HIGHER COTTON MARKET

Bullish Statistics and Bad Weather Put Prices Up.

THE MAY OPTION GAINED TEN POINTS

All Facts and Figures Point to a Cotton Corner This Summer, Planting Retarded.

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Houston, Friday, April 27.

Cotton advanced today, though the gain was not what the bulls expected, owing to all statistics and crop news being decidedly in their favor. The main factor in bringing about the upward turn of prices was additional reports of unfavorable weather throughout the cotton belt. Conditions in Texas are especially bad, and in some sections it will be nearly impossible for farmers to plant the acreage in cotton that they had prepared for. As a rule the main trouble will merely be delayed planting, and with favorable seasons from now on this may be overcome. Texas is the State that furnishes early cotton, however, and there is now no hope for any movement of consequence in August, while September, which is usually a month of big receipts, will undoubtedly fall far below the average of recent years. It is also true that a late crop is likely to suffer more damage from insects and drouth than one with an early start, and with such continued rains as have fallen in Texas this month there is every reason to believe that depredating pests will be developed and that a severe drouth will be experienced during the summer. Weather and crop news will now be watched with great interest, and the market will be mainly controlled thereby, especially the new crop positions.

Today, strange to say, the old crop deliveries showed a greater advance than the fall and winter months. May in New York gained 10 points, July 9 and August 7, while the new crop options were only 4 to 6 points up at the close.

The strength of the May option since notice day is very comforting to the bulls, and causes them to believe that every summer position will hold its own, gaining strength day by day. It is undoubtedly true that the cotton world has seldom seen such an opportunity to corner this commodity as is now being demonstrated. Even the fear of manipulation, and the high price of spot cotton, is maintaining the summer deliveries at a premium of 100 to 125 points, as compared with prices for next fall's deliveries. A concerted effort to squeeze the shorts could put July and August cotton considerably above 10 cents. The entire visible supply in America today, at ports and interior towns, is only 700,000 bales. By the middle of August it is likely to be less than 200,000, with possibly not over 25,000 bales at the port of New York. If a short interest of 500,000 to 1,000,000 bales could be discovered in the late summer deliveries, a bull clique might easily force the sellers to liquidate at 12 cents. It is well to remember, however, that it is the unexpected that always happens, and that as nearly every trader realizes the danger of being on the short side of July and August cotton, there may not be any short interest to force to cover.

The range of prices on the active months in the future markets follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.
At New York:				
May	9.43-44	9.48	9.40	9.48
August	9.22-23	9.28	9.20	9.28-29
December	8.01-03	8.07	8.01	8.07-08
At New Orleans:				
May	9.27-30	9.37	9.29	9.35-36
August	9.03-04	9.09	9.02	9.08-09
October	7.96-97	8.02	7.96	8.00-01

Cargill & Richardson of Houston say of cotton:

Shorts in the late positions are quietly covering their sales as the news of the delay and damage to the growing crop continues to come in, and it would seem for the present as though a further enhancement in value in winter months was in order. There is no denying the general backwardness of planting, and, while many are contending a few weeks of good weather will offset this to a great extent, at the same time the delay is becoming more serious every day, especially considering the fact that matters are getting worse rather than better.

Richard Cocke & Co. of Houston say of cotton:

The Liverpool market was better than expected this morning, due to covering of shorts who were influenced by continued firmness of the market. Our markets opened strong and advanced on reports of heavy rains in Texas and Mississippi, which further retard planting. With May upon us and the crop not more than half planted, without the most seasonable weather from now on we can hardly see how more than an average crop can be made, much less a "bumper" one.

Houston expects 100 to 200 bales tomorrow, as compared with 1074 on the same day last year. The estimate at New Orleans is for 2700 to 3000, against 7306 a year ago.

BULLISH COTTON FIGURES.

Supplies Decreasing Rapidly and Spot Situation Strong.

New York, April 27.—Price, McCormick & Co. in their circular published today, say:

According to Mr. Hester's statement, the world's visible supply shows a decrease for the week of 254,000 bales. He makes the amount in sight for the week 55,000 bales, showing a total absorption of cotton in one week of about 300,000 bales. The total absorption for the past five weeks has been about 1,100,000 bales.

