

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

GULF STORM BOOSTS COTTON

Early Reports Excited Traders. But Skepticism Prevailed Until Later Reports of Damage from Rain and High Winds in Storm's Track—Close at Net Advance of 7 to 15 Points.

New York, Sept. 27.—The cotton market was more active to-day and ruled higher on bad weather reports with the close at net advance of 7 to 15 points.

The opening was steady at an advance of 2 to 4 points in response to higher calls and the reports that the Gulf storm had passed the cotton States and was moving northward toward the Atlantic and the Mississippi valley. Shortly after the opening the wire service with New Orleans was interrupted and rumors were circulated that a tidal wave had hit that city, causing extensive damage and excitement. Some of the local traders sold heavily on a scale up, expecting the market to react should the tidal wave story be verified, which it was toward the end of the day. The market closed off 4 or 5 points, the market rallied again on the reports of damage from rains and high winds in the track of the storm, and on the reports from various parts of the South that the cotton crop was being withdrawn pending accurate information as to damage. October was particularly firm on the advance, which at times reached 10 points, and there were rumors that the market would close to-morrow would be promptly stopped by Liverpool and spot interests. The close was within a couple of points of the best active month and steady in tone.

New York, Sept. 27.—Cotton spot closed quiet; 10 points advance; middling uplands, 2 to 3; middling gulf, 3 to 4; sales, 200 bales.

Futures closed steady. Prices ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Sept.	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
Oct.	8.91	9.05	8.90	9.02
Nov.	9.00	9.10	8.95	9.02
Dec.	9.18	9.25	9.15	9.22
Jan.	9.25	9.35	9.24	9.30
Feb.	9.40	9.45	9.35	9.45
March	9.40	9.45	9.35	9.45
April	9.40	9.45	9.35	9.45
May	9.40	9.45	9.35	9.45
June	9.50	9.57	9.40	9.55
July	9.55	9.60	9.55	9.60

Liverpool Cotton. Spot dull; prices 4 points higher; American middling, 5 to 6; good middling, 5 to 6; middling, 5 to 6; low middling, 5 to 6; good ordinary, 5 to 6; ordinary, 5 to 6. The sales of the day were 4,000 bales, of which 40% were for speculation and export and 60% for home consumption.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed very steady. American middling and

closed very steady. American middling, 5 to 6; October-November, 5 to 6; November-December, 5 to 6; December-January, 5 to 6; January-February, 5 to 6; February-March, 5 to 6; March-April, 5 to 6; April-May, 5 to 6; May-June, 5 to 6; June-July, 5 to 6; July-August, 5 to 6.

"Chin" Cotton Market. These prices represent the price quoted to wagons:

Good middling, 5 to 6; Strict middling, 5 to 6; Medium, 5 to 6; Good middling, tinged, 5 to 6; Stains, 5 to 6.

Estimates.

Sept. 27. To Last. New Orleans, 8.500; Houston, 12.500; Galveston, 10.000-21,000.

PORT MOVEMENT.

Gulfport steady.

New Orleans firm.

Houston, 12.500-18,000.

Galveston, 10,000-21,000.

Wilmington steady.

Baltimore nominal.

New York quiet.

Boston quiet.

Philadelphia steady.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston steady.

Augusta firm.

Memphis steady.

St. Louis steady.

Cincinnati firm.

Louisville firm.

New York Produce.

New York, Sept. 27.—Peanuts and

Grease Quiet and unchanged.

Petroleum—Irish-Easy. State per barrel,

Gasoline—Medium, 5 to 6.

Cabages—Steady. Long Island and Jersey.

My per 100, \$2.00-\$4.50.

New York, Sept. 27.—Flour—Firm but

quiet.

Rye flour—Firm.

Buckwheat flour—Steady.

Cornmeal—Firm.

Rye—Steady.

Dry Yeast.

White spots—Fitter. No. 2 red, 75 cents;

No. 3 red, 75 cents;

No. 4 red, 75 cents;

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