

**Idaho Grain Market Report, October 1, 2015**

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	<b>Barley (Cwt.) FEED</b>	<b>MALTING</b>	<b>Wheat (bu.) Milling</b>			
	<b>48 lbs or better</b>	<b>Open market malting</b>	<b>#1 SWW</b>	<b>#1 HRW 11.5% pro</b>	<b>#1 DNS 14% pro</b>	<b>#1 HWW</b>
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	\$5.00 – 5.50		\$5.03-5.15	\$4.36	\$5.36	\$5.03
Idaho Falls	\$5.85	\$9.38 - \$10.00	\$5.32-5.40	\$4.45-4.50	\$5.42-5.45	\$5.00-5.21
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	\$9.00	\$5.40	\$4.45	\$5.45	\$5.00
Grace / Soda Springs	\$5.80	NQ	\$5.32	\$4.41	\$5.42	
Burley / Rupert	\$6.00	\$9.38	\$5.32	\$4.36	\$5.07	\$4.96
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Wendell	\$6.80–7.00		\$5.40	NQ	NQ	
			<b>Feed wheat</b>			
			\$4.20			
Nampa – Weiser	\$6.75	NQ	\$5.75	NQ	NQ	
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$5.75		\$4.87	\$5.33	\$5.79	
Lewiston	\$6.25		\$5.13	\$5.59	\$6.05	
Moscow / Genesee	\$5.75-6.25		\$4.90 –5.04	\$5.36-5.50	\$5.82-5.96	\$5.50

**Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB**

	<b>#2 Feed 46 lbs. -- unit trains barge</b>	<b>Malting</b>	<b>#1 SWW</b>	<b>#1 HRW 11.5% Protein</b>	<b>#1 DNS 14% Protein</b>	<b>#1 HWW</b>
Portland			Ord protein Sept -NQ; Oct- \$5.37½ -5.41 <b>max 10.5% pro</b> Sept & Oct \$6.57½ - 6.82½	\$6.11¼	\$6.42¼ - 6.67¼	
Los Angeles	\$8.90-9.20			NQ (12%)		
Tulare	\$9.85 – 10.15					
Ogden	\$6.40		\$5.60	\$4.71	\$5.82	\$5.02
Great Falls	\$5.00–5.25	\$10.00		\$4.45-4.76 (12%)	\$5.08 - 5.22	
Minneapolis	\$5.21	NQ		\$5.31¼	\$6.37 - 6.47	

**Market trends this week**

**BARLEY** - Local feed barley prices were steady to 25 cents higher, but mostly steady this week. Open market malting barley prices were steady this week. USDA reported barley export sales last week totaled 100 TMT to Taiwan and export shipments totaled 600 MT, also to Taiwan.

**Final 2015 US & Idaho Barley Production** – 2015 U.S. barley production was pegged at 214.3 million bu, up 18% from last year. The national average yield was 68.9 bpa, down 5% from last year. Harvested area was 3.1 million acres, up 25% from 2014. **Idaho barley harvested acres were steady at 550,000 and production was up 3% to 53.35 million bu.**

**Quarterly BARLEY Stocks on Sept. 1** - U.S. barley stocks totaled 219 million bu, up 22% from last year, with June to August 2015 indicated disappearance of 74.4 million bu, down 11% from the same period a year ago. Idaho barley stocks are pegged at 48.1 million bu, up 11% from a year ago.

**WHEAT** – Wheat prices were higher this week: SWW prices ranged from steady to 12 cents higher; HRW prices ranged from 1 to 10 cents higher; and HRS prices ranged from steady to 4 cents higher. USDA reported wheat export sales were well below trade expectations at only 77.1 TMT – a marketing year low – and down 73% from the previous week and down 75% from the 4-week average. Wheat export shipments last week were solid at 564.4 TMT, down 8% from the previous week but up 3% from the 4-week average.

**Final 2015 US & Idaho Wheat Production** – 2015 U.S. wheat production was pegged at 2.052 billion bu, up 1% and **BELOW** the average pre-report trade estimate of 2.133 billion bu. The national average yield was 43.6 bpa, down very slightly from last year. Winter wheat crop was pegged at 1.37 billion bu, down 0.5% from last year, and other spring wheat was pegged at 599.1 million bu, up 0.7%. All wheat harvested acres were 47.1 million, up 1.5%. **Idaho wheat harvested acres totaled 1.135 million, down 5%, and production was pegged at 87.85 million bu, down 6%.**

**Quarterly WHEAT Stocks on Sept. 1** – U.S. wheat stocks were **BELOW** trade estimates at 2.09 billion bu, up 10% from last year, with June to August 2015 indicated disappearance of 716 million bu, up 1% from the same period a year ago. The average pre-report trade estimate for stocks was 2.149 billion bu. Idaho wheat stocks are pegged at 64.124 million bu, down 23% from a year ago.

