Idaho Grain Market Report, June 18, 2015

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, June 17, 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	$4.90-5.00		$5.50	$4.80	$6.20	$5.20
Idaho Falls	$4.85	$12.00-12.50	$5.64 New crop $4.89	$5.24 New crop $4.92	$6.46 New crop $5.81	$5.34 New crop $5.81
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	$10.00	$5.64 New crop $4.89	$5.24 New crop $4.92	$6.46 New crop $5.81	$5.34 New crop $5.81
Grace / Soda Springs	$5.10	NQ	$5.19	$4.63	$6.12	
Burley / Rupert Hazelton	$4.75 – 5.25	$12.50				
Twin Falls / Buhl / Wendell	$5.80– 6.50		New crop $4.87 **Feed wheat** $3.60	NQ	NQ	
Nampa – Weiser	New crop $5.80	NQ	New crop $5.29	NQ	NQ	
Nez Perce / Craigmont	$5.55		$5.16	$5.20	$6.22	
Lewiston	$6.05		$5.41	$5.45	$6.47	
Moscow / Genesee	$5.55- 6.00		$5.18 – 5.30	$5.22 – 5.34	$6.24-6.51	$5.34

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 June - NQ New crop $5.85-5.97 **max 10.5% pro** June - $5.76¼ - 6.06¼ New crop $6.12-6.32	June $5.90½-6.10½ New crop $5.89¾ - 5.94¾	June $7.22¾ – 7.47 ¾ New crop $6.87¼-7.07¼	
Los Angeles	$8.20–8.25					
Tulare	$8.20– 8.25					
Ogden	$5.60		$5.35	$4.90	$6.22	$5.00
Great Falls	$5.00	$11.00		$4.66-5.03 (12%)	$5.53 –5.97	
Minneapolis	$5.42	NQ		$5.45½	$6.82¾ – 7.47¾	

Market trends this week

BARLEY - Local feed barley prices were mostly steady to 10 cents lower. Open market malting barley prices closed steady. USDA reported there were no barley exports sales last week. Barley export shipments totaled 300 MT, to Japan and Canada.

WHEAT – Wheat prices were mostly lower this week: local SWW prices ranged from 7 to 22 cents lower; HRW prices ranged from 10 to 34 cents lower; and DNS prices ranged from 2 to 22 cents lower. USDA reported wheat export sales were within trade expectations last week at 315.7 TMT. Wheat export shipments last week were below trade expectations at 284.5 TMT.

Wheat competitor / buyer news – Strategie Grains lowered their EU soft wheat production estimate for 2015 by 1 MMT this week to 141.6 MMT, down 5% from the previous year. ABARE has lowered its Australian wheat production estimate from 24.4 MMT to 23.6 MMT to account for impacts from El Nino drought expected across eastern and southern production areas. Russian wheat exports are pegged at 20.9 MMT for MY 2014/15, up nearly 15% from the previous year. USDA Ag Attache pegged Ukrainian wheat crop at 23 MMT, down 4% from the previous year. Argentine government approved another 1 MMT of wheat for export, bringing cumulative Argentine wheat exports to 4.7 MMT. Egypt purchased 120 TMT of Romanian wheat and 60 TMT of Russian wheat this week.

CORN – USDA reported corn export sales were above trade expectations at 827.6 TMT (627.2 TMT for MY 14/15 and 200.4 TMT for MY 15/16), up 27% from the prior week and 3% from the 4-week average. Corn export shipments last week were much stronger at 1.045 MMT, up 27% from the prior week and 6% from the 4-week average.

Ethanol corn usage – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a modest downtick in weekly ethanol production – down 12,000 or 1.2% from the previous week to 980,000 bbls per day and up 0.8% from a year ago. Corn used in ethanol production totaled 102.9 million bu, which is still ahead of the weekly pace of 99 million bu needed to reach the USDA's projected use of 5.175 billion bu for the marketing year. U.S. ethanol stocks edged higher again last week to 20.7 million bbls, up 16% from a year ago.

Corn competitor / buyer news – Talk this week that China is likely to lower its domestic corn prices paid to producers this year which may triggered a suddent drop in corn and other feed grain imports. USDA Ag Attache pegged Ukrainian corn crop at 26 MMT, down 7% from the previous year. Strategie Grains left their EU corn production estimate for 2015 unchanged at 67.5 MMT, down 11% from last year's record crop.

