

Grain and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices					23-May-14
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	
SRW Wheat	Jul	239.75	247.75	256.29	Soybeans	Jul	556.86	538.30	542.42	
HRW Wheat	Jul	273.74	282.01	274.02	Soya Meal	Jul	456.07	435.66	472.03	
HRS Wheat	Jul	266.58	271.63	296.06	Soya Oil	Jul	888.49	898.42	1,085.59	
CWRS Wheat	Spot	206.04	214.62	287.76	Canola	Jul	487.50	488.00	634.50	
CPS Wheat	Spot	162.04	173.11	255.61	Crude Oil(WTI)	Jul	104.25	101.99	94.20	
Corn	Jul	188.18	190.34	258.75	Dollar Index	Jun	80.42	80.11	84.39	
Ethanol	Jul	58.86	56.66	65.28	DJIA	Jun	16,565	16,410	15,307	
Oats	Jul	224.03	218.52	236.67	SRW Wheat	Dec	250.69	256.01	263.82	
Data points in red are/were 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows					Corn	Dec	187.10	189.36	211.21	
For price specs. go to: www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm					Canola	Nov	485.80	482.20	557.50	

COMMENT: Wheat markets weakened, probably reflecting favourable production prospects beyond North American shores with some exceptions. Certainly the US hard red winter wheat crop does not look any better yet, seeding spring wheat crops is delayed and the situation in the Ukraine may not be any more certain. Prairie prices were also lower but held on to most of the basis gains of recent weeks. Catch up US spring seeding progress weighed on corn prices. But soybeans continue to climb as exports are reported weekly with offsetting imports reported only monthly and with delays. Weaker soya oils prices together with better seeding weather weighed on canola

NEWS: Ag Canada published revised Canadian supply and disposition forecasts last Friday to reflect Stats Can's seeding intentions and March 31 stocks reports, revisions to Stats Can's S&Ds for past years, and other market developments. Ending stocks for total principal field crops for the current crop year were lowered 4 percent from last month's forecast due to increased domestic consumption. But exports were not revised upwards, possibly because of the uncertainty of farm deliveries keeping pace with rail shipping during the late seeding and summer months. The revisions do not materially affect outlook. By commodity, forecasts for domestic use of wheat, durum, barley, canola, oats, flax, lentils and particularly peas were raised. Exports of soybeans were raised and for peas were lowered. Recognizing the uncertainty of forecasts for the 2014-15 crop year, reduced seeded areas for canola, barley and oats were seen as reducing ending stocks but not to the levels seen in the past two crop years. Increased seeded areas for soybeans, flax, peas and lentils were seen as allowing for increased exports. Adjustments in wheat and durum areas and disposition were relatively modest.

Prairie provincial crop reports indicate variable seeding progress but still behind average:

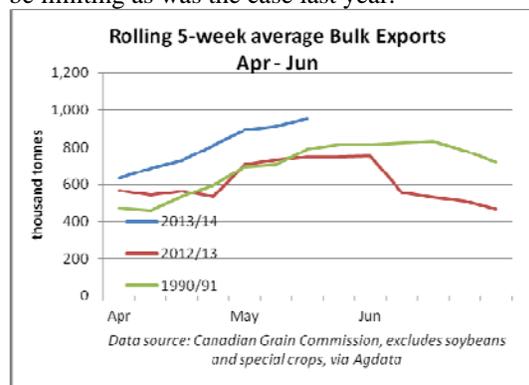
For MB, as of May 19: Seeding progress by region varied from 5 to 40% complete prior to the rain on Sunday and Monday

For SK, as of May 19: 22 per cent of the 2014 crop is seeded compared to a 5-year average of 29 per cent and 27 percent last year.

For AB, as of May 19: 47 per cent of crops seeded compared to a 5-year average of 63 per cent and 66 percent last year.

US crop progress reports showed winter wheat conditions worsening in TX and OK and down a point from a week earlier overall. Corn, soybean and spring wheat seeding progress is at 73, 33 and 49 percent complete compared to 5-year averages of 76, 38 and 68.

OPINION: Bulk Prairie grain exports are running well above year ago levels and the record year of 1990/91 thanks to the record 2014 crop and great performance by the railways. What is in doubt now is whether farm deliveries will continue at a rate that will sustain the export pace as in 1990/91 or they will be limiting as was the case last year.



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