



# U.S. Wheat Associates

## Weekly Price Report

February 27, 2009

| Export Region   | Wheat Class & % Protein | MAR (H9)<br>(nearbys)<br>FOB \$/bu | week change |       | MAR (H9)  |            | APR (K9)  |            | MAY (K9)  |            | JUN (N9)  |            | JUL (N9)  |            | AUG (U9)  |            | SEP (U9)  |            | Year Ago<br>(nearbys)<br>\$/MT |     |     |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|
|                 |                         |                                    | \$/bu       | \$/MT | FOB \$/MT | Basis ¢/bu | FOB \$/MT | Basis ¢/bu | FOB \$/MT | Basis ¢/bu | FOB \$/MT | Basis ¢/bu | FOB \$/MT | Basis ¢/bu | FOB \$/MT | Basis ¢/bu | FOB \$/MT | Basis ¢/bu |                                |     |     |
| Great Lakes     | NS/DNS 13.5             | M                                  | closed      | N/A   | N/A       | closed     | N/A       | 254        | 85        | 254        | 85        | 252        | 85        | 252        | 85        | 253        | 85        | 253        | 85                             | 373 |     |
|                 | NS/DNS 14.0             | M                                  | closed      | N/A   | N/A       | closed     | N/A       | 271        | 130       | 271        | 130       | 268        | 130       | 268        | 130       | 269        | 130       | 269        | 130                            | 373 |     |
|                 | NS/DNS 14.5             | M                                  | closed      | N/A   | N/A       | closed     | N/A       | 285        | 170       | 285        | 170       | 283        | 170       | 283        | 170       | 284        | 170       | 284        | 170                            | 375 |     |
| Gulf of Mexico  | NS/DNS 13.0             | M                                  | 7.76        | 0.21  | 8         | 285        | 150       | 278        | 150       | 278        | 150       | 276        | 150       | 276        | 150       | 276        | 150       | 276        | 150                            | N/A |     |
|                 | NS/DNS 13.5             | M                                  | 8.06        | 0.26  | 10        | 296        | 180       | 289        | 180       | 289        | 180       | 287        | 180       | 287        | 180       | 287        | 180       | 287        | 180                            | 413 |     |
|                 | NS/DNS 14.0             | M                                  | 8.56        | 0.21  | 8         | 315        | 230       | 307        | 230       | 307        | 230       | 305        | 230       | 305        | 230       | 306        | 230       | 306        | 230                            | 414 |     |
|                 | HRW Ord                 | K                                  | 6.27        | -0.04 | -2        | 230        | 75        | 234        | 77        | 235        | 79        | 238        | 79        | 238        | 79        | 241        | 79        | 241        | 79                             | 360 |     |
|                 | HRW 11.0                | K                                  | 6.32        | -0.04 | -2        | 232        | 80        | 236        | 82        | 237        | 84        | 239        | 84        | 239        | 84        | 243        | 84        | 243        | 84                             | 360 |     |
|                 | HRW 11.5                | K                                  | 6.37        | -0.04 | -2        | 234        | 85        | 238        | 87        | 238        | 89        | 241        | 89        | 241        | 89        | 245        | 89        | 245        | 89                             | 362 |     |
|                 | HRW 12.0                | K                                  | 6.42        | -0.04 | -2        | 236        | 90        | 240        | 92        | 240        | 94        | 243        | 94        | 243        | 94        | 247        | 94        | 247        | 94                             | N/A |     |
|                 | HRW 12.5                | K                                  | 6.52        | -0.04 | -2        | 240        | 100       | 243        | 102       | 244        | 104       | 247        | 104       | 247        | 104       | 250        | 104       | 250        | 104                            | N/A |     |
| SRW             | C                       | 5.11                               | 0.01        | 0     | 188       | 0          | 192       | 0          | 193       | 5          | 198       | 5          | 198       | 5          | 207       | 5          | 207       | 5          | 355                            |     |     |
| Pacific N. West | NS/DNS 13.5             | M                                  | 7.71        | 0.11  | 4         | 283        | 145       | 276        | 145       | 276        | 145       | 274        | 145       | 274        | 145       | 275        | 145       | 275        | 145                            | 398 |     |
|                 | NS/DNS 14.0             | M                                  | 8.01        | 0.11  | 4         | 294        | 175       | 287        | 175       | 287        | 175       | 285        | 175       | 285        | 175       | 286        | 175       | 286        | 175                            | 399 |     |
|                 | NS/DNS 14.5             | M                                  | 8.41        | 0.11  | 4         | 309        | 215       | 302        | 215       | 302        | 215       | 299        | 215       | 299        | 215       | 300        | 215       | 300        | 215                            | 399 |     |
|                 | HRW Ord                 | K                                  | 5.92        | -0.04 | -2        | 218        | 40        | 220        | 40        | 220        | 40        | 223        | 40        | 223        | 40        | 230        | 48        | 227        | 40                             | 380 |     |
|                 | HRW 11.5                | K                                  | 6.12        | -0.04 | -2        | 225        | 60        | 228        | 60        | 228        | 60        | 231        | 60        | 231        | 60        | 234        | 60        | 234        | 60                             | 381 |     |
|                 | HRW 12.0                | K                                  | 6.32        | -0.04 | -2        | 232        | 80        | 235        | 80        | 235        | 80        | 238        | 80        | 238        | 80        | 242        | 80        | 242        | 80                             | 382 |     |
|                 | HRW 13.0                | K                                  | 6.67        | -0.04 | -2        | 245        | 115       | 248        | 115       | 248        | 115       | 251        | 115       | 251        | 115       | 255        | 115       | 255        | 115                            | 386 |     |
|                 | SW Unspecified          | \$                                 | 5.80        | 0.00  | 0         | 213        | 5.80      | 213        | 5.80      | 213        | 5.80      | 214        | 5.83      | 215        | 5.86      | 215        | 5.86      | 215        | 5.86                           | 215 | 430 |
|                 | SW 10.5% Max            | \$                                 | 5.90        | 0.00  | 0         | 217        | 5.90      | 217        | 5.90      | 217        | 5.90      | 218        | 5.93      | 218        | 5.93      | 218        | 5.93      | 218        | 5.93                           | 218 | N/A |
|                 | SW 9.5% Max             | \$                                 | 6.70        | -0.10 | -4        | 246        | 6.70      | 246        | 6.70      | 246        | 6.70      | 247        | 6.73      | 248        | 6.76      | 248        | 6.76      | 248        | 6.76                           | 248 | 434 |
| WW 10% Club     | \$                      | 6.20                               | 0.05        | 2     | 228       | 6.20       | 228       | 6.20       | 228       | 6.20       | 229       | 6.23       | 230       | 6.26       | 230       | 6.26       | 230       | 6.26       | 230                            | 431 |     |
| WW 20% Club     | \$                      | 6.35                               | 0.05        | 2     | 233       | 6.35       | 233       | 6.35       | 233       | 6.35       | 234       | 6.38       | 236       | 6.41       | 236       | 6.41       | 236       | 6.41       | 236                            | 431 |     |

