STRONG TO CLOSE

A NET HALF CENT GAIN FOR WHEAT IN THE PIT AT CHICAGO.

MIDDAY MARKET WAS DULL.

RALLY DURING THE LAST TWENTY MINUTES ON GOOD EXPORT SALES.

CORN FAIRLY ACTIVE BUT WEAK.

Small Loss Scored During the Day While Oats Moved Up a Fraction—Provisions Weak.

MARKET SUMMARY.

Wheat—	Close.	Prev. Day.
July, Chicago	71 1-16	70⅝
July, Minneapolis	71⅝	71⅜
July, Duluth	73⅛	73
July, New York	76⅞	76⅝

FINANCIAL.

Money, New York	1¼@1½	1¼@1½
Bar silver, New York	60¼	60½

CHICAGO, May 19.—Wheat opened and closed strong, after a long intermediate spell of dispiriting dullness, and tendency to drift downward. The market closed at an advance of ½c. Strong cables, favorable crop reports and big export engagements took turns in mildly buffeting prices. Corn was weak, and declined ¼c. Oats advanced ⅛c, and provisions closed at a 5c decline for pork, and unchanged for lard and ribs.

In wheat, Liverpool had recovered an early decline, and was already quarter pence higher than it closed yesterday before this market opened. This was due, it was claimed, to bad exports from the French crop. There was nothing in the early news differing from the prevailing conditions yesterday, and the opening advance was due solely to the Liverpool firmness. July opened here from 71c to 71¼c, against yesterday's closing price of 70⅝c, most of the trades being at 71⅛c for about two minutes, and for an hour the price did not go below 70⅝c, or above the highest of the opening quotations. The crop news was rather favorable for the bears, as the weather crop bulletin reported everything favorable, with a steady increase in prospects. California advices said no rain of consequence there and weather hot, but as the San Francisco market was easier, the crop news from there did not help the market materially. There were reports of damage by the Hessian fly in Michigan, Kansas and Missouri, but as they were not accompanied by buying orders, they had little effect. Speculative business was slack in the middle of the day, both bulls and bears expressing uncertainty as to the future of the market, but after 12 o'clock the market began to go down. Outside of Liverpool, foreign cables were all weak and lower, and even Liverpool did not hold all of its strength. July finally sold down to 70⅜@70½c, but about twenty minutes before the close the market became as strong as at the opening, on reports of considerable quantities of wheat taken for shipment east. July rose to 71⅛c and closed at 71@71⅛c.

Corn was fairly active and is heavy on large purchases by elevator people, against which they sold futures in the pit. The weather was favorable and the outlook good for the coming crop. Exports were 198,000 bu. July opened a shade higher at 24¾c, declined to 24¼c and rallied with wheat to 24⅝@24⅝c bid, where it closed.

Oats were steady all day, but uninteresting. Trading was narrow, the strength coming principally from a good shipping inquiry. Exports amounted to 97,000 bu. July opened a shade higher at 17¾@17⅞c, and was held through the session at 17⅞c, which was the closing price. Provisions were fairly steady on a small amount of business. The market was weak early on selling by the packers, but recovered later under covering by shorts. At the close, July pork was 5c lower at $8.17½; July lard unchanged at $3.80, and July ribs unchanged at $4.47½.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 7 cars; corn, 220; oats, 210 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	71¼	71½	70¾	71½
July	71¼	71¼	70½	71⅛
September	66⅝	66¾	66	66½
Corn—				
May	24½	24½	24⅛	24¼
July	24¾	24¾	24¼	24½
September	25¾	25⅞	25½	25⅝
Oats—				
May	17⅞	17⅞	17¾	17¾
July	17⅞	17⅞	17¾	17⅝
September	18	18	17⅞	18
Mess Pork—				
July	8 25	8 25	8 15	8 17½
September	8 25	8 27½	8 20	8 20
Lard—				
May				3 75
July	3 80	3 80	3 77½	3 80
September	3 90	3 90	3 87½	3 90
Short Ribs—				
May				4 47½
July	4 50	4 50	4 47½	4 47½
September	4 55	4 55	4 50	4 50

