

Idaho Grain Market Report, Aug. 31, 2017

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New CROP prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 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	\$5.00-5.25		\$3.40	\$4.08	\$6.20	\$4.30
Idaho Falls		\$8.30 -9.06	\$3.40	\$3.90	\$5.85	\$4.30
Blackfoot / Pocatello		\$6.50	\$3.40	\$3.90	\$5.85	\$4.30
Grace / Soda Springs	\$6.00		\$3.44	\$3.31	\$6.04	\$4.11
Burley / Rupert	\$5.50		\$3.55	\$3.45	\$5.98	\$4.17
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Jerome / Wendell	\$5.60-5.75		\$3.14-3.55	\$3.40	\$6.00	\$4.20
Nampa / Weiser	\$5.25		\$3.80			
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$4.50		\$4.21	\$4.26	\$6.76	
Lewiston	\$5.00		\$4.47	\$4.51	\$7.02	
Moscow / Genesee	\$4.75		\$4.24-4.38	\$4.29-4.59	\$6.79-6.93	\$4.59

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB

	#2 Feed 46 lbs. --	Malting	#1 SWW Ord pro - Sept \$4.90 - 5.25	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland				\$4.75¼ - 5.39¼	\$7.23¼ - 7.66¼	
Los Angeles	\$9.00-9.25					
Tulare	\$9.00-9.25					
Ogden	\$6.20		\$3.77	\$3.61	\$6.24	\$4.51
Great Falls	\$4.50-5.00	\$7.25		\$3.85-4.26(12%)	\$6.28-6.49	
Minneapolis	\$4.37			\$4.59¼ (12%)	\$7.35¾ - 7.38¾	

Market trends this week

BARLEY – Local feed barley prices ranged from steady to 25 cents lower. Open market barley prices remained steady this week. USDA reported there were no barley export sales last week, while exports totaled 200 MT to Taiwan and South Korea.

Barley Competitor / Buyer News – Stats Canada pegged Canada's barley crop at 7.2 MMT today, down 18% from last year. Harvested area was pegged down 4.6%, while yield was down 14% due to hot dry conditions this year.

WHEAT – Local wheat prices were mixed but mostly higher this week: SWW prices ranged from minus 4 cents to plus 40 cents; HRW prices ranged from minus 4 cents to plus 37 cents; and DNS prices ranged from minus 28 cents to plus 5 cents. USDA reported export sales were within trade expectations at 536.0 TMT, up 39% from last week and up 32% from the previous 4-week average. Wheat export shipment pace remained robust at 717.4 TMT, up 44% from the previous week and up 31% from the previous 4-week average.

Wheat Competitor / Buyer News – Stats Canada pegged Canadian wheat crop at 25.5 MMT, below the pre-report trade expectations of 26.2 MMT and down nearly 20% from last year. Egypt purchased 295 TMT of wheat this week, with 5 cargoes supplied by Russia and 1 cargo by Ukraine. Algeria purchased 590 TMT of wheat, with most of it believed to be supplied by France and possibly 1 or 2 cargoes from the U.S.

CORN – USDA reported corn export sales last week were on the high end of trade expectations - old crop export sales improved to 188.4 TMT, up 84% from the previous week and up noticeably from the previous 4-week average. The marketing year ends Aug. 31. New crop sales jumped to 804.2 TMT. The corn export shipment pace quickened to 983.8 TMT, up 36 from the previous week and up 13% from the 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported another modest downtick in U.S. ethanol production last week – down 10,000 bbls or 0.95% to 1,042,000 bbls per day, which is up 1.9% from a year ago. Ethanol stocks continued to decline about 1% last week to 21.30 million bbls, 1.8% above a year ago. Weekly corn usage for ethanol remains strong at 109.41 million bu and cumulative use at 5.48 billion bu.

