

# Idaho Grain Market Report, September 25, 2014

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, September 24, 2014. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. and wheat prices in \$/bu.

	<u>Barley (Cwt.)</u>	<u>MALTING</u>	<u>Wheat (bu.)</u>		
	<u>FEED</u> Feed	Open market malting	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% pro	#1 DNS 14% pro
Ashton	NQ	\$10.00	NQ	NQ	NQ
Rexburg/ Ririe/ Roberts	NQ	NQ	Feed wheat \$3.25	NQ	NQ
Idaho Falls	\$5.00	\$11.46 - \$11.50	Feed wheat \$3.23	NQ	NQ
Blackfoot / Pocatello	NQ	\$10.00	\$5.75	\$5.52	\$6.00
Grace / Soda Springs	\$4.55	NQ	\$5.65	\$5.49	\$6.23
Burley / Rupert	\$5.20 – 5.50	\$11.46	\$5.60	\$5.36	\$5.93
Hazelton					
Twin Falls / Eden / Buhl	\$5.00- 5.75	NQ	Feed wheat \$3.00	NQ	NQ
Weiser	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Nez Perce / Craigmont	\$5.80		5.70	\$6.30	\$8.00
Lewiston	\$6.30		\$5.95	\$6.55	\$8.25
Moscow / Genesee	\$5.80 - 6.08		\$5.72 – 5.89	\$6.32 - 6.46	\$8.02–8.16

### 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
Portland	NQ	NQ	\$6.55¼ - 6.80¼	\$7.09¼ - 7.14¼	\$7.38 - 8.88
Los Angeles	\$8.75 – 8.90	NQ	NQ	\$8.24 (13%)	NQ
Tulare	\$8.75 - 8.90	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Ogden	\$4.90	NQ	\$6.10	\$5.84	\$6.73
Great Falls	NQ	\$9.50	NQ	\$4.97 - 5.00 (12%)	\$5.74 – 6.14
Minneapolis	\$4.79	\$13.23	NQ	\$6.34¼	\$7.38 – 7.58

### Market trends this week

**BARLEY** – Local feed barley prices were steady to 10 cents lower, with open market malting barley prices remained steady. USDA reported no barley export sales last week and barley export shipments of 500 MT to Taiwan. .

**WHEAT** – Local wheat prices were mixed this week: SWW prices ranged 15 to 25 cents lower; HRW prices ranged from minus 50 cents to plus 3 cents; and DNS prices ranged 30 to 44 cents lower. USDA reported last week's wheat export sales were on the low end trade expectations at 396.3 TMT, up 26% from the previous week and 1% from the prior 4-week average. Wheat export shipments totaled 474.4 TMT, down 39% from the previous week and 26% from the 4-week average.

**Wheat Competitive/Buyer News** – Egypt bought 55 TMT SRW wheat this week.

**CORN** – USDA reported corn export sales were above trade expectations at 1.06 MMT (MY 2014/15 sales of 836.4 TMT plus MY 15/16 sales of 270 TMT). Corn export shipments last week also were strong at 1.038 MMT.

**Ethanol corn usage** – DOE's Energy Information Agency reported a big downtick in weekly ethanol production – down 42,000 bpd to 889,000 bbls per day, the lowest production since January. Corn used to produce ethanol totaled 93.35 million bu.

**Corn Competitor / Buyer News** – The EU raised its corn import tariff this week from 5.32 euros to 10.44 euros. A private crop forecaster lowers its Ukrainian production estimate by 1.1 MMT this week to 25.9 MMT due to dry conditions.

