WHEAT IS STRONGER, BUT WITH BUYING SMALL

Firmness in Cash Article a Factor—Sentiment Mixed—All Gains Do Not Hold

WEATHER CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, May 5.—Advices received at the Weather Bureau this morning indicated the following weather conditions:

		Temperatures. High.	Low.
Canadian Northwest	clear	40	24
Upper West	clear	38	26
Middle West	clear	42	34
Northwest	clear	68	34
Upper Miss. Valley	precip.	70	42
Lower Miss. Valley	precip.	78	48
Ohio Valley	precip.	46	36

The following precipitation (in inches) was reported: .01 at Devil's Lake and Des Moines, .03 at St. Louis, .14 at Davenport, .30 at Cleveland and Cincinnati, .50 at Pittsburgh.

CHICAGO, May 5.—A small volume of buying strengthened the wheat market today. Firmness in the cash article was a factor. Sentiment, however, was mixed and operators were puzzled with regard to the outlook. Traders continued in the dark because of uncertainty over the question of Government control of food prices.

May opened 2½c higher as $2.75 and later sold at $2.76. July ranged from $2.21 to $2.20 at the start, compared with $2.19½, the final quotation of yesterday, and, after touching $2.22, receded ⅛c. September was quoted at $1.85⅝ to $1.85¼ at the opening, against $1.85¾, yesterday's last price, and, after rising to $1.87¾, declined ¾c.

The market at Liverpool was easier, influenced by the drop here yesterday and expectations of large world's shipments, India and Australia are offering more freely.

The receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth today were 336 cars, against 246 cars last year; at Winnipeg, 658 cars, compared with 892 cars; at Chicago, 45 cars, contrasted with 66 cars.

Corn opened lower on prospect of warmer weather, but rallied. The market at Liverpool was steady. The receipts here today were 101 cars.

Oats started easier but were helped by reports of Government purchases. The market at Liverpool was dull but easy. The receipts here today were 111 cars.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close.	Yes'day's Net Ch'ge.
Wheat—						
May	2.75	2.78⅝	2.73½	2.78½	2.72½	
July	2.21	2.23	2.19	2.21½	2.20⅝	
September	1.85¾	1.91	1.85¾	1.89¾	1.86½	
Corn (new delivery)—						
May	1.51¼	1.53⅛	1.51¼	1.53	1.51½	
July	1.43	1.44⅝	1.42⅝	1.44⅝	1.43⅝	
September	1.35¾	1.36⅝	1.35¼	1.36⅝	1.35¾	
Oats—						
May	66½	67⅝	66	67⅝	*66⅝	
July	63½	63⅝	63	63⅝	*63½	
September	54⅝	55¼	54⅝	55¼	*54⅝	
Lard—						
May	22.17	22.35	22.15	†22.30	†22.25	
July	22.32	22.50	22.30	†22.45	†22.35	
September	22.40	22.47	22.32	22.43	22.45	
Ribs—						
May	20.57	20.57	20.45	†20.45	†20.57	
July	20.70	20.72	20.55	†20.65	†20.75	
September	20.80	20.82	20.67	†20.72	†20.85	
Pork—						
May				†38.00	†38.25	
July	†38.50	38.40	38.25	38.30	†38.38	

*Bid. †Asked. ‡Normal.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 84,717 bush. The market ruled firm at the late decline. Demand was fair. Quotations: Car lots, in export elevator—No. 2 red, spot, $2.95@3; No. 2 southern red, $2.98@2.98; steamer No. 2 red, $2.91@2.96; No. 3 red, $2.91@2.96; rejected A, $2.87@2.92; rejected B, $2.83@2.88.

CORN—Receipts, 10,029 bush. The market ruled firm under light offerings, but trade was quiet. Quotations: Car lots for local trade, as to location—Western, No. 3 yellow, $1.70@1.71; do, No. 4 yellow, $1.68@1.69; do, No. 5 yellow, $1.66@1.67.

OATS—Receipts, 8367 bush. There was little trading and prices were again ½c lower. Quotations: No. 2 white, 78@79c; standard white, 77@78c; No. 3 white, 76@77c; No. 4 white, 75@76c.

FLOUR—Receipts, 277,200 lbs. in sacks. Demand was light and values were largely nominal. Quotations, per 196 lbs. in wood (cotton or jute sacks about 25c less): Winter, straight, $13@13.50; Kansas, clear, $12.75@13.25; do, straight, $13.50@14; do, patent, $13.75@14.25; spring, first clear, $12.25@12.75; do, patent, $13.25@14; do, favorite brands, $14.25@15; city mills, choice and fancy patent, $14.25@15.

