

Idaho Grain Market Report, Jan. 25, 2018

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	<b>Barley (Cwt.) FEED</b>	<b>MALTING</b>	<b>Wheat (bu.) Milling</b>			
	<b>48 lbs or better</b>	<b>Open market malting</b>	<b>#1 SWW</b>	<b>#1 HRW 11.5% pro</b>	<b>#1 DNS 14% pro</b>	<b>#1 HWW</b>
Rexburg / Ririe	\$6.50		\$3.71	\$4.87	\$5.58	\$5.07
Idaho Falls		\$8.30 -9.06	\$3.75	\$4.60	\$5.60	\$4.80
Blackfoot / Pocatello		\$6.50	\$3.75	\$4.60	\$5.60	\$4.80
Grace / Soda Springs	\$6.25		\$3.78	\$4.39	\$5.51	\$4.74
Burley / Rupert	\$6.25		\$3.87	\$4.17	\$5.72	\$5.12
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Jerome / Wendell	\$5.30-6.35		\$3.75-3.85	\$4.45	\$5.60	\$4.80
Nampa / Weiser	\$6.25		\$4.05			
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$4.75		\$4.50	\$4.98	\$6.43	
Lewiston	\$5.25		\$4.76	\$5.24	\$6.69	
Moscow / Genesee	\$4.75-5.45		\$4.53-4.68	\$5.01-5.16	\$6.46-6.66	\$5.16

**Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB**

	<b>#2 Feed 46 lbs. --</b>	<b>Malting</b>	<b>#1 SWW Ord pro -</b>	<b>#1 HRW 11.5% Protein</b>	<b>#1 DNS 14% Protein</b>	<b>#1 HWW</b>
Portland			\$5.29 -5.35	\$5.83 -5.98	\$7.23 -7.43	
Los Angeles	\$8.65-9.00					
Tulare	\$8.65-9.00					
Ogden	\$6.75		\$4.05	\$4.75	\$6.05	\$5.10
Great Falls	\$5.25	\$7.50- 7.75		\$4.98-5.09(12%)	\$6.18-6.33	
Minneapolis	\$5.52			\$5.03 (12%)	\$7.28	

**Market trends this week**

**BARLEY** – Local feed barley prices ranged from steady to 10 cents higher, while open market malting barley prices remain steady this week. USDA will report barley export sales on Friday, due to the temporary Federal Government shutdown last Monday.

**WHEAT** – Local wheat prices were mixed this week. SWW prices ranged minus 10 cents to plus 12 cents; HRW prices ranged from minus 5 cents to plus 31cents; and DNS prices ranged from 3 to 7 cents lower. USDA will report export sales on Friday. Wheat export shipments last week totaled 337.9 TMT. Cumulative wheat export shipments have reached 58.3% of the estimated exports for the year, compared to a 5-year average of 61.6%

**Wheat Competitor / Buyer News** – USDA FAS lowered their Ukrainian wheat export estimate this week to 16 MMT, compared to the Jan. 12 WASDE estimate of 17 MMT. So far this marketing year, Ukraine has exported 12 MMT of wheat and 3.9 MMT of barley. Chinese wheat imports totaled 4.42 MMT in 2017, up nearly 30% from the previous year. India's wheat crop is expected to fall from 98.4 MMT to 96.1 MMT due to lower plantings.

**CORN** – USDA will report corn export sales on Friday. Corn export shipments last week totaled 668.9 TMT, an improvement from the previous week but still lagging the pace needed to reach the USDA export estimate for the marketing year. Cumulative corn export shipments have reached 25.9% of the estimated exports for the year, compared to a 5-year average of 30.1%

**Ethanol corn usage** – DOE’s Energy Information Agency reported a modest uptick in weekly U.S. ethanol production – up 0.1% or 1,000 bbls/day to 1.062 million bbls/day, which is up 1.1% from a year ago. Ethanol stocks jumped to 23.8 million bbls, up 5% from a year ago. Weekly corn usage for ethanol remains strong at 110.45 mbu, above the weekly pace needed to reach USDA’s estimate for MY 2017/18 of 5.525 billion bu. Cumulative year-to-date corn use now totals 2.29 billion bu.

**Corn Competitor/Buyer News** – CONAB has pegged the Brazilian corn crop at 92.3 MMT compared to USDA’s latest estimate of 95 MMT. There is considerable uncertainty about Brazil’s 2<sup>nd</sup> crop corn acreage as planting has been delayed by heavy rains which have delayed the soybean harvest. Meanwhile, dryness persists across Central and Southern Argentina which has many local analysts cutting their production to sub 40 MMT, compared to USDA’s current peg of 42 MMT. Conditions are expected to remain dry for the next 10 days, which will likely mean the drought area expands from 25% to about 50%. Chinese corn imports totaled 450 TMT in December, the highest monthly imports in 5 months. For calendar year 2017, China imported 2.8 MMT of corn, down 11% from the previous year. The Chinese government reported that their massive corn reserves declined by 28% in 2017. South Korean feed millers bought 130 TMT of optional origin corn last week.

**Futures Market trends this week**

**WHEAT** – Wheat opened the week mostly higher on another round of short covering sparked by winter wheat weather uncertainties and a weaker dollar. Price retreated on Tuesday, however, under pressure from technical selling. Wheat prices rebounded solidly higher on Wednesday, buoyed by a sharply lower dollar and extended drought conditions across much of the HRW wheat belt. Some key areas along the northern edge received good amounts of protective snow cover this week but other areas have not seen any appreciable moisture in at least 6 weeks and are expected to be dry for the next 7 days. Wheat held onto small gains today (Thursday) on short covering and fresh technical buying. **Wheat futures contract closes on Thursday, 1/25/2018...**

	<b>Mar 2018</b>	<b>Week Change</b>	<b>May 2018</b>	<b>Week Change</b>	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>Week Change</b>
CHI SRW	\$4.34½	Up \$0.11¾	\$4.47¼	Up \$0.11¾	\$4.59¼	Up \$0.11
KC HRW	\$4.35	Up \$0.07½	\$4.49½	Up \$0.07¼	\$4.66½	Up \$0.08½
MGE DNS	\$6.10	Up \$0.01½	\$6.20½	Up \$0.03	\$6.27½	Up \$0.03¼

**CORN**- Corn posted fractional losses on Monday and Tuesday under pressure from technical selling. Wednesday saw corn prices pulled higher by spillover support from higher wheat and a sharply lower dollar. Corn finished slightly lower today (Thursday). **Mar. 2018 contract closed on Thursday, 1/25/2018 at \$3.55¼, up \$0.02¾ for the week, May 2018 contract closed at \$3.63¾, up \$0.03 for the week and July 2018 contract closed at \$3.71¾, up \$0.02¾ for the week.**

**CRUDE OIL** – Crude oil futures ground higher this week to 3-year highs, on support from the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive weekly drawdown in U.S. oil stockpiles, coupled with strong global economic growth. The US Energy Information Agency forecast U.S. crude oil output will hit 10.3 million bpd this year. The U.S. EIA reported domestic crude oil stocks fell 1.071 million bbls last week, compared to an expected decline of 1.6 million bbls. Distillate stocks increased by 639,000 bbls, compared by an expected decrease of 1.5 million bbls. Gasoline stockpiles increased by 3.098 million bbls, above the expected increase of 2.5 million bbls. **Crude oil futures finished up \$2.20/bbl for the week to close at \$65.51/bbl (Mar contract).**

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