**Futures Market trends this week**

**WHEAT** – Wheat prices started the week modestly higher on news of an Egyptian purchase of U.S. SRW wheat and light technical buying. Prices closed narrowly mixed on Tuesday and Wednesday under pressure from ample world stocks, concerns about U.S. prices not being competitive on world markets and lower corn and beans. Wheat prices finished mixed to lower today (Thursday) under pressure from beneficial weather in the U.S. and Russia and disappointing export sales. **Wheat market closes on Thursday, 9/25/14...**

	<b>Dec. 2014</b>	<u>Weekly Summary</u>	<b>Mar. 2015</b>	<u>Weekly Summary</u>	<b>May 2015</b>	<u>Weekly Summary</u>
Chicago SRW	<b>\$4.74</b>	Down \$0.00½	<b>\$4.87¾</b>	Down \$0.03¼	<b>\$4.97</b>	Down \$0.05½
KC HRW	<b>\$5.64¼</b>	Up \$0.04	<b>\$5.68</b>	Up \$0.02	<b>\$5.70½</b>	Up \$0.01
MGE DNS	<b>\$5.36¼</b>	Up \$0.00¼	<b>\$5.51¾</b>	Down \$0.01	<b>\$5.62½</b>	Down \$0.02¾

**CORN** – Corn prices continued to retreat to fresh contract lows this week on expectations of record yields and ideal finishing and harvest weather. **Corn futures contract closes on Thursday, 9/25/2014...** Dec. 2014 contract at **\$3.26, down \$0.05½ for the week**, Mar. 2015 contract closed at **\$3.39, down \$0.05¼** and the May 2015 contract closed at **\$3.47½, down \$0.05½**.

**CRUDE OIL** – Crude oil prices chopped in a narrow range, with support from geopolitical uncertainties in the Middle East offset by a strong dollar which is trading at a 4-year high. DOE reported that crude oil inventories fell more than expected, falling 4.273 million bbls last week, compared to an expected increase of 750,000 bbls. Distillates increased by 823,000 bbls. Gasoline stocks fell by 414,000 bbls, compared to no change expected. **Crude oil futures finished \$0.27 lower on Thursday to close at \$92.53/bbl.**

**US WEATHER / CROP OUTLOOK –**

**West** – Mostly warm and dry this week, but a cool front and rain are expected to push inland from the Oregon and Washington coast across the Northern Intermountain region and Northern Rockies by this weekend. Cooler than normal conditions for the next 6-10 days. **Plains** – Some showers across the Central Plains this week, aiding winter wheat establishment. **Midwest Corn Belt** – Widely scattered showers stretched from Missouri into Wisconsin but dry elsewhere, with much warmer temperatures. Some areas are seeing record heat which is advancing corn crop maturity. The **6-10 day outlook** calls for a cooling trend in the west and Western Corn Belt and near to above normal precipitation across much of the country.

**USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report, September 22, 2014**

Crop	% Progress	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average	Condition rating % good/excellent	Previous Week	Previous Year
US barley	95% harvested	91%	9%	95%			
<b>ID barley</b>	<b>97% harvested</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>			
US spring wheat	86% harvested	74%	93%	92%			
<b>ID spring wheat</b>	<b>100% harvested</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>			
US winter wheat	25% planted	12%	21%	22%			
<b>ID winter wheat</b>	<b>28% planted</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>27%</b>			
Corn	42% mature 7% harvested	27% 4%	37% 7%	54% 15%	74%	74%	55%

**INTERNATIONAL WEATHER/CROP OUTLOOK –**

- **Canada** – Mostly warm and dry conditions allowed spring grain harvest to advance but spring wheat harvest continues to lag at only 46% completed.
- **Europe** – Warmer and drier conditions favored summer crop harvesting and winter grain planting.
- **Ukraine** – Scattered showers replenished soil moisture for winter grain planting but conditions are expected to be dry for the next 10 days.
- **Russia** – Parts of southern Russia received beneficial moisture this week but are expected to be dry for the next 10 days. Russian wheat harvest is reportedly 75% complete, with yields trending 15% above average, and corn harvest 25% completed with yields slightly above average.

- **China** – Winter wheat regions continued to receive beneficial moisture this week.
- **Australia** – Eastern production regions received beneficial moisture this week with some areas seeing patchy frost damage. Southeastern region expected rain towards the end of this week, while the west was mostly dry.