

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	300.20	281.46	218.08	Soybeans	Jan	457.10	442.77	421.82
HRW Wheat	Dec	306.08	286.14	202.83	Soya Meal	Jan	323.49	299.00	351.61
HRS Wheat	Dec	385.81	372.40	203.84	Soya Oil	Jan	1,296.80	1,293.50	814.86
CWRS Wheat	Spot	457.04	446.14	247.11	Canola	Jan	1,025.30	973.90	560.50
CPS Wheat	Spot	412.84	401.49	227.94	Crude Oil(WTI)	Dec	80.91	81.50	40.22
Corn	Dec	227.25	217.71	161.61	Dollar Index	Dec	95.11	94.29	92.74
Ethanol	Dec n	58.30	58.30	39.10	S&P 500	cash	4,676	4,699	3,537
Oats	Dec	475.94	481.61	191.61					

For price specs. go to: [www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm](http://www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm)

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

**COMMENT:** With Tuesday's USDA soybean production estimate being revised down as opposed to up as had been expected, the USDA's report was supportive of prices. Against this reports of a favourable start to early South American soybean crop development have been weighing on prices. Canola prices were supported by the continuing strength of the US dollar. For corn the USDA reports were generally in line with expectations but prices appeared to have been lead by soybeans.

Wheat markets had a good week with the tightening world supply situation being cited as being supportive. The USDA lowering its global wheat ending stocks projection more than anticipated before Tuesday's reports. And US winter wheat crop ratings are below average although on a par with the crop a year ago and likely not very indicative of the 2022 harvest. Wet weather is reported as delaying harvest in Argentina and Australia in a year when wheat quality is at a premium.

**NEWS:** The USDA reported the condition of the US winter wheat crop as of November 7 as 45 percent good/excellent, unchanged from the previous week, on par with last year but 8 percentage points below the 5-year average of 53 percent. The crop is 91 percent planted compared to 92 percent last year and a 91 percent 5-year average. Emergence is placed at 67 percent compared to 77 percent last year and a 78 percent 5-year average.

**November USDA 2020 production estimates** raised corn by one percent from the October estimate and lowered the soybean estimate by less than one percent. The corn report was slightly above the average pre-report expectations and the soybean estimate below the range of such. Corn production is now estimated at 382.6 million tonnes, up 7 percent from 2020, and soybean production at 120.4 is up 5 percent from last year.

Revisions to the USDA's November US 2020-2021 wheat supply and use forecasts were limited to slightly lower imports, marginally higher domestic use, lower exports and marginally higher ending stock, now forecast 33 percent below beginning stocks. For 2021-22 global wheat the USDA reduced its supply estimate slightly and with use about unchanged ending stocks were lowered slightly. The latter are now forecast to be 4 percent below beginning stocks.

For 2021/22 US corn the USDA raised the production estimate, increased corn used for ethanol, and marginally lowered ending stocks which are now expected to be 21 percent above the tight beginning stock level. For oats the USDA left its outlook unchanged with imports down 19 percent from last year and ending stocks down 34 percent. For world coarse grain output production was increased, use raised by a lesser amount, and ending stocks raised by under one percent to a level close to 3 percent above beginning stocks.

For U.S. soybeans 2021/22 outlook revisions included lower production and exports, and a 6 percent increase in the ending stock projection which is now 33 percent above the very tight beginning stock estimate.

The global oilseeds the output estimate was reduced very slightly and use raised slightly and ending stocks, now one percent above beginning stocks, lowered slightly.

**OPINION:** Welcome as the sixty percent increase in general wheat prices over past 12 months is, they do not seem justified in an overall wheat situation. In a historic context the global wheat supply situation does not seem overly tight. Against this supply of quality hard red spring wheat is. The question then becomes as to how much substitution is possible. It is also evident that while corn and soybeans prices were hitting all time high in the spring, increases in hard red spring wheats appear relatively modest.



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