

Idaho Grain Market Report, August 20, 2015

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	Barley (Cwt.) FEED 48 lbs or better	MALTING Open market malting	Wheat (bu.) Milling #1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% pro	#1 DNS 14% pro	#1 HWW
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	\$5.00 – 5.20		\$4.90 – 5.00	\$4.30	\$5.05	\$4.70-4.85
Idaho Falls	\$5.85	\$11.00-11.46	\$5.05 – 5.10	\$4.10	\$5.15	\$4.55
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	\$9.00	\$5.10	\$4.10	\$5.15	\$4.55
Grace / Soda Springs	\$5.75	NQ	\$5.11	\$4.21	\$4.96	
Burley / Rupert	\$6.00-6.10	\$11.46	\$5.10	\$4.10	\$4.88	\$4.70
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Wendell	\$6.25–7.00		\$5.15	NQ	NQ	
			Feed wheat			
			\$4.20			
Nampa – Weiser	\$6.56	NQ	\$5.12	NQ	NQ	
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$6.00		\$4.78	\$4.81	\$5.25	
Lewiston	\$6.50		\$5.04	\$5.07	\$5.51	
Moscow / Genesee	\$6.00-6.50		\$4.81 –4.99	\$4.84-5.03	\$5.28-5.52	\$5.08

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB

	#2 Feed 46 lbs. -- unit trains barge	Malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland			Ord protein \$5.51¼ -5.56¼ max 10.5% pro \$6.21¼ - 6.51¼	\$5.39¼ - 5.74¼	\$5.93¼ - 6.28¼	
Los Angeles	\$8.30-8.70			\$7.38 (12%)		
Tulare	\$8.30-8.70					
Ogden	\$6.35		\$5.46	\$4.45	\$5.50	\$4.75
Great Falls	\$5.00–5.25	\$10.00		\$4.18-4.51 (12%)	\$4.74-5.01	
Minneapolis	\$5.00	NQ		\$5.04¼	\$5.98½	

Market trends this week

BARLEY - Local feed barley prices ranged from steady to 30 cents higher, but mostly steady. Open market malting barley prices were steady. USDA reported barley export sales last week totaled 15 TMT to Morocco, which was actually recorded earlier this month as MY 2016/17 business. Export shipments totaled 100 MT to South Korea.

WHEAT – Wheat prices traded mixed this week: SWW prices ranged from minus 22 cents to plus 15 cents; HRW prices ranged from minus 25 cents to plus 15 cents; and HRS prices ranged from minus 26 cents to plus 15 cents. USDA reported wheat export sales were on the low end of trade expectations last week at 314.4 TMT, down 25% from the previous week and 49% below the 4-week average. Wheat export shipments last week were a marketing year high at 606.2 TMT, up 52% from the previous week and 46% above the 4-week average.

Wheat competitor / buy news – European wheat futures fell to a 3 month low this week before recovering on Thursday on expectations of record production in France, now pegged at 40.4 MMT. The EU granted export licenses for 563 TMNT of wheat this week, bringing year-to-date wheat exports to 2.9 MMT. SovEcon reported that Russia's wheat exports in July fell to 1.3 MMT, half of the pace of a year ago due to delayed harvest and confusion over their new export tax system. They expected wheat exports to increase to 2.5 MMT in August, which would be down 41% from a year ago.

The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange reported this week that Argentine wheat plantings are down 16% this year to 3.7 million hectares due to excessive rain at planting and 5-year low prices. Brazil tendered for 146 TMT of wheat this week, with 81 TMT expected to be supplied by the U.S.

CORN – USDA reported corn export sales were above trade expectations last week at 859.1 TMT (282.7 TMT for old crop which was up 84% from 4-week average and 576.4 TMT for new crop). Corn export shipments last week totaled 918.1 TMT, up 96% from the previous week but down 10% from the 4-week average. ProFarmer is conducting its Midwestern corn and soybean crop tour this week, which will wrap up in Iowa and Minnesota today (Thursday). There is a growing consensus among the trade and participants of this tour that corn yields and production will be BELOW USDA's August 12 estimates of 168.8 bpa and 13.686 billion bushels.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported weekly ethanol production held steady at 965,000 bbls per day, which is up 3% from a year ago. Corn used in ethanol production last week totaled 101.3 million bu, bringing cumulative use to 4.86 billion bu., which is trending about 10 million bu above USDA's current estimate for the marketing year which ends August 31. U.S. ethanol stocks were up slightly to 18.56 million bbls, which is nearly 2% above last year's level.

Corn competitor / buyer news – The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange reported this week that Argentine corn plantings are down 20% this year to 2.72 million hectares. Reports this week indicate that China will likely maintain its corn stockpiling program into next year but could lower intervention prices to make domestic supplies more competitive with imported feed grains. This could result in lower corn, sorghum and barley imports this coming year.

