

Crop and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices					22-Jun-18
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	
SRW Wheat	Jul	180.50	183.54	168.93	Soybeans	Jul	328.68	332.72	332.35	
HRW Wheat	Jul	179.59	190.98	170.58	Soya Meal	Jul	307.62	307.43	266.34	
HRS Wheat	Jul	201.72	209.72	242.97	Soya Oil	Jul	643.99	650.39	696.91	
CWRS Wheat	Spot	242.58	247.00	271.65	Canola	Jul	527.40	520.00	509.60	
CPS Wheat	Spot	213.50	217.63	195.36	Crude Oil(WTI)	Sep	67.62	64.40	42.98	
Corn	Jul	140.64	142.22	140.84	Dollar Index	Sep	94.18	94.42	96.93	
Ethanol	Jul	37.51	37.51	39.39	DJIA Mini-sized	Sep	24,626	25,125	21,352	
Oats	Jul	158.54	151.41	165.02	SRW Wheat - New Crop	Dec	191.62	196.30	181.97	
For price specs. go to: <a href="http://www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm">www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm</a>					Corn - New Crop	Dec	148.81	150.68	147.73	
Data in red are 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows					Canola - New Crop	Nov	513.40	509.50	475.20	

**COMMENT:** Another week of favourable weather for US spring planted crops and chaotic international trade developments resulted in further heavy losses in US ag. commodity markets. With a weak Canadian dollar and Canada not directly involved in the US-China tariff war, canola was alone in making small price gains over the week. With the improved condition of the US hard red spring wheat crop premiums for this class of wheat are declining.

**NEWS:** The USDA's crop progress report for June 17 indicated winter wheat harvest at 27 percent complete, up from 14 percent the previous week, and compared to 26 percent a year ago and a 5-year average of 19 percent. Harvest in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas are respectively 65, 73 and 23 percent complete. Soybean planting is 97 percent complete, up from 93 percent a week earlier, compared to a 85 percent five-year average. The condition of corn, soybean and spring wheat crops were rated at 77, 74 and 78 percent good or excellent, compared to five-year averages of 67, 64 and 72. Spring wheat conditions jumped 8 percentage points this week which contrasts with a slip 21 points over three weeks at this time last year.

Cumulative crop year crop exports through Canadian Grain Commission licensed facilities to the week ending June 17 at 37.3mmt were fractionally below a year ago. Exports of wheat, oats, barley, flax and corn are ahead of year ago levels by, respectively, 33, 30, 61, 4, and 33 percent. Durum, canola, soybeans, peas and lentils lag by 9, 7, 2, 44 and 68 percent.

In its June Outlook for Principal Field Crops Ag Canada raised its crop export projections for the current crop year by 0.25mmt and lowered its ending stocks projection slightly. This reflects better than earlier expectation for wheat, barley, peas and lentil exports. Corn and canola export projections were lowered slightly. With no new survey data for the 2018 crop adjustments to the 2018-19 projections were in the main limited to the beginning stock figures carried forward. Its

ending stock projection now stands 6 percent below a five-year average.

On Friday Stats Canada will be reporting on Canadian 2018 seeded areas and the USDA will be reporting on June 1 stocks of crops and 2018 US crop areas.

**OPINION:** Always difficult to anticipate late in the crop year, farmers' deliveries in the three weeks since seeding have resulted in a 32 percent increase in primary elevator stocks which are currently 10 percent above a year ago. Stocks of Canadian crops in all commercial position are 4 percent above a year ago. This suggests a good finish to exports over the balance of the crop year is likely, exports will exceed those of last year and set another record. This also assumes that the challenge with the discovery of unlicensed wheat plants in 2017 and the resulting embargoes against Canadian wheat are promptly resolved. This seems a reasonable expectation in view of the exhaustive homework done by Canadian authorities and the experience the US has had in similar situations in recent years.

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