**Durum:** a range of prices are available depending upon various quality attributes.  
Offers from Lakes ports range from \$8.71 to \$9.53/bu (\$320 to \$350/MT).

### Futures Settlements as of February 27, 2009

Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

|                        | MAR (H9) | MAR (H9) | week change | MAY (K9) | week change | JUL (N9) | week change | AUG (Q9) | week change | SEP (U9) | week change | NOV (X9) | week change | DEC (Z9) | week change | JAN (F10) | week change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|                        | \$/MT    | \$/bu    | \$/bu       | \$/bu    | \$/bu       | \$/bu    | \$/bu       | \$/bu    | \$/bu       | \$/bu    | \$/bu       | \$/bu    | \$/bu       | \$/bu    | \$/bu       | \$/bu     | \$/bu       |
| Chicago BOT SRW        | 187.57   | 5.1050   | (0.0875)    | 5.2150   | (0.0900)    | 5.3325   | (0.0900)    |          |             | 5.5825   | (0.0675)    |          |             | 5.7975   | (0.0625)    |           |             |
| Kansas City BOT HRW    | 202.82   | 5.5200   | (0.0425)    | 5.6000   | (0.0350)    | 5.6775   | (0.0525)    |          |             | 5.7775   | (0.0550)    |          |             | 5.9225   | (0.0625)    |           |             |
| Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS | 230.01   | 6.2600   | 0.0125      | 6.0625   | 0.0100      | 6.0000   | 0.0325      |          |             | 6.0225   | 0.0075      |          |             | 6.1375   | (0.0025)    |           |             |
| Chicago BOT Corn       | 128.88   | 3.5075   | 0.0050      | 3.5900   | 0.0000      | 3.6850   | 0.0000      |          |             | 3.7775   | 0.0000      |          |             | 3.9100   | 0.0125      |           |             |
| Chicago BOT Soybeans   | 321.32   | 8.7450   | 0.1200      | 8.7200   | 0.0875      | 8.7500   | 0.0575      | 8.6450   | 0.0100      | 8.4000   | (0.0100)    | 8.2750   | (0.0300)    |          |             | 8.6100    | (0.0200)    |

