



# U.S. Wheat Associates

Weekly Price Report (page 1)

May 17, 2019

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		JUN (N19)			JUN (N19)		JUL (N19)		AUG (U19)		SEP (U19)		OCT (Z19)		NOV (Z19)		DEC (Z19)		Year Ago (nearbys) \$/MT
			(nearbys) FOB \$/bu	week change \$/bu		FOB	Basis ¢/bu	FOB	Basis ¢/bu	FOB	Basis ¢/bu	FOB	Basis ¢/bu	FOB	Basis ¢/bu	FOB	Basis ¢/bu	FOB	Basis ¢/bu	
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	5.67	0.08	3	208	40	208	40	210	35	210	35	214	35	214	35	214	35	259
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	5.72	0.08	3	210	45	210	45	212	40	212	40	216	40	216	40	216	40	270
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	5.77	0.08	3	212	50	212	50	213	45	213	45	218	45	218	45	218	45	281
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.82	0.63	23	250	155	247	145	250	145	248	140	253	140	253	140	253	140	321
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.82	0.13	5	250	155	247	145	250	145	248	140	253	140	253	140	253	140	332
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.87	0.13	5	252	160	249	150	252	150	250	145	254	145	254	145	254	145	354
	HRW Ord	K	5.55	0.41	15	204	135	202	130	204	125	202	120	210	120	210	120	210	120	238
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	5.60	0.41	15	206	140	204	135	206	130	204	125	212	125	212	125	212	125	242
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	5.75	0.46	17	211	155	210	150	212	145	210	140	218	140	218	140	218	140	249
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	5.90	0.51	19	217	170	215	165	217	160	215	155	223	155	223	155	223	155	259
	HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.05	0.56	21	222	185	221	180	223	175	221	170	229	170	229	170	229	170	268
SRW	C	5.75	0.66	24	211	110	208	100	206	90	204	85	209	85	209	85	209	85	225	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.37	0.13	5	234	110	234	110	239	115	239	115	243	115	245	120	245	120	295
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.37	0.13	5	234	110	234	110	239	115	239	115	243	115	245	120	245	120	299
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.42	0.13	5	236	115	239	125	245	130	245	130	249	130	251	135	251	135	310
	HRW Ord	K	6.10	0.41	15	224	190	222	185	217	160	219	165	229	170	229	170	229	170	257
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.15	0.41	15	226	195	224	190	219	165	221	170	230	175	230	175	230	175	260
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.35	0.46	17	233	215	232	210	226	185	228	190	238	195	238	195	238	195	268
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	6.75	0.81	30	248	255	246	250	241	225	243	230	252	235	252	235	252	235	277
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	6.20	-0.35	-13	228	6.20	228	6.20	228	6.20	226	6.15	230	6.25	231	6.30	233	6.35	N/A
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.10	0.00	0	224	6.10	224	6.10	224	6.10	222	6.05	226	6.15	228	6.20	230	6.25	233
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.10	0.00	0	224	6.10	224	6.10	224	6.10	222	6.05	226	6.15	228	6.20	230	6.25	235
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.13	0.00	0	225	6.13	225	6.13	225	6.13	223	6.08	227	6.18	229	6.23	231	6.28	234	
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.16	0.00	0	226	6.16	226	6.16	226	6.16	224	6.11	228	6.21	230	6.26	232	6.31	236	

**Durum:** a range of prices are available depending upon various quality attributes and logistics.

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$6.12 to \$6.40/bu (\$225 to \$235/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$7.21 to \$7.48/bu (\$265 to \$275/MT). For Desert Durum offers, contact your supplier.

**Hard white:** a range of prices are available depending upon various quality attributes and logistics.

Futures Settlements as of May 17, 2019	Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange																
	JUL (N19)	JUL (N19)	week change	AUG (Q19)	week change	SEP (U19)	week change	DEC (Z19)	week change	JAN (F20)	week change	MAR (H20)	week change	MAY (K20)	week change	JUN (N20)	week change
	\$/MT	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
Chicago BOT SRW	170.85	4.6500	0.4025			4.7125	0.3750	4.8425	0.3600			4.9675	0.3375	5.0375	0.3125	5.0350	0.2875
Kansas City BOT HRW	154.41	4.2025	0.3325			4.3100	0.3300	4.5200	0.3300			4.7225	0.3225	4.8625	0.3125	4.9525	0.2800
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	193.54	5.2675	0.0975			5.3575	0.1025	5.4725	0.0775			5.6050	0.0800	5.6975	0.1000	5.7700	0.0825
Chicago BOT Corn	150.88	3.8325	0.3150			3.9050	0.2950	3.9825	0.2625			4.0775	0.2150	4.1325	0.1725	4.1825	0.1350
Chicago BOT Soybeans	301.94	8.2175	0.1250	8.2825	0.1250	8.3475	0.1325			8.5950	0.1275	8.6800	0.1025	8.7825	0.0875	8.9000	0.0825

