

U.S. Wheat FOB & Export Basis Estimates

Export Region	Class & Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		NOV (Z20)				NOV (Z20)		DEC (Z20)		JAN (H21)		FEB (H21)		MAR (H21)		APR (K21)		MAY (K21)		
			(nearbys) FOB \$/bu	week change		1 year ago \$/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	
				\$/bu	\$/MT																
Great Lakes	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	6.32	-0.03	-1	237		232	100	232	100	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	240	100	240	100
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	6.37	-0.03	-1	239		234	105	234	105	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	242	105	242	105
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	6.42	-0.03	-1	241		236	110	236	110	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	244	110	244	110
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	7.67	0.02	1	265		282	235	280	230	283	225	281	220	279	215	283	215	283	215
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	7.72	0.02	1	267		284	240	282	235	285	230	283	225	281	220	284	220	284	220
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	7.82	0.02	1	269		287	250	285	245	288	240	287	235	285	230	288	230	288	230
	HRW Ord	K	6.95	0.29	11	200		255	185	253	180	255	175	255	175	255	175	255	170	255	170
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	6.95	0.29	11	202		255	185	253	180	255	175	255	175	255	175	255	170	255	170
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	7.05	0.29	11	207		259	195	257	190	258	185	258	185	258	185	259	180	259	180
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	7.15	0.29	11	213		263	205	261	200	262	195	262	195	262	195	263	190	263	190
	HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	7.25	0.29	11	218		266	215	264	210	266	205	266	205	266	205	266	200	266	200
SRW	W	7.08	0.29	11	215		260	135	258	130	259	125	259	125	259	125	260	125	260	125	
Pacific N.West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)*	M	7.57	0.12	4	272		278	225	274	215	274	200	272	195	272	195	273	190	273	190
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)*	M	7.62	0.12	4	274		280	230	276	220	275	205	274	200	274	200	275	195	275	195
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)*	M	7.77	0.12	4	283		285	245	282	235	281	220	279	215	279	215	281	210	281	210
	HRW Ord	K	7.60	0.34	13	222		279	250	275	240	277	235	277	235	277	235	279	235	279	235
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	7.60	0.34	13	224		279	250	275	240	277	235	277	235	277	235	279	235	279	235
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	7.70	0.34	13	231		283	260	279	250	281	245	281	245	281	245	283	245	283	245
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	7.90	0.34	13	249		290	280	286	270	288	265	288	265	288	265	290	265	290	265
	SW Unspecified	\$	6.65	0.00	0	231		244	665	244	665	243	660	243	660	243	660	243	660	243	660
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Min	\$	6.70	0.00	0	233		246	670	246	670	244	665	244	665	244	665	244	665	244	665
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.65	0.00	0	231		244	665	244	665	243	660	243	660	243	660	243	660	243	660
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.70	0.00	0	235		246	670	246	670	244	665	244	665	244	665	244	665	244	665
	WW with 10% Club	\$	6.75	0.00	0	239		248	675	248	675	246	670	246	670	246	670	246	670	246	670
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.80	0.00	0	243		250	680	250	680	248	675	248	675	248	675	248	675	248	675	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$7.62 to \$7.76/bu (\$280 to \$285/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$8.30 to \$8.44/bu (\$305 to \$310/MT). For **Desert Durum** offers, contact your supplier.

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

***Hard Red Spring:** HRS price indications in this report are for a 65% DHV content out of the PNW and a 40% DHV content out of the Gulf; for specific NS/DNS DHV premium spreads, contact your supplier.

Futures Exchange Settlements

Exchange & Commodity	DEC (Z20)			JAN (F21)		MAR (H21)		MAY (K21)		JUL (N21)		AUG (Q21)		SEP (U21)		NOV (X21)	
	close		wk chng \$/bu	close \$/bu	wk chng \$/bu	close \$/bu	wk chng \$/bu	close \$/bu	wk chng \$/bu	close \$/bu	wk chng \$/bu	close \$/bu	wk chng \$/bu	close \$/bu	wk chng \$/bu	close \$/bu	wk chng \$/bu
	\$/MT	\$/bu															
Chicago BOT SRW	210.63	5.7325	0.2900			5.7950	0.2800	5.8350	0.2725	5.8100	0.2500			5.8525	0.2350		
Kansas City BOT HRW	187.21	5.0950	0.3425			5.1850	0.3325	5.2525	0.3225	5.3100	0.3100			5.3750	0.2975		
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	195.38	5.3175	0.0200			5.4475	0.0225	5.5425	0.0250	5.6325	0.0350			5.7050	0.0475		
Chicago BOT Corn	149.50	3.7975	0.1450			3.8925	0.1600	3.9475	0.1600	3.9850	0.1600			3.8825	0.0950		
Chicago BOT Soybeans				10.2475	0.1850	10.1875	0.1750	10.1700	0.1750	10.2075	0.1875	10.1500	0.1925	9.9050	0.2100	9.7000	0.2175

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).

