

# Idaho Grain Market Report, April 17, 2014

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	<u>Barley (Cwt.)</u> <u>FEED</u>	<u>MALTING</u>	<u>Wheat (bu.)</u>		
	#2 Feed, 48 lbs or better	Open market malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% protein	#1 DNS 14% protein
Ashton	NQ	(2-R) \$10.00 (6-R) \$10.00	NQ	NQ	NQ
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	\$8.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$6.10	\$6.73	\$7.00
Idaho Falls	\$8.75	(2-R) \$11.50-\$12.00 (6-R) \$11.50	\$6.38	\$7.11	\$7.30
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	(2-R) \$10.00 (6-R) \$10.00	\$6.10	\$7.24	\$7.29
Grace / Soda Springs	NQ	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Burley / Rupert Hazelton	\$7.50-\$8.50	(2-R) \$11.50 (6-R) \$11.50	\$6.05-\$6.10	\$6.80	\$6.85
Twin Falls / Eden / Buhl	\$9.50	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$6.00	NQ	NQ
Weiser	\$9.00	(2-R) NQ (6-R) NQ	\$6.45	NQ	NQ
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$7.20	(2-R) \$7.20 (6-R) \$7.20	\$6.71	\$7.65	\$7.62
Lewiston	\$8.30	(2-R) \$8.30 (6-R) \$8.30	\$7.02	\$7.96	\$7.93
Moscow / Genesee	\$7.10-\$7.45	(2-R) \$7.45 (6-R) \$7.45	\$6.37-\$6.79	\$7.41-\$7.73	\$7.43-\$7.70

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

	#2 Feed 46 lbs. -- unit trains barge	Single rail cars- domestic	Malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein
Portland	NQ	NQ	NQ	Apr \$7.58-\$7.73 Aug NC \$7.44 ½ - \$7.49 ½	Apr \$8.69 ½ -\$8.74 ½ Aug NC \$8.23 ¾ - \$8.42 ¾	Apr \$8.71 ½ -\$8.76 ½ Aug NC \$8.20¾-\$8.40¾
Los Angeles	\$13.25	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Stockton	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Tulare	\$13.25	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Ogden	\$9.00	NQ	NQ	\$6.50	\$7.10	\$7.60
Great Falls	\$6.25-\$6.50	NQ	\$9.50	NQ	\$6.63-\$6.73	\$6.62-\$6.85
Minneapolis	\$8.23	NQ	\$12.50	NQ	\$7.99 ½ (12%)	\$8.71 ½ -\$8.86 ½

### Market trends this week

**BARLEY** – Local barley prices were mostly higher this week with southern Idaho locations reporting no change to 50 cents higher and northern Idaho reporting 50 cents higher. USDA reported that there were no barley export sales or export shipments last week.

**WHEAT** – Local wheat prices were mixed this week: SWW ranged from 20 cents lower to 25 cents higher; HRW ranged from 36 cents lower to 26 cents higher; and DNS ranged from 34 cents lower to 12 cents higher. USDA reported wheat export sales last week came in at 797.9 TMT (438 TMT for MY 2013/14 and 359.9 TMT for MY 2014/15), up 104% from the previous week and 48% from the prior 4 week average. Wheat export shipments last week totaled 556.3 TMT, which was unchanged from the previous week and up 9% from the prior 4 week average.

**Wheat Competitor/Buyer News** – Strategie Grains lowered its 2014 EU soft wheat crop production estimate this week by 500 TMT to 137.2 MMT, due to higher than expected winterkill.

**CORN** – Corn export sales last week totaled 794.5 TMT (601.9 TMT for MY 2013/14 and 192.6 TMT for MY 2014/15) which was down 9% from the previous week and 36% from the prior 4 week average. Corn export shipments last week came in at 1.11 MMT, down 9% from the previous week and 7% from the prior 4 week average.

**Ethanol corn usage** – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported an impressive uptick in weekly U.S. ethanol production – up 43,000 bbls to 939,000 bbls per day – up 5% from the previous week and nearly 13% from last year. Weekly corn usage was estimated at 98 mbu, now reaching the weekly pace needed to meet the USDA projection of 5.0 billion bu for the marketing year.

**Corn Competitor/Buyer News** – A private analyst is projecting Ukrainian corn crop will decline by 3.5 MMT this year to 23.3 MMT. National Grain & Feed Association estimates Chinese corn rejections have surpassed 1.45 MMT so far this marketing year and will ultimately cost U.S. growers billions of dollars in lost sales.

**Futures Market trends this week**

**WHEAT** – Wheat prices skyrocketed higher on Monday, boosted by fears of potential winter wheat damage from freezing temperatures which dipped as far south as Oklahoma early in the week and escalation of potential tensions in the Black Sea region. Wheat prices continued to rally double digits higher on Tuesday on renewed geopolitical risk premium and fears of frost damage. Profit-taking pushed wheat prices lower on Wednesday as damage from freezing temperatures early Monday and Tuesday was believed to be minimal due to delayed crop development this year (estimated about 10% damage on about 10% of winter acreage). Wheat finished moderately higher today (Thursday) on additional buying sparked by escalation of Ukrainian violence. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 4/17/14 ...**

