

**Idaho Grain Market Report, February 25, 2016**  
 Published weekly by the Idaho Barley Commission, [kolson@barley.idaho.gov](mailto:kolson@barley.idaho.gov), 208-334-2090

**We will NOT publish this report on March 3 and 10.**

Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. 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	\$5.50-6.00		\$4.40			\$4.20
Idaho Falls	\$6.25	\$9.30 - \$9.38	\$4.30	\$4.20	\$4.71	\$4.45
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	\$8.35	\$4.30	\$4.20	\$4.71	\$4.45
Grace / Soda Springs	\$6.60		\$4.24	\$4.00	\$4.65	\$4.35
Burley / Rupert	\$6.00	\$9.38	\$4.26-4.50	\$3.74	\$4.56	\$4.29
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Wendell	\$6.20-6.25		\$4.15	NQ	NQ	
			<b>Feed wheat</b>			
			\$3.75			
Nampa – Weiser	\$6.45		\$4.39			
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$5.25		\$4.10	\$4.49	\$5.07	
Lewiston	\$5.75		\$4.36	\$4.75	\$5.33	
Moscow / Genesee	\$5.25-5.75		\$4.13–4.27	\$4.51-4.52	\$5.10-5.24	\$4.51

**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 Mar No bid <b>max 10.5% pro</b> Feb \$5.87-5.90	\$5.32 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> –5.42 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$5.95 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> - 6.05 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Los Angeles	\$9.75-9.95			NQ (12%)		
Tulare	\$9.75–9.95					
Ogden	\$7.10		\$4.54	\$4.30	\$5.00	\$4.70
Great Falls	\$5.50-5.75	\$10.00		\$4.17-4.29 (12%)	\$4.72–4.91	
Minneapolis	\$5.21	NQ		\$4.92 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$5.66 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> - 5.90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	

**Market trends this week**

**BARLEY** – Idaho feed barley prices ranged from plus 10 cents to minus 25 cents this week. Idaho malting barley prices ranged from steady to minus 20 cents this week. USDA reported there were no barley export sales or shipments last week.

**WHEAT** – Idaho wheat prices were lower this week: SWW prices ranged from 3 to 77 cents lower; HRW prices ranged from 16 to 27 cents lower; and DNS prices ranged from 9 to 18 cents lower. USDA reported wheat export sales were stronger than expected last week at 387.9 TMT (plus 98.3 TMT in MY 2016/17), up 53% from the prior week and up 77% from the previous 4-week average. Wheat export shipments were disappointing at 230 TMT, down 32% from the previous week and down 27% from the previous 4-week average. **At their annual US Ag Outlook Forum in Washington, D.C. this week, USDA projected U.S. wheat acres at 51.0 million (implying spring wheat acres will fall 5%), compared to an average trade estimate of 52.3 million. The average 2016 farm-gate wheat price was pegged at \$4.20/bu. 2015 wheat acres totaled 54.6 million.**

**Wheat competitor / buyer news** – EU is projecting their biggest wheat carryover in 7 years (French carryover biggest in 17 years). Russia shipped 1.5 MMT of wheat in January, with cumulative grain exports since July 1 totaling more than 25 MMT, up slightly from the same period a year ago. UkrAgoConsult is pegging the 2016 Ukrainian wheat crop at 17.3 MMT, down as much as 30% from last year due to poor winter wheat crop. At least one third of the winter wheat crop is considered to be in poor condition. Talk increased this week of an Indian wheat crop falling as low as 80-82 MMT due to adverse dry conditions this growing season, compared to 90.8 MMT last year. Egypt bought 300 TMT of wheat this week – Romania (120 TMT), Ukraine (60 TMT), France (60 TMT) and Argentina (60 TMT). Saudi Arabia issued a tender for up to 700 TMT of hard wheat this week, Iraq is tendering for 50 TMT of Jordan for 100 TMT.

