

**Idaho Grain Market Report, April 21, 2016**

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**Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.**

	<b>Barley (Cwt.) FEED</b>	<b>MALTING</b>	<b>Wheat (bu.) Milling</b>	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% pro	#1 DNS 14% pro	#1 HWW
	<b>48 lbs or better</b>	<b>Open market malting</b>					
Rexburg / Ririe	\$5.80			NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Idaho Falls	\$6.00	\$9.01 - \$9.38		\$4.40-4.50	\$4.3804.60	\$5.25-5.36	\$4.80-4.90
Blackfoot / Pocatello Grace / Soda Springs	NQ \$6.75	\$8.15		\$4.40 \$4.20	\$4.60 \$4.09	\$5.25 \$5.15	\$4.80 \$4.74
Burley / Rupert Hazelton Twin Falls / Buhl / Wendell	\$6.00 \$7.00 new crop	\$9.38		\$4.00-4.25	\$4.08	\$5.30	\$4.73
Nampa – Weiser	\$6.53			\$4.87			
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$5.25			\$4.55	\$4.95	\$5.62	
Lewiston	\$5.75			\$4.81	\$5.21	\$5.88	
Moscow / Genesee	\$5.25-5.75			\$4.58-4.74	\$4.98-5.12	\$5.65-5.74	\$5.12

**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				<b>May Ord pro - \$5.18 -5.44½ May Max 10.5% pro- \$5.52 -5.64½</b>	\$5.78½ -5.83½	\$6.40½ - 6.60½
Los Angeles	\$9.10-9.35				NQ (12%)	
Tulare	\$9.10-9.35					
Ogden	\$7.25		\$5.65	\$4.70	\$5.65	\$5.60
Great Falls	\$5.00-5.50	\$10.00		\$4.57-4.73 (12%)	\$5.15-5.40	
Minneapolis	\$5.10	NQ		\$5.38½	\$6.30½	

**Market trends this week**

**BARLEY** – Local feed prices ranged from steady to 40 cents higher and open market malting barley prices were mostly steady this week. USDA reported no barley export sales last week but export shipments of 100 MT to South Korea totaled 100 MT to South Korea.

**WHEAT** – Local wheat prices were higher this week: SWW prices ranged from 20 to 46 cents higher; HRW prices ranged from 25 to 38 cents higher; and DNS prices ranged from 15 to 32 cents higher. USDA reported wheat export sales last week were well above trade expectations at 295.1 TMT (plus 325.6 TMT for MY 2016/17), up noticeably from the previous week and 57% above the 4-week average. Wheat export shipments last week also were stronger at 468.1 TMT, up 51% from the previous week and 34% from the 4-week average.

**Wheat Competitor / Buyer News** – EU granted export licenses for 712 TMT of wheat this week, bringing cumulative exports to 24.5 MMT, down 10% from the same period a year ago. Russian analysts are projecting the Russian wheat crop could top 62.5 MMT this year, which would be if realized their biggest wheat crop in eight years. UkrAgroConsult raised their Ukrainian 2016/17 wheat production estimate from 18.5 MMT to 19.8 MMT based on favorable growing conditions. Romanian crop conditions also are very favorable, prompting analysts to project their production will increase

by 12% to 21 MMT this year, just shy of their 2014/15 record. There is talk of Canadian wheat plantings falling this year from 24.2 million to 23.2 million acres.

**CORN** – USDA reported corn export sales were better than expected again last week at 1.203 MMT (plus 123.1 TMT for MY 2016/17), up 6% from the previous week and up 31% from the previous 4-week average. Corn export shipments last week reached a marketing year high at 1.284 MMT, up 27% from the previous week and 20% from the previous 4-week average.

**Ethanol corn usage** – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a positive, albeit modest, uptick in U.S.ethanol production last week to 939,000 bpd , up 1,000 bbls or 0.1% from the previous week and 0.97% above the previous year. Margins are reported to be positive for the first time in nearly 24 weeks. U.S. ethanol stocks fell slightly to 22.05 million bbls which is now 3% above the previous year. Corn used to produce ethanol totaled 98.6 million bu, still slightly above the weekly pace needed to achieve USDA's revised projection of 5.25 billion bu for MY 2015/16. Cumulative corn use for ethanol has reached 3.33 billion bu.

**Corn Competitor / Buyer News** – Brazil waived corn import tariffs from origins outside the Mecusor region (up to 1 MMT) which has sparked ideas that they will need to import corn from the U.S. after a too-aggressive export program last winter. A US sale of 136 TMT reported yesterday by USDA to an unknown destination is rumored to be a Brazilian buyer. Chinese corn imports in the first quarter of 2016 have fallen by 47% compared to the previous year (barley imports are down 64%) while DDGs imports improved in March.