	<u>May 2014</u>	<u>Weekly Summary</u>	<u>July 2014</u>	<u>Weekly Summary</u>	<u>Dec. 2014</u>	<u>Weekly Summary</u>
Chicago SRW	\$6.91 ¼	Up \$0.31	\$6.99	Up \$0.30 ¾	\$7.21	Up \$0.29 ¼
KC HRW	\$7.58	Up \$0.38 ½	\$7.65	Up \$0.39	\$7.81	Up \$0.34 ¾
MGE DNS	\$7.32 ¾	Up \$0.31	\$7.39 ¾	Up \$0.30 ¼	\$7.56 ¾	Up \$0.30 ¼

**CORN** – Corn posted moderate gains on Monday in spillover support from wheat and soybeans, slow planting progress and impressive export shipments. Corn finished fractionally mixed on Tuesday on talk of warming temperatures which will significantly improve planting prospects. Corn posted modest losses on Wednesday on rising expectations of improving planting weather next week and a lack of fresh supportive news. Corn closed modestly lower again today (Thursday) on ideas that corn planting will advance rapidly with arrival of warmer weather next week. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 4/17/2014...May 2014 contract at \$4.94 ¾, down \$0.03 ¾ for the week, July 2014 contract closed at \$5.00 ½, down \$0.04 and the Dec. 2014 contract closed at \$4.96 ¾, down \$0.02 ½ for the week.**

**US WEATHER / CROP OUTLOOK – West** – Mostly warm and dry conditions prevailed this week, allowing spring planting to rapidly advance. A slow moving storm system began spreading inland across the PNW mid-week, likely bringing moisture to parts of Idaho by the weekend into early next week. **Plains** – Central and Southern Plains received only scattered moisture this week, not enough to alleviate serious drought. March rainfall across this key winter wheat producing region totaled less than 2 inches, the lowest in nearly 60 years and worse than 2013. Temperatures dipped below freezing both Monday and Tuesday morning in the Central Plains, causing potential winter wheat damage in areas of Southern KS and northern OK. Fortunately the winter wheat crop was not as far along in development this year, minimizing potential damage. Northern Plains received more moisture in the form of snow and icy rain, stretching into parts of NE, MO and KS. The extended weather forecast calls for above normal temperatures across this region. **Midwest Corn Belt** – The week started with cool temperatures and hefty rain from a slow moving front crossing a wide belt stretching from Iowa through the ECB, delaying field work. The extended forecast calls for above normal temperatures across the entire Midwest and above normal precipitation in many areas.

**USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, April 14, 2014**

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US barley	16% planted	NA	17%	NA			
ID barley	56%	28%	40%	26%			

	<b>planted</b>						
US spring wheat	6% planted	NA	5%	NA			
<b>ID spring wheat</b>	<b>56% planted</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>31%</b>			
US winter wheat	5% headed	NA	4%	NA	34%	35%	36%
<b>ID winter wheat</b>					<b>88%</b>		
Corn	3% planted	NA	2%	6%			

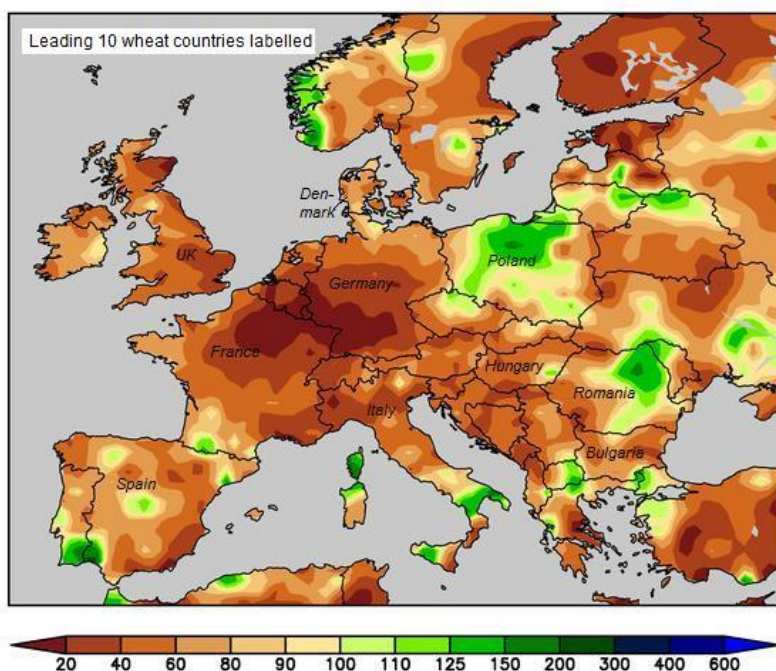
**INTERNATIONAL WEATHER / CROP OUTLOOK -**

**Europe** – Generally favorable crop conditions prevailed, although there are pockets of drought, particularly in Germany, the second largest grain producer, as depicted in the precipitation map below. Unseasonably warm temperatures are rapidly advancing crop development.

**Black Sea Region** – Colder temperatures may have burned back jointing winter wheat, while showers eased dryness concerns in Ukraine, although more moisture is needed.

**China** – Central winter wheat belt continued to receive beneficial moisture this week.

Martell Crop Projections  
 30-day Precipitation Analysis  
 Percent of normal through 14 April 2014



**CRUDE OIL** – Crude oil prices chopped in a narrow range this week, but remained near a one month high on renewed political tensions in Ukraine and better than expected economic data from China. DOE’s weekly inventory report showed crude oil stocks increased by a whopping 10 million bbls last week, compared to an expected increase of 1.75 million bbls. Distillates decreased by 1.278 million bbls while gasoline stocks fell by 154,000 bbls. **Crude oil futures finished \$0.54 higher to close at \$104.30 on Thursday.**