



# U.S. Wheat Associates

## Weekly Price Report

June 22, 2018

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Export Region	Percent Protein 12% (Dry) Moisture Basis		JUL (N18)			JUL (N18)		AUG (U18)		SEP (U18)		OCT (Z18)		NOV (Z18)		DEC (Z18)		JAN (H19)		Year Ago (nearbys) \$/MT
			(nearbys) FOB \$/bu	week change \$/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 (15.3)	M	6.14	-0.22	-8	226	65	226	55	224	50	232	55	237	70	237	70	closed	N/A	263
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	6.39	-0.22	-8	235	90	236	80	234	75	241	80	247	95	247	95	closed	N/A	271
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	6.74	-0.22	-8	248	125	248	115	247	110	254	115	259	130	259	130	closed	N/A	N/A
Gulf of Mexico	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	7.34	-0.22	-8	270	185	270	175	267	165	285	200	285	200	285	200	287	190	291
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.59	-0.22	-8	279	210	280	200	276	190	294	225	294	225	294	225	296	215	298
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	8.19	-0.22	-8	301	270	302	260	298	250	316	285	316	285	316	285	318	275	N/A
	HRW Ord	K	6.04	-0.46	-17	222	115	224	105	226	110	235	110	235	110	235	110	237	100	194
	HRW 11.0 (12.5)	K	6.19	-0.46	-17	227	130	230	120	232	125	240	125	240	125	240	125	243	115	217
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.29	-0.46	-17	231	140	234	130	235	135	244	135	244	135	244	135	246	125	235
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.39	-0.46	-17	235	150	237	140	239	145	248	145	248	145	248	145	250	135	253
	HRW 12.5 (14.2)	K	6.59	-0.51	-19	242	170	245	160	246	165	255	165	255	165	255	165	257	155	281
SRW	C	5.76	-0.08	-3	212	85	213	75	213	75	227	95	227	95	227	95	229	85	191	
Pacific N. West	NS/DNS 13.5 (15.3)	M	6.94	-0.37	-14	255	145	254	130	254	130	263	140	263	140	263	140	265	130	296
	NS/DNS 14.0 (15.9)	M	7.04	-0.32	-12	259	155	258	140	258	140	267	150	267	150	267	150	268	140	300
	NS/DNS 14.5 (16.5)	M	7.19	-0.37	-14	264	170	263	155	263	155	272	165	272	165	272	165	278	165	N/A
	HRW Ord	K	6.49	-0.36	-13	238	160	239	145	237	140	246	140	246	140	246	140	248	130	213
	HRW 11.5 (13.1)	K	6.59	-0.36	-13	242	170	243	155	241	150	249	150	249	150	249	150	252	140	222
	HRW 12.0 (13.6)	K	6.69	-0.46	-17	246	180	246	165	245	160	253	160	253	160	253	160	255	150	240
	HRW 13.0 (14.8)	K	6.89	-0.51	-19	253	200	254	185	252	180	260	180	260	180	260	180	263	170	277
	SW Unspecified	\$	6.25	0.00	0	230	6.25	226	6.15	226	6.15	228	6.20	233	6.35	233	6.35	233	6.35	193
	SW 10.5 (11.9) Max	\$	6.25	0.00	0	230	6.25	226	6.15	226	6.15	228	6.20	233	6.35	233	6.35	233	6.35	193
	SW 9.5 (10.8) Max	\$	6.35	0.00	0	233	6.35	230	6.25	230	6.25	231	6.30	237	6.45	237	6.45	237	6.45	200
WW with 10% Club	\$	6.28	0.00	0	231	6.28	227	6.18	227	6.18	229	6.23	234	6.38	234	6.38	234	6.38	195	
WW with 20% Club	\$	6.31	0.00	0	232	6.31	228	6.21	228	6.21	230	6.26	236	6.41	236	6.41	236	6.41	197	

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

Northern Durum offers from the Lakes range from \$6.80 to \$7.750/bu (\$250 to \$285/MT), and offers from Gulf ports range from \$8.15 to \$9.10/bu (\$300 to \$334s/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