#### **Futures Market trends this week**

**WHEAT** – Wheat markets surged higher this week on active short covering and fresh fund buying as investors look more favorably on commodity investments in the face of a weaker dollar and more favorable economic sentiments across the globe. Wheat finished sharply lower on Thursday under profit-taking pressures triggered by an overbought technical condition and a firmer tone in the US dollar. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 4/21/16...**

<b>May 2016</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>May 2016</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>July 2016</b>	<b>Weekly Summary</b>
Chicago SRW <b>\$4.95<sup>3/4</sup></b>	<b>Up \$0.36</b>	<b>\$5.03<sup>1/2</sup></b>	<b>Up \$0.36</b>	<b>\$5.12<sup>1/4</sup></b>	<b>Up \$0.35<sup>1/4</sup></b>
KC HRW <b>\$4.88<sup>1/2</sup></b>	<b>Up \$0.30<sup>3/4</sup></b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Up \$0.31<sup>3/4</sup></b>	<b>\$5.14</b>	<b>Up \$0.31<sup>1/2</sup></b>
MGE DNS <b>\$5.43<sup>1/2</sup></b>	<b>Up \$0.20</b>	<b>\$5.51<sup>1/4</sup></b>	<b>Up \$0.23<sup>1/4</sup></b>	<b>\$5.58<sup>1/2</sup></b>	<b>Up \$0.22<sup>1/4</sup></b>

**CORN** – Corn traded modestly higher on Monday and Tuesday, boosted by strong spillover support from soybeans and wheat, dryness in Brazilian crop and positive export news. Gains were limited by active farmer selling and rapid planting progress which might result in increased acreage. Corn posted double digit gains on Wednesday to trade at the highest level since July, on a continued surge in fund buying and positive technicals which have sliced through key resistance levels. Profit taking drove prices lower on Thursday, closing under the psychological level of \$4.00. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 4/21/16...** May 2016 contract at **\$3.84<sup>1/2</sup>**, up **\$0.06** for the week, July 2016 contract closed at **\$3.89<sup>3/4</sup>**, up **\$0.07<sup>1/4</sup>** for the week and the Sept 2016 contract closed at **\$3.89<sup>1/4</sup>**, up **\$0.07** for the week.

**CRUDE OIL** – Crude oil posted strong gains this week- reaching a 5<sup>1/4</sup> month high - despite an impasse among OPEC countries on a potential production freeze. Most of the support this week came from confirmation of lower U.S. oil production which fell to 8.95 million bpd last week, the lowest level since October 2014, and rig counts declining to November 2009 levels. U.S. DOE Energy Information Agency reported domestic crude oil stocks increased by 2.08 million bbls last week, in line with trade expectations. Distillates fell by 3.55 million bbls, while gasoline stocks unexpected fell by 110,000 bbls. **Crude oil futures (June contract) finished up \$2.82/bbl for the week at \$43.18/bbl.**

#### **USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, April 18, 2016**

<b>Crop</b>	<b>% Progress</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>	<b>5-Year Average</b>	<b>Condition rating % good/excellent</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
US Barley	33% planted	19%	38%	26%			
<b>ID Barley</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>54%</b>			
US Spring Wheat	27%	13%	31%	19%			
<b>ID Spring Wheat</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>55%</b>			

US Winter Wheat	12% headed	4%	13%	15%	57% g/ex	56%	42%
ID Winter Wheat	1% headed	-	1%	-	92%	92%	63%
Corn	13% planted	4%	7%	8%			

## Weather / Crop Conditions-

### U.S. -

- **PNW** – Warm and dry conditions prevailed this week, allowed rapid spring planting and good winter crop development. Cooler wet conditions are expected to arrive this weekend through the next 7 day period.
- **Northern Plains** – Much warmer and drier conditions prevailed, with some scattered showers early in the week.
- **Central/Southern Plains** – Another round of mostly beneficial precipitation early this week, although some areas have seen extreme weather conditions and localized flooding. Showers tapered off mid week except for areas of Texas which have seen the worst flooding in years. More showers are expected this weekend into the 6-10 day period.
- **Corn Belt** – Warm temperatures and widely scattered showers have slowed planting in some areas.
- **The 6-10 day outlook** – PNW will see cooler than normal temperatures while rest of the country experiences mostly normal temperatures. A wet pattern is expected for most of the country.

### INTERNATIONAL -

- **Europe** – Continued beneficial moisture and above normal temperatures are maintaining good to excellent winter grain prospects and good spring planting progress.
- **Black Sea region** – Warm and sunny conditions are promoting winter wheat growth and rapid spring planting. Showers this week across Southern Russia are maintaining excellent yield prospects.
- **Northern Africa** – Morocco winter grains are rapidly advancing toward maturity while Algeria and Tunisia grains saw favorably dry conditions this week after recent rains.
- **China** - The North China Plains received beneficial moisture across the northern growing region where winter wheat is in reproductive stage.
- **South America** – Mato Grasso received some beneficial moisture this week but most other second crop corn growing areas remained adversely hot and dry, lowering yield potential by as much as 8 MMT. Argentina has received 2-3 times the normal rainfall in recent weeks, causing localized flooding and crop deterioration, particularly for the soybean crop. The near term outlook calls for cooler and drier conditions.