

Idaho Grain Market Report, Nov. 16, 2017

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New CROP prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	Barley (Cwt.) FEED	MALTING	Wheat (bu.) Milling			
	48 lbs or better	Open market malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% pro	#1 DNS 14% pro	#1 HWW
Rexburg / Ririe	\$4.75-6.00		\$3.65	\$4.68	\$6.05	\$4.80-4.93
Idaho Falls		\$8.30 -9.06	\$3.80	\$4.40	\$6.00	\$4.60
Blackfoot / Pocatello		\$6.50	\$3.80	\$4.40	\$6.00	\$4.60
Grace / Soda Springs	\$6.00		\$3.72	\$3.97	\$5.96	\$4.57
Burley / Rupert	\$5.50		\$3.73	\$3.97	\$5.68	\$4.72
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Jerome / Wendell	\$5.00-6.25		\$3.65 – 3.75	\$3.90	\$5.96	\$4.75
Nampa / Weiser	\$5.50		\$4.00			
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$4.61		\$4.38	\$4.67	\$6.65	
Lewiston	\$5.13		\$4.64	\$4.93	\$6.91	
Moscow / Genesee	\$4.61-4.70		\$4.41-4.53	\$4.70-4.91	\$6.68-6.88	\$4.91

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB

	#2 Feed 46 lbs. --	Malting	#1 SWW Ord pro -	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland			\$5.18-5.35	\$5.72¾ –5.82¾	\$7.44¾ –7.54¾	
Los Angeles	\$8.65-9.00					
Tulare	\$8.65–9.00					
Ogden	\$6.50		\$3.92	\$4.30	\$6.36	\$4.87
Great Falls	\$5.25	\$7.50- 7.75		\$4.82-4.91(12%)	\$6.34–6.46	
Minneapolis	\$5.00			\$4.47¾ (12%)	\$7.64¾ -7.99¾	

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local feed barley were steady to 25 cents higher, but mostly steady while open market malting barley prices were steady this week. USDA reported barley export sales of 489.3 TMT for last week but no barley export shipments.

WHEAT – Local wheat prices were mixed this week: SWW prices ranged from minus 10 cents to plus 4 cents; HRW prices ranged from minus 12 cents to plus 16 cents; and DNS prices ranged from 5 to 24 cents lower this week. USDA reported weekly export sales were within trade expectations last week at 489.3 TMT (plus 30 TMT for MY 2018/19), down 37% the previous week and down 7% from the 4 week average. Wheat export shipments totaled 297.8 TMT, unchanged from the previous week but up 7% from the 4-week average.

Wheat Competitor / Buyer News – Russian Ag Ministry raised Russian wheat production estimate this week from 82 MMT to 83 MMT (USDA estimate 83 MMT). Argentine Ag Ministry pegged Argentina's wheat crop at 18-18.4 MMT, compared to USDA's latest estimate of 17.5 MMT, with exportable supplies pegged at 11.5-12.0 MMT.

CORN – USDA reported corn export sales were on the low end of trade expectations last week at 949.5 TMT (plus 5 TMT for MY 2018/19), down 60% from the previous week and down 34% from the 4-week average. Corn export shipments last week totaled 417.5 TMT, down 15% from the previous week and down 18% from the 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a modest downtick in weekly U.S. ethanol production after recent strong gains from improving processing margins – down 3,000 bbls or 0.3% to 1,054,000 bbls per day - which is 3.6% above a year ago. Ethanol stocks increased slightly to 21.497 million bbls, up 5.5% from a year ago. Weekly corn

usage for ethanol last week remained strong at 109.67 mbu, above the pace needed to reach USDA's estimate for MY 2017/18 of 5.475 billion bu.

Corn Competitor/Buyer News – U.S. ethanol industry is seeking trade retaliation against Brazil's new 20% import tariff on U.S. ethanol imports that surpass a duty-free quota of 158.5 million gallons. In the last marketing year 2016/17 Brazil represented the largest import market for U.S. market, importing 500 million gallons. Ukrainian corn crop is estimated at 74% harvested and crop estimates are expected to drop below 24 MMT and exports at 18-19 MMT. Ukrainian corn exports so far this marketing year total 2.4 MMT, down 18% from the same period a year ago.