June 22, 2018

Grey positions not quoted on specific exchange

	JUL (N18)	JUL (N18)	week	AUG (Q18)	week	SEP (U18)	week	DEC (Z18)	week	JAN (F19)	week	MAR (H19)	week	MAY (K19)	week	JUL (N19)	week
	\$/MT	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change	\$/bu	change
Chicago BOT SRW	180.50	4.9125	(0.0825)			5.0425	(0.0925)	5.2150	(0.1275)			5.3850	(0.1525)	5.5025	(0.1475)	5.5475	(0.1475)
Kansas City BOT HRW	179.58	4.8875	(0.3100)			5.0550	(0.2875)	5.2875	(0.2925)			5.4525	(0.2925)	5.5600	(0.2850)	5.6250	(0.2600)
Minneapolis MGE NS/DNS	201.72	5.4900	(0.2175)			5.6100	(0.2000)	5.7625	(0.1875)			5.9075	(0.1900)	5.9975	(0.1925)	6.0825	(0.1925)
Chicago BOT Corn	140.64	3.5725	(0.0400)			3.6650	(0.0425)	3.7800	(0.0475)			3.8750	(0.0500)	3.9450	(0.0450)	4.0025	(0.0500)
Chicago BOT Soybeans	328.67	8.9450	(0.1150)	9.0000	(0.1150)	9.0600	(0.1225)			9.2525	(0.1400)	9.2800	(0.1525)	9.3575	(0.1500)	9.4400	(0.1400)

**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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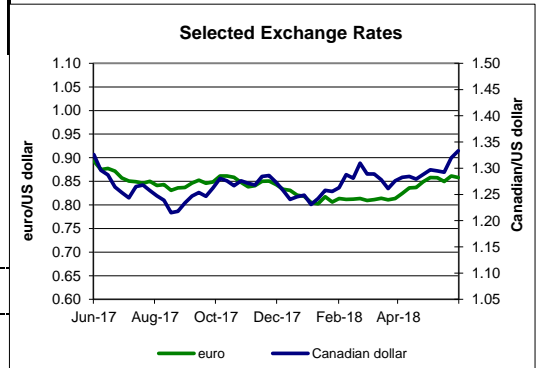
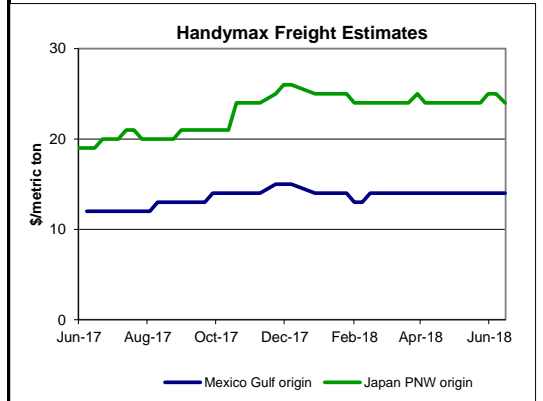
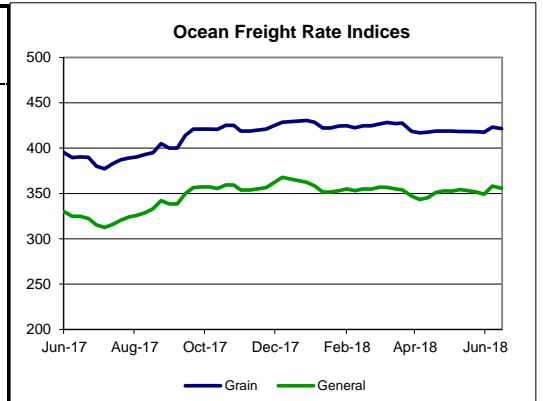
Ocean Freight Rate Estimates by Origin*		U.S. dollars/metric ton			Freight Index**	General Index	Grain Freight Index	Number of Fixtures
Export Region	Import Region	Handy 25-30 TMT	Handymax 40-46 TMT	Panamax 54+ TMT				
US Gulf	Mexico (Veracruz)	16	14		6/15/2018	358.1	423.2	589
	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	28			6/8/2018	355.7	421.4	511
	S. South America (Chile)	26			6/1/2018	349.1	417.5	503
	N. South America (Colombia)	21			5/25/2018	351.6	418.0	584
	E. South America (Brazil)	28			5/18/2018	353.1	418.2	612
	West Africa (Nigeria)	43			5/11/2018	354.3	418.4	588
	East Mediterranean (Italy)	33			5/4/2018	352.6	418.8	481
	West Mediterranean (Morocco)	33			4/27/2018	352.7	418.8	639
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)				4/20/2018	351.2	418.8	513
	Middle East (Egypt)				4/13/2018	345.2	417.7	559
Japan			44	43	4/6/2018	343.4	416.9	457
Mid Atlantic	N. South America (Venezuela)	31			3/30/2018	347.1	418.6	602
	West Africa (Nigeria)	44			3/23/2018	354.0	427.6	657
	Middle East (Egypt)			44	3/16/2018	355.0	427.2	541
St. Lawrence	N. South America (Venezuela)	24			3/9/2018	356.7	428.4	666
	Europe/Rotterdam	22			3/2/2018	356.9	426.7	639
	Middle East (Egypt)			29	2/23/2018	354.7	424.6	494
Great Lakes	East Mediterranean (Italy)	43			2/16/2018	354.9	424.6	637
	West Mediterranean (Spain)	38			2/9/2018	353.0	422.4	621
	Rotterdam	27			2/2/2018	354.9	424.6	637
	West Africa (Morocco/Algeria)	38			1/26/2018	353.1	424.3	609
PNW	W. South America (Peru/Ecu)	26			1/19/2018	351.7	422.2	613
	S. South America (Chile)	30			1/12/2018	360.7	429.8	677
	N. South America (Colombia)	28			1/5/2018	358.3	428.6	388
	Persian Gulf (Iraq)			54	12/29/2017	362.3	430.5	332
	Middle East (Egypt)			35	12/21/2017	365.1	430.5	453
	East Africa (Djibouti/Mombasa)		43	41	12/14/2017	372.4	434.1	594
	South Asia (Mal/Indon/Phil/Sing)		37	29	12/8/2017	367.8	428.6	573
	Taiwan		33	31	12/1/2017	362.0	425.0	604
	South Korea		27	25	11/24/2017	356.4	421.1	606
	Japan		25	24	11/17/2017	354.6	419.2	616