RYE FLOUR was quiet and unchanged. We quote $10.25@11.25 per bbl., as to quality.

PROVISIONS

There was little trading, but values were firmly maintained. Quotations, City beef, in sets, smoked and air dried, 35c. Western beef, in sets, smoked, 35c. City beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air dried, 36c. Western beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked, 36c. Beef hams, $30@32. Pork, family, $45.50@46. Hams, S. P. cured, loose, 25½@25¾c; do, skinned, loose, 26¼@27c; do, do, smoked, 27½@28c. Other hams, smoked, city cured, as to brand and average, 26@26½c. Hams, smoked, western cured, 26@26½c. Shoulders, smoked, 19c. Pickled shoulders, S. P. cured, loose, 21c; do, smoked, 22c. Bellies, in pickle, according to average, loose, 27c. Breakfast bacon, as to brand and average, city cured, 33½c. Breakfast bacon, western cured, 33½c. Lard, western refined, tierces, 23¼c; do, do, tubs, 23½c. Lard, pure city, kettle rendered, in tierces, 23½c. Lard, pure city, kettle rendered, in tubs, 23½c.

REFINED SUGARS

The market ruled firm. Franklin took a little business at 7.50c, while the Pennsylvania Sugar Company would accept 8.75c. Refiners were restricting orders.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

CHEESE—Trade was quiet, but offerings were light and the market ruled firm. Quotations: New York full cream, fancy, new, 27½@27¾c; specials higher; do, do, fair to good, new, 26½@27c; do, part skims, 14@22c.

BUTTER—The usual Saturday quietude prevailed in this market, but prices were steadily held. Quotations follow. Western, fresh, solid-packed creamery, fancy specials, 44c; extra, 42@43c; extra firsts, 41c; firsts, 40c; seconds, 39½c; nearby prints, fancy, 43c; do, average extra, 43@44c; firsts, 41@42c; seconds, 40@40½c; special fancy brands of prints jobbing at 48@51c.

EGGS—The market ruled firm under light offerings and a fairly active demand. Quotations: Nearby firsts, $10.50 per case; nearby current receipts, $10.20 per case; western extra firsts, $10.35 per case; do, firsts, $10.20 per case; fancy selected candled eggs were jobbing at 29@40c per dozen.

POULTRY

LIVE was quiet but steady under moderate offerings. Quotations: Fowls, as to quality, 23@24c; stagy roosters, 18@20c; old roosters, 16@17c; spring chickens, not Leghorns, plump, yellow-skinned, weighing ¾@1¼ lbs. apiece, 42@44c; White Leghorns, weighing ¾@1¼ lbs. apiece, 37@40c; ducks, Pekin, 20@22c; do, Indian Runner, 17@18c; pigeons, old, per pair, 28@30c; do, young, per pair, 20@25c.

DRESSED—Offerings of desirable stock were light and the market ruled firm, but there was little trading. Quotations: Fowls, 23 to box, dry-picked, fancy selected, 26c; do, weighing 4½ lbs and over apiece, 25½c; do, do, 3½ lbs. apiece, 25c; do, do, 3 lbs. apiece, 23@24c. Fowls, in bbls., fancy, dry-picked, weighing 4½ lbs. and over apiece, 25½c; smaller sizes, 22@25c; old roosters, dry-picked, 21c; roasting chickens, western, dry-picked, in boxes, weighing 8@10 lbs. per pair, 27@28c; do, western, in boxes, weighing 7 lbs. per pair, 25@26c; do, do, in bbls., weighing 8@10 lbs. per pair, 27@28c; do, do, do, weighing 7 lbs. per pair, 23@25c; broiling chickens, western, in boxes, weighing 3@4 lbs. per pair, 28@32c; chickens, weighing 2½@3 lbs. per pair, 23@25c; do, mixed sizes, 20@22c; broilers, Jersey, fancy, 60@65c; do, other nearby, weighing 1½@2 lbs. apiece, 50@55c; turkeys, per lb.—Fancy, western, 32@33c; fair to good, 30@31c; old Toms, 29@30c; common, 25@28c; squabs, per dozen—White, weighing 11@12 lbs. per dozen, $4.25@4.85; do, weighing 9@10 lbs. per dozen, $3.60@4.10; do, weighing 9 lbs. per dozen, $3@3.10; do, weighing 7 lbs. per dozen, $2.50@2.75; do, weighing 6@6½ lbs. per dozen, $1.75@2.20; dark, $1.50@2.20; small and No. 2, 50c@$1.25.

