

Idaho Grain Market Report, March 26, 2026—NEW CROP PRICES

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday March 25, 2025. 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% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Rexburg / Ririe						
Idaho Falls/Idaho Falls						
Grace / Soda Springs						
Twin Falls / Buhl Jerome / Wendell	8.50					
Meridian	8.50		5.20	5.53	5.89	
Nezperce / Craigmont <small>Does not include delivery</small>	7.75		6.20	6.37		
Lewiston <small>Does not include delivery</small>	7.75		6.20	6.37		
Moscow / Genesee <small>Does not include delivery</small>	7.75-8.00		6.20	6.67-6.69	7.11	

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash FOB
 Wednesday March 25, 2026 Barley prices in \$/Cwt. And wheat prices in \$/bu.

	#2 Feed Barley 46 lbs. --	Malting Barley	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 12% Protein	#1 DNS 13% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland			6.20	6.68	7.11	
Ogden						
Great Falls				5.19-5.44	5.63-5.81	
Minneapolis					7.91	

Market News and Trends This Week

BARLEY—Idaho cash feed barley prices were unchanged for the week ending March 18. Idaho cash malt barley prices were unchanged. No net sales were reported for the week March 13-19. Exports of 700 MT were to Canada (600 MT) for the week of March 13-19, 2026.

Barley News—Natural Light Beer is launching Natural Light Lawn Brew, a custom mix of spent beer grains and fresh fertilizer, to help fans' lawns grow greener, thicker, and stronger than ever. To celebrate the official kickoff of lawncare season, Natural Light is giving new life to the leftover grains from brewing and mixing them with real fertilizer. Packed with nutrients and fiber, the spent beer grains mixed in Lawn Brew helps create a balanced soil base, improving structure and supporting stronger, healthier grass growth. Turns out, what makes great beer can also make a great lawn. Knowing its fans' love for lawncare, Natural Light is bringing this savvy solution straight to backyards everywhere this Spring. Fans 21+ can now enjoy Natural Light from pint to plant—cracking open an ice-cold Natty after fertilizing their yards with the brand's Lawn Brew. Krystyn Stowe, Head of Marketing Busch Family & Natural Family, Anheuser-Busch said: "When spring rolls around, you'll find Natural Light fans doing two things: enjoying a cold beer and working on their lawn. We couldn't resist the idea of bringing those worlds together, so we transformed lager leftovers into Lawn Brew. Their favorite beer brand is now both in a can and on the fertilizer helping make their yard the greenest in town." For a limited time starting Tuesday, March 24th, Natural Light fans can purchase a 64-ounce bag of Lawn Brew for \$14.99 with free shipping from ShopBeerGear.com. After months of frigid winter days, your lawn deserves Natural Light. As the go-to beer for garage hangouts and lawncare loyalists alike, Natural Light shares its fans' passion for lawncare Earlier this year, the brand even debuted the Treadmower, a first-of-its-kind treadmill designed to simulate the simple joy of mowing the lawn when winter hits. (Anheuser-busch.com)

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Market News and Trends This Week—continued

Wheat—Idaho cash wheat prices were mixed for the week ending March 25. SWW prices were down \$0.05 from the previous week; HRW prices were down \$0.14 to up \$0.06; DNS prices were unchanged to up \$0.06. HWW prices were, not given. Net sales of 397,200 MT for 2026/2027 were reported for the Philippines (69,700 MT), Taiwan (67,800 MT), Mexico (63,700 MT), Haiti (43,000 MT), and Japan (35,600 MT). Exports of 383,500 MT were unchanged from the previous week, but down 10 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (103,200 MT), China (68,400 MT), Taiwan (49,800 MT), the Philippines (37,700 MT), and Japan (36,000 MT).