**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 Winter); 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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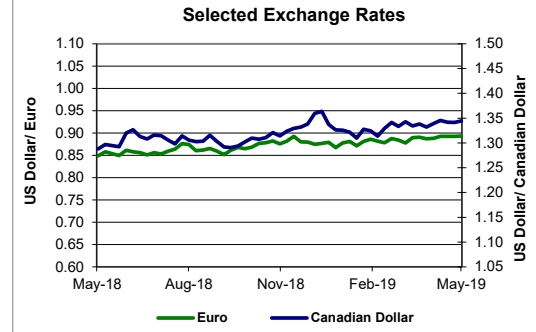
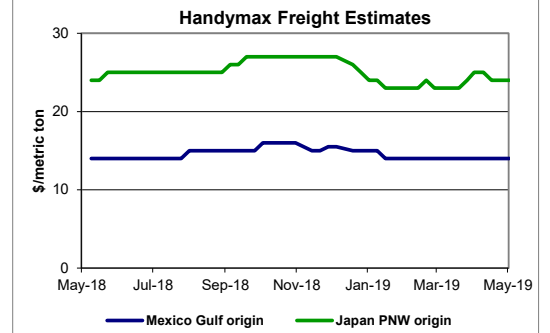
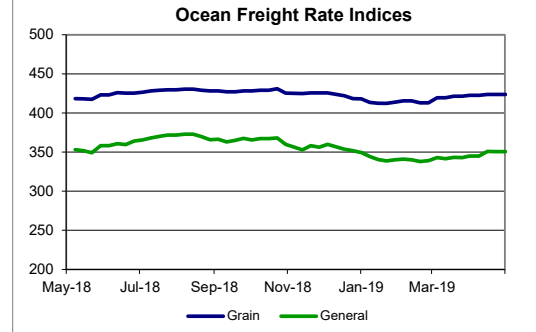
Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	16	14		5/17/2019	351.1	423.7	555
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			5/10/2019	350.5	423.7	584
	S. South America (Chile)	26			5/3/2019	350.9	423.7	474
	N. America (Columbia)	20			4/26/2019	347.4	424.3	514
	E. South America (Brazil)	29			4/18/2019	345.0	422.7	442
	West Africa (Nigeria)	45			4/12/2019	343.0	421.5	621
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	36			4/5/2019	343.2	421.5	576
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	35			3/29/2019	341.6	419.4	558
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				3/22/2019	343.1	419.4	642
	Middle East (Egypt)				3/15/2019	338.9	413.0	587
	Japan		43	42	3/8/2019	338.0	413.0	610
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	33			3/1/2019	340.3	415.6	603
	West Africa (Nigeria)	50			2/22/2019	340.9	415.6	637
	Middle East (Egypt)			45	2/15/2019	340.3	413.8	594
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	19			2/8/2019	338.8	412.3	450
	Europe/Rotterdam	20			2/1/2019	340.4	412.5	607
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			12/21/2018	355.2	423.4	548
	S. South America (Chile)	30			12/14/2018	360.0	425.7	548
	N. South America (Colombia)	30			12/7/2018	356.3	425.7	595
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			51	11/30/2018	358.2	425.7	669
	Middle East (Egypt)			28	11/23/2018	353.0	424.9	639
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	11/16/2018	351.7	424.2	638
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	11/9/2018	359.9	425.3	554
	Taiwan		35	33	11/2/2018	368.2	431.0	578
	South Korea		27	25	10/26/2018	366.0	428.0	613
	Japan	25	24		10/19/2018	367.3	429.1	599

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

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.)