Futures Market trends this week

WHEAT – Wheat futures posted double digit losses on Monday under technical selling pressure, poor export demand and forecasts of more favorable weather for parts of the U.S. winter wheat belt, Canada, France and Germany. Prices finished mixed to lower on both Tuesday and Wednesday in the face of improving weather in the Western Plains. Wheat prices finished moderately lower today (Thursday) under pressure from poor export demand and harvest hedge pressure as winter wheat harvest advances across the Western Plains where conditions have turned warmer and drier. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 6/18/15...**

	July 2015	**Weekly Summary**	**Sept 2015**	**Weekly Summary**	**Dec 2015**	**Weekly Summary**
Chicago SRW	**$4.88**	**Down $0.15¾**	**$4.93¼**	**Down $0.17¼**	**$5.07¼**	**Down $0.17½**
KC HRW	**$4.98¼**	**Down $0.27¾**	**$5.07¾**	**Down $0.28**	**$5.26¾**	**Down $0.25¾**
MGE DNS	**$5.39¾**	**Down $0.21½**	**$5.50½**	**Down $0.19¾**	**$5.63¾**	**Down $0.19¼**

CORN – Corn futures started the week modestly lower under pressure from mostly favorable warm and wet growing conditions. Corn prices rebounded on Tuesday on short covering triggered by a surge in soybean prices, small downtick in US corn crop condition rating and an oversold technical condition. But the upside continues to be limited by a significant amount of unsold old crop corn in farmers' hands and bearish leaning charts. Corn extended its moderate gains on Wednesday in continued short covering triggered by a slightly lower dollar and strong gains in soybeans. Corn finished modestly lower today (Thursday) as traders view current growing conditions mostly favorable (rain makes grain) which should offsett any potential loss in final planted acreage. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 6/18/15… July 2015 contract at $3.58, up $0.05 for the week, Sept. 2015 contract closed at $3.63½, up $0.04¾ and the Dec. 2015 contract closed at $3.73¼, up $0.03¾ for the week.**

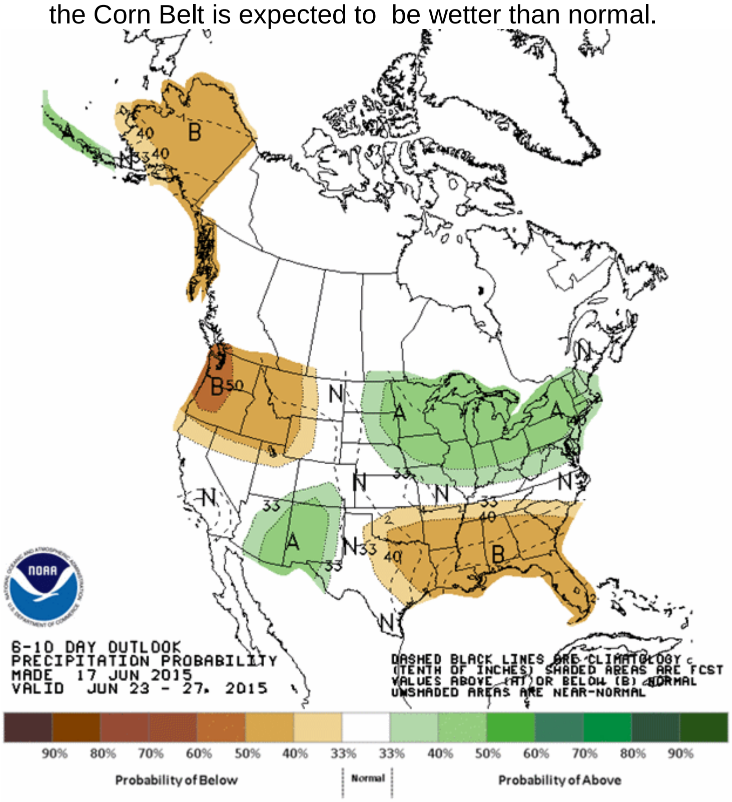
CRUDE OIL – Crude oil prices chopped in a narrow trading range this week in line with the value of the dollar and mixed economic views in China and Europe. DOE reported another larger than expected cut in weekly domestic crude inventories but still well above previous years – down 2.676 million bbls, compared to an expected decrease of 1.8 million bbls. Distillates increased by 114,000 bbls and gasoline stocks increased by 460,000 bbls, compared to an expected draw down of 800,000 bbls. **Crude oil finished moderately higher today (Thursday) as the dollar sank to a one month low – up $0.53/bbl to close at $60.45/bbl and up $0.49/bbl for the week.**