Wheat News—Wheat farmers paid nearly \$1 billion in additional costs due to tariffs on phosphate fertilizers, a new report from the National Association of Wheat Growers says. NAWG points to Texas A&M estimates that countervailing duties on Moroccan phosphate fertilizers cost the producers of major U.S. crops \$6.9 billion across the 2021 to 2025 growing seasons through increased fertilizer costs. Wheat farmers paid \$966 million across the same time period. Wheat farmers face the second highest fertilizer costs of major field crops as a percentage of operating costs, at 38%, and total costs, 15%, according to the report, which cites USDA production cost projections for the 2026/2027 marketing year. The projections were published in December before the current conflict in the Middle East “skyrocketed” fertilizer prices, NAWG’s report notes. “If you are a wheat farmer and you are applying phosphate, it’s impacting your farm,” NAWG president Jamie Kress, a Rockland Valley, Idaho, farmer told Capital Press. “It’s kind of overwhelming to see that (\$1 billion) figure printed on paper, over five years, above and beyond what we needed to pay.” NAWG points to countervailing duties applied in 2021 on imported phosphate fertilizers from Russia and Morocco. The duties are tariffs on U.S. imports that aim to neutralize specific types of government subsidies given to foreign exporters that materially harm domestic industry, according to the report. Phosphate fertilizers are manufactured using mined phosphate rock. Phosphorus is one of the three primary nutrients needed to grow crops. Globally, China and Morocco are the top phosphate rock producers, according to the report. (capitalpress.com)

CORN—Net sales of 1,217,800 MT for 2025/2026 for the week of March 13-19. Increases were primarily to Mexico (428,600 MT), Colombia (319,400 MT), the Dominican Republic (97,200 MT), Vietnam (71,900 MT), and Spain (61,600 MT). Exports of 1,678,200 MT were down 4 percent from the previous week and 5 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (397,600 MT), Japan (301,800 MT), Colombia (292,900 MT), Spain (131,100 MT), and the Dominican Republic (124,800 MT).

Ethanol Corn Usage—DOE’s Energy Infor. Agency (EIA) reported ethanol production for the week March 20 was 1.116 million bbls, up 2.1 percent from the previous week and up 6.0 percent from last year. Total ethanol production for the week was 7.812 million barrels. Ethanol stocks were 27.170 million bbls, up 2.9 percent from last week and down 0.7 percent from last year. An estimated 111.15 million bu of corn was used in last week’s production bringing this crop year’s cumulative corn usage for ethanol production at 3.132 billion bu. Corn used needs to average 105.36 million bu per week to meet USDA estimate of 5.600 billions bu for the crop year.

Futures Market News and Trends—Week Ending March 26, 2026

FUTURES MARKET SETTLEMENT PRICES for the Week Ending Thursday, March 26, 2026:

Commodity	May 2026	Week Change	July 2026	Week Change	Sept 2026	Week Change	Dec 2026	Week Change
CHI SRW	\$6.05	\$0.09 ³ / ₄	\$6.15 ³ / ₄	\$0.08 ¹ / ₂	\$6.28 ³ / ₄	\$0.08	\$6.46	-\$0.08 ¹ / ₄
KC HRW	\$6.26 ³ / ₄	\$0.20 ¹ / ₂	\$6.41 ¹ / ₄	\$0.20	\$6.55	\$0.19 ¹ / ₄	\$6.73 ¹ / ₄	\$0.18 ¹ / ₂
MGE DNS	\$6.45	\$0.17	\$6.59 ¹ / ₄	\$0.17 ¹ / ₂	\$6.75	\$0.17	\$6.87 ¹ / ₂	\$0.16
CORN	\$4.67	\$0.01 ¹ / ₂	\$4.78	\$0.02	\$4.80 ¹ / ₂	\$0.02 ¹ / ₂	\$4.94 ¹ / ₂	\$0.03 ³ / ₄

WHEAT FUTURES—Wheat futures were up due to drought in growing areas. **Wheat futures prices ranged from up \$0.08 to up \$0.20¹/₂ (per bu) versus the previous week.**

CORN FUTURES—Corn futures were up due to good export demand. **Corn futures prices ranged from up \$0.01¹/₂ to up \$0.03³/₄ (per bu) versus the previous week.**

CRUDE OIL FUTURES—Oil prices rose and stocks declined on Thursday as investors continued to parse conflicting signals on whether the war in the Middle East was nearing de-escalation. (nytimes.com)

EIA reported U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 16.2 million bbls day during the week ending March 20, was 366 thousand bbls/day more than last week’s average. Refineries operated at 92.9% of capacity last week. As of March 20, there was an increase in crude oil stocks of 6.9526 million bbls from last week to 456.164 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 453.637 million bbls. Distillate stocks increased by 3.032 million bbls to a total of 119.936 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 120.693 million bbls; while gasoline stocks decreased by 2.593 million bbls to 241.447 million bbls, over the 233.800 million bbl 5-year average. The national average retail regular gasoline price was \$3.961 per gallon on March 23, up \$0.271 from last week’s price and up \$0.846 from a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price was \$5.375 per gallon, up \$0.304 from last week’s price and up \$1.808 from last year.