**Legend:** M = Minneapolis Grain Exchange; K = Kansas City Board of Trade; C = Chicago Board of Trade;  
\$ = cash price quote; N/A = quote not available; closed = Great Lakes are closed to vessels for winter; ¢/bu = cents per bushel;  
Futures Contract Month: H = March; K = May; N = July; U = September; Z = December  
NS/DNS=Northern Spring/Dark Northern Spring (subclasses of Hard Red Spring); HRW=Hard Red Winter; SRW=Soft Red Winter; SW=Soft White; WW=Western White (White Club & Soft White)  
F.O.B.= "Free on board" - Seller is responsible for placing grain at the end of the loading spout. Buyer is responsible for providing the ocean vessel and for all other costs after the grain is delivered on board.  
Basis: The difference between the cash price and futures month for specific quality, shipping period and geographical location.  
**Cash:** Durum, SW and WW are quoted in dollars per bushel (\$/bu.) rather than basis for each contract month.  
**Convert:** To compute cash price, add basis level and current futures to get price per bushel. Multiply by 36.743 to get price per metric ton.  
Example: Basis = 70 and Future Price = \$9.00, the price per bushel is \$9.00 + .70 = \$9.70/bu. Price per metric ton is \$9.70 \* 36.743 = \$356/MT.

All prices are based upon U.S. number two grade or better as certified by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

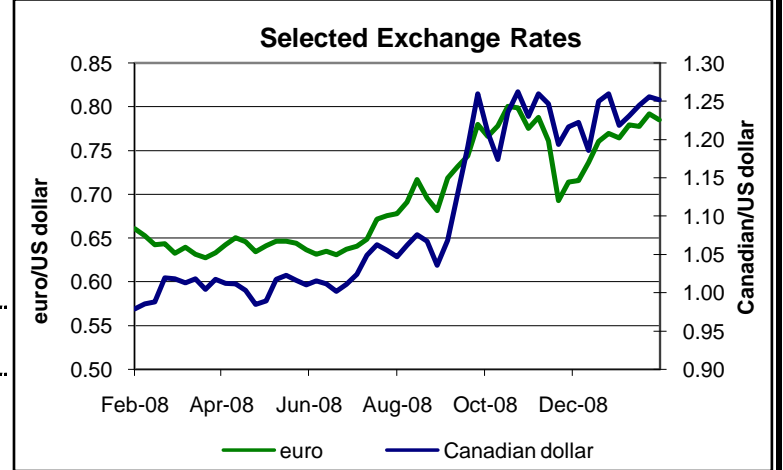
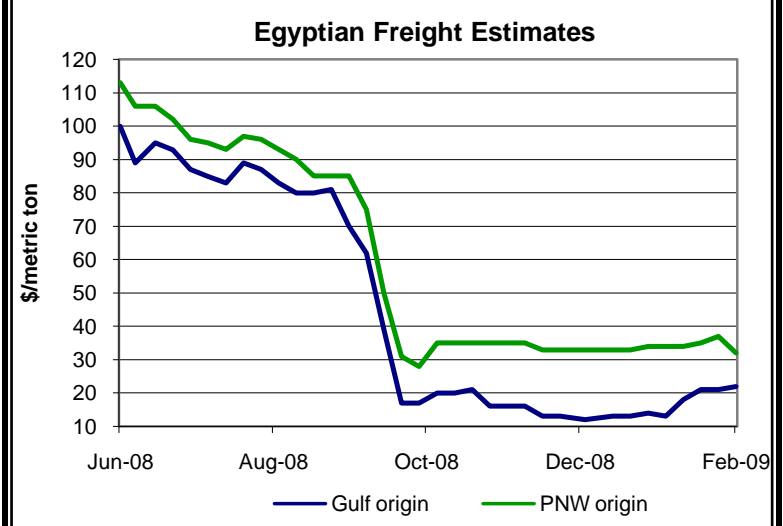
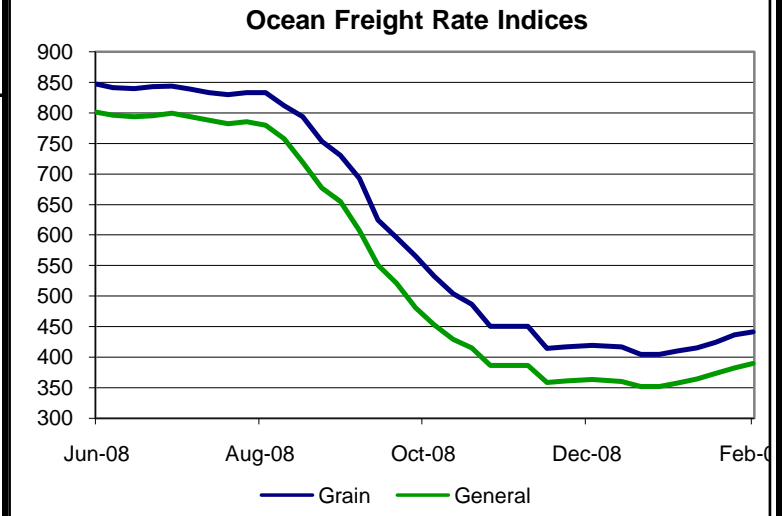


