



Crop Market Summary

Week ending Sep 23, 2022

Grain Prices, Can or US\$/tonne					Oilseeds & Other Prices, Can or US\$/tonne or index					23-Sep-22
Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	Commodity	Month	This week	Last week	Year ago	
SRW Wheat	Dec	323.53	315.91	265.93	Soybeans	Nov	523.88	532.24	472.16	
HRW Wheat	Dec	349.25	343.65	264.46	Soya Meal	Dec	384.00	382.55	304.89	
HRS Wheat	Dec	348.79	344.48	336.58	Soya Oil	Dec	1,403.95	1,454.22	1,278.06	
CWRS Wheat	Spot	399.62	385.77	402.31	Canola	Nov	818.70	792.50	887.90	
CPS Wheat	Spot	368.69	387.38	357.30	Crude Oil(WTI)	Dec	78.26	85.34	73.55	
Corn	Dec	266.42	266.62	207.37	Dollar Index	Dec	112.94	109.58	93.33	
Oats	Dec	256.13	256.77	373.00	S&P 500	cash	3,659	3,885	4,448	

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

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

COMMENT: Wheat prices were higher but very volatile – the Dec Chicago contact was up 20 US cents per bushel but traded in a 108 cents range. Some of the price influences cited were poorer crop prospect is Argentina, better prospects in Australia and Russia, a very strong US dollar, increasing interest rates and faltering general economic/demand prospects, uncertainty about the future of shipping in the Black Sea, and some rain in the southern US Great Plains with winter wheat crop germination.

Corn and soybean prices were subject to the same pressures to a greater or lesser degree, with yield prospects for corn and soybean sales of particular issue. Weekly US export sales for both crop came in below pre report expectations. Futures trade volume for canola has been higher than usual the last couple of weeks probably reflecting harvest marketing and pricing. And the relative strength of canola prices undoubtedly reflects the weakness of the Canadian dollar against its US counterpart.

NEWS: Prairie provincial crop reports indicate harvests is more advanced to the west.

For MB, as of Sept 20: Steady rain late in the week stalled harvest progress at complete 40 percent complete to a 71 percent five-year average and three weeks behind that average.

For SK, as of Sept 21: Cool damp weather slowed harvest progress now at 73 percent complete but ahead to a 73 percent five-year average.

For AB, as of Sept 20: Combining is 77 percent complete with favourable yield and quality expectations. This is up from 59 percent last week and 51 percent five-year average suggesting progress is 10 days ahead of normal.

The **Canadian Grain Commission** data illustrates the rapid pick up in crop movement as harvest has progressed. Farmer deliveries during the week ending September 11, at just under two million tonnes, were the largest in at least ten years. Country elevator stocks have increased by close to a million tonnes over the last two weeks. At 4.2 million tonnes they are close to the pre drought year level of two years ago at this stage in the crop year.

With improved supplies in country elevators, rail movements have picked up, at 1.2 million tonnes, they were the largest

since this time last year. And, as crop supplies are getting through to the coast, so exports are also picking up. At over 0.7 million tonnes, they are about 3 times above lows this summer.

The **USDA’s weekly crop progress** report indicated that as of US spring wheat harvest is 94 percent complete and has caught up with normal development. Corn and soybean harvests are just starting. The US winter wheat crop was reported 21 percent planted as of September 18, slightly ahead of last year and a five-year average. The conditions of the corn and soybean crops continue to be below average level. For corn the good and excellent ratings for September 18 were 52 percent down one percentage point from the previous week but 10 points below the five-year average. For soybeans the ratings were also down one point at 55 and below a five-year average rating of 61.

OPINION: Recent developments suggest that geopolitics is having as much impact on crop price prospects as the weather and is probably as difficult to forecast.

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Correction: Last week we wrote “Posted Prairie elevator prices were around \$450 per tonne during much of the early winter” That should have read \$350. They rose to around \$450 in the spring.

