amount of wheat acreage sown.

GRAIN IN REGULAR LOCAL ELEVATORS.

	Week Ending—	
Wheat—	April 8.	April 1.
No. 1 hard	23,177	23,177
No. 1 northern	4,775,268	4,512,406
All other grades	5,925,240	6,855,166
Totals	10,723,685	11,208,389
Decrease	484,704	216,415
Corn	80,599	80,303
Oats	3,552,164	4,360,640
Barley	1,001,604	1010321
Rye	66,476	57,678
Flax	1,408,370	1,480,407

SHORT-FED BEEVES LEAD IN CATTLE

SELLING UP TO PRICES AS HIGH AS LAST JULY.

Sioux City Reports a Good Trade, Prices Very Strong and Demand for More Stuff Than Is Moving In—Stocker Cattle Suffer, but Only Because of Poor Quality—Hog Receipts Light and Prices Higher.

Sioux City Stock Yards, Sioux City, Ia., April 8.—All branches of the cattle business have been very satisfactory to selling interests, the past week, especially so in fat cattle. Light receipts of killers at all points created a sensational advance. The fat cattle market has been up since the opening day of the week and values are, in many cases, 50c higher than last week's closing quotations. In beeves there has been nothing on sale that could be classed as strictly good, but some good 1,200 to 1,300-lb. short fed beeves changed hands at $5.50 to $5.75, which is the highest figure reached at this market since last July. Steers selling around the $5.00 mark this week were considered very ordinary by buyers, while common to fair light steers sold at $4.25 to $4.75. As high as $5.00 was paid for choice cows and there have been numerous sales of good butcher stock at $4.00 to $4.75. The fair to good cows and heifers ranged from $3.25 to $3.85, with canners and cutters at $2.25 to $3.00. General opinion in the trade is that there are not many cattle ready in the country and prices will be maintained unless there should be very heavy marketing the coming week.

Receipts of stocker cattle were fair but a larger percentage comprised light steers of which a good proportion ran to inferior quality. There has been brisk demand for good stockers and long yearlings with sales ranging from $3.75 to $4.25, and been big strings of fairly good yearlings of the stronger weight at $3.25 to $3.60. At these figures values were considered fully steady with last week's high point. The light yearlings of inferior to fair quality were the last to move but prices were well maintained with last week and sales ranged from $2.75 to $3.25. The heifer market showed no change and with only moderate marketing demand was fully able to take care of the supply at $2.00 to $3.00. Dealers have had a good trade and few cattle will be carried over the week end which looks favorable for the market the coming week.

HOGS.—Hog receipts have been light at this and all other points which resulted in an advance. The trade was active here and some shipping demand has been seen daily. At the close of the week, with hogs selling at $5.20 to $5.40, and the bulk of the hogs at $5.25 to $5.30, the market is 10 to 15c higher than last week's closing quotations. Packers claim that hogs are out of line with provisions and with days of liberal runs they are sure to take advantage of the situation to bring values down to a lower level.

Receipts—Cattle, 700; hogs, 3,200.

Hogs—5c lower. Sales: 68, 192 lbs, $5.15; 69, 246 lbs, $5.25; 63, 280 lbs, $5.30.

Cattle—Weak; beeves, 10, 1,062 lbs, $5.10; 28, 1,240 lbs, $5.05; 19, 1,380 lbs, $5.90; cows and heifers, 18, 810 lbs, $3; 20, 920 lbs, $3.65; 14, 1,210 lbs, $5; stockers and feeders, 8, 760 lbs, $3.25; 9, 810 lbs, $3.75; 14, 920 lbs, $4; yearlings, 8, 420 lbs, $3; 19, 540 lbs, $3.50; 21, 660 lbs, $3.85.

HIDES, PELTS, FURS, WOOL

REVIEW OF THE MARKET BY THE NORTHWESTERN HIDE & FUR CO.

The hide market is fairly steady here as yet. The advance noted last week of a ¼c has reacted ⅛c in Chicago, whereas they expected to advance another ½c. No change here. Average receipts are not first-class, most of them being long haired, and many No. 2. The condition is better than this time last year, showing that shippers are giving heed to our request for proper salting, but many are still careless. The result is that hides grade No. 2 or glue stock.