Week Ending	Index***	Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	Egypt	EU	Japan	Russia
5/17/19	N/A	44.980	1.456	4.097	1.344	16.990	0.893	110.040	64.754
5/10/19	113.94	44.715	1.428	3.957	1.341	17.110	0.892	109.940	65.088
5/3/19	113.63	44.440	1.424	3.938	1.342	17.130	0.892	111.090	65.083
4/26/19	113.83	45.809	1.420	3.929	1.345	17.120	0.892	111.580	64.795
5/17/18	109.81	24.282	1.331	3.696	1.280	17.760	0.848	110.760	62.135
5/17/14	92.31	8.062	1.069	2.219	1.088	7.131	0.730	101.522	34.795
1 year change	N/A	85.24%	9.40%	10.84%	4.99%	-4.34%	5.38%	-0.65%	4.21%
5 year change	N/A	457.93%	36.23%	84.58%	23.60%	138.26%	22.45%	8.39%	86.10%



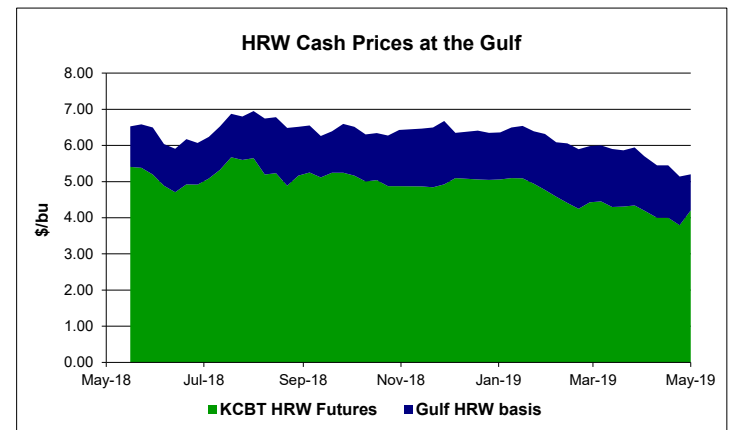
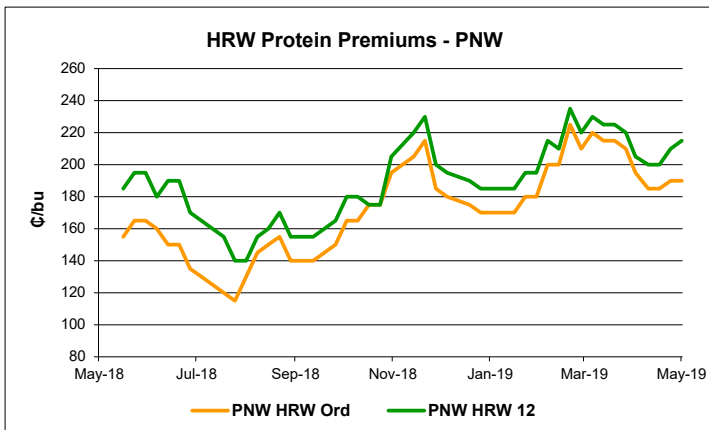
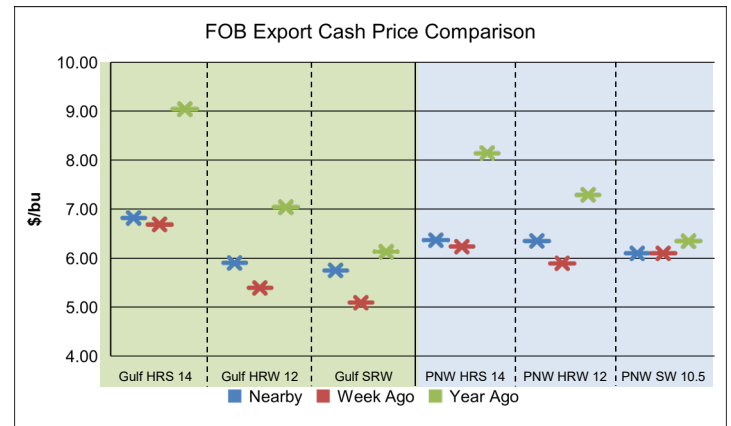
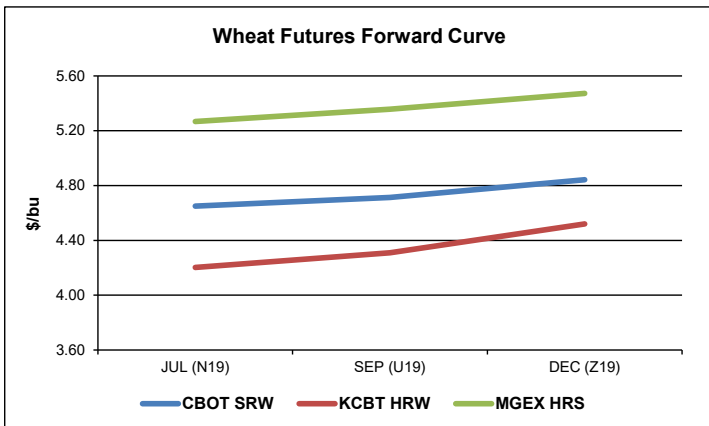
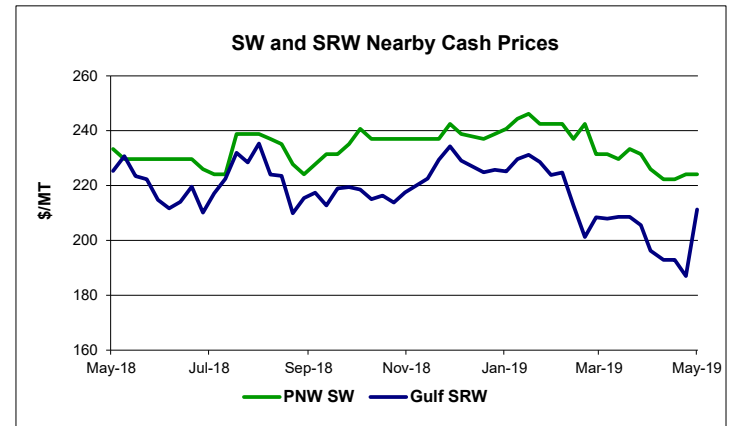
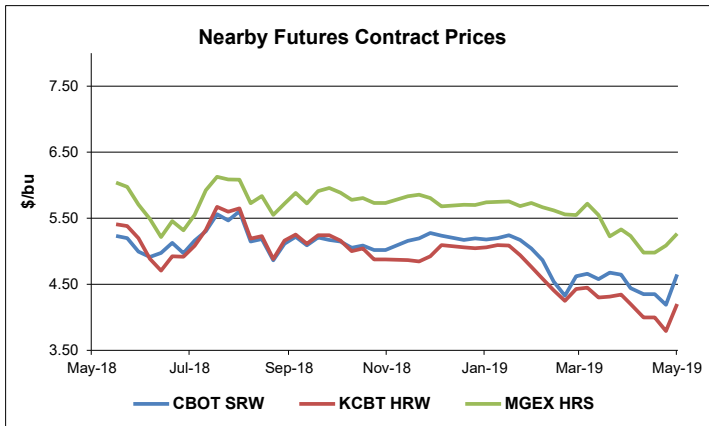
The weekly prices as reported by U.S. Wheat Associates are compiled through research from numerous market sources, including U.S. wheat exporters of all classes from various U.S. ports. The prices reported are representative of the value of number two grade and the proteins indicated. **They are not intended to represent offers nor should importers of U.S. wheat rely upon them as such. Additional factors may alter these prices significantly.**