**CORN** – USDA reported corn export sales were on the high end of trade expectations last week at 934.4 TMT (plus 131.8 TMT for MY 2016/17), down 11% from the previous week but up 10% from the previous 4-week average. Corn export shipments last week were a marketing year high at 870.7 TMT, up 19% from the previous week and up 36% from the previous 4-week average. **USDA is projecting 2016 corn acres at 90.0 million, compared to an average trade estimate of 89.7 million. The average 2016 farm-gate corn price was pegged at \$3.45/bu. 2015 corn acres totaled 88.4 million.**

**Ethanol corn usage** – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported another strong uptick in weekly ethanol production to 994,000 bpd, up 19,000 or 1.95% from the previous week and up 4.96% from the previous year. U.S. ethanol stocks slipped slightly to 23.1 million bbls, up 7% from the previous year. Corn used to produce ethanol last week totaled 104.4 million bu, above the weekly pace needed to reach USDA's revised projection of 5.225 billion bu for MY 2015/16.

**Corn competitor / buyer news** – UkrAgoConsult is pegging the 2016 Ukrainian corn crop at 24.5 MMT, up 7%, based on increased plantings (less spring wheat). There were two Colombian purchases of US corn reported by USDA this week – 100 TMT on Monday and 110 TMT on Wednesday. The Philippines and Thailand have purchased large quantities of feed wheat this week, cutting into global corn demand.

#### Futures Market trends this week

**WHEAT** – Wheat markets were weighed down this week by a stronger dollar, a sluggish export shipment pace and lack of North American weather concerns, pulling both Chicago and KC markets down to fresh contract lows. European wheat contract lows added to the negative tone. Wheat posted modest gains today (Thursday) on a lower dollar, better than expected U.S. wheat export sales and a lower than expected 2016 acreage estimate from the USDA Ag Outlook Forum – 51 million acres vs. trade expectations of 52.3 million. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 2/25/16...**

	<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>May 2016</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>July 2016</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>
Chicago SRW	\$4.45 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Down \$0.16 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	\$4.54	Down \$0.12 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$4.62 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Down \$0.11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
KC HRW	\$4.46 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Down \$0.10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$4.57	Down \$0.09 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$4.67 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Down \$0.09
MGE DNS	\$4.86 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Down \$0.07	\$4.91 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Down \$0.06	\$5.00 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Down \$0.05

**CORN** –Corn posted modest gains to start the week on support from a better than expected export shipment report (marketing year high) and favorable outside markets. Technical selling drove prices lower on Tuesday and Wednesday, triggered by lower crude oil and spillover weakness from wheat and soybeans. Corn futures ground modestly lower today (Thursday) to settle at 6-week lows under pressure from increased farmer selling and a bearish 2016 acreage estimate.

**Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 2/25/16... Mar. 2016 contract at \$3.55<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, down \$0.10 for the week, May 2016 contract closed at \$3.60<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, down \$0.08<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> for the week and the July 2016 contract closed at \$3.65<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, down \$0.08 for the week.**

**CRUDE OIL** – Crude oil trading remained volatile this week with underlying support from an uptick in domestic gasoline demand sparked by cheap prices (up 5% year/year) and lower U.S. production (down 4% to a 4 month low). On the bearish side, Saudi Arabia ruled out the possibility of production cuts but signaled that more countries appear willing to sign onto a deal to freeze crude output at January levels, with the notable exception of Iran which is gearing up for more production now that sanctions on that country's exports have been lifted. U.S. DOE Energy Information Agency reported domestic crude oil stocks continued to climb to an 86 year high (total stocks 507.6 million bbls) – up 3.502 million bbls last week, compared to an expected increase of 4.0 million bbls. Distillates fell by 1.66 million bbls, while gasoline stocks also fell by 2.236 million bbls. **Crude oil futures staged a late session rally today to settle at \$33.07/bbl on Thursday, up \$3.43 for the week.**