**Wheat competitor / buyer news** – The EU raised their 2015 soft wheat production estimate by 4 MMT this week to 144.6 MMT, down 8% from last year’s record crop. Stats Canada will release an updated crop production report on Friday, but the trade is anticipating wheat production will be raised by 500 TMT to 25.1 MMT, which is down from 29.1 MMT last year. Russian wheat exports continue to lag in the new marketing year with cumulative exports at 8.3 MMT, compared to 9.9 MMT for the same period a year ago. However, Russian officials confirmed this week they were cutting their wheat export tax, which is expected to jumpstart their wheat export pace. Ukraine has exported 4.8 MMT of new crop wheat so far this marketing year.

**CORN** – USDA reported corn export sales were on the low end of trade expectations last week at 748.2 TMT, up 76% from the previous week. Corn export shipments totaled 813.8 TMT, up 2% from the previous week.

**Ethanol corn usage** – DOE’s Energy Information Agency reported an uptick in weekly ethanol production last week – up 5,000 bbls per day or 0.5% from the previous week to 943,000 bbls, which is up 7% from the previous year. U.S. ethanol stocks inched down slightly to 18.78 million bbls, down 0.6% from the previous week and down 0.2% from the previous year. Corn used to produce ethanol totaled 99.02 million bu, still running slightly below tpace needed to reach USDA’s projection for MY 2015/16 of 5.25 billion bu.

**Quarterly CORN Stocks on Sept. 1** – U.S. corn stocks were **SLIGHTLY BELOW** the pre-report trade estimates at 1.73 billion bu, up 41% from a year ago, and June to August 2015 indicated disappearance was 2.72 billion bu, up 4% from the same period a year ago. The average pre-report trade estimate for stocks was 1.739 billion bu.

**Corn competitor / buyer news** – The EU lowered their 2015 corn production estimate by 300 TMT this week to 58.4 MMT, down 22% from the year before. According to Ukrainian officials their cumulative MY 2015/16 corn exports have reached 1.4 MMT.

**Futures Market trends this week**

**WHEAT – Wheat futures** opened higher on Monday, boosted by continuing concerns about dryness in parts of the Black Sea winter wheat region and Australia, but finished lower under pressure from a broad stock market and commodity sell-off. Wheat markets continued to trade modestly lower on Tuesday in two-sided action on easing concerns about Black Sea dryness. But wheat posted a solid bullish reversal higher on Wednesday, with support from bullish USDA stocks and production reports. Both a bigger than expected cut in 2015 production and stronger implied usage were supportive. Follow-through technical and fund buying pushed wheat prices modestly higher again today (Thursday), but closed off of early session highs under pressure from dismal export sales. Cumulative wheat export sales are running at a 5 year low.

**Wheat market closes on Thursday, 10/1/15...**

	<b>Dec 2015</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>Mar 2015</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>May 2016</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>
Chicago SRW	\$5.18 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	\$5.24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.09 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$5.28 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.08 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
KC HRW	\$5.07 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Up \$0.07 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$5.21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.07	\$5.31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.07
MGE DNS	\$5.33 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	\$5.45 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.09 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	\$5.53 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Up \$0.07 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

**CORN** – Corn futures began the week modestly lower on pressure from outside market weakness and favorable harvest weather. Tuesday saw modest gains after trading in a fairly narrow trading range for most of the session, with support from short covering and positioning ahead of Wednesday’s USDA quarterly stocks report. After trading higher early in the Wednesday session, corn futures prices reversed modestly lower, under pressure from expanding harvest activity and a mostly neutral USDA stocks report. Corn finished mixed to fractionally higher today (Thursday), with solid export sales but very little other fresh supportive news. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 10/1/15... Dec 2015 contract at \$3.88¾, down \$0.00¼ for the week, Mar. 2016 contract closed at \$3.99¾, down \$0.00½ and the May 2016 contract closed at \$4.06¼, down \$0.01¼ for the week.**

