Idaho Grain Market Report, April 23, 2015

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. 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% pro	#1 DNS 14% pro	#1 HWW
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	4.75 -$4.80		$5.50 – 5.60	$4.85	$6.00	$5.25
Idaho Falls	$4.85	$12.25- 12.50	$5.60 – 5.88	$4.82 – 5.10	$5.77 – 6.45	$4.82 – 5.20
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	$10.00	$5.60	$5.10	$6.45	$5.20
Grace / Soda Springs	$4.82	NQ	$5.65	$5.05	$5.86	$5.05
Burley / Rupert Hazelton	$4.75 – 4.90	$12.50	5.60-5.70	$4.52	$6..00	$5.02
Twin Falls / Buhl / Wendell	$5.95– 6.00		**Feed wheat** $3.60	NQ	NQ	
Nampa – Weiser	$5.64	NQ	new crop $5.22	NQ	NQ	
Nez Perce / Craigmont	$5.80		$5.63	$5.39	$6.62	
Lewiston	$6.30		$5.88	$5.64	$6.87	
Moscow / Genesee	$5.80 – 6.35		$5.65 -5.79	$5.41-5.60	$6.64-6.78	$5.60

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash prices FOB

	#2 Feed 46 lbs. -- unit trains barge	Malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland			Ord protein $5.90 - 6.38¾ new crop $5.97- 6.07¾ **max 10.5% pro** $6.50 -6.88¾ new crop $5.97¾ 6.15	$6.12 -6.27 new crop $6.07½- -6.17½	$7.73¾–8.03¾ new crop $6.84¾ - 7.14¾	
Los Angeles	$8.50–8.70			$7.62 (13%)		
Tulare	$8.50– 8.70					
Ogden	$5.65		$6.00	$5.03	$6.15	$5.25
Great Falls	$5.00	$12.00		$5.13–5.17 (12%)	$5.54 – 6.28	
Minneapolis	$5.83	NQ		$5.52	$6.73¾ - 7.13¾	

Market trends this week

BARLEY - Local feed barley prices ranged from minus 10 cents to plus 20 cents. Open market malting barley prices closed steady. USDA reported there were no barley export sales but there were 300 MT of barley shipments to Taiwan last week.

Barley competitor / buyer news – Stats Canada pegged 2015 Canadian barley acres at 6.5 million, up 10.2% from last year.

WHEAT – Wheat prices were better this week: local SWW prices ranged from minus 10 cents to plus 9 cents; HRW prices ranged from minus 8 cents to plus 29 cents; and DNS prices ranged from minus 48 cents to plus 12 cents. USDA reported wheat export sales were well above trade expectations last week at 524.2 TMT (397.5 TMT for MY 2014/15 and 126.7 TMT for MY 2015/16), up substantially from the prior week. Wheat export shipments also were on the high end of expectations last week at 557.3 TMT, up 45% from the prior week and up 40% from the previous 4-week average.

The International Grains Council has pegged 2015/16 world wheat production at 705 MMT, down 4 MMT from last month's projection and down nearly 2% from last year.

Wheat competitor / buyer news – Stats Canada pegged 2015 Canadian wheat acres at 24.77 million, up nearly 4% from last year and slightly above trade expectations. The EU granted wheat export licences for 679 TMT this week, bringing their cumulative wheat exports to 27.1 MMT, compared to 24.7 MMT for the same period a year ago. The Indian wheat crop is being downgraded due to expesssive moisture at harvest, now pegged at 87.9 MMT, compared to 95.9 MMT a year ago. Egypt purchased 300 TMT of wheat this week from France, Russia and Romania. Bangladesh also purchased wheat from France this week and Syria 150 TMT from Black Sea origins.

CORN – Corn export sales last week were well above trade expectations at 874.1 TMT (867.9 TMT for MY 2014//15 and 6.8 TMT for MY 15/16), up 48% from the previous week and up 68% from the prior 4-week average. Corn export inspections last week also were above trade expectations at 1.041 MMT, up 20% from the previous week and 10% from the prior 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a modest uptick in weekly ethanol production last week to 930,000 bbls per day - up 6,000 bbls or 0.65% last week and up 2.2% from a year ago. Corn used in ethanol totaled 97.6, which is below the 100.4 million bu needed each week to reach the USDA projection of 5.2 billion bu for the marketing year. U.S. ethanol inventories increased 3.3% to 21.3 million bbls, more than 29% above a year ago.

