

Grain and Oilseed Markets

For the week ending Friday, 06-Dec-13

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Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago
SRW Wheat	Mar	239.20	245.27	316.36	Soybeans	Jan	487.03	484.18	540.95
HRW Wheat	Mar	255.55	260.61	334.27	Soya Meal	Jan	387.72	397.79	487.46
HRS Wheat	Mar	250.23	259.96	343.18	Soya Oil	Jan	892.68	892.02	1,127.26
CWRS Wheat	Spot	200.77	212.62	n/a	Canola	Jan	471.00	490.50	598.60
CPS Wheat	Spot	173.00	179.25	n/a	Crude Oil(WTI)	Mar	97.88	93.24	85.97
Corn	Mar	170.96	167.12	270.89	Dollar Index	Mar	80.49	80.83	80.60
Ethanol	Mar	45.83	41.84	62.74	DJIA	Mar	16,015	16,002	13,061
Oats	Mar	212.68	215.92	253.69					

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

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COMMENT: US corn futures were higher even though export sales last week were disappointing and a Chinese decision on rejecting US corn cargoes on GM ground is still outstanding. On the positive side a sizable Mexican sales was reported on Wednesday. Wheat prices were lower over the week particularly for spring wheats as the revision to Canadian output estimates exceeded expectations by a wide margin. Chinese demand for US soybeans continues to dominate oilseed market news with orders still exceeding cancellations and weekly sales for last week about meeting expectations. Meanwhile South American crops continue to develop under fayourable conditions.

NEWS: Statistics Canada further increased its production estimates for all major crops in its November, final, report. The July, September and November estimates for all major grains and oilseeds were, respectively 80.4M, 85.3M and 95.4M tonnes. These compare with 73.3M tonnes last year and a 71.2M tonne five-year average. Production of wheat, canola, corn and soybeans are estimated at record levels. Further, yields of oats and barley are also records.

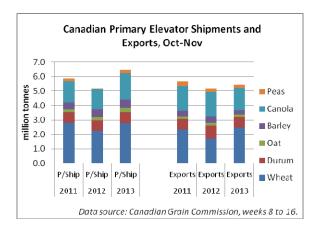
Canadian Production - Nov. estimate									
,000 tonnes	Nov-13	Nov/Sept	2013/2012						
All wheat	37,530	114	139						
Spring Wheat	27,239	114	146						
Durum	6,505	117	141						
Winter wheat	3,786	105	102						
Canola	17,960	113	136						
Corn for Grain	14,194	110	110						
Barley	10,237	111	131						
Soybeans	5,198	108	107						
Dry Field peas	3,849	102	136						
Oats	3,888	123	150						
Lentils	1,881	110	128						
Flaxseed	712	107	146						
Total	95,449	112	130						

OPINION: With about 9 Mt added to the estimated supply of Prairie crops this year as a result of the Statistics Canada report this week, the Canadian

transportation and handling system is going to be under intense scrutiny.

For ending stocks to be kept at pipeline levels, the bulk of those extra supplies would need to be exported. This is most unlikely to happen and the widening of basis reflects this. Which crops will bear the brunt of added ending stocks will be determined by the market, – farmers' willingness to discount prices to move crops promptly and buyers' preferences for Canadian supplies.

How much in total is left on farm prior to the 2014 harvest will depend on the performance of transportation and handling system which again may be weather dependent. During the 8 weeks since harvest a good job seems to have been done on movement out of the country, but not so good on exports, the ultimate test. This situation will change. Japan, the prime market for Canada, is reported to have adjusted its wheat tendering process "to guard against shipping delays from Canada". Others will no doubt also be getting their orders in early.



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