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Crop Market Summary

For the week ending Friday, 04-Oct-'19

Crop and Related Prices, Can or US$/tonne, US$/l ethanol				
Commodity	**Month**	**This week**	**Last week**	**Year ago**
SRW Wheat	Dec	180.23	179.13	191.44
HRW Wheat	Dec	148.45	149.73	192.63
HRS Wheat	Dec	196.95	201.08	217.16
CWRS Wheat	Spot	231.31	234.41	252.62
CPS Wheat	Spot	187.75	187.19	217.07
Corn	Dec	151.47	146.25	144.97
Ethanol	Dec	36.11	34.10	35.50
Oats	Dec	185.45	175.07	186.10

Oilseeds & Other Prices, Can or US$/tonne or index				4-Oct-19
Commodity	**Month**	**This week**	**Last week**	**Year ago**
Soybeans	Nov	336.67	324.45	319.58
Soya Meal	Dec	275.50	267.70	289.93
Soya Oil	Dec	658.32	633.85	648.40
Canola	Nov	460.70	445.80	501.30
Crude Oil(WTI)	Dec	52.63	55.71	74.40
Dollar Index	Dec	98.50	98.79	95.34
S&P 500	cash	2,944	2,953	2,886

For price specs. go to: www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm

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

COMMENT: US wheat prices were mixed with most adjustments in spring wheat as prices were supported by unfavourable harvesting conditions. US corn prices kept most of the gains made on Monday following a bullish stocks report. Soybean prices trends were similar to those of corn. US weekly export sales of over two million were above the range of expectations and probably in the main reflected the "goodwill" Chinese sales reported earlier in the week.
Of note, a very political US biofuel announcement seemed to have had little market impact, possibly because it was seen to have little economic content.

NEWS: Prairie provincial crop reports indicate continued slow harvest progress due wet weather.
Canadian crop movement and commercial new crop supplies have picked up with the limited harvest progress over the last two weeks. Last week's farmer deliveries of 1.6 mmt were the highest since last December and with a two weeks surge in crop deliveries primary elevator supplies are the highest they have been in a couple of months. The build in wheat stocks in country elevators has been particularly marked with AB farmer deliveries uncharacteristically exceeding those of SK.
Movement out of the country and exports have also picked up.

Monday's USDA September 1 crop stocks reported 64.9, 53.7 and 24.9 mmt of wheat, corn and soybeans, respectively down slightly, down 1 and up 108 percent from a year earlier. For corn and soybeans the stocks were well below the range of trade expectations. For wheat, stocks were close to average trade expectations. As a result of the survey result the 2018 US soybean production estimate was revised lower by 2.6 percent. Corn use for the final quarter of the 2018-19 crop year was estimated 10 percent above the same period on 2018. Debate continues as to whether there will be further revisions to 2018 production data. This is of more than academic as it will have significant implication for 2019-20 feed use projections.

In comparison with the stocks report, the USDA's annual small grains report published the same day had very limited implications. All wheat production totaled 53.4 mmt in 2019, up 4 percent from 2018. This was close to pre report expectations.

The USDA reported, as of September 29, US corn and soybean harvests, respectively, 11 and 7 percent complete, trailing the 5-year average progress of 19 and 20 percent, reflecting more critically the slow maturation of these crops.
The US winter wheat crop was 39 percent planted compared to 41 last year and a five-year average of 38. The crop was reported as 11 percent emerged compared to a 5-year average of 13 percent.
US export data indicates wheat, corn and soybean exports for crop years to date, respectively, 130, 35 and 99 percent of year ago levels. The crop year for wheat is four months old and for corn and soybean one month – so it may be too early to read much into these figure.
Outstanding export sales - sales made but not shipped, for wheat, corn and soybeans stand are respectively 93, 54 and 66 percent of year earlier levels.

OPINION: Looking for something positive in weather reports and forecasts, current conditions appear more positive in northern AB and the Peace where there is more harvesting to be done. The unfortunate reality is October is as often as not a harvest moth in these areas. Broken weather has compounded the late start to harvest.

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