These factors may include: (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.

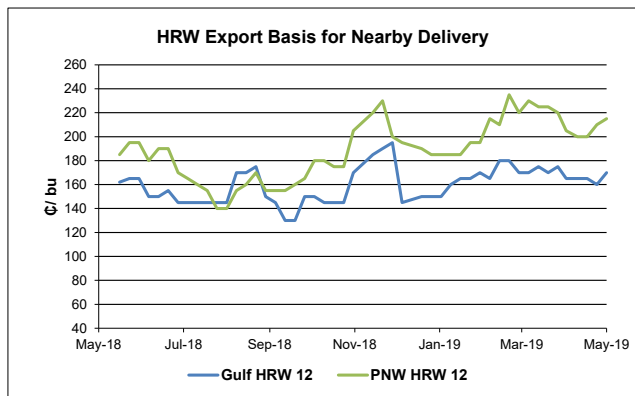
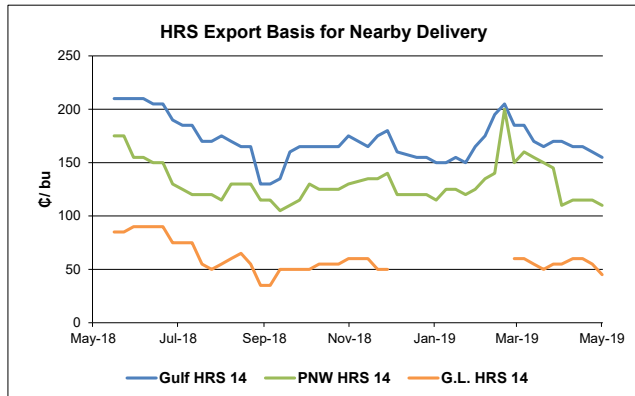
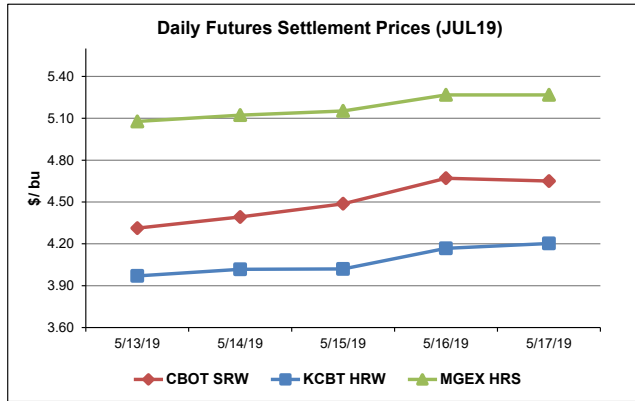
This contact will allow importers to review contract terms and better understand the U.S. grading system, role and function of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS).

