Grain and Oilseed Markets

For the week ending Friday, 24-Jul-'15

Grain and Related Prices

Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago
SRW Wheat	Sep	188.04	203.56	197.68
HRW Wheat	Sep	186.38	200.81	231.95
HRS Wheat	Sep	200.25	211.19	230.66
CWRS Wheat	Spot	228.87	241.39	171.43
CPS Wheat	Spot	198.79	211.97	146.31
Corn	Sep	154.52	165.44	142.91
Ethanol	Sep	39.73	40.95	53.76
Oats	Sep	148.33	162.27	225.65

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

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Oilseeds & Other Prices

24-Jul-15

Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago
Soybeans	Sep	355.41	369.55	409.24
Soya Meal	Sep	313.33	320.22	335.47
Soya Oil	Sep	673.76	702.64	797.66
Canola	Nov	508.80	521.40	443.40
Crude Oil(WTI)	Sep	48.14	51.23	102.00
Dollar Index	Sep	97.35	97.96	81.11
DJIA Mini-sized	Sep	17,523	17,989	16,860
New crop SRW wheat	*Dec*	*190.98*	*207.05*	*205.67*
New crop corn	*Dec*	*158.55*	*169.77*	*146.35*

COMMENT: Wheat prices were lower for a third week taking values back to levels of a month ago. Northern hemisphere harvests are generally progressing satisfactorily with better than expected yields being reported. The US wheat demand situation is mixed with the US seemingly not doing well in tender situations, but USDA reported export sales exceeding trade expectations. Spot durum prices at Vancouver have been reported at a significant premium to red springs.

Favourable weather conditions for the development of the US corn crop during its ctirical silking in the US Mid West were seen as the cause of corn prices slipping to month ago levels.
US soybean values were likewise pressured by favourable weather but export demand has been supportive of old crop prices.

NEWS: The July revisions to AgCan's 2015-16 supply and disposition forecasts included adjustments for the results of StatsCan June Seeded Area and allowance in terms of abandonment and below trend yields for pockets of poor crop across the Prairies. The first StatsCan survey yield estimates will available on August 21. Aggregate output of all crops was reduced by almost 5M tonnes. This cut was balanced by reduced forecast for exports, domestic use and ending stocks. Domestic and export use are seen to fall to the levels of 2012-13, the year before the big crop. Ending stocks are forecast to fall to the lowest level in at least 25 years.
For the major crop groups the major adjustment to reduced supplies will be: for wheat reduced exports; for canola competition for supplies between domestic crushers and exporters; for feed grains increased imports of feed from the US with Ag Can implying distillers grain rather than corn; and for pulses a rather mixed situation.
Revisions in projections for the current crop year were minor and resulted from minor adjustments to trade data.

OPINION: While a consensus appears to be emerging that the 2015 Prairie crops will be a relatively small one and some early and informed guesses – guestimates, are being made including those emanating from this past week's CWB crop tour and those by AgCan, not for almost a month will a survey based StatsCan estimate be available. And even this, based on assessments of standing crops being made at this time, will be subject to further revision once the crop is harvested.
This is not to suggest that these early attempts to project the new crop year supply situation, tentative as they may be, are worthless. Clearly plans need to be made, even if they have to be adjusted.

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