

## At Market Master

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Take note of the CWB PROs which came out Thursday. Compare (especially) the CWB's hard red spring estimates versus our price listed in the Bid Board. Let's say you live in Camrose. Commercial freight to Red Deer would be \$12.50/MT and your freight to a local elevator would be \$8.00/MT. Here are some results, at the bin:

Grade	At The Bin
#1 CWRS, 13.5% protein	\$7.65
#3 CWRS	\$6.84
#1 CPSR	\$6.70
CW feed	\$4.55
Bid Board price for feed wheat with 12.5% protein	\$7.50

Going off-board, you're scheduled in for particular months AND all money is paid within a few weeks of delivery. With the PRO, you'll receive the initial payment, plus final payments as usual.

This looks to be a good option for a portion of your wheat marketing plan. Call before the opportunity slips away.

New oat prices (feed) are available for June through August. Call to get a price at the bin.

## Watching ICE

Your weekly closing ICE futures \$/MT.

Canola	This Week	Last Week	Diff +/-
Jul 08	\$623.30	\$608.90	\$14.40
Nov 08	\$648.00	\$631.50	\$16.50
Jan 09	\$658.60	\$642.20	\$16.40
Mar 09	\$668.10	\$652.10	\$16.00
May 09	\$677.00	\$661.70	\$15.30
Jul 09	\$683.80	\$667.30	\$16.50
Nov 09	\$655.00	\$637.90	\$17.10
Jan 10	\$659.70	\$642.60	\$17.10
Barley	This Week	Last Week	Diff +/-
Jul 08	\$242.10	\$244.20	(\$2.10)
Oct 08	\$254.00	\$255.00	(\$1.00)
Dec 08	\$258.30	\$260.10	(\$1.80)
Mar 09	\$261.00	\$262.80	(\$1.80)
May 09	\$261.00	\$262.80	(\$1.80)
Jul 09	\$261.00	\$262.80	(\$1.80)

## Be Grainwise!

By Guest Columnist ... Neil Blue, Marketing Specialist, Alberta Agriculture (780) 853-8239

### US Grain

#### Corn

Corn prices slipped below previous week lows Monday before rebounding to modest price advances for the week. Prices remained above chart support, keeping the chart-based outlook neutral to positive. A rally in crude oil prices to new record highs, combined with renewed weakness in the US dollar, were supportive factors to US grain markets.

As of May 18, about 78% of the US corn crop was planted. Although this was slower than expected, it was still an improvement of 22% over the week. US corn planting is expected to be 90% complete by this Sunday. However, crop emergence is much later than average, which may have implications later in the summer when the crop is potentially exposed to greatest heat stress. Until a new crop threat develops, corn futures are unlikely to exceed contract highs of early May.

Over the week, JUL futures gained nine cents, while new crop DEC corn gained 10 cents to close at \$6.27.

#### Soy Complex

Soybean prices were volatile this week. Supportive to bean prices was the record crude oil price and very strong weekly US exports. Disruption in the Argentine soybean export supply, due to the farmer protests against soybean export taxes, was a likely factor in the strong US exports. The Argentine strike has again been suspended, pending more discussions between the government and farmers. So far, the government shows no signs of conceding to the strikers.

JUL beans continued to trade within the recent price range, and closed the week at \$13.68/bu, down 10 cents on the week, despite a 43-cent gain Friday. JUL meal lost \$13.70 to close at \$336.60/t but JUL oil gained 1.71 cents to close strongly at 63.56 cents. New crop NOV beans gained four cents over the week to close at \$13.53/bu.

#### Wheat

Wheat prices continued their price erosion, slippage in wheat crop condition ratings. Beneficial rains are expected across much of Kansas, Oklahoma and

Nebraska this weekend. Harvest is underway in Texas. The market continues to expect a rebound in world wheat production and, until that perception changes or a major price rally occurs in the other grains, wheat prices look likely to struggle.

JUL Chicago wheat lost 23 cents, JUL Kansas City wheat lost 26 cents, and new crop DEC Minneapolis wheat lost 14 cents to close at \$8.56/bu.

### Canadian Grain

#### Canola

Canola futures followed the US soy complex. Recent strength in the Canadian dollar and a lack of new export business have restrained canola prices. Rapid seeding progress in Western Canada and some rain in many areas also weighed on prices. With vegoil prices rising relative to canola and plentiful supply in export channels, crushers may be offering the better prices (ie, basis) right now.

JUL canola gained \$14.40/MT to close at \$623.30. That price is at the upper end of a recent range and just below a downtrend line on the price chart. If prices move higher, next resistance is at \$638. Support on JUL remains at \$600 and then \$584. NOV canola closed at \$648.00, up \$16.50. First chart resistance for November is at \$657.

