

Grain Prices, Can or US\$/tonne					Oilseeds & Other Prices, Can or US\$/tonne or index					12-Aug-21
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	
SRW Wheat	Sep	296.16	285.04	280.08	Soybeans	Sep	564.02	537.66	504.50	
HRW Wheat	Sep	326.75	311.68	272.73	Soya Meal	Sep	421.55	396.88	324.40	
HRS Wheat	Sep	337.86	325.74	346.96	Soya Oil	Sep	1,532.93	1,433.06	1,404.83	
CWRS Wheat	Spot	397.74	394.85	387.77	Canola	Nov	863.00	850.20	894.30	
CPS Wheat	Spot	377.71	366.37	333.84	Crude Oil(WTI)	Sep	91.92	89.01	67.91	
Corn	Sep	251.86	240.24	223.71	Dollar Index	Sep	105.52	106.49	92.79	
Oats	Sep	297.14	270.39	320.48	S&P 500	cash	4,264	4,145	4,463	
Data in red are 12-month highs, blue 12-month lows, green revised					SRW Wheat	Dec	302.22	292.21	284.49	
For price specs. go to: <a href="http://www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm">www.open-i.ca/PriceSpec.htm</a>					Corn	Dec	252.84	240.14	225.58	

**COMMENT:** Weather for crop development in the US mid west seems reasonable for crop development but forecasts were not so and the USDA's crop ratings declined. August weather is more of a concern for soybeans than corn with spring wheat generally beyond influence. Shipping to the Black Sea continues to be a risk issue, particularly for wheat.

**NEWS:** The USDA's first survey based **2022 production estimates for corn and soybeans**, reported Wednesday, were, respectively, for 364.7 and 123.3 mmt, down 5 and up 2 percent from last year. The corn yield estimate was slightly below pre report trade expectations and the soybean yield estimate was slightly above expectations. The corn yield was slight below last month's weather adjusted trend yield projection and soybeans above last month's projection. All **wheat production** of 48.5 mmt up slightly from the July estimate and up 8 percent from 2021. Durum and other spring wheat output estimates were 2.0 and 13.9 mmt, respectively, down 5 and up two percent from the July estimate, and up 100 and 54 percent from last year. Winter wheat output at 32.6 mmt was down less than one percent from the July estimate and down 6 percent from last year.

The USDA's adjustments to its **US 2022-23 wheat** supply and demand projections increased supplies, higher domestic and export use and reduced ending stocks which were lowered by 4 percent and 8 percent below beginning stocks. **Global wheat** output forecast was raised, but this was offset by a lower beginning stock estimate and an increased use estimate. The ending stock forecast is 3 percent lower than the beginning stock estimate. Production forecasts for Russia, Australia and China were raised. Indian and EU output were reduced. A cut in the **US corn** output estimate was partially offset by a lower export forecast with adjustments in domestic items largely offsetting. The ending stocks projection was lowered 6 percent to a level 9 percent below beginning stocks. **Global Coarse Grain** output was lowered by less than one percent which was offset slightly by a marginally lower use expectation. The ending stock forecast was lowered 2 percent, now 2 percent lower than beginning stocks.

This month's adjustment to 2022-23 **US soybean** data included higher beginning stocks, production and ending stocks which were raised by close to 7 percent and are 9 percent below beginning stocks. Adjustments to **global oilseed** data included a small increase in output which was largely offset by increased use with the ending stock forecast raised about 2 percent, 11 percent above beginning stocks.

**Prairie provincial crop reports** suggest some favourable harvests expectations.

**For MB, as of Aug. 09:** Spraying is occurring as needed.

**For SK, as of Aug. 08:** Harvest progress very varied, but only one percent overall compared to 7 percent last year and a 2 percent five-year average. Topsoil moisture continues to decline, now 58 percent adequate compared to 6 percent last year.

**For AB, as of Aug. 09:** Crops are rated 70 good or excellent, compared to a 56 percent five-year average. Yield estimates are above both the 5-year and 10-year averages in all regions. The **Statistics Canada** July estimate of Principal Field Crop Production is scheduled for release on August 29.

**OPINION:** There is little doubt that US soybeans crops in recent years have done better than their early August ratings suggest that they would do – years above trend time, below. But with declining ratings close to record yields currently estimated are not assured.

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