Idaho Grain Market Report, March 22, 2019—NEW CROP PRICES

Published weekly by the Idaho Barley Commission

lwilder@barley.idaho.gov 208-334-2090 www.barley.idaho.gov

Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. 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% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Rexburg / Ririe	6.75		4.29	4.79	5.31	4.94
Idaho Falls		8.30-8.33	4.00	5.00	5.00	4.90
Pocatello		7.06	4.00	5.00	5.00	4.90
Grace / Soda Springs	6.60		4.28	4.47	4.91	4.82
Burley / Rupert	6.50		4.32	4.94	5.05	4.94
Twin Falls / Buhl Jerome / Wendell	5.00-700		4.00-4.20	4.45	4.92	4.80
Nampa / Weiser			4.45			
Nezperce / Craigmont	5.21		5.10	5.29	5.96	
Lewiston	5.73		5.36	5.45	6.22	
Moscow / Genesee	5.24-5.43		5.13-5.20	5.22-5.29	5.99-6.06	

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash FOB

Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Barley prices in $/Cwt. And wheat prices in $/bu.

	#2 Feed Barley 46 lbs. --	Malting Barley	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland			5.90-6.30	6.16-6.31	6.81-6.96	
Ogden	7.50		4.60	4.80	5.25	5.20
Great Falls	7.00-7.40	8.75-9.00		4.94-4.96	5.46-5.59	
Minneapolis					7.77	

Market News and Trends This Week

BARLEY—Idaho cash feed barley prices were unchanged to up $0.50 in one location, and open market malt barley prices were unchanged to down $0.05 in one location for the week ending March 20, 2019. For the period March 8-14, USDA FAS reported net export sales reductions of 900 MT for 2018/2019 resulted in increases for Taiwan (100 MT), were more than offset by reductions for Japan (1,000 MT). For 2019/2020, total net sales were reported for Japan (1,000 MT). Exports of 200 MT were to Taiwan (100 MT) and South Korea (100 MT).

Barley Trends/ News—Fox News reported this week that what started out as a beer battle over Super Bowl ads earlier this year has gone into overtime with a lawsuit. The feud started when Bud Light ran several high-profile ads calling out MillerCoors products for using corn syrup. Bud Light then put up billboards in the heart of Coors country, along a busy highway running from where Coors brews in Golden, Colorado leading into Denver. The billboards read, "Coors Light uses corn syrup.", "Bud Light: We Don't", and "100% less corn syrup than Coors Light." On March 21, MillerCoors filed a lawsuit against Anheuser-Busch, which owns Bud Light, for the ads, calling them "false" and "misleading." According to a statement issued by MillerCoors, "Anheuser-Busch is fearmongering over a common beer ingredient it uses in many of its own beers, as a fermentation aid that is not even present in the final product. This deliberate deception is bad for the entire beer category. We are showing the world the truth." MillerCoors has called the campaign a "marketing ploy" which is not working, pointing to a decline in sales for Bud Light. Adam Collins, vice president of communications for MillerCoors, said, "it's (the corn syrup) really used only as a fermentation, which is the irony of all ironies, is that it's not actually in the final product that you drink." Bud Light claims it is about "transparency." According to the news report, the epic joust is far from over. MillerCoors just began an assault of its own with ads poking fun at Bud Light. To read the full article, go to: www.foxnews.com/food-drink/beer-battle-that-began-during-the-super-bowl-keeps-brewing.

Published by the Idaho Barley Commission weekly except for weeks with major holidays including New Year's, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Information included is from reliable sources and every effort is made to ensure accuracy on the date of publication, but no independent review has been made and we do not guarantee completeness or accuracy. Any use of this information is at your own discretion and risk. Editor: Laura Wilder, Administrator, Idaho Barley Commission, lwilder@barley.idaho.gov.

Market News and Trends This Week—continued

WHEAT—Idaho cash wheat prices were mixed at elevators around the state for the week ending March 20, 2019 but trended up overall. SWW prices ranged from down $0.15 to up $0.17 from the previous week; HRW prices were $0.01 lower to $0.20 higher; DNS prices were $0.03 lower to $0.28 higher; and HWW prices were $0.05 lower to $0.15 higher. USDA FAS reported net export sales for the week ending March 14, of 298,600 MT for delivery in the 2018/2019 marketing year for south Korea (75,500 MT), Sri Lanka (65,000 MT, switched from Singapore), Japan (38,500 MT), Mexico (35,300 MT, including decreases of 47,300 MT), and Taiwan (29,300 MT). For 2019/2020, net sales of 138,800 MT were primarily for the Philippines (9,800 MT), Colombia (27,000 MT), Nigeria (24,000 MT), and Mexico (22,300 MT). Exports of 357,000 MT were reported for the Philippines (63,700 MT), Japan (54,700 MT), South Korea (51,000 MT), Mexico (44,900 MT), and Colombia (33,600 MT).

