

Idaho Grain Market Report, May 7, 2015

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	<u>Barley</u> <u>(Cwt.)</u> FEED <u>48 lbs or</u> <u>better</u>	<u>MALTING</u> <u>Open</u> <u>market</u> <u>malting</u>	<u>Wheat (bu.)</u> Milling <u>#1 SWW</u>	<u>#1 HRW</u> <u>11.5% pro</u>	<u>#1 DNS</u> <u>14% pro</u>	<u>#1 HWW</u>
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	\$4.85		5.25 – 5.50	\$4.70	\$5.70	\$5.10-5.70
Idaho Falls	\$4.75	\$12.25-12.50	\$5.49	\$5.19	\$6.19	\$5.24
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	\$10.00	\$5.49	\$5.19	\$6.19	\$5.24
Grace / Soda Springs	\$5.00	NQ	\$5.59	\$4.78	\$5.93	\$4.78
Burley / Rupert	\$4.75 – 4.90	\$12.50	5.45-5.55	\$4.38	\$5.83	\$4.88
Hazelton						
Twin Falls / Buhl / Wendell	\$5.80– 6.00		<u>Feed wheat</u> \$3.50-3.60	NQ	NQ	
Nampa – Weiser	New crop \$5.62	NQ	new crop \$5.11	NQ	NQ	
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$5.55		\$5.30	\$5.16	\$6.22	
Lewiston	\$6.05		\$5.55	\$5.41	\$6.47	
Moscow / Genesee	\$5.55 – 6.15		\$5.32 -5.51	\$5.18-5.40	\$6.24-6.49	\$5.40

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 \$5.85 - 6.09¼ new crop \$5.85- 5.87¼ max 10.5% pro \$6.29¼ -6.54 new crop \$5.77¼ 6.14	\$5.96¼ - 6.06¼ new crop \$5.87¼ - 6.02¼	\$7.02 – 7.67 new crop \$6.59¼ - 6.99¼	
Los Angeles	\$8.50–8.70			\$7.48 (13%)		
Tulare	\$8.50– 8.70					
Ogden	\$5.60		\$5.94	\$5.03	\$6.38	\$5.15
Great Falls	\$5.00	\$12.00		\$4.93–5.03 (12%)	\$5.43 – 5.98	
Minneapolis	\$5.62	NQ		\$5.19¼	\$7.28¼ - 7.63¼	

Market trends this week

BARLEY - Local feed barley prices were steady to 10 cents higher this week. Open market malting barley prices closed steady. USDA reported barley export sales of 6 TMT to Japan and barley export shipments of 100 MT to South Korea.

Barley Competitor / Buyer News - Stats Canada reported Canadian barley stocks on March 31 totaled 3.376 MMT, down 23% from the same period a year ago.

WHEAT – Wheat prices were mixed to lower this week: local SWW prices ranged from minus 15 cents to plus 35 cents; HRW prices ranged from minus 13 cents to plus 12 cents; and DNS prices ranged from minus 23 cents to plus 18 cents. USDA reported net wheat export sales last week were below trade expectations at 298.6 TMT (another round of large old crop wheat export sales reductions of 148.2 TMT offset by MY 2015/16 sales of 446.8 TMT). Wheat export shipments were also disappointing at 286.2 TMT, down 53% from the prior week and 41% from the previous 4-week average.

Wheat competitor / buyer news – Stats Canada reported Canadian wheat stocks on March 31 were below expectations at 16.74 MMT, down 25% from the same period a year ago. Russian officials have indicated this week they will lift their wheat export tax mid month, paving the way for increased exports into the summer. Egypt purchased 120 TMT of wheat this week from Russia and Romania.

CORN – Corn export sales last week continued to exceed trade expectations at 897.2 TMT (841.8 TMT for MY 2014/15 and 55.4 TMT for MY 15/16), up 1% from the previous week and 15% from the prior 4-week average. Corn export inspections last week were solid at 1.135 MMT, down 11% from up 4% from the prior 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported another downtick in weekly ethanol production last week to 887,000 bbls per day – down 34,000 bbls or 3.69% last week and down 0.78% from a year ago. Corn used in ethanol slipped to 93 million bu, now well below the 101 million bu weekly pace needed to reach the USDA projection of 5.2 billion bu for the marketing year. U.S. ethanol inventories decreased 0.17% this week to 20.7 million bbls, which is 21% above a year ago.

Corn competitor / buyer news – Reports indicate that China has stockpiled 82 MMT of corn this year (about 43% of the world's total carryover), up from earlier projections of 80 MMT.