Should this rate of absorption continue the world would be absolutely denuded of supplies within about twelve weeks or by the middle of July. This is, of course, impossible. An advance in the price that will check the absorption is the only issue to the situation, which is the strongest practically since the war.

Southern holders of spot cotton can practically name their own prices for the balance of the season.

The market has been very steady throughout the day and closes at top prices. The coterie of bearish operators in New York is coming to some appreciation of the situation.

Weather Reports Bullish.

(Special to The Post.)

New York, April 27.—S. Munn, Son & Co. say:

Cotton advanced 7 to 10 points on this crop and 3 to 6 on the next, closing firm, with estimated sales of 100,000 bales. The rise was due to higher cables, light receipts, Wall street buying, some European buying of the next crop and the statistical position generally, including very bullish Liverpool figures for the week. The South sold December and January. The Liverpool stock fell off 84,000 for the week and is 926,000 less than last year.

Wodgsfield, S. C., reports: Rain has been very beneficial to cotton, but this was followed by the heaviest of the year, which resulted disastrously to cotton just sprouting.

Hagood, S. C., says: Great anxiety is felt for cotton just planted on account of the heaviest rains on record in this section last week. The ground is thoroughly packed.

Henderson, N. C., writes: In some sections around here more cotton will be replanted this year.

Raleigh, N. C., says: Farmers are making rapid progress after the rains, which, with the warmer weather has left the ground in good condition for planting.

Reports of storms in Texas and replanting in the Houston district encouraged bulls. Alabama sales of fertilizer tags up to April 1 were 1,433,110, against 911,700 for the same time last season, an increase of 531,810.

The New York stock is said to be 35,000 bales smaller than officially stated and it is understood a recount will be made on May 1. Even the nominal figures, however, are small enough. We believe in buying August on the recessions and selling January and later months on all rallies. There may be a severe pinch in the matter of supplies before the present season is out, but all signs point to a big crop next season. Yet as there is a possibility if not an extreme probability that the scarcity of cotton may be felt in the early months of the next season we do not favor sales of those deliveries.

Chronicle Weather Reports.

(Special to The Post.)

New York, April 27.—A limited amount of business has been reported today in dry goods. There have been more inquiries after staple cottons but at low prices. Brown sheetings and drills without change in prices for either spots or future deliveries. Bleached cottons slow. Nothing doing in coarse colored goods. Prints inactive and ginghams quietly steady. Print cloths idle at previous prices. Linens dull but firm. Burlaps slow and prices tend in favor of buyers.

Houston Daily Statement.

	Today.	Yes'day.	Last year.
Gross receipts	113	26	1,058
Net receipts	128	11	158
Gross shipments	23	1,027	5,895
Stock	26,780	28,848	43,907

Houston Comparative Statement.

Gross receipts thus far this week	5,371
Gross receipts 238 days this year	1,729,615
Gross receipts 238 days in 1898-99	2,437,859
Gross receipts 237 days in 1897-98	1,992,113

Houston Railroad Receipts.

Houston's gross receipts of cotton by the various railroads entering the city were as follows:

	Bales.
Houston and Texas Central	48
International and Great Northern	6
Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio	7
Texas and New Orleans	3
Houston East and West Texas	3
Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe	34
San Antonio and Aransas Pass	11
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	13
Wagons	40
Total	155

Houston Spot Quotations.

Spots closed quiet; prices unchanged, sales 50 bales.

	Today.	Yesterday.	Last year.
Low ordinary	7½	7½	4¾
Ordinary	8¼	8¼	4 7-16
Good ordinary	8¾	8¾	4 15-16
Low middling	9¼	9¼	5¾
Middling	9⅝	9⅝	5⅞
Good middling	9 9-16	9 9-16	6⅜
Middling fair	9 13-16	9 13-16	6¾

Other Spot Markets.

Galveston—Closed quiet, prices unchanged.

Low ordinary	7 11-16	Middling	9 7-16
Ordinary	8 3-16	Good middling	9⅝
Good ordinary	8 11-16	Middling fair	9⅞
Low middling	9 3-16	Sales	.....

New York—Spots closed quiet; prices unchanged.

Good ordinary	8¾	Good middling	10¼
Low middling	9⅝	Middling fair	10 9-16
Middling	9 15-16	Sales	259

New Orleans—Spots closed firm; prices unchanged.