Wheat Trends/Competitor News—Flooding in the Midwest looks to have a long-term impact on agriculture and the food industry in those areas. Rail transportation was disrupted and a number of grain elevators and processing operations were heavily damaged. Affected operations included an Ardent Mills' grain elevator in Fremont, Nebraska, U.S., where the town of more than 26,000 temporarily turned into a "virtual island," and Manildra Milling Hamburg in Hamburg, Iowa. As of this week, more than two-thirds of Nebraska's counties were in a state of emergency. It's too early to tell what the full impacts will be but there is on-farm grain storage that is under water and damage to infrastructure like roads and bridges in some areas. Also, in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's updated 3-month forecast maps released this week, extensive flooding is expected to remain in Nebraska, Iowa and surrounding regions through May and will become more dire in the coming weeks as water flows continue downstream. Expect a major impact on 2019 crops and grain industry infrastructure in this area.

CORN—USDA FAS reported net export sales for the week ending March 14, were 855,900 MT for Japan (346,800 MT), South Korea (193,500 MT), Mexico (127,400 MT), Taiwan (93,000 MT), and Guatemala (32,200 MT). Reductions were reported for unknown destinations (47,800 MT). For 2019/2020, net sales were reported for Japan (60,000 MT). Exports of 764,200 MT were primarily to Japan (277,900 MT), Mexico (138,300 MT), Taiwan (124,100 MT), Colombia (54,600 MT), and Guatemala (42,400 MT).

Ethanol corn usage—DOE's Energy Information Agency (EIA) reported ethanol production for the week ending March 15 averaged 1.004 million bbls/day – down .10% from the previous week and down 4.29% over last year. Total ethanol prod. for the week came in at 7.028 million barrels. Ethanol stocks were 24.412 million bbls on March 15, up 2.87% from last week and up 2.75% from last year. An estimated 103.6 million bu of corn was used in last week's production bringing this crop year's cumulative corn usage for ethanol prod. at 2.98 billion bu. The USDA estimates 106.554 million bu per week is needed for the total crop year estimate of 5.55 billion bu.

Futures Market News and Trends This Week—Week Ending March 21, 2019

WHEAT FUTURES—Wheat futures continued the welcome upward trend across the board with solid gains for the week ending March 21, 2019.

Wheat futures prices ranged from up $0.02¾ to $0.16¾ (per bu). Wheat futures settlement prices (per bu) for Thursday, March 21, 2019:

	May 2019	Week Change	Jul 2019	Week Change	Sep 2019	Week Change	Dec 2019	Week Change
CHI SRW	**$4.66½**	**$0.04¼**	**$4.71½**	**$0.03¼**	**$4.80**	**$0.03¼**	**$4.94¾**	**$0.03¾**
KC HRW	**$4.47**	**$0.04**	**$4.55¼**	**$0.03½**	**$4.66½**	**$0.03¼**	**$4.85¼**	**$0.02¾**
MGE DNS	**$5.71½**	**$0.16¾**	**$5.69**	**$0.11½**	**$5.73½**	**$0.09**	**$5.84¾**	**$0.07½**

CORN FUTURES—Corn futures also saw continued solid gains for the week ending March 21, 2019. **May 2019 contract closed Thursday, March 21 at $3.76¼, up $0.03 for the week; July 2019 contract closed at $3.85½, up $0.03¼; September 2019 contract closed at $3.91¾, up $0.03 from the previous week; and December 2019 closed at $3.98¾, up $0.02¾ for the week.**

CRUDE OIL FUTURES—This week's WTI oil market was supported by a tightening of global supply, OPEC-led production cuts and U.S. sanctions against key producers Iran and Venezuela. Concerns over demand continued to keep a lid on prices especially after the Fed cited on Wednesday a weakening domestic and global economy as two reasons for their decision to put future rate hikes on hold.

EIA reported U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 16.2 million bbls/day during the week ending March 15, 2019 178,000 bbls/day more than last week's average. Refineries operated at 88.9% of capacity last week. As of March 15, there was a decrease in Crude Oil stocks of 9.589 million bbls under last week to 439.483 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 449.390 million bbls. Distillate stocks decreased by 1.198 million bbls to a total of 132.242 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 137.389 million bbls; while gasoline stocks decreased by 4.587 million bbls to 241.503 million bbls, over the 236.438 million bbl 5-year average. The national average retail regular gasoline price was $2.548 per gallon on March 18, $0.077 higher than last week's price but $0.050 under a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price was $3.070 per gallon, down $0.009 per gallon from last week's level but up $0.098 over a year ago.