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour easier. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 70⅞@71c; No. 3, 68@73c; No. 2 red, 88⅞@90⅞c. Corn—No. 2, 24⅝@24¾c. Oats—No. 2, 17¾@18c; No. 2 white, 22@23c f. o. b.; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 20@22c. Rye—No. 2, 34@34½c. Barley—No. 2 nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 28½@33c; No. 4, f. o. b., 26c. Flax Seed—No. 1, 76½@77¼c. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.85. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $8.20@8.25. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $3.75. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $4.40@4.70. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 5@5¼c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), 4⅞@5c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.19. Sugar—Cut loaf unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 9,000 bbls; wheat, 8,000 bu; corn, 125,000 bu; oats, 325,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 47,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 244,000 bu; corn, 259,000 bu; oats, 211,000 bu; rye, 19,000 bu; barley, 3,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 10@14c; dairies, 7@12c. Cheese weak, 8@8½c. Eggs firm; fresh, 8½c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 19.—Wheat opened with a better show of strength this morning, on cables showing an improved tone in Liverpool and London. The strength, however, was of short duration, for in less than fifteen minutes the advance was wiped out, after which the market ruled erratic and most of the time weak up to noon. There was too much good crop news and too little business to encourage bulls. There was a slackness, too, in the cash demand at all points East and South. The character of the trading was largely of the scalping order, with either side ready to run at a moment's notice. The news of the day was meager and mostly bearish in quality. Crop reports were nearly all favorable, with Kansas especially to the front with enlarged estimate. It is said, however, that whatever the crop may be in Southern Kansas and Oklahoma very little, if any, will ever reach Kansas City or St. Louis, for the reason that Missouri and Illinois millers have practicaly bought the crop, to be shipped as soon as the wheat is threshed. Ohio reports an improvement for the week, but Michigan reports the winter wheat turning yellow, caused by the ravages of the Hessian fly. With regard to the Northwest, the weather is pronounced as perfect from all quarters. Rains are reported from nearly all points in the spring wheat territory, and at a time when it will do the most good. The cash wheat demand was reported dead slack at Chicago and New York. Clearances from the seaboard were liberal, being about 300,000 bu. Chicago reported large shipments and a consequent large decrease in stocks for the week. San Francisco reports the hottest weather of the season and dry winds, which bodes ill for the growing crop.

July wheat opened at 71⅞c, against 71⅜c yesterday, sold down to 71¼c early, advanced to 71⅝c, lost ⅜c, gained ¼c, sold at 71½c, gained ⅛c, dropped to 63⅜c, firmed up to 64c, by 11:20 a. m., and by noon held at 71⅛@71¼c.

September wheat opened at 64¼c, being ¼c better than yesterday, lost ⅛c, firmed up to 64⅜c, sold at 64c, advanced to 64½c, lost ¼c, gained ⅛c, dropped to 63¾c, firmed up to 64c, lost ⅛c, firmed up to 64c by 11:20 a. m., and by noon held at 64c.

The cash wheat market was a little slow this morning. Offerings were larger than for some time. Low grades were very slow and hard to move. No. 1 northern on track or to arrive sold mostly at 1½c over July. Sales were made as per statement below. Receipts here were 269 cars and 17 cars shipped out.

The market during the noon hour was fairly steady, close to the low point of the day. Closing cables quoted lower markets in England and the continent. New York advised of 250,000 bu taken for export on cable orders and about fifteen loads worked for immediate shipment. It is announced that a large quantity of wheat was taken here today to go out and the probabilities are that it will be booked for Milwaukee. May wheat closed at 72¼c, July at 71⅝@71¾c and September at 64⅜@64½c.

RANGE OF PRICES.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Today.	Closing. Yes.
May	.....	.....	.....	72¼	72
July	71⅞	71⅞	71	71¾	71⅜
September	64¼	64½	63¾	64½	64

On Track—No. 1 hard, 74¼c; No. 1 northern, 73c; No. 2 northern, 71½c; May oats, 19½c; flaxseed, 72½c.

Curb on July wheat	71⅝
Puts on July wheat, sellers	71
Calls on July wheat	72½@72⅝