NYMEX Crude Oil Futures finished the week ending Thursday, March , 2026 to close at \$93.50bbl (May contract), down \$4.82 for the week.

USDA U.S. Drought Monitor—March 26, 2026

Northeast: Improvements made in much of the region.

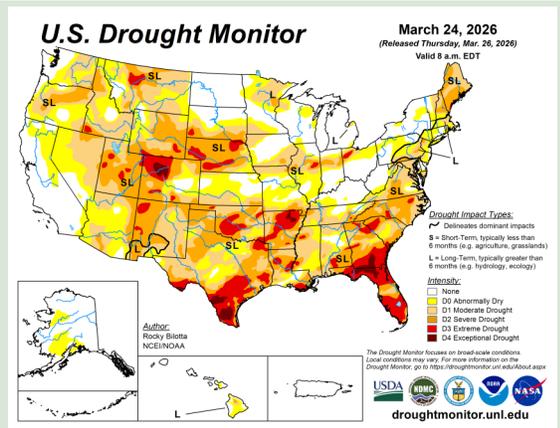
Southeast: Drought expanded in much of the region,

South: Degrادات were made in much of the region.

Midwest: Improvements were made in much of the region.

High Plains: Worsening conditions in much of the region.

West: Degrادات in much of the region this week.



USDA U.S. Crop Weather Highlights—March 26, 2026

West: Warmer-than-normal weather prevails, except from the Pacific Northwest to the northern Rockies. Relentless spring warmth has resulted in more than half of the Sierra Nevada snow-water equivalency being lost since March 1, according to the California Department of Water Resources, with snow having completely melted in parts of the Southwest.

Plains: Cooler air, accompanied by patchy precipitation, is overspreading Montana and the Dakotas. This morning's minimum temperatures dipped below 20°F in northeastern Montana and northern North Dakota. In contrast, record-shattering heat prevails across the southern half of the Plains, where today's high temperatures should range from 90 to 100°F. Agricultural complications related to the early-season spell of hot, dry weather include a significantly elevated wildfire threat and reduced soil moisture for rangeland, pastures, and winter wheat.

Corn Belt: A few showers and thunderstorms are developing in advance of an approaching cold front. Chilly air has begun to settle across the Dakotas and the upper Great Lakes region, while record-breaking warmth prevails from Missouri into the Ohio Valley. Today's temperatures will reach 90°F or higher as far north as the middle Mississippi Valley.

South: Dry weather and above-normal temperatures favor fieldwork and crop development. However, more than a half-dozen Southern States are experiencing double-digit coverage of Extreme to Exceptional Drought (D3 to D4), led by Florida (73% coverage), according to the March 24 U.S. Drought Monitor. In some areas, drought is having a negative impact on surface water supplies, as well as the condition of pastures, winter grains, and emerging summer crops.

Outlook for U.S: The latest round of record-setting heat will peak later today from the southern half of the Plains into the mid-South and lower Midwest, with high temperatures approaching or reaching 100°F on the Plains as far north as Kansas. Meanwhile, colder air will begin to surge southward, helping to spark locally severe thunderstorms late Thursday into early Friday across the eastern Corn Belt and environs. By Saturday morning, freezes should occur at least as far south as the central Plains and the Ohio Valley. However, the short-lived cold spell will be replaced by another round of unusual warmth, with high temperatures approaching 90°F late in the weekend and early next week across the central and southern Plains. Aside from upcoming rainfall (locally 1 to 2 inches) associated with the passage of a cold front across the Midwestern and mid-Atlantic States, precipitation will be scarce during the next 5 days, with completely dry weather expected across large sections of the Plains and South. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for March 31 – April 4 calls for the likelihood of near- or above-normal temperatures and precipitation across much of the country. Cooler-than-normal conditions will be confined to northern New England and an area stretching from the Pacific Northwest to northwestern North Dakota, while drier-than-normal weather should be limited to the coastal Carolinas.