Low ordinary	7 9-16	Middling	9 1-16
Ordinary	8 3-16	Good middling	9⅝
Good ordinary	8 11-16	Middling fair	9¾
Low middling	9 3-16	Sales	1400

Liverpool—Spots business moderate; prices 1-32d higher; sales 7000 bales, of which 600 were American, imports 1000, of which 700 were American.

Ordinary	5 1-32	Middling	5 15-32
Good ordinary	5 7-32	Good middling	5 17-32
Low ordinary	5 11-32	Middling fair	5 23-32

New York Futures.

Month—	Open-ing.	Clos-ing.	Closed.	Yester-day's Close.
April	None	None	9.47-49	9.38-40
May	9.47-44	9.48	9.48	9.39-40
June	9.37-38	9.43-44	9.43-44	9.34-35
July	9.37-38	9.43-44	9.43-44	9.34-35
August	9.22-23	9.28-29	9.28-29	9.21-22
September	8.44-45	8.48-49	8.48-49	8.43-44
October	8.19-20	8.24-25	8.24-25	8.18-19
November	8.01-03	8.07-08	8.07-08	8.02-03
December	8.01-03	8.07-08	8.07-08	8.01-02
January	8.04-05	8.09-09	8.09-09	8.03-04
February	8.06-08	8.09-11	8.09-11	8.04-06
March	8.08-09	8.12-14	8.12-14	8.08-09

a asked; b bid; v value; s seller.

New Orleans Futures.

Month—	Open-ing.	Closed.	Yester-day's Close.
April	Nom'l	Nom'l	9.24b
May	9.27-30	9.35-36	9.27-28
June	9.30a	9.35-37	9.27-28
July	9.28-29	9.33-34	9.25-26
August	9.03-04	9.08-09	9.02-03
September	8.31b	8.36-37	8.31-32
October	7.96-97	8.00-01	7.96-97
November	7.80b	7.87-88	7.82-84
December	7.83-84	7.87-88	7.82-84
January	7.83-84	7.88-89	7.83-85

a asked; b bid; v value; s seller.

Liverpool Futures.

Following are the closing quotations:

Jan-Feb	4.24b	July-Aug	5.11b
Feb-March	.....	Aug-Sept	5.01-02
April	5.23a	Sept-Oct	4.44-45
April-May	5.18-19	Oct-Nov	4.33-34
May-June	5.16-17	Nov-Dec	4.28v
June-July	5.14a	Dec-Jan	4.26-27

a asked; b bid; v value; s seller.

Havre Market.

	Opening.	Closing.	Yesterday's Closing.
May	60⅝v	60⅝v	60¼b

United States Exports.

	This week.	Last year.
Exports to Great Britain	24,267	29,679
Exports to France	782	22
Exports to continent	48,845	35,013
Totals, seven days	83,894	64,714

Stock at United States Ports.

Stock this day	652,377
Stock this day last week	590,671
Stock this day last year	787,489
Deficit this season	335,112

Houston Weekly Statement.

	Bales.
Gross receipts this week	5,371
Gross receipts this week last year	11,817
Total receipts this year	1,729,615
Total receipts last year	2,438,888
Net receipts this week	2,913
Net receipts this week last year	6,358
Total net receipts this year	646,105
Total net receipts last year	768,421
Shipments gulfward	3,250
Shipments, all rail, to and via New Orleans	2,779
Shipments to Japan	90
Cotton in transit	96

Stocks in Presses and Warehouses

	Bales.
Bayou City press	1,615
International compress	161
New press	4,009
Human press	4,324
Cleveland press	3,749
Standard compress	3,471
M., K. and T. warehouse	3,922
McAtee's warehouse	65
Henke's warehouse	60
I. and G. N. warehouse	2,700
Clinton warehouse	2,235
McIlhenny's warehouse	162
Keller's warehouse	65
Total	20,684

Liverpool Weekly Statement.

	This week.	Last week.	Last year.
Week's sales	39,000	29,000	55,000
Of which American	28,000	26,000	50,000
Exports	600	500	2,700
Speculation	100	200	200
Forwarded	65,000	56,000	57,000
Total stock	847,000	857,000	1,616,000
Of which American	540,000	555,000	1,332,000
Actual exports	10,000	5,000	6,000
Total week's receipts	65,000	72,000	35,000
Of which American	15,000	66,000	26,000
Total since Sept. 1	2,486,000	2,421,000	3,554,000
Of which American	1,941,000	1,896,000	2,181,000
Stock afloat	117,000	111,000	71,000
Of which American	110,000	128,000	66,000

Into Sight Statement.