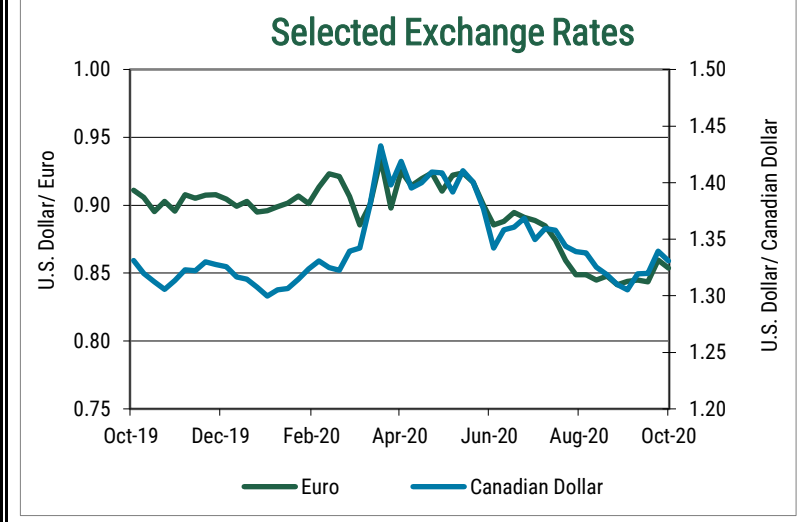
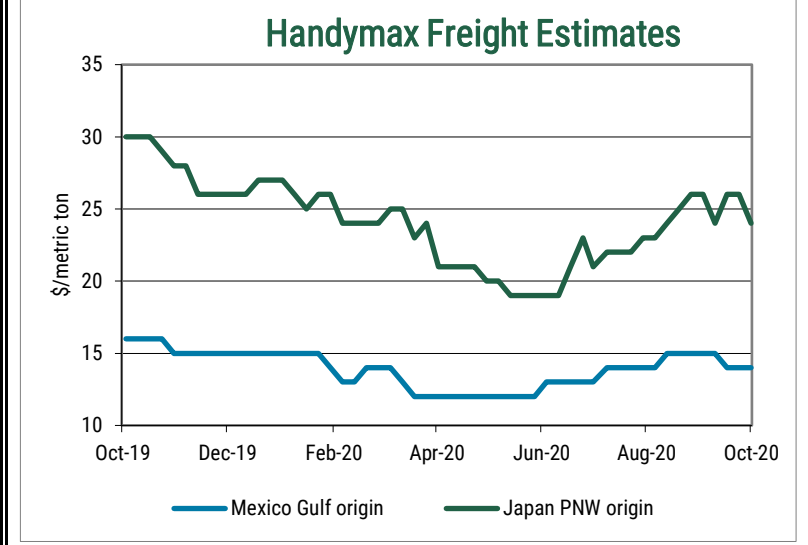
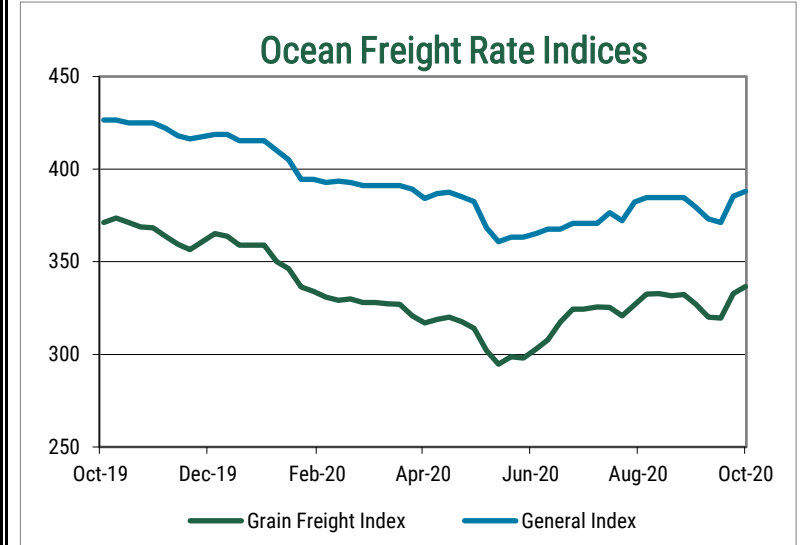
Weekly Price Report October 02, 2020

Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index** Week Ending	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
U.S. Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	17	14		10/2/2020	336.6	387.9	405
U.S. Gulf	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)			12	9/25/2020	332.7	385.4	458
U.S. Gulf	S. South America (Chile)			18	9/18/2020	319.6	371.3	413
U.S. Gulf	N. South America (Colombia)	20	16	10	9/11/2020	320.0	373.0	445
U.S. Gulf	E. South America (Brazil)		23		9/4/2020	327.0	379.3	404