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WHEAT – Wheat prices began the week lower under continued pressure from ample world stocks, eroding European prices and strong dollar. Prices continued to chop lower on Tuesday under pressure from better than anticipated spring wheat crop conditions and harvest reports as well as weak demand. Wednesday saw mixed to lower prices in choppy trading as spillover pressure from soybeans was offset by support from a steep pullback in the U.S. dollar index after the Federal Reserve meeting minutes indicated that an interest rate increase was not likely in September. Wheat prices rebounded to finish solidly higher today (Thursday) on fresh technical buying and short covering triggered by a lower U.S. dollar. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 8/20/15...**

	Sept 2015	Weekly Summary	Dec 2015	Weekly Summary	Mar 2016	Weekly Summary
Chicago SRW	\$5.06 ³ / ₄	Down \$0.00 ¹ / ₄	\$5.11 ¹ / ₄	Down \$0.00 ¹ / ₂	\$5.15 ¹ / ₂	Down \$0.01 ¹ / ₄
KC HRW	\$4.81 ¹ / ₄	Down \$0.08 ¹ / ₂	\$5.01 ¹ / ₄	Down \$0.09 ³ / ₄	\$5.15 ¹ / ₄	Down \$0.08 ³ / ₄
MGE DNS	\$5.13	Down \$0.05 ¹ / ₂	\$5.27 ³ / ₄	Down \$0.06	\$5.44	Down \$0.05 ¹ / ₄

CORN – Corn futures began the week fractionally lower in narrow two-sided trading under pressure from continued speculative long liquidation driven by a favorable weather forecast. Corn finished modestly higher again on Tuesday and Wednesday on support from slow farmer selling and Pro Farmer crop tour reports of highly variable conditions and yield estimates which are trending below USDA's latest estimates. Corn prices finished modestly higher today (Thursday) on support from a weaker dollar and better than expected corn export sales. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 8/20/15... Sept 2015 contract at \$3.71 , up \$0.07 for the week, Dec. 2015 contract closed at \$3.82¹/₂, up \$0.07 and the Mar. 2016 contract closed at \$3.93³/₄ , up \$0.06³/₄ for the week.**

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil trading remained in a fairly narrow downtrend this week, with prices plunging to a 6 1/3 year low on Wednesday in the wake of heightened concerns about emerging markets as more countries devalued their currencies to try and remain competitive after China's surprise currency devaluation last week. DOE reported crude oil inventories rose last week by 2.62 million bbls, compared to an expected decline of 750,000 bbls. Distillates increased by 594,000 bbls while gasoline stocks fell by 2.708 million bbls. **Crude oil settled modestly higher today (Thursday) – up \$0.34/bbl to close at \$41.14, which is down \$1.36/bbl for the week.**

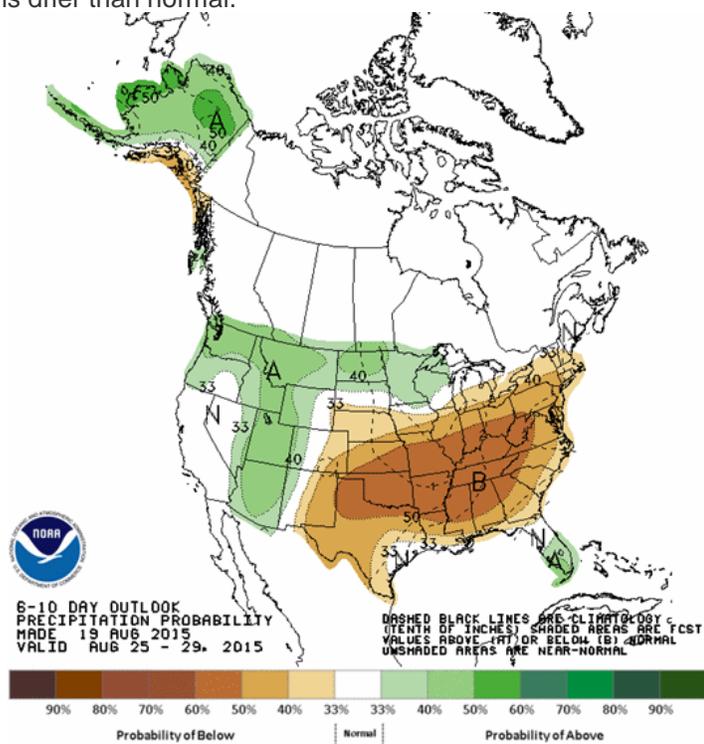
USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, August 17, 2015

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US barley	66% harvested	42%	29%	32%	65% g/ex	65%	62%

ID barley	57% harvested	39%	29%	31%	83% g/ex	84%	
US spring wheat	53% harvested	28%	15%	31%	70% g/ex	69%	72%
ID spring wheat	55% harvested	35%	23%	23%	67% g/ex	68%	
ID winter wheat	90% harvested	80%	69%	55%	43% g/ex		
Corn	71% dough 21% dented	50% 9%	68% 20%	66% 28%	69%	70%	72%

Weather/Crop Outlook –

- **U.S.** – PNW was warm and dry this week aiding spring grain harvest. Waves of strong showers moved through the Central U.S. early this week generating good rains across much of the Corn Belt. Conditions have turned cooler and drier into the weekend. **The 6-10 day outlook** – Extended forecast shows cooler than normal conditions across the West and Ohio River valley into the Great Lakes and near to above normal temperatures for the remainder of the country. Parts of the West and Upper Midwest may see normal to above normal precipitation next week, while rest of the country is drier than normal.



- **Canada** – More rainfall is in the outlook for next week which will delay harvest.
- **Europe** – After recent heat and moisture stress, corn areas in France and Germany expected to see some rain this week. Eastern Europe continued to see heat and moisture stress in summer crops.
- **Ukraine** – Better chances of rainfall next week. Corn production estimate is projected slightly lower due to recent hot and dry weather.
- **Argentina** – Only light rainfall is expected into the end of the month, after recent flooding across northern production areas which has lowered wheat planting estimates.
- **Australia** – Western and South Australia received rainfall this week and Eastern Australia is expected to see rainfall next week.