

Grain Prices, Can or US\$/tonne					Oilseeds & Other Prices, Can or US\$/tonne or index					16-Sep-22
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	
SRW Wheat	Dec	315.91	319.49	260.61	Soybeans	Nov	532.24	518.92	472.44	
HRW Wheat	Dec	343.65	334.19	262.35	Soya Meal	Dec	382.55	376.29	310.43	
HRS Wheat	Dec	344.48	340.07	330.14	Soya Oil	Dec	1,454.22	1,470.09	1,240.36	
CWRS Wheat	Spot	399.62	385.77	396.87	Canola	Nov	792.50	771.20	874.50	
CPS Wheat	Spot	387.38	371.63	362.15	Crude Oil(WTI)	Oct	85.34	87.07	71.58	
Corn	Dec	266.62	269.67	207.37	Dollar Index	Dec	109.58	108.74	93.19	
Oats	Dec	256.77	254.99	352.09	S&P 500	cash	3,885	4,069	4,433	

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

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COMMENT: Prices were mixed over the week, but all crop commodities held on to at least some of last week's gains. EU corn production estimates continue to decline. Increasing concern about dry conditions for winter wheat planting in the southern US Great Plains and for crop development in Argentina were supportive for wheat. A significant tightening of soybean supplies resulting from lower than expected USDA US soybean output forecast initially boosted prices. Concerns over export demand so tempered those expectations.

NEWS: Prairie provincial crop reports indicate another week of very favourable harvest progress.

Statistics Canada's September estimate of crop production indicated some improvement in most Prairie cereal crops but as anticipated some loss of condition for indeterminate growth crops from the July assessment, as anticipated due to generally above average temperatures..

Stats Can Aug 2022 Production Forecasts

	Million tonnes	% of 2021 revised	% of 2022 July est
Spring wheat	26,053	160	102
Durum	6,117	201	95
Winter wheat	2,532	84	100
Canola	19,099	139	98
Corn	14,861	108	100
Barley	9,428	135	101
Soybeans	6,505	104	102
Field peas	3,586	159	99
Oats	4,654	178	104
Lentils	2,777	173	96
Flaxseed	465	134	95

Data Source: Statistics Canada

The USDA's September 1 corn and soybean production forecasts of 354.2 and 119.2 million tonnes were both down 3 percent from the August forecasts and, respectively, down 8 and 1 percent from 2021 output. The corn forecast was at the lower end of the range of pre report expectations and the soybean forecast below the range of pre report expectations. Revisions in area estimated seem not to have been anticipated.

With no wheat production estimate this month, the USDA's did not revise its **US wheat supply and demand** data, which is not unusual for September. The USDA's 2022-23 **global wheat** revisions included increased supplies, higher consumption with ending stocks slightly higher but still almost three percent lower than beginning stocks. The increases in supplies is the result of more favourable output estimates from Russia and the Ukraine.

For **US corn** with lower supplies, lower feed and ethanol use and reduced exports use, tighter ending stocks are expected. Ending stocks were revised 12 percent lower, 20 percent below beginning stocks. **Global coarse grain** production and stocks were revised higher with increased output in China, Ukraine, Canada and such offsetting reduced EU expectations. The ending stock forecast was lowered by less than one percent and is now three percent below beginning stocks.

Revisions to **US 2022-23 soybean** forecast included higher beginning stocks but lower production, domestic crush, exports and ending stocks. The ending stock forecast was reduced by 18 percent, 20 percent below beginning stocks and the lowest level since 2016. A small cut in the **global oilseed** production forecast was largely offset by a lower use expectation. The ending stock forecast was lowered by less than two percent and is now a little less than ten percent below beginning stocks.

The **USDA's weekly crop progress** report for September 12 indicates there has been no material change in corn or soybean crop conditions. For both crops development is close to the five-year average. US winter wheat planting is 9 percent complete, up from 5 percent last week, and close to the five-year average progress of 8 percent.

OPINION: Posted Prairie elevator prices were around \$450 per tonne during much of the early winter but advanced by about \$100 when Russia invaded the Ukraine. This premium was promptly lost when the Black Sea shipping agreements were reached. There is a very good chance that they will return if those agreements are not extended.



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