Idaho Grain Market Report, January 16, 2020—NEW CROP PRICES

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday January 15, 2020. Barley prices in $/Cwt. And wheat prices in $/bu.

	Barley (Cwt.) FEED 48 lbs or better	MALTING Open Market Malting	Wheat (bu.) Milling #1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Rexburg / Ririe	6.00-6.75		4.80-4.97	5.15	5.54	5.10-5.15
Idaho Falls		8.30-8.33	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.25
Blackfoot / Pocatello		7.06	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.25
Grace / Soda Springs	7.00			5.11	5.58	5.21
Burley / Rupert	6.50		5.10	5.20	5.60	5.30
Twin Falls / Buhl Jerome / Wendell	6.00-7.25		4.80-5.00	4.90	5.60	4.90
Nampa / Weiser			NA			
Nezperce / Craigmont	5.21		5.35	5.34	6.26	
Lewiston	5.72		5.61	5.60	6.52	
Moscow / Genesee	5.24-5.43		5.38-5.49	5.37-5.61	5.29-6.50	

Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash FOB

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	#2 Feed Barley 46 lbs. --	Malting Barley	#1 SWW	#1 HRW 11.5% Protein	#1 DNS 14% Protein	#1 HWW
Portland			6.20-6.25	6.32-6.42	6.91-7.16	
Ogden	7.80		5.16	5.21	5.68	5.31
Great Falls	4.50-6.50	8.20-8.60		5.01-5.10	5.50-5.71	
Minneapolis					6.46	

Market News and Trends This Week

BARLEY—Idaho cash feed barley prices were down $0.25 to up $0.25 for the week ending January 15. Idaho cash malt barley prices were unchanged for the week. For the period January 3-20, USDA FAS reported net barley sales of 800 MT to Taiwan for 2019/2020. Exports of 800 MT to Japan were unchanged from the prior week and up 19 percent from the previous 4 week average.

Barley News—As part of the U.S.-China Phase I Agreement signed Wednesday, China has agreed to "sign and implement a phytosanitary protocol to allow the importation of U.S. barley into China". Producers and exporters of barley are advised to visit the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website for more information: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport.

In other news, the American Malting Barley Association (AMBA) has approved the addition of AAC Connect, LCS Odyssey, Moravian 164 and Moravian 170 to the recommended list of malting barley varieties for 2020. AMBA is a trade association of brewing, distilling and malting companies and the list is meant to inform U.S. producers on the malting varieties that the industry will be using in the coming year. Not all varieties will be used in large quantities and growers are encouraged to contact their local elevator, grain handler or processor to gauge market demand for any variety grown in their region prior to seeding. AAC Connect, a two-row spring malting variety, was developed by Dr. Bill Legge at the Brandon Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and released in 2016. The variety is licensed to Canterra Seeds in Canada and distributed in the U.S. by Meridian Seeds. LCS Odyssey, a two-row spring malting variety, was developed by the Limagrain UK breeding program and is marketed in the U.S. by Limagrain Cereal Seeds. LCS Odyssey is a non-producer of Glycodidic Nitrile (GN). Moravian 170, an early maturing, two-row spring malting barley, and Moravian 164, a medium statured, two-row, spring malting barley were developed by Dr. Bob Brunick of Molson Coors Beverage Company and released in 2019. Both are proprietary barley varieties of Molson Coors Beverage Company.

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Market News and Trends This Week—continued

WHEAT—Idaho cash wheat prices were mixed for the week ending January 15. SWW prices ranged from down $0.30 to up $0.12 from the previous week; HRW prices were down $0.10 to up $0.21; DNS prices were down $0.10 to up $0.10; and HWW prices were down $0.10 to up $0.21. USDA FAS reported net sales for 2019/2020 for the period January 3-9 at 650,600 MT, up noticeably from the prior week and up 32 percent from the previous 4 week average. Increases were primarily to the unknown destinations (130,500 MT), the Philippines (127,900 MT), Indonesia (70,800 MT), Mexico (63,400 MT), and Thailand (60,400 MT). Exports of 459,700 MT were up 30 percent from the previous week and up 6 percent from the prior 4-week average.

