

Idaho Grain Market Report, August 6, 2020—NEW CROP PRICES

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday August 5, 2020. 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% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Rexburg / Ririe						
Idaho Falls		8.30-8.33	4.00-4.13	3.98-4.00	4.50-4.56	3.68-4.00
Blackfoot / Pocatello		7.06	4.00-4.13	3.98-4.00	4.50-4.56	3.68-4.00
Grace / Soda Springs	6.50		4.13	3.98	4.56	
Burley / Rupert						
Twin Falls / Buhl Jerome / Wendell	5.00-7.00		4.40-4.50			
Nampa / Weiser			NA			
Nezperce / Craigmont	4.71		4.60	4.71	5.25	
Lewiston	5.23		4.86	4.97	5.51	
Moscow / Genesee	4.74-4.93		4.63-4.75	4.74-4.87	5.28-5.40	

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash FOB

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	#2 Feed Barley 46 lbs. --	Malting Barley	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland			5.50-5.59	5.67-5.77	5.97-6.12	
Ogden	7.30		4.33	4.33	4.81	3.78
Great Falls	4.60-6.00			4.50-4.61	4.79-4.99	
Minneapolis					6.02	

Market News and Trends This Week

BARLEY—Idaho cash feed barley prices were unchanged for the week ending August 5. Idaho cash malt barley prices were unchanged for the week. Net barley sales of 600MT were reported to Japan by USDA FAS for the week of July 24-30. Exports of 300MT were reported to South Korea.

Barley and Beer Industry News—The Idaho Grain Producers Association, Oregon Wheat Growers League and Washington Association of Wheat Growers have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Tri-State Grain Convention previously scheduled for December 1-4 in Coeur d'Alene. The organizations expressed regret at taking this measure, but due to the uncertain timeframes of current group restrictions and financial implications of delaying a decision, it was the best choice for everyone involved. The three grower organizations expressed their sincere appreciation to the grower members, sponsors and exhibitors for continued during these uncertain times. State leadership and boards will continue their work on behalf of the association members as we head in to critical legislative sessions. The 2021 Tri-State Grain Growers Convention is slated for November 30-December 3, 2021 at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, WA and will return to the Coeur d'Alene Resort in 2021.

In other news, Idaho agriculture looks to the University of Idaho's Parma Research and Extension for crop research and soil testing. After being slated for closure in 2009, the center survived the financial crisis and university budget cuts. It has far from thrived though, according to Michael Parrella, Dean of the University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. However, support from Idaho stakeholders is helping boost plans for rebuilding facilities there. The Idaho Hops Commission pledged to contribute \$525,000 over five years toward the project, and the Idaho Bean Commission and Idaho Barley Commission each have agreed to pitch in \$25,000 over five years, according to MagicValley.com

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Market News and Trends This Week—continued

WHEAT—Idaho cash wheat prices were mostly down for the week ending August 5. SWW prices ranged from down \$0.30 to down \$0.07 from the previous week; HRW prices were down \$0.23 to down \$0.09; DNS prices were down \$0.10 to up \$0.02; and HWW prices were down \$0.09. USDA FAS reported net export sales for 2020/2021 for the period July 24-30 at 605,500 MT. Increases were to China (85,000 MT), Indonesia (78,000 MT), Brazil (63,500 MT), Thailand (61,200 MT), and Nigeria (51,500 MT). Exports of 598,100 MT were to Indonesia (115,500 MT), the Philippines (102,800 MT), Japan (91,200 MT), Mexico (60,500 MT), and South Korea (56,400 MT).

Wheat News—University of Idaho Extension cereals pathologist Juliet Marshall was initially pessimistic about East Idaho's grain crops, as many fields were set back by early season frost and an extremely wet spring. Throughout the bulk of the growing season, however, Marshall said conditions have been ideal for grain to fill out, and disease pressure has been much lower than she'd anticipated. As wheat harvest wraps up in the Treasure Valley and Eastern Idaho growers prepare to start cutting wheat and barley, Marshall is expecting slightly above average quality and yields. Grain prices, which continue to drop below what it costs most Idaho growers to raise their crops, remain a concern. "It's not a bin buster, but the quality is decent, with good test weight," Marshall said. In Magic Valley, growers are well into their winter grain harvest and preparing to start cutting spring grain. Marshall said the region's winter barley looks particularly good and the winter wheat crop appears to be a little above average. In western Idaho, a Mountain Home farmer estimates his yields have ranged from 120 bushels to 140 bushels per acre. While last year's grain crop was great, he said this year's crop should at least be good.