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Weekly Price Report (page 2)

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| Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin* |                                  | U.S. dollars/metric ton |                    |                 | Freight Index** | General Index | Grain Freight Index | Number of Fixtures |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Export Region                           | Import Region                    | Handy 25-30 TMT         | Handymax 40-46 TMT | Panamax 54+ TMT |                 |               |                     |                    |
| US Gulf                                 | Mexico (Veracruz)                | 14                      | 12                 |                 | 2/28/2009       | 389.7         | 440.7               | 343                |
|   | W. South America (Peru/Ecu)      | 29                      |                    |                 | 2/21/2009       | 382.1         | 436.0               | 367                |
|   | N. South America (Colombia)      | 22                      |                    |                 | 2/14/2009       | 373.2         | 423.5               | 391                |
|   | E. South America (Brazil)        | 31                      |                    |                 | 2/7/2009        | 363.9         | 414.7               | 369                |
|   | West Africa (Nigeria)            | 53                      |                    |                 | 1/31/2009       | 357.2         | 409.7               | 365                |
|   | East Mediterranean (Italy)       | 28                      |                    |                 | 1/24/2009       | 351.7         | 404.0               | 435                |
|   | West Mediterranean (Morocco)     | 25                      |                    |                 | 1/17/2009       | 351.6         | 404.0               | 451                |
|   | Middle East (Egypt)              |                         |                    |                 | 1/10/2009       | 359.9         | 416.6               | 331                |
|   | Japan                            |                         | 45                 | 41              | 1/6/2009        | 362.9         | 419.1               | 226                |
| Mid Atlantic                            | N. South America (Venezuela)     | 26                      |                    |                 | 12/30/2008      | 362.9         | 419.1               | 226                |
|   | West Africa (Nigeria)            | 55                      |                    |                 | 12/20/2008      | 361.0         | 416.5               | 336                |
|   | Middle East (Egypt)              |                         |                    | 22              | 12/13/2008      | 358.0         | 413.8               | 335                |
| St. Lawrence                            | N. South America (Venezuela)     | 33                      |                    |                 | 12/6/2008       | 376.8         | 439.8               | 354                |
|   | Europe/Rotterdam                 | 39                      |                    |                 | 11/29/2008      | 386.1         | 450.2               | 304                |
|   | Middle East (Egypt)              |                         |                    | 30              | 11/22/2008      | 398.8         | 466.4               | 361                |
| Great Lakes                             | East Mediterranean (Italy)       | 55                      |                    |                 | 11/15/2008      | 414.7         | 486.1               | 341                |
|   | West Mediterranean (Spain)       | 51                      |                    |                 | 11/8/2008       | 429.0         | 503.8               | 319                |
|   | Rotterdam                        | 46                      |                    |                 | 11/1/2008       | 452.6         | 532.0               | 319                |
| Offers from I                           | West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)    | 52                      |                    |                 | 10/25/2008      | 481.1         | 565.3               | 347                |
| PNW                                     | W. South America (Peru/Ecu)      | 27                      |                    |                 | 10/18/2008      | 521.0         | 595.9               | 334                |
|   | Middle East (Egypt)              |                         |                    | 32              | 10/11/2008      | 550.5         | 624.1               | 370                |
|   | East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)   |                         | 50                 |                 | 10/4/2008       | 607.7         | 692.4               | 340                |
|   | South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing) |                         | 28                 | 23              | 9/27/2008       | 654.9         | 730.3               | 345                |
|   | Taiwan                           |                         | 23                 | 21              | 9/20/2008       | 677.3         | 752.9               | 328                |
|   | South Korea                      |                         | 25                 | 23              | 9/13/2008       | 719.5         | 793.6               | 343                |
|   | Japan                            |                         | 22                 | 20              | 9/6/2008        | 758.0         | 811.3               | 331                |