SOME SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 hard, 1 car	73¾
No. 1 northern, 10 cars	73
No. 1 northern, 5 cars	73½
No. 1 northern, 18 cars	72¾
No. 1 northern, 1 car, choice	73½
No. 1 northern, 6,800 bu, to arrive	72¾
No. 1 northern, 6,100 bu, to arrive	73⅛
No. 1 northern, 2,000 bu, to arrive	73
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, to arrive	73
No. 1northern, 1 car to arrive	72⅝
No. 1 northern, 1 car, to arrive	73⅝
No. 2 northern, 6 cars	71¾
No. 2 northern, 6 cars	71½
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	67
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	69
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	70½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	67
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, poor	65½
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	66
Rejected wheat, 1 car, f. o. b., 2 lbs off	62
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	57
No grade wheat, 2 cars, 2 lbs off	55
No grade wheat, 10 cars, 2 lbs off	63
No grade wheat, 4 cars, 2 lbs off	65
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	64
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off, hot	45
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	57
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	69
No grade wheat, 3 cars, 2 lbs off	58
No grade corn, 1 car	15
No. 3 corn, 1 car	20
No. 4 corn, 1 car	14
No. 3 oats, 1 car, to arrive	19½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to arrive	20½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to arrive	20
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	19½
No. 3 oats, 1 car	19⅜
No. 3 barley, 2 cars	25½
No. 5 barley, 1 car	24½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	25
No. 5 barley, 1 car	24¾
No grade barley, 1 car	24
No grade barley, 1 car	23¾

FLOUR.

Flour—Millers report some fair sales made yesterday and today, but on the whole the market is very quiet, in sympathy with wheat.

First patents	$4.10@4.30
Second patents	3.95@4.15
First clears	3.15@3.35
Second clears	2 10@2.30
Rye flour, per bbl, pure	2.00@....
Rye flour, XXX, per bbl	1.90@....
Rye flour, Standard, per bbl	1.80@....
Graham flour, per bbl	3.20@....

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Washburn, Crosby & Co. quote as follows today:

Bran in bulk	$5.75@6.00
Bran, 200-lb sacks	6.75@7.00
Bran, 100-lb sacks	7.25@7.50
Middlings in bulk	7.25@7.50
Shorts in bulk	5.75@6.00
Red dog, 140-lb sacks	9.50@10.00

The market continues very firm, owing to the improved export demand.

Corn—No. 4 corn, 17@18c.

Oats—No. 3 oats, 19½@20c; No. 3 white, to arrive, 20½c.

Rye—No. 2, 32¾c. No sales.

Barley—No. 3, 25½c; No. 4, 24¾@25c; No. 5, 25c.

Feed—Reported by the Diamond Elevator and Milling company:

Business is fair, with a demand at prices quoted. Bran is in fair demand.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only	$8.50@8.75
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks	8.75@9.00
No. 2 ground feed, ⅔ corn, ⅓ oats, 80-lb sacks	9.00@....
No. 3 ground feed, 2-3 oats, 70-lb sacks	9.25@....

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	No. 1hd	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	Rjd.	NG.
	Northern.					
G. N.—B. Div	35	8	..	1	3	
G. N.—F.F. Div.	1	..	..	1	1	
C., M. & St. P.	16	12	7	1	10	
M. & St. Louis	20	5	..	..	..	
Soo Line	20	..	..	..	..	
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	7	3	1	..	5	
Totals	99	18	8	3	19	

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 2 cars; No. 2 oats, 1; No. 3 oats, 32; no grade oats, 1; barley, 7; No. 5 barley, 3; no grade barley, 2; No. 1 flax, 5; rejected flax, 1; no grade afix, 2.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 northern, 46; No. 2 northern, 7; no grade, 2; No. 3 oats, 14; No. 1 flax, 5; rejected, 4.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 191,700 bu; corn, 6,800 bu; oats, 3,990 bu; barley, 9,440 bu; flax, 4,550 bu; flour, 308 bbls; millstuffs, 20 tons; hay, 101 tons; fruit, 136,200 lbs; merchandise, 1,244,770 lbs; lumber, 20 cars; posts, 13 cars; barrel stock, 4 cars; machinery, 244,750 lbs; coal, 226 tons; wood, 30 cords; brick, 35,000; lime, 2 cars; cement, 100 bbls; household goods, 40,000 lbs; live stock, 1 car; dressed meats, 40,000 lbs; hides, 24,000 lbs; railroad materials, 5 cars; sundries, 27 cars; total car lots, 579.

