

Grain and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices				
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	19-Feb-16 Year ago
SRW Wheat	Mar	169.48	168.10	187.49	Soybeans	Mar	322.70	319.12	367.16
HRW Wheat	Mar	167.92	163.24	195.94	Soya Meal	Mar	239.94	237.67	315.24
HRS Wheat	Mar	181.24	178.21	208.25	Soya Oil	Mar	692.06	701.09	694.04
CWRS Wheat	Spot	231.95	232.44	209.87	Canola	Mar	466.60	467.50	470.10
CPS Wheat	Spot	194.92	193.93	183.86	Crude Oil(WTI)	Apr	32.12	31.91	53.67
Corn	Mar	143.89	141.23	151.67	Dollar Index	Mar	96.65	96.06	94.34
Ethanol	Mar	37.25	36.19	38.09	DJIA Mini-sized	Mar	16,347	15,883	18,070
Oats	Mar	124.50	127.25	177.34	Canola	Nov	475.90	483.30	448.60
For price specs. go to: <a href="http://www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm">www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm</a>					Wheat	Dec	182.80	180.41	195.39
Data in red are 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows					Corn	Dec	152.16	150.287	163.87

**COMMENT:** Some recovery in US wheat prices from last week's multi-year lows was evident although last week's US export sales report was not encouraging. Corn prices were supported by mixed South American weather reports and stronger crude oil prices. US export sales report was positive. Much of the same could be said of soybeans although vegetable oil values weighed on bean prices.

**NEWS:** Ag Canada's February revisions to its Supply and Demand projections took account of StatsCan Dec 31 grain stocks, their implications for farm use, and it seems adjustments for the pace of exports of some crops.

The only revision on the supply side was an increase in the 2016 **canola** yield projection which added 300,000 tonnes to supplies for next year and allowed for increases of 200,000 tonnes to exports and of 100,00 tonnes to ending stocks which are forecast as being about mid range for the last five years.

Lower than expect Dec 31 **barley** stocks prompted a 250,000 tonne increase in feed use for this crop year and a small increase for next. Ending stocks were lowered by corresponding amounts and are within the range of recent years. This year's feed use of **corn** was lowered but this was partially offset by an increase in the export forecast. Ending stocks, however, are projected to be the highest in at least 30 years. Some reduction in 2016 harvested area and trend yields are expected to result in some decline in 2017 ending stocks. No significant adjustments were made to **oats** data.

Likewise for **wheat**, there were no major adjustments. For **durum**, however, export forecasts for both this year and next were raised by 100,000 tonnes reducing projected ending stocks into a comfortable level. The USDA's adjustments to its Canadian wheat projection this month appear to be a catch up on earlier adjustments made by AgCan.

Canada Grain Commission data indicates movement of almost all crops running above year ago levels, possibly as farmers take advantage of warmer weather. Farmer deliveries of all crops to Feb 14 are running 12 percent above a year ago, bulk exports up 6 percent and domestic use including products for export also 6 percent above year ago pace. This is despite overall supplies being 3 percent lower

**OPINION:** "With little snow cover and nothing in the way of a winter to speak of, concerns continue over the implication of poor soil moisture for seeding in Western Canada." So we wrote in February 2012 and the 2012 harvest turned out to an above average one. We will, therefore, refrain from commenting on harvest prospects of this year's open winter in at least the western Prairies. Crop movement, however, has undoubtedly benefited with farmers keeping the marketing channels well supplied and the railways not faced with near impossible operating conditions.

Otherwise, feed demand may have suffered as warmer weather probably means better feed conversion in feedlots.

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