Oil Futures finished up for the week to close at $59.98/bbl on Thursday, March 21, 2019 (April contract), up $1.37 from the previous week.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report—NEXT REPORT TO BE RELEASED APRIL 1, 2019

The first weekly USDA Crop Progress and Condition Report for 2019 will be released April 1, 2019.

USDA U.S. Crop Weather Highlights—March 21, 2019

West—Wet weather across northern and central California. Warm, dry weather across the Northwest. Melting snow at low elevation causes rivers to rise.

Plains—Rain showers to affect Oklahoma and northern Texas. Warmer than normal weather throughout the northern High Plains, causing melting snow leasing to rising rivers.

Corn Belt—Cold rain through portions of the Great Lakes region southwestward into Missouri. Dry weather in the western Corn Belt. In some areas, levees have broken, leaving areas vulnerable to flooding until repairs can be made.

South—Cool, dry weather, reports of freezes as far south as central Carolina.

Outlook for U.S. Mainland— A developing storm system along the Atlantic Seaboard will result in heavy precipitation and high winds, starting on Thursday.in the middle and northern Atlantic States. Snow will accumulate across the northern Appalachians. Meanwhile, a weather system currently arriving in California will drift eastward, reaching the Plains by week's end. Five day precipitation totals could locally exceed an inch along the storm path, primarily from northern and central California to the central an southern Plains. BY early next week, a brief warm spell across the North will end amid the surge of colder air. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for March 2-29 calls for near or above normal temperatures and precipitation across most of the country. Colder than normal conditions should be limited to northern and central California, the Western Basin, and from the lower Great Lakes region in to the Northeast, while drier than normal weather will be confined to the nation's northern tier from the Lake Huron to northern New England.

International U.S. Crop Weather Highlights—March 21, 2019

Europe– Renewed dryness in Spain. Showers elsewhere..

Middle East– Rain and snow continue, maintaining an abundant to excessive moisture supplies for greening to vegetative winter grain from central Turkey to Iran.

FSU– Rain boosted moisture reserves for greening wheat near the Black Sea Coast. Winter wheat remained dormant from northern Ukraine into west central Russia.

Asia– Harvesting in South Asia. Unseasonably warm in Eastern China. Rainfall in Indonesia.

Australia– In Southern Queensland and northern New Sough Wales, rain slowed summer crop drydown and harvesting brought some much needed drought relief in advance of winter wheat planting.

South America– Beneficial rain continued throughout much of the region.

South Africa– Showers brought additional relief from western drought.

Northwest Africa– Intensifying drought in the West, favorable in the East.

United States Drought Monitor by the National Drought Mitigation Center—March 21, 2019

National Drought Summary for 3/21/2019 Summary:

Northwest– Free of drought.

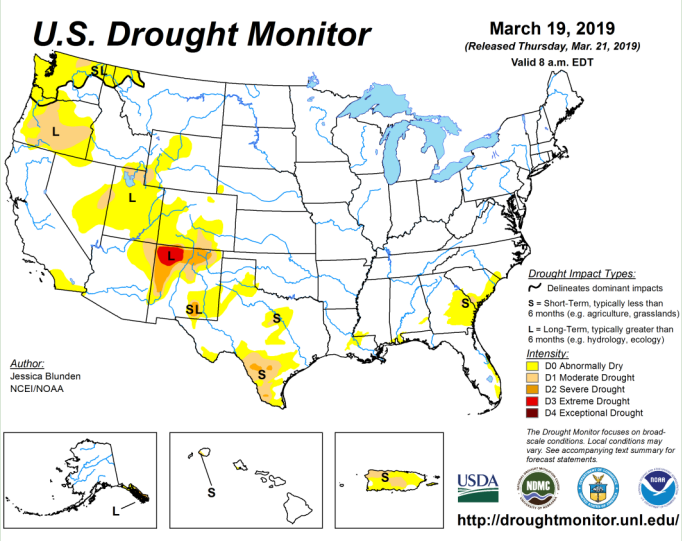
West– California emerge from the drought conditions. Drought and dryness conditions declined for some other western states.

South– Conditions improved in the Southern states.

Midwest– Free of drought or dryness.

High Plains– Most of the region is free of drought.

Looking Ahead– Light rain is expected over most of the U.S. The outlook for March 25-29 is showing above normal temperatures for the most of the central U.S and Pacific Northwest. Most of California, eastern Nevada and the Northeast may have below normal temperatures.



National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center
Three-Month Outlook of Temperature and Precipitation Probability, March 21, 2019
For the Months of APRIL, MAY and JUNE 2019