

Idaho Grain Market Report, April 4, 2013

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, April 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	\$12.00	(2-R) \$12.92-\$13.00 (6-R) \$12.92	\$7.75	\$7.01	\$7.61
Blackfoot / Pocatello	\$11.66	(2-R) \$13.00 (6-R) \$13.00	\$7.50	\$7.14	\$7.85
Grace / Soda Springs	\$10.50	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$7.59	\$7.44	\$7.75
Burley / Rupert	\$11.25-\$12.50	(2-R) \$12.92 (6-R) \$12.92	\$7.81-\$7.85	\$7.17	\$7.63
Hazelton					
Twin Falls / Eden / Buhl	\$11.50-\$11.60	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$7.40-\$7.60	NQ	NQ
Weiser	\$13.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$7.70	NQ	NQ
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$9.85	(2-R) \$9.85 (6-R) \$9.85	\$7.34	\$8.06	\$8.61
Lewiston	\$10.10	(2-R) \$10.10 (6-R) \$10.10	\$7.53	\$8.25	\$8.80
Moscow / Genesee	\$9.90-\$11.60	(2-R) \$9.90 (6-R) \$9.90	\$7.30-\$8.10	\$8.02-\$8.51	\$8.57-\$9.14

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	Apr \$7.95-\$8.11 ½ Aug NC \$7.30-\$7.50 ¼	Mar \$8.65 ¼ -\$8.55 ¼ Aug NC \$8.19 ¾ - \$8.24 ¾	Mar \$9.21 ½ -\$9.41 ½ Aug NC \$8.79 ¼-\$8.89 ½
Los Angeles	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Stockton	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Tulare	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Ogden	\$10.90	NQ	NQ	\$8.05	\$7.91	\$8.14
Great Falls	\$8.00-\$10.50	NQ	\$12.75	NQ	\$7.34-\$7.53	\$8.06-\$8.19
Minneapolis	\$10.21	NQ	\$13.02	NQ	\$8.15 ¼ (12%)	\$8.86 ½ - \$9.06 ½

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local barley prices were mostly lower this week, ranging from \$1.00 lower to \$1.00 higher in southern Idaho and \$.50 to \$.75 lower 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 56 cents lower to 15 cents higher; HRW ranged from 26 to 80 cents lower; and DNS ranged from 33 cents lower to 5 cents higher. USDA reported wheat export sales last week were below trade expectations and hit a marketing year low at 316 TMT (141.2 TMT for MY 2012/13 and 174.8 TMT for 2013/14), down 76% from the previous week and 78% from the prior 4-week average. Export shipments last week totaled 508.3 TMT, down 3% from the previous week and 25% from the prior 4-week average.

Wheat Competitor/Buyers News – Unconfirmed reports this week that China may have purchased as much as 1 MMT of SRW wheat from the U.S. recently.

CORN – Corn export sales last week were within trade expectations, at 387.3 TMT (354.3 TMT for MY 2012/13 and 33 TMT for 2013/14), up 20% from the previous week and also up considerably from the prior 4-week average. Export shipments last week totaled 565.9 TMT, up 47% from the previous week and 43% from the prior 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a modest uptick in U.S. ethanol production last week to 807,000 bbls per day, up 0.25% from the previous week but down 7.5% from a year ago. The market looked at these numbers as further evidence that ethanol margins are improving and demand will be increasing this spring. Corn used for ethanol production was estimated at 84.7 million bu, still below the weekly pace of 88.4 million bu needed to reach the USDA estimated usage for the year of 4.5 billion bu.

Corn Competitor/Buyer News – Reports this week that South Korean feed buyers were shopping for 450 TMT of feed wheat for summer shipment. The largest feed group bought 139 TMT of South American corn on Thursday.

Futures market activity this week

WHEAT – Wheat began the week sharply lower in follow-through selling from last Thursday's disappointing stocks report. Wheat prices reversed higher on Tuesday on concerns about this year's winter wheat crop, which the weekly crop condition report confirmed was only 34% good/excellent compared to 58% at this time last year. Wheat gained double digits on Wednesday on a combination of weather uncertainties, including mostly dry weather in the key HRW region and persistently cooler than normal temps this week, and ideas that U.S. wheat is cheap compared to its competition. Wheat reversed lower in choppy trading on Thursday, under continued spillover pressure from corn and soybeans, disappointing export sales and a stronger dollar. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 4/04/13 ...**

	May 2013	Weekly Summary	July 2013	Weekly Summary	Dec 2013	Weekly Summary
Chicago	\$6.94	Up \$0.06 ¼	\$6.99 ½	Up \$0.08 ½	\$7.22	Down \$0.33
Kansas City	\$7.21 ¾	Down \$0.05	\$7.28 ¾	Down \$0.03 ½	\$7.58 ¾	Down \$0.00 ¾
Minneapolis	\$7.86 ½	Up \$0.06 ¼	\$7.84 ½	Up \$0.04	\$7.94 ¼	Up \$0.04 ¾
DNS						

CORN – Corn posted sharp losses on Monday on heavy fund liquidation in reaction to last Thursday's bearish quarterly stocks report which put stocks nearly 400 million bu ABOVE average trade estimates. Corn traded both sides of unchanged on Tuesday after opening higher before succumbing to profit-taking and continued fund selling. Talk of oversold conditions pushed corn prices slightly higher on Wednesday in mixed choppy trading. Expectations of increased demand in reaction to lower prices provided underlying support. After opening higher on Thursday, corn finished double digits lower on profit-taking pressures which triggered additional technical selling. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 4/04/13 for May 2013 at \$6.30, down \$0.65** ¼, **July 2013 contract at \$6.18** ½, **down \$0.57** ½ and the **Dec 2013 contract at \$5.40, up \$0.01** ½ for the week.

OTHER MAJOR FACTORS TO WATCH –

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil prices traded in a narrow channel to start the week, with support from a lower dollar and pressure from closure of the Pegasus Pipeline in Arkansas which was expected to potentially expand the oil glut in the Midwest. Prices fell substantially on both Wednesday and Thursday in reaction to a bearish weekly crude oil stocks report and a series of disappointing U.S. economic data, including weaker than expected manufacturing and services indicators and weaker than expected monthly job growth. DOE's weekly crude oil inventory report continued to show a bigger than expected weekly gain in crude oil stocks at 2.702 million bbls, compared to an expected build of 2.05 million bbls – now a 22 year high; distillate stocks fell by 2.3 million bbls; and gasoline stocks fell by 572,000 bbls. **Crude oil prices closed at \$93.26 on Thursday – down \$1.19 - under pressure from a higher dollar and renewed concerns about economic uncertainties.**

U.S. crop weather – Conditions were mostly dry and cool this week, although another round of mostly light showers moved through parts of the Southern Plains mid week. Another storm system was expected to move through the Northern Plains over the weekend. The 6-10 and 8-14 day outlooks show above normal temperatures and precipitation for most of the country east of the Mississippi River. Some planting delays are expected in the south.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, April 1, 2013

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US winter wheat					34%	NA	58%
ID winter wheat					68%	NA%	85%