

Grain and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices					16-May-14			
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago				
SRW Wheat	Jul	247.75	265.48	251.05	Soybeans	Jul	538.30	546.38	532.22				
HRW Wheat	Jul	282.01	304.52	270.90	Soya Meal	Jul	435.66	435.89	468.61				
HRS Wheat	Jul	271.63	293.31	295.15	Soya Oil	Jul	898.42	907.90	1,091.77				
CWRS Wheat	Spot	214.62	222.61	285.91	Canola	Jul	488.00	481.10	636.80				
CPS Wheat	Spot	173.11	178.04	256.79	Crude Oil(WTI)	Jul	101.99	100.01	96.37				
Corn	Jul	190.34	199.79	256.97	Dollar Index	Jun	80.11	79.95	84.39				
Ethanol	Jul	56.66	55.50	67.15	DJIA	Jun	16,410	16,493	15,266				
Oats	Jul	218.52	229.05	243.48	SRW Wheat	Dec	256.01	273.83	259.96				
Data points in red are/were 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows					Corn					Dec	189.36	196.35	204.52
For price specs. go to: www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm					Canola					Nov	482.20	485.90	551.30

COMMENT: US wheat future contracts broke decisively with the increasing realization that the US hard red winter wheat was the only global wheat crop in poor shape and with improved weather forecasts for the southern Great Plains even if the condition of the actual crop continues to decline. While Prairie wheat prices were lower with US values, there was for the first time in 5 months a significant narrowing on basis particularly for hard red spring wheats.

Very good US corn planting progress reported for the previous week on Monday and forecast for better weather for crop development, particularly for northern Corn Belt states where planting still lags, weighed on prices all week.

Although lower, soybeans held their value better than the other US grains with the tight old crop supply situation still a concern and no apparent let up in demand. For canola some concern over the lateness of the growing season was evident early in the week as basis against US values narrowed.

NEWS: Prairie provincial crop reports indicate seeding well behind average and slightly behind last year's record crop:

For MB, as of May 12: Despite continuing cool and wet conditions some limited seeding took place.

For SK, as of May 12: Seven percent of the crop is now seeded compared to 8 last year and a 5-year average of 9. The south west has made most progress.

For AB, as of May 5: Only 2% of crops have been seeded compared to the 5-year average of 7% and 3% last year. Seeding delays are most evident in southern and east central Alberta with seeding 7 to 10 days behind.

US planting progress to May 11 was reported at 59, 20 and 34 percent complete, for corn, soybeans and spring wheat, compared respectively to 58, 21 and 53

percent five-year averages. Planting progress was impressive with 30 percent of the corn crop going into the ground.

For winter wheat only 30 percent of reports were of good or excellent crop conditions, down one point from last week, 2 points from last year and 18 points from a five-year average. The wide variance in crop conditions between the major hard red winter wheat states of KS, TX, OK and CO and other states and classes of wheat continues. Crop maturity is close to average at 44 percent headed.

OPINION: The market has for the last few weeks been fretting over the lateness of US corn planting and the potential yield lost from the delay, much as it was in 2013 and 2012. And as was the case last year and the year before, the combination of one week of good planting conditions and decent equipment to get the seed in the ground has resolved the perceived challenge. A real problem would have been an early season with the implicit poor soil moisture.

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