Note: Rates for freight leaving the Great Lakes are quoted for 18,000 MT "Lakers."

Sources: \*Trade representatives and recent shipments, \*\*Maritime Research, Inc., \*\*\*Nominal Major Currencies, Federal Reserve Board

### Summary of Foreign Currency Exchange Rates (versus \$1 U.S. dollar)

| Week Ending   | Index*** | Argentina | Australia | Brazil  | Canada | Egypt  | EU     | Japan   | Russia |
|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| 2/27/2009     | N/A      | 3.560     | 1.539     | 2.361   | 1.252  | 5.649  | 0.785  | 97.949  | 35.795 |
| 2/20/2009     | 83.82    | 3.522     | 1.553     | 2.347   | 1.256  | 5.627  | 0.792  | 93.805  | 35.991 |
| 2/13/2009     | 82.63    | 3.494     | 1.534     | 2.287   | 1.245  | 5.595  | 0.778  | 90.237  | 34.881 |
| 2/6/2009      | 82.34    | 3.494     | 1.545     | 2.305   | 1.231  | 5.596  | 0.779  | 89.929  | 36.398 |
| 2/28/2008     | 70.87    | 3.159     | 1.068     | 1.680   | 0.981  | 5.528  | 0.665  | 106.798 | 24.163 |
| 2/28/2004     | N/A      | 2.965     | 1.292     | 2.907   | 1.336  | 6.206  | 0.800  | 108.980 | 28.540 |
| 1 year change | -        | 12.71%    | 44.13%    | 40.54%  | 27.69% | 2.19%  | 18.00% | -8.29%  | 48.14% |
| 5 year change | -        | 20.09%    | 19.08%    | -18.77% | -6.28% | -8.98% | -1.96% | -10.12% | 25.42% |

