

Idaho Grain Market Report, May 3, 2018

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. 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	\$7.00		\$4.41	\$5.53	\$5.73	\$5.68
Idaho Falls	\$6.25	\$8.30-9.06	\$4.15	\$5.45	\$5.60	\$5.70
Blackfoot / Pocatello	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$4.15	\$5.45	\$5.60	\$5.70
Grace / Soda Springs	\$7.20		\$4.27	\$4.87	\$5.56	\$5.57
Burley / Rupert	\$5.50		\$4.22	\$4.84	\$5.68	\$5.59
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Jerome / Wendell	\$6.00-6.50		\$4.50	\$4.88	\$5.70	\$5.45
Nampa / Weiser			\$5.00			
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$6.11		\$5.15	\$6.05	\$6.84	
Lewiston	\$6.63		\$5.41	\$6.31	\$7.10	
Moscow / Genesee	\$5.99-6.14		\$5.18-5.33	\$6.08-6.23	\$6.87-7.02	\$6.23

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			\$5.79 ³ / ₄ -6.00	\$6.81 ¹ / ₄ -6.96 ¹ / ₄	\$7.70 ³ / ₄ - 8.01 ³ / ₄	
Ogden	\$7.50		\$4.55	\$5.69	\$6.00	\$5.97
Great Falls	\$6.00-6.25	\$8.00- 8.30		\$5.85-5.91 (12%)	\$6.48-6.57	
Minneapolis	\$5.94			\$6.10 ¹ / ₄ (12%)	\$7.64 ¹ / ₂ - 7.84 ¹ / ₂	

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local feed barley prices ranged from steady to 15 cents higher this week. Open market malting barley prices remained steady. USDA reported there were no barley export sales last week but export shipments totaled 400 MT to South Korea.

WHEAT – Local wheat prices are higher this week: SWW prices ranged from 5 to 37 cents lower; HRW prices ranged from 5 to 39 cents higher; and DNS prices ranged from 10 to 30 cents higher. USDA reported better than expected export sales last week at 234.8 TMT (plus MY 2018/19 sales of 210.3 TMT), down 21% from the previous week but up noticeably from the previous 4-week average. Wheat export shipments totaled 283.2 TMT, down 52% from the previous week and down 41% from the previous 4-week average.

Wheat Competitor/Buyer News – Stats Canada released their planting intentions report last Friday, showing wheat acres at 25.25 million, compared to pre-report trade expectations of 22.67 million acres and 22.4 million last year.

CORN – USDA reported corn export sales above trade expectations at 1.02 MMT (plus MY 2018/19 sales of 49.3 TMT), up 46% from the previous week and up 16% from the previous 4-week average. Corn export shipments totaled 1.47 MMT, down 13% from the previous week and down 9% from the previous 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported an impressive uptick in weekly U.S. ethanol production last week – up 4.8% or 74,000 bbls/day to 1,032,000 bbls/day and up nearly 5% from last year. Ethanol stocks increased by 2% to 22.14 million bbls, but are down 4.6% from a year ago. Weekly corn usage for ethanol jumped to 107.53 mbu and cumulative year-to-date corn use now totals 3.8 billion bu.

Corn Competitor/Buyer News – Brazilian livestock producers are reportedly lobbying their government to lift their 10% import tariff on U.S. corn to ensure an adequate supply in light of smaller than expected second corn crop in Brazil and disappointing yield prospects in Argentina.

Futures Market trends this week

WHEAT – Wheat prices surged higher on Monday and Tuesday on short covering and fresh buying sparked by ongoing crop worries for both winter and spring wheat. Profit-taking pulled prices modestly lower on Wednesday, but then staged another strong rebound today (Thursday) on confirmation from wheat crop tour scouts that the HRW wheat crop is in tough shape this year. The Wheat Quality Tour estimated the Kansas wheat crop at 243.3 million bu (yields at 37 bpa) compared to 333.6 million bu last year (48 bpa). The Oklahoma crop was estimated at 58.4 million bu (yields at 24.8 bpa) compared to 98.6 million bu last year (34 bpa). **Wheat futures contract closes on Thursday, 5/03/2018...**