Futures Market trends this week

WHEAT – Wheat futures finished mixed to lower to begin the week under continuing pressure from rainfall expected across a wide swath of the HRW belt for the third consecutive week, plus disappointing export inspections which likely means USDA will lower wheat exports in next week's monthly S&D report. Wheat prices continued to struggle on Tuesday - posting fresh contract lows – on a continued wet forecast for the Central and Southern Plains and news that Russian officials supported elimination of their current wheat export tax (\$39/MT) by mid month. Wheat prices rebounded on Wednesday – posting double digit gains - on support from short covering triggered by a sharply lower dollar and disappointing yield estimates from the the first day the HRW Wheat Quality Council crop tour which covered northcentral Kansas and southern Nebraska. Wheat prices finished lower in choppy trading today (Thursday) under pressure from a higher dollar and disappointing wheat export sales as MY 2014/15 winds down this month. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 5/07/15...**

	May 2015	Weekly Summary	July 2015	Weekly Summary	Sept 2015	Weekly Summary
Chicago SRW	\$4.65¾	Down \$0.04¼	\$4.72¾	Down \$0.01¼	\$4.80¾	Down \$0.02
KC HRW	\$4.98¾	Up \$0.05½	\$4.99¾	Down \$0.00¾	\$5.09	Down \$0.01½
MGE DNS	\$5.18	Down \$0.02¼	\$5.30¾	Down \$0.03½	\$5.42½	Down \$0.02½

CORN – Corn prices struggled early on expectations of excellent planting progress and warm and wet conditions which should help the crop germinate well. Corn posted a late session reversal on Tuesday on short covering sparked by a surge in crude oil and lower dollar. Corn finished moderately higher on Wednesday, boosted by additional fresh fund buying and short covering triggered by a sharply lower dollar. Corn settled lower today (Thursday) under pressure from a higher dollar, hefty deliveries against the May contract and a drier extended weather forecast which should allow a rapid planting pace to resume next week across the Corn Belt, particularly in the eastern region where planting progress has lagged. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 5/07/15... May 2015 contract at \$3.57¾, down \$0.02 for the week, July 2015 contract closed at \$3.61½, down \$0.01½ and the Sept. 2015 contract closed at \$3.67¼, down \$0.02½ for the week.**

CRUDE OIL – Crude oil futures saw fresh volatility this week tied to the dollar index roller coaster. DOE reported a surprisingly big decline in domestic crude inventories on Wednesday – the first weekly decline in months – down 3.882 million bbls, compared to an expected increase of 1.2 million bbls. Distillates increased by 1.503 million bbls while gasoline stocks increased by 401,000 bbls. **Crude oil posted a corrective set back today (Thursday) as the dollar turned higher to recover most of Wednesday's losses – down \$1.99 to close at \$58.94/bbl, down \$0.21 for the week.**

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, May 4, 2015

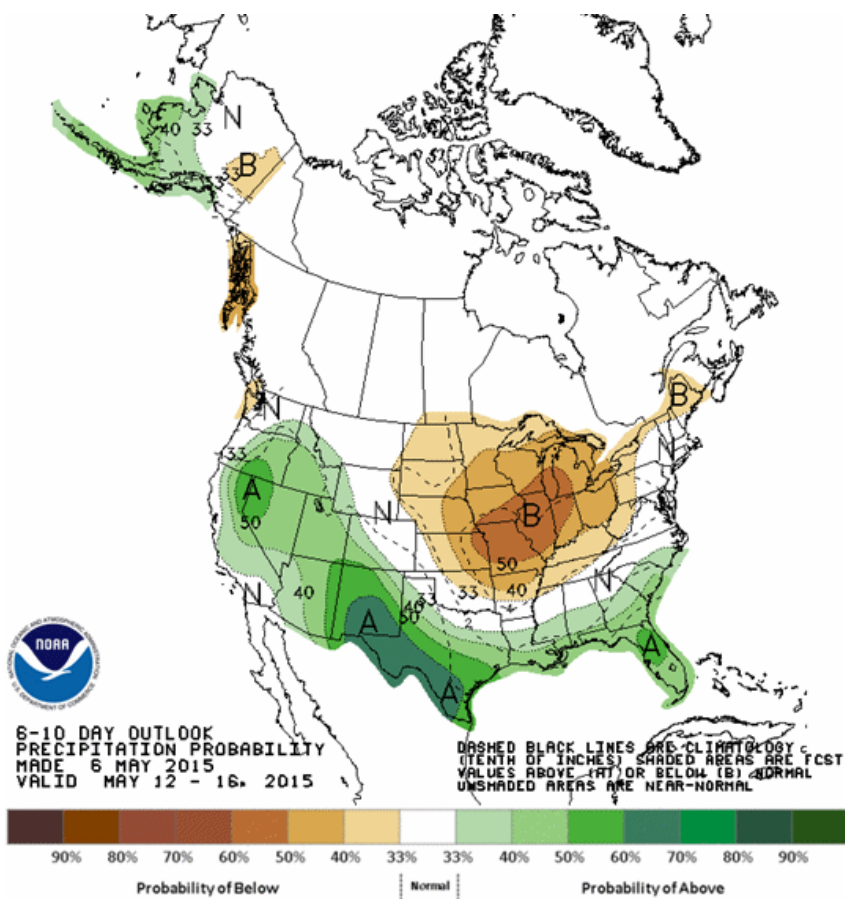
Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US barley	75%	56%	44%	47%			
	planted						
	39%	18%	16%	17%			
	emerged						

