

Idaho Grain Market Report, April 25, 2013

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, April 24, 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	\$11.50	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$7.75	\$7.35	\$7.98
Idaho Falls	\$11.50	(2-R) \$12.92-\$13.00 (6-R) \$12.92	\$7.90	\$7.22	\$7.76
Blackfoot / Pocatello	\$11.35	(2-R) \$13.00 (6-R) \$13.00	\$7.50	\$7.44	\$8.07
Grace / Soda Springs	NQ	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Burley / Rupert Hazelton	\$11.25-\$12.50	(2-R) \$12.92 (6-R) \$12.92	\$7.65-\$7.70	\$7.17	\$7.74
Twin Falls / Eden / Buhl	\$11.60	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$7.47	NQ	NQ
Weiser	\$12.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$7.50	NQ	NQ
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$10.10	(2-R) \$10.10 (6-R) \$10.10	\$7.01	\$8.13	\$8.65
Lewiston	\$10.35	(2-R) \$10.35 (6-R) \$10.35	\$7.20	\$8.32	\$8.84
Moscow / Genesee	\$10.15-\$11.75	(2-R) \$10.15 (6-R) \$10.15	\$6.97-\$7.80	\$8.09-\$8.96	\$8.61-\$9.47

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 \$7.70-\$7.75 Aug NC \$7.49 ³ / ₄ - \$7.54 ³ / ₄	Apr \$8.75-\$8.85 Aug NC \$8.16-\$8.31	Apr \$9.31 ¹ / ₂ Aug NC \$8.84 ¹ / ₂ -\$9.04 ¹ / ₂
Los Angeles	\$14.70	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Stockton	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Tulare	\$14.70	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Ogden	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Great Falls	\$8.00-\$10.50	NQ	\$12.75	NQ	\$7.45-\$7.70	\$8.18-\$8.29
Minneapolis	\$10.31	NQ	\$13.96	NQ	\$8.25 (12%)	\$8.46 ¹ / ₂

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local barley prices were mixed this week with 15 cents lower to 25 cents higher reported in southern Idaho and 25 cents lower to 25 cents higher reported in northern Idaho. USDA reported barley export sales totaled .3 TMT for Taiwan and shipments of .2 TMT for South Korea last week.

Barley Competitor/Buyers News – Stats Canada is projecting Canadian barley acres will be 7.2 million acres in 2013, down 2.2% from last year. However cold wet conditions may delay planting which could mean some acres don't get planted.

WHEAT – Local wheat prices were also mixed this week: SWW ranged from no change to 70 cents lower; HRW ranged from 16 cents lower to 16 cents higher; and DNS ranged from 1 cent lower to 20 cents higher. USDA reported wheat export sales last week were below trade expectations and hit a marketing year low at 306.4 TMT (71.7 TMT for MY 2012/13 and 234.7 TMT for 2013/14), down 87% from the previous week and 81% from the prior 4-week average. Export shipments last week totaled 542.3 TMT, down 23% from the previous week and 13% from the prior 4-week average.

Wheat Competitor/Buyers News – EU approved export licenses for 230 TMT of wheat, bringing their cumulative exports to 16.56 MMT, compared to 11.1 MMT the year before. Ukraine has lifted their wheat export restrictions, paving the way for as much as 500 TMT of old crop shipments this spring and summer. Russia also is assessing whether it can restart a wheat export program, with an expected 200 TMT available for export this spring and summer. Stats Canada is projecting Canadian wheat acres in 2013 at 26.6 million, up 12% the above the trade estimate of 24.4 million. Again, with delayed planting there is the possibility of some acreage left unplanted or switched to other crops.

CORN – Corn export sales last week were within trade expectations, at 335.9 TMT (314.7 TMT for MY 2012/13 and 21.2 TMT for 2013/14), down 21% from the previous week, but up 2% from the prior 4-week average. Export shipments last week totaled 322 TMT, up 7% from the previous week, however it was down 16% from the prior 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a turnaround in U.S. ethanol production last week to 853,000 bbls per day, up 2.5% from the previous week but down 1.4% from a year ago. Corn used for ethanol production last week totaled 89.6 million bu, while weekly use needs to total 90.91 million bu to achieve USDA's projection for the marketing year of 4.55 billion bu.

Corn Competitor/Buyers News – The Buenos Aires Grain Exchange revised their 2011/12 Argentine corn output lower this week to 24.8 MMT, compared to USDA's estimate of 26.5 MMT.

Futures market activity this week

Macro-economic trends – China and Germany both reported disappointing manufacturing data this week. There is a rising expectation that the European Central Bank may approve its own form of Quantitative Easing at next week's central bank meeting in light of recent sluggish economic data.

U.S. economic trends – U.S. economic data continued to be mixed this week ...equities climbed on mostly positive corporate earnings reports and better than expected new home sales. Existing home sales, on the other hand, were below expectations primarily due to declining inventory. Durable goods orders also fell 5.7%, considerably more than the expected decline of 3%. On the positive side, weekly jobless claims fell by 16,000 last week to 339,000, well below the expected level of 350,000.