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. dollar)

Week Ending	Index***	Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	Egypt	EU	Japan	Russia
6/22/18	N/A	27.500	1.345	3.758	1.333	17.820	0.858	110.060	62.973
6/15/18	123.92	28.050	1.343	3.729	1.320	17.800	0.861	110.660	63.131
6/8/18	122.60	25.290	1.316	3.709	1.292	17.820	0.850	109.530	62.276
6/1/18	122.31	24.950	1.321	3.763	1.295	17.850	0.858	109.530	62.196
6/22/17	122.49	16.129	1.326	3.342	1.323	18.135	0.897	111.320	59.955
6/22/13	102.60	5.345	1.084	2.255	1.041	6.985	0.758	97.530	32.823
1 year change	N/A	70.50%	1.47%	12.46%	0.75%	-1.74%	-4.29%	-1.13%	5.04%
5 year change	N/A	414.55%	24.08%	66.62%	28.11%	155.10%	13.22%	12.85%	91.86%



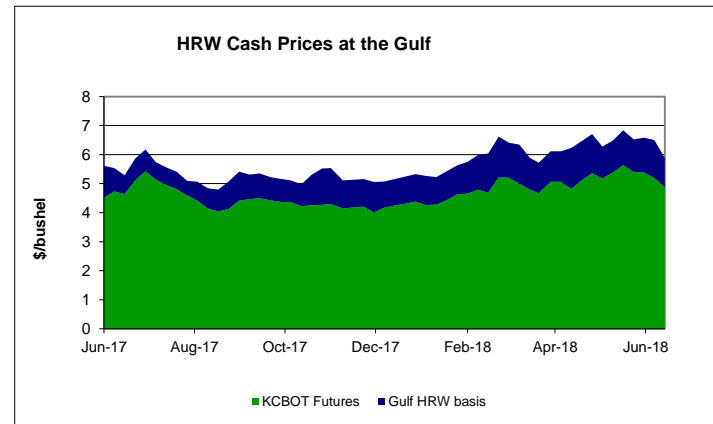
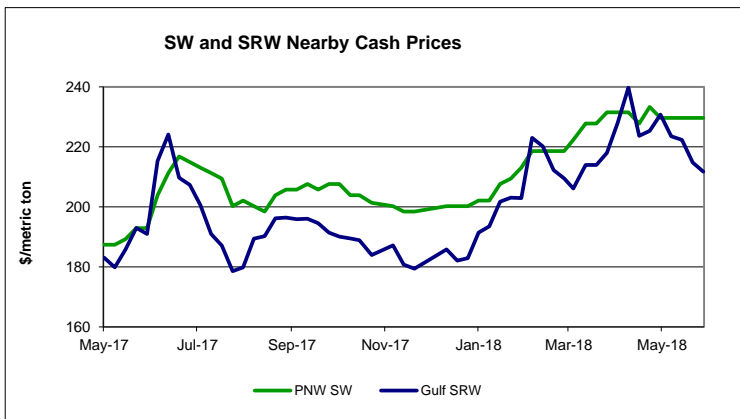
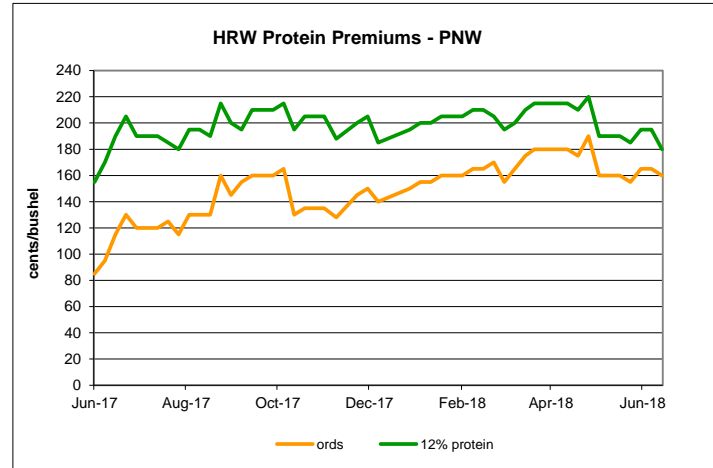
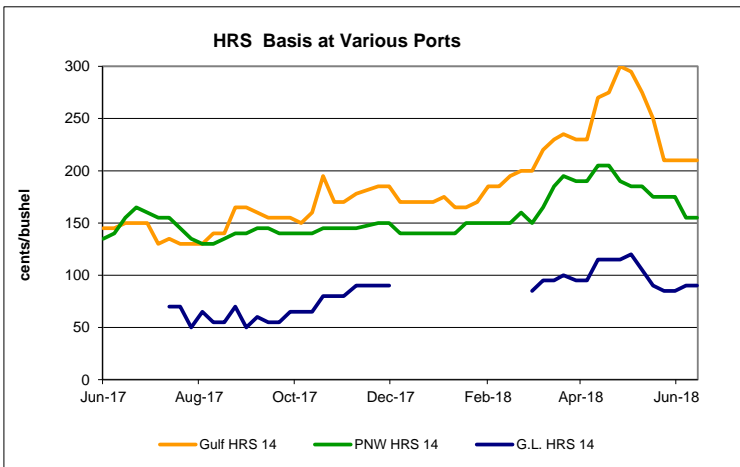
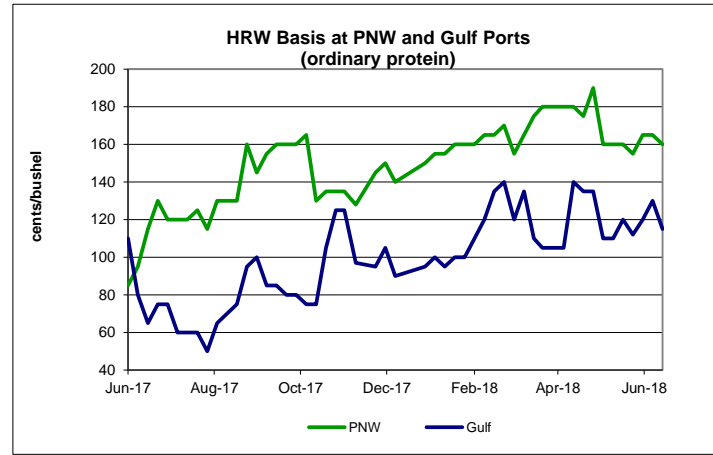
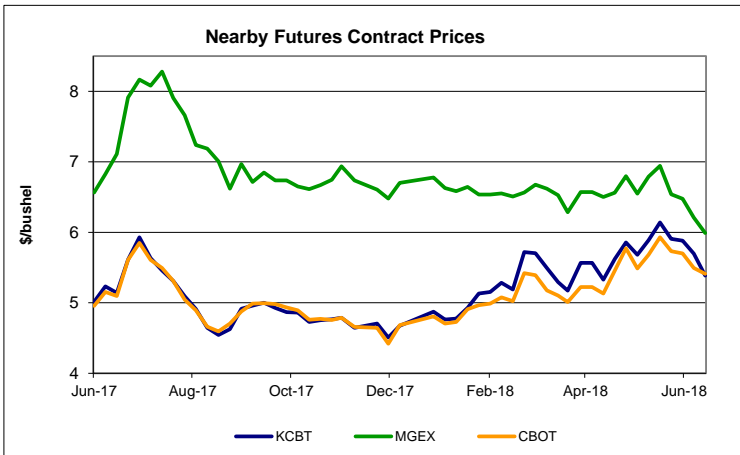
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These factors may include: (1) payment terms (differing from cash against documents which are the terms used in the U.S. Wheat Associates price report); (2) various quality factors, and method of quality certification; (3) loading terms (USW prices 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 Stephanie Bryant-Erdmann at (703) 650-0241 or [sbe@uswheat.org](mailto:sbe@uswheat.org).