Furs are arriving very freely, more so than at this time last year, showing that shippers appreciate this market. Some choice lots are coming from the far north of Canada, but the average quality is considerable below that of a month ago. No furs should be caught now, except water animals, they will do as long as the water is very cold. Many inquiries are being received in regard to the coming prices of wool. Prices are not fully established yet, but we think 18c to 20c for medium wool and other grades in proportion will be about the basis.

Tallow, ginsing, feathers and beeswax in good demand.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
G. S. cured steer hides, over 60 lbs...	10¼	9¼
G. S. heavy cow hides, over 60 lbs....	9¼	8¼
G. S. light hides, under 60 lbs.....	9¼	8¼
G. S. bulls, stags, oxen and work steers	7½	6½
G. S. Long-haired kip, 8 to 25 lbs....	9½	8
Veal kip, 15 to 25 lbs	10¾	9¼
Veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs, each	13	11½
Deacons, under 8 lbs, each	60	50

Green or frozen, 1c less than G. S. cured.

Horse and mule hides, large, each....	$3.25@2.35
Horse and mule hides, medium	2.50 1.75
Horse and mule hides, small, each....	1.60 1.10
Dry horse and mule hides, each.....	1.50 1.00
Indian handled, over 18 lbs.....	17½
Montana butcher hides, short trim, heavy	16½
Montana butcher hides, short trim, light	15
Montana butcher hides, long trim, heavy	16½
Montana butcher hides, long trim, light	15
Indian stretched	13
Montana calf, under 5 lbs.....	19
Montana kip, 6 to 12 lbs.....	16
Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota and Wisconsin hides	13 11½
Dry bull hides	12
Dakota and Wisconsin calf, under 5 lbs	17 15
Kips 6 to 12 lbs	14 12½
Dry salted hides, all weights	12 12½
Wool—	
Unwashed, fine	15 @17
Unwashed, fine, medium	17 @19
Unwashed, medium, ⅝ to ¼-blood....	19 @21
Unwashed, coarse	18 @20
Unwashed, burry, seedy, chaffy, medium of coarse	16 @17
Unwashed, broken lots, medium and coarse	16 @17
Tallow, in cakes	4½ 3½
Tallow, solid	4½ 3½
Grease	3⅞ 3½
Beeswax, yellow, No. 1, clean.....	@ .29
Beeswax, dark	.20@ .33
Ginseng, dry, good to choice, all sections, fall	$7.35@3.75
Seneca root, dry, good	@ .52
Seneca root, dry, poor	@ .48
Bear, black, brown or grizzly.....	$7.75@ 18.00
Bear, yearlings and cubs	2.00 11.00
Beaver	3.00@ 8.50
Beaver, kits	2.00@ 2.50
Cat, wild	.65@ 1.25
Fisher	2.50@ 7.00
Fox, black and silver gray.....	25.00@300.00
Fox, cross	3.00@ 12.00
Fox, red	2.00@ 4.25
Lynx	2.50@ 6.00
Marten, dark	7.50@ 18.00
Marten, brown and pale	2.50@ 8.50
Mink, dark	2.50@ 4.50
Mink, brown	2.00@ 3.50
Muskrat, winter	.00@ .12
Muskrat, fall	.07@ .09
Otter	5.75@ 9.00
Raccoon	.85@ 2.00
Skunk, black and short stripe.....	.90@ 2.00
Skunk, narrow and long stripe.....	.70@ 1.15
Skunk, broad stripe and white.....	.45@ .70
Weasels	.20@ .65
Wolf, timber	2.00@5.00
Wolf, brush and prairie, cased	1.25@ 2.50

These prices are for prime or No. 1 skins; No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 in proportion.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW YORK COTTON, April 8.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 1@4 points and sold off another 2 or 3 points on the active months, under scattering liquidation promoted by lower cables, big receipts and good weather. There was fair support on the decline, however, particularly from Wall street, and the market rallied to about last night's figures, with later fluctuations irregular and the tone about steady.

Cotton futures opened steady; April, 7.50c bid; May, 7.36c; June, 7.51c bid; July, 7.57c; August, 7.59c; September, 7.65c; October, 7.73c; November,