Shipped—Wheat, 11,900 bu; corn, 570 bu; oats, 12,000 bu; rye, 10,010 bu; flax, 6,180 bu; flour, 47,500 bbls; millstuffs, 1,492 tons; fruit, 45,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,724,430 lbs; lumber, 68 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 140,700 lbs; brick, 9,000; lime, 1 car; cement, 260 bbls; ties, 1 car; live stock, 1 car; railroad materials, 33 cars; sundries, 9 cars; totals car lots, 725.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., May 19.—The elevators loosened up this morning and made deliveries of May wheat amounting to about 2,000,000 bu. There is about a half million bu more to be delivered. Cash sales recorded today were 25,000 bu to mills at ¼c over July, and 20,000 bu to the elevators at ¾c to 1c over. The total cash sales probably ran to quarter of a million bu. The market opened at 73½c, an advance of ½c. It sold to 73⅝c, dropped to 72¾c and closed at 73¼c. Close: Cash No. 1 hard, 73¼c; No. 1 northern, 73⅝c; No. 2 northern, 71¼c; No. 2 spring, 66¼@67¾c; rejected, 50½@65½c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 74⅛c; No. 1 northern, 73⅝c; May No. 1 hard, 73⅞c; No. 1 northern, 73⅝c; July No. 1 northern, 73⅛c; September No. 1 northern, 66⅞c. Receipts, wheat, 255,583 bu; shipments, 229,004 bu; cars inspected, 254; last year, 109. Receipts—Corn, none; oats, 102,485 bu; rye, 2,910 bu; barley, 22,419 bu; flax, 24,071 bu; oats, close, 21½@21c; rye, 34½c; flax, 75½c.

Cash sales were as follows: 35,000 bu No. 1 northern, 74¼c; 12 cars No. 1 northern, 74c; 3 cars No. 1 northern, 73¾c; 3 cars No. 1 northern, 73½c; 1 car No. 2 northern, 73c; 4 cars rye, 34½c.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Quotations on hay, grain, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., commission merchants.

Wheat—The wheat market yesterday was again weak and lower. No. 1 northern, 72½@73½c; No. 2 northern, 71@72c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 23@24c; No. 3, 22@22½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 20@20½c; No. 3, 18½@19c.

Barley—22@25c.

Rye—32@34c.

Seeds—Timothy, 95c@$1.10; red clover, $3.80@4.40; flax, 73@74c.

Flour—Patent, per bbl, $3.80@4.30; straight, $3.65@3.80; bakers', $3@3.40; rye flour, $3@3.25; buckwheat flour, $2@2.50.

Ground Feed and Millstuffs—No. 1 feed, $8.50@8.75; coarse cornmeal, $8.25@8.50; bran, bulk, $6.50@7; shorts, $6.75@7.25.

Hay—Choice to fancy upland, $6.50@7.50; good qualities wild upland, $5@6; inferior qualities, $4@5, according to the quality and condition; No. 1 timothy, $7@8; oat and rye straw, $4@4.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP.

Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade:

The government wekely crop report says the weather has been generally favorable for grain, which has made good progress everywhere. In Minnesota cool weather has promoted stooling of wheat. North Dakota wheat seeding is practically finished. South Dakota wheat is doing well. Nebraska has had a week favorable for small grains. Kansas wheat is doing well. Missouri wheat heading in southern part of state. Iowa cornplanting will be completed by May 22. Indiana wheat improving. Ohio small grains doing well.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Hessian fly in wheat; turning yellow. Crop outlook much reduced.

London—English country markets firm. French firm. Cargoes, wheat rather easy; corn quiet. On passage, wheat rather easier; corn rather easier. Berlin wheat steady.

St. Louis—W. T. Anderson has an order this morning for 2,000 No. 2 red wheat from Columbia Mill company, of Boone county, Mo. This is one of the best wheat sections of the state.

Kansas City—There are sample cars of corn here from Nebraska showing the effect of corn weevil. It is said they are getting in their work effectively.

IOWA CROP REPORT.