**CRUDE OIL** – Crude oil futures traded in a fairly narrow range this week in line with movements in the dollar index and ongoing concerns about the weakening Chinese economic outlook and future energy demand. DOE reported crude oil inventories jumped more than expected – up 3.955 million bbls compared to an expected decrease of 500,000 bbls. Distillates decreased by 267,000 bbls compared to an expected decline of 800,000 bbls, while gasoline stocks increased by 3.254 million bbls, compared to an expected decrease of 500,000 bbls. DOE reported that supplies at Cushing OK declined by another 1.1 million bbls last week to a 6½ month low and domestic crude oil production fell by 0.4% to a 9¾ month low. **Crude oil finished \$0.35 lower on Thursday to close at \$44.74, which is down \$0.96/bbl for the week.**

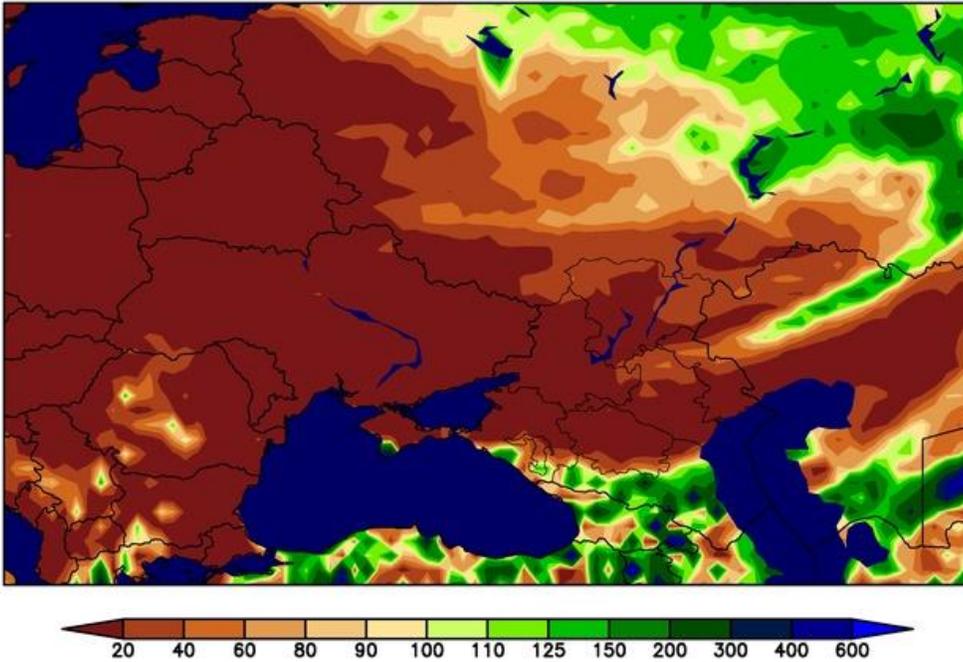
**USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, Sept. 28, 2015**

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US winter wheat	31% planted 7% emerged	19% NA	40% 13%	35% 11%			
ID winter wheat	<b>35% planted</b> <b>9% emerged</b>	<b>25%</b> <b>4%</b>	<b>46%</b> <b>4%</b>	<b>40%</b> <b>6%</b>			
Corn	71% mature 18% harvested	53% 10%	57% 11%	72% 23%	68%	68%	74%

**Weather/Crop Outlook –**

- **U.S.** – Warm dry conditions persisted across the Pacific Northwest this week. There were frost/freeze warning for the Dakotas this week but limited damage expected to summer crops. A band of showers spread across the Western and Central Corn Belt mid week, slowing harvest, but conditions are expected to be mostly cool and dry for the next several days. **The 6-10 day outlook** – Near to above normal temperatures for the western and eastern U.S. but cooler than normal for the Northern Plains and Upper and Middle Mississippi River Valleys. Precipitation is expected to be normal to above normal for most of the Midwest, except for the ECB.
- **Canada** – Mostly mild dry conditions this week aided spring grain harvest across the Western Prairies. Showers in the 6-10 day outlook may cause some late harvest delays.
- **Black Sea** – Winter wheat region remains very dry, but parts of Southern Russia expected rainfall on Thursday, which would benefit winter wheat planting and emergence. Ukraine remains unfavorably dry. The Black Sea region is expected to be mostly dry in the next 7 days as depicted in the map below.

Martell Crop Projections  
7-day GFS Precipitation Forecast (pct of normal)  
1 October 2015 – 7 October 2015



- **Argentina** – Southern wheat region received moisture this week.
- **Australia** – Trending drier.