

Grain and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices					18-Jul-14
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	
SRW Wheat	Sep	195.57	193.27	244.16	Soybeans	Sep	432.11	403.91	487.21	
HRW Wheat	Sep	252.52	233.78	259.14	Soya Meal	Sep	329.52	328.48	467.07	
HRS Wheat	Sep	231.58	230.75	275.76	Soya Oil	Sep	808.24	812.65	1,002.48	
CWRS Wheat	Spot	172.32	174.34	262.18	Canola	Nov	443.30	439.90	516.50	
CPS Wheat	Spot	137.31	135.72	241.31	Crude Oil(WTI)	Sep	101.80	100.18	106.91	
Corn	Sep	146.15	148.91	214.16	Dollar Index	Sep	80.60	80.23	82.75	
Ethanol	Sep	52.62	52.94	65.30	DJIA	Sep	17,031	16,805	15,487	
Oats	Sep	214.79	213.17	230.19	SRW Wheat	Dec	204.39	201.27	248.11	
Data points in red are/were 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows					Corn	Dec	149.01	151.47	197.14	
For price specs. go to: <a href="http://www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm">www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm</a>										

**COMMENT:** The decline in grain and oilseed prices was checked on Monday by something of a spring back from last Friday's losses and on Thursday by positive export sales reports for soybeans and corn. Wheat and soybean prices were higher over the week, but corn prices continued lower as weather forecasts for the balance of the corn pollination period continue favourable.

**NEWS:** After factoring out the political nature of Western Canadian provincial crop reporting, it is evident that crop flood damage is not as serious as earlier feared.

**For MB, as of July 14:** Favourable weather conditions in some areas are advancing crops and allowing recovery of crops impacted by excess moisture. Early crops are generally rated better.

**For SK, as of July 14:** Recent warm weather has helped many crops recover from flooding stress. The majority of crops are in fair to excellent condition, but many are behind normal developmental stages. Topsoil moisture is rated as 17 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short.

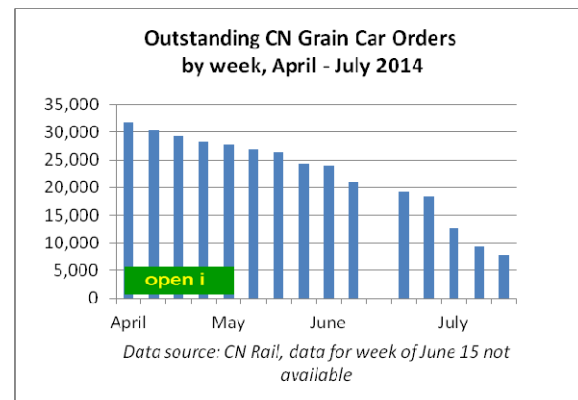
**For AB, as of July 17:** Warm, dry weather has enhanced crop development. Only the North East Region received much moisture. Moderate to severe hail damage was reported, especially in the South and Central Regions. More rain would certainly help. Crop conditions at 77 per cent good to excellent are 6 points below two weeks ago with most cuts in Central and Peace Regions.

**US crop development** is favourable particularly for corn and soybeans. USDA's July 13 weekly spring crop ratings for corn, soybeans and spring wheat were 76, 72 and 70 percent good/ excellent, compared, respectively, with 5-year average ratings of 64, 61 and 73 percent. Crop development for all three crops is slightly ahead of the 5-year average.

Winter wheat harvest is slightly ahead of average as well. Harvest was almost completed in the southern Great Plains and the more southerly Corn Belt states, but only starting up in the Pacific North West and northern states.

**OPINION:** It would seem that the grain companies are running out of grain for the railways to ship. Outstanding CN Rail grain car orders by grain companies have declined from almost 32,000, or over six weeks of supply, in April to under 8,000 and less than 10 days of supply at the current time. Much of the decline has been the result of grain company cancellations. Certainly country elevator stocks have declined suggesting that grain companies are having trouble buying grain at current prices which is hardly surprising when current basis levels are compared with those of a year ago. Until farmers start to get concerned about bin space for the 2014 crop and/or grain companies up the ante in terms of narrower basis levels, there is likely to be something of a lull in grain movement.

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