The into sight statement for the week shows:

	This week.	Since Sept. 1.	Last week.	Crop.
1899-1900	56,178	8,517,043	69,651	.....
1898-99	71,282	10,441,778	91,500	11,274,840
1897-98	64,804	10,579,943	78,021	11,199,694
1896-97	54,865	8,295,509	62,235	8,757,954

Net Receipts at All U. S. Ports.

	This week.	This week.	This sea-son.	Last sea-son.
Galveston	516	4,647	1,671,898	2,242,968
New Orleans	2,395	8,498	1,235,592	2,067,559
Mobile	10	656	196,289	252,272
Savannah	858	7,624	1,062,340	1,037,119
Charleston	226	829	233,117	360,359
Wilmington	27	171	273,767	290,315
Norfolk	749	3,688	372,621	390,792
Pensacola	.....	3,949	121,498	175,601
Baltimore	56	56	84,151	42,730
Port Arthur	.....	3,795	45,556	10,765
New York	399	1,614	96,577	127,710
Boston	274	1,871	102,939	289,140
Philadelphia	.....	270	45,801	45,439
Newport News	33	33	15,060	17,616
Brunswick	.....	1,969	92,405	245,741
Port Royal	.....	.....	.....	20,862
Other ports	.....	.....	11,429	.....
Total	5,234	39,679	6,170,895	7,825,713
Last year	16,449	70,955	7,825,713	.....
*Difference	11,195	31,276	1,655,028	.....

*Decrease.

Galveston Cotton Statement.

	This day.	This week.	This sea-son.	Last sea-son.
Net receipts	516	4,647	1,671,898	2,242,968
Other ports	.....	.....	298	117
Gross receipts	516	4,647	1,671,996	2,243,094
Exports—				
Great Britain	2,391	5,541	589,271	1,023,745
France	.....	.....	360,226	765,426
Continent	.....	9,407	450,753	993,101
Japan and Mex.	.....	.....	46,243	16,350
Total foreign	2,391	14,948	1,446,493	2,798,622
New York	.....	3,050	148,120	166,429
Other U. S. ports	.....	.....	64,594	109,016
North by rail	.....	.....	2,856	141
Total coastwise	.....	3,050	216,570	275,577
Local consump.	.....	.....	6,000	4,689
Tot. exports, etc.	2,391	17,998	1,669,063	2,189,177

Comparative Spot Market.

The following are the closing quotations for cotton on the spot at the leading markets, together with the closing of middling yesterday, with today's sales:

Place—	Tone.	Today.	Yes'day.	Sales.
Mobile	Nom'l	9¼	9¼	....
Savannah	Quiet	9 7-16	9 7-16	....
Charleston	Quiet	9⅛	9⅛	....
Wilmington	Quiet	9⅛	9⅛	....
Norfolk	Firm	9⅛	9⅛	465
Baltimore	Nom'l	9⅝	9⅝	....
Boston	Quiet	9 13-16	9 13-16	....
Philadelphia	Firm	10 1-16	10 1-16	....
Augusta	Quiet	9⅝	9⅝	372
Memphis	Steady	9⅝	9⅝	550
St. Louis	Firm	9⅝	9⅝	....

LIVE STOCK.

HOUSTON.

The following are the quotations for this market as furnished by the Box-Bell-Saunders Commission company:

Choice beeves	$3 50 @3 75
Common beeves	3 25 @3 50
Choice cows and heifers	3 25 @3 40
Medium cows and heifers	2 50 @2 75
Common cows and heifers	2 25 @2 50
Bulls and stags	2 25 @2 75
Work oxen	2 50 @3 00
Corn-fed hogs, light	3 80 @3 90
Mast-fed hogs	3 50 @3 60
Corn-fed hogs, 150 pounds up	4 00 @4 25
Choice yearlings	3 75 @4 00
Choice yearlings	3 50 @3 75
Choice spring calves	4 00
Common calves	3 75 @4 00
Choice mutton	3 75 @4 00

CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 27.—Cattle—Receipts 2700; light steers steady; heavy 5@10c lower; native, good to prime steers 4.90@5.85; poor to medium 4.25@4.80; selected feeders 4.25@5.05; mixed stockers 3.00@4.00; cows 2.00@4.50; heifers 2.25@4.85; canners 2.00@2.90; bulls 2.50@4.30; calves 4.50@6.00; Texas fed steers 4.00@5.25. Texas bulls 3.25@3.75. Hogs—Receipts 3200; top 5.60; mixed and butchers' 5.30@5.55; good to choice heavy 5.40@5.60; rough heavy 5.25@5.35; lights 5.30@5.47½, bulk of sales 4.00 @5.50. Sheep—Sheep and lambs slow to a shade easier; good to choice wethers 5.25@5.60; yearlings 5.50@6.25, native lambs 5.50@7.25.

NEW ORLEANS.

(Special to The Post.)

New Orleans, April 27.—The New Orleans live stock exchange reports:

Receipts—Cattle 420; calves and yearlings 581, hogs 121.

Sales—Cattle 240; calves and yearlings 301, hogs 121.

Left over—Cattle 56, calves and yearlings 302.

Supply and demand about equal; prices firm for all choice grades.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, April 27.—Cattle—Receipts 500, including 150 Texans; market steady; native shipping and export steers 4.70@5.90, dressed beef and butchers' steers 4.40@5.00; stockers and feeders 2.40@4.30; canners 1.50@4.85; Texas and Indian steers 3.00@5.00, Texas cows and heifers 2.40@2.85. Hogs—Receipts 3700; market steady; pigs and lights 5.25@5.35, packers 5.35@5.40. Sheep—Receipts 3200; market steady; native mutton 4.50@5.50; spring lambs 7.25@8.00.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, April 27.—Cattle—Receipts 2500 natives and 100 Texans; market strong, 10c higher; native steers 4.50@5.65, stockers and feeders 4.00@5.00; butchers' cows and heifers 3.30@4.60; canners 2.00@3.35, fed Westerns 4.25@4.90; Texas 3.60@4.30. Hogs—Receipts 11,000; market active and steady; heavy 5.35@5.45; mixed 5.25@5.40; lightweights 5.00@5.30. Sheep—Receipts 4400; market weak and lower; Colorado lambs 6.65; stockers and feeders 4.10 @5.10; culls 4.00@4.75.

Galveston Country Produce.

Tomatoes—$2.25 per crate.

Beeswax—Good yellow 20@25c; mixed lots 18@19.

Hay—Choice timothy 16.25@16.50 per ton; choice upland prairie 11.00@12.00 per ton; according to quality; choice alfalfa $14.50. Dealers ask an advance of 50c to $1 per ton on these figures.

Onions—$2.00 per bushel.

Celery—Texas 35@50c per bunch.

Pecans—Texas 12½c per pound according to quality.

Garlic—Extra fancy red 50@60c; Mexican 9@10c pound; ordinary 35@40c per string.

Irish potatoes—New potatoes $2 per bushel; Western eating 75@80c per bushel.

Butter—Fresh Texas country 10@13c per pound; creamery 23c.

Strawberries—Are moving in large volume but are steady. They are quoted today at $1.00@2.00 per crate of twenty-four quarts, according to quality.

Honey—Twelve square crates $1.25; strained 90c per gallon, in cases; in barrels 50@60c.

Sweet potatoes—75c per bushel.

Cabbage—Texas crop $2.25@2.50 per St. Louis crate. New coast crop $1.25@1.50 per 100, according to size.

Eggs—Fresh Texas candled, cases returned, are quoted at 8½@9½ per dozen; fresh hay eggs 10c.

Poultry—Grown hens $3.00 per dozen; full grown spring chickens $3.50@3.75; old roosters $1.75@2.00; broilers $1.25@1.50; ducks $3.00@3.25; turkeys, hens, good stock, $6.50 @8.00; gobblers $7.00@9.00; guinea hens $2.00 @2.25; geese, unplucked, $4.50@5.00.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

There Was a Change of Sentiment to the Bull View.

WHEAT AND CORN CLOSED LITTLE HIGHER

Oats Closed Unchanged to a Trifle Lower—A Shifting of Sentiment Was Shown Early in the Day.