Futures Market trends this week

WHEAT – Wheat opened the week lower under pressure from large global stocks and strong export competition, reinforced by a lackluster U.S. wheat export sales pace. Short covering pulled winter wheat futures modestly higher on Tuesday but gains could not be sustained as prices retreated on Wednesday on pressure from technical selling triggered by confusion about Egyptian wheat import specifications. Wheat finished mixed today (Thursday) with continued pressure from technical selling. **Wheat futures contract closes on Thursday, 11/16/2017...**

	Dec 2017	Week Change	Mar 2018	Week Change	May 2018	Week Change
CHI SRW	\$4.21½	Down \$0.10	\$4.38	Down \$0.11	\$4.49¾	Down \$0.11¾
KC HRW	\$4.17	Down \$0.16¼	\$4.34½	Down \$0.15½	\$4.47¼	Down \$0.14¾
MGE DNS	\$6.30¼	Down \$0.17¼	\$6.45¼	Down \$0.14	\$6.52	Down \$0.12¾

CORN- Corn posted minor losses to start the week in narrow choppy trading channel, under pressure from disappointing export shipments and more favorable South American weather outlook. Corn closed fractionally higher on Wednesday on technical buying and slow farmer selling, but prices retreated again today (Thursday) under pressure from weaker crude oil and bearish technicals. **Dec. 2017 contract closed on 11/16/2017 at \$3.36½, down \$0.07 for the week, Mar. 2018 contract closed at \$3.49, down \$0.07¾ for the week and May 2018 contract closed at \$3.57½, down \$0.07¾ for the week.**

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil futures chopped in a down channel this week, with pressure from an updated demand forecast from the International Energy Agency which trimmed 2017 global use by 100,000 mbu (up 1.5 million bpd from 2016) and 100,000 bpd from 2018 usage (up 1.3 million bpd). Increasing domestic stocks added to the negative tone, with the U.S. EIA reporting another unexpected build in domestic crude oil stocks last week – up 1.854 million bbls, compared to an expected decline of 2.2 million bbls. Distillate stocks decreased by 799,000 bbls, compared to an expected decline of 1.3 million bbls. Gasoline stocks increased by 894,000 bbls, compared to an expected decrease of 900,000 bbls. **Crude oil futures (Dec) finished down \$1.60/bbl for the week to close at \$55.14/bbl.**

U.S. Crop / Weather Conditions – Precipitation is overspreading the PNW and Intermountain regions, with significant mountain snow accumulations. Cold windy conditions persist across the Upper Northwest and Northern Plains. By contrast the Central and Southern Plains experienced mostly mild and dry conditions, promoting final winter wheat planting and corn harvest. Some areas across MO, KS, OK, TX have received less than 10% of normal rainfall the past two weeks, stressing winter wheat before dormancy sets in next month. Record setting warmth is expected this weekend ahead of a surge of cold air and rainfall. A wide band of rain stretched from the mid Mississippi River Valley into the Great Lakes region. The **6-10 day outlook** calls for drier than normal conditions across the Central U.S. and wetter than normal across the west.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, Nov. 20, 2017

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US Winter Wheat	95% planted 84% emerged	91% 75%	94% 83%	95% 83%	54%	55%	59%
ID Winter Wheat	100% planted 93% emerged	100% 92%	97% 90%	99% 90%	59%	56%	
Corn	83% harvested	70%	92%	91%			

IBC WEBINAR SERIES...

Dec. 1 at 8:30 a.m. MST – Winter 2018 Weather & Water Outlook featuring Troy Lindquist, NWS Senior Hydrologist. Log onto: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/720140886>

Dec. 14 at 8:30 a.m. MST – Five Common Mistakes in Grain Marketing featuring Ed Usset, University of Minnesota Center for Farm Financial Management – URL log-in to be announced before the webinar.

RECORDED 2017 GRAIN MARKETING WEBINAR... How to Write a Pre-Harvest Grain Marketing Plan, featuring Ed Usset, Univ. of Minnesota. Link at <https://umn.webex.com/cmp3200/webcomponents/jsp/docshow/closewind>

UI EXTENSION 2018 IDAHO AG OUTLOOK SEMINARS...

Dec. 5 – Idaho Falls – Pine Crest Event Center, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Dec. 6 – Burley, BW Burley Inn, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Dec. 7 – Caldwell, Best Western, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Pre-registration is requested: \$30 fee. Call UI Extension Ag Economist Ben Eborn at 208-847-0344 or email eborn@uidaho.edu

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