

Crop and Related Prices, Can or US\$/tonne, US\$/l ethanol					Oilseeds & Other Prices, Can or US\$/tonne or index				
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago
SRW Wheat	Dec	210.73	199.98	180.23	Soybeans	Nov	375.62	368.36	336.67
HRW Wheat	Dec	187.21	174.63	148.45	Soya Meal	Dec	319.59	307.34	275.50
HRS Wheat	Dec	195.66	194.74	196.95	Soya Oil	Dec	698.45	723.58	658.32
CWRS Wheat	Spot	239.31	235.22	231.31	Canola	Nov	516.60	516.80	460.70
CPS Wheat	Spot	225.64	211.82	187.75	Crude Oil(WTI)	Dec	39.32	40.51	52.63
Corn	Dec	149.80	143.79	151.47	Dollar Index	Dec	93.90	94.67	98.50
Ethanol	Dec	36.06	34.21	36.11	S&P 500	cash	3,362	3,288	2,944
Oats	Dec	184.80	183.02	185.45					

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

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COMMENT: The bullish USDA September 1 stocks reported lifted prices of almost all crop commodities. Additionally for soybeans the export sales report for last week came in above the range of expectation and further Chinese sales were reported against expectation. While soya meal prices hit contract highs, soya oils prices were lower. This weighed on the canola market as did continuing good harvest weather. Corn prices likewise benefitted from the stocks and export sales reports. Gains in wheat were limited by prospects of record global stocks.

NEWS: Prairie provincial crop reports this week indicate that with generally dry weather harvest is well ahead of average, for MB 80 percent complete compared to a three-year average of 73, for SK 89 percent compared to a five-year average of 67, and for AB 68 percent compared to a five-year average of 46.

As most Prairie crops are being harvested earlier and almost certainly in better condition than for several years, week-on-week comparisons of farmer deliveries probably reflect this rather than immediate market prospects. But the level of country elevators stocks at 4.5 million tonnes is higher than it has been at this season for at least six years which is likely indicative good export business.

Wednesday's USDA September 1 crop stocks reported 58.7, 50.7 and 14.2 mmt of wheat, corn and soybeans, respectively down 8, 42 and 8 percent from a year earlier. For corn, stocks were below the range of trade expectation, for soybeans below average expectations, but within the range of expectations, and for wheat at the lower end of trade expectations.

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 49.7 mmt in 2019, down 5 percent from 2019. This was below average pre report expectations.

The USDA reported, as of September 27, US corn and soybean harvests, respectively, 15 and 20 percent complete, slightly ahead of 5-year average progress of 16 and 15 percent. The US winter wheat crop was 35 percent planted compared to 34 last year and a five-year average of 33. The crop was reported as 10 percent emerged compared to a 5-year average of 8 percent.

OPINION: Currently the USDA is projecting exports of grains and oilseeds this crop year over 20 percent above those of the last crop year. That suggests an extra 26 million tonnes will need to find its way to tide water. While Canadian and US crop transportation systems are nominally independent of each other, it is not always clear how independent they are really are. Anything with wheels can probably work equally well either side of the border and may be bid one way or the other.

Having said that, however, Canadian Grain Commission data suggests that this is not an issue quite yet. Country elevator stocks, particularly of wheat and canola, continue to grow suggesting that the grain companies have good business on their books. Further, movement of crops out of the country last week were the highest recorded in at least six years.

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