CORN—USDA FAS reported net export sales for 2020/2021 for period July 24-30 of 2,600,000 MT, increases were primarily to unknown China (1,937,000 MT), unknown destinations (276,000 MT), Mexico (252,500 MT), Colombia (84,000 MT), and Taiwan (18,500 MT). Exports of 685,500 MT were to Japan (296,700 MT), Mexico (184,700 MT), Colombia (84,000 MT), Peru (38,200 MT), and El Salvador (26,600 MT).

Ethanol Corn Usage—DOE's Energy Information Agency (EIA) reported ethanol production for the week ending July 31 averaged 931 thousand bbls/day –down 2.82 percent from the previous week and down 10.48 percent from last year. Total ethanol production for the week was 6.517 million barrels. Ethanol stocks were 20.346 million bbls on July 31, up 0.37 percent from last week and down 11.99 percent from last year. An estimated 93.32 million bu of corn was used in last week's production bringing this crop year's cumulative corn usage for ethanol production at 4.46 billion bu. Corn used needs to average 91.335 million bu per week to meet USDA estimate of 4.85 millions bu for the crop year.

Futures Market News and Trends—Week Ending August 6 2020

FUTURES MARKET SETTLEMENT PRICES for the Week Ending Thursday, August 6, 2020:

Commodity	September 2020	Week Change	July 2020	Week Change	September 2020	Week Change	December 2020	Week Change
CHI SRW	\$5.01¼	-\$0.30	\$5.08¼	-\$0.30½	\$5.16½	-\$0.29¼	\$5.22¼	-\$0.27½
KC HRW	\$4.17¼	-\$0.25¼	\$4.28¼	-\$0.24¾	\$4.39¾	-\$0.24	\$4.48¼	-\$0.25½
MGE DNS	\$4.96	-\$0.18	\$5.10¾	-\$0.17	\$5.25½	-\$0.15½	\$5.55¾	-\$0.14¾
CORN	\$3.11¼	-\$0.04¾	\$3.23¾	-\$0.03¼	\$3.35½	-\$0.02¾	\$3.43¾	-\$0.02¼

WHEAT FUTURES—Wheat futures prices plummeted on fears of large global stocks and fierce overseas competition. **Wheat futures prices ranged from down \$0.30 to down \$0.22½ (per bu) under the previous week.**

CORN FUTURES—Corn futures prices were down for the week with a large decrease in exports. **Corn futures prices ranged from down \$0.04¾ to down \$0.02¼ (per bu) under the previous week.**

CRUDE OIL FUTURES—Crude oil traders will use the upcoming U.S. jobs report to gauge the health of the world's biggest economy. There was a bit of surprise among energy traders August 6 when Brent crude broke its critical resistance price level trading above \$45, for the first time since the end of Q1, 2020. The surge in Brent crude came from the drawdown in U.S crude oil stockpiles. However, the sudden upward move in crude oil prices was capped over growing concerns that Covid-19 caseloads globally is on track to hit 19 million, and looks set to close in on 20 million caseloads if nothing is done soon, in curbing the deadly virus onslaught.

EIA reported U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 14.6 million bbls/day during the week ending July 31, 2020 was 42 thousand bbls/day more than last week's average. Refineries operated at 79.6% of capacity last week. As of July 31 there was a decrease in Crude Oil stocks of 7.373 million bbls from last week to 518.596 million bbls, over the 5-year average of 447.309 million bbls. Distillate stocks increased by 1.591 million bbls to a total of 179.977 million bbls, over the 5-year average of 141.912 million bbls; while gasoline stocks increased by 0.419 million bbls to 247.806 million bbls, over the 230.202 million bbl 5-year average. The national average retail regular gasoline price was \$2.176 per gallon on August 3, \$0.001 higher than last week's price and \$0.512 under a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price was \$2.424 per gallon, down \$0.003 per gallon from last week's level and down \$0.608 from a year ago.