U.S. Gulf	West Africa (Nigeria)	32			8/28/2020	332.3	384.6	469
U.S. Gulf	East Mediterranean (Italy)	41			8/21/2020	331.5	384.6	433
U.S. Gulf	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	40			8/14/2020	332.8	384.6	435
U.S. Gulf	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			72	8/7/2020	332.6	384.6	434
U.S. Gulf	Middle East (Egypt)			28	7/31/2020	326.8	382.3	404
U.S. Gulf	Japan		45	43	7/24/2020	320.8	372.2	537
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	16			7/17/2020	325.3	376.4	456
Mid Atlantic	West Africa (Nigeria)	29			7/10/2020	325.6	370.7	410
Mid Atlantic	Middle East (Egypt)			25	7/2/2020	324.5	370.7	434
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	16			6/26/2020	324.5	370.7	434
St. Lawrence	Europe/Rotterdam			15	6/19/2020	317.4	367.6	478
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	55			6/12/2020	307.9	367.6	506
Great Lakes	West Mediterranean (Spain)	52			6/5/2020	302.7	365.1	419
Great Lakes	Europe/Rotterdam	43			5/29/2020	297.9	363.3	397
Great Lakes	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	44			5/22/2020	298.6	363.3	443
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			5/15/2020	294.7	360.8	537
PNW	S. South America (Chile)	30			5/8/2020	302.1	368.4	346
PNW	N. South America (Colombia)	32			5/1/2020	314.0	382.5	362