DES MOINES, Io., May 18.—The past week was unseasonably cool, with a prevalence of northwest winds and less than the normal amount of sunshine. The average temperature was from three to five degrees below normal. There were light frosts in all districts, but no material damage has been observed. The rainfall was generally light, and in the northwest section warm showers would be beneficial to all crops. Fair progress has been made in preparing the ground for planting, and in all districts a considerable area has been planted, the amount ranging from one-third to three-fourths of the total acreage. With favoring conditions the bulk of the planting will be completed by the 22d. Reports indicate a probable corn acreage very nearly as great as that of 1896. The condition of spring wheat, oats and barley is generally satisfactory, though the growth has been retarded somewhat by cold winds. Grass is doing well. Apples, plums, cherries and small fruit are quite promising.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Flour—Receipts 69,559 bbls; exports, 4,809 bbls. Dull and weak, the only demand being for winter straits; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.35; do bakers, $3.45@3.65; winter patents, $4.55@4.80; do straights, $4.30@4.40. Rye flour quiet; cornmeal steady; barley quiet; barleymalt normal. Wheat—Receipts, 95,275 bu; exports, 132,306 bu; spot steady. Options opened firm, eased off and were dull and weak all day, closing with a sudden rally, on covering, at ⅜@¾c net advance. No. 2 red May 79⅛@79¼c; closed 79¼c; September, 72 5-16@73; closed 72⅞c. Corn—Receipts, 41,925 bu; exports, 6,814 bu; spot active for export; No. 2, 29⅝c; options opened steady with wheat, but sold off sharply under large offerings in Chicago, closing ⅛@¾c net decline. May closed 29⅜c; September, 31@31⅛c, closed, 31c. Oats—Receipts, 97,105 bu; exports, 81,584 bu; spot easier; No. 2, 22½c; options dull and barely steady, closing nominally unchanged.

DAILY WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
New York	95,275	132,306
Philadelphia	2,398	18,963
Baltimore	3,029	.....
Toledo	14,595	14,400
Detroit	2,430	5,000
St. Louis	5,373	9,240
Boston	352,054	69,745
Chicago	27,300	1,950
Duluth	255,583	229,004
Minneapolis	191,700	11,900
Kansas City	5,400	1,800

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 19.—Flour dull and lower. Wheat shade firmer; No. 2 spring, 72¼c; No. 1 northern, 78c; July, 70⅞c. Corn steady; No. 3, 24c. Oats weak and lower; No. 2 white, 21½@22½c. Barley steady; No. 2, 32@32½c; sample, 26@32c. Rye steady; No. 1, 35c. Receipts—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 27,000 bu; barley, 15,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 1,000 bbls; wheat, 2,000 bu; barley, 2,000 bu.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, May 19.—Close—Wheat—Futures steady; May, 5s 10d, ¼d higher; July, 5s 10d, ¼d higher; September, 5s 9d, unchanged. Corn—Futures steady; May, 2s 7½d, ¼d higher; June, 2s 7¾d, ¼d higher; July, 2s 8¾d, unchanged; September, 2s 10½d, unchanged.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 19.—Wheat better; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 90c bid; track, 93@94c; July, 75⅝c. Corn firm; No. 2 cash, 22¾c; July, 22⅝@22¾c asked. Oats firm; No. 2 cash, 20½c; July, 18⅝@18¾c.

PRODUCE.

ST. PAUL MARKET.