Chicago, April 27.—There was a change of sentiment to the bull view today and the news was encouraging to that way of looking at the wheat situation. Wheat closed ⅛@⅜c higher, corn ⅛@⅛@⅛c up, and oats unchanged to ⅛@¼ lower. Provisions closed 2½@10@12½c improved.

Trade in all the pits was rather quiet, with spots of activity in wheat and corn. The wheat market opened ⅛@⅜ over yesterday because of higher cables from Liverpool and small Argentine shipments, which show a decrease of over 1,000,000 bushels last week. There was a shifting of sentiment apparent early and it grew as the session progressed. The talent has been bearish for months and very much disposed to harken to Liverpool. Also they were saturated with the oft-repeated reports of the wonderfully good condition of home crop prospects. Today the talk was that Liverpool had been wrong on cotton, and it did not seem to show a proper respect for the American market fluctuations. Instead it acted very independently. Accordingly, the talk today was that the English market as a maker of Chicago quotations could go hang itself. The locals had other things to think about. Accordingly, consideration was given the poor showing of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, and the probability of 25 per cent of a crop in these states discussed; the report of the Hessian fly in Illinois was listened to seriously and the reports that apprehension over the dry winds in France was felt in that country and that Argentine arrivals from the interior were lessening were given due consideration. The result was a firm if quiet market. There was considerable changing at 1⅝ difference between May and July. The shipping demand was slack and the export equality light. New York having but five loads. Atlantic port clearings in wheat and flour were equal to 41,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 267,000 bushels, against 326,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 207 cars, compared with 262 cars last week and 196 cars a year ago. Local receipts twenty-nine cars. May opened at 67⅝@67⅝, sold between 67⅝@68, and closed ⅛@⅜c over yesterday at 67⅞@68; July opened at 67⅝@67½, sold between 67⅝@67¾ and 67⅛, closing ⅛@⅜ higher at 67⅝@67⅞.

The corn market was quiet, but firm. A good business was done, but it was without special feature. Liverpool was higher on her small stocks. Argentine shipments were smaller, country offerings light and there were some reports of delayed planting, although the rains have generally ceased. Receipts here were 202 cars. May closed ⅛@¼ higher; July ⅛@⅜c higher. The easing from the top was on profit taking. The cash demand was moderate.

Liquidation of May was the feature in the oats market. There was a good demand for cash and 150,000 bushels were taken for shipment. At the bottom there was fair buying, which had a steadying effect and the close was steady. Receipts 158 cars.

Provisions were quiet, the demand being for lard.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat 220 cars, corn 155 cars, oats 139 cars, hogs 16,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat—No. 2—	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing.
April	.....	.....	.....	67⅝
May	67⅝	68⅛	67½	68
July	67⅝	67⅞	67¼	67⅝
September	68⅝	68⅞	68	68⅛
Corn—No. 2—				
April	.....	.....	.....	38⅝
May	39⅝	40⅛	39½	39⅞
July	40⅞	41⅜	40½	40⅞
September	41⅞	41⅞	41⅜	41½
Oats—No. 2—				
May	23⅛	23⅛	22⅞	23
July	23⅝	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛
September	22½	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝
Mess pork—Per bbl—				
May	12.60	12.75	12.60	12.72½
July	12.80	12.92½	12.77½	12.87½
Lard—Per 100 lbs.—				
May	7.30	7.35	7.30	7.32½
July	7.37	7.40	7.35	7.37½
September	7.35	7.37½	7.25	7.25
Short ribs—Per 100 lbs.—				
May	6.90	7.07½	6.95	7.07½
July	7.02½	7.12½	7.00	7.12½
September	7.00	7.07½	7.00	7.07½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red 70.

Corn—No. 2 38⅝@38⅞; 40⅝.

Oats—No. 2 24⅛@24⅜; No. 2 white 27½@27⅝; No. 3 white 25½@28¼.

Rye—No. 2 53⅞.

Barley—No. 2 41@44½.

Flax seed—No. 1 1.32.

Timothy seed—Prime 2.35.

Mess pork—Per barrel 11.75@12.80.

Lard—Per 100 pounds 7.20@7.35.

Short ribs sides—Loose 6.95@7.20.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed 6.75@7.00.

Short clear sides—Boxed 7.50@7.60.

Whisky—Basis high wines, per gal. 1.25½.

