

Settlement Prices for Selected Commodities in US or Can.\$ / tonne for week ending Friday:

8-Jun-12

Grains

Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago
SRW Wheat	Jul	231.57	224.96	278.33
HRW Wheat	Jul	241.03	234.05	321.32
HRS Wheat	Jul	282.65	271.53	347.22
CWRS	Oct	252.70	257.70	n/a
Durum	Oct	275.60	275.60	n/a
Corn	Jul	219.72	202.64	309.63
Oats	Jul	196.63	184.80	258.07
Barley	Oct	180.00	180.00	n/a

Oilseeds & Others

Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago
Soybeans	Jul	524.14	493.92	507.61
Soya Meal	Jul	473.79	434.88	410.18
Soya Oil	Jul	1,090.44	1,071.26	1,247.86
Canola	Jul	615.00	609.70	590.20
Crude Oil(WTI)	Jul	84.49	83.17	99.29
Ethanol	Jul	54.87	52.17	73.36
Dollar Index	Sep	82.95	83.37	75.26
DJIA	Sep	12,457	12,390	11,905

Data points in red are new previous 12-month highs, in blue are new previous 12-month lows

COMMENT: Supply side factors – crop development weather, tended to dominate over demand related concerns – the euro and Europe. But the weather forecasts were mixed particularly for corn – bearish near term, but bullish with hot dry weather in the extended forecast which now stretches into the pollinating period. Crop development in China and the Black Sea area was also reported as a concern. Last week’s USDA export sales were below trade expectations for wheat, corn and soybeans but this was somewhat offset by a daily soybean sales report of 410,000 tonnes to China and 120,000 tonnes to Egypt.

NEWS: Canadian provincial crop reports indicated:

for Manitoba as of June 4 seeding was almost wrapped up with most crops having emerged in good condition;

for Saskatchewan as of June 4 - 91% complete overall, compared to 79% last year and a 5-year average of 86, with the majority of spring seeded crops in pre-emergence and emerging stages; and

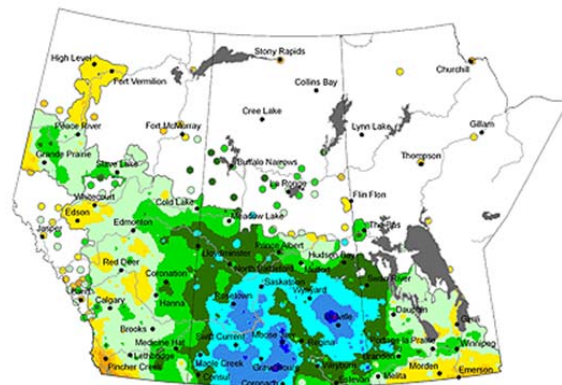
for Alberta as of May 31 – 93% of all crops were seeded, compared to 90% in 2011, and 54% had emerged compared to 60% last year.

Almost all crops have now been seeded with no major drought or drowned situations.

The USDA’s crop progress report for June 10 placed corn and soybean emergence at 97 and 79 compared to five-year averages of 83 and 50 percent. Condition reports for corn, soybeans and spring wheat were 72, 65 and 78 percent good or excellent, respectively, compared to 5-year averages of 70, 66 and 61 percent.

Winter wheat harvesting is 20 percent complete compared to a 5-year average of 3 percent. Combining was still active in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

OPINION:



Source Ag Canada “Departure from Average Precipitation” April 1 to June 4 - darkest blue areas 100 to 120mm above, yellow areas up to 20mm below, the rest in between. After difficult springs in 2010 and 2011 in some areas, things look pretty good to this point this spring.

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