Butter—Creameries—							
Extras							.14
Firsts							.12½@.13
Seconds							.09 @.10
Hand separator							.12½@.13
Dairies—							
Extras							.12 @.12½
Firsts							.10 @.11
Roll and print, fancy							.08 @.08½
Ladles—							
Extras							.09 @.10
Firsts							.08 @.09
Packing stock							.06½@.07
Grease							.03 @.04
Cheese—							
Twins, fancy full cream, new							.11 @.12
Twins, common to fair							.07 @.09
Full cream, Young America, new							.11 @.12
Swiss cheese							.11 @.12
Brick, No. 1, new							.10 @.11
Brick, No. 2, new							.08 @.09
Eggs—							
Candled stock, fresh, cases included							.07¾
Beans—							
Fancy navy, per bu							.80 @.85
Medium hand-picked, per bu							.60 @.65
Yellow peas, per bu							.40 @.60
Green peas, per bu							.50 @.70
Potatoes—							
Home-grown, per bu							.20@ .25
Illinois sweet potatoes, kiln dried							1.50@1.75
Vegetables—							
Cabbage, California, per cwt							2.50
Tomatoes, per basket							.50
Radishes, per dozen							.20@ .40
Cauliflower, per dozen							3.00
Beets, per bushel							.40
Celery, per dozen							.25
Onions, home-grown, per bu							1.25@2.50
Rutabagas, per bushel							.40
Turnips, per bushel							.40
Mint, per dozen							.30
Lettuce, per dozen							.25@ .30
Carrots, per bushel							.25
Spinach, per bushel							.75@1.00
Cucumbers, per dozen							1.00
New Onions, per dozen							.08@ .10
Parsley, per dozen							.15
Oyster plant, per dozen							.40
Rhubarb, per lb							.06
Miscellaneous—							
Strawberries, 24-qt. cases							2.75@3.00
Apples—							
Common, bbl							2.00
Fancy eating, bbl							3.50@4.00
Spies, choice, bbl							3.50@3.75
Russets, choice, bbl							3.00@3.50
Lemons—							
Fancy Messinas, box							3.00@3.25
California, box							2.75@3.25
Oranges—							
California seedlings, box							2.75@3.25
California navels, box							3.50@4.00
Nuts—							
Hickory, bu							1.00
New California walnuts, lb							.09 @.11
Black walnuts, bu							.75
Chestnuts, lb							.10
Peanuts, raw, lb							.04½@.05
Peanuts, roasted, lb							.05½@.06
Brazils, lb							.08 @.10
Pecans, lb							.18 @.20
Filberts, lb							.10 @.12
Hazelnuts, lb							.05
Bananas—							
Choice shipping, large bunches							1.75@2.25
Figs and Dates—							
Figs, fancy, five crowns							.12 @.13
Figs, fancy, four crowns							.11 @.12
Fard dates, 10-lb boxes							.05 @.09
Hallowee dates, new							.06
Honey—							
White Clover							.12 @.12½
Extracted							.05 @.06
Maple syrup, gallon							1.00
Maple sugar, lb							.10 @.11
Apple Cider—							
Sweet, bbl							3.75@4.00
Sweet, half bbl							2.00@2.25
Hard, bbl							6.00@8.00
Hard, half bbl							4.50@5.00
(No charge for package or carriage.)							
Dressed Meats—							
Veal, fancy							.07 @.07½
Veal, medium							.06 @.06½
Hogs, country dressed							.03¼@.03¾
Mutton, country dressed							.06½@.07
Spring lambs, pelt off							.06 @.08½
Live Poultry—							
Young roosters							.06 @.06½
Hens							.07½
Ducks							.07 @.07½
Geese							.07 @.07½
Game—							
Canvasback ducks, dozen							3.00@5.00
Mallard ducks, dozen							2.50@3.00
Teal ducks, dozen							1.50
Common ducks, dozen							1.25
Woodcock, dozen							4.00@4.50
Squirrels, dozen							.75
Jack snipe, dozen							1.25
Bear carcass, hide on, lb							.10@ .12

MINNEAPOLIS MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 19.—Butter is a shade easier all around as a result of increased receipts. Retailers are taking supplies of creamery extras and firsts, but are not buying all received readily, which imparts an easy feeling to sentiment. Seconds are in heavy receipt and moving fairly well. The call for dairy goods of fine makes is excellent and anything having a grassy flavor is bought up quickly. Low grade dairies are going largely into packing stock, which is practically the only outlet in view of excessive supplies at present on the market. Ladies are firm and cleaning up satisfactorily. Packing stock is rather slow. Eggs are moving well, owing to free buying of retailers and cold storage people. One firm bought 125 cases on 'change today at 7½c, cases returned, which left cases included market 7¾c. Sales on the street are for small lots made a fraction higher. Live poultry market is firm on most articles. Chickens are cleaning up soon after arrival at good prices. Ducks and geese are scarce and wanted. Turkeys are in request at quotations. Veal is firm and current receipts light. Mutton and lamb are steady. Dressed hogs are strong at prices quoted.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Butter—Receipts, 12,004 pkgs; firm; Western creamery, 11@14c; Elgins, 14c; factory, 7½@10½c. Cheese—Receipts, 4,668 pkgs; steady; state large, 8¾@9¾c; state small, 9¾@10½c; part skims, 4@7¾c; full skims, 2½@3c. Eggs—Receipts, 14,312 pkgs; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 11c; Western, 10½@11c; Southern, 9@10c.

Chicago, May 19.—Eggs firm; fresh, 8½c. Live poultry slow; turkeys, 7c; chickens, 7c; ducks, 8c.

LIVE STOCK.

UNION STOCKYARDS.

Receipts—1,500 hogs, 650 cattle, 75 calves, 200 sheep.