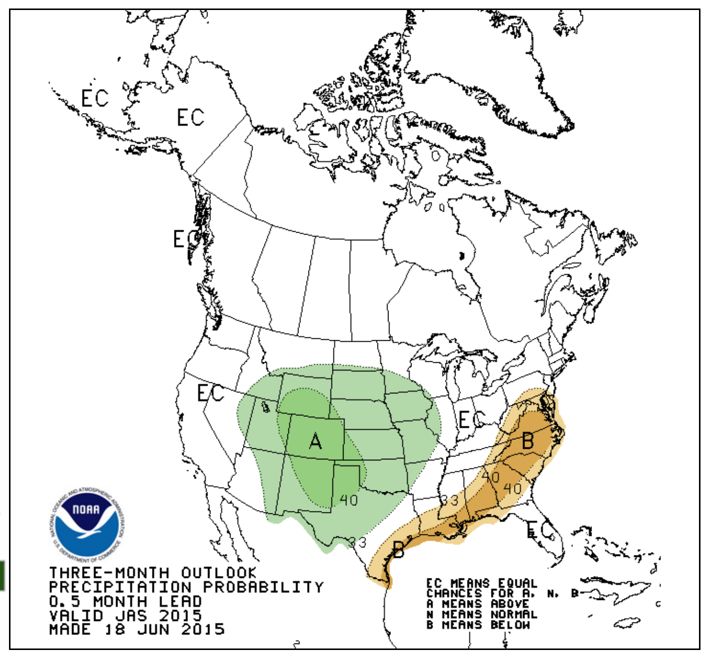
USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, June 15, 2015

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US barley					75% g/ex	76%	65%
ID barley					**92% g/ex**	**91%**	
US spring wheat					70% g/ex	69%	72%
ID spring wheat					**82% g/ex**	**84%**	
US winter wheat	96% headed 11% harvested	91% 4%	91% 15%	89% 20%	43% g/ex	43%	30%
ID winter wheat	**92% headed**	**69%**	**72%**	**40%**	**63%**	**65%**	
Corn	97% emerged	91%	96%	95%	73%	74%	76%

Weather/Crop Outlook –

- **U.S. -** Hot and dry conditions persisted across much of the PNW and Intermountain West. Cool showery conditions lingered across the Central Rockies into the High Plains. Much of the Corn Belt was warm and wet, promoting rapid crop development. By midweek reminants of Tropical Storm Bill brought heavy rains to already saturated soils across a wide band stretching from Eastern Texas, through the Eastern Plains into the Ohio River Valley, with flash flooding warnings for many areas. This additional moisture slowed winter wheat maturation and harvest and elevated concerns about disease spreading and quality deteriorating. By contrast, the Western Plains were mostly dry, allowing harvest to advance in these areas. Early planted corn and beans looks great but later planted crops are starting to show stress from excessive moisture and N deficiencies. **The 6-10 outlook –** The Pacific Northwest remains hot and dry, the Northern Plains are cool and wet, while the Southern Plains are drier with mostly normal temperatures. Much of the Corn Belt is expected to be wetter than normal.





- **Canada** – After an abnormally dry spring, the Western Prairies had a wetter outlook this week.
- **Europe –** Warm and wet, easing dryness concerns in some areas of France and Germany.
- **Black Sea region –** Parts of Ukraine and Southern Russia are expected to receive moisture the next 7 days but then turner drier into nearly July.
- **China –** Conditions remain favorable with hot and dry conditions aiding winter grain maturation and harvesting across the North China Plains. The northeastern region continued to receive beneficial showers.
- **Middle East –** Growing conditions remain mostly favorable for winter grains, with Turkey continuing to receive

unseasonably heavy showers at grain fill.

- **South America –** Conditions remain favorable as second crop corn harvest advances in Central Brazil, while corn harvest advances in Argentina.
- **Australia –** Conditions remained mostly warm and dry this week.

BARLEY YELLOW DWARF VIRUS FORUM – Wednesday, July 1, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., includes lunch at Best Western Burley Inn, Burley, ID. Please pre-register by calling Mike Erickson at 208.305.7458 or by emailing mike.erickson@mcgregor.com

University of Idaho – Limagrain Cereal Seeds Field Day – July 15, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 pm, **includes lunch at UI Aberdeen Research & Extension Center**. Tour winter and spring wheat and barley variety trials, wheat breeding nursery, barley breeding nursery and barley nutrient management study.