

Idaho Grain Market Report, April 20, 2017

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. 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	\$5.75		NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Idaho Falls		\$8.30 -8.33	\$3.45	\$4.00	\$5.35	\$4.10
Blackfoot / Pocatello		\$6.50	\$3.45	\$4.00	\$5.35	\$4.10
Grace / Soda Springs	\$5.50		\$3.37	\$3.29	\$5.10	\$3.89
Burley / Rupert	\$5.00		\$3.35	\$3.21	\$5.08	\$3.86
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Jerome / Wendell	\$5.50-6.30		\$3.35	\$3.30	\$5.00	\$3.85
Nampa – Weiser	\$5.50		\$3.75			
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$4.00		\$3.91	\$4.02	\$5.78	
Lewiston	\$4.50		\$4.17	\$4.28	\$6.04	
Moscow / Genesee	\$4.00-4.75		\$3.94-4.04	\$4.05-4.20	\$5.80-6.00	\$4.20

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 pro - \$4.39 - 4.75 max 10.5% pro \$4.37 - 4.75	\$4.91¼ - 5.06¼	\$6.32¼ - 6.72¼	
Los Angeles	\$8.65-8.80					
Tulare	\$8.65-8.80					
Ogden	\$5.85		\$3.80	\$3.70	\$5.60	\$4.30
Great Falls	\$4.75	\$6.00		\$3.91-4.07 (12%)	\$5.37-5.47	
Minneapolis	\$4.27			\$4.46¼ (12%)	\$6.32¼	

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local feed barley and malting barley prices remained steady this week. USDA reported no barley export sales or shipments last week.

WHEAT – Local wheat prices were mixed this week: SWW prices ranged from minus 20 cents to plus 5 cents; HRW prices ranged from 4 to 15 cents lower; and DNS prices ranged from 7 to 25 cents higher. USDA reported old crop wheat export sales were within trade expectations at 414 TMT (plus MY 2017/18 sales of 137.2 TMT), down 2% from the previous week and down 12% from the previous 4-week average. Cumulative wheat export sales have reached 99.1% of the USDA estimate for the marketing year which ends May 31, which compares to a 5-year average of 95.9%. Wheat export shipments last week remained strong at 740.8 TMT, up 17% from the previous week and up 26% from the prior 4-week average.

Wheat Competitor / Buyer News – Strategie Grains is estimating the EU's wheat ending stocks could be the lowest in 13 years at the end of MY 2016/17 to 10.1 MMT, down 37% from the previous year. The EU approved 336 TMT in wheat export licenses this week, bringing cumulative wheat exports to 19.6 MMT, compared to 24.1 MMT for the same period a year ago. A USDA Ag Attache is projecting the 2017 Russian wheat crop at 66 MMT, down 9% from last year's 72.5 MMT. The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange is projecting their Argentina's 2017 wheat crop will reach 17.5 MMT, up from

this year's 16.3 MMT based on increased plantings. Morocco is projecting their 2017 wheat crop will top 10 MMT this year, up 200% from the previous year.

CORN – USDA reported corn export sales were on the low end of trade expectations last week at 756.4 TMT (plus MY 2017/18 sales of 91.8 TMT), up 3% from the previous week but down 23% from the prior 4-week average. Cumulative corn export sales have reached 88.6% of the USDA estimate for the marketing year which ends Aug. 31, which compares to a 5-year average of 84.0%. Corn export shipments last week remained strong at 1.408 MMT, up 31% from the previous week and up 3% from the prior 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a modest turnaround in U.S. ethanol production last week – up 7,000 bbls last week or 0.7% to 993,000 bbls per day, which is up 5.8% from a year ago. Ethanol stocks are climbing as well, up 0.6% last week to 23.03 million bbls, up nearly 5% from the previous year. Weekly corn usage for ethanol remains strong at 104.3 million bu and cumulative corn use at 3.346 billion bu.

Corn Competitor / Buyer News – A report this week that Brazilian corn is being loaded at the Paranagua Port for shipment to the Eastern U.S. coast. This report indicates that the demand is being driven by higher aflatoxins in U.S. corn. China's planted corn acreage is projected to decline 4% this year to 87 million acres, the lowest in 6 years. China announced they are lifting curbs on corn refining which has been in effect since 2015. This is expected to spark strong industrial usage of corn this year and an expansion of future processing capacity (use projected up 9 MMT and capacity up 15-20 MMT), which combined with continued strong gains in domestic livestock feed use, could result in a 30 MMT drawdown in Chinese ending stocks in MY 2017/18. South Korean feed buying groups were active corn buyers this week (all optional origin). Turkey is tendering for 118 TMT of corn.

Futures Market trends this week

WHEAT – Wheat markets opened the week sharply lower on expectations of improving winter wheat crop conditions. Wheat markets managed a modest rebound on Tuesday in light short covering, with HRS leading the gains on a slow planting pace, but gains were short-lived as prices ground lower as the trade focus shifts back to ample world stocks and generally favorable weather across Northern Hemisphere production regions. Wheat prices finished sharply lower today (Thursday) to close at contract lows on ideas that all of the recent rain (with more in forecast for next week) will boost winter wheat yield potential. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 4/20/2017...**

	May 2017	Weekly Summary	July 2017	Weekly Summary	Sept 2017	Weekly Summary
CHI SRW	\$4.06 ¹ / ₄	Down \$0.23 ¹ / ₂	\$4.21 ³ / ₄	Down \$0.21	\$4.36 ¹ / ₂	Down \$0.19 ¹ / ₄
KC HRW	\$4.02 ³ / ₄	Down \$0.24 ¹ / ₂	\$4.15 ¹ / ₂	Down \$0.23 ³ / ₄	\$4.31 ³ / ₄	Down \$0.23 ³ / ₄
MGE DNS	\$5.27	Down \$0.03 ¹ / ₄	\$5.35 ¹ / ₂	Down \$0.03 ¹ / ₄	\$5.42	Down \$0.04 ³ / ₄