Sugars—Cut loaf 6.00; granulated 5.41.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	42,000	15,000
Wheat, bushels	18,000	32,000
Corn, bushels	108,000	218,000
Oats, bushels	165,000	207,000
Rye, bushels	3,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	19,000	10,000

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis, April 27. Wheat—No. 2 red cash 70⅞; April 71, May 68⅝@70, July 67⅝@67½. Corn—No. 2 cash 39½, April 39½, May 39½; July 39⅝. Oats—No. 2 cash 23; April 23, May 24⅛, July 23½. No. 2 white 28. Pork—Steady; jobbing 13.00 for old, 12.50 for new. Lard—Higher; prime steam 7.12½; choice 7.17½. Flour—Dull. Timothy seed—Ordinary 2.00@2.30. Bran—Easy; sacked east track 70. Cornmeal—Steady, 1.95@2.00. Hay—Firmer, timothy 12.00@13.00, prairie 7.00@9.00. Whisky—Steady at 1.25½. Iron cotton ties 1.30. Bagging 7½@8¼. Hemp twine 9. Dry salt meats—Boxed strong; extra shorts 7.12½, clear rib sides 7.35, clear sides 7.37½. Bacon—Boxed strong, extra shorts 7.87½, clear ribs 7.75, clear sides 7.77½. Receipts: Flour 5000; wheat 6000, corn 400, oats 23,000. Shipments: Flour 11,000; wheat 26,000; corn 67,0, oats 37,000.

Grain and Provisions Elsewhere.

Kansas City, April 27.—Wheat—May 61½; July 62¼, No. 2 hard 62; No. 2 red 68@69. Corn—May 37½, July 37⅞, cash No. 2 mixed 38@38¼, No. 2 white 38¼. Oats—No. 2 white 26½@27. Receipts: Wheat 25,200; corn 12,600; oats 10,000. Shipments: Wheat 24,600; corn 4500; oats 2000.

New Orleans, April 27.—Hog products—Firm. Pork—Standard mess 13.75. Lard—Refined tierce 8¼@8⅝; pure 8¼. Boxed meats—Dry salt shoulders 7½, sides 7⅝@7¾. Bacon—Clear rib sides 8½. Hams—Choice sugar cured 10@12. Rice—Ordinary to good 2¾@4½. Flour—Extra fancy 3.50@3.65, patents 3.80@3.90. Cornmeal 2.15. Bran 85. Hay—Prime 14.50@15.00; choice 16.50@17.00. Corn—No. 2 sacked white 47; mixed 46; yellow 47. Oats—No. 2 sacked 31.

New York, April 27.—Wheat—Receipts 43,500; exports 56,500. Spot firm; No. 2 red 75⅝ f.o.b. and 76⅝ elevator; No. 1 Northern 76⅝ f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard 76⅝ f.o.b. afloat; options generally firm all day; May 75⅝; July 73⅝; September 74⅝. Hides—Firm. Leather—Steady. Wool—Dull. Cotton seed oil—quiet; prime crude 26; prime yellow 28.

HOUSTON WHOLESALE PRICES.

Current Quotations on Round Lots of Staple Commodities.

These quotations are revised daily and their correctness can be relied upon. The prices are those ruling in Houston wholesale markets.

HEAVY STAPLES.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $4.00@4.25; blasting powder $1.65 per keg; drop shot, per sack $1.65; buck $1.90.

BACON—Extra short clear in sacks, 8⅝@8¾c; regulars 8⅛@8¼c; boxed ¼c higher; smoked bellies 10c; New York salt bellies from Houston: Bagging, 2-lb 7@7¼c; 2¼-lb 7⅛@7¾c. Arrow ties $1.30@1.35.

CANDY—Stick, wrapped, basis 24, 6¼@6¾c per lb; special sizes ½c higher.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 12½c; Granite, full weight 11½c. Electric lights 11c.

CEMENT—Portland $2.75@3.25; Rosendale $1.75@2.00.

COFFEE—Rio, fair, 9¼@10c; prime 10¼@10½c; choice 10¾@11¼c; peaberry 11c; Cordova 12c. Roasted coffees: Arbuckle's Arioso, basis 100-lb cases, 12.50c delivered; 36-lb cases 12.70 delivered; Lion, 100-lb cases, 11.50c; Aceq, 13.00c.