PNW	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			56	4/24/2020	317.6	385.0	511
PNW	Middle East (Egypt)			29	4/17/2020	320.1	387.5	457
PNW	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	4/10/2020	318.9	386.8	360
PNW	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)			19	4/3/2020	316.9	384.2	538
PNW	Taiwan		17	16	3/27/2020	320.8	389.3	552
PNW	South Korea		18	17	3/20/2020	327.1	391.0	510
PNW	Japan		24	22	3/13/2020	327.2	391.0	579

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
10/2/20	N/A	76.87	1.397	5.660	1.331	15.72	0.854	105.4	78.20
9/25/20	118.3	75.78	1.422	5.555	1.339	15.74	0.860	105.6	78.14
9/18/20	115.6	75.38	1.370	5.360	1.320	15.74	0.844	104.5	75.61
9/11/20	116.5	74.84	1.375	5.334	1.319	15.73	0.845	106.1	74.95
10/3/19	117.7	45.17	0.674	4.083	1.334	16.26	0.912	106.9	65.13
10/3/15	N/A	9.425	1.422	3.989	1.322	7.808	0.893	119.9	66.09
1 year change	N/A	70.19%	107.18%	38.61%	-0.21%	-3.30%	-6.38%	-1.42%	20.07%
5 year change	N/A	715.62%	-1.76%	41.87%	0.63%	101.39%	-4.33%	-12.07%	18.32%



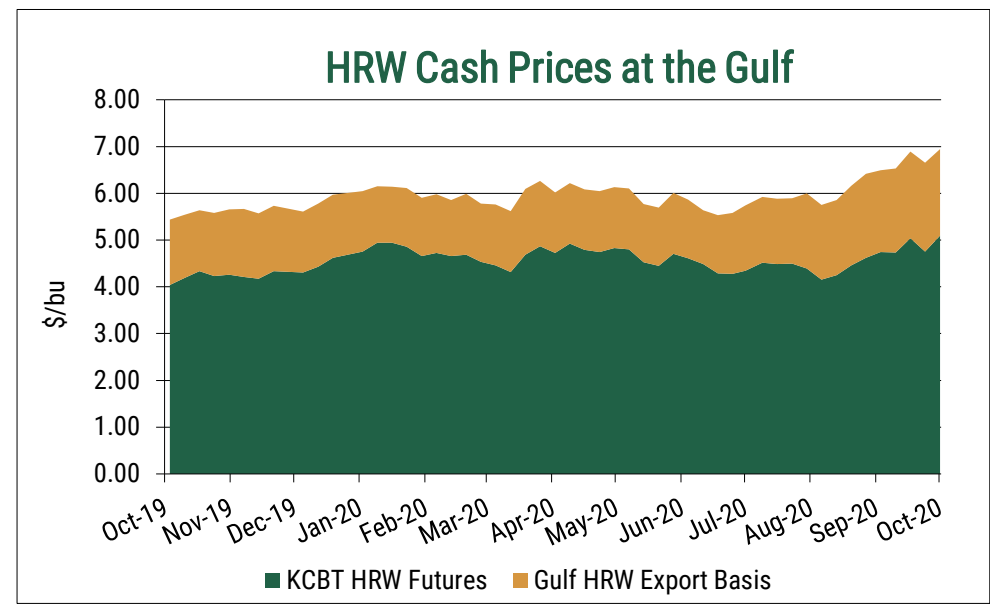
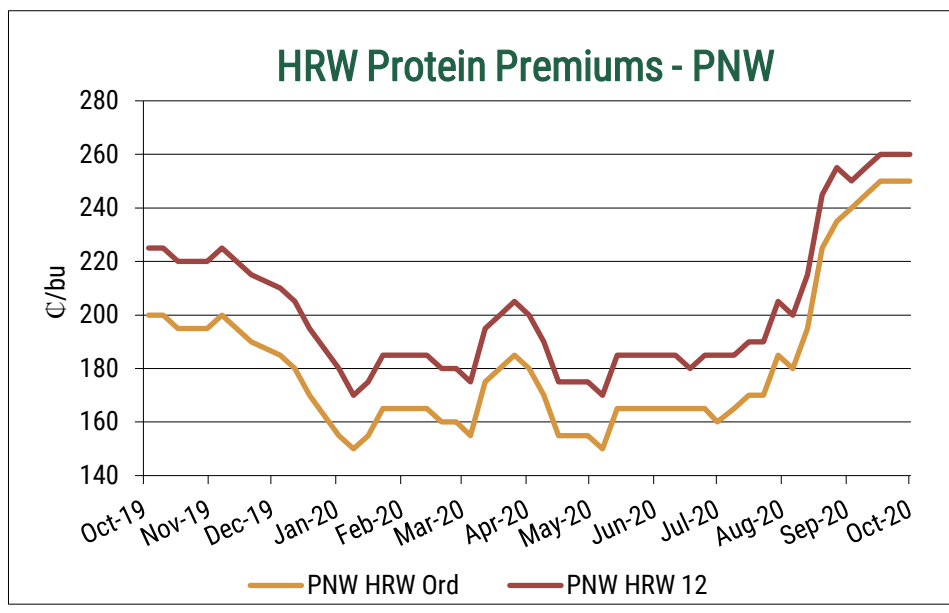
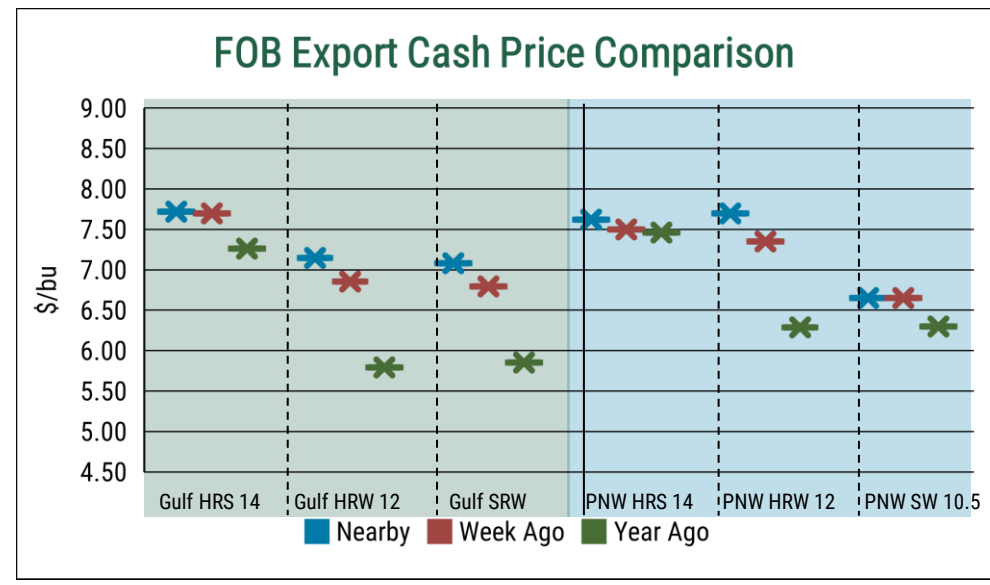
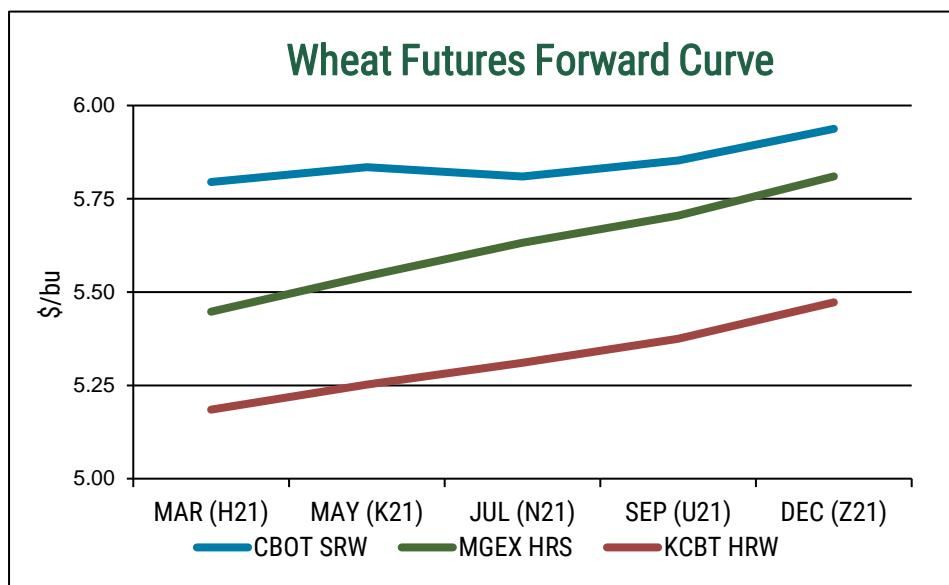
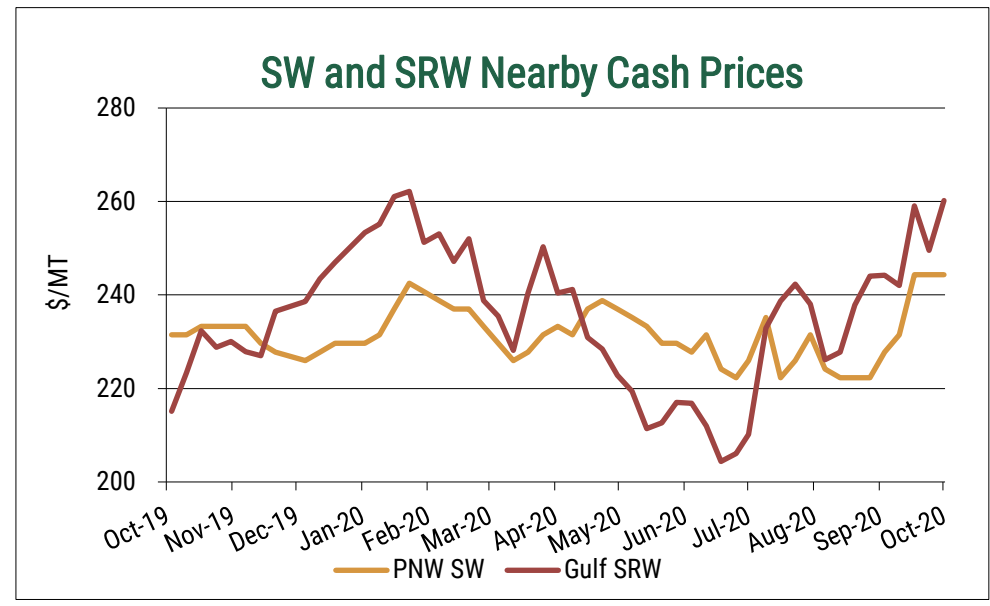
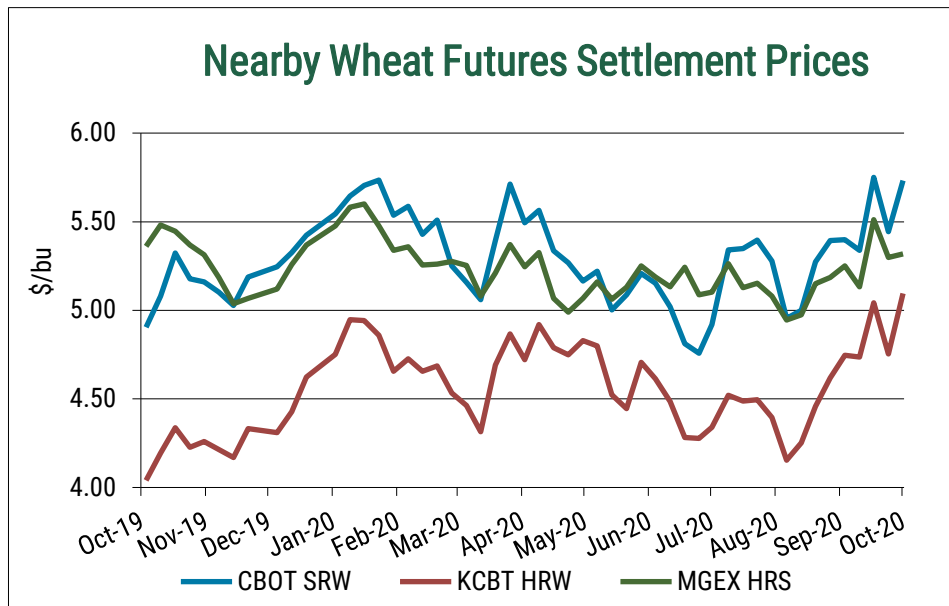