Wheat News—The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Grain Stocks report released January 14 indicates second quarter all wheat ending stocks totaled 1,834 million bushels with implied September, November disappearance of 512 million bushels, 35 percent above the same period in 2018/19. Surging use in the second quarter is attributed to stronger exports year-to-year and higher-than-expected feed and residual use. All wheat exports were raised last month to the current 975-million-bushel estimate on the observed pace of sales and brightened marketing opportunities. U.S. export prospects remain mostly favorable on developments in trade relations, the surging pace of durum exports, and cuts in production and exports for Russia and Australia. However, on improving price competitiveness, wheat exports for the European Union are forecast to rise two million tons and are expected to inhibit further expansion of U.S. wheat sales abroad. By class, hard red winter (HRW) wheat area planted is forecast to total 21.8 million acres, down from 22.5 million acres in 2019. HRW area planted is forecast to be record-low in Nebraska and Utah. Soft red winter (SRW) area planted totals 5.64 million acres, up 8 percent on expanded seedings in most SRW-producing States. SRW production was substantially below-average in 2019/20 and ending stocks are the tightest since 2007/08. Under assumption of normal weather, the surge in SRW plantings is expected to aid in replenishing supplies in the outyear. White winter wheat seeded area is forecast at 3.37 million acres, down 4 percent from 2019. Winter white wheat production typically comprises about 85 percent of all white wheat and about 12 percent of total all wheat production.

CORN—USDA FAS reported net export sales for 2019/2020 for period January 3-9 of 784,800 MT, increases were primarily to Japan (373,100 MT), Colombia (168,200 MT), Mexico (116,400 MT), South Korea (66,300 MT), and Guatemala (40,000 MT). Exports of 544,700 MT were to Mexico (192,200 MT), Colombia (180,700 MT), Japan (56,200 MT), Costa Rica (29,200 MT), and Honduras (25,000 MT).

Ethanol Corn Usage—DOE's Energy Information Agency (EIA) reported ethanol production for the week ending January 10 averaged 1.095 million bbls/day – up 3.11 percent from the previous week and up 4.196 percent from last year. Total ethanol production for the week was 7.665 million barrels. Ethanol stocks were 22.006 million bbls on January 10, up 2.42 percent from last week but down 1.48 percent from last year. An estimated 110 million bu of corn was used in last week's production bringing this crop year's cumulative corn usage for ethanol production at 1.94 billion bu. Corn used needs to average 103.147 million bu per week to meet USDA estimate of 5.375 billions bu for the crop year.

Futures Market News and Trends—Week Ending January 16, 2020

FUTURES MARKET SETTLEMENT PRICES for the Week Ending Thursday, January 16, 2020:

Commodity	March 2020	Week Change	May 2020	Week Change	July 2020	Week Change	Sept 2020	Week Change
CHI SRW	**$5.65¼**	**$0.00¾**	**$5.66¼**	**-$0.00¼**	**$5.66¾**	**-$0.01½**	**$5.72**	**-$0.01¾**
KC HRW	**$4.84¾**	**-$0.10**	**$4.92¼**	**-$0.10**	**$5.00**	**-$0.09¾**	**$5.08¼**	**-$0.09**
MGE DNS	**$5.50¼**	**-$0.08**	**$5.59¼**	**-$0.07¼**	**$5.66¾**	**-$0.07**	**$5.75**	**-$0.06¼**
CORN	**$3.75½**	**-$0.10¼**	**$3.82½**	**-$0.10¼**	**$3.99**	**-$0.10½**	**$3.90½**	**-$0.10**

WHEAT FUTURES—Wheat futures prices were mostly down for the market week ending January 16. **Wheat futures prices were down $0.10½ to up $0.00¾ (per bu) compared to the previous week.**

CORN FUTURES—Corn futures prices were down with higher export sales according to the export data from USDA to end the market week January 16. **Corn futures prices ranged from down $0.10½ to down $0.10 (per bu) over the previous week.**

CRUDE OIL FUTURES—Oil futures finished higher on Thursday as news of the Senate approval of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, along with the signing of the China-U.S. trade deal on Wednesday, boosted prospects for energy demand.

EIA reported U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 17 million bbls/day during the week ending January 10, 2019 was 76,000 bbls/day more than last week's average. Refineries operated at 92.2% of capacity last week. As of January 10, there was a decrease in Crude Oil stocks of 2.549 million bbls from last week to 428.511 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 430.920 million bbls. Distillate stocks increased by 8.171 million bbls to a total of 147.221 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 150.478 million bbls; while gasoline stocks increased by 6.678 million bbls to 258.287 million bbls, over the 245.770 million bbl 5-year average. The national average retail regular gasoline price was $2.570 per gallon on January 13, $0.008 lower than last week's price but $0.323 over a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price was $3.064 per gallon, down $0.015 per gallon from last week's level but up $0.088 from a year ago.

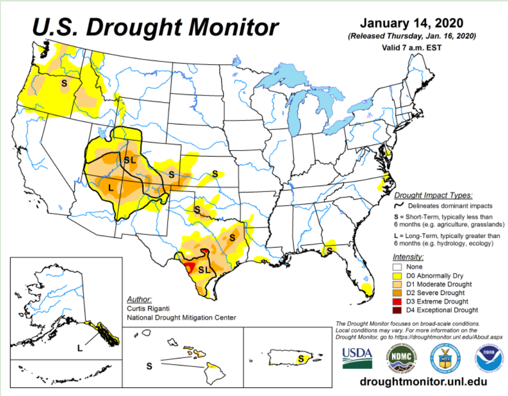
NYMEX Crude Oil Futures finished the week ending Thursday, January 16, 2020 to close at $58.52/bbl (February contract), down $0.52 for the week.

USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report—Next Report April 6, 2020

The first USDA Crop Progress/Condition Report for 2020 will be released April 6, 2020.

United States Drought Monitor by the National Drought Mitigation Center—January 14 , 2020

National Drought Summary for January 14, 2020:



Northeast-Short term dryness in Delaware, having lower than normal soil moisture. The remaining Northeast avoided abnormal dryness.

Southeast– Drought free conditions in Alabama and South Carolina. Warm conditions in parts of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

South-Most of the South received widespread rainfall, reducing drought conditions in parts of the region. Heavy rain in east Texas and portions of Louisiana, Arkansas, and southeast Oklahoma resulted in improvement in the abnormally dry conditions.

Midwest– Rainfall in western Indiana ceased abnormal dryness. The remaining of the region are free of drought and abnormal dry conditions.

High Plains– Moderate to severe drought in south central Kansas. No changes to the drought or dryness in the region.

West- Abnormally dry conditions were expanded in the eastern and southeastern plains of New Mexico. Abnormal dryness and drought slightly improved in the Cascades. Moderate drought and abnormally dry conditions shifted in Idaho.

Looking Forward– Rain is forecast for much of the nation.

USDA U.S. Crop Weather Highlights—January 16, 2020

West—Rain and snow showers from the northern California and the Pacific Northwest to the northern Rockies. Showers in the Southwest, including parts of New Mexico. High winds across California and the Great Basin.

Plains—Extremely cold conditions across Montana and the Dakotas, where morning temperatures have been −20 degrees in some locations. Winter wheat's protective snow are patchy and shallow on the northern Plains. Showers on the southern Plains, threatening snow, sleet, and freezing rain in western Oklahoma and the northern panhandle of Texas.

Corn Belt— Cold, windy conditions. Morning temperatures fell below 0 degrees as far south as southern Iowa and northeastern Nebraska. Temperatures were reported −20 degrees in the Red River Valley and environs. Snow showers across Michigan. Local ice jams began to form in still-swollen river from Missouri to Michigan.

South— Cold front from Texas to the Carolinas causing a few showers and separating cool air to the north and warm, humid, foggy weather along and near the Gulf Coast. Minor to moderate lowland flooding in parts of Mississippi.

Outlook for U.S.— Rain, snow, and windy, cool conditions in the Northeast. A possible winter storm in the southern and eastern Plains and the Midwest. Rainfall in the Midwest could aggravate the flood situation. Rainfall across the pacific Northwest this weekend. Cold conditions east of the Rockies. Sub zero temperatures possible as far north as northern Missouri and central Illinois. The NSW 6-10 outlook for January 21-25 calls for below normal temperatures across the South and East. Warmer than normal temperatures in the Upper Great Lakes region and areas from the Pacific Coast to the High Plains. Below normal rainfall in southern California, the Appalachians, and eastern Corn Belt.

International Crop Weather Highlights—January 14, 2020

Europe—Showers in Germany and Poland improved moisture reserves for dormant winter crops. Sunny skies favored winter grain development in Spain and Italy. Drought continues in the lower Danube River Valley.

Middle East– Rain and snow on Turkey's Anatolian Plateau boosted moisture reserves for dormant winter crops. Heavy showers favored vegetative winter grains along the eastern Mediterranean Coast. Heavy rain benefited rain fed winter crop but caused lowland flooding in eastern Iran.

Asia– Cooler than normal conditions and showers maintained good to excellent growing conditions for wheat and rapeseed in northern India. Heavy showers maintained high moisture reserves for overwintering wheat and rapeseed in eastern China, although warm conditions reduces cold hardiness. Showers eased short term moisture deficits for rice in Java, Indonesia. Rainfall in the eastern Philippines caused flooding in minor production areas.

Australia–Isolated showers in the east brought little relief to drought stressed cotton and sorghum. Slightly cooler weather in the southeast helped with the wildfire containment effort.

South America– Rainfall in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil brought relief from heat and dryness to reproductive corn and soybeans. Heavy showers in Brazil's northeastern soybean areas boosted moisture for corn and soybeans.

South Africa— Heavy showers benefited prospects for emerging and vegetative corn.

Northwestern Africa– Rainfall maintained beneficial conditions for vegetative winter grains in Algeria and Tunisia. Short term dryness renewed drought concerns in Morocco.