#### Feedgrains

Again this week, Lethbridge cash barley prices were steady/higher while elevator bids were lower. Some feedlots have raised bids to attract deliveries during May, implying they're running short of deliveries while producers are busy seeding. JUL barley lost \$2.10/MT to close at \$242.10, while OCT barley lost \$1 to close at \$254.



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**CWB April 2008-09 Average PRO**

	May PRO	Alberta		Sask		BC	
		Average		Average		Average	
		Deduc	Return	Deduc	Return	Deduc	Return
<b>Wheat</b>							
1 CWRS 14.5	\$9.50	\$1.38	\$8.12	\$1.63	\$7.87	\$1.32	\$8.18
1 CWRS 13.5	\$9.25	\$1.38	\$7.87	\$1.63	\$7.62	\$1.32	\$7.93
1 CWRS 12.5	\$9.09	\$1.38	\$7.71	\$1.63	\$7.46	\$1.32	\$7.77
1 CWRS 11.5	\$8.93	\$1.38	\$7.55	\$1.63	\$7.30	\$1.32	\$7.61
2 CWRS 13.5	\$9.09	\$1.38	\$7.71	\$1.63	\$7.46	\$1.32	\$7.77
2 CWRS 11.5	\$8.76	\$1.38	\$7.38	\$1.63	\$7.13	\$1.32	\$7.44
3 CWRS 13.0	\$8.68	\$1.38	\$7.30	\$1.63	\$7.05	\$1.32	\$7.36
3 CWRS	\$8.44	\$1.38	\$7.06	\$1.63	\$6.81	\$1.32	\$7.12
4 CWRS	\$8.03	\$1.38	\$6.65	\$1.63	\$6.40	\$1.32	\$6.71
1 CWHW 13.5	\$9.25	\$1.38	\$7.87	\$1.63	\$7.62	\$1.32	\$7.93
1 CPSR	\$8.30	\$1.38	\$6.92	\$1.63	\$6.67	\$1.32	\$6.98
1 CPSW	\$8.30	\$1.38	\$6.92	\$1.63	\$6.67	\$1.32	\$6.98
1 CWRW Select 11.5	\$8.52	\$1.38	\$7.14	\$1.63	\$6.89	\$1.32	\$7.20
1 CWRW	\$8.16	\$1.38	\$6.78	\$1.63	\$6.53	\$1.32	\$6.84
1 CWES	\$8.44	\$1.36	\$7.08	\$1.64	\$6.80	\$1.32	\$7.12
1 CWSWS	\$7.84	\$1.38	\$6.46	\$1.63	\$6.21	\$1.32	\$6.52
CW Feed	\$6.15	\$1.38	\$4.77	\$1.63	\$4.52	\$1.32	\$4.83
<b>Durum</b>							
1 CWAD 14.5	\$11.00	\$1.37	\$9.63	\$1.47	\$9.53	\$1.32	\$9.68
1 CWAD 13.0	\$10.83	\$1.37	\$9.46	\$1.47	\$9.36	\$1.32	\$9.51
1 CWAD 12.5	\$10.80	\$1.37	\$9.43	\$1.47	\$9.33	\$1.32	\$9.48
1 CWAD 11.5	\$10.72	\$1.37	\$9.35	\$1.47	\$9.25	\$1.32	\$9.40
2 CWAD 13.0	\$10.59	\$1.37	\$9.22	\$1.47	\$9.12	\$1.32	\$9.27
2 CWAD 11.5	\$10.45	\$1.37	\$9.08	\$1.47	\$8.98	\$1.32	\$9.13
3 CWAD 13.0	\$10.10	\$1.37	\$8.73	\$1.47	\$8.63	\$1.32	\$8.78
3 CWAD	\$9.91	\$1.37	\$8.54	\$1.47	\$8.44	\$1.32	\$8.59
4 CWAD	\$9.25	\$1.37	\$7.88	\$1.47	\$7.78	\$1.32	\$7.93
5 CWAD	\$6.15	\$1.37	\$4.78	\$1.47	\$4.68	\$1.32	\$4.83
<b>Feed Barley</b>							
1 CW Pool A	\$5.12	\$1.23	\$3.89	\$1.39	\$1.39	\$1.15	\$3.97
<b>Designated Barley</b>							
SS CW 2-row	\$7.71	\$1.25	\$6.46	\$1.39	\$6.32	\$1.20	\$6.51
SS CW 6-row	\$7.27	\$1.25	\$6.02	\$1.39	\$5.88	\$1.20	\$6.07

**CWB PRO Commentary**

**Wheat**

Spring wheat markets continued their decline, with new crop futures dropping more than 50 cents/bu. Winter wheat conditions in the US, Europe, and the Black Sea region have stabilized or improved, further pressuring international wheat values. Demand for old crop wheat has been limited as buyers await the arrival of new crop wheat. May 9, the USDA predicted a new record for world production of 656 million tonnes, 5 higher than the previous record set in 2004-05. The USDA expects production to be higher for all major wheat exporters except Argentina. The chief supportive factor has been continuing high corn prices, providing some price support for wheat.