NYMEX Crude Oil Futures finished the week ending Thursday, August 6, 2020 to close at \$41.95/bbl (September contract), up \$1.68 for the week.

USDA Crop Progress/Condition Report—August 3, 2020

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition Rating % Good/Excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US Winter Wheat Harvested	85%	81%	80%	88%	-	-	-
ID Winter Wheat Harvested	21%	13%	12%	33%	-	-	-
US Spring Wheat Harvested	5%	1%	2%	10%	73%	70%	73%
ID Spring Wheat Harvested	7%	1%	1%	9%	83%	88%	-
US Barley Headed	96%	88%	94%	97%	80%	75%	77%
ID Barley Headed	97%	85%	93%	95%	90%	72%	-
Corn Silking	92%	82%	72%	87%	72%	72%	57%
Corn Dough	39%	22%	20%	33%			

USDA U.S. Crop Weather Highlights—August 6, 2020

West—Cool conditions across the Pacific Coast States. Hot conditions in Wyoming and the Four Corner States. Scattered showers in the central and southern Rockies.

Plains—Scattered showers from Kansas southward into Texas. Mostly dry conditions across the northern Plains favor small grain harvesting. Barley and spring wheat harvest activities are getting underway. As of August 2, 20% of the winter wheat crop had been threshed.

Corn Belt—Scattered showers west of the Mississippi River. A area of drought from northeastern Nebraska into central Iowa, putting stress on corn and soybeans. As of August 2, Iowa's topsoil moisture was rated 47% very short to short. Unfavorable dryness across parts of the eastern most Corn Belt.

South—Warm, humid, wet conditions across the middle and southern Atlantic States. The coastal areas from the Carolinas northward have been adversely affected by wind, rain, and storm surge brought by Hurricane Isaias. Mostly dry conditions favored fieldwork and summer crop developments. As of August 2, rice was heading behind schedule, 59% versus the 5-year average of 64%.

Outlook for U.S.— Showers and thunderstorms from the Plains to the East Coast. Rainfall totals could reach 1-3 inches in the upper Great Lakes region and the middle southern Atlantic States. Dry conditions in west of the Rockies. Warm weather across the Midwest. Cooler air across the northern and central Plains. The NWS 6-10 day weather outlook for August 11-15 calls for near or above normal temperatures in California, the Great Basin, and the Northwest. Hotter than normal conditions across the remainder of the country. Below normal rainfall in southern Florida and from the Four Corner States to the central and southern Plains. Wetter than normal conditions in the Pacific Northwest.

International Crop Weather Highlights—August 4, 2020

Europe— Hot, dry conditions lowered summer crop yield prospects in France and Bulgaria and negatively impacted reproductive to filling sunflowers and corn in Spain. Showers in northern Europe favored reproductive to filling spring grains. Summer crop conditions in Germany, Poland, and the northern Balkans remain overall favorable.

Middle East— Sunny skies in Turkey boosted the development of filling corn, cotton, and sunflowers.

Asia— Light monsoon showers throughout central India, limited moisture for rice and oilseeds. Rainfall favored reproductive corn and soybeans in northeastern China, warm weather likely caused some stress. Excessive wetness in southern China for some summer crops. A tropical cyclone in the Southern China Sea brought heavy rainfall across Thailand, Indochina, and the Philippines benefiting rice and corn.

Australia— Rainfall favored vegetative winter grains and oilseeds in the east and west. Dry conditions reduced water supplies to winter crops in South Australia and Victoria.

South America— Mild weather spurred wheat growth in Brazil as cotton and corn harvesting advanced. Dry conditions in western Argentina delayed late wheat planting.

Mexico— Hurricane Hanna eased dryness in northwestern northeastern Mexico.

Canada— Warm, sunny conditions promoted rapid growth of Prairie spring grains and oilseeds. Warm, wet conditions across Ontario and Quebec advanced corn and soybeans through reproduction.

FSU— Showers across Ukraine sustained favorable prospects for reproductive corn, soybeans, and sunflowers. Heavy rainfall in western Russia stabilized summer crops yield prospects. Cool, wet conditions in central Russia and Kazakhstan favored reproductive spring wheat and barley.