The weekly prices as reported by U.S. Wheat Associates are compiled through research from numerous market sources, including U.S. wheat exporters of all classes from various U.S. ports. The prices reported are representative of the value of number two grade and the proteins indicated. **They are not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

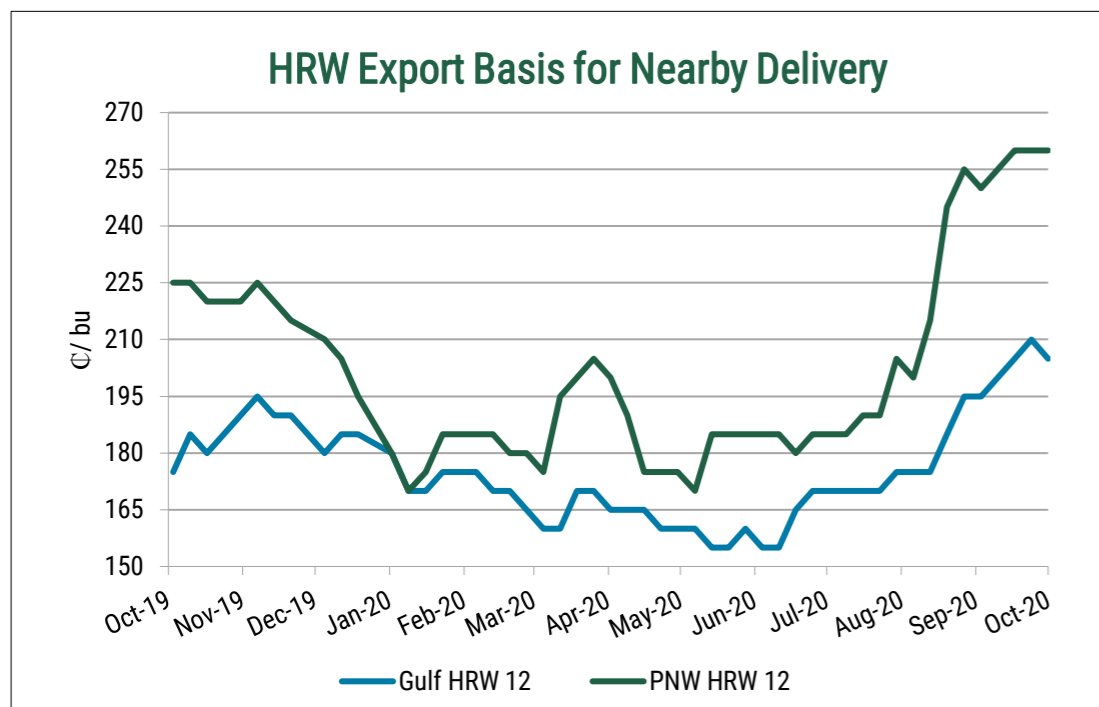
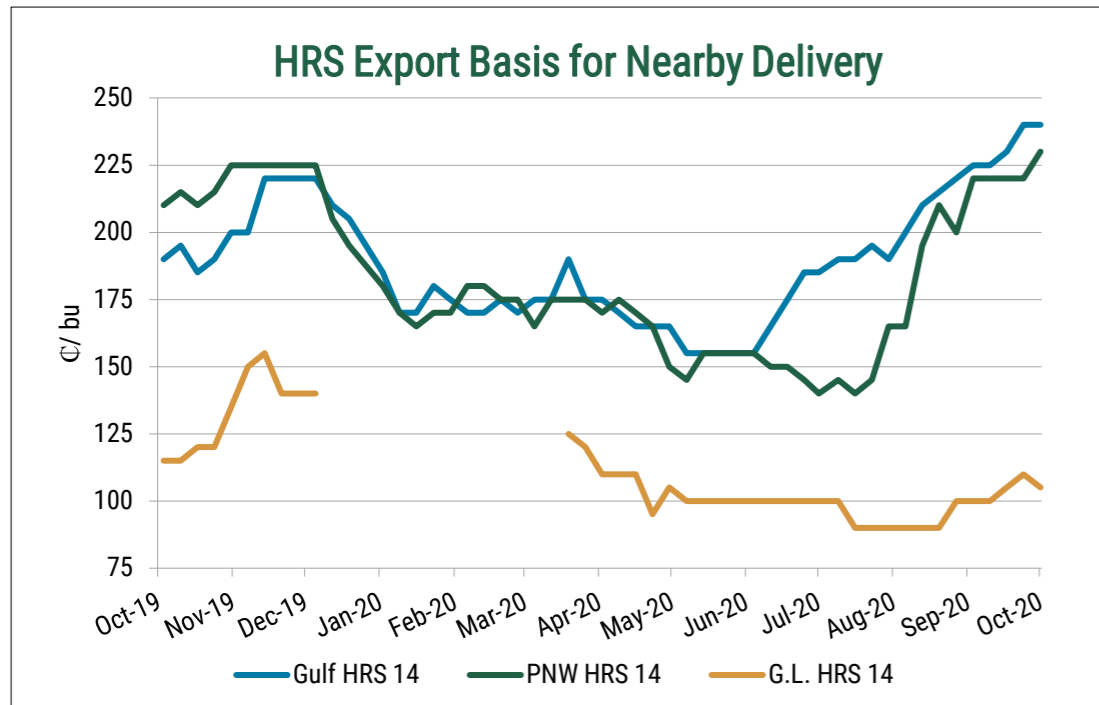
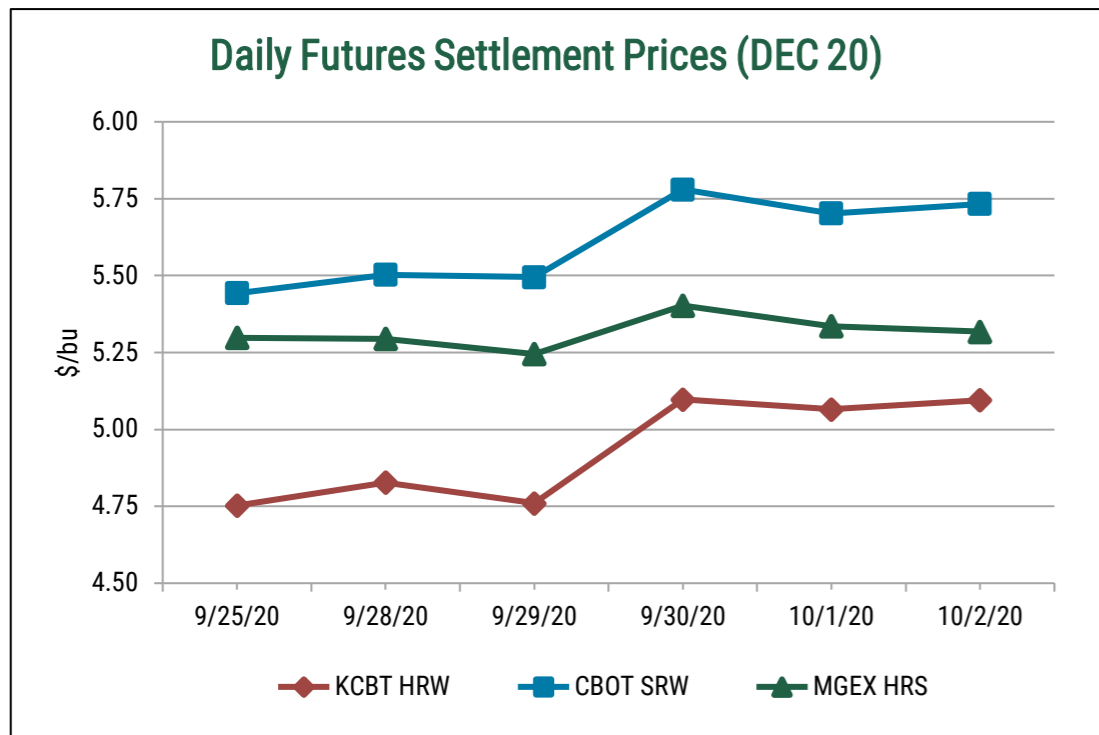
These factors may include: (1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices represent Free on Board and do not include loading rate 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.





