

Grain and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices				
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	24-Mar-16 Year ago
SRW Wheat	May	170.12	170.12	186.57	Soybeans	May	334.46	330.60	355.41
HRW Wheat	May	173.34	172.51	203.19	Soya Meal	May	249.74	241.85	291.56
HRS Wheat	May	188.86	187.03	211.28	Soya Oil	May	731.52	736.81	670.45
CWRS Wheat	Spot	231.05	230.70	217.09	Canola	May	470.90	465.80	448.60
CPS Wheat	Spot	209.95	208.50	194.02	Crude Oil(WTI)	May	39.46	41.31	48.84
Corn	May	145.66	144.87	153.93	Dollar Index	Jun	96.17	95.13	97.62
Ethanol	May	38.30	38.28	39.60	DJIA Mini-sized	Jun	17,439	17,509	17,592
Oats	May	121.25	121.90	176.53	Canola	Nov	476.70	476.90	442.10
For price specs. go to: <a href="http://www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm">www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm</a>					Wheat	Dec	181.97	181.52	196.58
Data in red are 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows					Corn	Dec	152.45	151.764	163.28

**COMMENT:** With the US dollar recovering most of its losses from the previous week over this holiday shortened trading week, wheat prices were lower. But they were supported by the potential for frost damage to winter wheat crop in the southern US Great Plains and better export sales data for last week. News specific to corn markets was limited and prices appeared to reflect movement in wheat and soybean values.

Soybeans prices extended their gains which have now seen prices rise by over 6 percent during March to levels not seen since early December. A number of factors are being cited as having resulted in delays in pressure from record South American post harvest new crop supplies.

**NEWS:** Canada Grain Commission data to March 20, week 33 of the crop year, indicated exports from CGC licensed facilities of 26.8M tonnes, about 6 percent above the pace of a year earlier. Domestic disappearance including exports of products from licensed process elevators were 10.4M tonnes, up about five percent from a year earlier. Canola accounts for over half of domestic crop disappearance through CGC facilities and crop and this has increased by 20 percent this year with news facilities coming on stream. Exports of soybeans, lentils, canola and peas are, respectively, running 31, 29, 21 and 16 percent above a year ago. Exports of barley, durum, wheat and oats are trailing by 26, 12, 1 and 1 percent.

On Tuesday the USDA publishes one of the last survey based and significant old crop reports and first for the new crop. The quarterly stocks report gives an indication of feed use of grains and oilseeds. The prospective planting report provides an indication of farmers planting plans in early March. It is anticipated after several years of expansion soybean area will be lower at the expense of corn. Farmers, of course, may adjust their plans with changes in new crop prices and spring field conditions.

**OPINION:** With the total supply of all Canadian crops this year over 4M tonnes less than a year ago and commercial use running over 2M tonnes above a year ago, it is evident the rate of movement of crops will decline and/or the level of ending stocks will fall. Allowing for about 25M tonnes for on farm and other use outside licensed channels and the reduction of ending stocks to the historically low level of about 10 M tonnes - close to the level in the summer of 2013, about 18M tonnes will be shipped through licensed facilities over the balance of this crop year. This compares with about 20M tonnes last year and 22M tonnes the previous year over this same period.

It, therefore, may be reasonable to expect basis levels to narrow further this spring and summer. A bench mark for this would probably be levels in the spring of 2013 when they were \$10 to \$20 per tonne less based on Alberta posted prices and even at a premium to US futures prices.

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