The International Grains Council has pegged 2015/16 world corn production at 951 MMT, up 10 MMT from last month's projection, but down more than 4% from last year.

Corn competitor / buyer news – Argentine corn harvest has advanced to more than 24% completed, ahead of last year's pace and the Argentine government approved licenses for another 3.5 MMT in corn exports, which will add to the stiff world competition. The Buenos Aires Grain Exchanged has pegged their corn crop at 23 MMT, compared to USDA and other forecasts of 24 MMT. Ukrainian corn plantings are projected to be down 8% this year to 4 million hectares and their crop is pegged at 24 MMT compared to 28.5 MMT last year. China reportedly imported 1.2 MMT of corn in the January through March period, up nearly 5% from the same period a year ago. Japanese corn use fell sharply in February – down more than 44% - as end users shift to alternative feed grains.

Futures Market trends this week

WHEAT – Wheat futures were pulled modestly higher to start the week on support from short covering sparked by better than expected export shipments. Gains were limited by good rain coverage over nearly 90% of the HRW region in the past two weeks. Prices rebounded modestly higher on Tuesday on fund short covering triggered by lack of crop improvement and frost warnings for later this week which could affect winter wheat in some areas. Prices retreated in choppy two-sided trading on Wednesday, with pressure from ideas that winter wheat crop yield potential has been stabilized by recent rainfall. Wheat settled mixed to higher today (Thursday) on short covering sparked by a sharply lower dollar and better than expected wheat export sales. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 4/23/15...**

	May 2015	Weekly Summary	July 2015	Weekly Summary	Sept 2015	Weekly Summary
Chicago SRW	**$4.97¾**	**Up $0.03¼**	**$5.01¼**	**Up $0.12**	**$5.10½**	**Up $0.12¾**
KC HRW	**$5.16½**	**Up $0.07¼**	**$5.22**	**Up $0.07¼**	**$5.32½**	**Up $0.06½**
MGE DNS	**$5.45¼**	**Up $0.12½**	**$5.55¼**	**Up $0.11**	**$5.64**	**Up $0.09½**

CORN – Corn prices began the week modestly lower on pressure from a strong weekend planting pace and more favorable weather ahead for the western and northern corn belts, but losses were trimmed by strong export shipments. Prices continued to churn lower on seeling triggered by demand concerns from spreading avian flu which is likely to trim feed demand. Corn settled nearly unchanged on Wednesday with support from slower than expected planting pace offset by demand concerns. Despite a lower dollar and strong corn export sales, corn settled modestly lower again today (Thursday), with pressure from favorable planting weather across the northern, western and central belts. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 4/23/15… May 2015 contract at $3.70¾, down $0.09 for the week, July 2015 contract closed at $3.76¾ , down $0.10 and the Sept. 2015 contract closed at $3.84¼, down $0.09¾ for the week.**

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil chopped around this week in line with movements in the dollar index. DOE continued to show an increase in domestic crude inventories….crude oil increased by 5.315 million bbls, compared to an expected increase of 2.5 million bbls. Distillates increased by 395,000 bbls while gasoline stocks fell by 2.135 million bbls. U.S. gasoline production reached a 10 year high this week to 9.763 million bbls, which is supportive for the ethanol market. **Crude oil finished stronger today (Thursday) – up $1.58 to close at $57.74/bbl, which is up $2.00 for the week.**