- All wheat futures prices jumped up substantially on the week after USDA's Sept. 30 U.S. wheat stocks and production estimates came in below trade expectations (see below). CBOT soft red winter (SRW) futures gained 29 cents to close at \$5.73/bu. KCBT hard red winter (HRW) futures jumped up 34 cents to end at \$5.09/bu. MGE hard red spring (HRS) futures added 2 cents to close at \$5.32/bu. CBOT corn futures added 14 cents to close at \$3.80/bu. CBOT January soybean futures gained 18 cents to end at \$10.25/bu.
- USDA's Sept. 30 Grain Stocks report estimated all U.S. wheat stocks, as of Sept. 1, at 58.8 million metric tons (MMT), below trade expectations. Reuters reported the average trade estimate at 61.0 MMT. USDA's Sept. 30 Small Grains Annual Summary pegged total U.S. wheat production in 2020 at 49.7 MMT, which was less than the agency's Sept. 11 estimate of 50.0 MMT.
- Pacific Northwest (PNW) HRS export basis increased this the week on extremely limited elevation capacity. However, lower secondary rail rates pressured Great Lakes HRS export basis and Gulf HRW export basis for November and December deliveries.
- The entire HRS crop is in the bin, as of Oct. 2. Early sample data shows stable protein levels on the year, significantly lower moisture content and higher average test weights. The 2020 northern durum harvest is 95% complete in North Dakota and 90% complete in Montana, well ahead of last year's pace. Like HRS, early northern durum samples are showing stable protein levels, lower moisture content and higher average test weights compared to the 2019 harvest.
- According to USDA, U.S. farmers have now planted 35% of the total intended winter wheat area for harvest in 2021, up 15 points on the week. That is 1 point ahead of this time last year and two points ahead of the 5-year average. As of Sept. 28, 10% of the country's winter wheat is emerged led by Colorado at 19% and Washington State at 32%.
- This week's commercial sales of 506,000 metric tons (MT) for delivery in 2020/21, as of Sept. 17, were up 44% from last week's 351,000 MT and above trade expectations of 200,000 MT to 500,000 MT. Year-to-date commercial sales now total 14.0 million MMT, 8% ahead of last year's pace. USDA expects the United States will export 26.5 MMT in 2020/21, up 1% from last year, if realized.
- This week, USDA reported Mexico bought 208,000 MT of HRW from the United States. Following these sales, Mexico surpassed China as the second largest market for U.S. wheat so far in 2020/21 at 1.60 MMT sold as of Sept. 24. The Philippines, with purchases of 1.60 MMT, is the largest market for U.S. wheat to date.
- This week, abnormal dryness spread across all of South Dakota and Nebraska, most of Kansas and parts of northern Oklahoma and central Minnesota. Moderate drought spread through central Montana, central North Dakota and northwestern Kansas. Pockets of exceptional drought, the highest level of drought reported by the U.S. Drought Monitor, appeared in eastern Colorado and the Texas Panhandle. Looking ahead, scattered rainfall is expected across the Southern and High Plains, but dryness is expected to intensify in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.
- Soft (non-durum) wheat exports from the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK) for marketing year 2020/21 are down 39% from last year at 4.37 MMT, according to official EU data on Sept. 27.
- SovEcon, a Russian agriculture consultancy, said the country badly needs rain in the coming weeks as farmers continue to sow winter wheat for harvest in 2021 in dry soil. SovEcon's Sept. 28 report noted: "The topsoil is dry, and crops are running out of time needed for their development before winter. It is a bad setup for the 2021 crop, but not a disastrous one as of yet." Despite dry weather, Russian producers have already planted winter grains on 60% of the planned area, or 11 million hectares (27.2 million acres), in line with last year's pace.
- Ukraine's Economy Ministry said severe drought will lead to a reduction of winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2021 to 6.10 million hectares (15.1 million acres), down 9% on the year. As of Sept. 28, farmers have planted 25% of the expected area at 1.50 million hectares (3.70 million acres).
- On Sept. 29, Australia's Bureau of Meteorology declared that La Niña conditions had developed in the Pacific Ocean. La Niña weather patterns are typically associated with greater rainfall, more tropical cyclones and cooler than average temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean. "Climate models suggest these patterns will continue until at least the end of the year," the bureau said in a statement. The weather event, which mainly affects Australia's north and east, could boost the country's 2020/21 wheat yields.
- The Baltic Dry Index (BDI), an assessment of the average cost to ship raw materials like grains, coal and iron ore jumped 12% on the week to end at 1,869.
- The U.S. Dollar index fell from last week's 94.64 to close at 93.84.

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