

Crop and Related Prices					Oilseeds & Other Prices					31-Aug-18
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	
SRW Wheat	Sep	190.43	189.14	159.93	Soybeans	Sep	306.08	309.38	347.05	
HRW Wheat	Sep	192.17	190.79	158.83	Soya Meal	Sep	275.50	283.67	272.15	
HRS Wheat	Sep	214.49	210.45	245.91	Soya Oil	Sep	625.47	620.62	770.54	
CWRS Wheat	Spot	245.09	254.44	244.15	Canola	Nov	495.60	498.10	500.90	
CPS Wheat	Spot	216.61	220.96	162.19	Crude Oil(WTI)	Oct	69.79	68.65	48.34	
Corn	Sep	138.18	137.20	139.17	Dollar Index	Sep	95.04	95.06	92.48	
Ethanol	Sep	33.52	34.61	36.98	DJIA Mini-sized	Sep	25,913	25,795	21,765	
Oats	Sep	157.89	168.27	164.05	SRW Wheat - New Crop	Dec	200.44	197.13	159.93	
For price specs. go to: www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm					Corn - New Crop	Dec	143.69	142.81	139.17	
Data in red are 12-month highs, in blue are 12-month lows										

COMMENT: Wheat prices strengthened as the week progressed on rumours that the Russian government would limit wheat exports. Favourable weather for US corn crops weighed on corn prices until Friday when prices moved sharply higher. Soybean prices drifted lower until Friday. Canola prices seemed to have been influenced more by exchange rates than the Stats Can July production estimate.

NEWS: Stats Can July estimate of Canadian production placed total output of all crops surveyed at 87.7mmt, compared to the most recent 2017 estimate of 93.0mmt.

July 2018 Production Estimates

	Million tonnes	% of 2017	% of 5-year average
Spring wheat	21.6	101	97
Durum	5.0	84	84
Winter wheat	2.4	90	77
Canola	19.2	98	104
Corn	13.8	101	103
Barley	8.0	91	94
Soybeans	7.0	88	110
Field peas	3.6	89	93
Oats	3.3	85	96
Lentils	2.2	90	90
Flaxseed	0.5	88	67

The survey used to develop this information was undertaken in July with concerns necessary over its ultimate relevance in the context of subsequent weather.

With generally relatively poor yields, production most crops were expected to be lower than last year or five year averages.. The USDA's August 26 US crop progress report confirmed the condition of corn and soybean crops continue to hold above a year ago and five-year averages. Good/excellent ratings for corn and soybeans were respectively unchanged and one point higher at 68 and 66 percent, compared to 5-year averages of 59 and 58 percent. The spring wheat harvest was 76 percent complete compared to 79 percent last year and a 61 percent 5-year average. Corn was rated as 10% mature

compared to a 5% five-year average. Soybeans were 95 percent pod setting, compared to last year's 92 and a 5-year average of 90.

Prairie provincial crop reports indicate mixed progress with harvest.

For MB, as of Aug. 27: Favourable weather continued to advanced harvest.

For SK, as of Aug. 27: With warm dry weather early in the week good harvest progress was made before light showers later put field work on hold with 27% of the crop combined compared to a 13% five-year average.

For AB, as of Aug. 28: Unsettled weather continues to plague harvest with harvest 11% complete compared to a five year average of 14%. The long dry spell was ended with moisture and unwelcomed frost.

OPINION: Stats Can was somewhat ambiguous on the issue of the impact of weather on its estimates. It stated:

"Weather conditions, including lower than average precipitation in several parts of Canada, are expected to drive down production (see map) and lower anticipated yields for some crops. In addition, high temperatures in some areas may have contributed to an expected decrease in production and average yields for some crops."

Stats Can is not in the habit of commenting on developments subsequent to its estimates. Thus, the use of the present tense might be reference to conditions in July and earlier. But it could equally be reference to developments in August.

The map referenced shows the Vegetation Growth Index for the July 23 to 29 with AB generally below long term averages, SK mixed and MB about average. These are above ground readings. Soil readings may have told a different story.

The implication of this is that while this Stats Can estimate is almost certainly an accurate measure for July, those wanting something more current need to factor in August development.

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