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WHEAT – Wheat markets opened the week with fresh contract lows on pressure from large world carryover stocks and record Russian wheat production. Winter wheat prices pushed modestly higher on Wednesday on support from short covering which offset by concerns about disruptions to about a quarter of US wheat exports that move out of the Texas Gulf. Wheat finished higher today (Thursday) on spillover support and a solid export sales pace which has been boosted by a weaker dollar. **Wheat futures contract closes on Thursday, 8/31/2017...**

	Sept 2017	Weekly Summary	Dec 2017	Weekly Summary	Mar 2018	Weekly Summary
CHI SRW	\$4.10 ¹ / ₄	Up \$0.00 ³ / ₄	\$4.34 ¹ / ₂	Down \$0.00 ³ / ₄	\$4.57	Down \$0.01 ¹ / ₄
KC HRW	\$4.08 ³ / ₄	Up \$0.04 ¹ / ₄	\$4.36 ¹ / ₄	Up \$0.04	\$4.54	Up \$0.03 ¹ / ₂
MGE DNS	\$6.18 ¹ / ₂	Down \$0.32	\$6.40 ¹ / ₂	Down \$0.28 ³ / ₄	\$6.51	Down \$0.14 ¹ / ₄

CORN – Corn markets continued to grind lower this week, posting fresh contract lows, on pressure from old crop cash sales, potentially heavy deliveries against nearby Sept futures contract and burdensome carryover stocks, running at a 29 year high. Corn rebounded double digits higher today (Thursday) on support from strong export sales and concerns about cooler air in the extended forecast. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 8/31/2017...Sept. 2017 contract at \$3.42¹/₄, up \$0.03¹/₂ for the week, Dec. 2017 contract closed at \$3.57³/₄, up \$0.04¹/₂ for the week and Mar. 2018 contract closed at \$3.70¹/₂, up \$0.04 for the week.**

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil futures chopped mostly lower his week, posting five week lows, under pressure from a cutback in refinery demand as a result of about a quarter of the US refinery capacity shuttered by Hurricane Harvey this week. DOE EIA reported the 9th consecutive weekly draw down in weekly U.S. crude inventory - down 5.392 million bbls, compared to an expected drop of 1.9 million bbls. Distillate stocks increased by 748,000 bbls, compared to an expected decline of 846,000 bbls and gasoline stocks increased 35,000 bbls, compared to an expected decline of 989,000 bbls. **Crude oil futures finished down \$0.64bbl for the week to close at \$47.23/bbl.**

Crop / Weather Conditions –

U.S. – PNW, Intermountain West and Northern Plains remained mostly hot and dry with thunderstorms across parts of southern Idaho mid week. The extended outlook shows warm and dry conditions. The Corn Belt was mostly dry and cool this week, with modest rains across the Western Plains. The 7 day map shows moderate to heavy rains in the southern and eastern Corn Belts, remnants of Tropical Depression Harvey tracking northeastward from Texas through the Ohio and Tennessee River Valley. The 6-10 day outlook calls for below normal temps and rainfall for most of the Corn Belt.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, Aug. 28, 2017

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US Barley	83% harvested	70%	84%	73%			
ID Barley	74% harvested	63%	82%	74%			
US Spring Wheat	76% harvested	58%	79%	66%			
ID Spring Wheat	68% harvested	49%	73%	71%	49%	56%	
ID Winter Wheat	95% harvested	91%	87%	91%			
Corn	44% dented 6% mature	29% NA	57% 8%	51% 10%	62%	62%	75%

International

Canada – Unseasonable warmth and dryness hastened spring grain maturity.

EU – Lingering heat across the southeastern region continues to stress filling summer crops, while recent rains across the northern and central regions have slowed winter grain harvest but are benefitting spring and summer crops.

Black Sea region – Hot dry weather is stressing Ukraine’s corn crop, with local estimates signaling a 15% decline from last year.

South America –Argentine wheat areas are receiving heavy rainfall, with flooding across many fields.