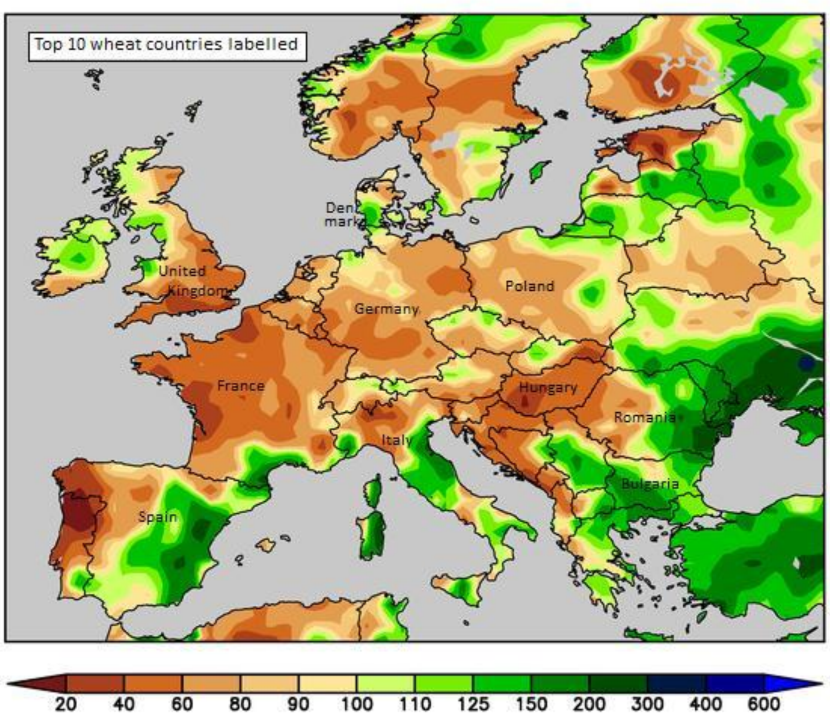
USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, April 20, 2015

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US barley	43% planted	27%	24%	24%			
ID barley	**73% planted**	**65%**	**70%**	**48%**			
US spring wheat	36% planted	17%	9%	19%			
ID spring wheat	**68% planted**	**60%**	**76%**	**53%**			
US winter wheat	16% headed	6%	8%	15%	42% g/ex	42% g/ex	34%
ID winter wheat	**1% headed**	**0%**	**0%**	**0%**	**63%**	**65%**	**87%**
Corn	9% planted	2%	6%	13%			

Weather/Crop Outlook –

- **U.S. – <u>PNW</u>** – Cool and mostly dry conditions prevailed this week, but another storm system is moving in from the Pacific Ocean and will bring scattered showers by this weekend. The 6-10 day outlook calls for warm and mostly dry conditions. **<u>Great Plains</u> –** Central and Southern Plains saw more favorable soaking rains and mild temperatures, stabilizing winter wheat crop which is heading and filling, but cannot overcome reduced tillering from earlier drought stress. The 6-10 day outlook calls for near to below normal precipitation and warming temperatures. **<u>Northern Plains</u>** – Mostly dry but cooler temperatures prevailed across this region. **<u>Corn Belt</u>** – A band of showers moved across the lower Corn Belt into the Ohio River Valley this week. Unusually cool temperatures prevailed with freeze warnings across a broad area over the next few days. The 6-10 day outlook calls for above normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation across the western half of the country while below normal temperatures prevail across the eastern half.
- **Europe –** After favorable moisture in March, conditions have turned unfavorably dry in some areas of Western Europe, as depicted in the map below. Moderate temps and some benefial rainfall are expected in the near-term.

Martell Crop Projections
45–day Precipitation Analysis
Percent of normal through 21 April 2015



- **Black Sea region –** Growing conditions remain mostly favorable, causing private analysts to increase their Russian wheat crop estimates to 55-59 MMT, compared to an earlier estimate of 52-57 MMT.
- **China –** Widespread light rainfall is boosting winter wheat crop potential.
- **Northern Africa –**Sunny warm conditions continued to prevail, accelerating winter grain development.
- **Middle East –** Crop conditions remained favorable with additional rains across Syria, Iraq and Iran.
- **South America –** Conditions remain favorable for second crop corn in Brazil and drier conditions have allowed corn harvest to resume in Argentina.
- **Australia –** Showers across the east and southern regions has boosted topsoil moisture ahead of winter grain planting.

Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus Pest Alert – Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus has reached economic damaging levels in winter wheat and winter barley fields across southcentral into parts of eastern Idaho, likely resulting in serious yield losses. Many fields have been destroyed and planted to alternative spring crops. Attached is a Univeristy of Idaho producer guide prepared by Dr. Juliet Marshall on this serious winter cereal crop threat.