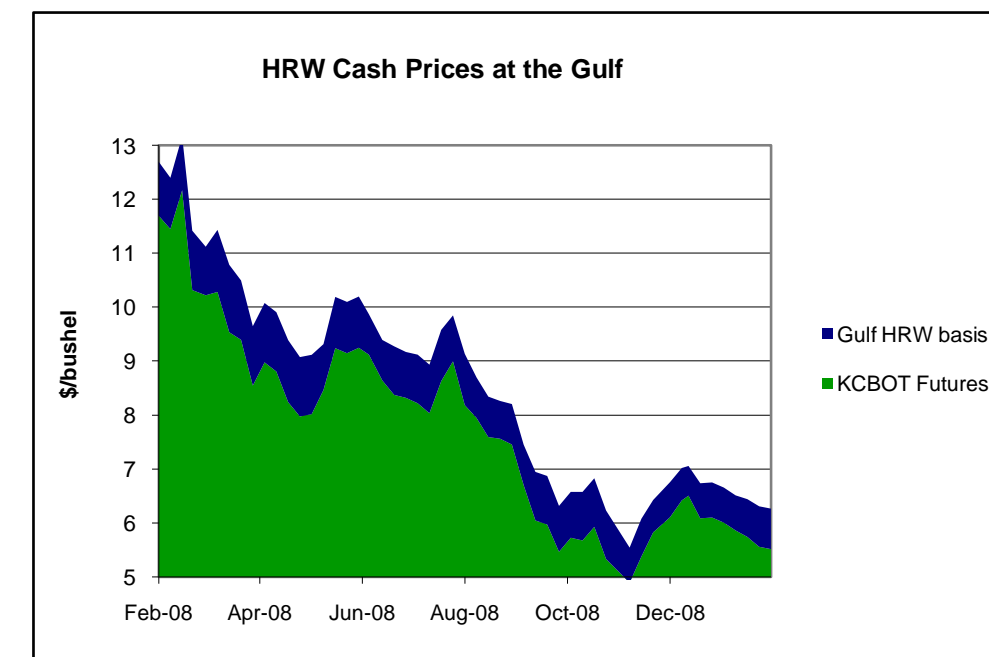
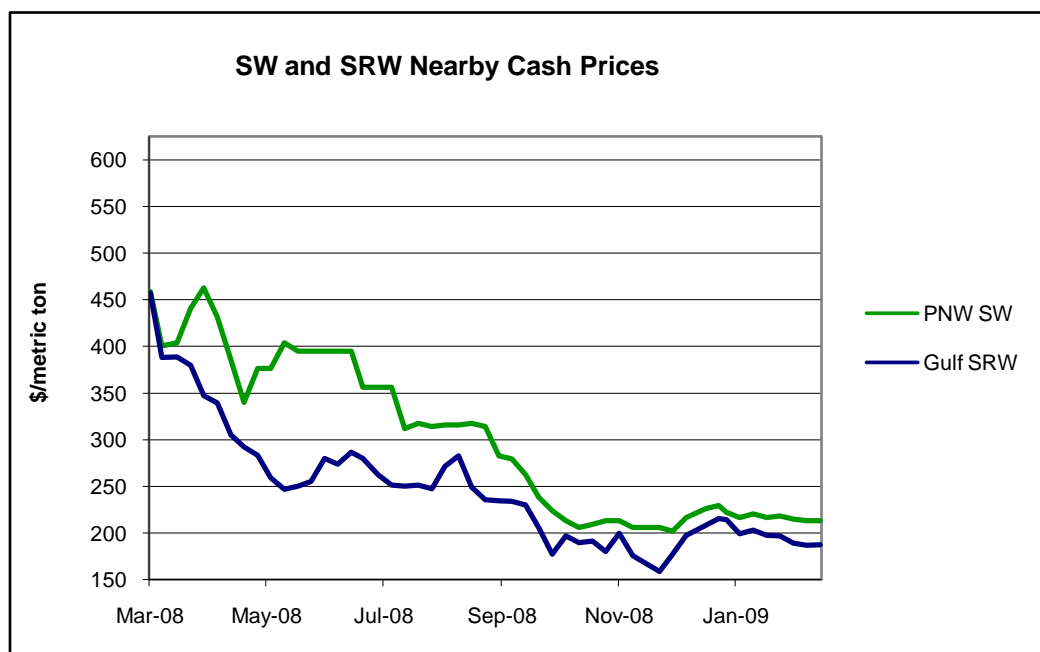
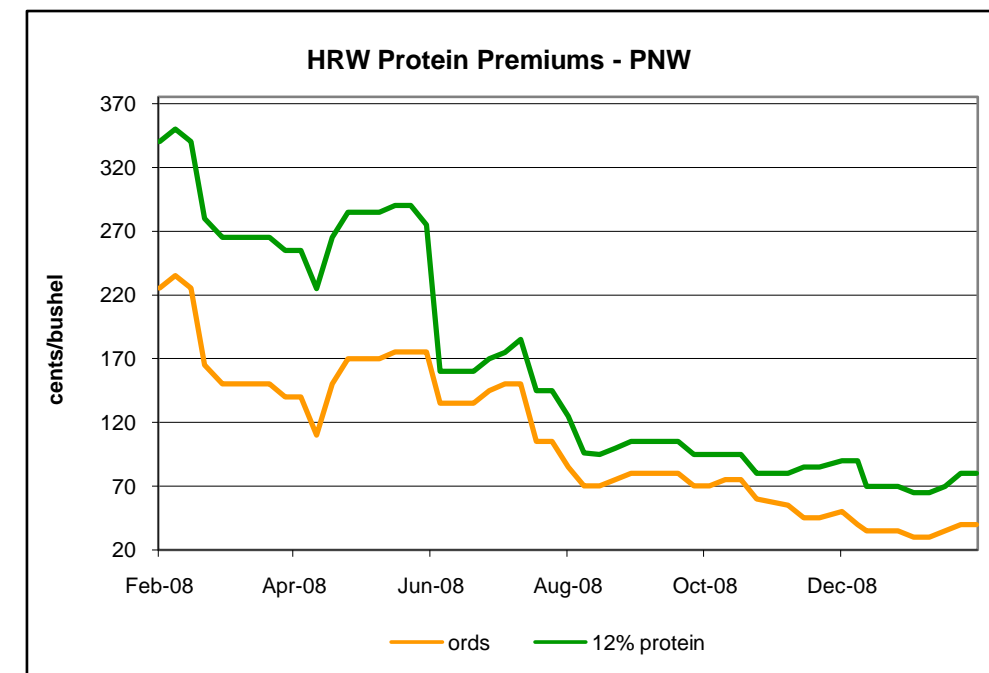
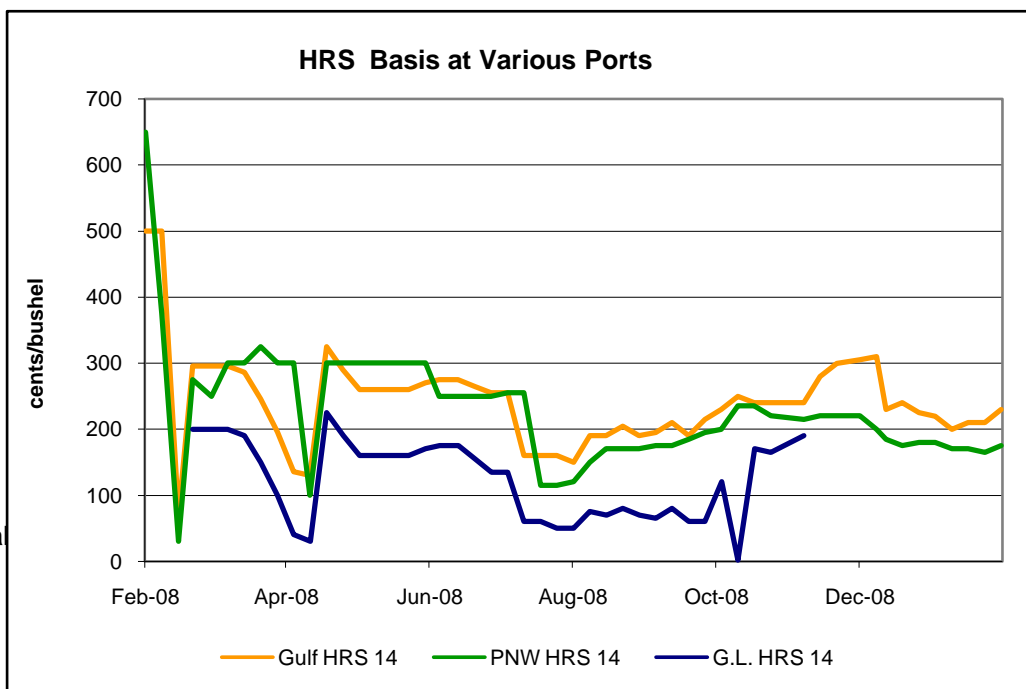
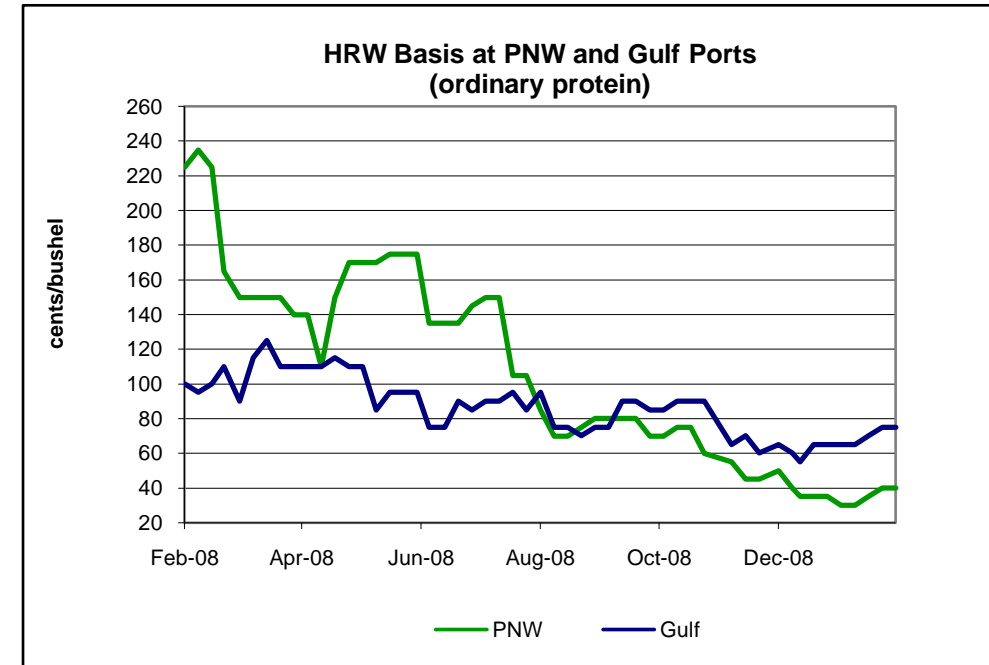
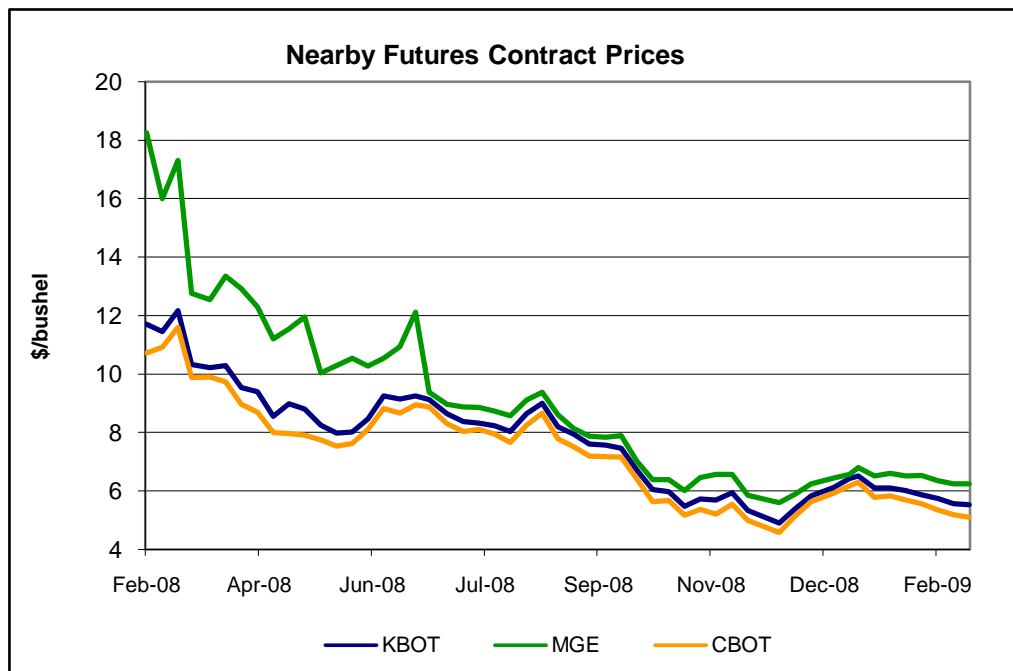
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(1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices represent Free on Board and do not include loading rate guarantees, stevedoring costs or other elevator tariff charges); (4) different delivery periods than indicated in monthly prices reported by U. S. Wheat Associates.

U.S. Wheat Associates recommends regular contact with exporters of U.S. wheat in order to receive offers representative of your requirements. These contracts would allow importers to review contract terms and better understand the

U.S. grading system, role and function of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

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Offers from La