Contact: For questions, please contact Claire Hutchins at (703) 650-0244 or chutchins@uswheat.org.





**Highlights**



- Technical buying, worries of heavy rain impacting U.S. soft red winter (SRW) and hard red winter (HRW) crop quality and concerns over later-than-ideal spring wheat planting in the Northern Plains pushed up all wheat futures prices week-over-week. A strong U.S. dollar limited gains. July SRW futures jumped 40 cents from last week to close at \$4.65/bu and July HRW futures gained 33 cents to close at \$4.20/bu. July HRS futures closed up 10 cents over last week at \$5.27/bu. CBOT July corn futures gained 31 cents to close at \$3.83/bu. CBOT July soybean futures closed up 12 cents at \$8.22/bu.
- Minimal export demand pressured HRS export basis out of the Gulf and Great Lakes for June and July deliveries. Difficult inland waterway logistics due to localized flooding on the Mississippi River and its tributaries boosted SRW export basis for deliveries in June and July. Increasing concern about the possible effects of high HRW yield potential on protein supported basis out of the Gulf and the Pacific Northwest (PNW) for nearby and deferred delivery months. This week, minimal export demand offset slow farmer selling out of the PNW, pressuring HRS export basis for nearby delivery.
- Net U.S. wheat sales as of May 9 of 114,000 metric tons (MT) for delivery in 2018/19 were up 26% from last week's 90,600 MT but 52% below the estimated previous 4-week average. Year-to-date commercial sales of 25.7 million metric tons (MMT) are more than USDA's expected 2018/19 export volume of 25.2 MMT. In addition to net and total commercial sales for 2018/19 delivery, USDA also reported net sales of 419,000 MT for delivery in 2019/20, well above trade expectations of 150,000 to 350,000 MT.
- According to the May 16 Drought Monitor, rain across the Southern Plains reduced areas under abnormal dryness in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. This week, abnormally dry conditions persist across northern Montana and in the HRW-growing regions from southeastern Nebraska to northwestern Colorado, while spots of abnormal dryness were removed in central Kansas. Moderate drought expanded into central Washington soft white production regions. Looking ahead, warmer temperatures and heavy precipitation are expected across parts of the Great Plains and the Midwest, potentially worsening inland waterway logistics.
- USDA's May 13 Crop Progress report rated 64% of U.S. winter wheat in good or excellent condition, down from last week's 70% but up significantly from the year-over-year estimate of 36%. U.S. spring wheat planting is 45% complete, below last year's 54% and well below the 5-year average of 67%.
- Ukraine's Institute of Agrarian Economics predicts the 2019/20 wheat crop will increase nearly 9% over last year to 26.7 MMT with favorable weather increasing winter wheat yield potential.
- According to Germany's association of farm cooperatives, the country's wheat harvest is expected to increase 20% year-over-year to 24.3 MMT on plentiful rainfall and cooler temperatures following last year's massive drought.
- As of May 16, the Iraqi government purchased 883,000 MT of locally-grown wheat. Iraq's Ministry of Agriculture expects the country's final 2019 harvest volume to reach 5.0 MMT due to beneficial rainfall throughout the growing season. Officials said this could reduce Iraq's wheat import needs well into marketing year 2019/20.
- In March, Australia's Ministry of Agriculture estimated 2019/20 wheat production would increase 40% over 2018/19 with favorable growing conditions. However, Reuters reported that private forecasting agencies are cutting back on production estimates as abnormally dry weather continues into the new marketing year. On of May 14, Australia's Ministry of Agriculture announced the country is set to import its first shipment of wheat in 12 years as severe drought persists in Queensland and New South Wales, where a significant portion of the country's wheat is grown.
- The Baltic Dry Index gained 19 points over last week to close at 1,032.
- U.S. Dollar Index jumped to 97.98 this week, its highest closing value since April 25.