WHEAT – Wheat began the week moderately lower on Monday from a combination of spillover pressure and technical selling. Tuesday saw wheat prices continue to slide but losses were limited by fears of more freeze damage from an expected freeze Wednesday morning. Wheat markets closed mixed, with KC leading the gains on ideas that an overnight hard freeze may have damaged as much as 50% of the HRW wheat crop, stretching from Central Kansas into the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles. Wheat markets finished stronger today (Thursday) on support from winter wheat crop concerns and spring planting delays, with none of the spring crop reported planted in North Dakota and Minnesota. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 4/25/13 ...**

	May 2013	<u>Weekly Summary</u>	July 2013	<u>Weekly Summary</u>	Dec 2013	<u>Weekly Summary</u>
Chicago	\$7.01 ¼	Down \$0.07 ¾	\$7.03 ¾	Down \$0.07 ¾	\$7.26	Down \$0.05 ½
Kansas City	\$7.63 ¾	Up \$0.17 ¾	\$7.61 ½	Up \$0.11	\$7.87	Up \$0.08 ¾
Minneapolis	\$8.23 ¼	Down \$0.02 ¼	\$8.08 ¼	Up \$0.02	\$8.12 ¼	Up \$0.04 ¼
DNS						

CORN – Corn started the week lower on Monday on improving weather outlook into next week in combination with beneficial moisture across the Western Corn Belt this week and technical selling. Corn posted further losses on Tuesday on ideas that planting progress will pick up significantly as conditions turn drier and warmer next week. However, losses were limited by the slow planting progress to date – only 4% of the crop was reported planted on Monday compared to 26% last year and 16% on average. Corn finished modestly higher on Wednesday, with light buying support from ideas that recent losses were overdone and overnight rainfall in the ECB was more than expected which will continue to push planting into early May. Corn finished moderately higher today (Thursday), on decent export sales and spillover support. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 4/25/13 for May 2013 at \$6.45 ¼, down \$0.06 ¾, July 2013 contract at \$6.24 ½, down \$0.08 ½ and the Dec 2013 contract at \$5.31 ¼, down \$0.15 ¾ for the week.**

OTHER MAJOR FACTORS TO WATCH –

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil prices posted a strong recovery this week, boosted by strong global equity gains and increased risk taking sentiment. DOE's weekly crude oil inventory report was mixed, showing crude oil stocks increased by 947,000 bbls, compared to an expected build of 1.5 million bbls; distillate stocks increased by 100,000 bbls, compared to an expected build of 500,000 bbls; and gasoline stocks fell by a surprising 3.928 million bbls, compared to an expected decline of 600,000 bbls. **Crude oil posted solid gains on Thursday – up \$2.21 to close at \$93.64 – on support from a lower dollar, favorable US labor market data and gains in global equities.**

U.S. WEATHER / CROP WATCH – Another storm system moved through the Northwestern Corn Belt and Northern Plains this week, further delaying planting. This slow moving system made its way eastward into the Ohio River Valley by

mid week, bringing greater than anticipated precipitation levels across the Eastern Corn Belt. **Central/Southern Plains** - Another hard freeze hammered hard red winter wheat crops across Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas early Wednesday, with crop watchers estimating that as much as 50% of the HRW wheat crop vulnerable to freeze damage, lowering yields by as much as 60 to 100 million bushels. Crop scouts will be touring the HRW wheat region in the next two weeks to assess damage. The 6-10 and 8-14 day weather outlooks call for drier and warmer conditions, although another storm system is expected to move into the Great Lakes region and Southeastern Plains next week.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, April 22, 2013

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US barley	23% planted	18%	43%	24%			
ID barley	56% planted	41%	59%	41%			
US spring wheat	7% planted	6%	52%	24%			
ID spring wheat	59% planted	48%	67%	47%			
US winter wheat	8% headed	4%	42%	19%	35%	36%	63%
ID winter wheat	18% jointed	13% jointed		9% jointed	78%	63%	80%
Corn	4% planted	2%	26%	16%			

INTERNATIONAL WEATHER / CROP WATCH -

- **Brazil/Argentina** – Continued showers across Brazil maintained excellent growing conditions for second crop corn while conditions were mostly dry in Argentina, favoring summer crop harvesting. Light showers moved through the region mid week.
- **Canada** – Cold and wet conditions persisted.
- **Europe** – Warmer than normal conditions this week boosted winter crop development and spring planting.
- **Black Sea Region** – Sunny, above normal temps favored spring planting across the northern regions, while mild dry conditions in the south promoted winter crop development and spring planting.
- **Northern Africa** – Hot drier conditions accelerated grain development, with crop conditions remaining favorable.
- **Middle East** – Warm and dry conditions persisted, favoring winter grain development. Showers across Israel and Iraq replenished soil moisture for reproductive grain crops.
- **China** – North China Plains received some light showers, boosting moisture for reproductive winter wheat.