ID barley	89% planted 68% emerged	83% 48%	86% 55%	72% 36%			
US spring wheat	75% Planted 30% emerged	55% 9%	25% 7%	40% 16%			
ID spring wheat	91% planted 65% emerged	78% 42%	95% 64%	76% 41%			
US winter wheat	43% headed	28%	27%	34%	43% g/ex	42% g/ex	31%
ID winter wheat	5% headed	3%	0%	0%	55%	61%	87%
Corn	55% planted 9% emerged	19% 2%	28% 6%	38% 12%			
US topsoil moisture					72% adequate/surplus	76%	63%
Idaho topsoil moisture					59%	65%	
US subsoil moisture					71% adequate/surplus	72%	59%
Idaho subsoil moisture					66%	62%	

Weather/Crop Outlook –

U.S. – PNW – Cooler and widely scattered showers stretched from the coast to the Northern Rockies. The 6-10 day outlook shows a warming trend and wetter than normal conditions, as depicted in the map below. **Great Plains** – For the third consecutive week the HRW belt received beneficial showers which should help the winter wheat crop finish. The 6-10 day outlook calls for drier conditions to return to this region. **Northern Plains** – An unsettled system brought beneficial showers to this previously dry region. The 6-10 day outlook calls for below normal temperatures and drier than normal conditions. **Corn Belt** – Heavy rainfall blanketed a wide swath of the mid-section of the country this week, stretching from Texas up through Kansas and Nebraska into the previously dry Upper Midwest. The 6-10 day outlook has turned cooler and drier, which will allow final corn planting push.

- **Canada** – Spring grain planting continued to advance this week.
- **Europe** – Widespread rains have eased recent dryness helping maintain favorable growing conditions.
- **Black Sea region** – Continued periodic precipitation is maintaining favorable growing conditions.
- **China** – The main winter wheat belt continued to receive timely scattered showers to maintain favorable crop conditions.
- **Northern Africa** – Sunny warm conditions dominated, favoring winter grain development.
- **Middle East** – Sunny warm conditions are maintaining favorable crop conditions.
- **South America** – Conditions remain favorable for second crop corn in Brazil and drier conditions have allowed corn harvest to advance in Argentina to more than 30% completed.
- **Australia** – Beneficial pre-plant showers have tapered off, allowing winter grain planting to advance.



GRAIN WEBINARS

JOIN US for our next live **WEBINAR on May 8 at 8:30 a.m. MDT on 2015 Weather and Water Outlook**, featuring NWS Senior Hydrologist Troy Lindquist.

Log onto: <http://connect.cals.uidaho.edu/barley/>

Unmanned Aerial Demonstration – Eastern Idaho growers are invited to a demonstration of Empire Unmanned UAS flight and software on May 21 at 9 a.m. at Tyson Coles farm at 10591 S. 15th East, Idaho Falls. For more information: tcocesfarm@gmail.com

2015 Cereals Pest/Agronomic Alert - This information is provided by Dr. Juliet Marshall, University of Idaho Associate Professor, Cereals Agronomy/Pathology, Idaho Falls, 208-529-8376, jmarshall@uidaho.edu – On Tuesday I was at the Teton Research Station rating winter wheat for snow mold, and I noticed **wheat stripe rust on some lines that were from Washington State's pathology program**. I don't know the line names / pedigree of infected lines. The stripe rust was on both lower leaves and mid-canopy on plants that were late tillering to jointing. It is possible that the infection overwintered, however I was there April 21, and saw no evidence of stripe rust. The snow mold infections were pretty good, with many of the overwintering leaves destroyed. I think this is an early spring infection (this season). The nursery is being destroyed today, so that should remove the source. However, if I had susceptible lines of spring or winter wheat, I would be spraying fungicides at herbicide application.

The current temperatures are conducive to infection, and these localized thunderstorms will assist in spread and the moisture conditions that promote infection.

Please see the appendices in the 2014 Small Grains Report for last year's ratings of the spring wheat lines: <http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/cereals/scseidaho/sgr>

Please let me know if you see stripe rust in your area!