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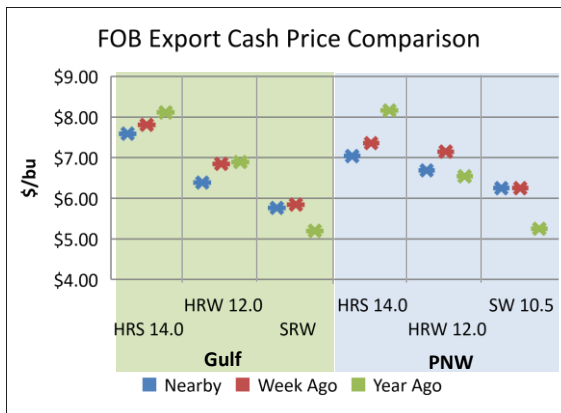
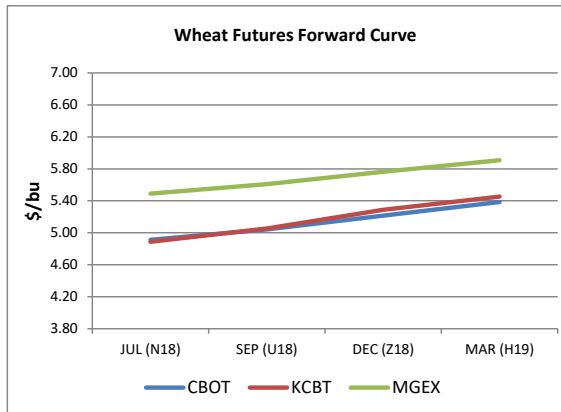
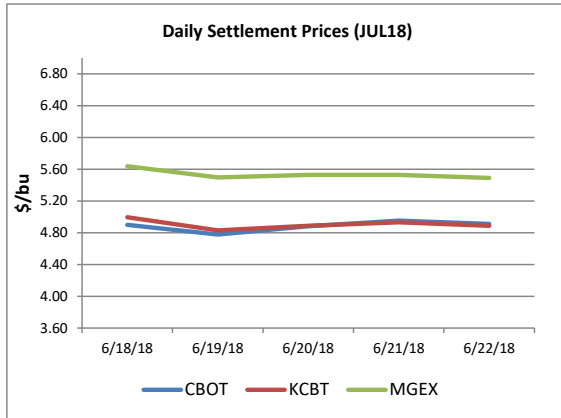