**Durum**

New crop durum supplies from Mexico and the southern US have weighed on international durum prices. High international durum prices have attracted more Mexican durum supplies to the export market, increasing nearby pressure on prices. Demand has slackened as end-users respond to high prices by reducing the amount of durum in their products. North African and European crop prospects have been mixed with conditions in North Africa deteriorating over the past month. European crops, however, have had beneficial moisture across the key growing areas. Although North American plantings are significantly higher than last year, prolonged dryness is causing some concerns about new crop prospects.

**Feed Barley**

Feed barley prices were mixed as high corn values have supported North American prices. Prospects for a larger barley crop in Europe and the Black Sea region have pushed values lower in those countries. Global barley production is forecast by the USDA to be significantly higher than last year at 141.8 million tonnes.

**Designated Barley**

Malting prices were mixed with prospects for a larger European crop weighing on prices. Malting barley values in the EU will remain sensitive to the quality of the harvest, as carry-in stocks are very low. Planting conditions in North America remain mixed, with southern areas of Canada and parts of the western United States remaining very dry. Although areas in Western Australia have received timely planting rains, conditions in the eastern growing areas of Australia remain very dry, causing some uncertainty about new crop supplies.

**Classifieds**

**Common Oat Seed:** \$6.00/bu, bulk, in Fort Saskatchewan, call Galloway Seeds at (780) 998-3036.

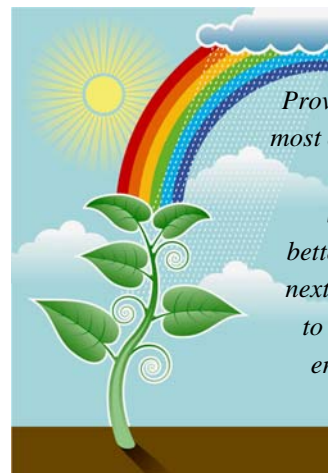
**Certified Seed:** Superb wheat @ \$11.00/bu, AC Metcalfe and CDC Copeland @ \$9.00/bu. Phone Todd Clark, Edmonton area at (780) 499-5060.

**Certified Seed:** AC Foremost available, 1,500 bu. Contact Lorne Semler, Barrhead area @ (780) 349-0712.

**Registered AC Morgan:** oat seed available (cleaned) plus common varieties. Call Doug Livingstone, Vermilion at (780) 763-2385.

**1998 Chev Suburban LT:** 4x4, loaded with leather, one owner, well-maintained, excellent condition, 400,000 km. Phone Fred in Innisfail (403) 357-4408.

**For Sale April 26:** JD 3970 forage harvester, XP 2 Silopress 8' silage bagger, Jiffy high dump wagon, Jiffy feed wagon. Phone Jamie in St. Albert at (780) 914-6027.



*Provincial weather .... Looks like most of Alberta and Saskatchewan have light rain forecast on Saturday and/or Sunday with better seeding conditions most of next week. Average temperatures to be in the low twenty's—good enough to finish up planting in many areas.*

**Continued good luck!**

**At The Bin**

*Prices booked this week (net to the producer).*

Grain	Price	When	Producer
barley, 46 lb	\$4.75 FOB	Jun	Mossleigh
barley, 48 lb	\$4.60 FOB	May	Boyle
barley, 48 lb	\$4.90 FOB	Nov	Bashaw
barley, 48 lb	\$5.00 FOB	Oct	Madden
barley, 48 lb	\$4.90 FOB	Sep-Oct	Three Hills
barley, 48 lb	\$5.00 FOB	Nov	Mossleigh
barley, 48 lb	\$5.00 FOB	May-Jun	Mossleigh
barley, 48 lb	\$5.22 del Raymond	May-Jun	Vauxhall
barley, 50 lb	\$4.26 FOB	May-Jun	Spirit River
barley, 50 lb	\$4.87 FOB	May	Killam
barley, 50 lb	\$4.75 FOB	Jun	Camrose
canola	\$13.42 FOB	May	Consort
canola, heated	\$8.80 FOB	May-Jun	Sexsmith
canola, heated	\$8.91 del Olds	May	Calgary
oats, milling	\$2.95 FOB	Jun	Clive
oats, milling	\$3.40 FOB	Nov	Clive
oats, milling	\$3.42 FOB	Nov	St. Albert
oats, milling	\$3.72 del Barrhead	Feb 09	Westlock
oats, milling	\$3.41 FOB	Nov	Olds
oats, milling	\$2.95 FOB	Jun	Grassland
oats, feed	\$3.34 del Coaldale	Jun	Olds
oats, feed	\$3.34 del Coaldale	May-Jun	La Crete
oats, feed	\$2.97 FOB	May-Jun	Alliance
oats, feed	\$3.42 del Pincher	May-Jun	Coronation
wheat, feed	\$8.23 FOB	Jun	Wetaskiwin
wheat, feed	\$7.84 del Red Deer	Dec	Kingman
wheat, feed	\$7.50 FOB	Nov-Dec	Three Hills
wheat, feed	\$7.84 del Red Deer	Nov-Dec	Bashaw
wheat, feed	\$7.50 FOB	Nov-Dec	Meeting Creek
wheat, feed	\$7.48 FOB	Nov-Dec	St. Albert
Wheat, feed	\$7.50 FOB	Nov-Dec	Leduc
peas, green	\$9.15 FOB	Aug-Oct	St. Albert
flax	\$16.25 FOB	Jun	Mossleigh
flax	\$16.45 FOB	May-Jun	La Crete
fax	\$15.65 FOB	June	Wainwright