CRACKERS—A B C soda bulk, boxes 5c; ½-lb cartons 7½c; ginger snaps 6c; creams 8c; stage planks 6½c; cakes and jumbles 11c.

FLOUR—Texas Star Mills: Tidal Wave $4.10; Sea Fairy $3.70; Sea Nymph $3.60; Sea Jewel $3.30; rye flour $3.60; pumpernickel $3.40. Special rates for shipments to interior points. Quarter sacks are 30c higher than half sacks and wood lie higher than half sacks.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy and cream meal, in barrels, $2.65@2.75; pearl meal in 40-lb sacks, $1.70@1.80 per bbl of four sacks; Scotch oats $2.50; Friends' oats $2.50; Columbia oats $2.10; Hawkeye oats $2.10.

LARD—Refined tierce, compound 6⅞@7c; leaf 8c; 50-lb cans ¼c higher than tierces; 10-lb cans ⅛c higher; 5-lb cans ⅜c higher; 3-lb cans 1c higher.

HAMS—Standard 11¼@11½c; picnic hams 8½@8¾c.

HONEY—In barrels 50@60c per gallon; in 60-lb cans extracted, 5@6c; in comb 9@11c; in 12-lb cans, extracted 5½@7c; pound sections 12@16c.

LIME—Bulk $1.00 per bbl; cooperd $1.25.

MOLASSES—Rebolled, fair 16½@18c; prime 20@21c; choice 26@28c; fancy new crop syrup 32@35c; pure new crop syrup 45c.

MILK—Gold Medal $5.50; Magnolia $4.80; Eagle $7.00; Lion $4.25.

PICKLES—Five-gallon kegs $1.75; 10-gallon kegs $3.00; ½-bbls $4.00; pints, American style, 85@90c; quarts, American style $1.25; ½-gallon $2.00@2.25; 1-gallon, American style $3.15@3.25; 1-gallon, Hexagon $3.00.

RICE—Extra fancy head 6@6¼c; choice 5@5½c; fair 4½@5c; fancy imported 6½@6¾c.

ROPE—Sisal, basis 7-16, 10½c; Manila 17c; cotton rope 10c.

SALT—Liverpool, coarse 85@90c; fine 95c@$1.00; Louisiana, coarse 85c; fine 90c; bbls, 28-10s, $2.25; 60-5s, $2.50; 100-3s, $2.50; 20-4s, $2.45.

SALT FISH—Mackerel, No. 1 in 10-lb kits, $1.00@1.10; half bbls, $7.50; tubs, $3.00@5.50.

SARDINES—American quarters $3.85@4.00; mustard $4.10@4.25; imported Gillette grads, quarters $11.50; fancy sprats, quarters $6.50.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl in 40-lb boxes 4¼@4½c; Royal Gloss, bulk, 4¼@4½c. Nickel, 100 packages per box, $2.75; corn starch 5½c per lb, 20 and 40-lb boxes.

SUGAR—Quotations are for small lots. Special prices are given on carload orders. Standard granulated 5⅝c; cubes and powdered 6c; Louisiana yellow clarified, fancy 5⅛@5⅜c, choice 5⅛@5¼c; Arbuckle's 2-lb and 5-lb packages 5⅞@6⅛c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—Imported navy beans 3⅞@4c; Bayou 4c; English dried 3c; pinks 3¾c; Lima 6@6½c; black eyes 3¼c; Texas black eyes 2@2½c.

BUTTER—Blue Star 20@21c; dairy 18@19c; Red Star 23c; Elgin creamery 21@22c; oleomargarine dairy bricks 18c; Lincoln solids 11½c; prints 12½c; Special Blue Star 17½c; Crystal Gem and Country Rolls 16c; special dairy 15c; fancy dairy 16c; Texas country butter 8@15c; Texas bricks 15@20c.

CABBAGE—Home grown 2@2¼c per pound, in sacks.

CHEESE—New York full cream 14@15c; Badger State 14½c; Wisconsin full cream rolls 15c; Wisconsin full cream daisies 15c.

EGGS—Texas, per dozen, straights, 8½@9c; culls and seconds 7@8c.

ONIONS—Per lb, 3@3½c.

PEPPER—Cayenne 18c; per lb; black Singapore 15c.

POTATOES—Colorado 85c; fancy Utahs 80c; Burbanks 75