

Crop and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices				
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	17-Nov-17 Year ago
SRW Wheat	Dec	156.99	158.55	149.92	Soybeans	Jan	363.95	362.66	365.14
HRW Wheat	Dec	155.06	159.19	152.03	Soya Meal	Jan	290.29	287.20	283.58
HRS Wheat	Dec	233.32	237.92	194.47	Soya Oil	Jan	762.61	770.76	756.43
CWRS Wheat	Spot	255.42	261.51	233.6	Canola	Jan	519.40	515.10	514.50
CPS Wheat	Spot	182.46	184.83	171.56	Crude Oil(WTI)	Jan	56.57	56.98	46.27
Corn	Dec	135.03	135.23	136.02	Dollar Index	Dec	93.60	94.31	101.29
Ethanol	Dec	37.38	38.46	41.48	DJIA Mini-sized	Dec	23,336	23,385	18,847
Oats	Dec	166.64	176.37	150.76					

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

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COMMENT: US wheat prices were lower over the week but within a recently established range. News of dry conditions for EU winter wheat and better than expected US export sales data last week were supportive. Further upward revision of the 2017 Russian crop and exports weighed. US corn prices were slightly lower and moved in parallel with soybeans as South American production prospects for both appeared to improve. Lower soy oil values pressured crush margins and soybean values although recent US crush data exceeded expectations and soya oil stocks have been declining.

NEWS: Monday's USDA crop report rated the US winter wheat crop, as of Nov 12, at 54 percent good to excellent, one percentage point below the previous week, 5 points below the year ago rating, but on a par with above the five-year average. The crop was 95 percent planted compared to 94 percent last year and a 95 percent 5-year average. It was 84 percent emerged one point ahead of a year ago and the 5-year average.

The US corn crop was 97 percent harvested compared to 97 percent last year and a 98 percent 5-year average. The US soybean crop was 93 percent harvested compared to 96 percent last year and a 95 percent 5-year average.

Last week's US export sales of wheat, corn and soybeans of 0.519M, 0.945M and 1.176M tones, towards the top end of trade expectations for wheat but at the lower end of the range for corn and soybeans. The cumulative crop year export business done – exports sales made but yet to be shipped, for wheat, corn and soybeans stand at 61.9, 41.6, and 53.2 percent of USDA forecasts for the full crop year. These compare with 61.5, 47.5 and 65.2 percent for this measure a year ago. US progress with exports has been reasonably favourable for wheat relative to the USDA's forecasts. Those for corn and soybeans appear less so. Further competition from southern hemisphere crops is almost certainly more intense after Christmas break than before.

OPINION: A perception seems to pervade that wheat market prospects are currently poor relative to those of corn and soybeans. This was somewhat refuted last week by the USDA

raising its forecast for US wheat exports for this crop year. Cumulative US wheat export business is certainly more favourable relative to USDA export forecasts than that for corn and soybeans. Canadian wheat exports are also running ahead of year ago levels. Market sentiment rather naturally reflects market news. And recently the persistent weekly news of Russia obtaining all of Egyptian wheat import tenders has not been good news for any but the Russians. The Egyptian are and have been for some time the largest wheat importing country. What may not be to the forefront of people's minds has been the recent growth in Russian exports and that it is now the largest component of international wheat trade. Further Egypt is something of a local market for the Russians. Hence to expect anything else would be a little hopeful. North American wheat interest is focus more in Pacific markets. In the longer term Russia's ability to sustain recent growth in output and population and income growth in less developed world will be the drivers for wheat prospects.

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