**Heated Canola Prices!**

max 15%	\$9.25 delivered Edmonton
max 20%	\$8.91 delivered Edmonton
max 25%	\$8.68 delivered Edmonton
max 35%	\$8.11 delivered Edmonton
max 40%	\$7.66 delivered Edmonton
max 60%	\$6.75 delivered Edmonton
max 70%	\$5.85 delivered Edmonton
max 90%	\$4.49 delivered Edmonton

**Grain Pricing Orders (GPOs)**

Easily set price targets! Call the office to set your price, set your terms. Especially convenient during seeding when you're too busy to watch markets!

**Bid Board**

*Buyers looking for grain (net prices).*

Grain	When	Location
barley	May-Jun	\$5.07 del Czar
barley	May-Jun	\$4.75 FOB Edmonton
barley	May	\$5.07 del Czar
barley	June	\$5.07 del Diamond City
barley	Jun-Jul	\$5.00 del Olds
barley	June	\$5.00 del Lacombe
barley	June	\$5.24 del Nobleford
barley	June	\$4.96 del Eckville
barley	Sep-Oct	\$5.00 del Calgary
barley	Sep-Oct	\$5.04 del Lethbridge
barley	Nov-Dec	\$5.09 del Calgary
barley	Nov-Dec	\$5.13 del Lethbridge
barley	Jan-Mar 09	\$5.22 del Lethbridge
barley	Jan-Mar 09	\$5.18 del Calgary
wheat, feed 13% prt	June	\$8.52 del Olds
wheat, feed	June	\$7.43 del Edmonton
wheat, feed	July	\$7.43 del Edmonton
wheat, feed 13.0% prt	June	\$8.52 del Red Deer
wheat, feed 12.5% prt	Sep-Oct	\$7.71 del Red Deer
wheat, feed 12.5% prt	Nov-Dec	\$7.84 del Red Deer
peas, yellow edible	June	\$10.25 del Innisfail
peas, yellow edible	Aug-Oct	\$9.85 del Innisfail
peas, green edible	Sep-Oct	\$9.00 del Innisfail
peas, yellow edible	Nov-Jan 09	\$10.00 del Innisfail
canola	July	\$13.32 del Fort Sask
canola	July	\$13.44 del Lloyd
canola	October	\$13.29 del Lloyd
canola	January 09	\$13.86 del Fort Sask
canola	January 09	\$13.98 del Lloyd
canola	February 09	\$14.20 del Fort Sask
rye, feed	June	\$6.95 del Lethbridge
oats, feed	May-Jun	\$3.11 del Sedgewick
oats, feed	May	\$2.76 del Vermilion
oats, feed	May-Jun	\$3.03 del Granum
oats, feed	May	\$2.76 del Thorhild
oats feed	Jun-Jul	\$3.34 del Coaldale
oats, feed	June	\$3.42 del Pincher Creek
oats, milling	November	\$3.62 del Martensville
oats, milling	December	\$3.66 del Martensville
oats, milling	January 09	\$3.71 del Martensville
oats, milling	February 09	\$3.73 del Martensville
oats, milling	March 09	\$3.75 del Martensville

**By the Number**

	This Week	Last Week	Diff
CME Live Cattle (JUN)	96.175	93.900	2.275
CME Live Hogs (JUN)	77.850	76.500	1.350
CDN Dollar (JUN)	1.011	0.999	0.012
Minneapolis Wheat (JUL)	7.51	7.75	(0.240)
Kansas City Wheat (JUL)	7.97	8.24	(0.270)
Chicago Oats (JUL)	3.85	3.91	(0.090)