

Idaho Grain Market Report, Jan. 3, 2013

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2013. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	<u>Barley (Cwt.)</u>		<u>Wheat (bu.)</u>		
Ashton	NQ	(2-R) \$13.00 (6-R) \$13.00	NQ	NQ	NQ
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	NQ	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Idaho Falls	NQ	(2-R) \$13.02 (6-R) \$13.02	NQ	NQ	NQ
Blackfoot / Pocatello	\$11.56	(2-R) \$13.00 (6-R) \$13.00	\$8.00	\$7.46	\$7.79
Grace / Soda Springs	\$11.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$8.15	\$8.02	\$8.24
Burley / Rupert Hazelton	\$12.50	(2-R) \$13.02 (6-R) \$13.02	\$7.50-\$7.64	NQ	NQ
Twin Falls / Eden / Buhl	\$12.40	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$6.58	NQ	NQ
Weiser	NQ	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$10.35	(2-R) \$10.35 (6-R) \$10.35	\$7.69	\$8.36	\$8.65
Lewiston	\$10.60	(2-R) \$10.60 (6-R) \$10.60	\$7.88	\$8.55	\$8.84
Moscow / Genesee	\$10.40-\$11.75	(2-R) \$10.40 (6-R) \$10.40	\$7.65-\$8.40	\$8.32-\$9.07	\$8.61-\$9.41

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB

	#2 Feed 46 lbs. -- unit trains barge	Single rail cars- domestic	Malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein
Portland	NQ	NQ	NQ	Jan \$8.31¼ - \$8.40 May \$8.41-\$8.55	Jan \$9.03 ¾-\$9.10 ¾	Jan \$9.31¼-\$9.41 ¾
Los Angeles	\$14.75	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Stockton	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Tulare	\$14.75	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Ogden	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Great Falls	\$8.00-\$11.00	NQ	\$12.75	NQ	\$7.25-\$7.63	\$7.85-\$8.13
Minneapolis	\$10.42	NQ	\$15.00	NQ	\$8.66 (12%)	\$9.26 ½

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local barley prices were mostly lower this week, ranging from no change to 50 cents lower in southern Idaho and from 25 to 35 cents lower reported in northern Idaho. USDA reported that there were no barley export sales or shipments last week.

WHEAT – Local wheat prices were also mostly lower this week: SWW ranged from 15 cents higher to 77 cents lower; HRW ranged from 9 to 47 cents lower; and DNS ranged from 17 to 52 cents lower. USDA reported wheat export sales last week were within trade expectations at 400.4 TMT, down 60% from the previous week and 37% from the prior 4-week average. Cumulative wheat export sales now total 67% compared to a 5-year average of 74% for this time of year. Export shipments last week totaled 158.9 TMT, down 63% from the previous week and 58% from the prior 4-week average.

Wheat Competitor/Buyer News – The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange left its 2012/13 Argentine wheat production estimate unchanged this month at 9.8 MMT, which is well below USDA's latest estimate of 11.5 MMT. Wheat harvest is reported to be only 79% completed, compared to 93% a year ago. Egypt reported they have sufficient wheat stocks on hand for the next 6 months and their yearly imports will likely total 3.8 MMT, about a 1 MMT lower than earlier projected. **Import tender line up is modest...** Iraq for 50 TMT and Syria for 100 TMT.

CORN – Corn export sales were well below trade expectations at just 49.1 TMT, down 53% from the previous week and 63% from the prior 4-week average. Cumulative corn export sales now total 44% compared to a 5-year average of 56% for this time of year. Export shipments last week totaled 205.3 TMT, down 28% from the previous week and 35% from the prior 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported that U.S. ethanol production to 807,000 bbls per day, down 3.2% from the previous week and down 16.2% from a year ago. Corn used for ethanol last week totaled 84.7 million bu, slipping below the 86.7 million bu weekly pace needed to meet to USDA's annual projection of 4.5 billion bu in MY 2012/13.

Corn Competitor/Buyer News – Buenos Aires Grain Exchange pegs their corn area this year at 3.4 million hectares, down 12% from last year's record high plantings. Corn plantings are estimated to be only 82% completed in Argentina due to excessive moisture in November and December.

Futures market activity this week

U.S. economic trends – The monthly jobs report came in slightly better than expected today (Jan 4), showing the economy added 155,000 jobs in November. The unemployment rate held steady at 7.8%.

WHEAT – Wheat began the week mixed to weaker on Monday, under pressure from weak technical signals and very bearish export inspections. Wheat rallied early on Wednesday but gains leaked lower through the session on a sharply higher dollar and expectations of index fund rebalancing. Wheat closed mixed to modestly higher on Thursday on technical short covering. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 1/3/13 ...**

	Mar 2013	Weekly Summary	May 2013	Weekly Summary	Dec 2013	Weekly Summary
Chicago	\$7.55 ½	Down \$0.23 ¼	\$7.64 ¾	Down \$0.23 ¾	\$7.97	Down \$0.24
Kansas City	\$8.11 ¼	Down \$0.14 ¾	\$8.20	Down \$0.16	\$8.48 ¼	Down \$0.18 ¾
Minneapolis	\$8.46 ½	Down \$0.23 ¼	\$8.57 ½	Down \$0.21 ½	\$8.71 ¼	Down \$0.20 ¾
DNS						

CORN – Corn prices posted modest gains on Monday, shrugging off sluggish export inspections and a better than expected hogs and pigs inventory report which signals solid demand. Corn gave up its early gains on Wednesday under a combination of weak technicals and spillover pressure from soybeans and wheat which traded sharply lower. Corn finished modestly lower on Thursday in the face of little fresh supportive news and ideas that 2013 corn acreage will reach a record high 97.75 million. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 1/3/13 for Mar 2013 at \$6.89 ¼, down \$0.04 ¾, May 2013 contact at \$6.91, down \$0.05 ¾ and the Dec 2013 contact at \$5.87 ½, down \$.12 ¼ for the week.**

OTHER MAJOR FACTORS TO WATCH –

CRUDE OIL –Crude oil opened the week higher – closing up more than a \$1 to \$91.82 on Monday on ideas that progress was being made to resolve the end-of-year fiscal cliff which boosted risk taking sentiment. Prices continued to climb on Wednesday – up another \$1.30 to \$93.12 - on support from a finished congressional deal to permanently extend tax cuts for most Americans. **Thursday saw prices dip slightly below \$93 on profit-taking pressure and weakness in outside markets.** DOE's weekly crude oil inventory report showed crude oil stocks fell by a whopping 11.1 million bbls, compared to an expected decrease of 1.0 million bbls; distillates increased by 4.6 million bbls; and gasoline stocks increased by 2.6 million bbls.