REVIEW OF THE BUTTER MARKET AT SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE WEEK ENDING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1925.

The butter market at San Francisco was no more than steady at any time during the week ending December 11th and the tone at the close was easy and unpractically low on the basis of a lower price reached in the United States on December 1st showing only 26,000,000 lbs. less than last year holdings also showing a reduction in the surplus and local holdings now exceeding those of 1924 by 93,567 lbs. This gain in totals was due largely to the store local supplies were also liberal and some surplus was reported by a few dealers eastern markets were weaker and lower offerings of foreign butter have resulted in an unsettled condition for the entire country. The closing price on 92 score was 45.80% compared with 0.5% for the same day last year.

REVIEW OF THE BUTTER MARKET AT NEW YORK, CHICAGO, PHILADELPHIA AND BOSTON FOR THE WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1925.

BUTTER MARKETS WEAKEH - The outstanding features of the butter markets during the week ending December 1st were a lack of confidence on the part of operators and the resulting quiet trading. Early in the week a fairly active buying price advances were registered on the top scores. This firmness was short lived, however, and by Wednesday all markets were again unsettled and signs of weakness were in evidence with price declines resulting on Thursday and Friday. Buyers at all times were exceptionally conservative and operated very close to their current requirements. In some quarters the lighter buying was attributed to a decrease in consumption. Accurate information relative to consumption is difficult to obtain but with many of the large distributors to consume remaining a loss in business, it is only reasonable to assume that consumption is falling off rapidly.

NO LARGE ACCUMULATION OF STOCKS - Although the markets were easy and unsettled sufficient trade to keep stocks fairly well cleaned up. At Chicago the top scores were in liberal supply and throughout the week the fine marks were moved only with considerable effort. Eastern markets, on the contrary, reported only limited quantities of fine butter and ample supplies of medium and lower scores. At all markets "Centralized" cars appeared to be in the weakest as buyers showed practically no interest on "Centralized" cars, especially the 88-89 scores.

PRODUCTION REPORTS SHOW INCREASE - There were indications of an increase in the "make" and although the supply on the markets was not large, the movement into consuming channels was slow and very unsatisfactory. The American Creamery Butter Manufacturers report for the week ending December 5th showed an increase over the corresponding week last year of 2.2% and an increase of 3.4% over the previous week. The increase is increasing. The reports only add to the already nervous and unsettled condition on the butter markets and to a large extent are responsible for the present declines.

STORAGE BUTTER SLOW SALE - WITHDRAWALS LIGHT - The week was quite liberal and in many instances sellers were inclined to offer concessions in order to effect sales. Buyers showed very little interest and trade on storage butter was dull. The out-of-storage movement at the four and the six markets since December 1st has been considerably lighter than during the corresponding period last year and under existing conditions of production and consumption little can be expected in the way of an increase in the rate of out-go. The cold storage report for the country, released on Friday showed holdings on December 1, 1925 of 74,813,000 lbs. as compared with holdings December 1, 1924 of 100,832,000 lbs. This reduced the shortage from 40,102,000 lbs. on November 1st to 28,019,000 lbs. on December 1st.

FOREIGN MARKETS SHARPLY LOWER - A further weakening factor in domestic markets particularly on future options, have been the abrupt price declines which have been registered in the past week in foreign markets. London markets ruled lower in anticipation of increased receipts, particularly colonial butter from Australia and New Zealand. Latest offers C.I.F. New York were as follows: Swedish 39%; Danish 41%; Argentine 34%; New Zealand 36%. Danish butter was weak in sympathy with a quotation of 340 kroner per 340 grams at Copenhagen. This is equivalent to 36.725 per pound, which is a decline of 4.48% from last week. While it is possible that only small amounts may be imported this month, yet the fact that butter can be bought in at or below the half-dollar level will tend to check any sharp advance in our domestic markets.

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