

| Crop and Related Prices | | | | | Oilseeds & Other Prices | | | | |
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| Commodity | Month | This week | Last week | Year ago | Commodity | Month | This week | Last week | Year ago |
| SRW Wheat | Sep | 196.58 | 193.27 | 159.84 | Soybeans | Sep | 369.74 | 349.25 | 398.03 |
| HRW Wheat | Sep | 199.52 | 194.56 | 154.78 | Soya Meal | Sep | 301.81 | 279.31 | 341.36 |
| HRS Wheat | Sep | 281.73 | 283.57 | 184.09 | Soya Oil | Sep | 748.94 | 731.08 | 669.13 |
| CWRS Wheat | Spot | N/A | 305.83 | 217.26 | Canola | Nov | 517.30 | 498.00 | 470.00 |
| CPS Wheat | Spot | N/A | 197.42 | 176.01 | Crude Oil(WTI) | Aug | 44.20 | 46.08 | 45.10 |
| Corn | Sep | 154.52 | 149.99 | 139.76 | Dollar Index | Sep | 95.78 | 95.47 | 96.39 |
| Ethanol | Sep | 40.18 | 40.07 | 41.29 | DJIA Mini-sized | Sep | 21,362 | 21,326 | 18,057 |
| Oats | Sep | 177.02 | 185.29 | 126.60 | Wheat | Dec | 204.94 | 200.25 | 167.74 |
| | | | | | Corn | Dec | 159.34 | 154.32 | 142.71 |

Data in red are 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows
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COMMENT: Another week of weather markets.

Although interest still centres on the spring wheat crop in the northern Great Plains – particularly South Dakota and Montana, there are concerns that the adverse conditions will spread geographically. Paradoxically winter wheat futures were higher and spring wheat futures lower over the week which probably had more to do with expectation than reality.

Corn prices appear to have followed wheat and it was a quiet weeks for all export sales but particularly for corn.

NEWS: The USDA’s weekly crop progress report for July 2 placed the condition of corn, soybean and spring wheat crops at 67, 64 and 37 percent good to excellent, respectively up 1, down 2 and down 2 percentage points from the previous week.

The ratings were less unfavourable than expected. The corn rating is still at the five-year average and soybeans 3 points above. Spring wheat is at the lowest rating since 2006. The corn crop is now in the yield critical silking phase – 10 percent of the crop has reached silking as of July 2 compared to a 5-year average of 13 percent.

The US winter wheat harvest was reported at 53percent complete, up from 41 percent the previous week, and compared to a 5-year average of 55 percent. It is in the wrap up stage in the major hard red winter wheat producing states of the southern Great Plains.

Prairies crops reports are indicating some decline in the condition of crops in southern SK and AB.

Canadian Grain Commission data indicates a good recovery in commercial stocks of grain since the end of the seeding season. With farmers deliveries of 5.8 million tonnes since the beginning of June country elevator stocks are as high as they have been at this season for several years. Likewise exports continue to outpace those of recent years.

OPINION: In rather marked contrast to the situation in the northern US Great Plains, Prairie crop reports have yet to identify serious challenges with crop development. Crops are rather in need of rain after a dry growing season to date, particularly in southern SK and AB. Two factors appear to have been working to sustain crop development – relatively cool temperatures so far this season and better than average sub soil moisture from last year’s wet fall. Areas having received less than normal moisture since last September, marked in yellow on the map, are quite limited.

Weather forecasts over wide areas of the Prairie provinces are unfavourable for crop development - higher temperatures and limited chances of rain. Prospects could change quickly.

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