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### Highlights:



- A strong U.S. dollar, seasonal harvest pressure and technical selling pressured wheat futures lower this week. Reduced wheat production forecasts for Russia, Ukraine and the European Union (EU) lent limited support. CBOT July wheat fell 8 cents to \$4.91/bu, KCBT lost 31 cents to close at \$4.89/bu, and MGEX dropped 22 cents to \$5.49/bu. CBOT July corn decreased 4 cents to close at \$3.57/bu and CBOT July soybeans closed 11 cents lower this week at \$8.94/bu.
- Farmer selling in the Pacific Northwest remained slow, supporting export basis. Conversely, farmer selling tributary to the Gulf has been brisk, but elevators in that area are actively competing for bushels right now to fill their storage and secure storage revenue, supporting HRW and SRW export basis. Exporters noted that U.S. wheat demand remains slow at least in part because overseas buyers are uncertain about what might happen next with trade negotiations.
- USDA's weekly Export Sales Report included net wheat sales of 461,600 metric tons (MT) for marketing year 2018/19. Total known outstanding sales and accumulated exports of all classes of wheat for the 2018/19 marketing year were 4.99 million metric tons (MMT), 34% behind last year's year-to-date total of 7.52 MMT. USDA expects 2018/19 U.S. wheat exports to reach 25.9 MMT.
- On June 18, USDA reported winter wheat harvest was 27% complete, ahead of the 5-year average of 19%. USDA rated the winter wheat crop 39% good to excellent, up from 38% a week ago and 32% of the winter wheat is in poor or very poor condition. USDA reported 97% of U.S. spring wheat has emerged, ahead of the 5-year average of 95% emergence. USDA rated 78% of spring in good to excellent condition, up from 70% last week.
- The June 21 U.S. Drought Monitor reported storms brought localized heavy rain and, in some places, hail to Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, slowing harvest progress. Rain also fell across the U.S. Northern Plains, boosting crop conditions and soil moisture. While a majority of North Dakota remains abnormally dry, the area experiencing moderate to severe drought shrunk to 9%. The current forecast expects cooler temperatures and additional rain across the United States, which will benefit spring wheat development but likely slow HRW and SRW harvest progress.
- FranceAgriMer rated 75% of French common wheat in good to excellent condition, down from 76% good to excellent the week prior.
- Following a Russian crop tour, French consultancy Agritel forecast 2018/19 Russian wheat production at 67.4 MMT. If realized, that would be 21% below 2017/18 levels, but still 2% above the 5-year average.
- According to Reuters, drought in Shandong and Hebei provinces and heavy rain in Henan and Anhui provinces hurt yield potential in the key Chinese wheat producing regions and could decrease 2018/19 Chinese wheat production by as much as 20% year over year. If realized, that would put Chinese wheat production at 104 MMT, the lowest level since 2005/06.
- MARS, the European Union (EU) crop monitoring service, lowered its forecast for 2018/19 EU common wheat (excluding durum) yields to 89.8 bu/acre (6.04 MT per hectare), down 1% from 2017/18 but still 1% above the 5-year average. Heavy rain in France and parts of Italy and hot, dry conditions in northern EU countries have reduced yield potential.
- The Ukraine Agriculture Ministry reported wheat harvest began two weeks earlier than last year due to the severe drought that has impacted the country. As of June 22, Ukrainian farmers harvested 211,000 MT of wheat with an average yield of 43.3 bu/acre (2.91 MT per hectare).
- The Baltic Index fell to 1347, down from 1445 last Friday.
- The Dollar Index decreased to 94.53, down from the 11-month high of 94.97 last Friday.