Hogs—Barely steady. The quality was generally common and the market looked lower on that account. Representative sales:

No.	Wgt.	Dkg.	Price	No.	Wgt.	Dkg.	Price
1	350	..	$3 20	43	238	80	$3 40
4	410	..	3 20	15	206	40	3 40
4	385	80	3 20	24	207	..	3 40
3	340	..	3 20	46	216	80	3 40
1	350	..	3 20	68	303	120	3 45
3	366	240	3 20	68	241	160	3 45
4	387	160	3 20	56	186	120	3 45
5	360	80	3 20	56	218	40	3 45
6	388	80	3 20	11	156	..	3 45
1	440	..	3 20	8	126	..	3 45
5	356	..	3 20	74	200	80	3 45
6	341	160	3 20	69	177	..	3 45
6	396	..	3 20	69	204	120	3 45
2	405	..	3 20	9	204	..	3 45
4	355	80	3 20	60	214	80	3 47½
4	342	80	3 20	89	188	160	3 47½
3	236	80	3 25	54	219	..	3 50
29	319	80	3 42½	52	197	..	3 50
19	208	80	3 40	60	196	80	3 50
49	227	80	3 40				

Cattle—Steady on fat cattle; stockers and common stuff slow and weak. Owing to heavy declines at all other markets, stockers have declined 15@25c since last week. Representative sales:

No.	Wgt.	Price	No.	Wgt.	Price
3 steers	920	$3 90	1 cow		$35 00
5 cows	990	2 75	2 heifers	555	2 75
1 cow	920	3 00	1 cow	840	2 25
2 heifers	920	3 35	2 cws & 1 clf		62 50
8 stockers	410	3 90	4 cows		80 00
1 cow & clf		30 00	1 cow & 1 clf		26 00
2 steers	240	3 90	2 cows		52 00
8 steers	306	3 90	12 heifers	347	2 80
8 cows	926	2 65	5 cows	758	2 25
13 steers	276	3 90	2 bulls	710	2 85
8 steers	430	3 90	4 stockers	705	3 00
8 steers	395	3 90	1 cow	1,120	3 10
7 steers	407	3 90	2 cws & 2 cls		55 00
2 bulls	880	3 90	1 cow & 1 clf		25 00
7 cws & 7 cls	189	3 90	1 bull	740	2 90
5 cws & 3 cls	130	3 90	2 stockers	690	3 80
2 cows	65	3 00	1 stag	980	3 25
1 cow	28	3 00	2 steers	890	3 85
6 heifers	330	2 75	1 cow	1,070	2 40
2 cows	790	2 25	1 cow	920	3 25
1 steer	360	3 90	1 heifer	660	3 25
12 steers	660	3 80	4 cows	1,150	3 20
8 steers	367	3 80	1 calf	150	4 50
6 bulls	671	2 75	1 heifer	860	3 25
4 heifers	562	2 70			

Sheep—Steady.

MINNEAPOLIS.

NEW BRIGHTON, May 19.—Receipts, 600 hogs, 210 cattle, 17 calves, 62 sheep. Cattle—The market was steady on all good classes; common and inferior dull; the best stocker grades steady; sheep and buthchers' cattle steady and in firm demand. Sales: 1 heifer, wt 700 lbs, $2.60; 1 bull, 960, $2.60; 3 stockers, av 584, $4.25; 1 ox, 1,490 $3.25; 4 calves, av 350, $3.85; 10 oxen, av 1,420, $2.75; 2 bulls, av 1,025, $2.40; 8 stockers, av 450, $3.90; 1 stocker, 330, $4; 1 stocker, 400, $3.40; 2 cows, av 975, $2.25; 12 steers, av 1,013, $4.25; 1 cow, 870, $2.50; 1 bull, 900, $2.65; 6 stockers, av 487, $3.70; 2 yearlings, av 305, $4; 11 stockers, av 467, $3.90; 4 stockers, av 490, $3.50; 2 bulls, av 860, $2.95; 4 cows and 1 calf, $100; 1 cow and 1 calf, $28; 2 milch cows, $52. Hogs—Receipts were moderate; about steady with yesterday. Sales: 2 hogs, av 330 lbs, $3.10; 2 hogs, av 490, $3.20; 11 hogs, av 230, $3.45; 38 hogs, av 217, $3.45; 78 hogs, av 189, $3.47½; 78 hogs, av 191, $3.50; 70 hogs, av 221, $3.50; 13 pigs, av 128, $3.55; 3 hogs, av 409, $3.20; 30 hogs, av 245, $3.20; 27 hogs, av 211, $3.45; 29 hogs, av 276, $3.45; 29 hogs, av 197, $3.50; 48 hogs, av 215, $3.50. Sheep—A little trading, but not sufficient to make a market. Sales: 1 buck, wt 140 lbs, $2.75;