

Settlement Prices for Selected Commodities in US or Can.\$ / tonne for week ending Friday:					1-Mar-13				
Grains					Oilseeds & Others				
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago
SRW Wheat	May	268.13	264.00	248.02	Soybeans	May	530.39	530.48	489.79
SRW Wheat	Dec	272.82	274.29	n/a	Soya Meal	May	473.24	470.04	395.85
HRW Wheat	May	275.57	279.06	264.18	Soya Oil	May	1,095.07	1,118.44	1,192.30
HRS Wheat	May	295.87	298.35	305.52	Canola	May	617.60	621.40	570.50
Corn	May	285.03	269.38	276.29	Canola	Nov	561.30	563.30	n/a
Corn	Dec	219.18	217.63	n/a	Crude Oil(WTI)	May	91.30	93.83	107.80
Ethanol	May	63.51	62.16	60.84	Dollar Index	Jun	82.56	81.81	79.80
Oats	May	246.24	249.80	198.25	DJIA	Jun	13,994	13,910	12,901

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

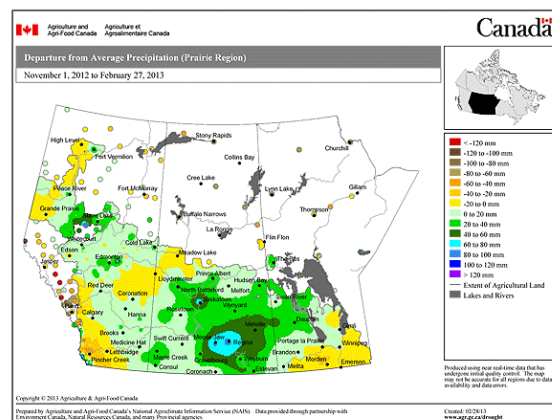
COMMENT: Old crop US corn traded higher all week with the perception of improved demand with export sales of 0.512M tonnes – above expectation and the best in three months and some improvement if weekly ethanol data. Against this South American prospect are improving and the US corn belt received more winter precipitation which weighed on new crop values.

A series of winter storm systems moving across the Great Plains are improving hard red winter wheat prospects. Last week's export sales were in line with trade expectations, and higher corn prices were supportive of soft wheat.

Soybean complex prices were about unchanged. The impact of improving South American soybean production prospects are being somewhat offset by logistical problems in exporting early harvested Brazilian soybeans. Very short term demand may have been the cause of another excellent week for US sales. Monitored canola prices were lower over the week with the switch to May as the nearby, but domestic and export shown little signs of weakening.

NEWS: While it might seem otherwise, this winter had been about average in terms of precipitation for most of the Prairies. Since November 1 most areas have received slightly more moisture, up to 20mm - light green on the map, or slightly less, up to 20mm - the buff areas. Always open to debate is how important to crop development in the spring a good snow pack is. And the manner in which it melts can be just as important. What is evident is that

there are limited concerns, at this time, about spring field conditions being unduly or indeed wet which might defer seeding.



OPINION: The salient message at the USDA's outlook conference a week ago was that there was no reason to expect anything other than average crop development conditions this summer for row crops, a post harvest recovery in supplies and hence prices lower than those currently existing. New crop corn futures prices already reflect this. The discount of new crop Dec corn on nearby futures has increase from about 13 to 23 percent since the turn of the year, with increased confidence for a much improved 2013 harvest. For canola the discount for new crop November under nearby contracts has held at about 10 percent which is quite modest in view of the inverse nature of this market

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