FRESH FRUITS

The general market was quiet and without important change. Quotations: Apples, Ben Davis, per bbl.—$3.25@$4; Baldwin, No. 1, $3.75@4.50; do, ungraded, $3@3.50; Winesap, No. 1, $4.50@5; do, ungraded, $2.50@3.50; apples, northwestern, per box, fancy, $2@2.30; choice, $1.50@1.75; lemons, per box, $3@4; oranges, Florida, per box, bright, fancy, $2.50@4; Russet, fancy, $2@2.50; poor, 75c@$1.50; grapefruit, Florida, per crate, $3@4.50; pineapples, Porto Rico, per crate, $2.25@3; strawberries, North Carolina, per quart, 8@17c.

VEGETABLES

Choice stock met with fair sales and values generally were well sustained. Quotations were as follows: White potatoes, old, per bbl., $2.90@3.15; Jersey, per basket, $1.50@1.75; white potatoes, new, Florida, per bbl.—No. 1, $6@7.25; No. 2, $8.50@8.75; culls, $6@7; sweet potatoes, Eastern Shore, per bbl.—No. 1, $3@3.50; No. 2, $1.50@3; sweet potatoes, Delaware and Maryland, per hamper—No. 1, $1.75@2; No. 2, $1.25@1.65; culls, $1; sweet potatoes, per basket—No. 1, $1.25@1.75; No. 2, 75@$1; Onions, Texas, per crate—No. 1, $1.50@1.75; No. 2, $1.75@1.90. Cabbage, Florida, per crate, $3@3.50; do, California, per crate, $4@4.50; do, Danish, Norfolk, per bbl., $2@2.75; do, per hamper, $1.75@2. Kale, Norfolk, per bbl., $1.75@2.50. Cauliflower, California, per crate, $1.50@1.75. Rhubarb, California, per box, $1.25@1.50. Lettuce, Florida, fancy, per basket, $1@1.50; do, do, poor to good, per basket, 75c@$1; do, North Carolina, per basket, 50@75c. Celery, Florida, per 10-inch crate, $1@1.25. Beans, Florida, per basket—Green, $1.75@2; wax, $1.50@1.60. Eggplant, Florida, per box, $3@4. Peppers, Florida, per box, $4@5. Peas, Florida, per bushel, $1@1.50. Peas, Southern Virginia, per basket, 50@75c. Spinach, Virginia, per bushel, 75@$1. Beets, Florida, per basket, 75@$1. Carrots, Florida, per basket, 75@$1. Turnips, Florida, per basket, 75@$1. Cucumbers, Florida, per 1½ bushel crate, $2@2.50. Squash, Florida, per 1½ bushel crate, $1.50@2. Asparagus, Florida, per dozen bunches, $1@1.50. Asparagus, Southern, per dozen bunches, 75c@$1.50. Asparagus, home, per bunch, 10@15c. Beets, per bunch, 4@6c. Carrots, per bunch, 4@6c. Lettuce, Boston, per box, 50@75c. Lettuce, Philadelphia, per basket, 25@50c. Lettuce, leaf, per box, 3@5c. Onions, per bunch, 4@6c. Radishes, per dozen bunches, 25@50c. Radishes, Philadelphia, per 100 bunches, $1@2. Spinach, per bushel, 50@75c. Tomatoes, Florida, per 6-basket carrier, $2.50@3.50. Tomatoes, home, per lb., 20@25c. Watercress, per dozen bunches, 25@50c. Watercress, Philadelphia, per 100 bunches, $1@2. Cucumbers, home, per dozen, 50@75c. Mushrooms, per lb., 50@60c. Potatoes, sweet, per lb., 5@6½c. Potatoes, white, per lb., 3@4c. Potatoes, white, per bushel, 75@$1. Potatoes, sweet, per bushel, 75@$1. Potatoes, sweet, per 100 lbs., $3@3.50. Potatoes, white, per 100 lbs., $2.50@3. Potatoes, white, per 180 lbs., $3@3.50. Potatoes, white, per 200 lbs., $3.50@4. Potatoes, white, per 2 bushel bag, $1@1.50. Potatoes, white, per 3 bushel bag, $1.50@2. Potatoes, white, per 5 bushel bag, $2@2.50. Potatoes, white, per 7 bushel bag, $2.50@3. Potatoes, white, per 10 bushel bag, $3@3.50. Potatoes, white, per 15 bushel bag, $4@4.50. Potatoes, white, per 20 bushel bag, $5@5.50. Potatoes, white, per 25 bushel bag, $6@6.50. Potatoes, white, per 30 bushel bag, $7@7.50. Potatoes, white, per 40 bushel bag, $8@8.50. Potatoes, white, per 50 bushel bag, $9@9.50. Potatoes, white, per 60 bushel bag, $10@10.50. Potatoes, white, per 70 bushel bag,