	May 2018	Week Change	July 2018	Week Change	Sept 2018	Week Change
CHI SRW	\$5.40½	Up \$0.44½	\$5.38	Up \$0.39½	\$5.52¾	Up \$0.37¼
KC HRW	\$5.47½	Up \$0.35¼	\$5.67¾	Up \$0.37¼	\$5.85½	Up \$0.37
MGE DNS	\$6.31¼	Up \$0.25	\$6.30	Up \$0.22	\$6.36½	Up \$0.22¼

CORN- Corn posted modest gains to start the week with ongoing support from Brazilian crop worries, slow U.S. planting pace and an expectation of a large drawdown in global corn stocks in the new marketing year 2018/19. Prices ground fractionally lower on Wednesday on profit-taking sparked by ideas that planting progress is advancing rapidly across key states of Iowa and Illinois. Corn futures closed modestly higher today (Thursday) on mostly spillover support from wheat and soybeans and poor Brazilian crop conditions. **May 2018 contract closed on Thursday, 5/03/2018 at \$3.99½, up \$0.10 for the week, July 2018 contract closed at \$4.08, up \$0.09½ for the week and Sept. 2018 contract closed at \$4.15½, up \$0.10 for the week.**

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil futures trading remained choppy this week under continued pressure from a stronger dollar, which has posted 3 month highs. Underlying support comes from ongoing geopolitical uncertainties in the Middle East, which might interrupt or slow Iranian oil exports which topped 2.6 million bbls in April. The U.S. EIA reported weekly domestic oil stockpiles increased by 6.218 million bbls, compared to an expected increase of 739,000 bbls. Distillate stocks decreased by 3.9 million bbls, while gasoline stocks increased by 1.17 million bbls, compared to an expected decline of 587,000 bbls. **Crude oil futures finished up \$.33/bbl for the week to close at \$68.43/bbl.**

U.S. Crop Weather/ Crop Conditions – The PNW was mostly warm and dry, promoting winter wheat development and accelerating spring planting and emergence. The Northern Plains was cool and mostly dry, slowing spring planting and crop emergence. A slow moving cold front brought badly needed precipitation to some HRW areas in CO, NE and KS this week where wheat crops are being surveyed during the annual Winter Wheat Quality Council Tour. Crop scouts have confirmed struggling crops after experiencing both early season freeze damage and drought which have produced delayed heading, smaller heads and tillers. The Corn Belt received a round of showers across the central belt stretching from Texas into the Great Lakes, which slowed planting progress. Favorable weather aided planting elsewhere. **The 6-10 day outlook** calls for near to above normal temperatures and drier than normal conditions for much of the country.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, April 30, 2018

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US Barley	26% planted 7% emerged	11%	31%	44%			
ID Barley	68% planted 27% emerged	44%	58%	74%			
US Spring Wheat	10% planted	3%	30%	36%			
ID Spring Wheat	64% planted	40%	49%	74%			
US Winter Wheat	19% headed	13%	41%	30%	33% g/ex	31%	54%
ID Winter Wheat	2% headed	1%	1%	2%	68% g/ex	64%	

Corn	17% planted 3% emerged	5% NA	32% 8%	27% 6%			
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International Crop/Weather –

Europe – Crop conditions remain mostly favorable.

Black Sea – Warm, sunny weather persisted across southern growing areas, while showers benefited crops from northern and central Ukraine into west central Russia.

North Africa – Showers boosted crop conditions for reproductive winter grains.

Middle East – Moderate to heavy rains eased long term drought across Iraq into Western Iran, boosting crop conditions for reproductive to filling winter grains.

China – Eastern China is experiencing unseasonably warm weather, advancing wheat to reproductive stage.

Australia – Moisture is needed to allow winter grain planting to begin.

South America – Brazil's key southern corn growing areas remain adversely dry with little moisture expected over the next 10 days. By contrast, heavy rainfall in parts of Argentina is slowing corn harvest but replenishing soil moisture for winter grains.