CORN – Corn finished moderately lower to start the week on spillover pressure and profit-taking sparked by easing concerns about planting delays. Corn prices continued to drift lower on Tuesday on ideas that producer selling is likely to accelerate on minor rallies this spring. Wednesday saw corn prices settle unchanged in choppy two-sided trading, featuring some light short covering offset by a higher dollar and late session collapse in crude oil. Corn settled modestly lower today (Thursday) on pressure from slumping wheat prices and a late session rise in the dollar. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 4/20/2017...** May 2017 contract at \$3.57³/₄, down \$0.13¹/₄ for the week, July 2017 contract closed at \$3.64¹/₄, down \$0.13³/₄ for the week and the Sept. 2017 contract closed at \$3.71³/₄, down \$0.12³/₄ for the week.

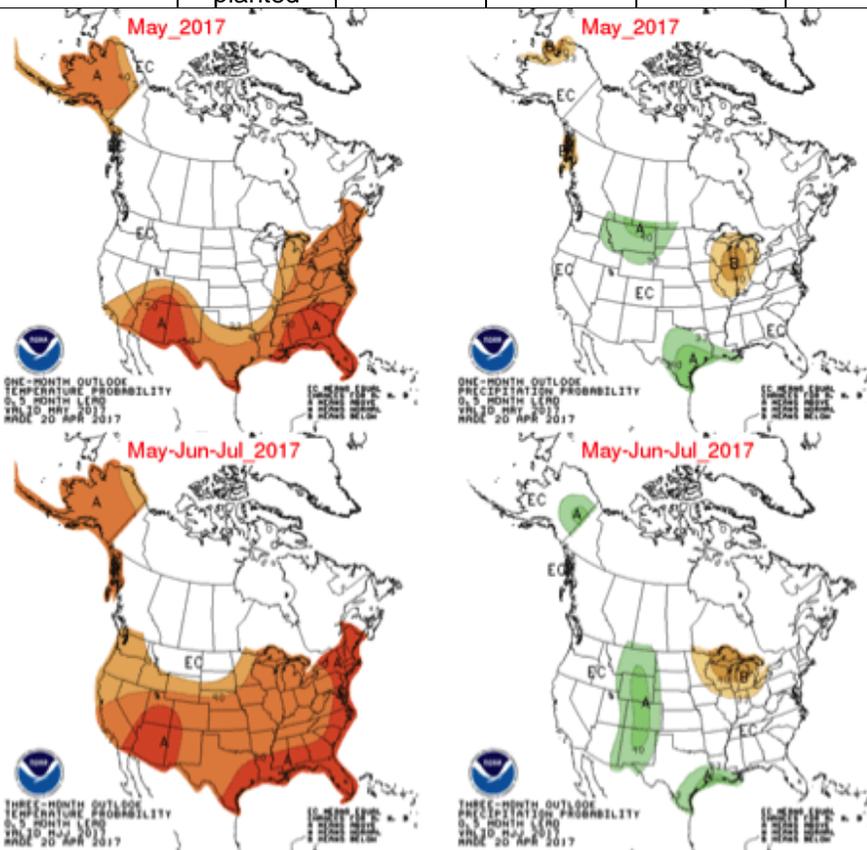
CRUDE OIL – Crude oil prices were under pressure for most of the week as traders focus on rising U.S. output which appears to be undermining OPEC's efforts to trim the global oil glut. OPEC ministers will meet on May 25 to discuss extending their current production cuts beyond June. The U.S. DOE Energy Information Agency reported domestic oil inventories fell by 1.034 million bbls compared to an expected decline of 1.4 million bbls. Distillate stocks fell by 1.955 million bbls, while gasoline stocks increased by 1.542 million bbls compared to an expected decline of 2.0 million bbls. **Crude oil futures finished down \$2.91/bbl for the week to close at \$50.27.**

Weather / Crop Conditions –

U.S. – Cool showery conditions prevailed across the PNW and Intermountain Regions this week. The extended outlook calls for this wet pattern to continue but temperatures are expected to warm along the southern edge. The Plains and Corn Belt saw showers track eastward through the central and eastern belts, except for pockets of dryness across the Southern Plains. The Northern Plains (Dakotas) remained cold and wet, delaying spring fieldwork. The 6-10 day outlook calls for above normal temperatures for much of the country except the PNW and northern tier and wetter than normal conditions across much of the west and central U.S.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, April 17, 2017

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US Barley	13% planted	9%	31%	28%			
ID Barley	40%	36%	51%	55%			
US Spring Wheat	13%	5%	25%	21%			
ID Spring Wheat	28%	19%	44%	55%			
US Winter Wheat	19% headed	9%	11%	13%	54% g/ex	53%	57%
ID Winter Wheat	0% headed	-	1%	-	69%	67%	92%
Corn	3% planted	NA	4%	3%			



EU – Winter grains in parts of England, France and Spain are starting to show dryness, pushing local prices to near 3 year highs. These areas are expected to see light showers next week. There was talk of unfavorably cold conditions in Germany this week.

Black Sea region – Conditions remain mostly favorable for winter wheat with good rains events in the nearby outlook. If these rains materialize, corn and barley could see planting disruptions.

South America – Argentina was mostly drier this week, although some northern production areas continued to receive rain.