

Grain and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices				
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	30-Sep-16 Year ago
SRW Wheat	Dec	147.71	148.45	188.59	Soybeans	Nov	350.54	350.91	321.23
HRW Wheat	Dec	152.67	154.88	183.90	Soya Meal	Dec	267.84	275.14	273.23
HRS Wheat	Dec	189.05	184.82	193.73	Soya Oil	Dec	727.55	734.39	618.64
CWRS Wheat	Spot	218.02	214.72	240.09	Canola	Nov	463.60	468.30	471.90
CPS Wheat	Spot	162.72	161.97	212.99	Crude Oil(WTI)	Dec	48.82	45.05	45.54
Corn	Dec	132.57	132.47	153.24	Dollar Index	Dec	95.42	95.38	95.97
Ethanol	Dec	37.20	37.78	40.68	DJIA Mini-sized	Dec	18,249	18,193	16,377
Oats	Dec	115.58	114.77	137.63					

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**COMMENT:** Today's USDA stocks report pressured wheat prices but the production estimate below expectations seems to have been offsetting. The premium on hard red spring wheat prices continues to widen with concern over Canadian crop quality. Corn prices were supported today by US stocks being reported below expectation, which followed yesterday's disappointing export sales data. For soybeans the opposing influences of strong export demand and prospects of record yields continues. For canola concerns over Prairie harvest delays are being cited as being supportive.

**NEWS:** Prairie provincial crop reports indicate continued disruptions to harvest.

**For MB, as of Sept 28:** Harvest was slowed over the weekend by rain.

**For SK, as of Sept 28:** Despite weekend rain 70% of the crop is combined compared to a 79% 5-year average.

**For AB, as of Sept 27:** In spite of unsettled weather harvest completion has reached about 50% compared to a 70% 5-year average.

Agriculture Canada's September Outlook for Principle Field Crops, incorporating data from Stats Can crop year end stocks and last week's estimate of production, resulted in a 4% upward revision of 2016 harvest for all crops to 90.6M tonnes, the second largest on record. An upward revision of 2016-17 ending stocks by 20% to 13.6M tonnes was also forecast. The increase in ending stocks is in part the result of larger than earlier anticipated stocks this past July.

For durum total supply was revised up 8% and ending stocks up by almost 30 percent to the highest level since 2010. For other wheat supply was revised up by 5% and ending stocks by 17% but still 14% below last year with export and feed use expected to increase. For barley revisions were minor with a slightly smaller crop being partially offset by larger beginning stocks. Oats

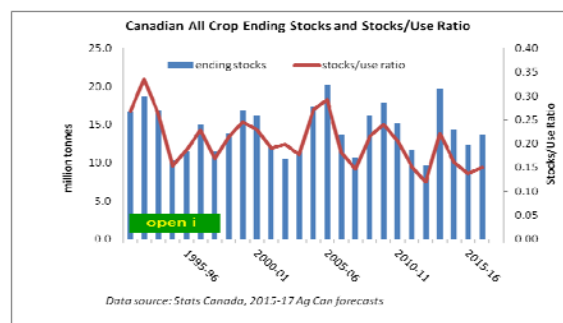
supply was revised up due to larger beginning stocks with the end stocks projection also raised. Canola supply was revised upwards by 13% with both more carry-in and production contributing to this. Supplies, however, are less than last year's upwardly revised total. Higher export and domestic use is expected to take care of the increase output but not reduce ending stocks by much from last year's level.

Harvest prospects in Eastern Canada for both corn and soybeans have improved quite dramatically. While forecast for use of both crops have been raised, ending stocks will be larger than earlier anticipated.

The USDA's weekly crop report indicated there was no material change in the favourable condition of corn and soybean crops and harvest progress is close to average. Today's US September crop stocks reports highlighted the growing US supplies of wheat and corn but as yet relatively modest increases in soybeans.

**OPINION:** Recently published Canadian crop data suggest significantly more supplies to be disposed of at a time when international markets for the main grains appear well supplied. In an historic context the aggregate Canadian indicators of ending stock and stocks/use ratio do not appear unduly adverse. This may be the result of the increasing diversity of Canadian production.

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