International Crop Weather Highlights—March 24, 2026

Europe: Mostly dry and warm weather promoted fieldwork and winter crop development, though locally heavy showers lingered in parts of southern Europe.

Middle East: A slow-moving storm brought moderate to very heavy rain and snow to western and central portions of the region.

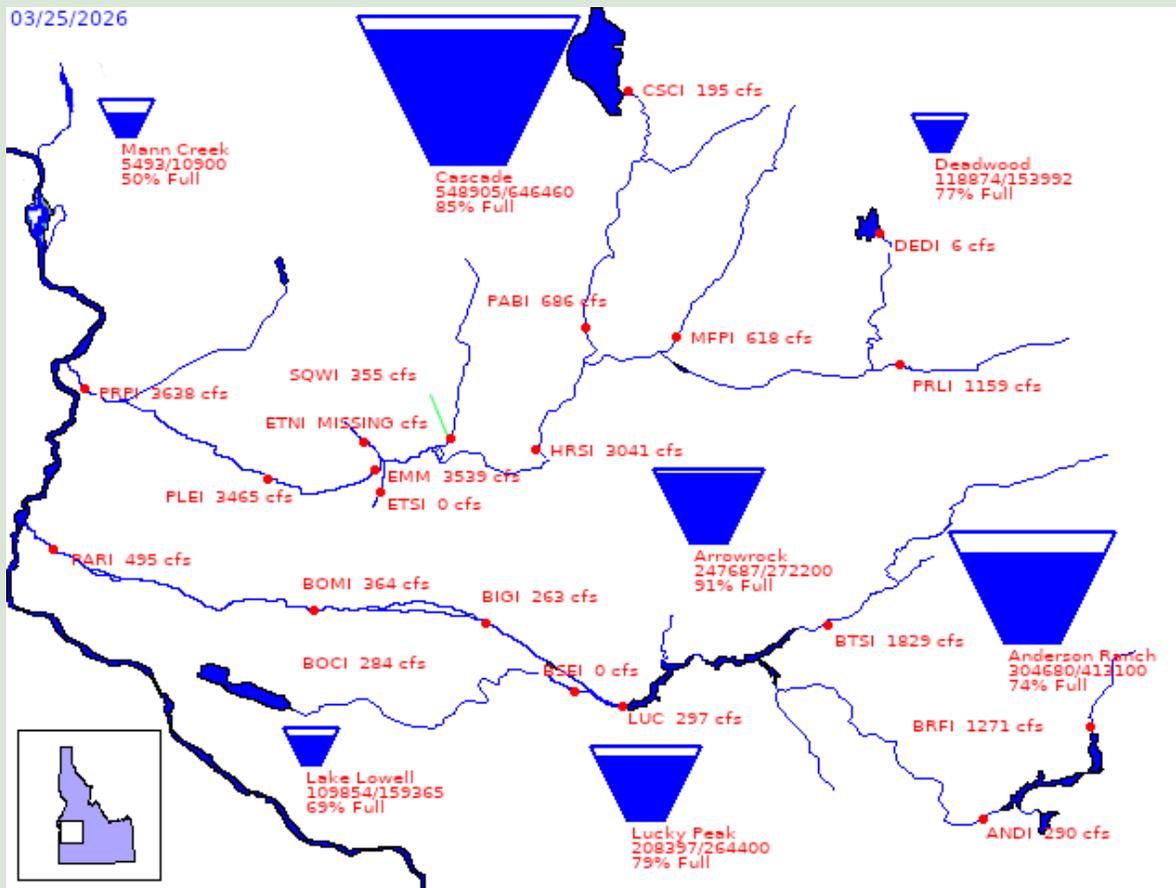
Africa: Widespread showers maintained good to excellent yield prospects for reproductive winter grains.

Australia: Dry and warm weather in eastern Australia favored cotton and sorghum harvesting, while Tropical Cyclone Narelle triggered heavy to excessive rain in the far north.

Argentina: Widespread showers returned to the east, offering welcome relief and helping to replenish soil moisture.

Brazil: Rainfall remained widespread across the region, with the exception of the far south and portions of the east, where drier conditions prevailed.

Boise and Payette River Basin Reservoir Storage Levels on March 25, 2026



Upper Snake River Basin Reservoir Storage Levels on March 25, 2026

